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Noticeboard

Hoxne Village Recorder Vacancy

Are you interested in being the Village Recorder for Hoxne?

This is a voluntary position, not particularly onerous, and entails recording local village events and reminiscences as accurate records for tomorrow's historians. It would suit particularly someone with an interest in photography - a simple way to record changes in the landscape, buildings etc as well as significant village events.

We have been fortunate that our Village Voice magazine has captured a lot of community activity, so collecting all issues is useful. It's also important to keep a watchful eye for any historical documents or artefacts that might be overlooked or lost forever.

The Recorder is expected to submit a short report annually to the Suffolk Local History Council to outline any significant activities that have occurred in the community during that year. A copy of this report is also submitted to the Parish Council AGM.

If you are interested, please can you email me in the first instance: margaret.sillis@btinternet.com

Letters

Peter, our Postie: a final act of kindness

It was late morning on a rainy Saturday when my doorbell was rung by Peter, our postman.

He told me he didn't actually have a parcel delivery for me as such, but he did have something for me. Before handing it to me he read aloud from a card he was holding, and it said:

"Although I am sad to be retiring as the Hoxne postie, many years ago, as a young postman, I made a pledge to myself - that whatever round I was on, the very last call on my last day would receive a small gift. Well the day of retirement has come and you are the recipient. With my very best wishes, please enjoy.
Peter, Hoxne postie (retired)"

And it was me who had the great good fortune to be the last call on the last round that Peter the postman visited on his retirement day. By the time that he'd finished reading his card, emotions were running pretty high. All that I could think of is that this really thoughtful act of generosity exemplified the very kind person we've had in our midst for the last 20 years.



Peter was the type of postman any village would treasure because he was much more than our postie. His was the smiling face that provided reassurance that there was somebody keeping a watchful eye on our community. A kindly word, a helping hand, a thoughtful source of village information - he will be missed.

So I wish our village friend Peter a very long and happy retirement and I add many thanks for my unexpected very generous retirement gift. I know it's normally the other way around - but that is Peter for you.

With very best wishes, **Stuart G**

A Letter from the Hoxne Postman - retired

Following my recent retirement on 19th February, may I say a massive 'Thank You' to the residents of Hoxne, for all the cards received, gifts, well wishes, kindness and your generosity. It has been truly overwhelming, humbling and amazing. Memories made that I will cherish.

When Hoxne residents give you a send-off, they certainly 'Do it in style'! Too many of you to name individually.

Broadwater, fishing, camping, canoeing - I was always visiting.

I followed my father, Cresswell, into a Post Office career. He started in the 1950s after his Royal Navy National Service. Well-known in Diss and district as a Town Councillor, Mayor, Magistrate at Diss & Thetford, Rotarian and Probus club member. They were Big shoes to fill!

My PO career began on a cold Valentine's Day 1983. Different days then, heavy 'donkey' jackets, no postwomen, and a strict uniform code.

In those days a Post bus service still ran to outlying villages, much missed even now.



Travelling Post Offices, TPOs, still ran on the railways and it was sometimes my job to collect mail off the train. A sight to behold on a freezing winter's night, Diss Railway Station, (not the warmest place to be) as the TPO rolled in, either bound for Norwich or London. Doors were flung open, mailbags (hessian, then) thrown out faster than we could catch, onto waiting barrows. Inside

You know who you are - Thank You.

The villagers who came to the green on Saturday 19th gave me a rousing send off. There were promises of cups of tea, or for me to call for a chat and visit in future.

Kind people offered me free rein to paint landscapes on their properties. Not paint their property!

People also asked, "When will I return to give painting lessons or a demonstration"?

Thank You All - I Will Return.

I was born in Ipswich, three months prior to the 'Big Freeze of 63', lived in Diss with my parents, then in Roydon for the past 36 years. Hoxne featured in my life from my early teens, swimming in the

the carriage, a hive of activity, as postmen in beige or grey over-jackets, sorted mail in frames, bundled with string for everything Diss and district. Specials and paperwork handed over, a guard's whistle, doors slammed and it was gone as quickly as it had arrived. (Probably about 3 minutes). Thinking back, I could probably fill a chapter just about railway stories!

Only intending to stay 6 months until I found a better job, I stayed almost 40 years! My dad once said to me, "Boy, keep your nose clean and you've got a job for life"!

Over many years, I delivered to Diss and surrounding villages, favourites being Pulham Market and Gissingham. Early in 2001 an opportunity arose to sign for

Hoxne. It felt like coming home. I already knew the area. The round was compact, whereas some rounds covered more than one village. A pub, shop, garage, school, clubs and societies, a great community spirit and not long since the Hoxne Hoard had been discovered!

Over the past 21 years, I have got to know Hoxne and its residents, made friends and have seen many children develop from babies into adults. People have moved in and out, some sadly passing on. Royal Mail changed over the years but for me it was always being a 'Postie', doing the rounds, that mattered.

I like continuity, relationships built up and being out in all seasons, all weathers, even the wet and windy. I remember delivering to Blo Norton in the Great Storm of 1987, seeing many trees blown down. Driving round fallen trees, up banks, on fields, in an effort to get the mail through. The 'Beast from the East' proved a challenge and we delivered what we could.

I remember another winter when my Morris van ploughed into a snowdrift at Pulham Market, and completely filled the engine compartment with snow. Luckily, I was pulled out by a passing JCB driver - then immediately rolled backwards into a ditch! Happy days.

Why Hoxne? For me, Hoxne has a magical, mystical, deeply historical feel. Ghosts and legends. I truly believe there is more history to be unearthed in the village. I love old buildings, differing architecture and curiosities. Plenty of them in Hoxne! In our teens we used to try and buy drinks at the Swan, though probably under-age. The landlord at the time was a Peter Knight (no relation).

For my 50th Birthday, along with my brother, we canoed the Waveney from source to sea. A story in itself, entitled 'Campfires and Kingfishers', we paddled and camped the 60 or so miles over 5 days, with me trying to sketch and paint scenes at various points. The culmination was an art exhibition at Diss Corn Hall. I still recall vividly, camping, with permission, near Hoxne Watermill.

You may still catch me there, from time to time, gazing across the valley. An artist's Heaven!

In 1977 aged 15, I taught myself to paint

in oils. Despite a lack of information or art products I persevered, read books, (no videos or DVDs then) and gradually improved.

Artists' acrylic paints were still relatively new at that time too. Lightning's Photographic Studios in Diss, (now Myhills), stocked a few artists' materials and I was a frequent visitor. I still have my very first effort, painted on the hardboard end of an orange-box crate! I still cherish it.

Skipping forward many years, I joined Shelfanger Art Group and eventually ran it for a short while. I have always enjoyed teaching others to paint; I don't know why, it's just in me. I like to help people possibly avoid the many mistakes that I made. A series of oil tuition workshops at Shelfanger Village Hall followed, which proved both popular and successful.

With a family to feed and a mortgage, a rural postman seemed the safer option.

Having said that, the eye of an artist never leaves you. A camera or mobile phone camera, in the right place at the right time, can capture fleeting moments in nature. From floods in the Waveney Valley to watermills and historic buildings, light and shade, all seasons, all weathers. I have been lucky over the years to photograph and access places that possibly only few get to see.

I entered into a job-share contract at Royal Mail to allow me more time to paint and run workshops. Painting was my life. I almost gave Hoxne and the PO up to pursue art full time. I am glad I didn't.



A.J. Munnings once described Dedham Vale as his 'Arcadia'. I view Hoxne as mine.

Peter Knights



Planning our Jubilee Celebrations!

Hoxne

Well done everybody! It looks as though Hoxne has a programme of events for the Jubilee, much as set out in the article in the last issue of Village Voice.

To help us all work together, plans for the decoration of parts of the village are I think in hand, but to the newcomers willing to join in, please email me at flaggphilip@gmail.com.

We have groups making bunting, and thoughts of decorating such things as Wells *amongst other things*, are possibilities. There is great potential advantage in talking to others at a central point, so that we go forward in step.

The need to move tables and chairs between various locations has been thought of, and the usual helpers are on hand to take on the task. But again, to the newcomers to Hoxne, over the last two years in particular volunteering to help any of the groups involved is a great way into the "ways of the village".

Thanks to all, Spring is with us.

Philip Flagg Tel 668258
flaggphilip@gmail.com

Make the Bunting

Sharon Knights, myself and others are meeting at the Village Hall on **Tuesday April 12th** at 1.30pm to start making Bunting for the Queen's Jubilee in June. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us to either make, get ideas or just chat! For further information please email me sue.flagg@hotmail.co.uk or ring on 668258

Decorate the Well?

In the last edition of the Village Voice there was an item noting the various



activities being planned or suggested for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As a contribution by the residents of Cross Street in Hoxne, a few of us thought it would be good to invite neighbours living in the area to participate in decorating the well that sits at the junction of Cross Street and Nuttery Vale.

Suggested ideas from a few local residents on how to do this so far include:

- * Decorating the uprights with red, white and blue ribbon and fixing small posies of appropriately coloured flowers from the garden, or purchased - any volunteers?
- * Having a model of the Coronation Crown situated on top of, or over the well - any ideas on how we could do this?

Also, a parade of decorated bicycles with a patriotic theme to be judged by a local celebrity, with prizes for adults and under 16s, has been suggested.

If any readers have any additional suggestions and/or would be interested in helping with this particular project, please contact Jackie on 01379 668220.

Syleham & Wingfield

Syleham and Wingfield will be celebrating the platinum jubilee with events over the June bank holidays.



A small team of people from Wingfield and Syleham have taken lots of ideas and come up with an evolving plan for the two villages to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June!

It is anticipated that funding will be available to enable us to join with the national Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June probably starting about 12.30/1pm. It is hoped that we can meet on J's Meadow for a lunch, cake and ice cream, and a light 'Street Party' tea for the children.



We have transport ready for those who may need it so get in touch.

Along with the lunch there will be children's activities, fun races, vehicles from the 1950s to the present day, live musical entertainment, Molly dancing by some lovely Syleham and Wingfield residents, a beer tent and possibly even a tug of war!

Please be thinking about your Fancy Dress ideas!

There will be a competition for a portrait of our Queen. Three age groups - under 7, 7 to 11 and 11 to 16. More information on flyer.

Please look out for the flyers and leaflets delivered to your door!

Please get in touch with the team on sw.jubilee22@gmail.com if you can help with planning, help on the day, provide some food such as cakes or a plate of sandwiches or would like to learn to Molly dance.

We are hoping as many Wingfield and Syleham residents as possible can join us on Sunday 5th June!

Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club will be putting on a free evening of entertainment at the village hall on Friday 3rd June - details in the flyers.



The Great Jubilee CAKE competition ...

.... to **DECORATE** a CAKE of any size or shape
showing a **great event**

during the **Queen's 70 year reign.**



For example: the 1st landing on the moon, the 2012
Olympics or the discovery of the Hoxne Treasure.



The Competition is being organised by the

Hoxne Phoenix Group

It will take place on

Thursday 2nd June in Hoxne Village Hall at 2pm

Entry is **free**. **Prizes** will be awarded to girls or boys aged 6 or
under, girls or boys between 7-16 and anyone over 17!
Plus 'Best in Show'



Please fill in the **ENTRY FORM** below and take
it to Hoxne Post Office **by Friday 20th May**.

Name **Age group:** under 6 (), 7-16 (),
over 17 (). Please tick your group.

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Phone number

Email address (optional)

NOTE: All entries must be taken away at the end of the competition.

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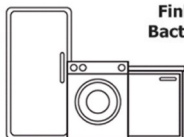
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TRY BOWLS WEEKEND

Saturday 30th April & Sunday 1st May 2-5pm both days

In conjunction with Suffok Bowls Federation, Hoxne will be opening their green for visitors to try the game.

Why not give it a try?

All are welcome - ladies, gents, young or old. Members will be on hand to welcome, instruct and explain the intricacies and lighter side of the sport that can be both social and competitive.

No special clothing or equipment is necessary, we just ask that you wear flat soled shoes. We will have a variety of bowls sizes for you to try.

Just turn up on the day. The green is situated behind the Pavilion on the Playing Fields.

Can't make those days? We have club nights on a Wednesday evening, or we are happy to arrange a daytime session. We play in two leagues and have internal competitions and informal 'roll-ups'.

Visit our website at hoxnebowls.weebly.com or phone 01379 668403 or 01379 669221 for more details.



Hoxne Bowls Club

Roger Knight

FREE HOXNE CONCERT FOR JUBILEE

Tickets will be given away for the very last event to be organised by the Hoxne Music Festival which is ceasing operations after more than a decade.

No one has come forward to help revive the organisation, or run future festivals, so it has been decided to use the remaining funds to pay for a band for a final farewell concert.

It will take place on **Saturday June 4th 2022** at the Hoxne village hall from 8pm as part of the weekend Jubilee celebrations.

“As a gesture to all the people in the Hoxne area who have supported the many and varied musical events at festivals over the years, we thought it would be a good idea to offer free admission because we no longer need to raise funds for future concerts” explained Stuart Jarrold, former chairman of the Hoxne Music Festival.



SWERVY WORLD

The band that has been booked is **Swervy World** who play an eclectic mix of rock 'n' roll, jump blues, boogie woogie, ska, blue beat and traditional jazz. They have performed all over the country and their performances can be seen on many YouTube videos.

Tickets are expected to be available from mid April and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. “Priority will be given to Hoxne area residents, their families and friends” added Mr Jarrold. “We expect demand to be high, given that the tickets are free, and obviously there is a limit to how many people the village hall can accommodate.”

Contact Stuart Jarrold on 07711 146 351 or email stuartjarroldassociates@gmail.com for tickets. There will also be a supply available from the Hoxne Village Post Office and shop.

What's On at Wingfield Barns this Spring

Roughcast Theatre Company presents **Macbeth**

Saturday 2nd &
Sunday 3rd April 2022, 7.30pm

RoughCast return, bringing their trademark clear and fast-paced storytelling to Shakespeare's most gothic and gory tragedy.

Tickets £12/£6 (full time students)

Tim O'Shea and Friends with support from Christina Alden and Alex Patterson

Saturday 16th April, 7.30pm

Tim O'Shea's repertoire draws from the dance music of West Kerry folk traditions and the singing of Irish and Scottish



performers like Jimmy McCarthy, Paul Brady, Dick Gaughan and Andy Stewart. Christina Alden and Alex Patterson are the main song writing force behind award winning folk trio Alden Patterson and Dashwood.
Tickets £18

Made2Measure Theatre Co presents **12 Angry (Wo)men**

Saturday 23rd April, 7.30pm

12 Angry (Wo)Men = Double the fun!
Rule of 6

Six good actors and true will attempt to portray a full jury through judicious use of a line-up of hats, set in 1950s Ipswich for extra glamour.

This play was developed during lockdown, when our rehearsals were restricted by the rule of 6. Necessity being the mother of invention, we found the restriction actually made the play funnier and we hope you will agree.
Tickets £10

The Wind in the Willows

Sunday 24th April, 7.30pm

A brand-new musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's well-loved classic by Chris Green.

GreenMatthews use music, song, light and sound to bring this timeless tale to sparkling life. Tickets £12



Jacob & Drinkwater

Saturday 7th May 2022, 7.30pm

UK alt-folk duo Jacob & Drinkwater have been called "stand out new folk" by BBC6 Music and "inventive and thrilling" by R2 Magazine. Featured numerous times on BBC Radio 2, BBC6 Music and lauded by their musical peers as one of the most accomplished acts touring the circuit today. Tickets £12

Martin Simpson and Andy Cutting

Saturday 21st May 2022, 7.30pm



Forty years after he recorded his first album, Golden Vanity, in 1976, Martin is known as a guitarist of formidable talent. Equally at home playing English traditional folk, American folk and blues and his own compositions, he is consistently named as one of the very finest fingerstyle guitar players in the world.

Andy Cutting is a musician's musician (BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Winner Best Musician 2008, 2011 & 2016): a soulful and technically outstanding melodeon practitioner with an ear for a fine tune.
Tickets £20

More info and online sales:
via www.wingfieldbarns.com

CONCERT

Music from the Fairest Isle II 1600 to 1750



*John Dowland, Orlando Gibbons, Henry Purcell,
George Friedrich Handel and others*

*Melanie Mehta – soprano
Peter Demetriadi - harpsichord/organ
Caroline Abbott - mezzo soprano
and the Wingfield Choir*

Sunday 24th April 2022

5pm at St Andrew's Church, Wingfield

Just turn up on the night. Donations welcome
(suggested £10pp, students £5 and under 13s free)

Includes wine

Please join us!

We are raising funds for Church maintenance and repairs to the tower and roof.

St Andrew's Wingfield IP21 5RA

EYE ARTS GUILD

Coach Trip to Cambridge

Thursday 5th May 2022 Seats are £15 pp

The EAG are organising a trip to Cambridge on Thursday 5th May. The Galloways coach will pick up from outside Hoxne shop at 9am then in Eye at 9.15 (at the bus stop opposite the Fish and Chip shop).

Drop-off points will be the Fitzwilliam Museum, which is just 5 minutes from the Cambridge Botanic Gardens and possibly Kettles Yard which, apart from its regular art works, is holding an exhibition featuring new works of Ai Weiwei.

The coach will collect all passengers and leave from the Fitzwilliam Museum at 1600hrs.

This trip is open to all readers of this magazine and if you wish to book seats, please contact the group leader, Sally Procner: telephone 01379 669073

Summer Exhibition

15th-17th July 2022 10.30-3.30 each day

It's a relief to get back to holding some of our regular events and we are pleased to announce that the group are holding a summer exhibition of their works at the United Reform Church in Diss in July. If you are interested in art then this exhibition is a must, so please note it in your diary.



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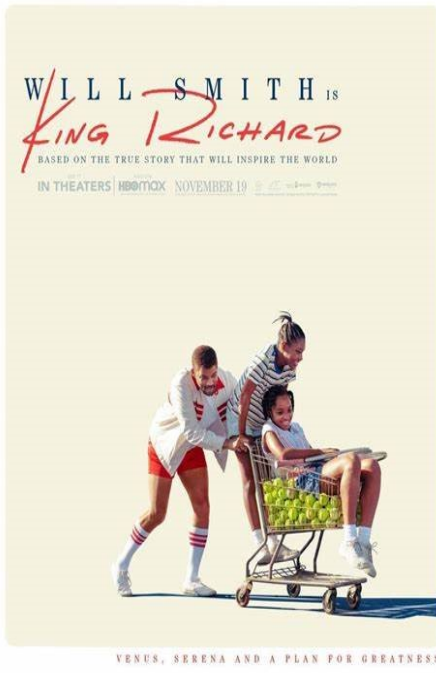
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St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne - Film Nights

King Richard

Friday 8 April 7:30pm

£4.00 a ticket

Advance Bookings 01379 668060

Tickets on the door subject to availability

Bar open from 7pm and during interval

Rating PG-13

Richard Williams is determined to write his daughters, Venus and Serena, into tennis history. Training rain or shine they are shaped by their father's unyielding commitment and their mother's balanced perspective. This is the uplifting journey of a family whose unwavering resolve and unconditional belief delivers two of the world's greatest sports legends.

Friends of Hoxne Church

Quiz Night

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Saturday 21 May

7.30pm start

Teams of up to 6

Bar and Raffle

Bring a picnic for half time!

(No alcohol please as bar will be open)

£5 per head

To book your table

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Saturday 2nd April 2022 7:30pm

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Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Suffolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult

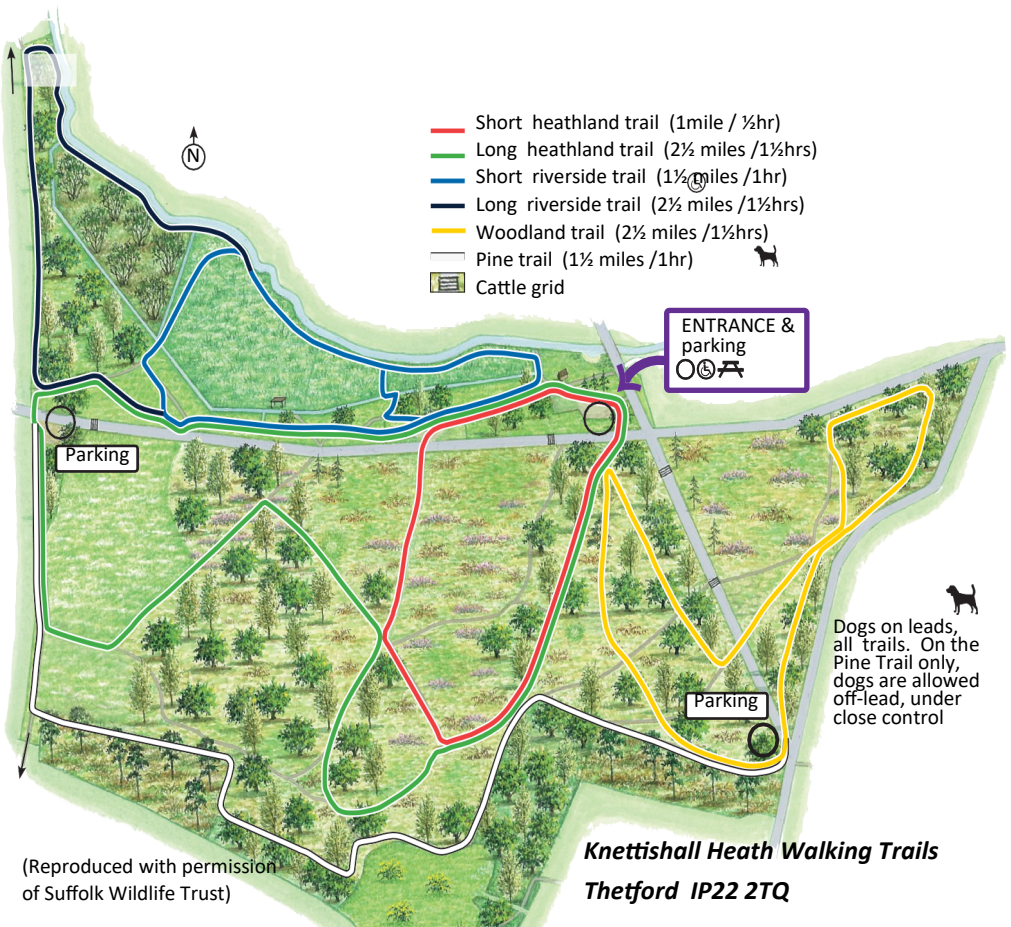
to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Also, if you feel that you would like to get more involved with the radio station as a volunteer please contact us on studio@parkradio.co.uk.

Please feel free to contact us with questions, requests or any general enquiries we may be able to help you with.



CALLING ALL BABIES AND TODDLERS

**You are invited to join us for
Parent/Toddler/Baby Fun Time
Tuesday afternoon, 5th April
1.15 – 3.15 p.m.**

The Pavilion, Hoxne Playing Field

IP21 5AD

Singing

Story time

**Play
Games**

Babies and Toddlers from Hoxne and the surrounding villages are welcome, but you must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The sessions will run on the first Tuesday of the month (term time only), beginning in April.

This initiative is being set up by members of the Mothers' Union and the churches in the Hoxne Benefice.

Little Lambs

A new parent, baby and toddler group is being launched on 5th April. To be known as Little Lambs, it is aimed at parents and carers with children under 5 in the area, and is an opportunity for you to come along and meet up with other families and have fun.



Meetings will be held initially on the first Tuesday of each month (term time only) but if there is an appetite for more, then the frequency will be increased. The sessions will include a time for singing, craft, games and story time, as well as refreshments. In the better weather we will have use of the outside play equipment.

No need to book, just come along.

For further information please e-mail Caroline Abbott cabbott364@gmail.com

University of the 3rd Age

Harleston & District u3a invites you to its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, 20 April at 2.00 pm, at St Johns Church, Harleston.

Upcycled for Good, to be presented by Lynn Worsley, will show how she created the *All Women Recycling* business in South Africa. The business upcycles old plastic bottles into gift boxes, and turns discarded cement bags into fashion bags. For more information visit u3asites.org.uk/harleston or call Kim Poulton on 01986 788149.

Waveney Heritage at the Old School, Brockdish IP21 4JL

I realised the other day that, in company with a great many other organisations, we have been shut down off-and-on for two years. But here we are at last beginning to relax a bit and look forward to the Spring and Summer. I do hope that that you have also managed to get through both as individuals and as organisations.

We have almost completed our timetable of events for the next few months and are keeping our fingers firmly crossed! We did have to cancel our first February talk because the speaker tested positive just thirty-six hours before he was due to talk, but the one on 27th February went ahead amidst sighs of relief and high hopes for the two we have booked in March. I've included a list of the April and following talks below.



Do please also keep an eye open for posters and social media for events other than our talks. There will be open days, a craft fair, and a special opening of our radio technology museum accompanied by music from our wonderful vintage radios and record players. Did you know we even have a juke box? We're even hoping that the weather will be good enough to sit outside!

Needless to say, all will be accompanied by teas and home-made cakes supplied by our band of helpers. We are so pleased that we are managing to keep alive the spirit of Brockdish school and are delighted when ex-pupils tell us of times past when they attended.

We have copies of the punishment books dating from very early in the school's history and greatly enjoy sharing the contents with older residents who are now of course all upstanding citizens!

Here is the list of our upcoming talks. Do come along. You will be most welcome.

Weds 6th April 7.15pm
Richard Giffin *Harriet Pentney "The Angel of Hoxne"*

Sunday 24th April 2.15pm
Stephen Poulter *"Memories of an Auctioneer"*

Weds 4th May 7.15pm
Steve Bell *"A Little History of Flixton Aviation Museum"*

Sunday 22nd May 2.15pm
Nick Black *"The Battle of Barking Creek"* Postponed from February, talking about an incident in 1939 when two RAF fighters collided, underlining the need to push forward the development of radar

Weds 8th June 7.15pm
Richard Giffin *"Witch Marks" Are they really to keep away the witches?*

Sunday 26th June 2.15pm
Graham Borrell *"A History and Demonstration of Thatching"*

Weds 6th July 7.15pm
Abigail Mill *"A New View Point for the Waveney Valley?"* A way to combine art, embroidery, photography and the love of 'place'. Her work is stunning!

Sunday 24th July 2.15pm TBA



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Church News

*Purple, red, white
& platinum*



Some of the most important seasons of the Christian year occur during the next two months. The church uses different colours to mark the different seasons.

Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday (2nd March this year) and continues until Easter, is purple to signal that it is a time of penitence. It is a time to get our selfishness under control, to be generous to others and to focus on God. When we reach Palm Sunday (10th April), the day when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, we switch to red, the colour of blood, which signifies both death and life - Christ's death leading to life for us. Red takes us through Holy Week and Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion itself.

Then on Easter Day (17th April) when Christ rose again from the dead, we change again to white (or gold), the church's colours for great celebrations. We keep to white throughout the forty days of the Easter season, including Ascension Day (Thursday 26th May).

This year of course the colour in all our minds is platinum, for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to be celebrated over the long weekend 2nd-5th June. We'll be having special events at all our churches over the summer, so look out for more news of those.

This is also the time of year when we hold our Annual Parochial Church Meetings. All residents in each parish as well as those on the electoral roll of each church are welcome to attend our Annual Meetings to hear about the church's activities over the last year and plans for the future. All residents are also entitled to vote in the election of Churchwardens. Our meetings this year are as follows (all held in the appropriate church):

Hoxne: 6.00 pm on Saturday 23rd April
Syleham: 10.30 on Sunday 24th April
Denham: 12.15 on Sunday 24th April
Wingfield: 2.30 pm on Saturday 7th May

Take care and see you soon. *Eleanor*

*Revd Eleanor Goodison
Priest in Charge, Hoxne Benefice*

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Club Create

Club Create offers events for children aged 7+ at half terms and each school holiday. Our next event is a drama workshop on **Wednesday 20th April** from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. We are delighted that this workshop will be led by Denise Clark of Little Stars. At the workshop we will be developing and rehearsing a "mystery play" of the Easter story for performance at our All Age service on Sunday 24th April.



