

A Goldfinch is perched on a branch of blue forget-me-not flowers. The bird has a red forehead, black cap, and yellow wings. The background is a dense field of similar flowers.

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## A Note of Thanks

I'm sure that all the visitors to the Coronation Celebrations at the Playing Field on Sunday May 7th experienced a great day. The weather of course played its part, and the programme of events was one of the very best seen in the village for many years.

## 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>

I know that all of those who worked so hard to make the event such a success have already received the thanks they so richly deserve and I should like to add my own thanks to all concerned. This was an event that was right up there in the very best traditions of Hoxne.

As we all know events such as these don't just happen, they are of course the result of careful planning and execution. However, what really makes the difference is flair and enthusiasm and in this regard I believe we all owe a special vote of thanks to Stuart Jarrold for the part he has so often played in bringing us all together and generally coordinating activities on the day.

Stuart, once again you have done us proud; thank you on behalf of all the residents and friends of Hoxne.

*David Hyde*

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**Tea Tent  
Pimm's  
Raffle  
Games**

# **HOXNE VILLAGE SUMMER FÊTE**

**Cakes &  
Produce  
Plants  
& lots more!**

**Saturday, 10th June**

**AT ABBEY FARM, ABBEY HILL**

**2-5pm**

Please do come along to this year's fête at Abbey Farm.

The format will be roughly the same as last year, but with holidays and stalwart helpers moving away there are bound to be some differences. The tea tent will be open with all those delicious cakes and scones. For those wanting something other than tea or coffee, Pimm's will be available, but you will need to get in quickly as we sold out last year. Ice cream and cool drinks will be available too - let's hope that the weather will be kind to us.

We are still having the usual stalls selling plants, produce, children's games, books and bric-à-brac. There will of course be a raffle and games too.

There will be a demonstration of hand bells and maybe a chance for you to have a go. It should be a good afternoon.

If you would like to help out on a stall or in the tea tent, please speak to Cathie McGregor on 01379 668434. It is a great way to get to know people.

Also any donations of plants, produce and cakes will be very welcome. Someone will be at Abbey farm from around 10am to receive them. Good quality bric-à-brac will also be welcome.

**Thank you!**

***Deborah Harding***

## What's On

### Wingfield Barns

#### The Black Feathers

Friday 9th June, 7.30pm

"...stunning harmonies that were so good it reminded me of seeing Gillian Welch and David Rawlings" No Depression.



If you were told that the name is more concerned with recognition of their gentle souls, a predilection for dark clothing and the sonic tumult of the plethora of (mainly US) progressive-metal

bands doing mega-business around the world in the 1990s and beyond, you might doubt those who said so, but they would be accurate.

It is testament to their sunny dispositions, infectious laughter and amused self-deprecation that you can only come away from a gig feeling a whole heap better about yourself and life.

**Tickets £15**

#### Bof! Workshop and Dance

Saturday 10th June, 4.30pm-10pm

Bof! is an established East Anglian band with considerable experience in playing traditional French and Breton dance music.

The members of Bof! play a variety of authentic instruments and song. Bof!'s performance at Wingfield Barns will begin with a dance workshop to teach some of the simpler French and Breton dances. After a break, they will play for an evening "bal".

The songs and instrumentals they play are equally suitable for dancing and listening to, so in addition to a dance space there will be a seated area for non-dancers.

16.30-18.30 Workshop  
19.30-22.00 Concert/Dance  
Workshop only £5  
Concert only £12. £15 for both.

#### Wingfield Open Gardens

Saturday 3rd & Sun 4th June,  
11am-4pm

We are delighted to be the starting point for the Wingfield Open Gardens route when over 15 gardens in the village will be open.

Route maps/tickets will be available here and the tearoom, as one of several refreshment stops on the route, will be open.

**Tickets £4 in advance or £5 on the day**

#### Jackie and the Beans Talk by Catherine Cawood

Friday 7th July, 7.30pm

From the Troupe that brought you *Laxefeld* to *Laxfield* and *Laxfield's Henry*. In this new play you will meet some almost-familiar characters in a vaguely recognisable version of a fable for our times.

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# Jackie & The Beans Talk

By Catherine Cawood

**An alternative re-telling of an age-old fairytale.** From the troupe that brought you *From Laxefeld to Laxfield* and *Laxfield's Henry*. Suitable for ages 8+.

**Wingfield Barns  
Friday 7th July at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £10 from  
[www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com)  
or call 01379 384505**



*Jackie & The Beans Talk* is a timely conversation about the pointlessness of the pursuit of more, more, more... Expect songs, humour, a sideways nod at pantomime, and – so as not to disappoint our regular audiences – maybe even a little bit of Meat Loaf.

Tickets £10

## Exhibition of French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Paintings

Saturday 15th-23rd July

Open Wednesdays to Sundays 11am-4pm



## International Miniprints Exhibition

Friday 28th July-31st August

Now in its 43rd year the popular Miniprints Exhibition of international art, with each entry no more than 10cm x 10cm.

