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Tributes to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II



All four of our churches have had commemorative tables throughout the period of mourning, with a book of condolence which everyone was invited to sign. This one was at St Margaret's, Syleham. If you missed the books of condolence but would still like to sign, please get in touch with Revd Eleanor or any Churchwarden.



Commemorative display for Queen Elizabeth II at Hoxne's Harvest Breakfast preparations.

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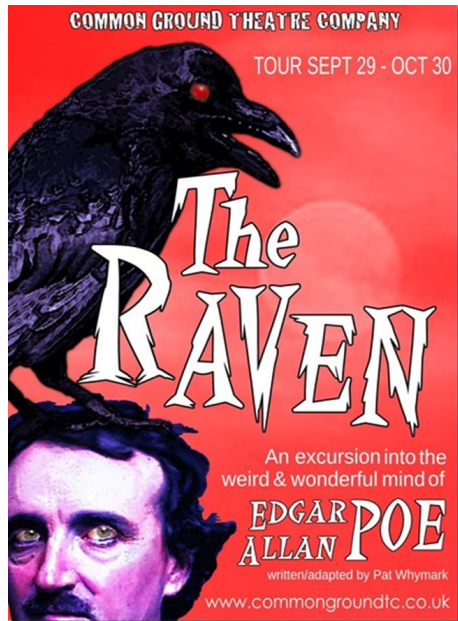
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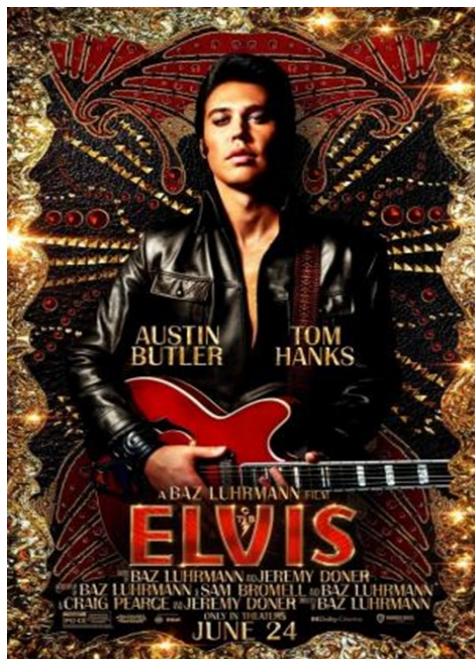
St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne - Film Night

Elvis

Friday 14 October

7:30pm £4.00 a ticket

Austin Butler is outstanding as Elvis. We see the complex dynamic between Elvis and his enigmatic manager Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Set against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape in America is Presley's rise to stardom. Key is one of the most influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (Olivia DeJonge).



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St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne Sun 13th November 7.30pm
Wingfield Barns Sat 26th November 7.30pm

What's On at Wingfield Barns

Mark Harrison Band

Saturday 1st October, 7.30pm

Acclaimed national touring artist Mark Harrison brings his unique music and band to Wingfield Barns.

MARK HARRISON (National + 12-string guitars/vocals)
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Ben Welburn (drums/percussion)

There is no one in music quite like Mark Harrison. With his unique and acclaimed rhythm section, he is widely considered one of the most original and interesting artists around. His highly individual, all-original music has taken him and the band to some of the top venues and festivals in the UK, attracting acclaim wherever he goes. Recent appearances on BBC Radio 2, as guest on Cerys Matthews's show and on the Pick Of The Week show, have further added to his growing reputation.



Tickets £14

Dan Whitehouse with special guest, Eliza Marshall

Friday 14th October, 7.30pm

Dan Whitehouse The Glass Age tour with special guest (flautist) Eliza Marshall

Singer-guitarist Dan Whitehouse renews, reinvents and reimagines - revealing how he carefully nurtured his creativity during an imposed stay in Japan from January 2020 to June 2021.



Eliza's solo work is influenced by her love of world music and combines incredible looped melodies from her flute with spoken word and some surprises.

Tickets £15

Blake Morrison with The Hosepipe Band

Saturday 15th October, 7.30pm

THE BALLAD OF SHINGLE STREET
and other East Anglian poems

This is a performance of poetry with music featuring poet and novelist Blake Morrison reading from his collection *Shingle Street* and other more recent poems about East Anglia.

Blake's readings are accompanied by original music composed and played by the multi-instrumentalist members of The Hosepipe Band.



Tickets £10

Open Space Theatre Company presents
After Miss Julie, by Patrick Marber
Thursday 3rd November, 7.30pm

The lady of the house descends into the servants' quarters as a passionate night of celebration turns to tragedy. Marber's gripping play of class divisions and forbidden desire is an updated version of August Strindberg's classic drama, *Miss Julie*, relocating the action to the night of Labour's 1945 landslide General Election victory.

Tickets £12

Concert in Memory of Pat Blanchet
Saturday 12th November, 7.30pm

In aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance

Featuring, among others:

Terence Blacker, Local celebrity singer/songwriter
and international performers, **Winter Wilson**

Tickets £14

Christina Alden and Alex Patterson
Sunday 20th November, 7.30pm

Christina Alden and Alex Patterson are songwriters and multi-instrumentalists from Norwich. They have been playing and singing together for the last seven years and have toured extensively in the UK and Europe - including a twenty-three date tour with *Show Of Hands*, a show at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall for *Celtic Connections* and main stage performances at some of the UK's most prestigious folk festivals.

Tickets £14

India Electric Co.
Friday 25th November, 7.30pm

Blending traditional instruments, folk melodies and subtle electronic influences, India Electric Company have extensively toured throughout Europe, Australia and New Zealand, with UK shows at The London Palladium and Hammersmith Apollo. After live sessions with BBC Radio 2 and 6 Music, Glastonbury Festival appearances and BBC Introducing's backing they released *The Gap* in 2020 with FRUK declaring them "one of the truly pioneering acts in folk music".

Tickets £14

More information and ticket links for all events here at Wingfield Barns on our website, www.wingfieldbarns.com or call 01379 384505





**For
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Tuesday 4th October
10am - 11.30am
Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall
IP21 4LT

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University of the 3rd Age 'Shetland'

Harleston & District u3a's next talk:

**'Shetland', on 19 October
at 2.00 pm**

in St John's Church, Harleston

Presented by Harleston u3a member,
Geoff Doggett

By boat and train, Geoff will explore Shetland music, wildlife, and the landscape which encompasses the beaches and seas of the one hundred islands that make up the Shetland Isles and their strong Viking heritage.

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

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Church News

New beginnings



As I write this, people are returning from holiday, the children are going back to school, Parliament has returned and a new Prime Minister is setting out her plans. Autumn is a time of new beginnings, as well as of things coming to fruition. In the life of our churches we also have new beginnings:

Clergy team

Revd John has completed his training and has been “signed off”. He will be known from now on as Associate Priest.

John has become a governor of Stradbroke Primary School and All Saints Primary School, Laxfield and he will be leading for the clergy team on our future work with St Edmund’s Primary School in Hoxne as well.

He will continue to help me and all of us in many different ways, especially in relation to technology!

My licence as interim SSM Priest in Charge was for two years, finishing on 4th October. After consultation with all our PCCs, the Bishop decided to make me “permanent” SSM Priest in Charge. I am delighted to be around a bit longer as Priest in Charge to take forward some of the initiatives we have been pursuing over the last two years.

Revd Richard continues to support us with his experience and wise advice, as well as helping with services. John and I received our new licences from Bishop Mike at a service on Sunday 18th September at Wingfield church.

Return to the Common Cup at Communion

In the same spirit of new beginnings, and in the light of rapidly falling rates of Covid 19 both nationally and locally, we are returning to the Common Cup at Holy

Communion from the beginning of September. It will of course remain possible for anyone who wishes to do so to communicate in one kind only and take only the bread at Communion. We will keep the situation under review, especially if there are signs of a ‘winter surge’ in Covid cases.

Best wishes for any new beginnings you may be contemplating this autumn!

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Church Services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham and Wingfield

Planned church services in October/November

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)

October

Sunday 2nd October Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Harvest Service, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and
Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday 9th October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion for Harvest,
Redlingfield

9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne

3.00 pm Harvest Service, Denham

Sunday 16th October
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Harvest Service, Syleham

6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 23rd October
Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

9.30 am BCP Matins, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

Saturday 29th October

4.00 pm Service of Memorial and
Thanksgiving, Hoxne

Sunday 30th October
All Saints' Sunday

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion,
Athelington

4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

November

Sunday 6th November
Third Sunday before Advent

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church

Sunday 13th November
Remembrance Sunday

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion and Act of
Remembrance, Wingfield

10.45 am CW Holy Communion and Act of
Remembrance, Redlingfield

10.45 am Remembrance Service, Hoxne

10.45 am Remembrance Service, Syleham

3.00 pm Remembrance Service, Denham

Sunday 20th November
Christ the King

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Village Service, Syleham

6.00 pm Evensong on Zoom

Sunday 27th November
Advent Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion with
Bishop Martin, Hoxne

4.00 pm Advent Carol Service,
Athelington

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'My View'

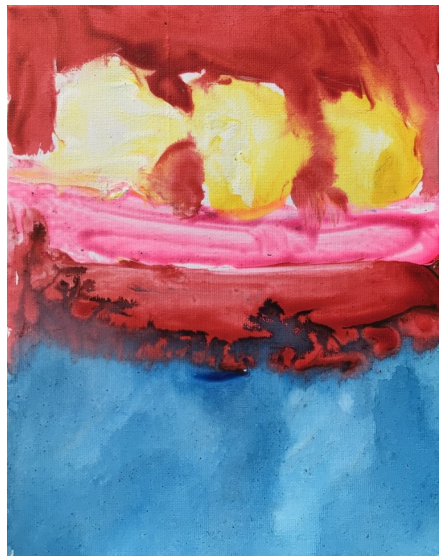
by Madeleine, age 4

Madeleine, who is a regular at Messy Church, has a painting in the Young Artists' Summer Show at the Royal Academy. Her work was selected from thousands of entries to go on show in London and online.

Well done Madeleine!

To see her painting online, and vote in the People's Choice Award, you can go to:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2022/71726>



St John, Denham

Denham Church has been around for more than seven centuries, though somewhat smaller now and without its tower.

It seems a fitting place to commemorate the Queen's seven decades upon the throne. The lancet window in the porch (blocked up by a piece of plywood at the moment) is the first thing you see as you enter so the jubilee memorial will make an immediate impression.

Work is under way on the design to reflect the medieval fragments of stained glass in the west window and blend in with the rest of the building.

We are planning to instal radiant heaters in the church which will leave much more space on the ground and less energy spent heating the lofty regions under the roof. If anyone is interested in buying several gas heaters later in the year, please let me know.

Harvest Festival is on **Sunday 9th October** at 3.00 pm. Donations of fruit, vegetables or any other produce will be very welcome as harvest seemed to happen early this year.

Remembrance Service is on **Sunday 13th November**, also at 3.00 pm.

*Hilary Castleden
01379 668458*

St Margaret, Syleham

Church for the Community

We look forward to welcoming many from the parish for our **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 16th October (at 10am)**. We brought our harvest supper forward to late September so that is now in the past. We are very privileged that Amici will once again be joining us for our Carol Service, planned to be at 11.15am on Sunday 18th December (but at the time of writing subject to confirmation).

Family activities have continued apace, with a busy Messy Church session for younger children and an exciting drama workshop for Club Create, our group for



children aged 7-12. Little Lambs in Hoxne re-started in September. Importantly, I make clear that these children's activities are beneficent initiatives, in which we at St Margaret's share. For Messy Church, themes of Harvest and Remembrance are planned for October and November and we hope to have a party for our December session; families will be kept informed.

Pastorally, we have again rejoiced in the celebration of a marriage but also wept with and cared for those who are grieving or passing through dark waters.



For the **Queen's Green Canopy**, we have planted in the churchyard a rowan tree, generously donated by Sarah Buckley. It needs time to grow but is marked with a brass plaque and was recently dedicated by Revd Eleanor.

Church improvements. Our smart new notice board still awaits installation - as the soil softens. It will provide more space as well as indicating the name of the church and be a tribute to the memory of J Leader; do look out for it!

There is delay in carrying out the repair and maintenance work indicated by our 2020 quinquennial report as the architect/project manager responsible is

still catching up on jobs postponed during the Covid lockdown. We are, however, going ahead with improving the lighting within the church, especially in the chancel, and funds raised will help towards the cost. We hope very much to have this work completed before the Carol Service.

Coffee & Cake

This sociable event, at the Village Hall 10am - 11.30am on the first Tuesday every month - continues and is attracting new attendees. As usual, it is free but on 4th October it will be a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** (see page 10), with donations requested and a few fundraising activities arranged. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause: we all know families who have needed support as a loved-one moves to palliative care.

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 tranquility.

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Wingfield Barns Summer Fête

St Andrew, Wingfield

Wingfield Barns hosted a fabulous Fête on 7th August in aid of Wingfield Church. There were donkey rides, live music from Roy Goodwin, superb refreshments, a great range of stalls and - the highlight for many - a traditional Punch and Judy show. The weather was, of course, hot and dry! Many thanks to the Barns and to all who were involved in organizing such an enjoyable afternoon.

Wingfield took part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event as usual on 10th September and we

were delighted to welcome cyclists and walkers who visited the church. Special thanks to those who kindly rode on behalf of Wingfield church.

On 17th September Jacky Taylor and her helpers ran a friendly and welcoming coffee morning in the church while the clergy offered guided tours of the Grade 1 listed building, including parts not usually open to the public. Our medieval church building is a great treasure and one to be

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cherished for future generations, just as all our people are treasures, although we may not last as long!

New for the autumn: we are starting a new Book Club to meet in the De La Pole Arms once a month. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 19th October at 5.00 pm.



The book will be *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke, winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2021. No need to reserve a place - just come along. For further details, contact Revd Eleanor Goodison.

Revd Eleanor Goodison

St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

My last report was in the June/July edition of Village Voice. I had nothing much to say in the last edition.

This month I can report that the organ has now been moved to the North Aisle, it does somewhat obscure the screen at the entrance to the St Edmund Chapel but the sight of the screen when you walk around the organ is a delight to see.

At first glance the organ looks to be standing at an angle. We have had the spirit level out and it is standing perfectly upright, it is just that the north wall of the church is leaning outwards, hence the buttresses you can see outside the church I guess.

Moving the organ has allowed the great West doors to be put back into use, they do need some conservation work and the general area needs re-organisation. The PCC is getting quotes for the work.

At the beginning of September we were granted planning permission from Mid Suffolk District Council for the lavatory project. It has taken a long time since we first broached the subject with the council.

We still need to petition for the Grant of a Faculty for the building, together with an adjoining footpath and Disabled Compliant Access via the North door. All

paperwork has been submitted - the time scale for an answer is unlikely to be less than six weeks. In the meantime, we can look at relocating the existing sheds.

The new building will be a more attractive option than the existing 'portaloo' and very welcome to those visitors who have travelled a long way for weddings and funerals.

You will see elsewhere in Village Voice details of services being held at the church.

On **Saturday 26 November** we have our annual Christmas Fair, which will be held as usual in the Village Hall. The format will broadly be the same as previous years, lunches will be available and there is a planned visit from Father Christmas. Look out for posters around the village nearer the time. Do come and join us, maybe buy a few gifts and enjoy a glass of mulled wine.

Debbie Harding

St Edmund's Chapel Dedication

Hoxne Church are pleased to invite all to the special service of Eucharist, from **10am, on Sunday 27 November** (First of Advent) at the Church.

The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, will preside over a Service of Eucharist during which the chapel will be dedicated to St Edmund.

Guy McGregor
Hoxne Church Warden
01379668434

Flower Rota

October 2 and 9
Harvest Festival

October 16 and 23
Altar—Sarah Buckley

October 30 and November 6
Altar—Cathie McGregor

November 13 and 20
Altar—Suzanne Lewis
Porch—Cathie McGregor

November 27
Advent Candle—Cathie McGregor



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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 Fellowship Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 2.30pm at Time House Low Street Hoxne.



The annual I-Chameleon shop in The Thoroughfare Halesworth, run by the North Suffolk Area MU, is from 13-19 October. We sell good quality china, kitchenware, books, toys, preserves, Christmas cards, gifts and much more.



Monday 17th October is our day at the I-Chameleon Pop-Up Shop.

Monday 21st November Fellowship Meeting.

Do you know a bride-to-be in need of a dress? The St Nicholas Hospice Care Shop at 87 St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds specialises in pre-loved bridal wear from as little as £50.

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Cathie McGregor, Group Leader
01379 668434

Little Lambs

If you would like further information about the Little Lambs playgroup, please contact Caroline at: cabbott364@gmail.com

Friends of Hoxne Church

Well I am pleased to report that after many months and years, we have now received planning permission to go ahead with the erection of the new toilet facility. This will be of great comfort to those visiting the church for weddings, funerals and such large events.

The work on the footings will start in October and the main building in January.

With regard to the future of the Friends, our recent letter and appeal only brought forward one reply. We will try to carry on, but without more help it is very difficult to organise.

However our **Harvest Lunch** is on **Sunday 16th October**, tickets are available from committee members (see page 23), and we hope to have another quiz in the New Year.

Thank you all for your support in the past.

John Brawn, Chairman



MEET AND PLAY GROUP FOR THE UNDER 5s AND THEIR CARERS

Please come and join us

Parent(Carer)/Toddler/Baby Group

The first Tuesday of the month,

4th October & 1st November

1.15 - 3.15 p.m.

The Pavilion, Hoxne Playing Field

IP21 5AD

Singing Story time Games

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

This initiative is sponsored by members of the Mother's Union and the churches in the Hoxne Benefice.

News from Denham

More fun in Denham this summer raising funds for our village hall renovations. Locals enjoyed a fabulous Ceilidh in true rural style at Peter Saunders' yard, with a bar, BBQ and Raffle.

We were entertained by the Hoxon Hundred band. Their caller was brilliant at getting us all up dancing and it was a great way to meet new neighbours as well as old.

Many thanks go to all who took part in raising a whopping £1,300 at this event, with particular thanks to Peter Saunders for letting us use his Yard.

*Kerina Jane
Parish councillor, Chair of Denham
Community Council*



Hoxon Hundred band

Chefs Jane and Richard Gilmore



Wingfield and District Gardening Club



Garden Historian Caroline Holmes will be giving an illustrated talk on

The Historic Gardens of East Anglia



Brundish Village Hall, IP13 8BB
Thursday, 24 November at 7.30

All welcome. Non-members £5, Annual subscription £15

For further information:
01379 388034 or email priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Wingfield Harvest Supper

Saturday 22nd October

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

See website for further info: Wingfield-churchsuffolk.org, under Events.

Jacky Taylor
01379 388355

Carpet Bowls has started at Syleham and Wingfield village hall - please contact Joyce on 01379 668 102 for details or call in at the village hall on a Monday evening.



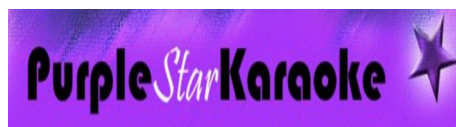
Volunteers from Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club man the bar on a Tuesday and a Friday, and are available for your event booked at the village hall.

Come and join us on a Tuesday evening when the bar is open, board games are available and some will be playing cards. Join those that use the main hall for some informal gentle jive, play pool or just have a chat.

There's also a pattern of activities on Friday evenings. The bar will be open, with board games and pool available.

First Friday is usually **Open Mic** - come along to take part, to listen, to be the audience.

On the second Friday there's **Purple Star Karaoke** (free entry), with raffle. Come along to sing, to listen, to encourage!



Third Friday is **Quiz night**, with raffle, and always **MARS BARS** for the lowest-scoring team!



Last Friday there's **Bingo!** which raises funds for locally nominated charities and good causes. Apologies - the raffle prizes have not got any better, despite the bad publicity!

Thank you to all who supported the **metal collection** in the car park - last one for this year. Watch this space for information about the next opportunity to easily get rid of your odds-and-ends of metal items. Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the village hall.

There will be a **Jumble Sale** on **Saturday 29th October**, from 2pm 'til 4pm. Teas, raffle, free entry. Contact Donna for details, or if you need any donated items collected.

We will continue to meet at 1.30 pm on the last Thursday of the month for half-an-hour of gentle chair-based exercise, followed by coffee, chat and craft. Please join us when you wish, whether you prefer to come to just the exercise or just for a cuppa - or both. The village hall is warm and welcoming. No special clothing is needed for the exercise, just something comfy and our local instructor is experienced with all ages and abilities.



Our village hall is available for bookings - do you need somewhere for your child's birthday party, or a family celebration, or a disco, party, meal or meeting? Contact Donna to come and look around or to book.

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LIVE THEATRE

Common Ground Theatre are making their return to our village hall with an adaptation, by Pat Whymark of *The Raven*, described as 'an excursion into the weird and wonderful mind of Edgar Allan Poe.' (see page 6) *Common Ground* are a Suffolk-based music-theatre touring company. If you haven't attended a *Common Ground* show before, you really are missing out - do come and join us!

Please use 07807 341364 or the *Common Ground* website for bookings <https://www.commongroundtc.co.uk/autumn-tour>

J's MEADOW

After all this rather warm weather, the grass on J's meadow looks very similar to every other patch of grass! Our Jubilee Oak tree is looking very well, must be the odd bucket of water it's been treated to over the weeks, and the three Silver Birch are also looking good.

Way back in 2019, a coffee morning consultation was held where those attending were asked to give suggestion of what should happen on J's Meadow - well, table-top sales, national celebrations, barbecues and ball games have definitely all happened on J's Meadow.

One thing still left to do is to provide some **play and exercise equipment!** This is coming a step closer with quotes being collected, grants applied for, and locations decided. We showcased the ideas at our Saturday Cafe in August, and again in September. Pictures will be on show in the village hall during most Sports and Social club opening times on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Bulb planting

Saturday 29th October - Come and join us at 9am to make fireworks of colour for the Spring. Dress according to the weather. Please bring a trowel if you have one.

Children must be accompanied, please. Hot chocolate to follow in the village hall.

Please contact Julie for further information, and contact Donna for bookings. donnamariegoose@hotmail.co.uk or 07876487294

Visit our website for the latest news:

sylehamandwingfieldhall.org
Julie Thompson
Text 07929 794636
juliethompson435@gmail.com

Hoxne Village Hall

As Autumn has arrived so has our new Season of Friday Films.

They all start at 7.30pm, with bar open from 7pm and during the interval. See posters for further details.

For October we have *Elvis* which should be interesting to see changing America through the 50s, 60s and 70s as well as Elvis's rise to unprecedented stardom! The music should be great too!



Downton Abbey - A New Era

On 11 November we will show the ever-popular *Downton Abbey - A New Era* and on 2 December, *The Railway Children Return*.

Please pre-book your tickets on 668060 if you can, so we know how many chairs to put out. 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.

The Friends of Hoxne Church

are hosting the

Hoxne Harvest Lunch

at the Village Hall



Sunday, 16th October



12.30 for 12.45 start

£12.50 for adults, £5 under 12s

Tickets available from:

John Brawn 01379 668352

Maureen Johnson 01379 668478

Anne Swann 01379 669322

We are pleased to announce a new booking for the third Thursday of each month - Rest and Restore/Mindfulness Classes run by Janet (*see details below*).

Despite mentioning in the last edition about items being left outside the Clothes Bank, the same week the Village Voice was out we spotted someone leaving toys! Such items would be better used at the Charity Shop in Eye. PLEASE do not Fly Tip as apart from being illegal, items get ruined in the rain. If full, please ring the number on the Clothes or Shoe Bank to report, and the same for the Bottle Bank.

Stephen Nixon is working on setting up a new website - hopefully more details in the next edition of Village Voice!

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

New Rest and Restore Classes by Candlelight

Spotlight on Mental Wellness

My name is Janet. I am a qualified Meditation teacher, graduating with Distinction in 2017 from the British School of Meditation. I currently have a class at Stowhealth Surgery each week, where I teach adult students.

During lockdown we all had to forgo things that in pre-covid times we really enjoyed. For most, life changes were inevitable. Lockdown presented many mental issues due to isolation and restriction of movement. Huge adjustments ensued and continue to affect us in all sorts of ways, and two years on we are finally moving forward with mental health very much in the spotlight.

My journey started in 2015 when a friend asked me to join her for a lunchtime class at the Self Centre, Bury St Edmunds. I was a little sceptical at first as I thought it was connected to religion and was not sure it was for me. I could not have been more wrong!

It was completely secular. The class was peaceful and relaxing with periods of quiet, and at times gentle music played in the background. I learnt breathing exercises and ways to take a step back from what was bothering me so I could make better choices. The whole experience completely changed my perspective on what is important in my life, and I gradually reversed the wasted years I had spent worrying and over-thinking.

I am much happier now, and would like to share my skills with my new group.

**To be held in
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27th October

6.30-7.30pm

then every 4th Thursday
of the month

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Janet 07951 714477



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Hoxne Playing Field & Pavilion

ED'S PERMANENT PAVILION PLAICE

The decision by Hoxne's favourite fish and chip man Ed Davies to move his pitch to the pavilion car park at the playing field during the summer has been an outstanding success. So much so that he has decided to stay there permanently every Thursday evening in the future.

"Parking facilities are so much better than where I used to be before, and the other big attraction for customers is having the pavilion bar open between 4 and 7 pm when I am serving customers. They can enjoy a drink while I am preparing their order," he said.

"A number of them have asked me to stay at the pavilion car park because during the winter evenings they can wait in the warm and dry indoors and enjoy a drink, instead of having to wait in the cold and often wet weather while I cook

their order. And of course they can eat their fish and chips in the pavilion."

Hoxne playing field committee have also warmly welcomed Ed's decision to remain on the car park outside the pavilion bar every Thursday evening.

"During the summer it was a joy to see so many people, especially families and couples, eating their fish and chips here and enjoying a drink at the same time" commented Stuart Jarrold, vice chairman of the Hoxne playing field committee.

"In addition it has brought the pavilion to the notice of people who are now making inquiries about hiring the facility, which many new to the village didn't know existed."

The Hoxne pavilion is suitable for a variety of functions - parties, meetings, christenings, wakes, supper evenings - and bookings can be made through secretary Julie Bryant (email: juliebryant2202@gmail.com) who will provide details including charges and available dates.

Redgrave Rangers football club have now made Hoxne playing field their new home so there will be games every Saturday throughout the season. The pavilion bar will also be open each Saturday afternoon for spectators and players. The committee are still seeking volunteers to help man the bar, especially on Saturdays. Anyone who can help should contact the Hoxne social club chairperson Emily Bower (email: emy.bower@gmail.com)

Please contact **Julie Bryant**, Secretary of the Hoxne Playing Field Management Committee via email at julie.bryant2202@gmail.com



Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Hoxne Playing Field Management Committee

Monday 17th October 2022 7.00pm

Location—Playing Field Pavilion, Hoxne

You are invited to the Playing Field Annual General Meeting

The Committee are looking for more committee members to assist them with taking forward the role of the pavilion and playing field and what facilities or improvements will encourage more community use in the future.

Hoxne Garden and Social Club

It has returned, with a vengeance ! The Hoxne Flower and Produce Show was held for the first time in three years at the beginning of September and again has established itself as one of the major events in the Hoxne calendar. We are already making plans for next year on how we can further improve the Show, for example we want to encourage younger people to participate, and more residents who are not members of the Garden and Social Club.

No matter how well we organise the Show, success will always depend on those people who take part. Therefore I would like to thank all those entrants to the Show for exhibiting their fruit, cookery, vegetables, preserves, drinks, craftwork, and photography.

Our first talk of the autumn season takes place on **Thursday 15th September** when we will be entertained by Thomas Jarret, from Shawsgate Vineyard who will outline the history of the vineyard and the wines that it produces. Hopefully we will also get a taste of the wines produced and the opportunity to buy the odd bottle or two. (Hic).

On **October 20th** our speaker will be Rachael Pedder-Smith on Botanical Art.

Why not come and join us and relieve the monotony of the lengthening winter nights and be entertained at the same time ?

Chris Parkin



Judgment time at the Hoxne Flower and Produce Show



Winners: Sally, Jeanette, Julie, Sue, Rachael and Otto (in front) Awards presented by Peter Knights



Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of an apple by its diameter?



A: Apple pi ! (Ed.)

The Maynard Trust

Benefactor's legacy holds good today

The following adapted article appeared in the Village Voice in 2010 and was written by John Ball, the then chairman of The Maynard Trust. Trustees have changed and moved on but the aims of the trust still remain.

As a community, Hoxne has a pretty good record for fundraising. Many clubs and organisations have benefitted from the proceeds of fêtes and dances, festivals and flower shows; breakfasts and barbeques, bike rides, quizzes and a variety of other happy wallet-wasters keep many village activities on the road.

But there is another source of funding that quietly goes about its business without poaching the pockets of this inexhaustibly generous hinterland. And it provides for the immediate needs of individuals within Hoxne.

If your daughter is struggling to pay for her university reading list or your son wants to go on that school study expedition or perhaps Granny would love to do a computer course, there is help at hand. So, who do we have to thank for this? Thomas and Charles Maynard.



In the St Edmund's Chapel in Hoxne Parish Church is the monument to Lord Thomas Maynard, who founded and endowed a school for Hoxne which later became the Maynard Trust. Lord Charles Maynard was the last Maynard of Hoxne Hall.

Charles Maynard was a benefactor of Hoxne parish who, in 1761, endowed a foundation bearing his name for the benefit of boys and girls, and indeed now anyone of the Parish, to assist financially with their educational needs. Today, the Trust, which is administered by five trustees from Hoxne, derives its income from investments.

As with any Trust, it is governed by its constitution and is accountable to the Charity Commission. So, if you want funding for a family skiing holiday, forget it! On the other hand, if your child is training for the Olympic slalom - go for it! As long as the purpose is educational or career enhancing training, an application will be considered. But you must be a resident of Hoxne Parish and we do have limited funds. The Trust does not operate on a first come first served basis but rather to assist as many as possible, according to its means and your needs. For example, if you are doing a woodwork course and have to buy tools costing £200, you could expect help to the tune of £75 to £100. If there are twenty others doing the same course, the grant would then be commensurate with the demand.

The Trust is there to be used. Its funds are available to all who live in Hoxne, irrespective of age, who might have difficulty in meeting the costs of educational need. Just write or email (preferably the applicant rather than a parent or guardian) to:

Amanda Jones (Administrator)
Claret Cottage, Cross Street,
Hoxne, IP21 5AJ Tel: 07758 078754
Email: marmite1518@gmail.com

Likewise, if you meet any of the other trustees, have a word with them:

Richard Giffin, Polly Potter,
Jonathan Lawrie, Michel Henri.

**Deadlines for receipt of
applications to the Maynard Trust:**

September 30th 2022
for the October Trust meeting
December 31st 2022
for the January Trust meeting
March 31st 2023
for the April Trust meeting
June 30th 2023
for the July Trust meeting

Hoxne Phoenix Group

Having had some very stimulating talks over the last few months, we will ease off in October and November. On **October 11th** Jason Middleton is coming to visit us - he is a gemstone buyer for a respected jewellery company and specialises in Pearls and this will be the subject of our meeting - (I don't expect he will bring any samples!). Then on **November 8th** Queen Victoria will be visiting us in all her regalia!



We have had several new ladies join us in the last few months from surrounding villages - very encouraging. All our meetings are at 7.30 pm. on the second Tuesday of each month in Hoxne Village Hall. If you are new to the area and think you would like to know more about us, please contact me on the details below.

Following our talk and promotion of the Medical Detection Dogs charity, the total amount sent to them was £330 - not a bad sum from a relatively small group of people.

Pat Green, Secretary
01379 668379
patandbryan1@gmail.com

Bernard Wellingham— small world or synchronicity?

from erstwhile Wingfield resident,
Tommy Gee

We met Bernard Wellingham when we bought Abbey Cottage in Wingfield some 30 years ago. He was busy raising a very large sum of money needed to replace the Canadian cedar tiles on the church, so we sent him a cheque sufficient for him to reclaim income tax.

Bernard arranged for me to take over from Sheila Kent as church treasurer. He wanted me to be present when a prospective church donor came to assess our bid for funds, but to let him deal with the matter - which seemed wise. So I kept quiet, in the back of the church.

When the visit ended, I walked to the church gate with his waiting driver, who asked me what I did. When I said "We spent 20 years in Uganda," he asked whether I had ever come across his neighbour, Phillip Ridsdale. I said "Small world, when I was District Commissioner Bunyoro, in Uganda, Phillip was Rural Dean. I made contact with the local Banyoro through him, one in particular who was the Clerk of the Bunyoro Rukurato (Council) who became Deputy Prime Minister to Milton Obote. He asked me to stay and run education after Independence."

The driver said that when he got back to Bury he would be seeing Phillip and wheeling him down to the pub for a drink, so he would tell him of our meeting. Phillip rang me that night and said we must meet again. He told me that although he didn't speak French, the CMS had appointed him Bishop of the Congo province. I didn't know he had been up-graded. I thought he was still a Rev.

We got that grant!

Tommy Gee

Kenny Hambling 1933-2022

Just an old Country Boy

On Monday, 1st August we said a sad farewell to Kenny. He was very well known in Hoxne, and lived here for more than 50 years.

Born in the summer of 1933, Kenny grew up in Horham with his eight siblings.

In those days work came before education, so as soon as he was old enough he left school to help out on the family farm. His first paid work was at Bacon's farm on the top road in Hoxne, and he bought a lovely little cottage down the road in Cross Street.

He met his beloved wife Fay at a local village hall dance in Billingford. They had five children, and Kenny could never say no to any of them—so there were always more furry creatures in the house than people!

Always avoiding arguments, he would say to his children, "We're not around here long enough... we all need to get along."

Kenny loved animals, and was never without a horse. Or his pipe, or a pint of beer! Quiet village life suited him, and he never travelled far from home.

He worked for the Council for 55 years, then on retirement was able to do the things he loved most—including driving his horse and cart. He worked at Tannington Hall, giving carriage rides to guests at wedding parties.

The May Day and Harvest Breakfast celebrations would see him giving pony and cart rides to the children, with his horse Sparky.

He was also part of a horse-drive challenge, 65 miles to Norwich and

back. He absolutely loved watching the video back at home, which is available to watch on Youtube:

<https://youtu.be/6cEwfYy3zLl>.

He loved his garden, roses for Fay and lots of veg - his rhubarb plant is still growing strong by the front gate.

If not in the garden or in the field with his horse, he might be in The Grapes or Swan having a pint, smoking his pipe and having a yarn. If you didn't know him at the beginning of the evening, you would certainly be friends by the end of the night. On at least one occasion he brought his horse inside the Grapes—probably for a pint.

At the Worlingworth Swan he loved listening to the live country music, and will be remembered for singing his favourite, "Cottage in the Country".

<https://youtu.be/rvk9GsFPZ2g>

If his horse was ever lame, that wouldn't keep him away—he would just drive the tractor there instead. Both knew the way home, if he had one pint too many!

As Kenny would say,

"It's a rum job, i'n' it!"

Kenny's daughter Marie, on behalf of the Hambling family, says: "I would like to say thank you to all the people who came and paid tribute to Dad on the day of his funeral, with special thanks to the horse drivers who gave him such a fitting send-off."



Parish Council Report

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

Hoxne

HM The Queen

On behalf of the parish of Hoxne, the Chairman of the Parish Council has written to the Private Secretary at Buckingham Palace to offer condolences to the Royal Family on the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Work of the Parish Council

The Parish Council has limited powers but is often a consultee on local and central government policy.

The Parish Council were recently asked to comment on Short Term Holiday Lets and any impact on the village. In particular, do you feel that an increase in short term lets has adverse consequences on the housing market, do you consider noise, anti-social behaviour to be a problem, and are there any other adverse impacts from holiday lettings which are having a negative impact on our community. Please respond to the clerk with your comments.

The Parish Council also continues to liaise with the Highways Authority on a range of traffic issues currently impacting on the village. Traffic surveys have been commissioned and the results are now being analysed by traffic management consultants.

In April, the Parish Council received its first payment of Community Infrastructure Levy and more is to be paid later this year. These funds are generated from housing developments in the village and can be spent on infrastructure to benefit the community. The Parish Council are keen to receive your ideas for expenditure.

To ensure that this work can continue, the Parish Council needs more members. There are currently four vacancies on the Council. Further details of the role of Parish Councillor can be found in the Good Councillor Guide which is available to view via the Parish Council website (www.hoxne.suffolk.net).

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The final version of the plan is now with the Parish Council for approval. Thereafter it will be submitted for examination and referendum in 2023. Full details of the plan are available at hoxneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Meeting Dates

Parish Council meetings will take place on:

Thursday 6 October at 7.30 pm
at Playingfield Pavilion

Thursday 3 November at 7.30 pm
at St Edmund's Hall.

Waveney Food Bank Hoxne

Supporters in Hoxne already
put food items in the
box in the
church

**A further box is now available
in the village shop**

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New Reeding Woods

The New Reeding Woods Group is named after a long-vanished ancient woodland covering three parishes. It was formed in 2003 with the aim of acquiring farmland to turn into woodland for wildlife and community benefit. The wood that was established, Pound Lane



Crab apples

Wood, is on the Redlingfield road in Horham. Following the long dry summer, the meadow is looking brown and there is no water in the pond. Both plants and wildlife are finding the dry conditions challenging. The dry ground results in worms keeping deeper where there is moisture in the earth. This leaves the birds short of food. Hedgehogs are also struggling to find food. This stress will impact on the ability of wildlife populations to survive the winter.



Medlars

The variety of habitats in the woodland help to provide cover and shelter in the heat. The log piles by the pond provide a home for newts and toads out of the sun. The



Dried-up pond in the meadow

woods and the long grasses also provide shade for a variety of small mammals.

We can all help wildlife by providing water for them in our gardens. Keep bird baths topped up so birds can drink and bathe. Insects and small mammals also need access to water. The Wildlife Trust website gives ideas on how we can all help.

Currently the brambles are looking good and are attracting Red Admiral butterflies, which will feed on any rotting fruit. The crab apples and medlars were doing well with rose hips scarlet along the hedges. A solitary knapweed was in flower in the grass.



Rosehips

The owl box was occupied by a wasp nest. As most wasp colonies only last a season it will be cleared out later in the autumn. Wasps are beneficial insects helping with pollination and also controlling other insects which damage crops.

Sadly in August one of our long standing members passed away. Geoff Hoad joined the group in 2006 and was a trustee of the group. He was an enthusiastic member and was fully involved in all the hard work planting and establishing the wood. Geoff became an integral part of the group whose good humour contributed to all our work and social activities. As he was a great bird watcher we will be putting up two bird boxes at the wood in his memory. He will be missed but not forgotten.



Knapweed

As we go into the autumn I look forward to the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and hopefully some rain.

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 07495875299.

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Hoxne Bowls Club

Double Success for Hoxne Bowlers

For the first time in living memory, Hoxne have won the Mid-Suffolk Bowls League, and the associated Cattee Cup.

In a celebratory game at the end of the season, Hoxne hosted teams from Stradbroke, Shotford, Fressingfield, Dennington, Laxfield and Earl Soham. Amidst an atmosphere of cordial bonhomie Hoxne won the game and enjoyed a convivial evening of refreshment, banter and chat.



Vivien Wilkinson & Errol Feaveryear

In club competitions, Alan Garnham won the 2-wood singles and Roger Knight won the 4-wood singles.

In the Waveney Finals Weekend Alan Garnham has reached four semi-finals. George Large and Roger Knight accompany him in the triples and pairs.

Roger Knight

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Hoxne Heritage Group

For the Heritage Group August is traditionally the time for our annual summer outing, and so it was that at the end of the month a number of members and friends made a trip to Sibton Abbey near Yoxford.

This Cistercian Abbey was founded about 1150 by William de Chesney, the High Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk. The original complement of 13 monks increased over the years so that by the 13th century the Abbey had grown rich on the production of grain and the wool trade. During this period the Abbey had both wind and water mills, which were used to mill corn on a large scale.

Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries the Abbey and Manor were sold to John Scrivener, the son of an Ipswich barrister, and today the ruins of the Abbey and surrounding land are still in the hands of the Levett-Scrivener family.

We are very grateful to Drina and Alan for organising the trip and for enabling us to visit the nearby church of St Peter in Sibton, which features some of the stonework from the Abbey ruins used during the restoration of the north aisle in the 16th century.



St Peter's Church, Sibton

The coming weeks will see some events taking place which we hope will prove to be both interesting and informative to everyone. Hopefully by the time you read this article we shall have held the second phase of our World War Two exhibition, featuring events in and around Hoxne in the years 1942-1945.

Supplementary to this, on September 27th there will be a talk in the Village Hall by Clive Stevens on the USAAF in East Anglia during the same period, and highlighting the impact this had on the countryside and communities.

Finally on **November 10th**, Ivan Bunn will be returning to give a talk on the pre-war fishing industry and in particular on the Prunier Trophy which was awarded to the Lowestoft vessel that landed the largest catch each season.

We look forward to seeing many of you at some, if not all, of these events.

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Sibton Abbey

Allen Burridge 1936-2022

Allen was born on the 2 May 1936 in 31 Low Street Hoxne, just opposite the Swan, where his mother Beatty had grown up. It was the site of his grandfather's boot repairer's business and his photographer's studio, and just between the butcher's shop and the slaughterhouse where he worked as a butcher's boy in his teenage years.

The family lived in 24 Low Street on the village green. Like many of his contemporaries, growing up in the village embedded a love of nature and the countryside that never left him. It made him a conservationist well before such things as wildlife corridors and wild gardens were thought of.

Allen was educated at St Edmund's Primary School in Cross Street, with the best in mid-20th century education including learning to knit dishcloths out of string, and double-digging.

When Allen left school at 15 he was apprenticed to a strange builder— A.E. Strange Builders of Brockdish. There he had a solid grounding in the woodworking skills that would stand him in such good stead for the rest of his life.