Due to the intensive nature of the workshop, it will be open to children aged 8 and above only (Key Stage 2). Get in touch with Reverend Eleanor Goodison for more details.

Church Services

*Denham, Hoxne, Syleham
and Wingfield*

Every Saturday and Sunday:
CW Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on
[facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Every Friday:
Compline at 6.00 pm on Zoom.

For an invitation to our Zoom services,
please e-mail
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 April
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)
9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield
4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and
Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield
9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne

Monday-Wednesday 11th – 13th April

6.00 pm Compline for Holy Week,
Athelington



Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Stripping of the Altar,
Redlingfield

Friday 15th April Good Friday

12.00 noon Good Friday service,
Wingfield
2.30 pm Good Friday service, Hoxne

Saturday 16th April Easter Eve

7.30 pm Service of Light, Denham

Sunday 17th April Easter Day

9.30 am CW Holy
Communion, Hoxne
10.00 am Village
Service, Syleham
11.00 am CW Holy
Communion, Wingfield
4.00 pm Messy Church
Easter Egg Hunt,
J's meadow, Syleham
6.00 pm Easter Songs of
Praise, Athelington



Sunday 24th April

Second Sunday of Easter
9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham
9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham
3.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne (note
earlier time)

Sunday 1st May

Third Sunday of Easter
9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion,
Wingfield
4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and
Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday 8th May

Fourth Sunday of Easter
9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield

9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 15th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter
9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
10.00 am Village Service, Syleham
6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 22nd May

Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham
9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

Thursday 26th May Ascension Day

7.30 pm CW Holy Communion, Athelington

Sunday 29th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter
11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion,
Syleham
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

Rev'd Eleanor Goodison

St John, Denham

Storm Eunice has filled the chancel gutter with slipped tiles and removed ridge tiles from both the chancel and the nave roof. However the church remains watertight so the damage, which is to be assessed this week, should be straightforward to put right. The churchyard is in bloom with snowdrops and daffodils so hopefully this winter has blown itself out.

We are holding our annual Plant Sale and Strawberry Tea on **Saturday 28th May** at 2.00 pm. This is run on a bring and buy basis so if you find that you have vegetable or bedding plants to spare please bring them along. It is a good way of buying locally produced plants and ensures there is a wide variety on offer. It is also a good opportunity to sample Margaret's cream and strawberry scones and lots of home made cakes from other households - along with a cup of tea. There will be a book stall and other seasonal produce.

Our services for the next couple of months are as follows:

Sunday 27th March at 11.00 am
Holy Communion

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Saturday 16th April at 7.30 pm
Service of Light

Sunday 24th April at 11.00 am
Holy Communion followed by the Annual
General PCC meeting

Hilary Castleden
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St Margaret, Syleham

Call My Bluff (Wine) was a huge success and I cannot do better than to quote the message from Colin Campbell, who so generously organised the evening: "Mr Campbell, Mr Campbell, Mr Campbell and Mrs Campbell would like to thank you all for supporting the Call My Bluff Wine tasting so generously, not only in terms of dipping hands deeply into pockets and for providing (and eating) the excellent supper, but also for doing so with such enthusiasm. We raised £1,089.74 (net) for the Church Fabric Fund, which was terrific. Thanks must also go to those who donated but could not attend, which swelled the coffers considerably." The PCC echoes these thanks and is most grateful to Colin for planning and organising this very popular event.

Club Create (our Benefice group for older children) held another successful workshop during the February half-term; this time we cooked - quite messily! - pizzas, bread sticks, chocolate brownies and flapjacks, which children and helpers ate for lunch at the end of the session. Thanks to Revd John for meticulous planning!

During the Easter holidays, we shall be holding a drama workshop, with an experienced teacher: do ask Revd Eleanor for details.

Ukraine crisis. Recognising the dire needs of Ukrainians fleeing from the invasion, an early church offering was sent to UNHCR; there is a prayer for Ukraine in the church porch and it is

also a local collection point for essentials for refugees.

New Noticeboard. The church should soon be easier for visitors to find as we have finally ordered a replacement noticeboard for the top of the church lane; it will be in oak and should be in place during the summer. It is partly funded by the residue of donations given in memory of beloved J Leader and will be marked in his memory.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The PCC is liaising with the rest of the community to agree an appropriate way to honour Her Majesty and we hope to play our part; already, thanks to the generosity of Sarah Buckley, we have a new rowan tree planted in the churchyard as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

Coffee and Cake is continuing monthly at the Village Hall, on first Tuesdays from 10am - 11.30am. A warm welcome awaits, with free coffee or tea and freshly home-made cakes, in an attractive setting, with table service and plenty of lively conversation!

St Margaret's remains open daily: and the snowdrops were a delight this year.

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St Peter & Paul, Hoxne

There will be reports elsewhere in this edition of Village Voice about the St Edmund's Chapel and the bell project. However, I can tell you something about the lavatory project.

Mid Suffolk District Council is the only statutory consultee yet to give an opinion on the application. Favourable responses have been received from Historic England and the Diocesan Advisory Committee. However, a zoom meeting with MSDC, ourselves and our architect took place on 9 March and we are hoping for a favourable and speedy agreement. This will enable the Hoxne PCC formally to apply for a faculty from the Diocese to carry out the work.

Hopefully we will have more to report by the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which I can tell you will be on **Saturday 23rd April 2022** at 6pm in the Church.

The APCM will be followed at 7pm by the AGM of the Friends of St Peter and St Paul.

Everyone is welcome to attend either or both meetings. We hope to see many people attending.

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The St Edmund Chapel

We are making good progress with this project: we now have had the necessary approval from the church authorities - what is known as the "faculty" - and the chapel will soon be fully equipped for use. This beautiful icon has been donated to the church and will be on display soon.

The St Edmund screen has been restored and re-erected, the pews with the mediaeval bench ends have also been restored, and we have also installed a new altar and repaired the broken floor.

All that we need to do now is to instal the icon and a votive candle stand so that the chapel can be used for private prayer. Once we have moved the organ to the north aisle - so that it can be better seen and heard and so that we can



reopen the west doors and make room for the bells project - we will also put on a display outside the chapel telling the story of St Edmund. All that will be done in time for the summer.

We hope to dedicate the chapel formally on St Edmund's Day (**20 November**) which falls on a Sunday this year. That will complete the project, though at some point in the future we do plan to redecorate the area and to instal some new lighting.

Wilf White, Churchwarden Hoxne

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne Mothers' Union has changed from a Branch to a Fellowship Group but we will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 2.30pm at Time House, Low Street Hoxne.

Monday 18 April—no meeting as this is Easter Monday

Monday 16 May—Fellowship meeting

New members always welcome.

We are involved in setting up the 'Little Lambs' fun and meet sessions for babies, toddlers and their carers (poster and more information on page 18). This starts on **5th April, 1.15pm** at the Pavilion on the Playing Field Hoxne. We are really looking forward to welcoming you.

Cathie McGregor
Branch Leader 01379 668434

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Flower Rota

The first two weeks of April are in Lent with no flowers

April 17, 24 and 30 Easter flower rota
May 1 and 8 Altar: Cathie McGregor
May 15 and 22 Altar: Sue Thornett
May 29 Altar: Cathie McGregor

There is hand sanitising lotion 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.

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

The Friends of Hoxne Church

The Friends have been busy planning for future events, which will hopefully be able to take place without any restrictions.

The monthly coffee morning and book sale continues to take place in the church on the third Saturday of each month from 9.45 to 11.15 am. Please do come along for coffee, cake and lots of chatter, browse the books, be tempted by what is on offer on the bring-and-buy stall or take your chances on the raffle.

The next coffee morning is on **Saturday, 16 April** (Easter weekend). We hope to see you there.

The Friends' AGM is being held on **Saturday, 23 April** in Hoxne Church at 7pm. This will follow the APCM which commences at 6pm. Please do come along to both these meetings to find out what has been going on at the Church and its plans for the future, including the interior re-ordering of the church, the bells project and the provision of a toilet.

If you wish to become a member of The Friends of St. Peter & St. Paul to help support them in their work, please contact our membership secretary, Robert Hooker on 668190. Due to the pandemic, the Friends have not been able to raise as much money as it would do normally in any given year. However, it has been decided to keep the annual membership fee at £12.50 for the current year. The remit of the Friends is to

support the fabric of the church and in that regard, we are currently raising funds to provide much needed new toilet facilities at the church.

The quiz night will be held on **Saturday, 21 May** and our thanks go to Sharon and Michael Knights, who are putting on this quiz on our behalf. Tickets are available from Sharon - further details can be found on the next page.

The Friends will be involved with assisting at activities being run around the village over the Jubilee weekend and we are all looking forward to that. We look forward to your support.

Caroline Abbott, Chairman

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Do come and join the Carpet bowlers on a Monday evening at the village hall. More info from Joyce 01379 668 102.

You will see that J's Meadow has had the addition of an oak tree which will add to the Queen's Green canopy initiative. Also planted are three Queen Elizabeth II roses to also mark the Platinum jubilee.

