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Letters

I would like say a huge thank you to everyone who helped, came along and supported the Trussel Trust tea party held at Willow Lodge, Denham Road, on June 24th. Luckily the sun shone and Hoxne neighbours and friends were able to sit in the garden sipping tea, enjoying home made cakes as well as an opportunity to chat and catch up with each other after recent lock-downs.. An amazing £375 was raised for the Trust, which supports a network of food banks and works to prevent hunger and poverty in the UK, particularly necessary during the present cost of living crises. Well done Hoxne, and thank you.

Jan Murray

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW UKRAINIAN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

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Greengold Café, re-opening 12th September



Welcome back Yannis and Jill, with a new café for Hoxne!
A bit of Greek life, with perfect coffee and snacks.

Good luck with your new venture – looking forward to sampling your home-produced extra virgin Greek olive oil and honey!

Abbey Hill, in the ex-Clarets building next to Abbey Farm

Open weekdays 07.30-13.00, weekends 09.00-13.00

Discount for carers and NHS staff

Hoxne Harvest Breakfast

2022

Sunday, 18th September

10.00 to 12.30

Low Street Green



New helpers would be very welcome as this will be Harvest Breakfast number 47, and some of us have been helping since year one!

Last year was a great success and we made a profit of £795, which was split between the Playing Fields and Village Hall as usual.

Come and join us to make this year's better still. If you would like to help, please contact me:

***Carole Smith
01379 668210***

The Mechanicals Present

Fresh from their success at Theseus' palace, in an encore no one requested, this summer the Mechanicals hit the road with two new shows: their own inimitable takes on classic tragedies, Julius Caesar and Macbeth.

In this new 60 minute mash-up adaptation of Shakespeare, come see the Mechanicals perform the Bard's work as it was never intended. They've got water balloons! Scripts! A five foot cardboard dagger! A dog! As well as lots and lots of laughs and heart.

Grab a picnic and come and join us outdoors on the Syleham water meadows (next to the church: Syleham, Eye, IP21 4LN) for some family friendly silliness.

Friday 12th August

Julius Caesar 13:30 and Macbeth 18:00

Saturday 13th August

Julius Caesar 13:30 and Macbeth 18:00

Tickets £15, concessions £12
Group family tickets available
£12 if you book for both shows

www.playnicelytheatre.com



It's all about BUDDY!

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village hall IP21 4LT

Saturday 20th August from 8pm (doors 7pm)

Free entry to include buffet supper

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**Info from Rowley 07873375159
or Julie 07929 794636 text**

**Raising funds for our chosen charities –
Children's Liver Disease Foundation
Charity no 1067331
& Meningitis Now Charity no 803016**

Calling all ballet fans!

The Arts Society Diss is starting its new season of talks, beginning on **Tuesday 20 September**.

We meet at the Corn Hall, Diss, 2pm. Our speaker for September, Rosamund Bartlett, will be talking about *Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes*, telling the story of the fabled Company and how artists such as Picasso and Matisse worked with composers and choreographers.

After that, talks will continue on the third Tuesday of the month (except for December):-

18 October: *Indians, Buffaloes and Storms: The American West in 19th century Art.*

15 November: *“Mind the Gap”: Graphic and Poster Design on the London Underground.*

6 December: *The Wind in the Willows revisited through its illustrators.*

The Arts Society Diss draws its audience not just from Diss but also nearby villages, Syleham, Denham, Wingfield and Hoxne.

Guests will be asked to contribute a donation of £7. Do come along and give us a try!



More information at:
<https://artsocdiss.org.uk>

Summer Fête

WINGFIELD BARNES

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

12noon – 4pm

FREE entry

Stalls • Entertainment • Beer & Pimms Tent

- Punch and Judy
- Face Painting
- White Elephant, Jams and Plant stalls
- BBQ and cream teas
- Tombola

(raising funds for St Andrews Church)

Wingfield Barns CIC, www.wingfieldbarns.com
Tel: 01379 384505

Church News

Harvest



Harvest-time is already upon us. We will celebrate Lammas - from "Loaf Mass", the offering of the first loaf from the first harvest - at Hoxne church at **6.00 pm on Monday 1st August** [note change of date from that previously advertised]. The service is organized in conjunction with the Addington Fund which helps farming families in times of need and it will be followed by a hog roast and refreshments.

Our main harvest services may be some way off still - although we have our first at Athelington on 11th September - but harvesting itself will be going forward around us through these two months. We give thanks for this, remembering those parts of the world where harvests are disrupted by climate change and war.

The Bible is full of references to harvest. Ruth and Naomi arrive in Jerusalem at the beginning of the barley harvest, and it is in the context of the harvest that Ruth becomes known to Boaz, her future husband. They are to be the great-grandfather and great-grandmother of King David. And who can forget the poetry of psalm 65?

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Jesus himself, as he sends out seventy disciples ahead of him, speaks of a harvest of people: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest". Words which are picked up in the harvest hymn: "Grant, O harvest Lord, that we/ wholesome grain and pure may be".

Whether you are harvesting, holidaying or preparing for a new school or university year, I wish you every blessing.

Revd Eleanor Goodison
Priest in Charge, Hoxne Benefice
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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

Some services in church are also live streamed or uploaded to [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Monday 1st August
6.00 Lammas Service in aid of the Addington Fund, Hoxne (followed by hog roast)

Sunday 7th August,
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield
4.00 pm Messy Church

Sunday 14th August
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21st August
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
10.00 am Village Service, Syleham
6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 28th August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham
9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

Sunday 4th September

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield
4.00 pm Messy Church

Sunday 11th September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield
9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne
11.00 am Harvest Service, Athelington

Sunday 18th September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
10.00 am Village Service, Syleham
6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 25th September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham
9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

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St John, Denham

Firstly, I would like to thank Mary and Brian Coulson for all their flowers that have enhanced Denham Church for so many years. Even during lockdown visitors were welcomed by a vase of flowers in the porch. Mary orchestrated the seasonal decorations through the year such as Remembrance Sunday and Christmas and her cheerful support and hard work will be greatly missed.

We are hoping to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by restoring the missing window in the porch with one commemorating her seventy years upon the throne. We have a potential design and much paperwork to submit.

The plant sale which took place the week before the jubilee celebrations was a great success and many thanks to all those who donated plants.

The Suffolk Churches Bike Ride takes place on **Saturday 10th September** and the church will be open as usual with cool drinks and refreshments. Please contact me if you need a sponsor form - the Denham riders did brilliantly last year - so hopefully we can do as well or better this time.

Hilary Castleden
01379 668458

St Margaret, Syleham

Jubilee There was no specific service or activity in St Margaret's, although all services across the benefice that weekend included tributes and prayers for Her Majesty.

However, we did have a strong presence at the celebrations on J's Meadow through our Messy Church stall which proved highly popular, offering craft activities including gold crowns, corgi masks and Union Jack key rings. We also provided equipment for the children's races.



Ride & Stride, Saturday 10th September St Margaret's will again be participating in this annual event

organised by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which encourages cyclists and walkers to visit local churches, raising funds on behalf of a church of their

choice. Sponsor forms are now available and we would love individuals or families to take part and raise some money for

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St Margaret's! Please ask me for your form and further details.

Church for the Community It is a great joy to have the church used, as it should be, for family and community occasions. We had a lovely wedding in June and look forward to another one in August.



Our Harvest Festival will be at **10am on Sunday 16th October** and we shall hope to hold a harvest supper again - details in the next Village Voice.

Reminder to new families—we are so pleased to see new families in the village and hope they will soon feel part of the community. As a church, we are able to offer monthly activities for babies and toddlers and their carers (*Little Lambs*, in Hoxne); monthly craft and story sessions, with tea, for young families (*Messy Church*, in Syleham); and occasional workshops for older children (*Club Create*) which we hope will include a drama session during the summer holidays. Do ask if you are interested in any of these.

Church improvements Our smart new notice board has been delivered and, by the time this magazine appears, may well be in position. It will provide more space as well as indicating the name of the church and being a tribute to the memory of J Leader; do take a look!

We have also taken advice on improving the lighting within the church, especially in the chancel, and our Summer Lunch in July was one fund-raising effort toward that end.

Ukraine Crisis We continue to hold the people of Ukraine very much in our

prayers and there remains a special prayer and (battery) candle in the porch for your use.

St Margaret's remains open daily and the church and environment provide a welcome place of tranquillity

Contact for all above:
mary.lewis43@icloud.com 01379 669258/07775 732259

St Andrew, Wingfield

On 12th July a very large number of mourners attended Wingfield Church for the funeral of Sonny Whittle, who died aged 18 as a result of aggressive throat cancer. Sonny was a young man at the start of his adult life, looking forward to going to university, keen to pursue his football, full of hope for the future. We lament his loss with his family and many friends and pray for his soul. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We are most grateful to Wingfield Parish Council for their annual financial contributions to the maintenance of the churchyard. This year the Council has generously made an additional contribution to help us reduce the size of an over-large tree which overshadows part of the church and prevents it drying out after rain. We are also very grateful to Wingfield Barns for hosting a Fete on 7th August in support of the church - please come along!

But we still need more support. Recent surveys of the church building have uncovered an unsuspected problem with a faulty drain which is causing damage to our historic tombs and must be addressed as a matter of urgency. The cost is hard to estimate, as is often the case with drains, but could be of the order of £5000. If you are able to donate towards this unromantic but very necessary work, scan the QR code on display in the church, drop a donation in the donations box, or get in touch with me for more options.

The good news is that we have had confirmation that the bell tower remains stable and that it is safe to ring the bells. So there will continue to be the joyous sound of church bells over Wingfield from time to time.

Revd Eleanor Goodison



Come & Join Us
And look around our beautiful church
Saturday 17th September, 10.30 – 12.30pm
for Morning Coffee & Tea
Delicious scones with cream and tempting bakes
At St Andrew's Church Wingfield

St Peter & Paul, Hoxne

Flower Rota

Aug 7th and 14th Altar - Cathie McGregor
 Aug 21th and 28th Altar - Cathie McGregor
 Sep 4th and 11th Altar - Cathie McGregor
 Sep 18th and 25th Altar - Sue Thornett

Harvest Festival will be on 2nd October.

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***

Mothers' Union

The Hoxne Mothers' Union Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 2.30pm at Time House Low Street Hoxne.

Monday 15th August - Fellowship meeting.

Monday 19th September - Fellowship Meeting.

Fressingfield have a Garden Meeting to raise money for the Summer of Hope Appeal on **Thursday 4th August**.

On **Thursday 22nd September** there will be a North Suffolk Area Day at Reydon. Details for both events from Cathie.

New members always welcome.

***Cathie McGregor, Group Leader
 01379 668434***

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Little Lambs

The Little Lambs group for the under 5s and their carers is building up slowly and enabling the mums and youngsters around the village and the wider area to meet and get to know each other.

We have enjoyed three sessions so far, meeting at The Pavilion, Hoxne Playing Field on the first Tuesday of the month from 1.15 - 3.15pm. Due to the beautiful weather, we had an outside meeting under the shade of the trees in June.

New members are warmly welcomed and we look forward to meeting you.

There is no session in August as we do not meet in school holidays, so we look forward to seeing you on 6th September.

If you would like further information, please contact Caroline at: cabbott364@gmail.com

Hoxne Bell Ringers

The band have continued with ringing at both Oakley on Tuesday nights and Redgrave on Thursday nights. We have also done some basic bell maintenance at Oakley. The clapper on the second bell was not swinging freely because the wooden (1958) bearing had swollen so we have replaced it with a 'Tufnol' composite bearing and it now swings very well.