Open Wednesdays to Sundays, 11am-4pm



The Summer Fair is a perfect day out for the family, with traditional games and activities together with an artisan craft market with stalls in the Great Barn as well as outside.

At 50p entrance fee with kids free there is hardly a cheaper day out. We will be donating to St Andrew's Church, Wingfield.

For information see [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com) or call 01379 384505 Wingfield Barns CIC, IP21 5RA

## *Stradbroke CARnival - 16th September*

We are delighted to announce the return of CARnival, a car show and family fun day at Stradbroke High school on Saturday 16th September 10am-4pm. All money raised goes to Stradbroke High School.

We need craft stall holders, vendors, attractions, classic cars, and volunteers to help run the day.

If interested, please email: [carnival@stradfriends.org.uk](mailto:carnival@stradfriends.org.uk) or visit our website: [www.stradfriends.org.uk](http://www.stradfriends.org.uk)

*Helen Sanders*  
*FOSH (Friends of Stradbroke High School)*

HARLESTON PLAYERS'  
AUTUMN PRODUCTION

**TOAD OF TOAD HALL**

Adapted from “Wind in the Willows”, the play “Toad of Toad Hall” was written in 1929 by A.A. Milne (Winnie the Pooh). It was an instant hit and became a staple Christmas production in the West End. It was put on annually from 1930 to 1970, with the only exceptions being during the Second World War.

Many adaptations followed but the charm of this first script has never really been surpassed. Aside from the famous four central characters, it has a kaleidoscope of colourful roles for all ages - both human and animal. There is a great musical score, with delightful yet simple songs for all.

Director: Peter Sowerbutts  
psowerbutts@gmail.com

Producer: Mary Frendo  
marytcfrendo@hotmail.co.uk  
07512 977066

**Audition dates:**

**Junior cast (ages 9-13)**

Sunday 11 June 2.30-4.00pm

**Adult cast (age 14+)**

Sunday 11 June 2.30-5.30pm

Monday 12 June 7.30-10.00pm

Thursday 15 June 7.30-10.00pm

To be held at Jay’s Green Community Centre, Harleston IP20 9HQ

If you would like to take part or help in any way but are unable to make the audition dates, please contact the producer, Mary Frendo.

Period - Early 1930s

**TOAD OF TOAD HALL**



by  
A. A. Milne

Adapted for the stage from  
“Wind in the Willows” by Kenneth Grahame

**Casting requirements:**

**TOAD:** Young, brash, wealthy, charming and loveable MALE

**RAT:** Oxbridge Undergraduate-type, kind, bright, caring and smart MALE/  
FEMALE

**MOLE:** Sweet, unused to the ways of the world, easily led FEMALE

**BADGER:** Elderly, wise, heart of gold under a gruff exterior MALE

**CHIEF WEASEL:** Villainous, hates Toad, determined to destroy him MALE/FEMALE

**ALFRED:** A gloomy, much put upon horse MALE

**POLICEMAN:** (Toad calls him Fat-Face) bit useless MALE

**GAOLER:** Not the sharpest MALE/  
FEMALE

**USHER:** Full of self importance MALE/  
FEMALE

**JUDGE:** slightly confused MALE/FEMALE

**PHOEBE:** The gaoler’s daughter - kind, caring, helpful FEMALE

Beyond this there are roles for Weasels, Rabbits, Squirrels etc .

# FILM NIGHTS

## St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

The current Hall Committee are considering purchasing equipment so we can show films in the lounge (bar) area in Winter where it will be cosier.

The equipment could also be used by clubs/groups hiring the lounge for their own events.

Please answer the following questions and let us have your responses either by email or by phone (details of where to reply below)

or hand in at a Film Night or speak to any Committee member.

1. Do you currently attend Film Nights at the Hall?	Yes/No?
2. If we do this, are you more likely to attend Film Nights in Winter?	Yes/No/ Makes no difference
3. If yes to above, would you be willing to pre-book as numbers would be limited?	Yes/No?
4. Do you think your club/group would benefit from the equipment?	Yes/No?
Please list any films you would like to see in October/November/December 2023.	
Any other comments?	

Contact: email [hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com](mailto:hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com)

Hall mobile 07876 215269 (please leave message if no reply)

hand in at a Film Night /speak to any Committee member.

*Many thanks. Hoxne Village Hall Management Committee*





# St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Monthly Film Nights

## Empire of Light

Friday, 9 June



Oscar-nominated Olivia Colman plays a cinema manager in 1980 who is struggling with her mental health. She is the dutiful front-of-house manager at the Empire (a dying, golden-era movie palace). Stephen (Michael Ward) is a new employee longing to escape the town where he faces daily adversity. Together they find a sense of belonging –experiencing the healing power of music, cinema, and community.