We would like to thank all those who have used the collection point for crisp packets to support the Fress Scouts - this will cease operations, and the last packet will be delivered to their collector on Thursday 14th April. The scouts have included a thank you elsewhere in the Village Voice.

Please continue to recycle your mixed glass and bags of clean, old clothing in the recycling banks at the hall - monies from these go into village hall funds. Thank you.

An eagerly anticipated Jumble Sale will be held on **Saturday 23rd April** from 2pm to 4pm. Teas, raffle. For more information, please contact Donna 01379 668361/ 07876487294/ donnamariegoose@hotmail.co.uk Proceeds to village hall funds.

Eastern Angles will be at Syleham and Wingfield village hall with their professional touring theatre production of **'Booming Voices'** on **Thursday 19th May** starting 7.30pm. Please book via the Eastern Angles website <https://easternangles.co.uk/event/booming-voices>

Booming Voices aims to capture the

magic of the Broads and explore its possible future. From a range of interviews with people living on this iconic landscape, the play fuses real voices, music and science to tell a new, unheard story of the Broads.



In the height of the pandemic, Jen, a young student, is shielding in an isolated cottage on the edge of a watery haven, housesitting for a Professor in the US who is investigating the impact of climate change. Together they explore the iconic wildlife and nature of the Broads, showing us just how vulnerable this seemingly timeless landscape is.

On **Friday 3rd June** Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social club will be organising an event for Wingfield and Syleham neighbours at the village hall. This will be a free to enter evening of entertainment spanning from the 50s to the present day including some live music. The Sports and Social club will also be supporting the Big Jubilee Lunch on **Sunday 5th June** by providing a Beer tent as well as opening the bar in the village hall.

Later in the year - date for your diary!
Buddy Holly - Paul Birch - **Saturday 20th August** - Free event, raising funds for Children's Liver Disease Foundation and Meningitis Now - Do join us!

Visit our website for the latest news:

sylehamandwingfieldhall.org

Julie Thompson

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Hoxne Village Hall

By the time you read this we will have shown our first film of 2022 - The Courier. Advance bookings look good so hopefully there will be a good turn-out.

Our second film of the year will be King Richard on **Friday 8 April**. No this is not an historical drama about an English King but about the tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams; their determination, and their parents support to help them succeed.

We are very pleased to announce that The Museum of East Anglian Life is coming to Hoxne Village Hall on **Thursday 5th May 2022**, 10am-4pm. The exhibition 'Food Stories' will explore how

food and language bring communities together and will feature local recipes, historic techniques of food production and local dialect. The centre piece of the exhibition will be a farm kitchen table with sound recordings, recipes, photos and items from the Museum's collection.

The Museum is keen for our community to be involved in the exhibition by donating recipes, sharing stories and local words related to food to add to the exhibition. There is more information on the Museum's website, <https://eastanglianlife.org.uk/foodstories/>

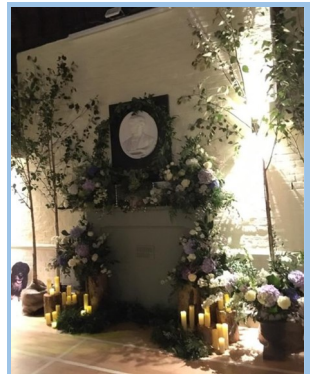
Please come along with your recipes or just to have a look. Sharon will be organising a café to raise funds for local Scouts so if you can help on the day, or donate a cake please contact her on 01379 668060.

The Friends of the Church Quiz is now due to take place on Saturday 21 May. Teams of up to six. £5 per head. Bar open from 7pm with quiz starting at 7.30pm. If you can't make up a team of six just let us know and we will try and match you up with others. Book your table on 01379 668060. Jenny Hall is back as quizmaster.

As mentioned last edition, the Hall has been reserved for the Queen's Jubilee Celebration weekend in June. The Hall

Committee are pleased to support Saturday's booking of the band **Swervy World** by not charging a booking fee, and will do the same for any other Jubilee booking.

With Covid restrictions lifted the Hall capacity is now back to normal so if you would like to discuss a potential event please contact us - details below. We are sorry our website is still not available - the host has changed, which seems to have caused us problems!



*Wedding flowers
Hoxne Village Hall*

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Sharon Knights March 2022**

Hoxne Pavilion and Playing Field Back in Business— Come Along!

Now that life is getting back to normal after the pandemic the Hoxne pavilion and playing field is gearing up for a busy summer.

Already new groups and organisations are booking the facilities which include ample parking, a bar and social club, a kitchen, changing rooms, toilets and an extensive children's play area with many different types of equipment including a zip wire, swings, slides and climbing frames.

At present there are weekly Tai Chi classes on a Wednesday morning from 10am until 11.130am. If you wish to join, please just turn up to see what Tai Chi is all about. Organiser Cindy Engel explained: "It's 24 step Tai Chi with a friendly group of mixed ability. It's low impact mindful exercise. We welcome newcomers and the first class is free".

A new Baby and Toddler play group is also starting on **April 5**. Organised by the Mothers' Union the sessions will run on the first Tuesday of the month, from 1.15 to 3.15 pm, with games, storytelling and play sessions.

Organiser Caroline Abbott said: "As it becomes more widely known we anticipate extending the sessions to twice a month or perhaps even weekly. We welcome anyone with babies and toddlers to join us. The facilities at the pavilion are excellent and during the warmer summer months we expect much of our time will be spent outdoors."

There are plans for a regular Supper club to be hosted at the pavilion in the spring and it is hoped the bar and social club will be open at regular times.

Although Hoxne football club has unfortunately folded, in common with many other clubs through lack of players, the playing field committee have been ap-

proached by another local team who would like to make Hoxne their home base from next season. This will mean the bar will be open on Saturday afternoons and hopefully attract more people to visit.

"Newcomers to the village may not be aware of this fantastic facility we have, tucked away near the primary school, because it has been shut down for two years as a result of Covid," commented Stuart Jarrold, vice chairman of the playing field committee. "Now we are sprucing up the place and it will be all systems go ready for local people to make use of once again."

Many thousands of pounds have been spent on roof repairs, updating the lighting system, refurbishing the changing rooms and showers and generally improving the facilities. There is an ongoing programme of redecoration that will continue in the months ahead. The play area equipment, installed at a cost of around £50,000 only a few years ago, is regularly inspected and maintained in good order.

With the Jubilee celebrations on the first weekend in June a day of activities at the playing field is planned for **Friday June 4th**. It will begin from 10am with an



old vehicle rally, including veteran, vintage or just old cars, motorcycles, farm tractors and equipment, and hopefully old Army trucks.

"We would encourage anyone who has an old vehicle of any type to turn up on the day to join in with the display," said Andrew Banham, chairman of the playing field

committee.

There will be a barbeque. Cakes and refreshments will be available and an afternoon of sporting activities for all ages is being arranged, including a five a side soccer tournament.

If you would like to make a booking for a children's party, wedding, birthday celebration, business meetings or any other occasion please email Hoxne Playing Field Secretary Julie Bryant on julie.bryant2202@gmail.com

Hoxne Heritage Group

For many of us a visit to the Swan usually means either a drink in the bar or perhaps a meal in the restaurant.

Of course there is much more to this lovely old 15th century Inn that we all take for granted every day, and so on January 15th a number of Heritage Group members were fortunate enough to explore parts of the Swan's interior not normally open to the public.



*Resurrection scene,
upstairs at the Swan,
Hoxne*

The visit organised by Richard and Chris was part of the ongoing study that Richard is conducting into ritual protection marks and this will form part of a presentation to be made on the subject by Richard on **March 15th**.

Many examples of both cut and burn marks were identified at various locations around fireplaces and door frames.

Interestingly, upstairs in a room in a former stair wing is a fine example of a stuccoed fireplace over which is an early 18th century cartouche showing a resurrection scene. It's thought this room is likely to have been a private chapel for a Roman Catholic family.

All in all this was a most interesting and enlightening experience and we are indebted to Lisa and Mick for allowing us into their home on an otherwise very busy day for them.

On February 8th we held our first AGM since 2020 and with the view to a more stable outlook plans are now being made for a number of events over the coming months. In June we shall be supporting the Jubilee celebrations with a display in the Village Hall looking at Hoxne through each of the decades of her Majesty's reign from the 1950s to through to the 2020s. If anyone has photographs or memorabilia from these years we shall be pleased to hear from you.

Finally, a firm date has now been set for the much delayed World War Two exhibition remembering Hoxne during the years 1942 to 1946. This will be on **September 4th** in the Village Hall.

David Hyde

www.hoxnehistory.org.uk

Hoxne Phoenix Group

We welcomed two new members to our 15th birthday meeting in February (Anne Swann from Hoxne and Daphne Cook from Oakley). This meeting had almost a full attendance for an A.G.M. - quite unusual!!

Treasurer reported on our financial situation, which has a reasonably healthy balance - enhanced by several new members joining in the last few months.

One item that had been raised was whether to have winter meetings in the afternoon rather than the evening - it was suggested to discuss this after the formalities of the meeting when a show of hands indicated equal numbers so no definite decision has been made. Also raised in the second half of the evening was the problem of outings and lack of support. Both matters will be considered further.

In March we had a very thought-provoking and graphic talk by Mary Newton, a forensic scientist. This talk followed on from her visit a couple of years ago to us and emphasised the seriousness of rape rather than the way it is often portrayed on TV. She then outlined some of the cases that she had dealt with. Although rape is a short word the meaning is much longer. Mary gave illustrations of where forensics play an important role in reaching convictions - sometimes only one "find" can solve the crime.

On **12th April** we welcome Norma Howell to give a talk on the training and work of the Charity Medical Detection Dogs who, as their name indicates, train dogs to detect illnesses through an adult's personal odour.

On **10th May** we have the return of Bryan Thurlow to give another of his interesting and fascinating talks on the Music Hall. This meeting will be open to anyone - not just a Phoenix member. If his talk is as good as his others, when he always dresses up appropriately for the occasion, we will be in for an evening of amusement.

We have a full programme of varied talks so something might interest you. If you have any queries or are interested in any of our meetings, please contact me.

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Local artists Rosemary Elliott and Chris Mound will be opening their studios to visitors over two weekends in May as part of the **Harleston & Waveney Art Trail**:

10.00am-5.00pm Sat 21st to Sun 22nd and
Sat 28th to Sun 29th May

Rosemary will be exhibiting recent landscape and wildlife paintings in her studio set in a landscaped garden overlooking farmland in Wingfield. Chris Mound is a print-maker whose studio is set on the banks of the River Waveney by Brockdish where his original wildlife prints can be seen.



Full details with directions including 18 other artists' open studios in the region can be found on the artists' profile pages on the Trail website in April.

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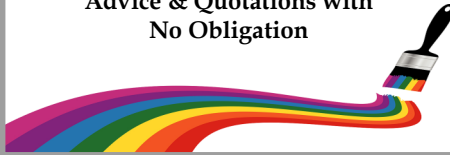
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The Bells

Ringling has continued at Oakley on Tuesday evenings and we have started two new ringers who are progressing very satisfactorily. Special thanks to Chris Davies and Betty Baines for their instruction and for the use of Regrave where many of us ring on Thursdays.



The St Davids bell being removed from Bangor for storage. The bells have got their wooden headstocks still on and the white colour on the bells is bird lime. The tower has not been bird-proof and Bangor is a coastal location

The faculty for moving the organ has been granted by the diocese and this will hopefully take place in April. There will be tidying up to do in the base of the tower after the organ has gone and I hope we will be able to organise a volunteer group to help with this later in April.

The donation of a set of eight bells from St David's church Bangor has been accepted by the Hoxne PCC. St David's is being sold and the set of eight bells have been purchased by the Keltek Trust who have kindly allocated them to Hoxne. They were cast in 1888, (quite modern by church bell standards) and have had 78 peels rung on them (a moderate number for bells). The tenor is 13cwt so they are an ideal size and will fit comfortably in a new steel bell frame in our tower. After

restoration and tuning they should be an excellent peel.

Four of our existing five bells will be replaced, after preservation work, in their original wooden bell frame at the top of Hoxne tower. They will be hung stationary but a chiming system will enable them to be rung whenever and however for services or as clock chimes etc. This is dependant on an inspection of the wooden frame that will have taken place before you read this and, of course, on successful fund raising. Our 5th bell will become part of a display about the bells in the church.

The Bells project is moving forward. We will need another faculty soon and some serious fund raising after that.

If you want to get involved or would like to learn to ring bells or have any questions about bells or the bell project, please contact me. I will be pleased to help.

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Do you enjoy crafts, games, puzzles, activities with children, chatting to parents/carers? You could be a great help at one of our family groups across Mid & West Suffolk.

Please call Alison on 07936 913929 for an informal chat, or email alison@homestartmidsuffolk.org.uk for details of how to apply. Training courses run throughout the year. We look forward to hearing from you!

Alternatively, why not consider volunteering for a regular shift in our charity shop in Eye? Contact Alison on the number above for more details.

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Hoxne Garden & Social Group

We are now post lockdowns hopefully and it is gratifying to see that life is getting back to normal in Hoxne. It is also true to say that after the ravages of storms, a new variant of a pandemic and just winter generally we are all looking forward to the 'sunny uplands' of spring and summer to give us that fillip to enjoy life again to the full.

Not surprisingly therefore the Garden and Social Club has been cranking up to put on a full schedule of talks and getting involved in future events that will take place in the village this year. Our last talk for example

given in February was a demonstration along with vivid explanations, of the tools used by Hoxne's very own thatcher, Graham Borrill, in his craft. It is fair to say that the talk nearly did not take place since we were unable to get the model house used in his demonstration through the entrance of the village hall! In the end the talk did go ahead with his demonstration of thatching a roof taking



place outside in very cold temperatures. We provided teas and coffees to members who braved the cold. It turned out to be one of our most successful talks ever, both from an enjoyment aspect and the number of members and non-members that attended. This indeed is going to be a tough act to follow.

Spurred on by this success however we have now finalised a full schedule of talks to take place every third Thursday evening of the month at the village hall until March of 2023. We are now seeing new faces at our meetings, so hopefully these planned talks will not disappoint.

When you read this our next talk arranged for April will be on the 'Role of the Parish Council' planned to be given by Iain Gibson. In May the talk will be given by Jane Bastow on how she coped with the death of her husband by concentrating all her energies on her garden, which she now opens on a regular basis to the public in order to raise funds for charity. We may also be involved in the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but the arrangements for that have yet to be finalised. Watch this space.

Chris Parkin

Rogation Sunday 22nd May

After two years' absence, your chance to explore parts of Hoxne not normally accessible to the public is on offer. The guided walk will start from the Lych Gate at the Church, 22nd May at 1400hrs and finish around 1600hrs with tea and cake. Dogs on a lead; you walk at your own risk.

Traditionally, Rogation was the opportunity to "beat the bounds" of the parish, or at least some of them.

Philip Flagg

A Call for photographs

Do you have a photo of a Harleston shop or shopping scene, taken any time between 1950 and now?

As part of this year's Jubilee

celebrations, Harleston will be mounting a photographic exhibition, "Shopping in Harleston, 1950s to the present", opening in the Swan Hotel at the beginning of June.

We're looking for pictures of shops and shopping for inclusion in our exhibition. Photos can be dropped off at Harleston Information Plus, Exchange St, in an envelope or folder bearing your name + contact details plus any information you can give us about the photo. Digital images emailed to the address below.

A short talk by Liza Read and Nils Jorgensen, both professional photographers resident in Harleston, will give you plenty of tips on how to take a winning photo. Swan Hotel, Friday, 8th April, 6pm.

Further details can be obtained by emailing me at the address below. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Eileen Ryan 'Harleston's Future' group
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Parish Council Reports

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Denham

Denham Parish Council is delighted to report that we have now appointed a new Parish Clerk following the sad loss of Rod Caird. Wendy Alcock took over the role at the end of February and brings a wealth of experience in local government to the council. Wendy can be contacted via email using the existing email address denhamparishclerk@gmail.com or via the new mobile number for the Council 07726 924786.

Wendy is spending time settling into the role and supporting the Council with our current priorities which include the following: year end accounts and audit, securing grant funding for the Village Hall and maintaining a focus on HGV traffic and damage to the roads and verges. We are also working with Denham Community Council to plan for the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee, and we will be letting all households know about these plans in due course.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 26th of April at 7:30 pm in St John the Baptist Church, Denham.

Hoxne

HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee - June 2022

There are plans in the making for Hoxne to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please get involved either organising or attending one of the events or activities. Details are published in this edition of the Village Voice (p8,9,10) and look out for updates on the Parish Council website and noticeboards. If you are organising an event with a village group it may not be too late for the Parish Council to consider financial support (subject to funding budget and eligibility criteria). Please contact the Clerk for full details.

At the March meeting of the Parish Council it was proposed and agreed that Alan Garnham should represent the village for the Hoxne leg of the Festival of Suffolk Torch relay. Alan has been a relentless volunteer for many village activities and it was felt a fitting thank you that he should be the torch bearer.

The Torch will arrive in Hoxne on **Wednesday 25 May** and leave again early morning of **Thursday 26 May** for its onward journey around Suffolk as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you to all who attended the regulation 14 consultation events in St Edmund's Hall and completed the corresponding survey. The responses are now being analysed and amendments, where appropriate, will be made to the draft plan. If work on the plan remains on track, a referendum should be held in the autumn for the parish to decide whether the plan is 'made' (adopted).

Asset of Community Value

At the March meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to submit an application for the Post Office Stores to be registered as an Asset of Community Value. The Hoxne Swan Public House already has this designation. The Parish Council feels that both play a valuable role in village life.

Please note that the steps to **St Edmund's Monument** and the permissive path beyond are currently closed for safety reasons. Please do not use the steps to enter the path to the monument. It is envisaged that repairs will take place in conjunction with the housing development at Abbey Hill.

Meeting Dates

Please note the following meeting dates, which may differ to those previously advertised. Parish Council meetings will now take place on;

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Syleham



**Chairman:
Malcolm Flounders**

The Parish Council held its first meeting of 2022 on March 2nd. The plans for the first half of the year were discussed.

The primary subject was the Platinum Jubilee to be celebrated on June 5th. As already announced, this will be a joint festivity with Wingfield, involving both parish councils and the village hall committee. The funding has been agreed and details of specific activities will be announced as the planning evolves. We can confirm that all children in the village will be given a Jubilee mug and a commemorative oak tree planted in J's Meadow.

Our resident Deputy Lieutenant, Major Andrew Napier, will do the honours in a ceremony on March 10th to have the tree established for the big day.

Our thanks to everyone already involved in the preparations. If you want to join us, please contact the Parish Council.

During the winter the Council commissioned a survey of Syleham's footpaths with Dr Paddy Tanton. Her report with recommendations was presented at the March 2nd meeting and highlights will be published on the village website. The survey was much praised by both Council and our District Councillor. We now feel we have a blueprint for the restoration of this most valuable village asset.

The new dog bins are proving popular with dog owners and walkers. Usage is making enjoyment of the countryside a more pleasant experience for both parties. Such is the success we are planning for more bins this year, thanks to additional funding from the District Council.

Our thanks to Councillors Malcolm Flounders and Robert Pilch who restored the ditches at the bottom of Wingfield Road.

Our next Parish Council Meeting will take place on May 25th at the Village Hall.

Wingfield



Chairman: Lee Smith

Our last meeting in December was conducted by "zoom", a first for the Parish Council.

It began with a big thank you to the Covid Support team and those individually who have supported our more vulnerable neighbours. We repeat this expression of gratitude in March along with appreciation of the Suffolk Community Foundation grant that has enabled us to offer free transport to vaccination centres – an offer we can extend to the end of May.

Despite the lockdown the Council has made progress in bringing a defibrillator to the village. In short time electricity will be reconnected to the phone box enabling us to install the resuscitation unit at a total cost of £4,000. Training in its use will be held at the Village Hall.

If Covid-19 was not enough, flooding has affected both Church Road and Low Road. The former requires unblocking of drainage ditches and the latter the building of functional drainage and re-engineering the camber of the road. Both Suffolk Highways and adjacent land owners have been informed of the work required.

Work on "topping" the Green has been completed according to our rotation scheme that includes the establishment of an untouched area for the study of flora and fauna.

The planters on Castle Crescent Green have been rejuvenated with new planting by Eleanor Carroll and her team. Our thanks to them all for the uplifting result.

The costs involved in supporting the Council's work and deliver against our responsibilities to residents continues to increase when funding from elsewhere is becoming more restricted. Our income requirements for 2021/2022 are reflected in the increase to the Precept to be announced in the Council Tax statement you will receive in March.

New Reeding Woods Group

Snowdrops are already fading as spring progresses and the primroses and celandines are now blossoming. Birds can already be observed collecting nesting materials or singing to establish their mating territories. We shall be leaving the wood quiet for the next few weeks, so the natural cycle of new life can begin again.

That new life is also stirring in the wood pond. Suffolk (along with Cheshire) is blessed with the highest density of ponds in England. Suffolk also boasts the largest population of the rare and protected Great Crested Newt.

Our pond hosts both Common (or Smooth) and Great Crested newts. The third native species, Palmate newt, is absent as it has a distinct preference for shallow ponds on acid-rich soils. It is most commonly found on heathland in the south and west, and in the north on

moorland and bogs, although it has been discovered recently in ponds near Epping in Essex.

Crested newt is the largest of the three species, with adult males growing to around 15cm and the females being slightly larger. They can live up to 25 years. This species has distinctive dark brown to black, bumpy or pimply skin and both sexes have orange bellies with large spots. In the breeding season, males develop a large, distinctly 'M'-shaped crest along their backs, contrasting with the smaller, straighter crest of the male Common newts.

Much of their life is actually spent on land away from water, in rough grass, log heaps, rubble and even beneath hedges. In spring though, they move into ponds to mate and lay eggs. All newt eggs are individually folded or wrapped in pond plant leaves, each newt species having markedly different coloured eggs. Larvae metamorphose into juvenile 'efts' and, once mature, leave the ponds by August.

Young newts take from two to four





years to reach breeding age. From October they hibernate in tree roots, log and rubble piles and emerge again from February... and the cycle begins again.

The Great Crested newt, and especially its habitat, are both strictly protected and should be left

undisturbed, especially during the active mating and breeding season. Please keep your dogs out of the pond, especially in spring and early summer, so the newts can display, court, mate and egg-lay successfully and in peace.

Annual surveys of the newts in the woodland pond reveal how the population is developing. These are normally carried out in April by licensed personnel and in accordance with the regulations. We will let you know the results of this year's survey later in the year; the photos included with this article are from a previous year.

Please make use of the notebook in the display board at the wood, to write down your observations of wildlife. In past years newts, cowslips, yellow hammers, chaffinches and goldfinches, have been recorded in March and April. Bats will also be coming out of hibernation in March and April and can be seen hunting insects at dusk: the common pipistrelle bat has been seen at the wood and further surveys for other species are planned.

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](tel:07495875299).



Recording Claylands Creatures

As part of our Claylands Wilder Connections Project we are running Citizen Science Campaigns. Each season we're asking you to record your sightings of three species that make a home in the South Norfolk Claylands, to help us get a better picture of the areas that support these creatures, and how they are faring, to help guide future conservation work.

The song thrush, the common frog, and the hedgehog are the second set of species to be selected because of their association with spring and new beginnings and their reliance on connected habitats to thrive. You can share your sightings:

- 1) On our online spotters survey www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderconnections
- 2) By emailing wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk;
- 3) By calling Sue 07393 807897.

We need to know what you saw, where and when.

All three of these species are declining in rural and urban areas and the overarching causes for their decline are: changes in agriculture, an increase in the urbanization of areas, fragmented habitats, and a lack of connectivity in the environment. The Claylands Wilder Connections project aims to work with landowners, communities, and volunteers to 'stitch together the fabric of the countryside' by creating, restoring, and enhancing habitats to benefit local wildlife within the Claylands Living Landscape area.



From erstwhile Wingfield resident, Tommy Gee

My Book Life

My mother bought the ten volumes of Arthur Mee's Children's Encyclopaedias when we were quite small. She also sent me to the newsagent on Saturday morning to buy the Children's Newspaper, which Mee edited. They were very important in our early education. I wonder what happened to them?

I cannot recall my grammar school having a library, but we used the public library nearby. I always won the school prize for maths. I had to consult and choose, and the school crest was embossed in gold on the front cover and the prize



labelled inside. I won a shorter OED one year which travelled the world with me for more than 60 years but sadly has disappeared in my recent move back to Sussex.

I became Education Officer on HMS Formidable, in charge of the ship's excellent library and it proved a crucial resource in my work, as my 1945 diary reveals. Its reference section was outstanding - without it, I could not have done my job.

In Uganda we had the modest CMS Bookshop in Kampala. Nothing racy. In Bunyoro the young Clerk of the Rukurato, George Magezi, asked if he could borrow books from me. We became friends. He became Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda late in 1962, and it was he who phoned and asked me to stay on for three years to run Education - a turning point in my career. The book he borrowed had helped us both.

But I misjudged the USP Fiji librarian who built the Dar es Salaam University Library. I gave him a free hand to work with our architect to design it. He was

young and although his experience included the Spence Rome Embassy, nothing tropical. As our VC refused air conditioning on campus, Harold asked for wide open spaces with no internal walls, just shelving for separation.

There was hurricane shuttering and mosquito gauze but in the next hurricane, the library roof took off and ruined the collection! We could not afford the enormous hurricane insurance premium for any of our buildings, so this major UK aid project was not insured. However, the Australian government came to the rescue and built us a new library.

Thirty IKEA Billy bookcases @ £ 29.99 each became the basis for our Suffolk library.

When we moved to Suffolk there was a second-hand bookshop in the centre of Harleston. When it closed, a shop selling new books opened. There were two buildings fringing the Budgens carpark. In one, the owner had built a massive scale model of the Jerusalem temple, drawing on OT and archaeological data. It was a visitor attraction until he moved it home and started instead a wonderful second-hand bookshop in one building, and a general second-hand goods shop in the other.

My good neighbours have found me some well-chosen books - one I reviewed in our monthly Quaker Book Club:

"Queen of the Desert" about Gertrude Bell, whom I rate as one of the greatest UK women ever. It contains a 1919

picture of her by the Sphinx with Churchill and Lawrence either side - all three seated on camels. They settled the fate of Mesopotamia after WW1.

I must get a copy of Lawrence's "Seven Pillars" as my old copy is now in the great maw.



Tommy Gee

Fressingfield Scouts

First of all, the Fressingfield Scout Group would like to thank everyone for their support in our recycling and fundraising initiative. This is an amazing achievement, of which we as a community can be very proud.

Terracycle have now decided to close the scheme, in light of the widespread availability of collection points outside of their scheme. We have had a tally up and since June 2019 have raised £575 towards the first recycled plastic kayak. We reckon that equals 450,000 crisp packets weighing one tonne! Please take a moment to find where you can drop off your empty packets going forward and continue with the recycling effort.



That said, the scheme remains open for another month or so and Terracycle will give us an extra bonus donation based on what we have collected, so now is the time for a final push. Please make sure you bring your packets to your usual collection point by Sunday 10 April. Special thanks to Fressingfield shop for acting as a local collection point.

Many thanks to everyone who collected tokens at Tesco and voted at Diss, Aldeburgh and Saxmundham branches for our project. We have just been advised that we came second in the vote and will receive £1,000. The grant will be spent on wildlife improvements at the HQ site.

Explorers have been working on their pioneering skills, learning about knots and lashings for tying poles together and using ropes to build structures. Scouts

have been completing team challenges and competitions with our massive stock of donated Lego.

Tiger Cubs have had to meet on Zoom because of Leader absence and worked on a Science Badge. Several members completed the badge, thanks to parents for finding the right bits and pieces and for clearing up any mess made.

Pioneer Troop Scouts set up some screening in the hall and had an evening with Nerf Guns. There was so much running around that a break for a drink was needed! A couple of weeks later, as part of their Gold Award, the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders planned and ran a session on map skills, this was supervised by our Young Leader. They all made a fantastic job of the evening and the other members learned a lot.

During the half term break we kept busy, both Cub packs joined for an astronomy session with Orwell Observatory, everyone had a good time and learned a lot about the stars. Also, over the break some of the Leader team and Explorers got together to update First Aid training and renew qualifications.

On Shrove Tuesday Pioneer Troop organised a Pop-up Pancake Café at our new HQ. The Cubs came and ran some side stalls with games to keep the customers entertained while teams of Pioneer Scouts cooked, made drinks, served and washed up and a couple of Explorers organised the carpark.

It was a great evening with happy customers and a fantastic team spirit.

Thank you to everyone that came and helped raise £155 towards the HQ project.

We have produced a video review of the Scout Group in 2021, it is available to view at <https://youtu.be/X3jWVK4XgFw> Please have a look to see what we have been doing.

To find out more about 1st Fressingfield Scout Group have a look at our website <http://www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk> or speak to any Leader.



Voices from the past

Dec 1988 - Jan 1989

When Village Voice was asked to contribute to the Showcase of Hoxne Clubs and Activities at the Annual Parish Meeting in March Lesley and I decided to take along some of the back numbers of the magazine that I had been hoarding. It turned out I had all of them back to Summer 1997! 25 years! Then I discovered that Margaret Sillis, Hoxne Village Recorder and Secretary of the Heritage Group, had copies going back to December 1988/January 1989.

I flicked through some of those early issues with growing nostalgia for events and characters from my earlier years in the Village. Some of those characters are still with us of course and may enjoy the nostalgia as much as I am doing. More recent residents may enjoy them too. Anyway, I decided to pick through some of the history and share it with other readers.

It seems community spirit was thriving around the time of that Dec 88/Jan89 issue. In his introductory editorial, Friend and Vicar Tony Lowe listed pleasurable fundraising events for the Church restoration fund including a trip to Leeds Castle organised by Richard Herbert with a 'delicious lunch provided by the Ladies of the Church', a cheese and wine party at the vicarage, a concert in the church by Bill Richards, the late organist and some of his pupils and a bonfire and fireworks display at the playing field for which he thanked Nigel Bradford and many hardworking people.

He also reported the receipt of £24,000 from the estate of Mrs Frances Self, late of High House (according to the Royal Mail postcode finder that could be

Church Hill Hoxne or Hoxne Road Denham).

Fifty-eight cyclists were recorded at the church gate during the annual Historic Churches Trust bike ride and 46 at the Baptist chapel, which was evidently still active at that time. Sums of £365 and £30, respectively, were reported by Philip Gunton.



Funds were also being raised for the British Legion (Hon Sec-Treasurer, Reg Baxter), and the new pavilion at the playing field with a coffee evening, raffle and planned dance at the village hall. Mrs C Smith, Chairman of the Harvest Breakfast, was thanked for a donation of £125 to Village Voice. Hoxne discos were being organised by Denny Davies at St Edmunds Hall, with funds raised for multiple local causes.

Hoxne Theatre Club was active with, among several others, a trip to see

Gaslight at the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich. Reference was made to 'You Know Who's visit on Christmas morning' with 'You Know What's being accepted by his agents Colin Moore and Dudley Nelson'. Reports were presented for the Mothers' Union (Gladys Pattermore), Denham and

Hoxne W.I, and the Christmas Fair.

A bus timetable was included that indicated there was one bus on Tuesday morning each week to Ipswich and one back again in the afternoon.

The first advertisers were Denham Engineering, Chapman and Feetham Builders, the Post Office Low Street (videos for hire from 75p to £1.95, selection changes weekly, pet foods and accessories, wild bird food, seeds, peanuts) and Hobby House (located in the old butchers shop, Low Street, selling



craft and hobbyist supplies).

One thing was sadly familiar, with two thirds of a column occupied by a Letter to The Editor about dogs fouling the village, particularly along verges to footpaths leading to the school. The writer reported witnessing a “lady” allowing her dog to foul the grass by the school gate and just walking away when challenged!

A second letter, from Vivienne Bradford and David Weller praised and thanked John and Jean Chapman of Hegilsdune for production of the ‘first and second issues of Village Voice’. I guess that makes my earliest one, reviewed here, the third issue. It also thanks the two typists, Joan and Ann. I don’t know but I imagine these two might be Joan Dale (now Garnham) and Annie Liversidge, late of 4 Cross Street.

Finally we were given two poems and a couple of recipes, one of which is worth reproducing here. It was apparently taken from the back of Volume II, The Jubilee Year Hoxne Cook Book (I wonder if anyone would know which jubilee that might have been).

Recipe for Preserving Children



1 Grass-grown field
½ doz children (or more)
Several dogs or puppies
(if available)
1 Brook
Pebbles

Pour children and dogs into field allowing to mix well.

Pour brook over pebbles until slightly frothy.

When children are nicely brown, cool in warm bath.

When dry, serve with milk and fresh baked gingerbread.

There is plenty more where this came from if anyone is interested!

Dawn Lodge



The Borderhoppa 2022 outings leaflet is now available. We have many trips arranged throughout the year including pub lunches, garden centres, the coast, mystery tours, boat trips and many more.

You can pick up a leaflet at your local library, information centre, GP surgery, from one of our drivers or by calling the office and we'll post one to you.

Borderhoppa outings for April 2022:

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Monday 11th April
North Norfolk Railway & Sheringham Fare £15.00

Thursday 14th April
Lathams, Potter Heigham & lunch at Poppylands
Fare £15.00

Thursday 28th April
Alder Carr Farm Shops & Café
Fare £10.00

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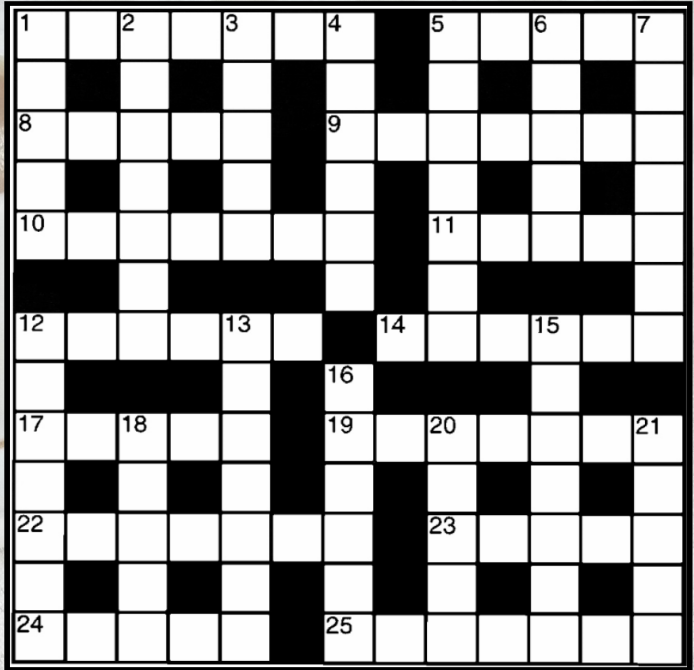
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Crossword

Puzzle No. 146

To enter the crossword competition, send* your solution to the editor for a chance to win £20. The winner will be the first correct entry picked at random from those received by **Sunday 8th May** latest.

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



Across

- 1 Interferes with military awards? (7)
- 5 Chuck a light chair cover (5)
- 8 Stealthily approach part of a plant (5)
- 9 Shows off mainly before relatives (7)
- 10 Reunite an entourage (7)
- 11 Segment of pie centre (5)
- 12 Meal for an outdoor type (6)
- 14 Individual found in supersonic mode (6)
- 17 Disprove the reversal of a potato for example (5)
- 19 Happy hunting ground for scrumpers (7)
- 22 Golden absence of noise (7)
- 23 Reduce fear in total layout (5)
- 24 Depart for a break from military life (5)
- 25 End user made certain (7)

Down

- 1 Skinflint in semi serious state (5)
- 2 Stir cad to have far reaching effect (7)
- 3 Audibly compare to fungal type growth (5)
- 4 Forest may become less daunting (6)
- 5 Trudge wearily after untidy pirates (7)
- 6 Lightly wash mucky reins (5)
- 7 Occidental movie (7)
- 12 Shady refuge (7)
- 13 Strong sounding emotion under canvas (7)
- 15 Office accessory fashioned from plaster (7)
- 16 Spinach lover (6)
- 18 Reshape a slab of light wood (5)
- 20 Applies cover to garments (5)
- 21 Wood nymph in dry address (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 145 was: P Heffer

Answers - **Across** 1) Backhand 7) Forth 8) Performer 9) Mum 10) Diva 11) Turnip 13) Candid 14) Fickle 17) Abroad 18) Stem 20) Aft 22) Betrothal 23) Elite 24) Prisoner
Down 1) Biped 2) Caravan 3) Hook 4) Nimbus 5) Cramp 6) Thimble 7) Frantic 12) Disrobe 13) Cabaret 15) Kitchen 16) Banter 17) Attic 19) Molar 21) Loss

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Joan at Hoxne Post Office & Shop has kindly agreed to accept copy and crossword entries on our behalf.

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