On the 2nd and 3rd of June the local bell ringers celebrated the Queen's Jubilee by ringing in about 17 local churches, some

of whose bells have not been used for years. This is one of the benefits of bell ringing - you get to see some fantastic old buildings, churches, in out of the way places.

Because our most recent learners are getting on so well and are now ringing plain hunt, the start of method ringing, we are keen to get some more people started.

Bell ringing is truly for all ages and sexes. It is a social team activity that can stretch the mind and the body but doesn't have to. Children of nine to eleven years learn bell ringing very readily and it is something a parent can



join in on and learn at the same time. So, anyone who likes the idea of learning a new (old) skill with or without their children please contact me. It really is great fun.

Andrew Castleden
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University of the 3rd Age—Fly me to the Moon...

Harleston & District u3a's August talk on **17 August at 2.00 pm** in St John's Church Harleston, presented by Bob Goddard, is entitled *Our Colony on the Moon*. Bob has spent eight years researching whether the Moon - given its plentiful water ice and solar power, and our growing realisation that planet Earth is vulnerable to asteroid and comet impacts - is the obvious first destination for an off-planet human colony to ensure that the human species is safe from extinction.

Further information from Kim Poulton on 01986 788149 and on our website: u3asites.org.uk/harleston

News from Denham

Denham celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in style thanks to the generosity of Jon and Becs of Green-land for hosting the event in their garden.

The theme was 'A Right Royal Garden Party' with prizes for best-dressed Royals, best Royal cake and a colouring in competition.

There were cucumber sandwiches, fabulous cakes and of course a bar!



Denham's Jubilee party



'A Right Royal Garden Party' hosts, Jon and Becs



Her Majesty, aka Tim Debenham



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The Denham Jubilee musicians

faces visit the Hall to enjoy Swervy World. The bar was very busy!

Film Nights will continue on second Friday of the month on 9 September (no film August) and then 14 October. Look out for posters as choice has not yet been made. Doors and bar open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm with interval. Please pre-book your tickets on 668060 if you can so we know how many chairs to put out.

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We also had live entertainment from local traditional musicians as well as a sing-along and we even had a visit from Her Majesty aka Tim Debenham who was doing a tour of local events!

A huge thanks to everyone who supported this free event.

Great news on the Denham Village Hall project too! We now have completed stage one of the renovations with the hall sporting a lovely new insulated roof. This work was crucial in order to stop the building deteriorating further while we work towards enacting stage two which will include replacing all the electrics and overhauling the kitchen area.

Again, huge thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point.

Kerina Jane
Parish councillor, Chair of Denham Community Council

Hoxne Village Hall

What a wonderful Jubilee weekend! The Hall looked magnificent with the red, white and blue bunting inside and out. The Hoxne Heritage Group and Garden Club Photo Exhibitions and Phoenix Club Cake Competition kicked off the celebrations on the Thursday.

The playing field hosted a wonderful day on the Friday and ordered the right weather! Saturday night saw many new



Dancing in Hoxne, Swervy World



Swervy World

On that subject could you spare an hour on a film Friday to help put out the chairs? Help for this, and other tasks at the Hall, would be gratefully received! Contact details below if you can.

On a different subject we are again seeing things being left beside the Clothes Bank when it is full. PLEASE do not do this! Report it as full - anyone can do this, the phone number is on the Shoe Bank - 0800 090 2321 - and take things home until there is room to place in the Banks. It took me seven phone calls to get it emptied last time! Instead of people complaining on Social Media, pick up the phone to the Clothes Bank firm. The more of us that report or complain to them, then maybe the quicker they will empty! The same with the Bottle Banks, the number is on them - 01842 820804 - anyone can report.

June also saw a wedding celebration at the Hall (picture below of how the main Hall was transformed). The afternoon and evening was a lovely event for all who attended. If you would like to consider using the Hall for such an event or birthday party, please see contact details at end of article.



We are sorry our website is still not available - the host has changed, which seems to have caused us problems. Stephen Nixon is working on this!

Sharon Knights
Email Sally/Sharon on hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com
Phone Sharon 07876 215269

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Jubilee news!

Syleham and Wingfield friends and neighbours held a fabulous Jubilee BIG lunch celebration on J's Meadow on Sunday 5th June.

So many people made so many contributions of time, support, help before the day, during the time of the event and afterwards..... and to make it even better, the weather was so different from the 82% likelihood of rain that was forecast! The small organising team would like to thank all of you - too many to name, but enormous thanks to one and all!



Fit for a Queen cake

And what's not to like - hog roast, cake, Paravanni ice cream, masses of lovely salads, tea, cold drinks, an oak tree, the National Anthem, good weather, lovely people, crowns to make, buns to ice, live music, live dancing, races (please don't mention the grandparents' race!), a 'street party' and the flower pot game! and our friends from Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club running a bar! ... and a free bus ride home!

Although you may have been at the prize-giving we did forget to tell you what the prizes were! Those children who received prizes in the 'Portrait of the Queen' competition were given vouchers to spend locally at Robinsons Stationers in Harleston. Thanks to Chris and Rosemary for taking on the task of judging!

The bakers who came first, second and third in the 'Fit for a Queen' cake competition received Buckingham Palace aprons, with the winner also going home with an interesting cook book entitled Tea fit for a Queen! Joe, the chef from The Good, the Bad, and the Hungry, enjoyed choosing the winning cakes - he

had to test them all - someone had to! All these prizes were kindly sponsored by local businesses and individuals. Thank you.

There has been mention of repeating a joint event next year and not just the tug of war teams ... watch this space ...

Those who popped in to the free Jubilee entertainment at the village hall on Friday 3rd June were treated to a mix of live music from Station 366 who sing Andrews Sisters, and from the Pipeliners with rocky, power covers! Lovely evening, and hot dogs too!

Visit our website for the latest news:
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Live Theatre at Syleham and Wingfield village hall

Booming Voices Eastern Angles theatre company joined us at the village hall in mid May - and entertained us with a story that intertwined the scenic beauty of the Norfolk Broads with climate change, technology with the human spirit. Yet again, a story bringing the past, the present and the possible future to our door-steps. Professional theatre at your local village hall!



Do try to join us next year when we will be inviting the Eastern Angles back as part of their Spring village halls tour.



Booming Voices

Theatre news— Common Ground Theatre will be with us on **Wednesday 12th October** with their adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Raven*.



The Raven

Bingo—We hold a bingo session on the last Friday of each month which raises funds for locally nominated charities and good causes.

Please come along on **Friday 26th August** when we will be holding our last of three to benefit the **Waveney Food Bank**. Be ready to start just after 8pm. The bar will be open - you can buy crisps and chocolate at the bar as well as reasonably priced drinks, or you can bring your own snacks.

There is always a raffle to boost funds BUT the prizes are absolutely awful - I do believe they are getting worse, and I do believe that some come back month after month! I saw a pack of coloured bath sponges last time - they'll probably be there in August too!

Funds raised on **Friday 30th September** will be going to **FoMSA**, the parent teacher group at one of our local primary schools, Mendham Primary. Look out for those blooming sponges in the raffle!

Quiz evenings— Although there is no quiz in August, we'll be back on the third Friday of the month from 16th September. Come along about 7.30 ready to start at 8pm. The volunteer manned bar will be open selling reasonably priced drinks as well as chocolate and crisps. You are welcome to bring your own snacks or banquet!

The highlight of the evening is the ferociously contended Mars bars for the lowest scoring team! Teams of four are encouraged! Fiver per person. Raffle.

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Purple Star Karaoke continues on the second Friday of the month, which attracts people from far and wide. Some are from Diss! Bar open, Raffle. Much better prizes than at bingo - well usually! Free entry. Come and join us to sing, to listen, to sit back and enjoy the evening.

Join us on the last Thursday of the month, 1.30 to 3pm - 25th August, 29th September - for **Coffee, Chat, Craft** with gentle chair-based exercise for the first half hour - or come at 2pm when the kettle will be on! Small charge for hall hire and our local instructor who is experienced with all age groups and abilities. No special clothing, just comfy! All very welcome.

Come over to **J's Meadow**, down the footpath opposite the village hall, on the second Thursday of the month from 10 'til 12 to help us maintain this area for community use. We were delighted to host the Jubilee BIG lunch on this community open space with fantastic views over the Waveney Valley. We'll do a bit of weeding, a bit of chatting... and the time will whizz by! Bring your own refreshments, and any tools you need. Join us on Thursday 11th August and Thursday 8th September.

Users of the Village hall and the Sports and Social Club facilities are asked to join the Sports and Social club for the annual fee of £3.50 (concs £3.00) which keeps things ticking over and keeps everything legal. There are occasional members' events and discounted events! Thank you.

"Saturday Cafe" - Look out for Saturday coffee on occasional Saturdays during the cooler months of the year. The village hall is open for a hot drink for an hour or so, to sit and chat. We usually have a raffle, sometimes cakes for sale. All welcome. Pop in any time from 10 until 11.30.

Come and join us on **Saturday 13th August** when we will be interested to know your views on the uses of J's Meadow and we hope to give some information on what is possibly on the way for our amazing piece of community open space.

Village Voice

Also join us on **Saturday 24th September** when we'll update you on J's Meadow progress and invite you to have a cuppa, a seat and a chat!

Come to **SHERINGHAM, Saturday 3rd September**. Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club are organising a coach trip to Sheringham on Saturday 3rd September. Pick up points are likely to be Diss, Stradbroke, Syleham but please get in touch with Donna as other stops can be included if not too far out of the way! Price per person is £17. Booking is essential please, so contact **Donna on 07876487294/ 01379 668361**.

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Village Voices Community Choir

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Hoxne Church, Mondays 7.30

Visit our website for more information: www.thevillagevoices.weebly.com

Hoxne Bowlers off to a flying start

Despite struggling to get teams due to covid and holidays, Hoxne top both the Mid-Suffolk and Waveney Leagues at the halfway point of the season.

After narrowly losing to Gissing in the Waveney cup, they now face local rivals Stradbroke White Hart in the Plate. Meanwhile they host Laxfield in the semi-final of the Cattie cup and Easton in the semi-final of the Percy Dunnett cup.

Club member Errol Feaveareyear is doing well in Norfolk County competitions, while Roger Knight represents the club in the Suffolk County Area 'B' secretaries semi-final. Alan Garnham, George Large and Roger Knight are still involved in several Waveney League competitions.

The club is always looking for more members, both serious and social bowlers are welcome.

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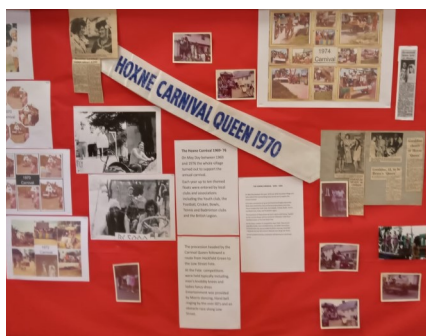


Hoxne Heritage Group

For the Heritage Group the past few months have been busier than ever. They have also been very sad, as in late May one of our original members and a former Chairman, David Rimmer suddenly passed away. As well as being a longstanding and highly experienced member of the Group, David along with his wife Pauline had been the driving force behind the Heritage Group website.

It goes without saying that David will be sadly missed by us all, not just for the hard work he put into making the HHG the success that it is but also for his conversation, wit and debating skills.