7.30pm £4.00 a ticket

Advance Bookings 01379 668060  
Tickets on the door subject to availability  
Bar open from 7pm and during interval  
Cert 15

We celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the film

## "Charade"

by showing the original film on

**Friday, 14 July**

and invite you to

**Come in your favourite '60s outfit  
or bring a '60s item!**

Bar open from 7pm, film starts 7.30pm  
with interval

Pre-book your tickets if possible on 01379 668060

Email Sally/Sharon [hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com](mailto:hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com)  
Phone Sharon 07876 215269  
Web site: [hoxnevillagehall.co.uk](http://hoxnevillagehall.co.uk)



# Eye Arts Guild

Summer Exhibition  
July 2023

The Eye Arts Guild has over 30 talented artists from the Waveney Valley area and the group are proud to announce that there will be an exhibition of their work at the **United Reform Church, Diss**, from **midday 13th July** until **midday 16th July**. Paintings, textiles and cards will be for sale and a catalogue will be available.

Visitors are most welcome.  
[www/eyeartsguild.org](http://www/eyeartsguild.org)



Painting of Abbey Farm, Hoxne by Noreen Couch

## 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 cost of educational need.

**The deadline for receipt of applications to the Maynard Trust:**

**June 30th 2023**

**for the July 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

Tel: 07758078754  
Email: [marmite1518@gmail.com](mailto:marmite1518@gmail.com)

## Breakneck Bowlers Hot Out Of The Traps

Despite coming second in a very friendly game at Easton, Hoxne bowlers have a hundred percent record from their first three league games and the first round of the Waveney Cup.

Following a county trial, Kristian Garnham has been selected to play for the county in the National Competitions. He has also been selected to team up with Alan Garnham and Roger Knight to represent Hoxne and Area 'B' in the Marie Denny county cup.

Our 'Try Bowls Weekend' will have passed by the time of publication but if anyone missed it and would like to try the game, you will be most welcome. Just contact the secretary or call in on a Wednesday evening club night.



**Roger Knight, Secretary**  
**01379 668403**

## University of the 3rd Age

Harleston & District u3a invites you to join us for our monthly talk, on **Wednesday 21 June**, at 2.00 pm in St John's Church, Harleston IP20 9AZ. Our speaker is Peter Metcalf, well known to Harleston u3a members. Peter will be telling the story of *Tommies in America - Understated, Underpaid and Over There*, the account of the tour of the USA and Mexico in 1943 by the British 1st Composite Anti-Aircraft Demonstration Battery RA.

Our talk on 19 July (same time, same place) is entitled *8 Times on a Jury*, when Tony Diamond will be talking about his extensive experience as a juror and the complex cases with which he's been involved, including some high-profile local cases.

[www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston)  
Kim Poulton on 01986 788149

## Harleston Choral Society

Harleston Choral Society - your friendly non-auditioning community choir is now very busy rehearsing for our Summer Concert on **Saturday 1 July**, at 7.30 pm in St John's Church, Harleston, when we'll be singing Haydn's *Stabat Mater* and Mozart arias and opera choruses, plus *Zadok the Priest*, in the spirit of the Coronation on 6 May. Tickets (£15, to include a glass of wine or a soft drink; accompanied children go free) will be available on the door on the night, from choir members and from Harleston Information Plus.

Our Autumn Term begins on Monday **4 September**, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, and we'd love you to join us, in the London Road Church, Harleston IP20 9BH.

[www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk)  
Chair Stella Brownsea:  
[heidihouse@btinternet.com](mailto:heidihouse@btinternet.com)

## Financial help for Wingfield residents

**The Town Farm Estate** is a charity set up in the sixteenth century for the benefit of Wingfield residents. We can make small grants for help with financial crises and other short-term needs, such as fares to get to work interviews.

If you live in Wingfield, you can apply in strictest confidence to:

Revd Eleanor Goodison  
[eleanor.goodison@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com)  
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## Church News

### Summertime

The weather has warmed up and, suddenly, the sun is out and we are into summer!

If you have been missing out on your vitamin D for the last few months, now is the time to be outside and soak up some rays (with due regard to sun protection, of course) - it really will lift your mood. If you have solar panels on your house, you will be finding they are generating quite a lot of electricity at the moment. It all helps us to feel a bit more optimistic.

At the same time, we hear that temperatures are rocketing far above what is pleasant or even safe in countries as far apart as Spain and Vietnam. I know how environmentally conscious most of you are.

Yet it's worth reminding ourselves regularly that when we read in the book of Genesis that God gave men and women "dominion" over every living thing on the earth, that came with the responsibility to take care of every living thing and of the earth itself.

A good way to remind ourselves is to celebrate and enjoy the natural world and our churches will be doing that with an animal service on J's meadow, Syleham at 4.00 pm on Sunday 11th June. Do come along and bring your animals!

Plus at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 1st August Hoxne church will hold its usual Lammas service in aid of the Addington Fund celebrating the first loaf from the first of the harvest ("Lammas" is a contraction of "Loaf Mass"), followed by a hog roast.

Whatever we are doing this summer, let's give thanks to God for the natural world and for placing us in this particularly beautiful part of it.

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

## Church Services

*Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield*

### Planned church services in June/July

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

### June

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

#### Sunday 11th June First Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield

9.30 am Café Church, Hoxne

4.00 pm Animal Service, J's meadow, