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Letters to the Editor

HOXNE CLUB OPEN DAY?

I note that the Annual Parish Meeting organised by Hoxne Parish Council at which local clubs and organisations are able to record their achievements and activities over the past year did not take place this year. Perhaps as a result of it being a ‘zoom meeting’ some organisations were put off, or maybe as a result of the lockdowns many organisations had very little to report in any case. Whatever the reason I am sure that as things start to get back to normal then this annual event will continue.

The pandemic, however, I fear has left a scare on the village scene in that some local organisations and clubs may not have survived the numerous lockdowns or have become so weakened from reduced membership that they never fully recover. This may be compounded by some local residents having lost confidence in wanting to mix again face to face. Yet Hoxne is renowned for its numerous village activities which bring people together and enrich the life of the village.

Maybe the way forward when regulations and social distancing allow is for an “open day” to take place in the village hall at which local groups and

organisations are invited to “set up their stalls” in order to promote their work and activities and hopefully encourage new members to join or gain further support for their activities. Admission of course should be free and open to anybody and it should take place at the weekend in order to allow those residents working during the week the opportunity to visit.

There is the cost of hiring the village hall and perhaps providing some simple refreshments, however perhaps the Parish Council might be able to contribute to this as part of its commitment to the local community.

Chris Parkin

Notice Board

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Borderhoppa are pleased to say that we are continuing to help people to reach the vaccination centres for people who have an appointment but do not have a family member or friend who is able to transport them to their appointment.

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It has been a long time since our members have been able to enjoy the weekly outings with us, but we are happy to announce that we are hoping to start these again in July 2021, fingers crossed! If you would like to receive a copy of our outings leaflet please contact the office and we’ll post one to you as soon as it is finalised.

For all enquiries please call or email our office and we’ll do our best to help.

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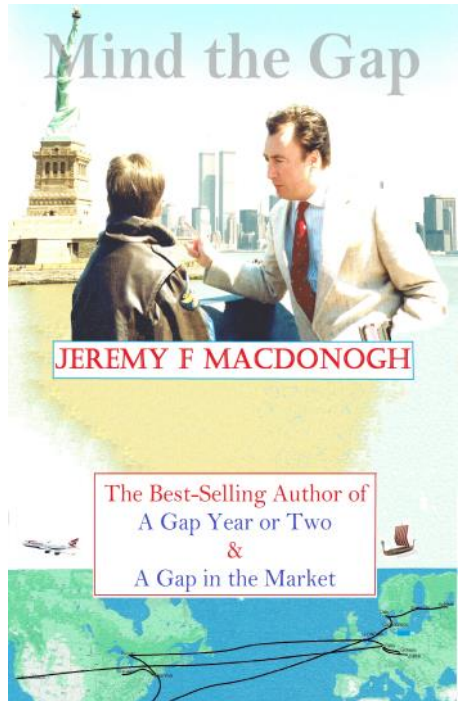
Marooned on a Mediterranean island, Prospero, the one-time Duke of Milan, uses his magical powers to shipwreck his enemies, avenge his wrongs and reclaim his title from his treacherous brother. Not only that, he has to cope with rebellious spirits and drunken servants as well as arrange the marriage of his beloved daughter Miranda.

With a production rehearsed and performed in Covid-secure conditions, RoughCast invites you back to live theatre on a balmy summer evening once more: "Oh brave new world!"

Performing at Brockdish Old King's Head, Wingfield Barns (**Friday 25th June**), Thorington Theatre in the Woods, Diss Park, Rushall Common, Laxfield Low House, Bungay Castle, Hoxne Swan (**Saturday 10th July**) and Star Wing Brewery. For full details please see www.roughcast.co.uk or tel **01379 586745**.

MIND THE GAP

Hoxne resident, Jeremy Macdonogh, will launch his new book 'Mind the Gap' at Wingfield Barns on **Sunday 11th July**. Since he retired from The City, 16 years ago, he has written seven books. They include historical fiction, set in Ireland's turbulent seventeenth century when its pastoral idyll was riven by the imposition of an alien religion, race and language. It was governed by inimical English soldiers, furious Scottish settlers, ruthless Norman aristocrats and truculent Irish warlords, a spirited cocktail that left few standing.



Macdonogh has also written three volumes of memoirs. They commence with his graduation from Cambridge (*A Gap Year or Two*), his first employment in the City of London as a broker (*A Gap in the Market*), and his stepping out as a

banker onto an international stage (Mind the Gap).

This book, the latest, is a sequence of adventures and excitements, 'travellers tales' if you must, setting off in South Africa, and journeying on to Switzerland, Amsterdam, Scandinavia, Canada, the USA and Paris, only to end in Suffolk.

'Mind the Gap' is a compendium composed of earthy drolity, fiery cuisines, windy cities and the waters of the Atlantic, the Baltic, the Mediterranean. An antidote to tedium, it promises many an hour of armchair contentment on terra firma.

All are very welcome at Wingfield Barns on **Sunday 11th July**. The Barns will open at 12.00 to allow a moment to enjoy a glass, perhaps. Once settled, Stuart 'Scoop' Jarrold will read a number of extracts. He'll kick off at 12.45 and the final whistle will blow around an hour later.

The author will sign copies in the barns and those who want to meet the author afterwards should head across the road to the De La Pole. If you mean to lunch you will of course need to book a table.

THE SYLEHAMITES OF SUMMER 2021

Would you like to know your neighbours better? Later in the summer we are launching a small project to photograph Syleham residents on their doorsteps and later publish a booklet of the photos and a photo disc.

Supported by the Parish Council, it is purely voluntary and will only include the doorstep photograph, 1st line of the address and the names living in the household (if people wish to add any jobs/professions they would be welcome to as well to as well).

There are 83 properties in Syleham and the more volunteers we have the more successful we will be in bringing our community together to know each other.

Lockdown has brought many relatively near neighbours together and this idea can help to further that.

We will be delivering a flyer in a few weeks detailing the plan and contacts if you are able to participate. Then we can organise a time to visit, take the photograph and take the details which can all be done in less than ten minutes.

It is voluntary but unless you are hiding up or on the run from the police we hope you we join in and learn the name of that woman with the floppy hat who walks a rottweiler past the window on Sunday mornings.

Roy Goodwin

roygoodwin@btconnect.com

HARLESTON LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Free event around Harleston Town Centre on **Saturday 10th July, 10.30am - 12.30pm**. Ever wondered what it would have been like to live in Harleston 400 years ago?

Who were the Fullers and why is there a road named after them? What would The Swan Hotel have been like when it was a fine coaching inn on the London road?

Actors will bring to life local residents from the 1600s in locations around the town centre. No need to book - just find the living-history scenes including the Market Place, The Cap yard and in front of St John's Church.

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HARLESTON PLAYERS

1620: A New World Odyssey

A community play for Harlestone written and directed by Eileen Ryan. Performing on **Saturday 17th July, 2.30pm & 7pm** and **Sunday 18th July, 2.30pm & 7pm** at Harlestone Recreation Ground IP20 9DD.

Tickets: £9 adults, £4 10-18 years, under 10s free. Available from Robinson's Stationers and www.ticketsource.co.uk

The performances will take place outdoors on tiered seating so dress appropriately and bring a cushion. As it is outdoors, masks are optional, but please follow social distancing guidelines at all times. Wheelchair accessible WC on site. Licensed bar open during the interval.

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EYE PETANQUE CLUB

As lockdown continues to ease, the Eye Petanque Club is now expecting to play on a regular basis with the relaxation of the Covid regulations. As we make a fresh start, we are hoping to recruit new members from the Waveney Valley area and further afield. Young and old, beginners and

newcomers, as well as experienced players are all welcome to join us at our club terrain at Eye Community Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye.



We play (weather permitting) on Wednesdays and most Sunday mornings. Petanque is an easy outdoor game to play, with health benefits and great fun for very little financial outlay. Even for those who do not want to commit to regular weekly play, we would encourage you to join us to experience the pleasures of the game.

To find out more, please contact our secretary, Jackie Johnson, telephone number **01379 668220**.



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Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

By the time you are reading this a meeting may have taken place between Syleham and Wingfield village hall management committee and Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social club to consider the possibility of re-opening the village hall for some activities.

The village hall has a management committee who look after the upkeep of the hall, and a social club which organises events and activities which raise funds for this expenditure. If you would like to get involved / have ideas / have skills, please do contact us, we will be pleased to welcome you if you live in Wingfield or Syleham. We do have a vacancy for secretary to the hall management committee (charity no 297332). AGM dates will hopefully be announced soon.

We can only ask you to look out for flyers or posters for further information. There are some events pencilled in the diary for later in the year, but again these will need to be confirmed.

We know that our loyal Eastern Angles audience will be disappointed that we have not taken up their offer to come and entertain us in July. We just weren't sure that you would be ready to come along. We hope to see this professional touring theatre company at our village hall in 2022.

Your village halls, as with our local businesses, appreciate your support. Thank you.

The postcode of Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall for SatNav users is **IP21 4LT**.

Julie Thompson
text 07929 794636
juliethompson435@gmail.com

How to book the hall

Bookings for Syleham and Wingfield village hall can be made with:

Donna Baker, 07876 487294
donnamariegoose@hotmail.co.uk

Hoxne Village Hall

We appear to be moving at pace along the Government's Roadmap, so are hopeful that the Hall can re-open after 21st June with no restrictions. As those of you who voted in Hoxne know, the Hall was open as an exception on 6th May for the local elections.

We will update the website when the re-opening date is confirmed, email our regular hirers and look forward to welcoming people back!

Another polite reminder that if the bottle banks and/or clothing banks in the Hall car park are full please do not leave items sitting around. There are telephone numbers on both the bottle bank and clothes bank. If they are full, kindly make a call for them to be emptied and save your bottles/clothes until you are able to put them in the containers. We do keep an eye on the banks and report when full but it seems in April there was a sudden increase in dumping! Additionally, don't forget there is a bank for newspapers and magazines as well - but it is not for excess cardboard!

We are looking for a volunteer to operate our floor polisher in the Hall once every 2/3 weeks. If you have experience, or want to try out something new, then please contact us by email or phone - details below.

Email Sally & Sharon at:
hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com
Phone Sharon on **07876 215269**.
www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

Wingfield Barns

June and July are busy months for us as we re-open after the lockdown restrictions lift. Whether it's a course, concert or competition, we have something for everyone at Wingfield Barns, with many events outside for the long-awaited summer!

Our outdoor Garden Celebration Day is on **Sunday 6th June**, a beginners calligraphy workshop on the evening of **Wednesday 9th June** and a Quiz Supper on **Friday 18th June**.

For thespians we have outdoor theatre on **Friday 25th June** with Roughcast's production of *The Tempest* (see page 5) and Green Matthews *Canterbury Tales* on **Sunday 4th July**.

The International Miniprints Exhibition makes a welcome return to Wingfield Barns at the end of July, with additional art exhibitions this summer.

With a full calendar of exhibitions, theatre, concerts and events for 2021 please check our website for all details of what's on this summer and beyond and come and support your lovely local venue. We will continue to follow covid secure procedures.

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Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield

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hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

If you need to get in touch with the Hoxne Benefice, tel.: **07876 143579**

Every Saturday and Sunday

8am CW Morning Prayer on:

[facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Every Friday

6pm Compline on Zoom

For an invitation to our Zoom services, please email:

eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Some services in church are also live streamed or uploaded to:

[facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Sunday 6th June

First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4pm Messy Church outdoors in Syleham churchyard

Sunday 13th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Café Church on Zoom

Sunday 20th June

Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10am Village Service, Syleham

6pm Evensong on Zoom

Sunday 27th June

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Matins, Hoxne

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11am CW Holy Communion, Denham

(Birth of John the Baptist - Patronal Festival)

4pm All Age service: Animal Service in Horham churchyard

Sunday 4th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4pm Messy Church in Syleham village hall (tbc)

Sunday 11th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Café Church, Hoxne/Zoom (tbc)

Sunday 18th July

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10am Village Service, Syleham

6pm Evensong, Wingfield/Zoom (tbc)

Sunday 25th July

James the Apostle

9.30am Matins, Hoxne

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11am CW Holy Communion, Denham

4pm All Age service on Zoom

Please note: Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be away from the afternoon of **13th June to 18th June**, inclusive. If you need a priest urgently during this week, please contact Revd Richard Court:

rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Private prayer - Deham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield churches are all now open for private prayer throughout the week.

Church News

Rejoicing and lament

By the time you read this we hope that we will be able to meet indoors, gather in groups of up to 30 outdoors, attend events and even possibly go on holiday. If Covid 19 infections remain low, there will be much to rejoice about. And we will indeed be rejoicing and giving thanks to God in our churches and with events over the summer.

At the same time, we remember all we have lost over the last 15 months, most painfully those who have died. We are also aware of the challenges still to come. Many continue to suffer the physical and mental effects of the virus and the lockdown and many are facing financial anxiety and uncertainty. There is much cause for lament as well as rejoicing.

The psalms express every human emotion through the whole spectrum from lament to rejoicing. From the desolation of Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted on the cross: *'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'* to the consolation and reassurance of Psalm 147: *'The Lord... heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds'* and the final outpouring of praise in Psalm 150: *'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia'* - all shades of feeling are covered. The psalms demonstrate that we can bring everything to God.

Over the next few months, our churches aim to offer opportunities both to rejoice and to lament, as we come to terms with our experience of the pandemic. Some of our services which have been on Zoom will move into church, but we will retain some services online for those who are not ready or able to attend church in

person. Please check details near the time where appropriate.

Revd Eleanor Goodison
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com
Tel: 07876 143579

Bible Study Group

Our new regular Bible Study group meets once a fortnight at 7.30 pm on a **Monday evening** via Zoom.

We will be meeting on **14th and 28th June and 12th and 26th July**. Sessions last no more than one hour. We are following the theme of 'peace' in our Bible readings. Each session is self-contained so you can join in any session and you do not have to attend regularly. You do not need to be a regular churchgoer to join in either. Why not log on and find out more? If you would like the Zoom link, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor.

Summer art workshops for young people

We are planning summer art workshops for children and young people aged 7-12 or 13-18. If you or members of your family would like to join in, please let Revd Eleanor know. The aim is to create works of art which will be used at special services over the holidays.

St John, Denham

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to church last month, particularly Dougie who enabled us to sing again. The service began and ended with a hymn sung outside the porch door in the sunshine among the cowslips. The church is now open every day as before the pandemic.

We are very grateful to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the Allchurches Trust for awarding us grants

towards the cost of repairing the chancel. This includes stabilising the crumbling south wall (outside and in) and the roof which has loose and missing tiles. Hopefully this work can be done during the summer before the quinquennial report due at the end of the year.

We are holding the annual plant sale in the churchyard on **Saturday 12th June** at 2pm. This is run on a bring and buy principle so any extra seedlings you have to hand will be gratefully received along with any produce (eggs, honey, jam etc) and there will be a book stall this time. It is the season for strawberry teas should the restrictions permit.

Hilary Castleden
01379 668458

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Our Parochial Church Council met on 11th May to consider what steps we should take next to renovate the church and to restore the village bells, bearing in mind the responses we had received to our recent consultation leaflet, which was so kindly circulated by *Village Voice*. Those responses offered support for our plans but one respondent rightly pointed out that the plans in that leaflet were still pretty vague and that we should continue to keep the parish involved as they develop. We very much agree. So here are the resolutions which we passed unanimously on 11th May:

1. To ensure that all the outstanding work identified as Health and Safety matters, as requiring immediate attention or as requiring attention in the next 12 months and the next 18-24 months in the July 2019 Quinquennial Inspection (that's our five yearly inspection of the building by the church architect which identifies all the repairs and maintenance we need to do) are completed as soon as possible;
2. To explore with the architect and with Smart Garden Offices the option of installing one of their buildings outside the North Door of the church as a lavatory building. You can find their catalogue here: smartgardenoffices.co.uk/catalogue We should emphasise that this is only an option and we are exploring it because building a permanent extension to the church looks likely to be extremely expensive, we want to improve our loo quickly and we are not attracted to the idea of having a lavatory actually inside the church;
3. To provide a lighted pathway that is accessible for people with disabilities from the car park to the north door;
4. To complete the St Edmund chapel by installing an altar, icon and votive candle stand and a tapestry illustrating the martyrdom of St Edmund;
5. To move the organ from its current position to the north aisle under the second bay from the East and to reopen the West Door. We need to move the organ to restore the bells as well as reopening the west door;
6. To restore and rehang the existing five church bells, to accept the kind offer from the Kelttek charity of a further two bells and to seek to provide a ring of eight bells in all, to be hung in the current clock chamber on a new steel bell frame while conserving the wooden frame above and installing a ringing simulator which will enable ringers to practise silently;
7. To move the existing clock mechanism to the chamber below the existing clock chamber in order to provide space for the new bell frame - we would not of course be moving the clock face!
8. To build a ringing platform under the bell tower with access provided by

cutting through from the existing tower staircase and to provide a glazed meeting room beneath the platform which will still allow the West Door to be used for special occasions;

9. To develop new ways of displaying the history of the village in the church in partnership with the Hoxne Heritage Group;
10. To redecorate the church and to conserve the mediaeval wall painting;
11. To set out these plans as they develop in more detail for parishioners to ensure that they retain their support and to be ready to amend them if necessary;
12. And to seek faculties - that's permission from the church authorities who approve these things - and any other necessary permissions and to seek funding from the Lottery, from other funding bodies and from the public accordingly.

This is a very ambitious programme and is all of course subject to the necessary faculties being obtained and funds being raised. We shall not at any point make commitments which we cannot afford. So these resolutions are statements of intent not binding contracts and, if you have views about

any of these proposals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, we are most grateful to all those who are already seeking to support the restoration of the bells including *The Swan* and others for all the fundraising events which they are planning.

Wilf White

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne branch of the Mother's Union normally meets on the **third Monday** of the month at 2.30pm at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne.

Monday 21st June - NO MEETING

Monday 19th July - Wave of Prayer with Fressingfield details to be confirmed.

We continue to share regular Newsletters with information from around the diocese and beyond. Meetings for the summer will be held outdoors weather and Covid restrictions permitting. New members are always welcome.

Cathie McGregor. Branch Leader **01379 668434**.

Flower rota

May 30th & June 6th - Altar, Sue Thornett; June 13th & 20th - Altar, Cathie McGregor; June 27th & July 4th - Altar, Sarah Buckley; July 11th & 18th - Altar, Cathie McGregor; July 25th & August 1st - Altar, Suzanne Lewis.

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If you would like to join our group please contact Cathie McGregor, flower rota organiser **01379 668434**.

St Margaret, Syleham

Church open! and waiting to welcome you for private prayer or a quiet visit, so take a walk down this peaceful lane and



discover the little gem that is St Margaret's.

Sunday Services have returned to their normal pattern but online services via Zoom or Facebook will continue to be available. Full details are on page 13.

Covid 19 precautions (hands, face, space) continue, please.

Saturday 10th July at 6pm - We have all so missed gathering together and Sarah Buckley has generously offered to host an early evening drinks party, with small eats, at Gatehouse Farm. Thank

you, Sarah! Donations for the church welcomed.

Autumn - We hope Elaine Murphy's talk on the church and its history, which had to be cancelled last April, will go ahead during the autumn.

Coffee, chat and more! Once we are able to meet more freely, it is planned to provide a regular meeting time for anyone in our two villages to come along for a friendly chat or to browse books or magazines over tea/ coffee and cake.

This would be in association with Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall in Syleham and would be cafe style, so that chats could

be in groups of two or three; if your hands need to be busy, by all means bring along your knitting or embroidery! Keep an eye out for leaflets - or contact me or Julie Thompson.

Messy Church - It is planned to return to the Village Hall if possible from July. Meanwhile, June's session at **4pm on Sunday 6th** will be in Syleham Churchyard where we hope to complete the bug hotel project which had to be abandoned when torrential rain stopped play. All families very welcome to join in - and bring sticks, straw, moss, odd bits of pipe - anything to provide an insect-friendly home!

Contact for all above: Churchwarden Mary Lewis on **01379 669258** or email mary.lewis43@icloud.com

St Andrew, Wingfield

Please come and join us for Tea and Scones (other cakes will be available) on **Saturday 3rd July** 2pm-5pm at Wingfield College front lawn, to raise much needed funds to help with the church restoration. For more info, please contact Sharon **01379 384854**. See poster on page 4.



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Hoxne Phoenix Group

Kee your fingers crossed - **Tuesday 13th July** is the day we are hoping to meet again. The venue has not yet been finalised but we are planning a social afternoon meeting from 3'ish. This will be a chance for members to catch up, discuss new skills they have taken up and, hopefully, socialise with the new members we hope will join us.

IMPORTANT - existing members, don't forget you paid your annual subscription in early 2020 but only got three months worth before we had to close down so the rest of this year is **FREE** !

The Committee met in mid-May and the programme is being drawn up for the remainder of the year as some alterations have had to be made in the 2020 programme due to "speaker's commitments".

Several people in the area have intimated their wish to come along. Just a reminder the Hoxne Phoenix Group is not just for Hoxne ladies! We have members in Denham, Eye, Horham, Thorndon, Scole, Syleham and Wingfield - and welcome anyone else who wishes to travel to Hoxne! We meet on the **second Tuesday** of the month, normally at 7.30pm. in Hoxne Village Hall (where there is ample parking). Our programme is varied with talks, demonstrations (often hands-on) and we try to have an Outing

each year and a Fund-Raising Evening for a local charity. Occasionally we invite men to a particular talk of interest to them and of course, they are welcome on Outings and our Fundraising Evening.

This is a chance for anyone who has heard (or not heard!) about us to come along. Don't be afraid if you are new to the area - here's your chance to meet other women. If you are interested and would like to know more either ring me on **01379 668379** or e-mail as below.

Existing Members - please note I will send an e-mail round to everyone with full details and times. It would be helpful if you could indicate to me (preferably by e-mail) if you are hoping to come that afternoon. We will be serving light refreshments.

Look forward to seeing everyone and encourage anyone else who lives around you to come along as well.

Pat Green (Secretary)

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John Parker

A master of the horse

John was quite a character. They don't come like this any more these days. He had a heart of gold behind his bluff manner. I recall the 1987 gale blew down Wingfield's church flagpole, so I got an estimate for a fibre glass replacement with a steel liner inside so that we might resume its function to celebrate and send a message round the village. When John got wind of the flagpole he wrote out a cheque for £250 and sent it to me saying it was because he could see the tower from his stables.

John was made for horses, a cavalry man. He cut his teeth in the Royal Army Service Corps and then went on from strength to strength. That army start like for so many, determined his life. He was an excellent manager and did an (oversubscribed) illustrated lecture of his life to fund raise for the church renovation. We saw John the stuntman showing film stars how to fall off horses and survive.

His kind heart was evident in his work for riding for the disabled. His cars trundled through the village regularly and reminded us of the horse power of yesteryear. So did his remarkable re-enactments of the Royal Mail Coaches - of which only John was capable -



mobilising his Suffolk friends at the stage points to change the horses and enabling John in the driving seat to cover the ground at record speed.

John taught people to drive. One of his pupils wrote a book about this. It was rumoured that he taught the Duke of Edinburgh to drive too. He wintered greys from the Royal mews in the meadows at Swingletree stables for the Master of the Horse.

The lovely picture of him driving the coach captures his Dickensian character, wearing his short top hat and a cold weather cloak.

The tack room at Swingletree should be preserved in a rural museum even if the skills which were deployed there are lost. His love and understanding of horses is deeply embedded in homo sapiens.

John once enquired after my Morris Minor number plate 'JAP' - I don't know whether there is a coach and horses in heaven, but John's initials can be seen travelling across the Yorkshire moors.

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New Reeding Woods Group

The days are getting longer, although not warmer but spring is well underway at the wood. The ground is dryer now and the sun and showers have encouraged new growth. There will be work to do later in the season when we are permitted to meet up again.

The pond has refilled after the low levels seen last summer and the snails are busy on the pond weed. The cherry blossom looked glorious against the blue sky. Blackbirds and larks were in full



voice in the sun on my last visit. Buzzards passed by overhead and Red Kites have been seen in Denham so may venture to the wood in time.

The meadow at the top of the wood has cowslips in bloom. These should spread given time and create a carpet of colour. A local wildflower meadow, older than our wood, is a carpet of cowslips as can be seen in the photograph (thanks to D

Flowerdew). Also in flower are meadow buttercups, wood forget me nots, dandelions, daisies and brooklime. If you can spare a patch of your garden to



create a wildflower area then you will see it change with the seasons and it will develop over time with the initial plants giving way to others. Wildlife will also benefit and be encouraged to visit your garden. If you want to try then both the RSPB and RHS have good advice on how to do this.

The woodland group has been in active during this strange period of lockdown but as the restrictions ease and the days become warmer we will get back into action so watch this space. If you are interested in joining us and getting hands on experience of helping improve the local environment whilst benefitting from being in the open air then please contact our secretary for further information - Peny Conway 07495 875299.

Hoxne Heritage Group

Although the COVID restrictions have continued to curtail many of our regular activities and meetings we are now at long last beginning to look forward to something approaching normality. On the assumption that the government time

line for unlocking society remains on target we are making arrangements for at least two events in the coming months.

On **Saturday 31st July** Chris and Richard have very kindly offered to host a gathering in their Low Street garden and as this may well be one of the first opportunities for the Heritage Group to meet in person for over a year it will no doubt be a day to remember.

In addition to this our planned summer outing to Thelnetham Windmill and Pakenham Water Mill which was unfortunately cancelled last year has now been re-scheduled for **Thursday 12th August** and will hopefully be another step towards happier times.

Despite everything that has happened in the past year the focus on our local heritage remains high. Recently during spring cleaning of the church vestry some interesting discoveries were made including an old illustration depicting the *Oddfellows* who apparently used to meet regularly at the Swan. Very little is known

about this group but the picture, which is in a poor state, has now been passed on to us for research and ultimately

we hope to possibly arrange for its restoration prior to display in a suitable location. If anyone has any further information about the Hoxne Oddfellows we will of course be pleased to hear from you.



David Hyde
hoxnehistory.org.uk

Fressingfield Scouts

If the freeing of Lockdown restrictions goes as planned, Scouting will be on the road back to normality and we hope to be camping by the summer!

Since the Easter break we have returned to Face to Face activities on a socially distanced restricted basis, meeting mainly at our new HQ site, it is great to be back together! We have been air rifle shooting, crafting Dragon pictures for St George's Day, making and flying kites, lighting fires, cooking sausages and marshmallows and just generally catching up with each other. We hope the restrictions will be more relaxed in June.

In the May half term break we are planning for our usual Group Camp. We are unlikely to be allowed to camp overnight together, so camping will be in our own gardens with virtual get togethers on Zoom, and we plan to have some activities together during the weekend.

Thank you to everyone that has continued to save and donate crisp packets to our appeal. An amazing number of crisp packets have been sent for recycling and we have received around £360 which will go towards the purchase of kayaks made from recycled plastic. Please continue to collect and hand to any member, leave at the Goodwin Hall or Fressingfield village shop.

We are very grateful to the many people that have donated, and continue to donate, to our camp cooking equipment appeal. The response has been fantastic with much useful equipment donated and we are sure that much use will be made of it when we are allowed to camp again. If anyone has anymore, or unwanted small axes and logging or pruning saws please get in touch with Michael on **07761 827053**.

The Eastern Daily Press have £20,000 to give away to local charities and we need your help to collect tokens to increase our share of the pot. All you need to do is collect the tokens printed in the EDP and participating papers from April 26 to July 3. These will then be collected, counted up, and the money will be shared proportionately to how many have been saved for each of the different charities.

Any money 1st Fressingfield Scout Group receive will be used for the ground works to enable the installation of our New HQ building.

The Camp and Cook Mission which we started during the first lockdown has been completed by 15 people to date, 3 Leaders, 1 Explorer, 4 Scouts, 6 Cubs and a Beaver. The Mission is to camp and cook in a home camp in every month of the year. Gold is awarded if all camps are outdoors and Silver if any are indoor camps in a den - no beds allowed and no cooking using electricity. Members have slept in igloos, bivouacs and tree houses as well as tents and woken up to bright sunshine, gusty winds, rain, fog, blizzards and ice. Beavers camp in an indoor den and only have to prepare their own breakfast rather than cook for a Bronze.

We have recently made significant progress with the new Headquarters project and we hope to have the modular building on site by the end of the summer.

The Scout Archive Project is going well. It seems Scouting was started in Fressingfield in 1908 by Roland James Milleville Raven-Hart -the vicar's son. That will make it one of the earliest Groups in the country, only one year after Lord Baden-Powell's first experimental camp. At the time there were Scouts in Hoxne and many other villages. There is an image of a newspaper cutting which references Hoxne Scouts on our website.

We are interested in knowing about the involvement of Doctor and Mrs Chase who were Scout and Cub Leaders in the sixties. Other than a few old Scouting books in our library with Dr Chase's name inside, and odd comments from former members, we have no records, so we would like to hear from anyone that has any memories, anecdotes or even just dates when they were part of the Group.

If you can help with this or have any other material or memories to share please contact scouts@ciarancarr.co.uk or Michael Knights 07761 827053.

To see what we have gathered and found out so far check out the history page on our website:

1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk/history
We would welcome feedback.

Here are two photos courtesy of the Fressingfield village archive, this time from the NORJAM Jamboree at the Norfolk Showground in 1983.



And this one, of a break in a football match with visiting Scouts from Eye, is from 1978 at a Spring Camp at Horham





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Does anyone recognise themselves? Along side the archive project we are starting an organisation for former members.

Fressingfield Scouts' Old Boys and Girls Network (FOBN) is simply a group for anyone who was involved with Scouting in Fressingfield in the past. It is an informal group with the simple aim of meeting up, reviving memories and catching up with old friends and colleagues. There are no membership fees or annual subscriptions, simply a register of names and email addresses, with a note of when and how you were involved.

We plan to have a couple of informal get togethers each year as well as supporting Scout Group social activities. Scout Group regular Newsletters, updates and the monthly Parish Newsletter contribution will be emailed to keep you up to date with Scout Group activities.

Whether you were involved as a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venture Scout, Explorer, Leader, Helper or on the Group Executive (Parents) committee in the past please get in touch to join this informal network. Contact:

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To find out more about 1st Fressingfield Scout Group speak to any Leader or have a look at our website:

1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk

Hoxne Bell Ringers

We have had a quotation for the repair of the louvres on the south side of the tower which we have accepted. This will be the same pattern as the existing chevron design and will, therefore, only require an Arch Deacons Licence which we are awaiting. The work will be done this summer.

A fund-raising committee has been formed and although we have yet to get the go-ahead from the diocese we are planning a number of fund-raising events in the village though the summer and autumn.

There will be a 'fun day' at the Swan by kind permission of Mick and Lisa Anthony. This will be an all-day family event with music, bouncy castle, mini bell ringing, food and a grand raffle. It will be held on **Saturday 24th July** regulations permitting. We welcome donation of prizes, homemade cakes & jams and volunteers to run stalls. Please contact the Swan on **01379 668275**. So please put it in your diary and arrange some nice weather!

There will be also be a dance at the Swan on **Saturday 18th September**, details to be supplied later.

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A Little Wingfield Secret

...which will no longer be a secret when you've read this...

Lately I've been walking to Wingfield Green with our older dog, Ben. He's 11 years old now so he really should be slowing down, shouldn't he? To what I believe is the west side of the Green, is a footpath that runs diagonally across the grass from the bottom of Lee's drive towards Warren Farm House.

Following the 'tram lines' is the easiest, flattest place to walk.

In front of you, on the other side of the concrete track you'll see two silver birches, a few other shrubs and a little stone bench.

There's a small sign denoting *Jubilee Wood 2012*. Take a few minutes, or more, to sit on the bench! Have you seen how big the sky is?! The clouds are sometimes large and fluffy, sometimes dark and angry! Just look at them. Have you seen how many rabbits are so undisturbed that they ignore you, and your dog, and pop out to go about their business once you sit down quietly? Ben loves it, and would love it more if he was allowed to chase the rabbits!

There's a huge swathe of cowslips running from the road towards the pond at the back of this part if the green, many more than I've seen in previous years, and in the 'ditch' near the concrete track there are several *Lady's Smock*, which always remind me of the annual Candytuft that my mother used to grow from seed each year, but actually this is quite rare and I should pay more attention to it!

From this bench you can also look across the green towards the castle and admire the amazing Horse Chestnut trees. Return to the road via the concrete track or retrace your steps.



[Tiny historical note - Jenny on the Green tells me that Warren Farm house was nothing to do with the possibility of raising rabbits during the war years - but that a Mr Warren used to own the farm.]

I couldn't find a picture of the Green from this angle - Perhaps you could enjoy this spot yourself and send the *Village Voice* editor your pics for the next edition!

JT

St Edmund's School

In Acorns we have been investigating about H2O in our topic of Extreme Earth. These are some of the children's comments "I enjoyed making potions", "We tried to make the dirty water clean" and "the salt and the sugar dissolved into the water".



We have also dedicated a lot of time to writing to Her Majesty to celebrate her birthday as well as pass on how sorry we were to hear of her recent loss.

We have weekly Forest School sessions that are just brilliant and recently our forest school teacher put up the ropes, but sometimes we roast marshmallows! One of the children said that her favourite thing about forest school was "having fires!" another said "I like catching bugs!" We have been planting seeds too in our topic of spring - let's hope the sun continues to shine! We are always busy exploring and learning everyday!



We continue to welcome new nursery children as they transition and support them to settle into school life

Rowan Class has been on the playing field where we paced out a scale model of our solar system - where the Sun is the size of a bowling ball and the Earth a peppercorn. We had run out of room before we got to Saturn and could barely even see the Sun. This led to many questions and discussion about space and time.

**Waveney Valley Partnership
St Edmund's Primary School
01379 668283
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Annie Liversidge

17th May 2021 - On a dull Monday morning the sun came out as the funeral cortege paused in Low Street, Hoxne where a few dozen friends were able to pay their respects to a much loved Hoxne girl and lady.

Graham Turner



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Denham

There has been a lot of activity in Denham over the last few months with some great community support. The telephone box on Hoxne Road is now fully renovated and has been fitted out with shelves which we are delighted to say are now filled with books for swapping (and hand gel to ensure COVID safety). There are also seed swap boxes and a notice board that we would like to encourage people to use for community rather than Parish Council notices. Please use this parish asset. We are now in the process of edging and paving the area in front of the box to ensure that it is easy to access for all. This has been a real team effort so thanks to all involved.

We have also had a focus on keeping Denham clean and tidy, with residents collecting litter, reporting potholes, signage problems and fly tipping. This is making a big difference in the parish and the aim is to continue this on an ongoing basis. We will also soon be going out to residents to complete the initial parish consultation for the proposed designation of Denham Low Road and Church Road as Quiet Lanes. This designation would highlight that these roads are regularly used by walkers, cyclists, and horse riders as well as motorised vehicles.

Fundraising and grant funding applications for the renovation of the Village Hall have continued but COVID 19 has had such an impact that many heritage and public buildings need support and competition for grants is fierce. Despite slow progress, the enthusiasm for repairing the Hall so that

it can be reopened is still high and with a change of approach we aim to start the renovation process soon.

At the Parish Council meeting in March, Cllr Jane Gilmore stepped down from the committee to focus on family matters. We would like to thank Jane for all her support during her time on the committee. We are grateful that Jane will continue to support with charging and moving the recently installed village speed sign. She also remains an active member of Denham Community Council.

This does however mean that we now only have three Councillors, rather than five and this increases the risk of future committee meetings not being quorate. This is far from ideal and will hamper progress. I would therefore ask that anyone who may be interested in joining the Parish Council, contact the Parish Clerk, Rod Caird on denhamparishclerk@gmail.com or 07785 331217. Any Cllr would also be happy to explain the role, which does not need to be onerous, and it is important that we retain an effective Council. At the April 13th annual meeting of the Parish Council, Cllr Tania Farrow was elected Chair for 2021/22, with Cllr Nick Farrow as her Deputy.

From May, Parish Council meetings will once again be held face to face, under COVID safe rules, at the church and details of the agendas and minutes can be found both on the parish notice boards and on the website:

denham.onesuffolk.net

It will be possible to observe social distancing and hand sanitiser etc will be available, but masks will need to be worn. It remains to be seen of course how people will feel about attending meetings again after such a long period of being unable to do so. But we hope to see residents at **7.30pm on Wednesdays May 26th, July 28th, September 22nd and November 24th.**

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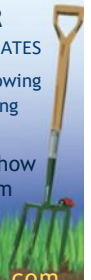
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Hoxne

The Parish Council is a corporate body of 11 Councillors and two members of staff (a Clerk and a Street Caretaker). The Councillors are ordinarily elected to serve the village of Hoxne for a term of four years and represent residents on a range of matters. The Parish Council meets monthly and has its annual general meeting in May.

The Council's Chairman of the last ten years, and councillor for a few years prior, Edward (Ted) O'Connor, has recently resigned. Ted's contribution to the village and his many years' of public service have been immense. Those of you that have served on the Council under his tenure, have attended a council meeting or have met Ted via another way will know that he was a dedicated and approachable chairman who achieved much for Hoxne. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for Ted's chairmanship, professionalism and the fairness with which he considered every matter that came his way during this long period of service.

There are currently vacancies on the Council and the existing Councillors are keen to welcome new members who are interested in their work. There is much to do including development and maintenance of several assets in the village, finalising and delivering a Neighbourhood Development Plan, consideration of traffic calming and responding to planning applications to give the views of the parish to the local planning authority. Please get in touch with the Clerk or speak with one of the existing councillors for more information.

Planning and the Environment

The **Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group** are keen to hear

from residents if there is still an interest in allotments being provided in the village. If you would be interested in an allotment plot in the future, please contact the Clerk to register your interest. Whilst the Neighbourhood Development Plan can allocate land use, there will need to be a certain level of interest before the Parish Council can use its legal powers to provide allotments.

Quiet Lanes Scheme - Working with Denham Parish Council, we will shortly be asking your views on designating Wittons Lane and Clink Hill through to Denham Low Road as Quiet Lanes highlighting that these roads are regularly used by walkers and cyclists. Please look out for, and respond to, our consultations.

Highways

A recent application by the Parish Council to Suffolk Highways for an automatic number plate recognition camera to periodically be sighted on Green Street as an additional speed deterrent has been accepted.

The Parish Council is still keen to see Community Speed Watch initiatives run in the village. This is a practical way to achieve some speed enforcement measures. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of such a scheme please contact the Clerk. More details are available at:

www.suffolkroadsafe.com/speeding/community-speedwatch

Meeting Dates

Our next meetings are at Hoxne playing field Pavilion, 7.30pm start, on **Thursday 3rd June** and **Thursday 1st July**.

Syleham

We had our last meeting on March 4th on Zoom. A technology that we were able to master! Now we look forward to our Annual Parish Meeting, on May 26th, under more normal conditions for your

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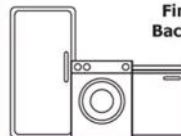
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ideas and concerns as we plan for the future.

Motorists speeding through the village were identified by the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign as a problem. We will be discussing buying our own permanent sign to protect the village. Currently we share the sign with Wingfield and rotate its use.

January saw the first experience of flooding in the village. A group of concerned residents will be presenting their plans for prevention and dealing with the consequences.

With the lifting of Covid lockdown old problems will re-emerge. Petty crime does hit rural villages, particularly with thefts from outbuildings and oil tanks. It's time to relaunch our Neighbourhood Watch scheme. All those willing to join this effort are warmly welcome.

A new planning application has been filed for development of the land adjacent to Quiet Waters on Hoxne Road. This is for building a smaller house than submitted last year.

Four residents have taken advantage of the taxi service to vaccination centres. The offer of free taxis will continue until all villagers are vaccinated twice. We thank the Suffolk Community Fund for making this possible.

Finally, in this issue of Village Voice you will find a piece by Roy Goodwin - *The Sylehamites of Summer 2021*. We encourage all residents to read and participate in this exciting venture. It has been almost 1,000 years since the Doomsday Book. It needs updating.

Wingfield

Last month the village lost one of its most notable residents, John Parker. John, a former Chairman of Wingfield Parish Council, was President of the British Driving Society

and famous for driving the London-Norwich Royal Mail Coach the 139 miles in record time.

We also say farewell to Guy McGregor as our Suffolk County Councillor. We wish him all the best in his retirement. His successor is Peter Gould.

We all should be aware the village is changing. Planning applications have been received for development of the land opposite Old School House (DC/21/01674) and the caravan site on Vicarage Road (DC/21/01969). These are some of the last remaining infill/brown field development sites in the village.

Change is also being fuelled by local changes. The Cranswick poultry processing plant on Eye airfield is drawing in supplies for feed and birds from local producers. This is generating a noticeable increase in lorry movements on our roads. This strain on our local infrastructure will be taken up with our District and newly elected County Councillor.

Efforts to convert the telephone kiosk as a home for a village defibrillator hit a snag. The costs to reinstall the electricity had increased to unacceptable levels and the work could not be done until next year. Our alternative plan is to locate the equipment at the entrance to Wingfield Barns. We thank Wingfield Barns CIC for their support and keeping the project on schedule.

As this issue goes to print, our Annual Parish Meeting will have been held on May 21st at Wingfield Barns.

Finally, we are hopefully coming to the end of Covid lockdown restrictions. We say thank you to everyone who has helped in making Wingfield one of the safest communities in the country. To celebrate we are talking with the Village Hall about holding a celebration party. Watch this space.

A Word on Wingfield

Bells

After a meeting of the Wingfield Parochial Church Council back in 1998, Betty Syrett of Wingfield Farm asked me whether we should ring in the Millennium. I said we should. I don't remember any other proposals. Ideas are easy, but delivery can be problematic. We had already managed to get a £5,000 grant from the Lottery for local children to put on a play in the church about Wingfield for the Millennium Concert.

Betty suggested I should identify half a dozen potential ringers and she would arrange a demonstration one night of how to ring. She said our organist had rung bells and could do a demonstration - what I called *showing us the ropes*. Betty was able to ring standing on a box

with support. The organist's demonstration was not encouraging. He became entangled and we didn't see him again.

Betty then discovered that others in the Hoxne Deanery were thinking on similar lines and so we joined a group being trained by Suffolk's finest ringer. He took us to practice in local churches where the bells were still ringable such as Laxfield, Horham, Fressingfield, Stradbroke and Weybread, then further afield in Suffolk where we were always welcome. Bell ringers are a community who don't necessarily stay on for the service after ringing - more likely they adjourn to the local.

Next Betty revealed a major problem: The fifth bell was cracked and unsafe to ring and had to be repaired. But we couldn't ring a peal with just five bells. One of our volunteers, a retired farmer from Mendlesham, skilled in his hobby

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making chairs of that ilk, offered practical help. We couldn't afford to pay either of the two national professional restorers, so using local volunteers we did the restoration for £6,000 rather than a substantially larger estimate. Roy first of all dismantled the six wooden rope wheels and then once a week sprayed the rusted bolts of the nine heavy steel frames which were lowered after the bells into the chamber below, all made possible by a small Japanese electric hoist able to handle a one ton load. We loaded the fifth bell on to a lorry and drove it to Anglesey near Cambridge where the crack was welded.

The crack had appeared after the lead on the tower roof was replaced by bitumen felt just after WW2, which subsequently blew away allowing rain to enter the tower. At the same time the precious medieval wooden bell frame was replaced by a heavy steel frame, and the bells were rehung cutting off their



The Wingfield team ringing in Weybread's very small ringing chamber: Norman, Tommy, Ted, Celia, Rosemary, Roy and Martin

crowns, cast in to hang them, and in their place metal bolts secured the bells to the new frame enabling water penetration, rusting and then inevitably a large crack. Fund raising was less of a challenge for us than that facing



Andrew Castleden as outlined in the last *Village Voice* issue with its evocative Hoxne bell pictures. We took a plastic

cast of the Norwich bell makers mark on the second bell and used it to make paper weights which sold like hot cakes from the back of the church.

The church was packed for the Millennium Concert. Jacqui Dankworth had travelled round local schools to teach them to sing in the oratorio written by her husband telling of Wingfield's history. She sang a well known spiritual *It Ain't Necessarily So*, which caused our vicar to leave the church as he believed that the bible was literally true. This had all come about because Churchwarden Bernard Wellingham applied his organising talents to the restoration of Wingfield church. I recall being present when he was fundraising and I was doing the same for the tower, which indicates

how the two are treated as separate operations. We had a visitor from Cambridge looking into our funding application and when leaving to return home he asked me about my work, so I just said "Uganda". He then told me that his next door neighbour had worked there and that he would be wheeling him to the pub when he got back and would enquire whether he knew me.

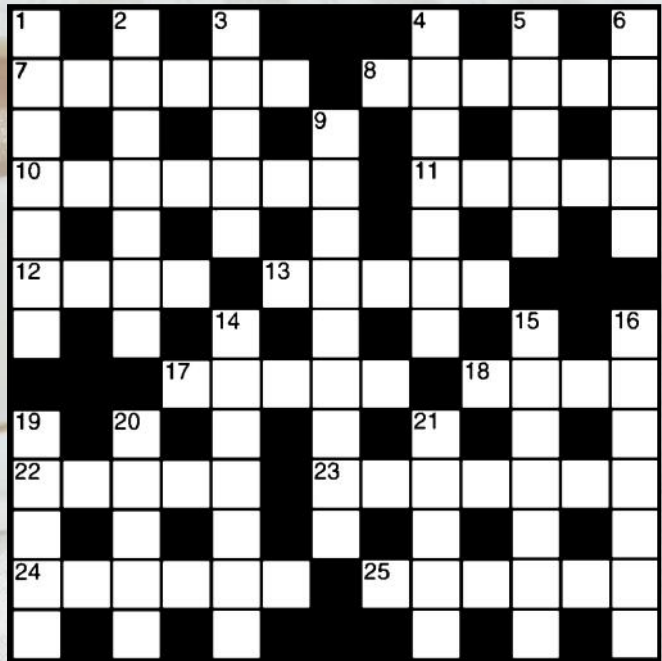
That evening I received a call from him - back in the 50s he was a very helpful young missionary and Archdeacon, whereas I was the young new District Commissioner Bunyoro. He told me that his next job was Bishop in the Congo and he didn't speak French! I said I must visit, but sadly we never met. Wingfield Church got its big grant though and I like to think that Bishop Ridsdale played a part.

Tommy Gee

Crossword Puzzle No. 141

To enter the crossword competition, send* your solution to the editor for a chance to win £10. The winner will be the first correct entry picked at random from those received by **Thursday 8th July** latest.

*Don't forget you can email a photograph or scan of your entry too!



Across

- 7 Church minister in correct order (6)
- 8 One hundred chopped and ate (6)
- 10 Untidy RAF were for fighting (7)
- 11 Singer's note for the audience (5)
- 12 Paradise for a Prime Minister (4)
- 13 Aquatic creature gets warmer in the East End (5)
- 17 Campaign group in the entrance hall (5)
- 18 Weapons disintegrate a planet (4)
- 22 Make an accurate demand (5)
- 23 Sir Dave became a counsellor (7)
- 24 Halo round worldwide virus (6)
- 25 Fiery monster does get tedious (6)

Down

- 1 Minor change to a trailer to make a fishing boat (7)
- 2 Vividly coloured cartels disbanded (7)
- 3 Damon is a bit of a wanderer (5)
- 4 Relish this with cheese and biscuits (7)
- 5 Pigs prevail in Kent and Sussex (5)
- 6 Find love in Colorado resort (5)
- 9 Backbone of a brave tree (9)
- 14 Satisfied with what is in a container (7)
- 15 Foretell before a wise man (7)
- 16 Bach composition played on skimpy underwear (1-6)
- 19 Sounds like a seaside tree (5)
- 20 Toddler I found in a farm building (5)
- 21 Conspicuous part of an overture (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 140 was: Shona Bendix, Denham

Answers - **Across** 1) Concert 5) Hauls 8) Essen 9) Genuine 10) Predict 11) Stein 12) Regret 14) System 17) Smith 19) Arundel 22) Decibel 23) Talon 24) Egret 25) Treason
Down 1) Creep 2) Nest Egg 3) Ennui 4) Tight 5) Honesty 6) Unite 7) Sternum 12) Residue 13) Exhibit 15) Toddles 16) Ballet 18) Incur 20) Untie 21) Linen

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