On a happier note our Jubilee Exhibition featuring village events, activities and personalities from each decade of the Queen's reign was better attended than we could have hoped for. Displays of old photographs, memorabilia and films of past events all contributed to the Jubilee



working hard on this and although we have had many contributions already we are always happy to hear from anyone in the Village who may have information, stories or artefacts from the period.

Turning now to our regular meetings, in June Richard Giffin - it's that man again! - gave an interesting and

enlightening talk on the house that he and Chris share in Low Street. Whilst many of us are familiar with the property and some of its history it was a delight to learn so much more about this wonderful old building.

Looking further ahead, two mainstream presentations are scheduled.

In September Clive Stevens will give a presentation on the USAAF stationed locally during the

war, and in October Ivan Bunn will be giving a seasonal illustrated talk on the subject of the Prunier Trophy which was awarded before the War to the Lowestoft vessel which landed the largest single catch. Ivan is an excellent speaker as those of you who attended his previous presentation will recall.

As you can appreciate a great deal of hard work goes in to making the Group so successful and as such we are always



Heritage Group Jubilee Exhibition, Hoxne

atmosphere. Doubtless the attraction of the Garden and Social Club display alongside our own helped to swell the number of visitors. However even conservative estimates put the number of visitors at well in excess of 250.

Focus of attention will now move to the much postponed second phase of our World War Two Exhibition featuring events in and around Hoxne during the years 1942-1945. The project team is now

seeking new members with new ideas and skills and so if you are interested in joining us please contact the undersigned, you will be most welcome.

David Hyde
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Hoxne Phoenix Group

Having just about recovered from all the Jubilee Celebrations in the area, the Hoxne Phoenix Group are getting back to normal.



Vicki Farley and Bingy Hindle
Cake competition winners

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 August and we welcome Stephen Poulter (a local Auctioneer) - his talk is entitled "To the Hammer Born" - a talk describing how the auction business developed and possibly the way it operates. We will have to wait and see! Having had several talks on the trot, on September 13th we will be relaxing with a Beetle Drive and Fish and Chip Supper!

In July we had our Charity Fundraising Evening with a talk by Mark Mitchels on one of his favourite people, Charles Dickens. This had been advertised as an Open Evening to anyone as we were raising money for Medical Detection Dogs (I referred to this in the previous issue of Village Voice so if you have not heard of them, you can refer back). We ended the evening with a sumptuous supper, provided by members of the Group. We

had a reasonable attendance and have raised £235 to date to send to the Charity.

All our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. and we meet in Hoxne Village Hall. Any lady new to the area is welcome to come along for an evening or contact me for further details of what we do. All we ask is a visitor's fee of £3 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

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News from Hoxne Playing Fields & Pavilion

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Friday 3rd June, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with great enthusiasm at our playing fields. Blessed with a day of warm sunny weather, about 400 people came and spent some time enjoying the events and activities which took place across the day.



The vintage car rally and display of classic cars was extremely popular and gained a lot of interest from spectators. Many thanks go to Bryn Lerwell for taking the trouble to organise the display.

Thanks also to the Fressingfield Scouts, who did a sterling job manning the very popular barbecue. *Cont.*



Vintage car rally

The café provided teas, coffees, squash, cakes and ice cream and it was very pleasing to welcome the reopening of the bar.

The return of the Social Club – Volunteers wanted!

The Social Club at the Pavilion will be open when there are local events taking place, and all residents are welcome. You will need to join by paying a £1 subscription to become a member.

In order to man the bar, and increase the number of times we can open, we are seeking willing volunteers to form a rota for serving. If you have a few hours free and would like to know more, please contact **Emily Bower** by email: emybea@hotmail.com.

Events at the playing field

Ed’s Fish and Chip Van will be sited at the playing fields on Thursdays for four weeks starting from Thursday 21st July. The bar will be open on those days.

The weekly Play Café returns to the Pavilion. This will open every Friday during the school holidays, starting on Friday 22nd July until August 26th from 2pm until 4.30. Come and have a chat while your children enjoy our fantastic play equipment. Tea, Coffee, Squash, cakes, ice-cream and lollies will be on sale.



Penalty shoot-out, Jubilee Fun Day

Other activities included a fun session for children led by Mr Cheesecake, scavenger hunt, football penalty shoot-out, rounders and other games for children.



Platinum Jubilee Cream Teas at Abbey Farm

Thank you to Wilf for the beautiful setting, to Anne Swann and the tea team, for the cake and scone makers, the Pimm’s mixers and all those who contributed to the stalls in any way.

The afternoon provided a relaxing and memorable time in the busy schedule of Jubilee events arranged in our village by our village folk.

Cathie McGregor



The Festival of Suffolk torch relay marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee reached Hoxne. The torch was carried through the village by Alan Garnham – there was great excitement when he reached St Edmund's Primary School! Thank you Alan.

A few more Jubilee thank-yous:

Philip and Sue Flagg, for co-ordinating events for the weekend; Andrew Banham and his family for the Fun Day, with Bryn Lerwill's car rally, Lydia Stenhouse organising the games, and Fressingfield Scouts cooking up a storm at the BBQ; Stuart Jarrold, for the great *Swervy World* music night; Janet Koralambe and the lovely Village Voices choir; the Heritage and Garden groups for the excellent exhibition, and Phoenix group for the cake competition.

There were many more helpers for sure, a big thank-you to you too – and to everyone for joining in the celebrations, making it such a lovely weekend. *Ed.*

Tai Chi will not be running through August, but will start again on Wednesday 31st August.

Little Lambs Toddler Group run by the Mothers' Union, will be holding their next session on the first Tuesday in September (6th).

Booking the Pavilion for your special occasion

The pavilion is a great space available to let for children's parties, small family gatherings or any regular clubs.

Please contact **Julie Bryant**, Secretary of the Hoxne Playing Field Management Committee via email at julie.bryant2202@gmail.com or on our Facebook page Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion.

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We are delighted to announce that we have launched Squirrel Scouts for boys and girls aged between 4 and 6 years old, from Tuesday 7th June (term times only). The sessions will be between 4.15 - 5.15pm on a Tuesday afternoon at our Scout Headquarters, Priory Road, Fressingfield.

If you intend to register your child with us, please be aware we have limited places and as this is a new addition to Scouts we will be operating a first come first served basis with a waiting list. Details at <https://www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk/about/squirrel-scouts>

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Our Cubs have been very busy! They arranged a very informative talk about Swifts which was well attended by parents. Thanks to

the Explorers who helped with the refreshments and clearing up. Cubs have been focussing on cycling recently with cycle maintenance sessions and a visit to the bike track in Harleston.

The Explorers spent a very productive evening in Fressingfield with shovels, brooms and wheelbarrows clearing the footway from the Sancroft Hall to the Swan, and have received a lot of positive feedback for their efforts. The Explorers, who are preparing for the Kenya trip next Easter, ran a barbeque at the Stradbroke Triathlon to raise funds towards the expedition.

Three senior members of Pioneer Troop Scouts spent a Saturday evening helping at a fundraising quiz for the Friends of Hoxne Church. Again, there has been much positive feedback for their community service.

Adventurers Scouts have been practicing their knotting, building rope and pole structures.

Both Scouts sections and the Explorers have been practicing their air rifle and archery skills, making good use of the light evenings.

Our members and friends were busy over the Jubilee weekend. A party of Scouts, Explorers and Leaders attended the Norfolk Scouts Water Activities

Weekend four day Camp at Decoy Broad and had a fantastic time although the last day was rather wet! We had a Beacon Lighting Ceremony on Thursday at our Headquarters with bar, barbeque and tree planting work carried out. Thank you to Cowham's Car and Commercial for providing the tower for the beacon.



On Friday we ran a barbeque at the very successful Hoxne Playing Field Jubilee Family Fun Day (thank you to everyone that supported us) and on Saturday provided First Aid cover and a couple of side shows at the Fressingfield event. Unfortunately, because of the weather, the organisers had to cancel our barbeque at the Stradbroke event on Sunday.



Pioneer Scout Troop crabbing at Walberswick

We recently celebrated the past year with an Open Evening at the HQ. Each section awarded a trophy to their Young Person of the year, Top Awards were presented and Leaders were awarded length of service awards. There was a bar, barbeque, raffle, and refreshments which raised a few hundred pounds for funds. There was air rifle shooting and archery to have a go at and a camp fire which early in the evening the youngest visitors enjoyed toasting marshmallows and later older members sat around for a chat.



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.

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New Reeding Woods

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Pyramid orchid

yellow rattle is suppressing the growth of the grass and allowing the wildflowers to establish - although we will have less hay to sell this year.

We found two pyramid orchids in the meadow, up from one last year. The buttercups and ox-eye daisies looked good and bees were

certainly enjoying the clover. Dog roses bloomed in the hedges and among the trees.



Dog rose

Meadow brown and Speckled Wood butterflies are both to be seen on the meadow. Caterpillars of both species feed on the grasses.

At the pond the flag irises are providing food for the larvae of the Iris Sawfly. Although the irises were covered with



Speckled Wood butterfly

larvae this year they should recover. The adult flies provide food for birds and ground beetles so are a valuable part of the biodiversity of the wood. If you have sawfly larvae in your garden you can take part in the Big Garden Sawfly survey at Sawflies.org.Uk.

After sitting quietly by the pond for some time a Broad-bodied Chaser dragonfly stopped hunting and rested long enough for a photograph. Visits to the wood are always rewarding.



Iris sawfly



Chaser dragonfly

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Ox-eye daisies



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Waveney Heritage at The Old School, Brockdish, IP21 4JP

Well, here we are, half-way through the summer. I'm writing this in July and so far the weather has been great, except we could do with a bit more rain, preferably at night!

Our activities are dividing nicely into three sections— talks, archive, radios. That doesn't sound very interesting but come and see what we are up to, and you'll be surprised!

We've had ten talks this year, on a great range of subjects, ranging from embroidery, thatching, witch marks, Flixton aviation museum, the river Waveney, life as a toast master, the 19th century workhouse, and lots more. We try to invite local speakers, covering as much of the valley as we can. It goes to show what hidden talent we have in this so-called backwater! We are in the process of booking speakers for our autumn programme, so look out for details in a few weeks.

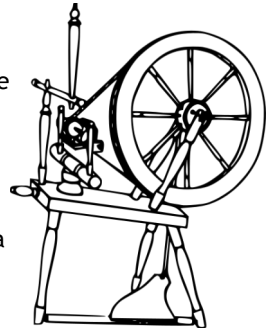
We're now using Wednesday afternoons or evenings for our talks, one a month. During the summer we have been making it an evening, but when the weather gets too dark and cold, we'll move over to the afternoon.

Our radio technology archive upstairs is creating a great deal of interest amongst a different group of enthusiasts. The exhibition is beautifully laid out and

covers the whole story of radio from its very beginnings. We have been donated a lot of 78 records which we have great fun playing on our record players, whilst enjoying the nostalgia generated by the sounds and the memories of our youth! Actually, we have been

amazed at the quality of the sound on these discs - sometimes far superior to current CDs. It's just a shame we have to keep getting up to change the disc! Tony and Graham are always delighted to show you around and even more delighted if you volunteer to help! Just give Tony a ring (651608) or Graham (07967189715) to meet them for a tour. They try to open regularly for an hour or so before our talks.

Meanwhile, work continues on our downstairs archive. We have been donated lots of material, ranging from family histories, house histories, past events, artefacts as diverse as a spinning wheel and a cricket cap, and even a great collection of underclothes dating from the early twentieth century! Of course, it all needs cataloguing and sorting, and we are progressing well with this. Once it's all sorted and filed we then need to digitalise it, so it's a long job! Feel free to volunteer for this too!



We are also amassing a selection of books by local authors which you will be welcome to look at. When we have a chance, we'll publish a list. In the meantime, just ask to have a look!

Of course, we also provide a meeting venue for other groups, ranging from table tennis to crafts and hold open days and craft fairs - wow!

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- * look after children
- * work and pay for childcare
- * need help with housing costs
- * are disabled or have a health condition
- * are a carer for a disabled person or you have a disabled child

There may also be other benefits you are entitled to, depending on your circumstances. You can use the benefit calculator to find out at:

gov.uk/benefits-calculators

If you need help, then Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can do a benefit check for you.

If you are struggling to buy food, **Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk** can make a referral to your local food bank. They can also talk through your circumstances to see if there is other help they can provide or anything else you may be eligible for, such as help with your energy bills or school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on **01449 676060** or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us.

For more information and our opening hours go to: midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

Parish Council Reports

Please see page 2 for Parish Council contact details and website addresses.

Denham

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on **27th of September at 7.30pm** in St John the Baptist Church, Denham.

Please see our website or parish notice boards for further details.

Hoxne

Highways

The Parish Council has recently engaged independent traffic consultants to survey several areas of the village. The traffic counters will record traffic movements, including type of vehicle, and the data gathered will be used to monitor how the forthcoming experimental temporary traffic regulation order prohibiting HGVs through the centre of Eye impacts the village.

The Parish Council are also keen to engage with residents on their concerns for speed and volume of traffic. What affects the area of the village where you live? What measures do you consider would make a difference? Please discuss your thoughts with any of the Parish Councillors. A formal consultation event will be held at a future date.

Funding

As well as the Parish Council's grant awarding scheme, available to community organisations, both the County Councillor (Peter Gould) and District Councillor (Matthew Hicks) are keen to remind the village of their locality budgets which are also available to support community projects. Please contact either of the Councillors directly or via the Parish Clerk.

There are currently vacancies for Councillors. Hoxne, like all local councils, need active, interested and com-

mitted people to serve and get involved in their work. The Council works as a team and no one person has all the solutions for its community. However, through engagement with the electorate and undertaking free professional training that is available, you will be better placed to deal with the interesting range of issues that arise. Speak to anyone of the existing councillors to find out more.

Meeting Dates

Hoxne Parish Council meetings will take place on:

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mance was one to remember. There were a lot of first time visitors who not only loved the music but also the unique Red Feather Club atmosphere and the excellent sprung wooden dance floor.

Sunday saw custom and classic cars, hot rods and bikes taking centre stage, along with an open-air DJ jambo-ree. Again, there were lots of first-time visitors marvelling at the

HOT ROD

museum and the friendly atmosphere.

The Red Feather Club Museum, run and maintained by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, is dedicated to the memory and legacy of the 95th, who flew out of Horham in their B-17s during World War Two. There is plenty more going on at the Red Feather Club in the coming months.

On Saturday, September 24th roots rock'n'roll and western swing outfit Junction 55 will be back for a great night of music and dance.

On Saturday, October 29th Redlingfield will be holding its last Jubilee event of the year with a Jump & Jive dance at the Red Feather Club.



Advance tickets only, £10 each (accompanied under 16s free), cheques payable to 'Redlingfield Village Amenities Ltd'. Send a SAE to Mike Ager, Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU. Phone 01379 678835. It should be a great night with DJs Robert 'Sarge' Cator & Mike 'Fortress' Kendall spinning the discs.

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Voices from the past

April to July 1989

In his editorial, in the context of Ascension Day (May 4th) being the 'coronation day of Jesus', the Vicar made passing reference to Queen Elizabeth's coronation as an occasion that any middle aged person will remember very clearly. Of course, we are no longer 'middle aged' and now we 'elderly' have memories of four celebrated Jubilees under our belt too.

On first coming to Hoxne in the early 'eighties I was enchanted by its community spirit and special activities - the Harvest Breakfast and Santa's visit on Christmas morning of course, but also around that time I remember going to a May Day Fair on the green with children's traditional maypole dancing.



I don't know if this was ever a regular event but at least in May 1989 £400 was raised for school funds, some to be allocated to purchase a new computer. Matthew Ife and Suzy Goddard were crowned King and Queen of the May.

The church restoration was progressing; the Church Architect, Mr S Kholucy, was applying for a facility for installation of heating in the roof and applying for various grants towards repairs to the roof, especially the tower turret and lower battlement, wall paintings, heat and electrics, and the Maynard monument in the north aisle.

The cost was estimated at approximately £85,000 exc VAT and fees. Friends of Hoxne Church funds now exceeded £15,000 including from 12 social activities (£3,400) and outside charities and the Neighbours Scheme (£2,544).

Reg Baxter, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer Hoxne Royal British Legion, reported on the recent death and funeral of their oldest member, Harry List from Wellington Road, Eye. Harry survived the horrors of The Somme 73 years previously with a severe leg wound. He recovered to live a full life until over 90. He was the branch's last surviving member from The Great War.



On a lighter note, the darts team finished runners-up to the Botesdale team in the Suffolk County finals - the first time in 42 years the finals had been staged.

The death of Major General John 'Jock' Anderson on 29th May and his funeral in Hoxne Church on 2nd June was noted. Jock, who lived with his wife Daphne in Mulberry Cottage, was a popular and active supporter of local activities.

Coincidentally, the same issue of The Voice announced the publication of The Toe Rags, Daphne's memoirs of her harsh upbringing in Southern Rhodesia. If you can get a copy I can promise you an interesting read.

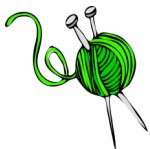
At the Annual Parish meeting in April The Speaker, Mr Ian Cooper, talked about the new Poll and Community tax - the infamous 'poll tax' that, in the following year gave rise to riots in various towns and cities.

On 31 April 1990 there were 399 arrests and more than 130 injuries, including five police and 20 police horses, when a peaceful protest was subverted and erupted into violence in Trafalgar square 'the worst riots in the city for a century'.

In an article about hand bells, we learnt that in the days before "TV and Hi-Fi and all other modern miracles" (what did we know then!) ringing was as common a pub amusement as dartboards "are today". Almost a team sport, it provided practice

for tower ringers without driving a whole village mad. Apparently, in the days of hand-threshing with a flail, farmers were said to employ teams of ringers using the threshing as practice for change ringing!

It seems many villages had communally-owned sets and those of Wingfield and Syleham were still in regular use. Hoxne's beautiful set, worth around £3,000 to 6,000 at the time, had 'gone out of sight' - perhaps lying neglected or separated in people's homes. Maybe they had joined the 100 or so teaspoons that had been mislaid at St. Edmund's Hall! I wonder if either ever turned up.



The Mothers' Union was active, showing examples of members' pastimes including paintings, tapestries, embroidery, knitting, needlework and creative writing at a meeting at the home of the

treasurer, Mrs Edna Hales. So far that year, members and friends had produced: 2 blankets (knitted from 6" squares), 4 Jumpers, 5 Dresses, and 2 pairs of trousers, in support of Oxfam.

In order to keep costs as low as possible, the Village Voice had obtained its own photocopying machine and was offering a printing service. A4 - 7p double sided, A3 - 12p double sided. Discount for regular customers, bulk amounts and village organisations.



Dawn Lodge

A message from erstwhile Wingfield resident, Tommy Gee

Andrew Castleden's report of Hoxne's Platinum Jubilee peal reminded me that at a meeting of the Wingfield PCC, Betty Syrett suggested that we should ring in the 2000 Millennium.

Our bells were silent because No 4 had a crack caused by rain penetration in the tower - a result of the sale of roofing lead replaced by storm-damaged roofing felt.

Roy Clement Smith dismantled the steel ringing frame, lowered it and the six bells, and No 4 was taken to Anglesey to be welded. He then restored the peal.

Betty mobilised and trained a team of ringers in local churches. There we are in Weybread, a tight space:

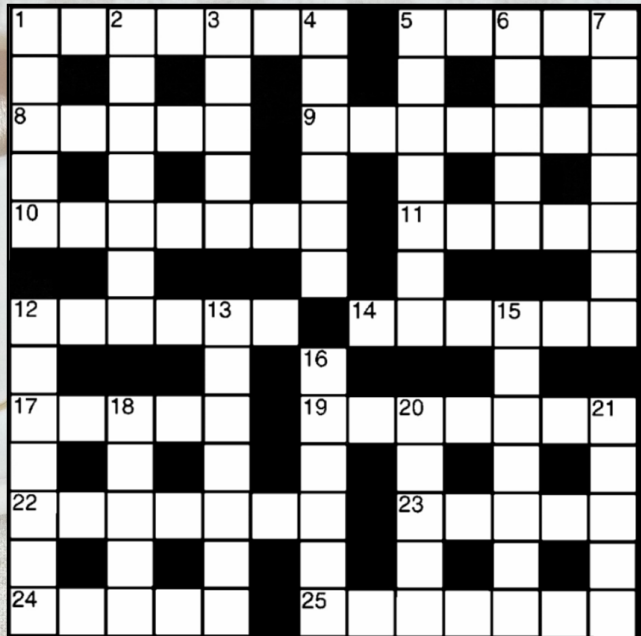


Tommy Gee

Crossword Puzzle No. 148

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 **Thurs 8th September** at the latest.

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



Across

- 1 Green St. becomes another thoroughfare (7)
- 5 Apply medical care as a favour (5)
- 8 Fringe may be over-elaborate (5)
- 9 South American capital sounds crazy (7)
- 10 Old copper coins may incur cost I hear (7)
- 11 Country house for Midlands football team (5)
- 12 Take a snooze in Spain (6)
- 14 Complete foolishness (6)
- 17 Disturb an animal found in town (5)
- 19 Most ran to make a lintel (7)
- 22 Confused caterer lives in such a street (7)
- 23 Could be lurid description of chief Ramsey (5)
- 24 Tread clumsily and be judged (5)
- 25 One who kneads but not a baker (7)

Down

- 1 Rummage around for a gun (5)
- 2 Brief sight of a slim peg (7)
- 3 New York and London combine to make a fabric (5)
- 4 Chaste form of scented bag (6)
- 5 H.T. Verdi flourished (7)
- 6 Stand out as a Roman 40 (5)
- 7 Cuts any Italian region (7)
- 12 Stroll in varied natures (7)
- 13 Legislative centre of the Isle of Man (7)
- 15 Hardy's Jude somewhat indistinct (7)
- 16 Pour forth from a small river (6)
- 18 Frenchman's titfer (5)
- 20 Scottish cowman from Aberdeen? (5)
- 21 Civic leader sounds rather hoarse (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.147 was: Jo Chimes

Answers: **Across** 15) Court 8) Stealing 9) Beast 10) Interval 11) Miami 14) Era 16) Outlaw 17) Gentry 18) Eve 20) Lofty 24) Dreadful 25) Piano 26) Bloomers 27) Stamp

Down 1) Aspic 2) Heath 3) Alarm 4) Unfair 6) Obedient 7) Rosemary 12) Humorist 13) Platinum 14) Ewe 15) Age 19) Verily 21) Capon 22) Often 23) Bliss

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