

# *Village Voice*

DENHAM, HOXNE, SYLEHAM & WINGFIELD  
DECEMBER 2022 — JANUARY 2023



Supported by community donation and advertising revenue

## PARISH COUNCILS

### DENHAM

Web: [www.denham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.denham.onesuffolk.net)  
Wendy Alcock (Clerk) 07726 924786  
Email: [denhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:denhamparishclerk@gmail.com)  
Tania Farrow (C) 07758 739052  
Email: [tgfarrow@btinternet.com](mailto:tgfarrow@btinternet.com)  
Nick Farrow  
Kerina Jane  
Duncan McGregor

### HOXNE

Web: [www.hoxne.onesuffolk.net](http://www.hoxne.onesuffolk.net)  
Sarah Foote (Clerk) 07554 733621  
Email: [pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@hoxne.suffolk.gov.uk)  
Kath Farthing (C)  
Iain Gibson  
Colin Ablitt  
Alan Garnham  
Rob Marsh-Feiley  
Kevin Potter  
Simon Wilby  
Chris Parkin  
Robert Farley

### SYLEHAM

Web: [www.syleham-pc.org.uk](http://www.syleham-pc.org.uk)  
David Young (Clerk) 01379 668556  
Malcolm Flounders (C) 01379 668413  
Gloria Elsdon (V-C) 01379 668409  
David Goodwin  
Gerald Lewis 01379 669258  
Steve Phillips 01379 668686  
Robert Pilch 01379 668038  
Steven Scott 07780 977518

### WINGFIELD

Web: [www.wingfield-pc.org.uk](http://www.wingfield-pc.org.uk)  
David Young (Clerk) 01379 668556  
Lee Smith (C) 01379 384531  
Tony Jolly (V-C) 01379 384024  
Charlotte Claxton  
Rosemary Elliott 01379 384789  
Robin Feavearyear 01379 586757  
Guy Mathias 01379 388391  
Dennis Murray 01379 384503

## CHURCH COUNCILS

### DENHAM

Helen Joslin (Sec.)  
Barbara Irwin (Treas.) 01379 669077  
Hilary Castleden (CW) 01379 668458  
Paul Chenery  
Margaret Reeves  
Michael Reeves

### HOXNE

Debbie Harding (Sec.) 01379 668190  
Guy McGregor (CW) 01379 668434  
Wilf White (CW) 07932 768900  
Caroline Abbott  
Andrew Castleden  
David Hyde  
Anne Swann

### SYLEHAM

Sarah Hawes (Sec.)  
Mary Lewis (CW/Treas.) 01379 669258  
Sarah Buckley (CW) 01379 668480  
Thelma Soanes  
Jim Woodger

### WINGFIELD

Patricia Grant (Treas.)  
Peter Demetriadi (CW) 07395 067380  
Jacky Taylor  
Robert Elliott

The Revd Eleanor Goodison and  
Revd John McCracken are ex-officio  
members of each Parochial Church  
Council.

C Chair  
V-C Vice Chair  
CW Church Warden



## Contents

Borderhoppa p42  
Christmas Tree Recycling p7  
Church News & Services p16-21  
Corn Hall, Diss p13  
Crossword p46  
Festival of Christmas Trees p9  
Floristry Workshops p25  
Greengold Café p37  
Harleston Players Auditions p31  
Hoxne Bell Ringers p33  
Hoxne Garden & Social Club p30  
Hoxne Harvest Breakfast p29  
Hoxne Heritage Group p30  
Hoxne Phoenix Group p31  
Hoxne Village Hall p28  
Library Service p45  
Little Lambs p23  
Maynard Trust p33  
Mid-Suffolk Christmas Recycling p6  
New Reeding Woods Group p27  
Parish Council News p42-43  
Post Office & shop, Hoxne p32-33  
Quiz p35  
Rest & Restore Classes p29  
Santa Fun-Run p8  
Santa Visits Hoxne p7  
Scouts p39-41  
Syleham Carol Singing p8  
Syleham Wingfield Village Hall p24-26  
Tug-of-War, Hoxne Swan, p6  
University of the 3rd Age p45  
Village Voices Choir p14-15  
Voices from the Past p44  
What's On p6-15  
Wingfield Barns p10-11



## Diary Dates

**Thurs 1 Dec**  
Hoxne Parish Council Mtg HVH p43  
**Fri 2 Dec**  
Film night, The Railway Children  
Return HVH p28  
Open mic SWH p24  
**Sat 3-Sun 4 Dec**  
Christmas Market WB p11  
**Tue 6 Dec**  
Harleston Players Auditions, Jays  
Green, Harleston p31  
The Wind in the Willows, Corn Hall,  
Diss p13

### SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Government website:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

If you could share your home:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>

Little Lambs, Hoxne Pavilion p23  
Coffee and cake SWH p26

#### Thurs 8 Dec

J's Meadow get together SWH p24

#### Fri 9 Dec

Purple star Karaoke SWH p24

#### Fri 9-Sat 10 Dec

Setting up the Festival of Trees p9

#### Sat 10 Dec

Midwinter Revels WB p10  
Denham Church Christmas Quiz p21

#### Sun 11 Dec

Hoxne Choir Concert, A Seasonal  
Box of Delights p14-15  
Harleston Players Auditions p31

#### Sun 11-Sat 26 Dec

Festival of Trees Display p9

#### Mon 12 Dec

Floristry Workshop SWB p25

#### Tue 13 Dec

Phoenix Group making Christmas  
decorations HVH p31  
Harleston Players Auditions p31

#### Wed 14 Dec

Christmas Mosaic Workshop WB p10

#### Fri 16 Dec

Merrie Olde Christmas WB p10  
Quiz evening SWH p24

#### Sat 17 Dec

Santa Fun-Run p8  
Coffee Morning, Hoxne Church p21

#### Sun 18 Dec

Midwynter Murder WB p10

#### Mon 19 Dec

Mothers' Union Christmas Mtg p21  
Floristry Workshop SWB p25

**HVH** St Edmunds Village Hall, Hoxne

**SWH** Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

**WB** Wingfield Barns

**CASH PRIZES!** **The Village Voice**  
**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** See Page 35

**Tue 20 Dec**

Coffee Morning WB p11

**Wed 21 Dec**

Syleham Carol Singing p8

**Thurs 22 Dec**

Rest & Restore class HVH p29

**Fri 23 Dec**

Syleham bar open SWH p24

**Sat 24 Dec**

Syleham Hall open SWH p24

**Sun 25 Dec**

Santa, p7

**Mon 26 Dec**

Tug-of-War, Hoxne Swan p6

**Tues 27 Dec**

Syleham bar open SWH p24

**Tues 27 Dec**

Syleham bar open SWH p24

**Thurs 29 Dec-Mon 9 Jan**

Christmas tree recycling HVH p7

**Fri 30 Dec**

Bingo, bar open SWH p24

**Sat 31 Dec**

Syleham bar open SWH p24

**Tues 3 Jan**

Coffee and Cake SWH p24

**Thurs 5 Jan**

Lunch with the Phoenix Group,

White Horse, Stoke Ash p31

Hoxne Parish Council Mtg HVH p43

**Fri 6 Jan**

Open Mic SWH p24

**Sat 7 Jan**

A Murder at St Muttley's, Corn Hall,  
Diss p13

**Thurs 12 Jan**

Heritage Group, Kett's Rebellion  
against Enclosures HVH p30

J's Meadow get together SWH p24

**Fri 13 Jan**

Karaoke SWH p24

**Mon 16 Jan**

Mothers' Union Fellowship Annual  
General Mtg p21

**Tue 17 Jan**

Coffee Morning WB p11

The Castles of William Randolph  
Hearst talk, Corn Hall, Diss p13

**Wed 18 Jan**

U3A talk St John's Church,  
Harleston p45

**Fri 20 Jan**

Quiz evening SWH p24

**Tue 24 Jan**

Denham Parish Council Mtg, St John  
the Baptist Church p43

**Thurs 26 Jan**

Rest & Restore class HVH p29

Coffee, Craft, Exercise SWH p26

**Fri 27 Jan**

Bingo SWH p24

**Sat 28 Jan**

Burn's night event SWH p24

**Thurs 2 Feb**

Hoxne Parish Council Mtg HVH p43

All Church Service dates p16-17  
Mobile Library dates p45

## Letters



### Hoxne Bellringers need you!

As the nights draw in and get colder, do you fancy learning a new skill whilst having some fun and meeting new people? If so, have you ever thought of learning to ring church bells? Our group would love to see you at our twice weekly practice nights.

We are seeking new ringers and speaking as someone who only joined 10



months ago, I have fallen in love with all this activity has to offer and I can guarantee that you will have fun, make new friends, and exercise parts which other pastimes cannot reach! Bellringing is a fine skill to learn and by encouraging new ringers this will help an especially important ancient tradition to keep going. You do not need to have any involvement with the church to ring church bells, we ring occasionally at services, but this is not compulsory.

The Hoxne bellringers are a very friendly group, we have social away days where we ring in other parishes and enjoy a good pub lunch along the way.

Our practice nights are Tuesdays at Oakley and Thursdays at Redgrave, 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

We have a break halfway through the sessions for a cuppa, a chat and enjoy lovely homemade flapjacks and in the summer months, you may even get an ice cream!

If this is something you would like to learn, please contact Andrew Castleden at [Castledenandrew@gmail.com](mailto:Castledenandrew@gmail.com)

*Amanda Coleman*

## Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride

Although only a few of us took part, we raised £390! Well done and thank you to those who took part in the bike ride.

*Anne Swann*

## Scouting – for boys AND girls

I was interested to read the article in the last Village Voice about Fressingfield Scouts and to see the photos of boys and girls participating in activities together.

Reading the article indicates there are a lot of different groups, Pioneers, Adventurers, Explorers, Beavers etc. It would be nice to hear how these groups differ from each other - are they based on gender, age etc? In my day I only remember having Girl Guides and Boy Scouts and the two were kept very separate.

My recollections were that the boys did exciting outdoor activities while we guides sat and did needlework, tied knots, cooking indoors. The highlight was lighting a small fire. Being an outdoor, adventure-seeking individual I would have loved to have had the opportunity to participate in the activities highlighted in the article.

In more recent years I was involved in interviewing candidates for the UEA medical school, and a lot of importance was placed on candidates showing evidence of teamwork, good citizenship and initiative - all skills developed from an early age by being in organisations like the Scouts.

Today's girls and boys are so lucky to have the opportunities to develop their life skills in the safe, empowering environment provided by scouting.

*Margaret Sillis*



## Helpers Needed for Village Voice in Hoxne

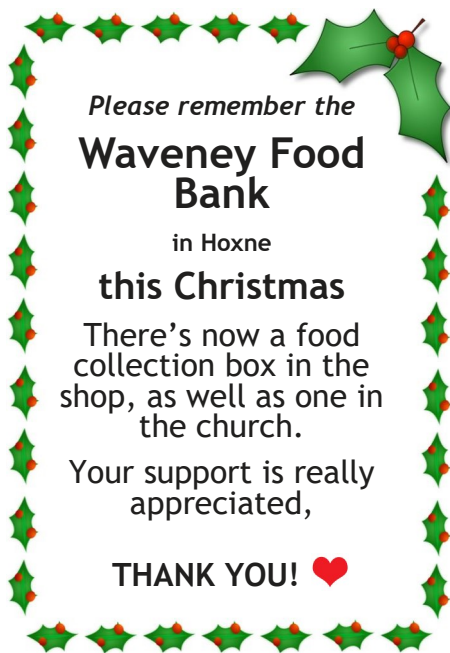
Do you enjoy reading the Village Voice—and even more so, do you enjoy having it delivered every two months? Then we need your help!!

I currently have a team of willing people who distribute the magazines around the village, and none of us are getting any younger. So, I am looking for more helpers that can fill the gaps when they are on holiday, or if anybody feels they have done their bit and wants to step down from a regular round.

It's only 6 times a year, and would take up no more than an hour of your time, plus I will deliver the bundle to you.

If you feel this would suit you, please get in touch: [sallyd55@sky.com](mailto:sallyd55@sky.com) or 01379 669313

Many thanks, *Sally Dudley*



## Boxing Day Tug-of-War

It's back again, the Hoxne Boxing Day Tug of War at the Swan Inn. Two teams from the village will be competing again for the bragging rights. We're looking for participants to join us from both sides of the village for this historical event.

Along with the muscle, we also have meat available on the BBQ from 12noon. Doors open from 11.30am with the event starting from around 1pm.

If you're interested in taking part, come into the pub to sign up to a team. Teams are nearly complete with just a few spaces left, so be quick.

If you wish to book a table on the day for lunch, call 01379 668275 or email: [info@theswaninnofoxne.co.uk](mailto:info@theswaninnofoxne.co.uk). Our usual menu is also available on the day.

*Lisa & Mick Anthony, The Swan Inn*

### Mid Suffolk District Council

#### Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2022-23

	Usual collection date	Amended collection date	Change
Refuse	Monday 26 December 2022	Wednesday 28 December 2022	2 days later
	Tuesday 27 December 2022	Thursday 29 December 2022	2 days later
	Wednesday 28 December 2022	Friday 30 December 2022	2 days later
	Thursday 29 December 2022	Saturday 31 December 2022	2 days later
	Friday 30 December 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2023	4 days later
Recycling	Monday 2 January 2023	Wednesday 4 January 2023	2 days later
	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Thursday 5 January 2023	2 days later
	Wednesday 4 January 2023	Friday 6 January 2023	2 days later
	Thursday 5 January 2023	Saturday 7 January 2023	2 days later
	Friday 6 January 2023	Monday 9 January 2023	3 days later
Refuse	Monday 9 January 2023	Tuesday 10 January 2023	1 day later
	Tuesday 10 January 2023	Wednesday 11 January 2023	1 day later
	Wednesday 11 January 2023	Thursday 12 January 2023	1 day later
	Thursday 12 January 2023	Friday 13 January 2023	1 day later
	Friday 13 January 2023	Saturday 14 January 2023	1 day later

From Monday 16 January 2023, collections return to the normal schedule.

There will be no garden waste collections (brown bins) during the weeks commencing 26 December 2022 and 2 January 2023.

# Hello to all the children of Hoxne



I will be making my special appearance in Hoxne again on Christmas morning to deliver presents, with some local elves to help with deliveries - my sack will be very full!

I expect Rudolf to land the sleigh in **Denham Road** at about **6am**, reaching **Nuttery Vale** at about **7am** and **Low Street** about **8am**.

Just in case we get lost, please can you make sure all presents are marked with full name, address and telephone number. You can use the label below.


Please remember, I need you to tell me if you have any visitors staying, so I can deliver their presents too.

Joan, my friend in the village shop, is helping me, so please contact her before **18th December** with your labels. She will have plenty of spares.

Lots of love and Merry Christmas, from

*Father Christmas*

**NAME**.....  
**ADDRESS**.....  
.....  
**POSTCODE**.....  
**TEL. NO.**.....



'Real' trees can be left at this site from Thursday, 29th December until 6.30am on Monday, 9th January.

Trees must be less than 7' tall & must have all decorations, stands & pots removed.

Please call 0300 1234000 (Option 4) for further details





# Syleham Carol Singing

Wednesday, 21st December 2022



Would you like to join us carol singing? Or would you like us to sing carols for you?

We want to organise village carol singing for charity once again on Wednesday, 21st December. If you would like to sing, please let us know (669320) and come and join us at **The White House Farmhouse, Whitehouse Lane, Syleham**, between **6.00pm and 6.30pm** for a glass of wine and something to eat before we set off.

If you would like us to come and sing carols to you, please give us a ring. Last year we raised £375 for EACH, in spite of Covid! So why not come and join us this year, or ask us to sing? We always like to welcome new people, so do get in touch; always happy to go as far as Wingfield or Weybread!!

In the letter of thanks that we received in 2019 from the East Anglian Children's Hospice, they said: "Your support is invaluable, as it enables us to continue delivering care to local families."

*Jane and Adrian Knott*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Fressingfield Scout Group

invites you to the second annual

### SANTA FUN-RUN

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Starts 11am from the  
Scout HQ on Priory Road



Dress up, as Santa or any festive character,  
come along and be part of the spectacle!

Admission: £10 per person (under 5s no charge)

Please also try to raise additional funds for our fabulous Scout Group by securing sponsors from your friends and family.

Registration and sponsor forms available on our website:

<http://www.1stfressingfieldscouts.org.uk>

Friends of St Peter and  
St Paul, Hoxne

## Festival of Christmas Trees

Plans are well in hand for this season's Annual Display of Christmas Trees in the church.

Last year due to ongoing concerns with regard to COVID 19 the event was restricted to a much shorter period than in earlier years. This year we look forward to a return to normal and very much hope that local organisations and individuals will support us.



Trees will be available for set-up and decoration in the Church on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The actual display will commence on December 11<sup>th</sup> continuing until December 26<sup>th</sup>. During this period the Church



will be open for viewing from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

We should like all the trees to be taken down by January 4<sup>th</sup> at the latest and anyone wishing to retain the tree they have decorated will be welcome to do so.

As in previous years, the lights provided will be battery powered. For safety reasons, mains powered lights should not be used.

If anyone who has not already agreed to decorate a tree and would like to do so, please contact one of the tree team who will be pleased to help - Ann Swann, Sue Horn, Cathie McGregor, Suzanne Lewis, David Hyde.

[davidjhyde@btopenworld.com](mailto:davidjhyde@btopenworld.com)

### Buy Your Christmas Tree in Hoxne and Support the Playing Field!

Pre-order your tree  
to avoid disappointment!

Nordman Fir    Norway Spruce



Trees will be on sale:

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, Dec.  
Sun. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec.  
from 10-12 noon

at Market House Drive  
Low Street Hoxne

Ring Carole Smith 01379 668210

## Wingfield Barns

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

### Midwinter Revels

Spanning several centuries, GreenMatthews' Midwinter Revels is a celebration of Yuletide Past guaranteed to warm the cockles of the most Scrooge-like heart. Featuring Christmas carols, winter folk songs, toe-tapping tunes and a plethora of weird and wonderful instruments, the show is brought to life with GreenMatthews' trademark wit and humour.

Tickets £15/£12

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
9.30-12.30

### Christmas Mosaic Workshop

Create your own decorations or gift for Christmas during our mosaic workshop morning. The perfect activity to get you in the festive spirit, and create that personalised special gift for someone - or for yourself of course!

Coffee, tea and mince pies, and all materials provided.

Tickets £35

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

### Merrie Olde Christmas

Carols and festive music from across the centuries sung and played with traditional and modern instruments. Stamp, clap and sing along to familiar favourites with Chanter's Jigge.

Tickets £12, to include seasonal refreshments.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm and 7.30pm

### Midwynter Murder

The arrival in the village of a renowned author on Christmas day causes a stir, as her fans vie with each other for the famous writer's attention.

Meanwhile, in one of the new, post-war council houses on the edge of the village, an elderly couple live apart from the tight social circle of the well-heeled set. But feathers are ruffled when the new arrival strikes up a friendship with the couple.

Jealousy, resentment and snobbery combine to create a toxic mix, adding a dangerous edge to the festive season.

This will be a fully accessible, immersive promenade performance making use of all the indoor spaces we have here at Wingfield Barns. Mulled wine/apple juice and mince pies included in ticket price.

Tickets £12/£8

More information and ticket links for all events here at Wingfield Barns on our website, [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com) or call 01379 384505



**GreenMatthews,  
with Midwinter Revels**



Now it's getting colder, the Rural Coffee Caravan at Castle Crescent, Wingfield is being replaced by

## Winter Coffee Mornings at Wingfield Barns IP21 5RA

Tuesdays, 10am till 12 noon

20 December, 17 January, 21 February,  
and 21 March

Pop along -  
Everyone Very Welcome!



# Wingfield Barns CHRISTMAS MARKET

Over 40 craft, wreaths & plants, foodie & gift stalls  
Carolers, mulled wine & hot food

December 3rd - 4th 2022  
10am - 3:00pm

[www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com)  
01379 384505



WINGFIELD BARNs



Catholic Parish of  
 The Most Holy Trinity  
 Church of St Henry Morse  
 Shelfanger Road, Diss IP12 4DX  
 Parish Priest: Father Alex Anaman  
 Tel: 01379 642914  
[parishpriest@holyltrinitydiss.plus.com](mailto:parishpriest@holyltrinitydiss.plus.com)

**Mass Times:**

**Saturday:** 10am and 6pm  
**Sunday:** 10am  
**Wed & Fri:** 9.30am  
 Confessions 10.45am Saturday  
 The Rosary Group 9.30am Saturday  
 Holy Days of Obligation usually 10am  
 (please check newsletter)

*Info: Ellen Pitt Tel 01379 668308*

*Samantha Smith Beauty*  
 Mobile Beauty Service  
 Treatments Offered  
 Brow Wax £5  
 Brow Wax ~ Tint & Tidy £9.50  
 Brow Lamination (Inc Wax & Tint) £20  
 Lash Tint £7.50  
 Lash Lift & Tint £19.50  
 Gel Polish Manicure £16  
 Gel Polish Pedicure £16  
 BIA B Manicure £18  
 BIA B Gel Overlay Inc Gel Polish £27  
 BIA B Gel Overlay Infills Inc Gel Polish £20  
 Luxury Gel Manicure £23  
 Luxury Gel Pedicure £23  
 Full Body Spray Tan £15

☎ 07787011030  
 📱 Samantha Smith Beauty  
 📧 [samanthasmithbeautyy](mailto:samanthasmithbeautyy)

**releaf nutritional therapy**



Low energy? Weight gain? Headaches? Anxiety?  
 Depression? Acne? Cravings? Hair loss?  
 Irregular, skipped or painful periods?

Learn how you can improve your symptoms by  
 changing your diet and lifestyle habits.

One-to-one consultations available online or in  
 Thornham Magna, Eye.

[releafnutritionaltherapy.com](http://releafnutritionaltherapy.com)  
[caroline@releafnutritionaltherapy.com](mailto:caroline@releafnutritionaltherapy.com)  
 07925 475 716



**K.G. READ & SON  
 PLUMBING & HEATING  
 CONTRACTOR**

- **BOILER INSTALLATION, SERVICE & REPAIR.**
- **OIL TANK REPLACEMENT.**
- **BATHROOM & SHOWERS INSTALLED INCLUDING CERAMIC TILING.**

**MARCUS READ  
 01379 668328  
 07710 757334  
 ORCHARD HOUSE,  
 HECKFIELD GREEN, HOXNE**

The Arts Society Diss is a friendly and welcoming society that meets at the Corn Hall in Diss on the third Tuesday of the month (except December) to enjoy a varied programme of talks by highly qualified speakers.

Membership costs £43 at year. New members and guests (suggested donation £7) are always welcome.

- 6 Dec: **The Wind in the Willows** through its illustrators.
- 17 Jan: **The Castles of William Randolph Hearst** and his unquenchable thirst for art.
- 21 Feb: **Kettles Yard**: The life of Jim Ede: his collecting, vision and legacy at Kettles Yard, Cambridge.
- 21 Mar: **The Dark Side of the Boom**: the scandal of mass forgeries of Russian modern art.
- 18 Apr: **Stained Glass Women Artists** in the Victorian era.
- 16 May: **Art after Windrush**: Contributions made by African, Caribbean and Asian origin artists to British art since the Windrush docked at Tilbury in 1948.
- 20 Jun: **Hitler's Film-Maker**: The legacy of Leni Riefenstahl: astonishing films that are still viewed today.



More information at: [artsocdiss.org.uk](http://artsocdiss.org.uk) [info@artsocdiss.org.uk](mailto:info@artsocdiss.org.uk)

### *Hercule Poudrot investigates*

THIS YEAR'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SPOOF!

### **A MURDER AT ST MUTTLEY'S**

While on a Christmas visit to his cousin, Sister Immaculata Biggles in the secluded convent of St Muttley's, renowned detective Hercule Poudrot meets Bishop Humbedee, who has arrived to celebrate mass. Next day, The bishop is nowhere to be found. Poudrot and his intrepid sidekick Hustings are on the case!

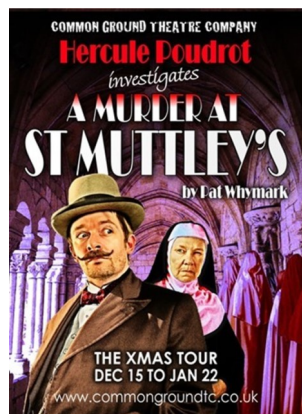
Another classic festive comedy thriller, brought to you by Suffolk-based *Common Ground Theatre Company*.

**The Corn Hall, Diss**

Sat 7th Jan, 4pm & 7.30pm

01379 652241 [www.cornhall.co.uk](http://www.cornhall.co.uk)

£15; under-21s/concessions £10





## Village Voices Christmas Concert— A Seasonal Box of Delights

For the first time since 2019 Village voices are putting on a concert! It's been a struggle to keep going over the pandemic but we have bounced back with past members returning and new ones joining us. For this concert we're joining forces with the Halesworth Community choir to sing some seasonal songs - some of which you may know, (but you might not have heard our version) and tell some seasonal stories and poems.

We hope you'll come and support us and World Central Kitchen <https://wck.org>, an amazing organisation that provides food for people in disaster areas:

“WCK is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. We build resilient food systems with locally led solutions. World Central Kitchen started with a simple idea: when people are hungry, send in cooks. Not tomorrow, today.”

We're also very excited to announce that we'll be running our first workshop in three years on **Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The brilliant singing quartet from America, <https://www.windbornesingers.com> will be leading it. They were one of only 30 global bands to be invited to Womex, the largest World music conference in Portugal recently, so we're incredibly lucky to have them coming to sing with us.

*Janet Koralambe*

### R GRITTON

**Professional Decorators**  
High quality, reliable service

For all your interior and  
exterior requirements

Telephone: 01379 586768  
Mobile: 07766 982600

### Septic Tank Services

- Septic tanks emptied • Sewage treatment plants emptied, serviced and installed
- Drain jetting • Soak away replacement and installation •

~ Fully licenced & insured ~

**Lenny Jolly**  
07905 794221  
[lenny.sts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lenny.sts@hotmail.co.uk)

## J R Automotive Repairs

Unit 4  
Corner Green Farm  
Wingfield Green  
Wingfield  
IP21 5RE

Serviceing  
Diagnostics  
Air-conditioning  
Brakes  
Exhausts  
Tyres  
Wheel Alignment  
MOT'S

Phone: 07769 968160  
01379 388378

[www.jrautomotiverepairs.co.uk](http://www.jrautomotiverepairs.co.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@jrautomotiverepairs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@jrautomotiverepairs.co.uk)



**Halesworth &  
Village Voices Choirs**

present

**A Seasonal Box of Delights**  
Music and Readings

The Hub Huntingfield  
Bar provided by The Huntingfield Arms  
10th December 7pm.



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

&  
**Hoxne Church**  
**11th December 5pm**

tickets for both events £10

Hoxne ~ Seasonal refreshments included  
during the interval  
Children Free

some tickets also available on the door ~ cash only

**In aid of 'World Central Kitchen' and Village Voices**

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

# Church News

Looking for inspiration?

Christmas is coming! Advent began on 27<sup>th</sup> November with a visit to Hoxne church from Martin Seeley, our diocesan Bishop, to lead our worship and dedicate our new chapel of St Edmund. Celebrations then continued with our Advent carol service at Athelington church in the afternoon. We have lots more Advent and Christmas events coming up - see the full programme of services and items elsewhere in this issue for details. And don't forget Radio Suffolk's Doorstep Carols which take place this year on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.00 to 7.00 pm.



We are joining in with the Suffolk-wide initiative **Inspiring Angels** all through Advent and Christmas.

Angels are a symbol of love, of presence, pointing the way to the moment it all changed, when God came in the person of Jesus to be with us in the world, to share in love and pain alongside us. Angels appeared to tell us about the birth of a baby in a manger. Angels sang, bursting with joy, to some shepherds, and told them, "Go and see!"

There are going to be angels all over our churches and, we hope, all over our villages, large and small, made from plywood, card, paper, knitted, painted and decorated. Look out for them! There will also be angel-related activities, including at our next



Club Create event on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 to 4.00 pm at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Contact me if your child aged 7-12 would be interested in joining in.

Maybe you will be inspired to **be an angel** yourself, by donating to a food bank, cooking for people, making a charity shop donation or another small act of kindness each day during Advent. We can all be messengers of good news!

Whatever inspires you this Advent, I wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas when it comes and a safe and fruitful New Year.

*Revd Eleanor Goodison*

## Church Services Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield

Planned church services in December/  
January

(changes to normal Sunday service times are shown in **bold**)

**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)

### December

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne  
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield  
**3.00 to 5.00 pm** Messy Church Christmas party with *Steff and Nonsense*, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

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



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne  
**11.15 am** Carols with Amici, Syleham  
**4.00 pm** Carol Service, Horham  
**4.00 pm** Carols by Candlelight, Wingfield

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

6.00 pm Carol Service, Denham

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

6.00 pm Carols with Christingles, Hoxne

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6.00 pm Carol Service, Redlingfield

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

5.30 pm Crib Service, Athelington

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**

4.00 pm Crib Service, Wingfield  
11.30 pm Midnight Service, Horham



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day**



9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne  
9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield  
9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham  
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham  
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

**January**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion, Denham

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Epiphany**

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne  
10.00 am Village Service, Syleham  
11.15 am BCP Holy Communion, Horham  
6.00 pm Evensong on Zoom

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion, Horham

**Revd Eleanor Goodison**  
**Priest in Charge, Hoxne Benefice**  
**07876 143579**  
[eleanor.goodison@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com)



## St Margaret, Syleham

**Church for the Community** We welcomed a good number to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 16th October. The collection of £263 was sent in its entirety to Christian Aid's East Africa Appeal. We are very privileged that Amici will once again be joining us for our **Carol Service**, at 11.15am on Sunday 18th December: always a popular event.

**Angels!** We are encouraging a theme of 'Angels - messengers of good news' for December so you may see angels large and small appearing in gardens, windows and Christmas trees throughout the village! Why not join in?

**Benefice Family activities** have continued apace, with busy *Messy Church* sessions for younger children and, in October half-term, a craft workshop for *Club Create*, our group for children 7-12, where we made amusing figures from wire and clay. We plan to hold another workshop just before Christmas. *Little Lambs* for toddlers and carers re-started in Hoxne in September. For young families, there will be a Christmas party in December, held at the village hall in cooperation with the Management Committee and Social Club.

**Pastorally**, we continue to be available to those passing through dark times; we hope you will feel able to ask for help or for a visit.

**Church improvements** Our smart new notice board is now installed and in use. It carries the name of the church and



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

also a dedication to 'J' Leader as it was partly funded by donations given in his memory.

There is still 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 keen to improve the lighting, however, and are awaiting permission from the diocese to carry out the recommended work. It may now be too late to have it done before Christmas but we live in hope!

**Coffee & Cake** This sociable event, at the Village Hall 10am - 11.30am on the first Tuesday every month, is attracting new attendees. Coffee and cakes are normally free but in October the café became a Macmillan Coffee Morning and made £400 - grateful thanks to all who came: it may well be repeated next year but, meanwhile, the monthly café welcomes you.

**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](mailto:mary.lewis43@icloud.com)  
01379 669258 / 07775 732259



**Benefice activities**

## St Andrew, Wingfield

Jacky Taylor and her helpers organized a fantastic Harvest Supper on 22<sup>nd</sup> October in aid of St Andrew's Church. Everyone enjoyed a splendid choice of food, some fiendishly difficult Dingbat puzzles and some intriguing photos of those present in early life! Thanks to everyone's generosity, £540.33 was raised.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, St Andrew's Day, we celebrated our patronal festival at the church with an Evening Service and a bit of a party afterwards. St Andrew's Day often gets swallowed up by the beginning of Advent so we enjoyed marking it this year. Maybe we can make it an annual event?

Sadly, we have lost a key member of our village community in Pam Chilver, who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> October after a short illness. Her funeral took place at Wingfield church on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Pam was born in Wingfield and, except for a few years in Syleham, lived here all her life. She cleaned for seven different people in the village, including the pub, and was a particular support to Sheila Kent for over thirty years. Our condolences go out to Ken, Anne, Graham and Bradley on her loss.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be taking part in Wingfield Barns' Christmas Fair on Saturday/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December, including carol singing on Sunday afternoon.

Our Carols by Candlelight are on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm and we will be holding a Crib Service at 4.00 pm on Christmas Eve - all ages very welcome!

**Revd Eleanor Goodison**

## St John the Baptist, Denham

We are holding a Christmas quiz on Saturday 10th December at 6.00 pm in the village hall. This will be a family event with teams up to six people and Christmas hats recommended. There will be tea and coffee, home made biscuits,

locally produced apple juice and a raffle.

Other Christmas events are the Carol Service on Tuesday 20th at 3.00 pm and Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 11.00am.



**Hilary Castleden**  
01379 668458

## St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

Top of the list of Improvements of the Facilities that residents identified in our last Parish Survey was the provision of a modern lavatory.

Hoxne PCC took this matter up and in December 2021, Mid Suffolk District Council (the Local Planning Authority) was approached with the ideas and plans that had been worked up with the Church architect.

MSDC and Historic England approved the plans and in October 2022 the Diocese granted a faculty for the project. Hoxne PCC proposed the construction, on the site of the current sheds, of a new high-quality wood building. There would be two WCs (one Disabled Access Compliant). There would be a new resin footpath linking the lavatory to the North Door and the car park. Behind the North Door, Disabled Compliant Access would be constructed. Work has been completed behind the North Door, except the laying of carpeting which will be done soon.

Construction of the lavatory will start in the middle of March 2023, after MSDC's cabinet considers the eligibility of funding support for the project from the CIL fund.

On St Edmund's Day, 20<sup>th</sup> November, at the Cathedral, the position of an Honorary Cannon of the Cathedral was bestowed on our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Eleanor Goodison.

If anyone knows when a Diocesan Bishop last presided at a service in Hoxne Church, please let us know.



*Cont.*

## **UNDER ONE ROOF**

### **THE COMPLETE HARD LANDSCAPING SERVICE**

DRIVEWAYS, NATURAL  
STONE PATIOS, DECORATIVE  
WALLING, WATER FEATURES,  
ENTRANCE GATES & FENCING.

PRESSURE WASHING CLEANING  
OF PATIO AND DRIVEWAYS

FULLY INSURED FAMILY  
BUSINESS WITH  
OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

FOR A FREE NO PRESSURE  
QUOTATION PLEASE CALL  
MARK ON 01379 677027 OR  
07768 636618

## **G.G. EVANS**

**Pest Control Services**

**07795 177695**

**01379 608932**

**info@ggevans.co.uk**

**MOLES, RABBITS,  
WASPS & MORE**



# **Cowhams**

***"For today's automotive demands"***



Scan or visit

**www.cowhams.co.uk**

**01379 388 999**

**enquiries@cowhams.co.uk**

But we do know that on Advent Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> November) The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, consecrated our Chapel dedicated to Edmund, King and Martyr.

**Guy McGregor  
Hoxne Church Warden  
01379668434**

## Friends of Hoxne Church

There are a couple of projects at the church that the Friends want to contribute to, the small door on the South side of the church is in urgent need of attention, it is secure but badly warped, and we want to do something to make the pathway along the south side of the church less muddy and more accessible particularly in the Winter months. This does require a faculty, which has been applied for.

We had our Harvest lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Some 40 people sat down to a delicious lunch (three courses if you count the coffee). How I wish I had found the plum crumble earlier! Thank you to all that contributed food, served, and did the washing up.

We are still continuing with the monthly coffee morning and book sale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. We are hoping that the 17<sup>th</sup> December meeting will coincide with the Christmas Tree Festival. Please do come along, we cannot promise a solution to your Christmas gifts, but you will get a warm welcome, maybe a mince pie or cake and a cup of coffee.

We are hoping to have another quiz sometime in the New Year. No date yet, but it is a good night out.

Lastly, 'The Friends' wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year.

**Debbie Hooker**

## Flower Rota

December 4<sup>th</sup> Advent candle



Village Voice

Christmas Tree Festival  
from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

December 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Christmas Trees

January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
Altar - Cathie McGregor

January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
Altar - Suzanne Lewis



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.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas meeting.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
Fellowship Annual General Meeting.

The annual I-Chameleon shop in The Thoroughfare Halesworth run by the North Suffolk Area MU in October raised £1463.94p and we enjoyed our time there. The money will be used to make Christmas stockings for the men and women in the Ipswich Night Shelter, vouchers for women at the refuges in Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds and other projects.

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**

Dec 22 / Jan 23 21



**Michael Bloomfield  
Electrical Services**

*Elecsa Reg. 22969 – Part P compliant*

All Domestic & Commercial work  
Fuse boards, Fault finding  
New wiring / re-wiring  
Testing & Inspection

Phone 07590 507307

01379 851964

**Computer Repair &  
IT Support**

**Fast, Friendly and  
Understandable**

PCs, Laptops, Printers,  
Tablets, Virus Removal,  
Tune Ups & Upgrades,  
Broadband Problems,  
Networks etc.

**Home User or Small Business  
We Can Help You!**

**Hexpek.it**

**07908 222428 - 01379 668150**  
[www.callthecomputerguy.co.uk](http://www.callthecomputerguy.co.uk)

Doug Aiken part of

**DK Appliances Ltd**

**Domestic Appliance Repairs,  
Sales of New and Reconditioned Machines**

Finbows Yard, Station Road,  
Bacton, Stowmarket IP14 4NH

**Telephone:  
01449 780398**




*The Swan Inn of Hoxne*

Experience a friendly warm atmosphere in our 650 year-old inn.

Surrounded by old beams, real fires & witch marks above the fireplaces, you can be assured of a memorable visit.

Real home cooked food & ales are available, and in November & December we'll be showing the World Cup games.

Lunch and evening menus available Monday to Saturday. Sunday lunch is available from 12 noon until 3pm

See our facebook page for other activities and entertainment: "The Swan Inn of Hoxne"

**Tel: - 01379 668275**  
[www.theswaninnofoxne.co.uk](http://www.theswaninnofoxne.co.uk)

## Little Lambs

Little Lambs have been very busy recently, enjoying meeting, playing, crafting and singing together.

The usual monthly sessions at The Pavilion on the first Tuesday of each month have been well attended and the children (and the adults) have enjoyed getting creative with Playdoh and hand painting, as well as plenty of play (the toy cars are definitely a hit with Harry and Samuel!) and lots of lively chat amongst the adults.



In addition to the monthly meeting, the group met at the Greengold Café one Thursday morning where we were warmly welcomed and we enjoyed fresh coffee and cake.

Recently our craft activity has included making decorations for the Little Lambs' tree being put up in Hoxne Church for the Christmas tree festival. We have been making Playdoh stars and characters and pompom lambs to follow our theme of the shepherds visiting the manger - with their lambs of course!! I am not sure who enjoyed the craft the most - the children or the adults!!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 6th December** when we will be meeting in Hoxne Church to put together the crib, decorate our tree and have a little Christmas tea party. All under 5s welcome (with an accompanying adult) at 1.15pm.



For more information about Little Lambs please e-mail Caroline at [cabbott364@gmail.com](mailto:cabbott364@gmail.com).



## **BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month**

**Term time only**

**1.15 – 3.15 p.m.**

**The Pavilion, Hoxne Playing  
Field IP21 5AD**

**Babies and under 5s are welcome,  
but you must be accompanied by a  
responsible adult.**

**For further information e-mail  
[cabbott364@gmail.com](mailto:cabbott364@gmail.com)**

## Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT



### Christmas and New Year

Do come and join us over the Christmas period!

The bar and hall will be open as usual on **Friday 23rd December** and will also be open on **Saturday 24th Dec**, Hall open 8pm.

Again, the bar will be open from 8pm on **Tuesday 27th December**.

Come along on **Friday 30th December** when there will be a game of Bingo, and the bar will be open.

There's always pool and board games available!

### New Year's Eve 🕒

On **Saturday 31st Dec** we will be open from 8pm 'til late. This year, our New

Year's Eve celebration will be an informal family evening. Bring some sharing buffet please. Bar open until after Auld Lang Syne! 🕒

### Burn's Night!

We have a wonderful Burn's night event booked for **Saturday 28th January**, with a magnificent toastmaster—and a piper! Expect haggis, neeps and tatties and more. Come and join us for a really special night!

Details and bookings - please contact Donna on 07876487294 / 01379 668361. Ticket price £18 for Sports and Social club members, £20 for non-members.

### Winter warmer events

With the help of some grant funding from Mid Suffolk District Council we are able to offer:

**FREE events** when tea and coffee, board games and books will be available in a warm environment.

**FREE events for everyone**—come and join us. We are open for everyone to join us for tea, chat, and a couple of hours in our cosy village hall every Tuesday, from 8pm to 10pm, as part of the Sports and Social club opening. These sessions will run until March 2023.

**FREE events for everyone**—come and join us. We are open for Coffee and Cake on



*Austin and Lawrence planting bulbs in the Messy Church corner of J's Meadow, Syleham*

the first Tuesday of the month, 10am to 11.30am. Run in conjunction with Syleham church, these sessions will continue into 2023.

**FREE events for everyone**—come and join us. We are open for Coffee, Craft + 1/2-hour of chair-based exercise on the last Thursday of the month, 1.30pm to 3.00pm. These sessions will continue into 2023.

As a snapshot of the work of Syleham and Wingfield village hall, please take a look at:

**Sunday 22nd-Monday 23rd January**  
Carpet bowls.

**Tuesday 24th** Tea and chat, 8pm to 10pm + Social club open.

**Thursday 26th** 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
Exercise, Coffee, Craft.

**Friday 27th** Social club open + Bingo from just after 8pm.

**Saturday 28th** Burns Night meal and entertainment.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all our various events. Alongside the volunteer-manned bar on Sports and

Cont.



**CHRISTMAS FLORISTRY WORKSHOPS**  
at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT  
(ample parking at venue)

**Come and be creative!**

Attend one or our workshops and take home a lovely Christmas arrangement, made by you!

All you need to bring is a pair of scissors or secateurs.  
Everything else will be provided, including  
tea/coffee, mince pies and biscuits

 **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022** 10am–12 Noon  
FRESH DOOR WREATH  
I will also show you how to turn this into a table centre  
or grave wreath £50.00 per person

 **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022** 10am–12 Noon  
FRESH FLOWER TABLE CENTRE WITH CANDLES £65.00  
To book, call 07768106964 or email Lyn:  
lynbespokeflorist@hotmail.co.uk

A booking fee of £20 will be required to secure your place.



Social club night each Tuesday and Friday, we aim to organise interesting events and activities. You are encouraged to join the Sports and Social club - annual cost remains £3.50 (£3.00 concs)

The village hall is available for hire if you are having a party, event, holding a meeting or workshop, or you have a family gathering. Please contact Donna 07876487294 / 01379 668361 to have a look around and to make a booking.

### *Looking ahead ...*

**On Saturday 25th February 2023**  
we will be celebrating -

## **Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social club's 40 years!!**

**Please save the date!**

If you have been part of the Sports and Social club over the years, please make plans to come and join us at Syleham and Wingfield village hall for a great celebratory evening from 7.30 'til late!

Please let others know that may have moved from Syleham and Wingfield and surrounding villages - we will endeavour to send invitations and information to as many as we can! All those associated with the club are most welcome!

Music, entertainment, presentations, lovely buffet are all planned.... free!