Allen met his beloved Doris at the Wilby dance hall around this time. On a Saturday evening he and his mates would all pile into Bert Lewis's Packard to be dropped off at Wilby Swan. There they

would drink pints of mild and be fleeced at shove-ha'penny by the old boys of Wilby, before heading for the dance hall.

Dad was a parish councillor for many years and ran a youth club at the hall with Maurice in the 60s and 70s. They created the Hoxne Carnivals, with processions involved every village organisation.

Another Burridge passion was dressing up! However, this love didn't lead him to embrace the stage. Called upon to play a small part in Hoxne Players' *Scrooge*, he ended up writing his lines in his hat! He was far happier building, designing and painting the sets.

This I suppose brings me on to the most important part of this tribute. If Dad was born with a purpose, it was to make things. I wonder how many conversations in Dad's life began like this: 'Allen, could you make me a...'

and of course, the answer would invariably be yes.

After retirement he still made things from wood for his stall at the artisan market—mostly bird boxes, again reflecting his love of nature.

In his last years he transformed rooms in his home into workshops for his grandchildren, Cora, Rufus and Esther. Together they created all kinds of artworks, with the materials he could endlessly provide.

Mark Burridge



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Hoxne Bell Ringers

July 16th 2022 was the combined ringers outing of the Redgrave and Oakley ringers to north east Suffolk. Hoxne ringers are using Oakley bells for the time being. This was expertly organised by Chris Davies.

We started with a quarter peel at Blythburgh. A quarter peel takes about 45 minutes of continuous change ringing and



Blythburgh nave

can easily go wrong. We made this one work, and the rest of the group joined us before we moved on to Wenhaston.

This church has a fabulous medieval painted panel that was saved by an overnight shower. The panel had been white-washed over in the reformation (16th century) and was pulled out of the church during a Victorian restoration (19th century). Left outside overnight, the rain washed it into view and it was saved.

Pub lunch at Wenhaston was followed by ringing at Reydon then Yoxford and Theberton before finishing at Iken, a very remote and atmospheric church overlooking the river Alde. Six different



Wenhaston panel

sets of bells were rung in the day which was great fun and gave everyone a lot of extra confidence. Very many thanks Chris.

We have had very good numbers of ringers throughout July and August but we do want to start some new ringers off soon so anyone who likes the idea please make yourselves known.

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It's been an odd summer, hasn't it? I don't know what your garden looks like but ours is rapidly becoming a duplicate of the Sahara! It is extra annoying now to hear the radio speaking of heavy rain and storms elsewhere and still we have none. Perhaps by the time you read this we'll be wishing it would stop raining!

In the meantime, we at Waveney Heritage have been listening to loads of interesting speakers, entertaining visitors manning the radio technology museum upstairs, which has proved a great success, and providing a space for a wide assortment of other groups.

We've been very surprised at the reaction to our offer to transfer the contents of old 78 records to CDs; we now have a waiting list! Do have a look at our website, waveneyheritage.com to see what else we are up to! This will also tell you about events and speakers which are coming up. Because of the long run-in time for our magazines it is not always possible to tell you here, but it is all there on the website!

Two things I can tell you about are our **Christmas Craft fair, Sunday 27th November, 11.00am–5.00pm**. It will be a great place to buy your cards, presents, have a cup of tea and a chat.

And on **Sunday 11th December** at 7.15pm we have our **Christmas "bash"** with mulled wine, mince pies, maybe some readings and all to the accompaniment of the sounds of music from the '40s and '50s, played on gramophones from our radio collection.

We look forward to welcoming you at all our events. And, don't forget, just give us a ring if you'd like to have a look at our archive or the radio museum. Just ring me on 01379 668279 and we'll set it up.

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The Red Feather Club

The Red Feather Club's Americana Weekend kicked off on Saturday June 25th with a rip-roaring performance from club favourites The Devil's Cut Combo.

Their 50s roots music gets the swing dancers, blues aficionados and rockabilly crowds up on their feet and Saturday's performance was one to remember.

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**, 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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Fressingfield Scouts

There has been lots going on this summer at your Scout Group, sadly the incredible heat meant we had to cancel a couple of meetings, but we have all had a great time.

Pioneer Scouts had a weekend Troop camp, just camping, cooking, hiking, bivouac building and relaxing. Warrior Beavers and Wolves Cubs came for the day on Saturday and the Scouts taught them firewood preparation, fire lighting and foil cookery skills and finished off with a couple of wild games. The Section Leaders received invaluable help from Explorers Tommy and Lucy for the entire camp and Young Leaders Hannah and Eddie while the Cubs and Beavers were there.

Adventurers Scouts and Explorers have been swimming and cycling and Tiger Cubs have been learning outdoor skills and fundraising.



Tiger Cubs have been fundraising with a cake stall at Laxfield and a book and plant stall at Fressingfield.

The highlight of the Scouting year is Summer Camp for Scouts and Explorers; because of the Covid restrictions, this year was the first one for three years. The venue was Thriftwood Scout camp site near Brentwood which is a 96 acre

woodland with 38 secluded camping areas. Activities on site range from lakes for canoeing, climbing walls, Jacobs Ladder tower, assault course, archery, air rifle and tomahawk throwing ranges to pedal cars, lazer tag



and fishing. As well as all the obvious facilities from toilet/shower blocks and a Chapel to tuck shops!

Nineteen Young People and 3 Leaders had a fantastic week of good weather, camping, cooking, comradeship, honing Scouting skills, adventurous activity, including a day at the theme park Adventure Island in Southend.

We shared fun, laughter, excitement and the occasional tear. We cooked together, ate together, played and learned together. Most of all we grew, individually and as a group.

Please have a look at the many pictures and videos on our Facebook page:



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After Summer Camp at the end of July we have had a couple of activities during the break. Senior members from Pioneer Troop undertook an Expedition Challenge hike where they had to plot their route on a map via eight checkpoints, select camping kit, order food then follow the route carrying out a wildlife project at each checkpoint and also camp overnight. The days were very hot but they all achieved their objective in good time. Tiger Cubs and their Leader team went canoeing on the Waveney. Thank you to Leaders and Instructors from Bungay Sea Scouts for setting this up and supervising for us.



The Leaders attention turned to doing a bit of improvement work at the HQ site and reflecting on the past year and planning for the coming term. Plans so far for the Explorers include several fundraising events for the trip to Kenya, go carting, chef's badge and a paintballing day.



Beavers have plans to learn about communication using Morse Code and the phonetic alphabet also doing some work on an International Badge by finding out about different countries flags, and they will be making sweets.

The Cubs plan a trip tubing, a litter pick, road safety sessions and making crafts to sell at Christmas.

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A couple of years ago we appealed for redundant but usable cooking equipment, pots, pans, grids and tools and had a fantastic response from all around our area. Now that we are settled into the HQ site we are seeking gardening tools for the Young People to use in our new vegetable area. Things like spades, forks, hoes, rakes, trowels, watering cans, buckets even a wheelbarrow would be handy! Also grounds maintenance tools such as loppers, secateurs and grass cutting equipment. If you have cooking equipment that is no longer needed, either suitable for camping or in our new kitchen we would also be grateful.

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Voices from the past

August to November 1989

The August/September 1989 issue of Village Voice completed its first full year of publication. Editor (John Chapman) thanked his wife Jean for her assistance and Anne Liversidge and Joan Dale (now Garnham) for their typing. The magazine was running slightly in the red with the hope of breaking even thanks to public donations and the acquisition of its own photocopier.

Concern for the environment was growing - the Diss Environmental Group was collecting waste paper to raise funds for local causes and made an appeal for space - shed/garage - to act as a collection point in Hoxne, and the first bottle bank arrived at St. Edmund's Hall.



Michael Davies, along with his brother Denny, had been working hard to clean up Hoxne rivers and had seen a kingfisher on his land and several fish in the river at the bottom of his garden. He had also captured a 5ft grass snake (I wonder what he did with it). On the negative side,

six mink were seen swimming under Down Bridge. Very destructive to indigenous wildlife, they were likely escapees (or more likely had been 'liberated') from a local fur farm.

The first of the occasional cartoons submitted by the late John Ball seems to indicate that rain was also in short supply during the summer of 1989:



Writing this during the drought-driven wild fires of Summer 2022, I found the following offering particularly poignant:

On a warm late August evening,
Fred and Mary took a ride
on bikes, down sleepy Suffolk lanes,
to view the countryside

But the sight they saw was
frightening; the earth was all afire
As though the very devil himself
had lit a funeral pyre.

Great thick clouds of acrid smoke
reached nearly to the moon.
"By God old gal" said Fred in alarm,
"have we reached hell so soon?"

For it must be the old devil
with lighted torch in hand
Running amok in the stubble fields.
It can't be the work of man!"

"Come my gal, let's get off home
and leave this dreadful place."
Which Mary did quite willingly,
though a tear fell on her face

As she remembered golden stubble
on which chickens had free range
To scratch and feed for weeks on
end upon the fallen grain.

Now all that could be seen were long
black lines, just like the devil's
fingers
And Mary wept for all the creatures
of the field, laying burnt and dead
like cinders.

Gladys Pattemore 1989

Of course, this referred to the then-prevalent, visually-striking farming practice of post-harvest stubble burning for weed control, which was banned from 1993. *Pattemore's Penpushers* met on Thursday afternoons to write for pleasure, and various members submitted work to The Voice from time to time.

In his regular letter to the parishes, the Vicar hoped to see many attendees at the Remembrance Day service to mark 50 years since the outbreak of WW2 and 75 years since the beginning of WW1. He asked for remembrance and gratitude for the millions who died and suffered and sacrificed in order that we might live in a

society that is free and open and tolerant. He noted the many conflicts since 1945 and, in particular, that people continued to suffer and die in Northern Ireland and in Germany as people fled from the East to West.

As he wrote, of course he was not to know that the world would be taken by surprise during the night of 9th November when, unchecked, a crowd of Germans began dismantling the almost thirty year-old Berlin Wall, heralding the rapid reuniting of Germany, the dissolution of the USSR and the end of the 'cold war' (well, that was nice while it lasted!).

The theme of September's Denham and Hoxne WI meeting was 'a wartime memento'. The 16 entries included a gas mask, tin hat, medals, ration books and other documents.



Finally, I was encouraged to learn that at least one person has been reading my efforts!



In the last issue I wrote about the rumoured existence of Hoxne's beautiful set of hand-bells that had 'gone out of sight'. I was delighted to get a call from Sally Chester, wife and right-hand woman of our fondly remembered long-time editor Brian, now of Rutland.

She recalled that the bells had indeed existed, and that she had enjoyed playing them. It seems they were acquired jointly for the village and the school.

Sally had worked at the school at the time and remembers Mrs Thomson (?) keeping them carefully wrapped and stowed proudly and safely in a cupboard. Maybe they are still there, or maybe they have been sold to raise funds. I hope to find out.

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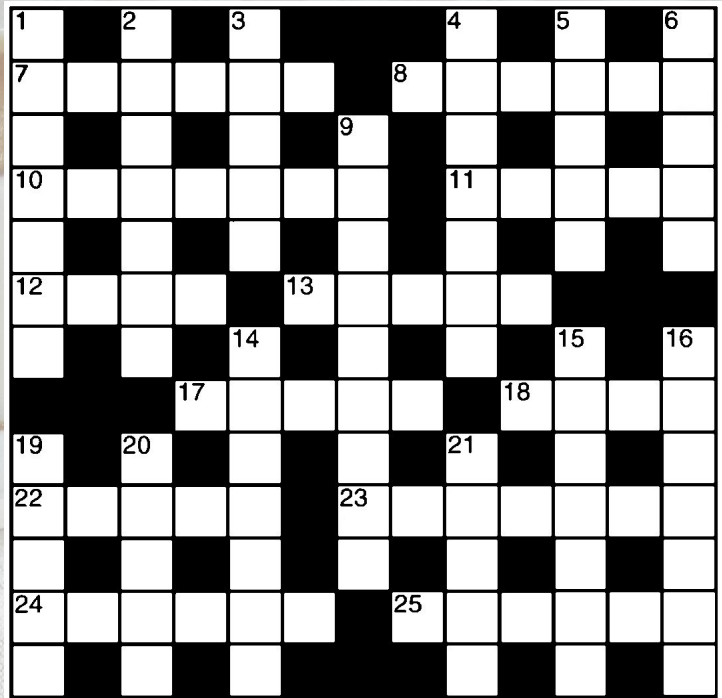
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Crossword

Puzzle No. 149

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 **Tuesday 8th November** at the latest.

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



Across

- 7 Quarter of a Scottish river (6)
- 8 Rambler in Italian capital maybe (6)
- 10 Broken love affair in Cremona (7)
- 11 Ploys employed by various users (5)
- 12 Nothing in a convent I hear (4)
- 13 Sounds like a junior collier (5)
- 17 Unkempt maple should suffice (5)
- 18 Instrument awarded zero in honours list (4)
- 22 Detest part of an Arab horse (5)
- 23 One who tests embroidery (7)
- 24 Cause and ? (6)
- 25 As if co. causes a complete disaster (6)

Down

- 1 Insult from a female in revolutionary group (7)
- 2 Tunelessly singing and a bit whiffy (7)
- 3 Painful undercover police action (5)
- 4 U.S. whiskey has a biscuity tang (7)
- 5 Accumulate a large crowd (5)
- 6 Squeeze a member of the media (5)
- 9 I steal air from trapeze artist (9)
- 14 Cram bee into a cuddle (7)
- 15 Boil ash to dispose of it (7)
- 16 Clothes container found in a car (7)
- 19 Sped to find part of extra cedar (5)
- 20 I leave the bosses for the cooks (5)
- 21 Behead chess opening to reveal its range (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 148 was: **J Hampson**

Answers - **Across:** 1) Regents 5) Treat 8) Frill 9) Caracas 10) Expense 11) Villa 12) Siesta 14) Idiocy 17) Urban 19) Transom 22) Terrace 23) Gaudy 24) Rated 25) Masseur

Down: 1) Rifle 2) Glimpse 3) Nylon 4) Sachet 5) Thrived 6) Excel 7) Tuscany 12) Saunter 14) Tynwald 15) Obscure 16) Stream 18) Beret 20) Angus 21) Mayor

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