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# Notice Board

## Festival of Christmas Trees

As we move into autumn inevitably our thoughts turn towards the upcoming festive season and in particular the annual display of Christmas trees in our church at Hoxne.

Last year despite all the COVID restrictions and at very short notice there was an excellent response with over 30 trees on display.

We are now in the process of planning this years event which we hope will be less restricted and more successful than ever.

**Wednesday 22nd December** is scheduled as the day for set up and decoration of the church, with **Friday 24th to Monday 27th** as the days for viewing followed by Tuesday 28th for removal and disposal. Over the next few weeks we shall be contacting all those who have kindly supported us in the past and as always we'll be pleased to hear from any of the local organisations willing to support this years event.

Much has happened to village life in the past twelve months and a number of dear friends and colleagues who were so much part of Hoxne are no longer with us. What better way to remember them than by decorating a tree in their memory? Just a thought.

*Rhona Bertie, David Hyde*



## Canasta

Do you play Canasta or would you like to learn? I am hosting a small group of players on **Tuesday afternoons** in The Swan at Hoxne.

If you are interested, please contact Ann Cocks on **07726 527988**.



## Park Radio on the Road

Hoxne started off the Park Radio Road Trips this year and was visited in August by Station Director Chris Moyse along with the trusty and lovable mascot Parky Bear. A lovely time was had by all.

Based at the Post Office stores they met many a local folk and of course Joan in the shop - to give away merchandise and goodies.

They also collected event flyers and the Village Voice to promote community activities in the on-air What's On/Action Line.



## Park Radio - reopens its doors

Since March 2020, when the pandemic struck, the local radio station for Diss, Harleston and Eye, Park Radio decided to mothball its studios at the DYCC in Diss to



ensure its team of 50 volunteers remained safe and well.

Having adopted some truly ground breaking

technology its programmes, during the crucial period of lockdown, continued with the team of presenters working from their homes, either live or by pre-recording shows for later transmission.

Now after 18 months Park Radio will be welcoming listeners and its team back to its studios from the 1st October, adopting a sensible set of protocols to keep everyone safe while on site.

Visitors will notice when they pop in, which its hoped they will, the new and more spacious and comfortable reception area - which has been upgraded in the last few months.

Station Director, Chris Moyse commented *"I'm so proud of all the team*

*for working so hard and for maintaining the service over the last year and a half, which has been extremely demanding, but equally we are now looking forward to welcoming visitors back to our base where we can now properly celebrate*

*Ofcom's recent decision to extend our licence to 2027".*

Chris also thanked all the listeners, local advertisers and all the local councils for their continued and enthusiastic support during these very challenging times

Park Radio broadcasts on FM in Diss & Eye on **107.6FM** and in Harleston on **105.2FM** and on line too at:

**[www.parkradio.co.uk](http://www.parkradio.co.uk)**

or ask you smart speaker to *"Play Park Radio"*!

## What's On...

### Holy Communion with Renaissance Music

There will be a very special Holy Communion service in Wingfield Church at 11am on **Sunday 10th October**, with a choir singing a setting of the Eucharist composed by Josquin des Prez who died 500 years ago.

Adrian Knott, who directed the Amici choir for many years, has brought together a group of singers for this occasion. They will be singing Josquin's *Missa Pange Lingua*. The starting point is the music of a medieval hymn, which itself is thought to be based on a Roman marching song.



*Choir rehearsals in full swing*

This is an opportunity to experience some of the most famous Renaissance church music in its liturgical context. It is only recently that choirs have once more been allowed to practice, so it is particularly joyous to be able to include this celebration of religious music in our worship.

You would be most welcome to St Andrew's Wingfield as we mark the return of church music with some that has truly stood the test of time.

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## Borderhoppa

We are pleased to announce that we are running our weekly outings again. Our October/November outings are as follows:

**Thursday 14th October** - Lunch at The Red Lion, Needham - Fare £7.00;

**Monday 18th October** - Stowmarket - Fare £10.00; **Monday 25th October** - Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash - Fare £7.00;

**Monday 1st November** - Waitrose (Wymondham) - Fare £10.00; **Monday 8th November** - Taverham Garden Centre - Fare £15.00;

**Monday 15th November** - Cherry Lane Garden Centre & Goodies Farm Shop - Fare £7.00;

**Monday 22nd November** - Highways Nursery & Shopping Centre - Fare £10.00;

**Monday 29th November** - Norwich City Centre - £15.00;

Some outings do have limited space so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information or if you would like a copy of our 2021 outings leaflet, please contact us on **01379 854800** or email:

[adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com](mailto:adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com)



## U3A Harleston & District

U3A Harleston & District is planning to resume its monthly talks in October. With safety precautions in place, we will meet at St John's Church, Harleston IP20 9AZ at 2pm on **Wednesday 20th October**. Details about the talk will appear on our website or alternatively, please phone our Membership Secretary, Kim Poulton, on **01986 788149**. We look forward to welcoming back members and guests to our meetings.

[u3asites.org.uk/harleston](http://u3asites.org.uk/harleston)

## Harleston Players present Waiting for God

The popular TV series *Waiting for God* ran for five series in the early 1990s. A play version was suggested at the time, but author Michael Aitkens was too busy to consider it.

Thirty years later, he considered again and here is the outcome. Some things don't change so very much, and this play has the same characters in the same situation and with all the same attitudes to life.

Set in Bayview Retirement Home, run by slimy, out-for-profit Harvey Baines, ex-war correspondent/photographer Diana Trent is furious at where life has now landed her and determined to make her presence felt at every opportunity.

In the neighbouring apartment is ex-accountant Tom Ballard, deposited here as his daughter-in-law can't stand him in the house any longer. Far from being upset and resentful, he optimistically regards this as the next adventure.

Performances are 7.30pm on **Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th October** at Archbishop Sancroft High School.

Tickets, priced £10, available from Robinson's Traditional Stationers and online from:

[www.harlestonplayers.co.uk](http://www.harlestonplayers.co.uk)

## Wingfield Suffolk's Forgotten Castle Book Launch

Poppyland Publishing invite you to the launch of *Wingfield Suffolk's Forgotten Castle* by Elaine Murphy. **Thursday 4th November** - 6pm for 6.30pm start, Waveney Heritage Centre, The Old School, Grove Road, Brockdish IP21 4JP.

Wingfield belongs to a clutch of late fourteenth century castles that must be seen in the context of a society in

turmoil. Foreign wars, power struggles at the heart of government, popular revolt and the longer term effect of epidemic disease provide the backdrop for the creation of this mansion built



with the appearance and defences of earlier castles but which was also home to powerful families who played nationally important roles in the story of England. The Wingfields, de la Poles,

Brandons and Jerninghams made history and their stories shaped the nation.

Wingfield was well known throughout the late medieval and Tudor periods but later declined to become a residence at the heart of a farming estate. But these later centuries are just as important to understanding the story of the building and crucial to understanding the surviving remains. This book is as much about the story of Suffolk and its changing society as it is about the castle itself. The author's meticulous research gives equal weight to these later centuries, creating for the first time a comprehensive history to shed light on this forgotten Suffolk castle.

Book online at: [wingfieldbook.bpt.me](http://wingfieldbook.bpt.me) or ring **0800 411 8881** and quote event 5224278.

If you can't get to the launch, the book will be available from locally from *Diss Publishing Bookshop* and online at Amazon and the Poppyland Publishing website:

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## St Edmund's Day

**D**on't forget it's St Edmund's Day on **Saturday 20th**



**November**, so please join in and celebrate our true patron Saint. Why not fly the St Edmund flag to show your support? You can buy these very reasonably from your favourite online retailer, a quick search for "St Edmund flag" should do the trick. Perhaps place an order with friends or neighbours to save postage.



## Waveney Heritage

**Wednesday 6th October** - 7.15 for 7.30 - 9.30 pm, tickets £5/£4\*pp. **Brockdish Eindow to 5th Generation Farming** by Roy Goodwin. A century of farming and living in the parishes of Brockdish, Wingfield, Syleham and Weybread.

**Sunday 24th October** - 2.15 for 2.30 - 4.30 pm, tickets £5/£4\*pp. **An Historic Tour of the Waveney Valley** by Stephen Poulter. Local historian, Stephen Poulter, leads you on an unusual tour of the River Waveney using reports from travellers who visited the towns and villages along our local waterway over the past 400 years. He shares their observations on the landscapes, architecture and people along with recommendations as to the safest routes, best scenic attractions and most comfortable accommodation. Enjoy a fascinating and richly-illustrated trip incorporating both the Norfolk and Suffolk banks of the river which includes local myths, hidden gems, famous residents and lost properties.

**Wednesday 10th November** - 7.15 for 7.30 - 9.30 pm, tickets £5/£4\*pp. **The History of a Waveney Valley Farm** by Trevor Scott. The Story of Its Builders, Owners and Occupiers. Freston House and Farm, Mendham Low Road, Redenhall with Harleston, Norfolk. This presentation is a journey through time illustrated with historical documents and records, maps, diagrams and photographs. Freston House has been the home of the speaker and his wife since 1992.

**Sunday 21st November** - 2.15 for 2.30 - 4.30 pm, ticket £5/£4\*pp. **Flora Sandes : You'll Make a Lovely Sargeant** by Janette Robinson. Flora was the only western woman to enrol in a WW1 Army, as a female, and fight on the front line. Her story is remarkable - and she was brought up in Suffolk.

## Your Village Voice needs you!



After five years as editor of the *Village Voice*, I'm stepping down from the role after the next issue (Dec/Jan). Could you be the person to take the *Village Voice* forward in 2022? It's more a coordinating than editing need, so don't be put off!

But what's involved? As far as contributions are concerned, it's predominantly email based these days, so minimal typing is involved. For laying out the pages, I've used *Microsoft Publisher* which is part of *Office* - if you've not used this application before, but are familiar with Word, then it would be a natural progression to use the current *Village Voice* template. But of course, if you're a dab hand with another desktop publishing application then that would be fine too. At the end of the day, you're simply producing a PDF file that a local printing company then uses to produce the *Village Voice*. If you have a spare slot every couple of months and are interested in helping out the local community, then please get in touch for more information - details on the back cover. I look forward to hearing from you. - **Richard**



## Fair Warning...

In view of the uncertainty re isolating and so-on, it would be really helpful if you could phone Jill 01379 669057 or me, Mary 01379 668279 beforehand to tell us you're coming. See you there!

**Mary Thompson, Waveney Heritage  
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There have been a variety of events held at the pavilion from weddings to gala balls, adult birthday parties from 21st to 50th as well as many children's parties. Choirs have used the main room, funeral gatherings have also been held in the pavilion.

If you are interested in hiring the pavilion please contact us by email:

[hoxneplayingfield@gmail.com](mailto:hoxneplayingfield@gmail.com)

Alternatively send us a message on our Facebook page. Just search for "Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion". There are preferential rates for residents of Hoxne.

## Wingfield Barns

Bespired this autumn at the Barns with a full line up of events including our harvest & rural crafts festival, music and of course theatre.

**Sunday 10th October - Autumn Festival.** From 10am - 1pm we have a celebration of harvest and rural crafts and traditions for all the family, with a harvest supper and concert in the evening. Artisan Food Markets; Craft



Demonstrations & Stalls; Blacksmithing & Woodturning; Roving Musicians; Heavy Horses; Vintage Machinery &



Vehicles; Our evening concert is from 6pm with music by the talented

**Harbour Lights** trio including Harvest Supper and Cider Bar.

**Saturday 16th October - Bof! Workshop and Dance.** BOF! is an established East Anglian band with considerable experience in playing traditional French and Breton dance music.

They have a vast experience of playing at clubs and festivals and for specialist dance



groups in England and France. The members of BOF! play a variety of authentic instruments and sing.

BOF!'s performance at Wingfield Barns will begin with a dance workshop to teach some of the simpler French and Breton dances. After a break, they will play for an evening "bal". The songs and instrumentals they play is equally suitable for dancing and listening to, so in addition to a dance space, there will be a seated area for non-dancers. Tickets are available separately for the workshop @ 4.30pm and concert/dance @ 7.30pm or for both events.



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**Sunday 17th October - India Electric Company @ 7.30pm.** Best described as “a *quietable musical magpie’s nest*” (BBC Radio 3), they blend traditional instruments, folk melodies and subtle electronic influences.



**Sunday 24th October - The Wind in the Willows @ 7.30pm.** The adventures of Ratty, Mole, Badger, and of course the irrepressible Mr Toad, are brought to life using traditional folk melodies set to new lyrics.



**Friday 5th November - A View from the Bridge @ 7.30pm.** Set in the 1950s in the shadow of one of New York’s landmark buildings, the Brooklyn Bridge, this is one of Arthur Miller’s greatest plays. Eddie Carbone struggles to allow Catherine, his orphaned niece on the



clasp of womanhood, to go out into the wider world. His inner turmoil increases as she falls in love with an

illegal immigrant he and his wife are sheltering. Can Eddie accept the inevitable or will his stubborn obsession turn to tragedy?

**Saturday 6th November - Gigspanner @ 7.30pm.** Described as one of the “*most quietly brilliant sets of musicians in the folk world and beyond*” (Folk Radio UK), Gigspanner produces richly atmospheric arrangements “*with notes seemingly plucked from the stars and rhythms from the equator*” (Spiral Earth).



**Thursday 11th November - Reg Meuross @ 7.30pm.** The breadth and depth of Reg Meuross’s material is unparalleled in contemporary folk and this performance will take you on a journey into the heart, soul and songs of one of England’s finest writers.



**Saturday 20th November - Common Ground Theatre Co. presents The Dream of a Ridiculous Man @ 8pm.** Adapted by Pat Whymark from the short story by Dostoevsky. A fantastical tale of new beginnings, featuring Julian Harries as the Ridiculous Man, with Pat Whymark and Emily Bennett providing live musical accompaniment. It tells the story of a man who, much like Scrooge in Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, has a dream which



saves his life, brings him back from the edge of despair, reconnects him to society and restores his faith in humanity. Its a poignant, funny and cathartic piece, particularly appropriate for

this present moment in time. A one act play, 50 mins long.

**Friday 26th November - Alden, Patterson and Dashwood @ 7.30pm.** Highly acclaimed folk trio Alden Patterson and Dashwood weave rich vocal harmonies, fiddle, guitar and dobro around beautifully written original songs and melodies. Their music takes influence from English folk



traditions with uplifting instrumentals and self-penned songs depicting tales of young travellers, sleepy seas and their affection for home. *'It's lovely stuff'* - Mark Radcliffe (BBC Radio 2 Folk Show).

Tickets for all events are available at [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com) or see our website for more details or call **01379 384505**.



WINGFIELD BARNs

**Wingfield Barns, Church Road  
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[www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com)**

## Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

Originally the village school, the village hall is located in Syleham IP21 4LT but serves both Syleham and Wingfield. In these post-Covid times it is very much up and running. Please see our new website at:

[sylehamandwingfieldhall.org](http://sylehamandwingfieldhall.org)

### Regular Events

Coffee and Cake is on the **first Tuesday** of the month, 10 - 11.30am, in association with Syleham church, no charge. 5th October and 2nd November.

Sports and Social Club open from 8pm **each Tuesday**, bar manned by volunteers, pool, jukebox, board games available

J's Meadow get together on **second Thursday** of the month 10am to midday. Chat, weeding, planting, chat, tidying, planning. Bring your own refreshments,

### J's Meadow Get Together 2nd Thursday of each month 10am - 12 noon

Community open space down the footpath opposite Syleham and Wingfield village hall IP21 4LT

Planting, hedging, tidying, ideas, chat, fresh air!

Bring tools if you have them + your own refreshments.

**More info - Julie  
07929 794636**

and tools if you have them. 14th October and 11th November.

Come for coffee (or tea) on **last Thursday** of the month 1.30 - 3pm. Come with friends, come on your own, bring a craft activities if you wish, no charge. 28th October and 25th November.

Sports and Social Club open from 8pm **each Friday**, bar manned by volunteers, pool available.

Open mic on the **first Friday** of the month from 8pm, bar open, free entry, participate or audience. 1st October and 5th November.

Purple Star Karaoke on **second Friday** of the month, from 8pm, bar open, raffle, free entry. 8th October and 12th November.

## Purple Star Karaoke

Look out for further Bingo evenings, raising funds for locally nominated charities and good causes!

*Julie Thompson*  
Text 07929 794636  
[julithompson435@gmail.com](mailto:julithompson435@gmail.com)

## Expletives - Live!

Live music **Saturday 2nd October** with the EXPLETIVES - explosive punk, £7 on the door, doors 8pm, bar open.



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## How to book the hall

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

*Donna Baker*  
07876 487294 / 01379 668361  
[donnamariegoose@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donnamariegoose@hotmail.co.uk)

## Hoxne Village Hall

The Hall successfully re-opened In August and has already been used by several different regular hirers as well as for a wedding reception. The bar was well used on this occasion and now accepts card payments!



By the time you read this Phoenix Group, ballroom, badminton, Hoxon Hundred, Garden Club and a new painting group will have used the Hall.

The Hall Committee have decided to hold an Annual General Meeting! The date is **Thursday 28th October** at the

Hall, 7.30pm. Anyone who lives within our area of benefit i.e. Hoxne and Denham, is invited to attend. If you would like to find out what we do behind the scenes to keep the Hall running, then please come along - bar will be open.

The Committee is made up from representatives from local organisations such as Phoenix, Playing Fields, Mothers Union, Friends of the Church, and Parish Council. If your Hoxne club/organisation would like to join the Committee please contact us at the email/phone number below. In addition there are spaces for members of the public to be elected if you would like to help. The Hall Bar AGM will be held after the Hall AGM.

As mentioned last edition, we have been approached by *Everyone Active* who are working in partnership with Mid Suffolk District Council to encourage more sports activities in villages. They offer support in organising new clubs so if anyone has a

sport or activity they would like to see at the Hall please email or phone so we can consider asking *Everyone Active* to support such an activity. At present yoga have not returned to the Hall and we are not sure if the previous group will be returning, so if this something you would like to see please contact us.

Yet again bottles and clothes have been dumped by the banks in the Hall car park when they are full. When you see this, please make the call to get them emptied - the numbers are on both banks and take your items home until there is room to put them. We now have a new paper bank at the Hall so please save your newspapers/magazine and bring along - but not cardboard.



Email Sally & Sharon at:

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# Church Services

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## Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield

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

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### 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 3rd October

*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne  
11 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield  
4 pm Messy Church in Syleham Village Hall/J's meadow

### Sunday 10th October

*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne  
11 am Missa Pange Lingua, Wingfield  
6 pm Harvest Service, Denham

### Sunday 17th October

*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 am CW Holy Communion for Harvest, Hoxne

10 am Harvest Service, Syleham

6.00 pm Harvest Service, Wingfield

### Sunday 24th October

*Last Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne

11 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

### Saturday 30th October

4 pm Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, Hoxne

### Sunday 31st October

*All Saints*

11 am Benefice Service, Horham

4 pm All Age Service, Hoxne

### Sunday 7th November

*Third Sunday before Advent*

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4 pm Messy Church in Syleham Village Hall

### Sunday 14th November

*Remembrance Sunday*

9 am BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance, Wingfield

10.45 am Remembrance Service, Hoxne

10.45 am Remembrance Service, Syleham

6 pm Remembrance Service, Denham

### Saturday 20th November

6 pm Evensong for St Edmund, Hoxne

### Sunday 21st November

*Christ the King*

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10 am Village Service, Syleham

6 pm Evensong, Wingfield

### Sunday 28th November

*Advent Sunday*

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne

11 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

# Church News

## Not neglecting to meet together

The letter to the Hebrews enjoins us to “*consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another*”. Some people will say that they can worship God quite well enough on their own, but they miss out on the stimulus and encouragement of coming together as the body of Christ. For nearly 18 months we have been often forced to neglect to meet together, but that has now changed. Most of our services are back in church. Café Church is meeting again in Hoxne church on the **second Sunday** of each month and Messy Church is back in Syleham Village Hall (or J’s meadow) on the **first Sunday** of the month. And we have plenty of other reasons to meet: why not take part in one of our Harvest celebrations, happening in October? Or come along to our Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving on **Saturday 30th October** to remember all those we have loved and lost.

If you are cautious about Covid 19, we have a special “extra-secure” service at Hoxne at 9.30 am on the **first Sunday** of the month, without singing and with an expectation that masks will be worn. Or if you are not able for any reason to meet face to face at all, we still have our weekly Compline service on Zoom (6pm on Fridays) and we will continue to live stream a service most Sundays on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Our Bible Study group, which has returned after the summer holidays, will also continue to meet on Zoom. One way or another, stay in touch with your

fellow Christians and provoke each other to love and good deeds!

NB: For those who would like it and who cannot get to church, home communion is now available again. Please contact me if you would like a visit.

**Revd Eleanor Goodison**  
[eleanor.goodison@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07876 143579

**Please note:** Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be away from **Thursday 30th September to Monday 4th October** for a family wedding in London.

## Plans for Hoxne Church

Hoxne Church held a public meeting on 26th July to explain our plans for the interior of the church, the installation of a lavatory in the churchyard and the restoration of the bells. Over 30 people attended and had the opportunity to comment and ask questions. After careful consideration of the points raised at the meeting, as well as expert advice received from the diocese and others, the Parochial Church Council has now applied for permission to:

- make permanent the erection of the St Edmund’s timber screen in front of the Chapel of St Edmund at the East End of the North Aisle;
- shorten two pews and restore three pews whilst retaining their medieval pew ends;
- install an altar against the North Wall of the Chapel;
- install an icon in a protective frame and votive candle stand against the North wall of the Chapel; and
- move the organ from its current position under the tower to the second

bay to the West of the screen in in the North aisle with ancillary electrical works.

A separate application for permission to install the lavatory and construct a footpath to the north door of the church, with level access, will be made shortly.

## Bible Study Group

Our regular Bible Study Group returns on Tuesdays for the autumn and will continue to meet fortnightly at 7.30 pm via Zoom, with meetings on **5th and 19th October and 2nd, 16th and 30th November**. Sessions last no more than one hour. We have a new theme of 'conflict' (following up our theme of peace). Each session is self-contained, so do join in when you can. If you don't receive the Zoom link, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor to be added to the list.

## Harvest Services

Denham: 6pm **Sunday 10th October**  
Hoxne: 9.30am **Sunday 17th October**  
Syleham: 10am **Sunday 17th October**  
Wingfield: 6pm **Sunday 17th October**

## Annual Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving

Our annual Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for those we have lost will be held on **Saturday 30th October** at 4pm at Hoxne church. The service will be especially poignant this year as we remember all those who have died as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.

## Remembrance

Services will be held for **Remembrance Sunday (14th November)** as follows:  
9am BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance, Wingfield  
10.45 am Remembrance Service, Hoxne  
10.45 am Remembrance Service, Syleham  
6pm Remembrance Service, Denham

## Evensong for St Edmund

St Edmund's day is **Saturday 20th November**. We will hold a special Evensong in Hoxne church at 6pm followed by drinks and nibbles.

## St John, Denham

The builders are now starting the repairs to the Chancel walls and roof at the beginning of October - hopefully before another wet and windy winter and the impending quinquennial inspection. Services will continue during the work and will be as follows:

Harvest Festival **Sunday 10th October** at 6pm and Remembrance Service **Thursday 11th November** at 6pm.

We hope you will be able to join us afterwards for a glass of wine and cheese straws.

The Benefice Service in August included the baptism of Harry Joslin when it was lovely to have the church full of so many family and children. The church is open every day once more and many thanks to Paul Chenery for keeping the church yard mown and tidy and to Mary Coulson for all her flowers.

*Hilary Castleden*  
**01379 668458**

## St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

I am writing this short report the day after a glorious Hoxne Fete in the grounds of Abbey Farm. It was very generous of Churchwarden Wilf White to allow us to meet in his garden. For many of us it was the first time we had ventured into a social occasion since February 2020 and it was cheering to see so many villagers enjoying themselves. I am not sure that any of us, unless we are involved, know just how much work is involved in organising such events, so may I say a big thank you to the

organisers, helpers, cake makers, the people who donated plants, produce, bric a brac and the wonderful raffle prizes; also we must not forget the people who did the physical work like #the guys from Waveney trees who transported tables and chairs, those who put together the bell display and what about the ladies doing the refreshments, they had no chance at all to sit down at all. I think there might have been some sore feet at the end of the day. 'Thank You' to all of them and Thank You to all who attended. It was a great day.

I have noticed that our diaries are filling up again now we are no longer in lockdown but please make room in them for the Harvest Festival at 9.30am on **Sunday 17th October** and the Remembrance Day Service on **Sunday 14th November** at 10.30am. Both of course at Hoxne Church.

Many of you will remember that back on 26th July we had a public meeting to discuss the PCC's plans for the Church, my notes are at least three pages of A4 paper typewritten, they really are notes and I have no intention of publishing them, however the PCC thinks a short report should be made so I will start by telling you that more than thirty villagers attended, that did include the members of the PCC but it was a good turnout none the less.

The purpose of the meeting was to give an update from the PCC of the proposals for the 'Re- ordering and Restoration' of the church and to take questions and suggestions from the attendees. Three projects were discussed;

- the provision of lavatories
- the St Edmunds's Chapel (including moving the organ and reopening the West door)
- the bells project

The lavatories are a priority for the PCC, there is no space within the Church so plans are to have a high quality pre-built building which will be disabled friendly and have baby changing provisions. There will be a lighted path between the Church and the lavatory. Since the meeting Historic England has said that we cannot place the building near the church but they will support the PCC using the location where the sheds stand now. This is an extra expense but we have funds in place.

Next was an explanation of the thinking behind the proposals to provide a chapel dedicated to St Edmund in what was the Lady Chapel in the North Aisle. It was explained that we need permission to make the location of Victorian Screen permanent and to install an Altar, Icon and Votive Stand. There was some controversy about this project. The PCC were questioned as to why the Screen could not go back to its original position inside the West door and the organ back to its former location in the Lady Chapel. Reasons given were that the screen makes the chapel available for private prayer and small services. The organ could not go back into the location because the weight of it is to blame for the damage to the floor above the vaults and it would be obscuring the Maynard Memorial which is of national importance. In addition the Diocesan Organ Adviser had said that the location was 'acoustically inappropriate'. The majority of attendees approved of the plans.

The Icon, Altar and Votive Stand had all been donated and a private individual had offered to pay the approximate cost of £3000 for the floor repair. The PCC has the funds in place to relocate the organ.

The final presentation was about the bell project, there was a slight confusion over the plans to 'move the clock'. It



was explained that we were only planning on moving the mechanism not the clock face; this would allow more room for a new 8 bell frame. There was a question as to whether the PCC had considered the less mobile bell ringers in their plans to ring the bells from a gallery rather than from the floor of the tower. It was explained that the provision of a gallery would reduce the climb from the current 34 steps to 12. There was no other practical way at the moment.

The cost of the project is approximately £150,000; at the time of the meeting we had raised some £12,000. The aim is to raise most of the money outside the village perhaps from the National Lottery, but we cannot apply for funds until we get permission for the project.

Further information on the bells project is available in earlier editions of Village Voice.

It was suggested that the PCC set up a dedicated website for the renovations, this was thought to be a good idea and the Churchwardens were going to investigate.

*Deborah Harding*  
*Secretary*

## 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 18th October** - St Luke's day Healing Service with Bishop Mike venue TBC; **Monday 15th November** - Branch meeting;

Our annual *I - Chameleon* shop will be from **Thursday 23rd October to Wednesday 27th October**, 10am - 4pm in the High Street Halesworth. Closed Sunday. Cards, merchandise, bric a brac, gifts, produce and more.

We continue to share regular Newsletters with information from

around the diocese and beyond. New members are always welcome. Cathie McGregor, Branch Leader **01379 668434**.

## Flower rota

**October 4th & 10th** - Altar, Sarah Buckley; **October 17th & 24th** - Harvest Rota; **October 31st November 7th** - Altar, Cathie McGregor; **November 14th & 21st** - Altar, Suzanne Lewis; **November 28th** - Advent Candle, Cathie McGregor;

There is hand sanitising available for use in the church. Thank you to all the flower arrangers for your contributions to keeping our church a welcoming place for visitors.

The flower arranging equipment is now stored in the new shed outside the North door.

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

## St Margaret, Syleham

**Sunday Services** have returned to the normal pattern of two services a month, one a short and simple service for all and led by the Lay Elder and the other traditional Holy Communion. All parishioners are most welcome at both services, which are listed with other benefice services on page 17. St Margaret's has been privileged to hold two baptism services recently.

**Harvest Festival** will be on **Sunday 17th October** at 10am and our Harvest Supper follows on **Saturday 23rd October**, 7pm for 7.15pm in the Village Hall. Please contact us (details below) to book your places at £15 per head, which includes two courses plus a cheese board and your first drink.

**Messy Church**, for the benefice, also returned to the Village Hall on 5th



September and was a very happy afternoon, seeing attendance by 14 children and their parents. This brings to an end the popular monthly Facebook presentations, given since Easter 2020: it would be lovely to continue them but we don't have the manpower to do both! Messy Church in the hall



is geared towards younger children but for those outgrowing Messy Church Revd Eleanor is planning activities more suited to their age, so look out for details.

**Syleham Church Through the Ages** was the title of a fascinating talk given in the church on 4th September by Baroness Elaine Murphy. The church was comfortably full and there was a convivial atmosphere following a welcome with drinks and nibbles.

**Coffee and Cake - Tuesdays 5th October and 2nd November** at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall, IP21 4LT. Drop in on your own or with a friend at any time between 10am and 11.30am for a chat over coffee, tea and cake, with magazines/books to browse or borrow.



Contact for all above: Churchwarden Mary Lewis on **01379 669258 / 07775 732259** or [mary.lewis43@icloud.com](mailto:mary.lewis43@icloud.com)

## Suffolk Libraries – Mobile Library Routes

**Hoxne and Denham** Calling every 4 weeks on **Thursdays**

Next stops: **21st October and 18th November**  
Hoxne, The Swan car park from 10:35 to 10:50  
Hoxne, St Edmunds House from 11:00 to 11:15  
Denham, Post Office from 11:25 to 11:35

**Syleham and Wingfield** Calling every 4 weeks on **Fridays**

Next stops: **1st October, 29th October and 26th November**  
Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 11:40 to 11:55  
Wingfield, Post box from 12:00 to 12:20

## Bowls Bounces Back at Hoxne

**A**fter a difficult start to 2021, Hoxne bowlers have enjoyed a busy summer on the green. With worries about Covid and the restrictions it caused, many were reluctant to play, especially away from home so we withdrew from all leagues. However, under safe protocols, two in-house pairs leagues were played and the competitive nature of members soon showed.

Graham Turner and Alan Garnham won a tight Wednesday night league, while Stephen Hilditch and Carol Bond romped away with the Friday evening league. Several drives were held during the summer, proving very popular and giving new members a chance to mix with old hands in a fun atmosphere.

*Winners of the Dave Hackett Shield: (L-R) Leslie Balian, Maurice Hurry and Monica Flounders - picture: Graham Turner*

The annual Hackett Trophy was held on a pleasant Sunday afternoon in August, with Maurice Hurry, ably assisted by Monica Flounders and Leslie Balian, winning the coveted prize.

As I write, we are preparing for our final Sunday afternoon tournament of the season before the autumn work on the green begins in preparation for a return to the leagues next year.

*Roger Knight*

## Village Voices Community Choir

**T**he Village Voices Community Choir has spent the lockdowns singing via Zoom and trying out different ideas. Although it has kept some members in touch with singing it has been a sombre time, unable to hear our beautiful harmonies as a whole choir experience. But despite a year and a half without song, Village Voices Community Choir are set to rebound after Covid.



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During the summer of 2020 Janet and Halesworth Community Choir in conjunction with Waveney & Blyth Arts decided to fund a new project for 2021, to which Village Voices were invited to take part.

This inspiring decision has been named “*Spell Songs in the Green*”, based on the books ‘*Spell Songs*’ and ‘*The Lost Words*’

by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. It will hopefully bring awareness that nature is woefully lacking in the everyday lives of children.

We had planned to make one of our performances a celebratory promenade concert at Brakey Wood, the other being on Halesworth’s Millennium Green. However due to continued restrictions

these events have been replaced by the making of a film, with local artist/film makers Liz Waugh and Toby McManus, The Cut dance group and children from Edgar Sewter and Wenhaston Primary Schools.

The choir members spent the summer recording themselves and sending the files to the sound recordist Sam Levy. We also had a socially distanced gathering at The Folly in Halesworth for the filming process.

Janet and the film makers have been busy collecting all the puzzle pieces

together and we hope to have a film premiere on **Saturday 9th October** at The Cut in Halesworth, see website:

[newcut.org](http://newcut.org)

It has been a sad and lonely year and a half for some, Janet and the choirs have been doing the best we can to keep

everyone positive. After eleven years raising thousands of pounds for charity and as the new way of living together develops, we will be trying to raise funds to restore our own finances. This will allow us to bring new life to our choir membership and to move forward into the next chapter for Village Voices.



Singing with Butterflies



And under the trees while making a film.

Where next for the new era of Village Voices Community Choir



We welcome all new singers, if you would like to join the choir visit our website at:

[thevillagevoices.weebly.com](http://thevillagevoices.weebly.com)

## Rural Coffee Caravan

We’ll be back at Castle Crescent Wingfield 10am - 12 noon on **Tuesday 19th October**. The caravan delivers information and friendship to rural communities across Suffolk. To get in touch:

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## Red Feather Club

**B**y the time you read this the Red Feather Club Museum in Horham should be back in business. The former WW2 NCOs' club and other buildings, which have been faithfully restored, keep alive the memory of the US forces who called Horham home in the 1940s.

The museum, operated and managed by registered charity the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, is due to relaunch its open days in September. It usually has public open days on the **last Sunday** of the month (10am to 4pm) from May through to October along with dances, film shows and talks as well as hosting visits from the families of the personnel who served at the air base and other groups. The last open day of the year is scheduled for **Sunday 31st October**, but please check on the 95th's or Redlingfield website before setting out.

The 95th was the only Eighth Air Force Group to be awarded three Distinguished Unit Citations. The third for bombing Berlin on 4 March 1944, the first time the German capital had been bombed by USAAF.

I hope the RFC gets back in full swing as soon as it can as it really comes to life on the dance nights it usually holds throughout the year.

[www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com)  
[enquiries@95thbg-horham.com](mailto:enquiries@95thbg-horham.com)  
Red Feather Club Museum  
Coldhams Hill, Denham, IP21 5DG

## New Reeding Woods Group

**T**he summer this year seems to have been short and fleeting until the improvement at the end of August. The hay on the meadow was cut late due to the inclement weather in July and August. The poor conditions - cool and



dry over the summer - resulted in poor quality hay fit only for goats and sheep. The meadow yielded 55 bales, although small ones this was a surprisingly good amount.



The wood has provided a home for bees in the old tree and we did not find they help with our work. However their presence in the dead log proves the value of deadwood as a wildlife habitat.

The dry weather recently is shown by the lower water level in the pond. We saw several dragonflies whilst we cut the hay including a male Emperor and a

Common Darter. The mown meadow is now providing a great venue for picnics.

The spindle in the boundary hedge is already showing glorious autumn colour and elsewhere the hedges are full of haws and slows. Our Autumn work will



include cutting back the overhanging roses and brambles on the rides. The woods will also need thinning and clearing so we would be grateful for any volunteers who would like to come and help. If you are interested in joining us and getting hands on experience of helping improve our local environment and enjoying outdoor activity, please contact our Secretary Peny Conway on 07495 875299.

## Hoxne Garden and Social Club

**Y**es, it is full steam ahead for regular meetings of Hoxne Garden and Social Club again at the village hall on the **third Thursday** of the month starting at 7.30 pm. By the time you are reading this we will have already had our first meeting organised as an

informal get together with light refreshments included in order to allow members to socialise with each other face to face rather than by electronic means. We have organised this knowing that there are many people who are still reluctant to mingle with others due to the risk of catching covid. Hopefully this first meeting might give them more confidence.

We also have a varied programme of speakers organised to see us through until our much delayed AGM in March of next year all of which except for one are garden based. That non horticultural talk will be given by our very own Graham Borrell - on thatching of course which we are led to believe will include a demonstration of thatching using a large dolls sized house as a model. The other topics covered by our other speakers include how to make the most of a very small garden, Chinese gardens, managing a wild flower meadow, and fuchsias.

We are always on the look out for new members so if you would like to come along to one of our meetings just turn up on the third Thursday evening of the month at 7.30 pm.

*Chris Parkin*

## Fressingfield Scouts

**A**t the time of writing our modular building is scheduled for delivery in September. We hope to have the building installed by the time you read this. October will be spent putting the finishing touches in place and completing the outside works. There should be a functioning building by the end of October.

Thank you to everyone that has helped us over many years, in whatever way, with this project, every member of 1st Fressingfield Scout Group is very grateful for the support, encouragement and cooperation.

We would also like to thank the Trustees of the Goodwin Hall Fressingfield for their continued support for the Fressingfield Scout Group over many years during our long history and association with their Hall.

Thank you to everyone that has continued to save and donate crisp packets to our appeal. An awful lot of crisp packets have been sent for recycling and we have earned around £400 which will go towards the purchase of kayaks made from recycled plastic. Please continue



to collect and hand to any member, Michael Knights at Daganya Farm, Hoxne or leave at Fressingfield village shop.

Beavers and Cubs joined together at the end of term for a mass Investiture Ceremony. Six new Cubs and twelve new Beavers and four new Leaders were invested into the Scout Group, two Leaders were invested into changed roles and a Leader was awarded a Chief Scout's Commendation in a ceremony attended by District Commissioner Steve Martin. The evening finished with individual family picnics in the sunshine.

Our Monday Beavers Colony and Cub Pack now are at full capacity so from September we are reopening the other Pack and Colony. They will meet on Wednesday evenings, please see the poster for details of these two sections and our other sections that have spare capacity, or contact the number at the end of this piece.

Adventurers Scouts had an evening in Southwold solving some beach based challenges and finished the term with a chip supper.

Pioneer Scouts, continuing their theme of challenges, worked in pairs and had a camp cooking evening, cooking bacon, eggs, beans, hash browns and toast on open fires for a supper time breakfast followed by washing up and hot chocolate.



Explorers finished the term with some tidying at the new site and a barbeque. It seems like we all wound up the term with a food theme!

We have not managed to have a Summer Camp this year because of the restrictions still in place from the pandemic, most sections have closed down for the summer however on one warm August day six older Scouts, and two Leaders, from Pioneer Troop navigated on footpaths from Fressingfield to Hoxne by a circuitous



route and covered 13 miles. There were a few sore feet and some nettle stings but, more important, a huge sense of achievement. A few days later five members from the whole Troop had an activity day in Hoxne. They built a bridge over the Goldbrook, went on an Incident Hike then practiced their air rifle shooting, constructed a camp oven and lit a fire then cooked an apple crumble and custard and a pasta Bolognese all from



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ingredients rather than a packet. Finishing off with a campfire and drink. Thank you to the landowners that let us use their land.

Date for the diary - 1st Fressingfield Scout Group Christmas Fair - **Sunday 28th November** 2pm - 4pm at the new headquarters. More details to follow.



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

[1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk](http://1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk)

## Hoxne Phoenix Group

**W**hat a relief it was to be able to hold our August meeting in the Lounge at the Village Hall after all this time. 24 members turned up that evening to hear Dr Ian Bedford, retired head of Entomology at the John Innes Institute. Ian's subject was *The Trouble*

*Without Wasps*. Most of us are fearful of wasps, but Ian explained how valuable they are. We should not spray aphids because they are food to wasps.

Ian has been to Southern Spain with his team to rid greenhouses of an infestation of Whitefly by introducing wasps who laid eggs in the Whitefly's larvae. The evening was informative and Ian a pleasure to listen to. We are having another evening with Dr Bedford next year, the subject being *Companion Gardening*.

By the time this article goes to print we would have had another interesting talk, this time from a National Trust speaker regarding *The Hervey Family* from Ickworth - a report on that will be in the December issue of Village Voice.

In October, one of our talented members is giving us all a handicraft task to do - Make & Take with Jean. This will be on **Tuesday 12th October** if anyone is interested in handicraft do come along.



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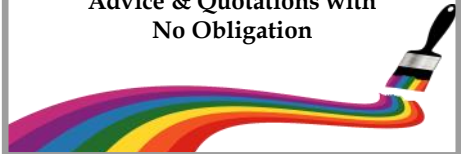
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Phoenix members are visiting Ely Christmas Food & Craft Fair on **Thursday 18th November**. The Coach will leave from Hoxne Village Hall approx. 9.15am arriving in Ely in time for a cup of coffee. The tickets we have are for the afternoon session in the Cathedral and grounds so there is plenty of time to look around the City for early Christmas presents, get an early lunch and then visit the Christmas Fair. We will return to Hoxne by about 6pm. If you are interested please contact me to find out if there are any spare tickets.

Phoenix members meet in the lounge of Hoxne Village Hall on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month from 7.30pm. If any particular topic interests you do come along - you may even realise some of your friends or neighbours already go each month.

*Pat Green*  
*patandbryan1@gmail.com*  
*01379 668379*

## Hoxne Heritage Group

**L**ife is returning to the 'new normal' for the Hoxne Heritage Group. On July 31st we had our first face to face meeting in the wonderful surroundings of Chris and Richard's Low St garden. The garden party atmosphere was blessed with lovely sunshine, great food and the first opportunity for our members to catch up since lockdown

began. It was a real boost for all of us to be together again.

This was followed on August 10th by our annual summer outing to Thelnetham Mill which had been postponed on several occasions during the pandemic. It was however worth the wait and very much enjoyed by all.



Our host, Chris Mills, one of the team of enthusiasts who purchased the 1819 historic tower mill for restoration in 1979 gave us a brief history of the mill followed by a comprehensive guided tour.

Restoration of the mill was completed in 1987. Built in brick, it stands four storeys high and was originally used to grind flour from wheat. A set of patent sails are wound by a fantail to drive two pairs of millstones with a third pair driven by the later installation of an auxiliary single cylinder stationary engine. The mechanics and structure of the sails were fascinating and most of us had no idea of their complex operation.

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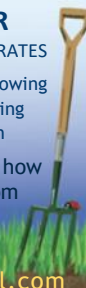
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Climbing the tower posed a challenge to some of our 'mature' membership with the confined headspace and use of ladders between storeys but we weren't deterred. Flour is still milled on occasions and the mill which is open to the general public is well worth a visit.

To the delight of our host, one of our party pointed out a 'daisy wheel' ritual protection mark inscribed on one of the timbers. These were commonly inscribed during the C16th - C18th on the beams of houses, churches and agricultural buildings to offer protection from evil.

Ritual protection marks or witch marks such as those referred to above, are a common feature of many timber framed buildings and none more so than some of the older houses in Hoxne.

Richard Giffin of Low Street is particularly interested in researching the subject in more detail and so if you are aware of any such marks in your property Richard would be very pleased to hear from you with a view to photographing and recording the specific details. Richard can be contacted by email at:

***[richard.giffin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richard.giffin@yahoo.co.uk)***

Finally, on Tuesday 7th September we resumed our regular monthly meetings at the Swan with the intention of re-booting our usual activities, including the postponed WW2 exhibition. Watch this space for further detail and of course we are always ready to welcome new members. It's good to be back!

***David Hyde***  
***[www.hoxnehistory.org.uk](http://www.hoxnehistory.org.uk)***

## Hoxne Bell Ringers

**W**e have been ringing regularly on Tuesday nights at Oakley and twice at Wickham Skeith while Oakley was being repaired so thanks to Irene for the use of Oakley and the Davidsons for the use of Wickham Skeith.



*Oakley tower under restoration*



*Oakley bell frame repainted*

There has been a number of weddings which some of us have been able to ring for which is always a pleasure.

We have also had the 'mini ring' in Hoxne twice. This is a portable six bell ring owned by the Suffolk Guild of Ringers which is available to promote bell ringing. It proves to be very difficult to ring in conventional full circle church bell ringing style but it is child proof. This means children and (their parents) can use it and so make a lot of noise. This attracts attention and starts conversation! The



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first successful visit was to the Swan Pub garden for the Family Fun Day in aid of the bell fund. Thanks here to Winston and Carol Girling and Mark and Serena Steggles who showed us how to put the mini ring together and also many thanks to Lisa for all her work organising the Family Fun Day at the Swan. The mini ring then attended the Village Fete at Abbey Farm - thanks to Wilf for the use of his garden and everyone who made the fete happen.

We have had a further visit by John Taylors of Loughborough to measure the inside of Hoxne tower. This is to refine the design of our bell restoration and produce the necessary drawings.

If anyone would like to learn to bell ring, please contact me. It really is great fun.

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# Parish Council Reports

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## Denham

A successful and enjoyable fund-raising event was held at the Village Hall on July 17. The event itself, combined with ongoing bric-a-brac sales, have together raised around £1,262. The event reinforced the need in the village for a central meeting point and demonstrated the widespread commitment throughout Denham to complete the renovation of the Hall.

Other local fundraising plans are in the works.

The National Lottery has awarded £9,500 to refurbish the kitchen and toilets, which is a wonderful step forwards.

Mid Suffolk grants team has set aside £27,800 for phase 1 of the work; final authorisation is awaited. Grant applications have also been made to a large number of local and regional organisations, and a major application is in hand for the Lottery Community Fund.

Denham Community Council has altogether so far raised around £6,000

from local efforts. Phase 1 will deal with the roof and exterior of the building as well as electrical works; phase 2 will work on the windows and internal fittings; phase 3 will deal with decoration and final internal improvements.

On the Quiet Lanes project, residents present at the last Parish Council meeting took part in the final stage of the public consultation on the project, no other comments having been received since the community received leaflets about it. Questions were answered about how to raise awareness of the scheme and its significance, and also about further future extensions of designated lanes.

After discussion it was formally agreed by the Parish Council to approve the present scheme for Low Road and Church Road (in association with Hoxne Parish Council) and to request that the designation be formalised and signage installed.

Thanks were expressed to the Quiet Lanes team at the County Council, who have done an excellent job of supporting the many Parishes involved in the project.

We hope to see you at the Church for our Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 24th November**.

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## Hoxne

The Parish Council is not directly responsible for the highway (condition of, or speed and size of vehicles on) but does get the opportunity to comment directly on matters that affect the village through liaison with both the County Council and District Council at the monthly Council meetings. The Parish Council is currently awaiting the launch of the Suffolk County Council HGV review, which aims to gather broad data on issues with HGVs countywide as well as specific routing issues and will use the data gathered to help publish an updated route network for HGVs in Suffolk. This is just one of the numerous activities a Parish Councillor can be involved with on behalf of the village. There are currently vacancies on the Parish Council and if you are interested in finding out more please contact the Clerk or one of the current Councillors.

The Parish Council has completed the transfer of the Denham Road phone kiosk from the Community Heartbeat Trust to the village. The Parish Council would like to receive your ideas for future uses for this heritage kiosk, whether a power supply should be maintained and if you are interested in volunteering time to renovate the kiosk.

The Heritage Walk information signs have just been renovated and/or

replaced and a print run of the accompany leaflet has been completed. These provide detailed information of the circular heritage walk around the village. If you live in the village and haven't done the walk, why not take a look.

The Parish Council are 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:

[suffolkroadsafe.com/speed-and-communities-2/safecam-and-community-speedwatch/](http://suffolkroadsafe.com/speed-and-communities-2/safecam-and-community-speedwatch/)

And, finally the Parish Council was recently pleased to be able to support Fressingfield Scout Group with a donation to purchase some new compasses. As part of its grant awarding programme, the Parish Council has funding to support village organisations or charities. A copy of the grant awarding policy and application details are available on our website.

**Meeting Dates** - Starting at 7.30pm on **Thursday 7th October** at the Playing Field Pavilion and **Thursday 4th November** at St Edmund's Hall.



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## Syleham

With Covid restrictions lifted the

Parish Council has returned to normal working. We had an extraordinary meeting on July 15th to Walnut Tree Farm's planning application (DC/21/03750). The primary concern was the proposed site crossed the route of Footpath #16. Despite raising the issue with the Planning Department our concern has been ignored. We have now taken up the case with our County and District Councillors and SCC's Footpath Department. We will inform you of the outcome.

Footpath #16 leads to the site of Syleham Mill at Windmill Cottage. Although the mill was blown down in the storm of 1987 it is the inspiration



of Syleham Parish Council's new logo that can be seen at the top of this report.

Under our new banner we have embarked upon a range of improvements for the village.

Our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been rejuvenated. New signage has been installed across the village.

The Flood Prevention Plan has been established. Details of information and advice are available on the website. Anyone flooded last Christmas may want sandbags as a precaution. Please contact Malcolm Flounders for details. We thank Leslie Hastie and her team in preparing the plan.

The Speed Sign that we shared with Wingfield has now been acquired for our exclusive use. The results of its first six months operation illustrated the problem we have with motorists driving at over 30mph through the village. If it's you, please slow down.

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Thanks to a grant from Lavinia Haddingham, our District Councillor, we are acquiring two Dog Litter Bins. Until they are installed can you please bag and bin your dog's waste at home.

Finally, if you asked to have a Covid Booster injection and need financial help for a taxi we still have monies in our emergency fund.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve the village please come and share them at our next Parish Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday 1st December** at the Village Hall.

## Wingfield

Since we last reported we have held two Council meeting under diminishing lockdown restrictions. We can now look forward to business as usual and cordially invite residents to our next meeting that takes place on **Friday 12th November**.

The major news has been the installation of our own village defibrillator at the entrance to Wingfield Barns. Some may query the location but we must point out that nowhere in our widespread community would be ideal for all residents. The Barns was chosen because of access to electricity and lighting. Our thanks go to Councillor Dennis Murray for all his work on this project.

We have had a problem with overgrown hedges and verges that have been forcing traffic into the middle of our roads. We thank those that have responded to our letters asking for remedial action. However, we have to warn those that have not, that the Council will have to do the work itself and charge for the privilege.

Complaints have been received about the lack of dog litter bins in the village. We are glad to report these bins have been ordered and will be installed in the very near future. We thank Lavinia Haddingham, our District Councillor, for the grant that makes this possible. In the meantime can you please bag it and bin it at home.

Our second wave of readings from the speed sign show a marginal reduction in speeding through the village. Less than 10% are now driving at a speed chargeable by the police. However, we have recorded two events in excess of 50mph! Please slow down.

We have had an outbreak of fly tipping. Can you please advise the Parish Clerk of any such events. We cannot keep relying on our Chairman, Lee Smith, clearing up the mess.

Finally if you are called for a Covid booster injection and need financial help with taxi fares please contact the Parish Council.

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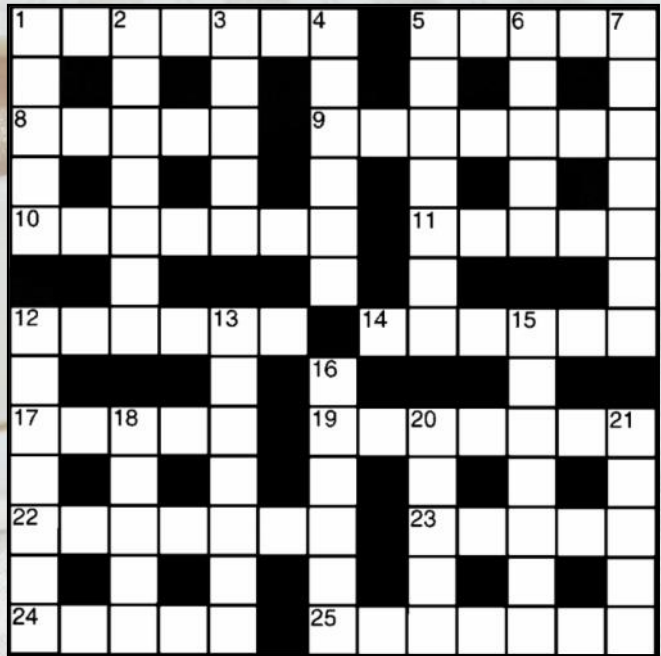
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### Across

- 1 Pledge given to injured semi-pro (7)
- 5 Sea birds useful for kebabs I hear (5)
- 8 Elbow in the ribs as a gentle reminder (5)
- 9 Warship or pleasure boat (7)
- 10 Raid cot to uncover vital artery (7)
- 11 Add to tally to reveal full amount (5)
- 12 Grasscutter used by old father time (6)
- 14 Plods like vagrants (6)
- 17 Take a brush to the gorse (5)
- 19 Widespread mice end in disorder (7)
- 22 Heeds messages of respect (7)
- 23 As white faced as a female bird (5)
- 24 Subsides in the kitchen or bathroom (5)
- 25 Test son about large hat (7)

### Down

- 1 Go to pieces at these stations (5)
- 2 Methodical hospital worker (7)
- 3 Convert nitre to a state of dormancy (5)
- 4 Useless nowadays when shopping in Lisbon (6)
- 5 Nuts are out for a stroll (7)
- 6 Capsize and be dismayed (5)
- 7 Holy person wallows as he ambles along (7)
- 12 Allegedly leafy town outskirts (7)
- 13 Not funny if you knock this bone (7)
- 15 Ancient Egyptian city relocated to Tennessee (7)
- 16 Against in legal or sporting contest (6)
- 18 Heart of a musical instrument (5)
- 20 Cover and untidy padre (5)
- 21 Heavy weapon depleted for use against church law (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 142 was: **Sasha Revell, Syleham**

Answers - **Across** 1) Tightly 5) Pact 7) Ensur 8) Adroit 10) Mere 11) Glassful 13) Soccer  
14) Stuart 17) Aperitif 19) Sumo 21) Bikini 22) Dingo 23) Cede 24) Greases  
**Down** 1) Thermostat 2) Gastric 3) Tied 4) Yearly 5) Parasite 6) Chief 9) Gluttonous  
12) Definite 15) Alumnus 16) Riding 18) Exile 20) Idle

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