**Thursday 30th March 2023**  
**Eastern Angles touring professional theatre**

will be with us:



## **Medieval Miracles - "East Anglia was the Broadway or West End of 15<sup>th</sup> century English theatre"**

Please come and join us to support LIVE theatre here in the outreaches of mid Suffolk.

Ticket prices will be £13, booking via the Eastern Angles website or contact Julie on:

juliethompon435@gmail.com or text 07929794636 and I'll return your call.

Please pass on Eastern Angles information to friends, families and neighbours.

By the way, Eastern Angles are also celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2023!

## **Another secret - which you may be able to make use of some time....**

This secret location has been there for a long time, but lots of us have forgotten it or not quite known when it's open.

Nearby in Brome we have a facility run by a nice chap called Kev—it's the 'tip'!

Kev is there from 10am 'til 1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He can take various household items that are no longer needed - there are charges for some items, but many are free.

There's information, Kev's mobile number and email address, on the Mid Suffolk District Council website. Go to Waste, then Additional Waste, then find Recycling Centres - then tap on Brome Community Recycling Centre.

Visit our website for all the latest news:

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

Julie Thompson

Text 07929 794636

[juliethompon435@gmail.com](mailto:juliethompon435@gmail.com)

## New Reeding Woods

The autumn leaves are showing good colours this year after a very dry summer with no hard frosts to bring them down. Earlier, the blackberries were abundant and rose hips are providing a splash of scarlet in the hedges-rows.

The meadow is looking bright green again after the long, dry summer browns and golds. We hope the yellow rattle continues to suppress the vigour of the grass there, allowing more wild meadow flowers to spread without competition. We plan no further artificial enrichment of the flora, such as sowing wild flower seed or plug planting, as the meadow is being encouraged to develop naturally. Colonisation by plant species already growing nearby is the goal. Meadow flowers will bloom in spring and early summer and are left to set seed before the meadow is cut later in the summer and arisings removed as hay.

The traditional autumn tidy up of the woodland and hedges took place in late October. The brambles along the hedges and the sides of the riders were cut back and overhanging branches trimmed. At the meadow edge of one woodland block we planted an oak sapling we had been gifted; hopefully it should do well there.



The undergrowth in the woods is dying back, as the trees grow and canopies begin to restrict the light coming through. The trees are

competing with each other and the most vigorous growing taller, as a distinct hierarchy of dominance develops. Our policy is to leave them to develop naturally as far as possible, as we are managing the woodland blocks to maximise habitat value. Interventions such as thinning or singling the trees out would

disrupt this valuable 'thicket' stage, beloved of nesting birds and insects. More thoughts on woodland thinning in the next bulletin!

Another day of work is planned for late November, to remove a fence in poor repair. This will increase the meadow area around the pond. As a sign of strange times for nature, I saw dragonflies whilst we worked... very late in the year. Pleasingly, water has returned to the pond and levels will have benefited further from the current rain.

As autumn leaves fall in earnest, could I suggest a corner of your garden be left "untidy"? Leaves, long grass and sticks provide a safe home for insects and small mammals. The result may look unkempt but this benefits the animals living there.

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.



Rosehips



Medlars



## J. FELTON CHIMNEY SWEEP

- CLEAN & FRIENDLY SERVICE
- FULLY INSURED
- SMOKE TESTS
- INSURANCE CERTIFICATES
- CCTV INSPECTIONS
- COMPETITIVE RATES

PLEASE CALL 01986 799175



REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHIMNEY SWEEPS

GRAHAM BORRILL



# THATCHER

COSY COT HECKFIELD GREEN  
HOXNE EYE SUFFOLK IP21 5AB

TEL : 01379 668 777 MOBILE : 07960 254 537

Email : grahamborrill@yahoo.com

### HANDYMAN SERVICES EYE

All manner of repairs  
improvements & general building  
works undertaken large & small.

Friendly reliable honest work.

Please call Mark

**07818 088080**

**01379 871399**



Local, professional  
and reliable service

- ◆ All household plumbing
- ◆ Oil and gas boiler install  
and servicing
- ◆ Air source heating  
installation
- ◆ Hot water cylinders

Free non committal quotes

07749315908

chrisjhoward5@googlemail.com

www.chrishowardplumbingandheating.co.uk

## Hoxne Village Hall

October's Elvis film proved to be very popular. Our final film of 2022 will be shown on **Friday 2 December** - The Railway Children Return. Starts at 7.30pm, with bar open from 7pm and during the interval. Please pre-book your tickets on 668060 if you can, so we know how many chairs to put out.

We are still looking for help to put out chairs before a film night. Help for this, and other tasks at the Hall, would be gratefully received! Contact details below.

Look out for posters after Christmas as to what will be shown in our Spring Season. If you have any suggestions of recent films that you would like us to consider showing, please email us at the address below or let us know at a Film Night.

We are still lending out (free of charge) DVDs of recent films shown at the Hall.

The Hall car park will again be the site for recycling your real Christmas tree. Date on the poster suggested 5 January but we know many trees are taken down before then! The area will be marked off from Thursday 29 December (see page 7).

The photo below was taken c2010 and was kindly given to the Hall. Just a different view of things!





If you would like to discuss a celebration at the Hall please contact the number/email address below.

The Village Hall Management Committee wish you a Happy Christmas and healthy 2023 and look forward to seeing you in the Hall during 2023.

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



**NEW**  
**REST and RESTORE**  
**CLASSES by CANDLELIGHT**  
at  
**HOXNE VILLAGE HALL**

**22nd December and**  
**26th January**

**Every 4th Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm**

**Build new life skills**  
**Improve focus & concentration**  
**Relax deeply and for longer**  
**Gentle exercises to use at home**  
**Mindfulness**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
**Janet 07951 714477**

## **Hoxne Harvest Breakfast**

Once again, the weather was kind to us—a little chilly, but dry. We think that this was the forty-eighth breakfast, and only once have we had to use the hall.

It was lovely to see so many people out on the green, meeting friends and enjoying breakfast. We raised £680 which is split between the Village Hall and Playing Field funds.

We would like to thank all of our helpers and all of you for supporting it again.

**Carole & Alan Smith**

*Games at the Hoxne Harvest Breakfast 2022*





## Hoxne Heritage Group

Late summer has been another busy time for the Hoxne Heritage Group.

On September 11th we finally held the much-delayed second phase of our World War Two exhibition, covering events in and around Hoxne during the period 1942-1945. As with the earlier exhibition the event was very well supported throughout the day. Over two hundred visitors were able to enjoy several examples of wartime food, listen to music of the period and view on-screen footage of local events. Our grateful thanks go out to all the members who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

Continuing on the same theme, on September 27th local historian Clive Stevens gave an illustrated talk to a packed audience in the village hall on the "Friendly Invasion" of East Anglia by the United States Army Air Force. With extensive use of photographs and interviews with USAAF veterans, Clive was able to provide a vivid picture of what life was like on the bases and in the surrounding countryside during 1942-45.

Meanwhile our regular monthly meetings in the Swan continue, so if you are interested please come along. During the October meeting, Steve Doling gave a mini presentation entitled "Reminiscences of the Second World War" about his own experience of growing up in the East End of London in the post war years, including details of his late father's life as a Royal Marine serving in the Far East. On display were many photographs, items of memorabilia and campaign medals.



Part of the WWII Exhibition

Finally, on **January 12th** there will be a talk in the Village Hall by Matt Champion on the subject of Kett's Rebellion against Enclosures, which occurred in 1549. Do come along if you can.

**David Hyde**  
[www.hoxnehistory.org.uk](http://www.hoxnehistory.org.uk)  
**Margaret Sillis, Secretary**  
[margaret.sillis@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.sillis@btinternet.com)

## Hoxne Garden and Social Club

Christmas is just around the corner, believe it or not. Whether you love Christmas or are not so keen on it, such as myself, it will be refreshing for everybody to join in the festivities without the shadow of covid in the background. In other words, it should be a 'normal' Christmas. (Although I suspect some of us may still take basic precautions in order to 'stay safe').

Not surprisingly therefore, the Garden Club are planning to have a Christmas party this year. It will take place on Thursday 15th December in the village hall. Members will be asked to provide some food, so that a veritable banquet is produced for all to share in (if this year's Garden party is anything to go by).

It is hoped that the bar will be open to provide liquid refreshment. We will also be having a horticultural themed quiz, so members will have to polish up their horticultural knowledge to stand a chance of winning.

In January our first speaker of the New Year will be Jenni Keer, who will be describing her life as an author.

Our meetings always take place on the third Thursday of the month so even if you are not a member of the Garden Club you can still come and join us at the village hall at 7.30 pm. The entrance fee for non members is £3.50.

In the meantime, have a happy Christmas.

**Chris Parkin**

## *Hoxne Phoenix Group*

How time flies! Our programme for 2023 has more or less been decided and we have one more evening meeting in December. On 13<sup>th</sup> December in Hoxne Village Hall we will be making Christmas decorations under the instruction of one of our own members, Jean Musgrave. This will be followed by some Christmas refreshment.

Our September meeting was cancelled as the Committee felt it wasn't appropriate to hold a noisy Beetle Drive a few days after the death of Her Majesty the Queen. In the past these evenings have turned out to be raucous, which this year didn't seem appropriate.

In October we were holding and admiring many different pearls, of all shapes and sizes. Our Speaker, Jason

Middleton, gave his talk on the history of searching for pearls - the first appearing around 1480. They appear in all colours - including gold ones (known as abalone)! They are mainly found in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Pearls are produced in a mollusc (oyster) but not related to edible oysters or mussels.

As Jason had been passing round many different samples of pearls, he did check that the same number were returned as left his hands!

Just to remind members of our New Year Lunch on **Thursday 5 January 2023** at The White Horse, Stoke Ash at 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. You choose on the day - you pay on the day! Open to anyone - husbands, partners, or friends (including anyone reading this article who thinks they might be interested in joining our Group) but I must know by Christmas.

*Pat Green, Secretary*  
01379 668379

## **HARLESTON PLAYERS**

### **AUDITION CALL**

### **SPRING PRODUCTION**

#### **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S**

#### **WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION**



Leonard Vole stands accused of murdering a rich widow. The stakes are high with shocking witness testimony, impassioned outbursts from the dock and a young man's fight to escape the hangman's noose. Regarded as one of Christie's most accomplished plays, this suspenseful thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end.

There are several excellent parts for men and women in this tense courtroom drama. If you would like to audition for a part, or be involved backstage, come along to the auditions at Jays Green, Harleston on Tuesday 6 December at 7.30pm, Sunday 11 December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm.

Performances will be on 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 April 2023

Rehearsals begin Monday 13 February 2023

A list of characters is available on our web site [www.harlestonplayers.co.uk](http://www.harlestonplayers.co.uk)

For more information about the play or if you cannot make the auditions but would like to be involved, contact the director - David Cumming 07947318297 davidcumming75@gmail.com

# SAVE THE HOXNE POST OFFICE MEETING

Held on Thursday 3rd November

Thank you everyone that attended the meeting, over 100 people were in the hall with many more that couldn't make it expressing interest.

The agenda was:

- 1) The current situation
- 2) Why we should act now
- 3) The proposal
- 4) Comments from the meeting
- 5) Call for volunteers



Just to introduce myself to start with for context - I'm a local resident, I don't represent any organisation or the parish council. I am just highlighting a problem and floating an idea to see if anyone else is interested. The notes below are what I have learnt, they're not exhaustive and many of you I hope will know more and can add to our collective knowledge and expertise. It's also important to note that everything here has been talked through with the current owner of the post office.

## 1. The current situation

- The Post Office has been for sale for 18 months, listed with Gazes at £475k as a going concern. The current owner is very keen it remains a post office and shop serving the community.
- The Parish Council is making an application to designate the post office an Asset of Community Value (ACV). If granted, it will make any future applications for change of use more difficult. ACV status normally means that when an asset is put up for sale there is a 6 month moratorium on the owner selling to anyone other than a community interest group. Because the post office is being sold as a going concern, this moratorium doesn't apply.
- The post office has "community branch" status and as such receives a salary from the Post Office.

## 2. Why we should act now

### The problem

- The post office is not under immediate threat, but its future is uncertain.
- The ACV, if granted, makes it harder for future owners to change the use of the building, but it doesn't make it impossible. ACV status only lasts 5 years.
- The current owner would like to retire. If there isn't anyone to hand the role of postmaster on to then the status of "community branch" will go and so will the salary.
- The post office in Eye is currently under threat.

### The opportunity

- The government is currently offering community groups match funding to help purchase facilities like pubs, post offices etc. (Community Ownership Fund)
- For every pound raised the government matches with a pound, up to a maximum of £250k (so a community raising £250k could get another £250k from the government)
- Many communities around us have already come together to buy their local facilities so we have examples to follow and learn from.

## 3. The proposal

To form a small working group of local people to develop:

- a draft plan to raise the finance to buy the post office / shop
- a plan to engage the village (both ends and maybe surrounding villages too) about what they want
- a plan for how we might run the post office / shop as a community.

## 4. Comments from the meeting

The following were raised. Apologies I cannot represent all that was said; a lot was said and we didn't have a minute taker for this informal meeting. However I think it is fair to say the feeling in the hall was positive overall.

- Concern was raised about the price of £475k being too high and that the building needed repairs. The point was made that we as a community should consider the social value of the post office as well as the

financial value. Ultimately it is beyond the scope of communities to dictate what private property is sold for (something I for one am grateful for!). Also ultimately it will be up to the community to decide whether to go ahead or not (not the working group), so if the majority feeling is that the price is too high then we will not proceed.

- Any plan will need to include repairing the building (inc. roof).

- The idea was raised to move the post office to another site, avoiding the cost of purchasing the current site. Thank you for the idea, it will be part of what the working group investigates.

- A show of hands made it clear that most people attending the meeting use the post office.

## 5. Call for volunteers

The skills we need at this stage are accounting, legal, commercial, grant writing, social media - but quite frankly anyone with enthusiasm and positivity. Positivity especially! Volunteers with other skills will be needed in the future. Anyone interested should email [hoxnevolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnevolunteer@gmail.com)

Thank you!

*Mike (Barton)*

## *Hoxne Bell Ringers*

We have started three new ringers who are making good progress and the rest of the band have improved their skills during the last two months.

Because we will have eight bells after the restoration at Hoxne, we have been having eight-bell practises at Palgrave, once a month. This is in addition to our regular ringing at Oakley and Redgrave which are both six-bell towers. The greater number of bells makes extra demands on the ringers, so some practise is very helpful. Thanks Palgrave for the use of your bells.

We are planning a Christmas supper at the Swan in early December, which promises to be well attended.

*Andrew Castleden*  
01379 668458 / 07931 725928

*Simply Beautiful by Anne*  
Weddings, Bridesmaids, Ball Gowns,  
Curtains, Cushions, Alterations  
and much more  
**Free Estimates Given**  
Magnolia House, Wilby Rd, Stradbroke  
Tel: 01379 384097  
Mob: 07944 894757

## *The Maynard Trust*

### Support for educational needs

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.

#### Deadline for receipt of applications to the Maynard Trust:

**December 31st 2022  
for the January Trust meeting**

Just write or email (preferably the applicant rather than a parent or guardian) to:

Amanda Jones (Administrator)  
Claret Cottage, Cross Street, Hoxne,  
IP21 5AJ

07758078754

Email: [marmite1518@gmail.com](mailto:marmite1518@gmail.com)

SELF CATERING HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION  
"CANALSIDE", SAWMILLS, DERBYSHIRE  
BUNGALOW – SLEEPS 4



HELEN & PETER GILBEE  
01379 740339  
WEBSITE: [HOLIDAYCOTTAGES.CO.UK](http://HOLIDAYCOTTAGES.CO.UK)  
PROPERTY NUMBER: PK934



# Traditional Oak Carpentry

Carpentry Repairs

New Oak Homes  
and Extensions

Garden Structures

Condition Reports

3D Design Service

01449 768817

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

## ED'S PLAICE

*Traditional Fish and Chips*

- Wednesdays: serving from 3 - 7pm  
PULHAM MARKET, The Green
- Thursdays: serving from 4 - 7pm  
HOXNE, The Playing Field Pavilion
- Fridays: serving from 4 - 7pm  
WORTHAM, Common

**Tel: 01379 741967**  
**Mob: 07904 231006**

## HOXNE SERVICE STATION

**Servicing and Mechanical  
Repairs**

**MOT preparation  
Welding repairs**

**Tel: 01379 668654**

## Nick Fulcher

**Plasterer & Floor Screeder**  
**FREE ESTIMATES**

**Telephone 01379 642979**

Soil Association Member AG25612



**Anglian Organics**  
**Organic Fruit & Veg**

Delivery to your village every Wednesday

Mobile **07748 156953**

Email for produce list

[anglian.organics@outlook.com](mailto:anglian.organics@outlook.com)

FRIENDLY PROFESSIONAL CARER

OFFERS QUALITY CARE IN YOUR HOME  
PERSONAL CARE AND ASSOCIATED TASKS

N.V.Q. TRAINED

TRAINED IN DEMENTIA  
AND MANUAL HANDLING

REFERENCES AVAILABLE

CONTACT: ANDREA  
07872 530567



## **B.C. GODDARD**

**INTERIOR / EXTERIOR  
PAINTER, DECORATOR  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

Call Brian for a free quote on

**01379 388174**

or mobile

**07759 956627**

[bcgoddarduk@outlook.com](mailto:bcgoddarduk@outlook.com)

# The Village Voice

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

**First prize £50**

**Second Prize £20 Third Prize £10**

Can you answer both these questions from this edition of Village Voice?

1. On which other page does a Christmas Candy Cane appear?
2. On which other page can you see the word CHEESE ?



The winners will be the first three correct entries picked at random from those received by the closing date, **Sunday 8th January 2023**

**Runners-up prizes donated by  
The Good, the Bad and the Hungry Café**

Please send answers to: [yvsuffolk@live.co.uk](mailto:yvsuffolk@live.co.uk)  
or post to: Blackberry Cottage, Cross Street, Hoxne IP21 5AH  
or drop off at one of the two collection points:  
The Good, the Bad and the Hungry Café, Wingfield  
Hoxne village shop

Answer to Question 1: Page .....

Answer to Question 2: Page .....

NAME: .....

ADDRESS .....

TEL. NO.....AGE (if under 18).....

One separate entry per person. Posted entries do not have to be on this form, but all necessary information must be included on same-sized paper (A5).  
Winners in the next edition of Village Voice. Good luck!

## Ron Rankin Painting & Decorating

For all your  
Domestic & Commercial  
Property Maintenance & Decorating  
Competitive Prices &  
Professional Standards  
Reliable & Experienced

**Telephone: 01379 388243**

**Mobile: 07762 326 226**

Please call for  
Advice & Quotations with  
No Obligation



*"In these unprecedented times,  
we were able to rely on Rosedale  
with complete confidence. You  
stood by us and were a tower of  
strength."*

– from a family we have cared for at Rosedale



Diss **01379 640810** (24 hrs)  
Harleston **01379 853999** (24 hrs)  
[www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk](http://www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk)

We are a family  
business and  
promise to  
provide exceptional  
care and a truly  
personal 24 hour  
service, when you  
need it most.

## The Daily Care Agency



High Banks, Athelington Road, Horham, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5EH

Tel: **01379 388438** - Mobile: **07977 075301**

E-mail: [office@thedailycareagency.co.uk](mailto:office@thedailycareagency.co.uk)

***ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA CARE AND SUPPORT TO HELP  
YOU REMAIN INDEPENDENT WITHIN YOUR OWN HOME AND COMMUNITY?***

THE DAILY CARE AGENCY IS A SMALL PRIVATELY OWNED DOMICILIARY  
AGENCY THAT TAKES PRIDE IN HAVING THE TIME TO CARE AND OFFER  
INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT TO OUR CLIENTS

For further information, please contact **01379 388438 / 07977 075301**

***ARE YOU A CARER? – WE REGULARLY RECRUIT FOR LOCAL CARERS TO  
JOIN OUR TEAM***

The Daily Care Agency is registered and therefore licensed to provide services by the  
Care Quality Commission. Provider ID 1-101723169

## Try Hoxne's new café

Café culture has come to Hoxne - with a touch of Greek life!

- What? **Greengold Café**
- Where? Abbey farm barns, Abbey Hill, Hoxne IP21 5AL
- When? 7:30 - 1pm Monday to Friday  
9:00 - 1pm on Saturdays



**There is also a basic fresh vegetable stall every day, with a more extensive range of fruit and vegetables on Friday and Saturday, 9.00 until 1pm.**

Greengold café is a new venture by Hoxne couple Jill Williams & Yiannis (John). They had a trial opening in July to start spreading the word and gauge support, and now, after a summer trip with their 2 children and 2 dogs to Yianni's homeland Greece to supervise their oil import business, the café has reopened.

The café serves "Clumsy Goat" freshly ground coffee and a variety of savoury snacks, pies and delicious cakes, all homemade. The menu also includes the "Williams" sausage & apple pie and spanakopita, the Greek favourite of spinach and feta wrapped in filo pastry.

Local produce is used whenever possible - Bridge farm, Hoxne supplies the fantastic bacon for the rolls, and eggs are from Havensfield Happy Hens, Hoxne.

"We are very dog friendly but for those customers who prefer not to be around dogs, we keep our larger room completely dog free. In this room we also have a small box of Duplo to keep the little ones busy!"

"We also offer a take-away service" added Jill, "So if people don't have time to stop and sit, we are happy to package up their food and drinks. We open early so we can offer the same service to those on their way to work, out walking the dog, or perhaps after dropping the children at school."



If you wish to pre-order to save time, call Jill on 07747467575 or Yianni on 07825000767.

Greengold café has a parking area, a large outside courtyard plus 2 inside seating areas for the cooler weather.

Previously Jill & Yiannis ran a popular Friday morning pop-up café.



# TREE MENDERS

**Environmental Arboriculture**



TREE SURGERY.  
HEDGE CUTTING/LAYING.  
FIREWOOD.




TREE PLANTING.  
TREE FELLING.  
STUMP GRINDING.

Free Quotes and advice.  
treemenders@yahoo.com  
www.treemendersnorfolk.co.uk

Established 2004. Fully qualified and Insured.

01379 853070 07905 750070





**GOLDBROOK**  
BOARDING KENNELS & CATTERY  
Nuttery Vale, Hoxne, Suffolk IP21 5BB  
Telephone 01379 668267  
info@gbkac.co.uk



"Our Team"

**Proudly owned and run by  
Sara & Don Warren**

Please feel free to pop in and meet us,  
we will be happy to show you around

**OPENING TIMES**  
Monday - Saturday 8.00am - 12 noon  
and 3.00pm - 6.00pm  
Sunday and Bank Holidays  
9.00am - 12 noon



**Safe & Sound  
Hygiene and Pest Control**

For ALL your Domestic  
and Commercial Pest Control  
No obligation – Free Survey / Quotes  
Call us to discuss your pests  
**01379 788865**  
safeandsoundhygieneandpestcontrol.co.uk

**ADE SELLARS - GARDENER**  
RHS QUALIFIED - RELIABLE - REASONABLE RATES  
Garden Maintenance, Hedge Trimming, Mowing  
Patio Cleaning, Planting, Pruning, Turfing  
Weeding, Vegetable Garden Creation  
Call today for a friendly chat about how  
I can help make your garden bloom



Email: [adriansellars@hotmail.com](mailto:adriansellars@hotmail.com)  
Mobile: 07957 588545



**DISS SELF  
STORAGE**

07757 689988  
[www.DissSelfStorage.co.uk](http://www.DissSelfStorage.co.uk)



For all your  
Commercial &  
Personal  
Storage Needs

Also Click &  
Collect Boxes  
& Packaging



**David Huggins**

**Handy Man**

**Building and Garden  
maintenance  
including paths,  
patios & shed bases**

**07881 944877**  
**01379 870323**

## Fressingfield Scouts

On the Scouting front we have been busy at the start of term. Pioneer Scout Troop went on a two night "Middle of Nowhere" camp and camped a mile from the nearest road and water tap and learned a lot about wild camping including butchery of game. A huge thank you to the farmer for the use of his wood and to friend of Scouting, Michael, for providing and teaching butchery of wild game. Dinner was venison stew!

Adventurers Scouts had a one night camp at the HQ before going paintballing with the Explorers. The Beavers combined for a one night camp at HQ, unfortunately a wet and windy evening meant that they "camped" indoors but they completed their magic themed programme successfully and had a great time leaving a team of happy but tired Leaders and Young Leaders to reflect on a weekend well spent.

Both packs of Cubs combined to have a weekend camp in Yoxford. The Cub camp was very busy with a bridge building pioneering project, swimming and a pond dipping trip to Minsmere as well as cooking their own evening meal. The weather was kind, the Young People had a great time, the Leader team were really pleased with the weekend and the assisting Young Leaders worked hard supporting the Leaders and learned about leadership.

Explorers, older Scouts and their Leaders had a fantastic and tiring day paintballing at Thetford.

At evening meetings Wolf Cubs have been working on their International Badge, Squirrels have been playing team games and Warrior Beavers have had visitors who explained all about bees. Pioneer Scouts have been working on teamwork and tried Capoeira. Capoeira is a Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, dance, acrobatics, music and spirituality. Everyone enjoyed the session and would



*The Middle of Nowhere camp*

like to try it again. Explorers have spent time in the kitchen on a cooking challenge. Adventurers have been on a very wet and windy night hike.

Pioneer Scout Troop have been working on their Science Badge. For the first challenge they followed instructions to extract DNA from a strawberry! The actual DNA could be seen as a white swirl in the test tubes. The second challenge was to make a boat out of the available materials then see if it would float and test how many marbles it could carry. The best one managed 65 marbles before it sank! The final experiment was to make a cradle for an egg and then see how fast it went down the 3 different zip wires.

Thank you to Emma, one of our

*Cont.*



*Cub Camp build a bridge*



## SCOTT REGAN CHIMNEY SWEEPING

Professional, clean & qualified service

- Industry standard certificate issued with every sweep
- Brush & HEPA filtered vacuum • Power sweeping
- Chimney cowl fitted • Tar removal from chimney
- Full public liability insurance

Tel: 01379 678881  
 Mob: 07962 207846 / 07740 008456  
 Email: info@scottreganchimneysweeping.co.uk  
 www.scottreganchimneysweeping.co.uk



## SCOTT REGAN WINDOW CLEANING

- All domestic & commercial windows cleaned
- Inside and outside cleans available • Builders first cleans • Solar panels cleaned • Fascias, soffits & gutters cleaned • Conservatory roofs cleaned
- Patio & driveway cleaning also undertaken
- Full public liability insurance

Tel: 01379 678881 Mob: 07962 207846 / 07740 008456  
 Email: info@scottreganwindowcleaning.co.uk  
 www.scottreganwindowcleaning.co.uk

## Andy Keeble Ltd. Oil Fired Boiler & Heating Maintenance

For oil boiler service,  
breakdowns and repairs.  
OFTEC registered and over  
30 years' experience.  
Reliable and friendly service.

Tel: 01379 668596  
 Mobile: 07801 515494  
 Rainford Cottage,  
 11 Green Street, Hoxne

## ACORN TREES

Professional advice & work

### TREE SURGERY

Crown Reductions  
 Section Felling  
 Dead Wooding  
 Felling

Hedge Management  
 Garden Work  
 Landscaping  
 Fencing

## ADAM PICKESS

Merrist Wood College  
 City & Guilds Tree Surgery  
 Full public liability insurance  
**FREE ESTIMATES**

**Telephone: 01379 588122**  
**Mobile: 07776 235006**



## JD Tree Services & COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

- Tree removal, felling or reduction
- Site clearance
- Stump grinding
- Waste removal
- Hedge cutting
- Chipping
- Firewood

Professionally trained, fully insured,  
friendly service  
Call today for a free no obligation quote



mobile: 07736 311782  
 email: info@jdtrees.co.uk  
 web: jdtrees.co.uk



Executive committee members for her help and guidance with this badge. Wolf cubs have been learning the basics of first aid including how to perform CPR and assist someone who is choking. Beavers learned about continents and the countries which belong to them, as well as matching flags to countries. The evening finished with the Beavers designing their own flag.

The Leaders set up a cinema using our touch screen and showed "The Gruffalo" in a film night for Squirrels.

Our Southern Norfolk Scout District had a Leaders' Dinner, unfortunately it clashed with the Cub Camp and an

*Wolf cub learning CPR*



Explorer/Adventurers Scouts meeting but some of our Leaders attended and were pleased to be able to catch up with Leaders from other local Groups.

As ever, members of the 1st Fressingfield Scout Group showed their pride in Nation, Community and the Scouting Movement, providing a Guard of Honour at our Parish Church for Sunday Service, to mark the passing of our Queen and the accession of the King. We also laid some flowers at Sandringham.

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

---

## Want to be in with a chance of winning £25,000 each week?

More and more children and young people are benefiting from being a part of the 1st Fressingfield Scouts from 4 year old Squirrels all the way through to Explorer Scouts which takes members up to the age of 18. It really does provide young people with fabulous opportunities to contribute to their communities, gain independence, and learn new skills. Our new building is really proving to be a fantastic resource for the Scouts, as well as a range of other groups which use it. But we can't do any of this without support from our friends and supporters. There are lots of ways that **you** can support the Scouts, including via our new 'One Lottery' scheme - where you could win up to £25,000!

The draw takes place every Saturday and each entry costs just £1, and for every £1 spent, 1st Fressingfield Scouts will receive 50p. When you sign up you can choose to pay monthly at £4.34 per month, or pay £52 to play once a week for the whole year. Costs will vary depending on how many entries you choose and over what duration you wish to spread the cost. When you join the lottery, you will be allocated your own six-digit lottery number. Each week a random number is drawn and if your number matches, you may win a cash prize.

Why don't you give it a go? You never know - you might win! Find out more and join the lottery at: [Support 1st Fressingfield Scouts when you play One Lottery](#)

---

## Could you spare any gardening or cooking equipment for the Scouts?

A couple of years ago we appealed for redundant but usable cooking equipment, pots, pans grills 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 where we have induction hobs, we would also be grateful.

Please contact Michael on 07761827053.





## Parish Council Reports

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

Everyone at Borderhoppa would like to wish all of our passengers and supporters a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We have lots of great outings booked for 2023, pub lunches, trips to garden centres, the seaside and much more. Our 2023 outings leaflet will be available from early December.

If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01379 854800 or email [adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com](mailto:adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com).

We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

## Denham

Progress with the village hall continues and although it often feels painfully slow, much work is going on behind the scenes to continue to secure funding for the project and to move ahead building works. Completion of the new roof over summer means that the hall is in better shape to weather winter while grant funding applications continue.

Councillors would like to thank all the volunteers who continue to work on this project providing support for managing the building aspects of the project, planning, and supporting local fundraising events and filling in ever more expansive grant funding applications.

## Wills, Discretionary Trusts, Protective Property Trusts & Lasting Powers Of Attorney **FAMILY FIRST WILLS**



Specialist Estate Planning advice explained in plain English in the comfort of your own home or via Zoom. Local advisors across Norfolk and Suffolk.

**BASIC WILLS £99**

**Unregistered LPAS £99**

**TRUSTS from £99**



**01379 430027**

Call us today to arrange your Free, no obligation consultation

Free friendly advice. Reasonable rates  
[www.familyfirstwills.co.uk](http://www.familyfirstwills.co.uk)  
[info@familyfirstwills.co.uk](mailto:info@familyfirstwills.co.uk)

Although the project has been hampered over the last few years for reasons outside our control, it has already achieved one of its goals. It has brought people together and helped to build a stronger community. This can only continue as we look to complete the project in 2023.

We hope we can count on your continued support in the New Year and in the meantime wish you every joy and happiness throughout the festive period and beyond.

Denham Council currently has a vacancy for a Councillor. If you are interested in making a difference to your local community, please contact the Clerk, Wendy Alcock, at: [clerk@denhamparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@denhamparishcouncil.org) or leave a message on 07726 924786.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
At 7:30 pm at St John the Baptist Church, Denham

## Hoxne

There are currently vacancies for Councillors. Hoxne, like all local councils, need active, interested and committed 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 any one of the existing councillors to find out more.

### Community Infrastructure

The Council are devising a Parish Infrastructure Plan which will inform use of the community infrastructure levy funding received in Hoxne from new housing development. Infrastructure falls into

three main categories: • Physical e.g. highways, transport links, cycle ways, energy waste management • Social e.g. education, health, social care, art and culture, sports halls, community halls • Green e.g. parks, woodlands, play areas, public open space. If you have ideas for infrastructure improvements in the village, please contact the Parish Council.

### Highways

After meetings with Suffolk Highways Engineers and the County Councillor, the Parish Council is waiting to receive a report of measure that may be available to address speeding concerns for the B1118. The recent Lorry Route Review did not change the designation of the road. The first stage of the traffic surveys which the Parish Council commissioned has been completed, the second stage will take place when the HGV restriction through the centre of Eye comes into force. The data from both surveys will then be analysed and reports from the traffic management consultants will be provided to the Parish Council.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following the publication of the Pre-Submission draft earlier this year, the Hoxne Neighbourhood Development Plan has been amended to take account of the feedback and submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council. The District Council will publish it again for a six week period probably early in 2023. Comments of support and objections will then be considered by an Examiner before the Plan is finalised later in 2023. Full details of the plan are available at [hoxneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://hoxneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

### Meeting Dates:

Parish Council meetings will take place on:

Thursday 1 December 2022  
at 7.30 pm at St Edmund's Hall

Thursday 5 January 2023  
at 7.30 pm at St Edmund's Hall

Thursday 2 February 2023  
at 7.30 pm at St Edmund's Hall

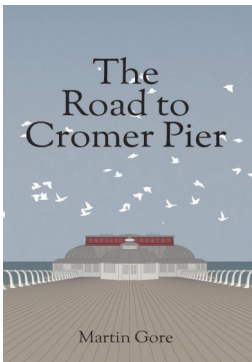
Wishing everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

# Voices from the past

August to November 1989

## Part 2

The Theatre Club thrived during 1989 in the capable hands of Vivienne Bradford and David Weller. The Summer outing to Windsor Park on a blazing hot day included a Tussaud's Victorian Extravaganza involving the Royal Train, an audio-visual show 'Sixty Glorious Years' and seventy Guardsmen of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Coldstream Guards!



The summer visit to the End of the Pier Show in Cromer was becoming a regular annual event and another favourite regular was the Thursford Carol Concert at Christmas. In September their annual Barn Supper attracted 61 people to enjoy a full cooked meal. Things had

been going so well that they had accumulated a profit, from which they offered a donation of £50 to show their appreciation of the Village Voice.

The Hoxne Garden and Social Club's first attempt at a flower show in September was by all accounts an impressive occasion. Reported by the organiser, Norman Midgley, it was opened by the Gislingham Silver Band as more than 300 people braved a cold wind at the playing field. Three marquees were erected. The first housed 81 entries of fruit and vegetables, 48 of flowers and plants, 15 novelties and 68 entries in kitchen classes; the second served refreshments and the third showed an arts and crafts exhibition. A full list of results was published and carries some familiar names.

Enthusiastic fundraising continued through Summer and Autumn for various

local and national causes. The annual church fete at Abbey Farm was in June and made nearly £1,000. The Historic Churches bike ride and the harvest breakfast were in September. Entertainment was provided at the Harvest Breakfast by the Hoxon Hundred dancers and Mr. Finbow's fairground organ.

Friends of St. Peter and St. Paul Church held a family quiz in October, a bonfire night fireworks party and a cheese and wine evening at the vicarage in November.



Various coffee and bring and buy mornings - Mrs. Margaret Carey-Evans in Cross Street, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, at Park House, Lt. Col. and Mrs Leader at Monks Hall, Syleham - benefitted the Church, the playing field, the new pavilion, Cancer Research and Red Cross week.

In St. Edmund's Hall, Denny Davies had been running popular discos and the latest six had raised in excess of £2,500, benefitting the playing field, over sixties and toddlers clubs, the British Legion and the Hall where a new heating system had been delivered. They also paid for alterations to 'the pump seat' in Cross Street.

Hoxne were runners-up at inter-village sports and the Hoxne swimming club led by Joan Dale reconvened on Sunday afternoons in September after a Summer break. Joan announced that seven more children had learnt to swim and no less than 41 ASA swimming exams had been passed in the season while charges had been kept to a minimum thanks to the help of The Maynard Trust.

In the October/November issue we saw the first appearance of advertising of The Grapes pub by new hosts Marlene and Tom Young. They specialised in homemade pies and



pastries - which I recall as being very tasty, at prices from £1.30 to £2.95 for steak and kidney with red wine! Sunday roast with treacle tart and custard could be enjoyed for £4.80. Unfortunately they moved on fairly soon after.

In *Quiet Corner*, D. Cowan mused on the loss of precious memories as the written word was being usurped by the telephone. Well, thank goodness for the Village Voice then ... and I wonder what email and social media will leave for the future!

**Memorabilia** by D. Cowan

In years to come there'll be no letters yellowed at the edge,  
To save for generations yet unborn.  
There'll be no diaries left for them  
To see how great grandfather spent his day,  
Or worked his way on freighter ships across the seas.  
No love notes hidden in a secret drawer  
Tied with a faded ribbon to read again once more.  
The telephone is close at hand  
And we no longer understand the pen.  
How deep the loss of all those yesterdays, with joy and  
sorrow  
If they are all forgotten by tomorrow.



*Dawn Lodge*

---

## *University of the 3rd Age*

Harleston & District u3a wishes all our followers a very happy Christmas, and a healthy and peaceful new year. We'll be resuming our monthly talks on **Wednesday 18 January** at 2.00 pm, in St John's Church, Harleston (speaker tbc) and look forward to seeing you then.

If you're not already a u3a member, do think about making it a new year resolution to join us and reap the many benefits we have to offer, for a membership fee of just £14 pa !

For further information please visit our website: [u3asites.org.uk/harleston](http://u3asites.org.uk/harleston) or by contacting Kim Poulton on 01986 788149.

## Suffolk Libraries – Mobile Library Routes

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

Next stops: 15 December **and** 12 January

Hoxne, The Swan car park from 10:35 to 10:50

Hoxne, St Edmunds House from 11:00 to 11:15

Denham, Post Office from 11:25 to 11:35

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

Next stops: 23 December **and** 20 January

Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road) from 11:40 to 11:55

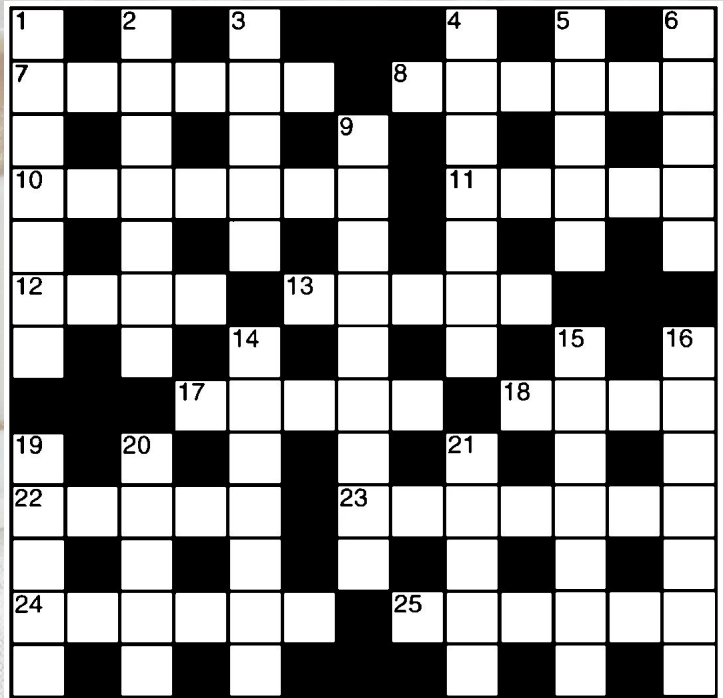
Wingfield, Post box from 12:00 to 12:20



## Crossword Puzzle No. 150

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

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



### Across

- 7 Has mat caused a respiratory problem (6)
- 8 Amusing way to catch trout (6)
- 10 Hit the jackpot with old TV western (7)
- 11 Lit up like a spring flower (5)
- 12 Bravery needed to treat an icy road (4)
- 13 Arrange a piece of music for 20 people (5)
- 17 Soundly rib someone about some of his golf kit (5)
- 18 Hereditary feature of a particular girl I hear (4)
- 22 Sponger is after your blood (5)
- 23 Remove from consideration (7)
- 24 Two muscular mushrooms (6)
- 25 Decor set to include stays (6)

### Down

- 1 Favourite vegetable of an apathetic person (7)
- 2 Clients confused with a pattern maker (7)
- 3 Modify males in an advertisement (5)
- 4 I'd burst to break the peace (7)
- 5 Brainbox (5)
- 6 Harvests a variety of pears (5)
- 9 Ancestral origin of an RAF bomber (9)
- 14 Maybe prep has been done (7)
- 15 Ask for news of an expedition (7)
- 16 Agreement with the French (7)
- 19 Excuse made in rural Ibiza (5)
- 20 Educate a reformed cheat (5)
- 21 Member of cast found in a factory (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no. 149 was: **M. Hawes**

Answers - **Across** 7) Fourth 8) Roamer 10) Romance 11) Ruses 12) None 13) Minor  
17) Ample 18) Oboe 22) Abhor 23) Sampler 24) Effect 25) Fiasco

**Down** 1) Affront 2) Humming 3) Sting 4) Bourbon 5) Amass 6) Press 9) Aerialist  
14) Embrace 15) Abolish 16) Gearbox 19) Raced 20) Chefs 21) Ambit

# Hoxne Post Office and Shop

Low Street, Hoxne IP21 5AR

Tel: 01379 668334

**Shop** Opening hours:

**Monday to Saturday 09:00 to 17:30**

**Sunday 09:00 to 11:00**

(We are closed on Bank Holidays)

We are a local village Post Office and shop. We stock bread, cakes, dairy and grocery items and frozen ready meals

## Post Office

Counter hours remain the same for now:

Monday, Tuesday 09:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:30

Wednesday 09:00 to 13:00

Thursday, Friday 09:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:30

Saturday 09:00 to 12:30

Sunday, Bank Holidays Closed



# Waveney Tree Specialists

Your local tree surgeons, based in Hoxne.

We are fully qualified, certificated, and insured.

## We specialise in

Tree surgery and felling

Reshaping and pruning

Disease and storm damage

Stump removal

For free estimates call

**01379 668636 or 07990 801388**

E: [info@waveneytrees.co.uk](mailto:info@waveneytrees.co.uk) W: [www.waveneytrees.com](http://www.waveneytrees.com)



## ***EDITOR***

Lesley Balian

Blackberry Cottage, Cross Street, Hoxne IP21 5AH

Tel: 01379 669221

E-mail: [vsuffolk@live.co.uk](mailto:vsuffolk@live.co.uk) Website: [vsuffolk.co.uk](http://vsuffolk.co.uk)

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

## ***DEADLINES***

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Copy Date</b>
February / March	8th January
April / May	8th March
June / July	8th May
August / September	8th July
October / November	8th September
December/January 24	8th November

## ***ADVERTISING***

If you would like to place an advertisement, let us know and we will contact you.

### **ADVERTISING CO-ORDINATOR**

Dawn Lodge, 5 Cross Street,  
Hoxne, Eye IP21 5AJ

Tel: 01379 668521

E-mail: [dlodge@talktalk.net](mailto:dlodge@talktalk.net)

## ***DISTRIBUTION***

Sally Dudley and teams of distributors in each village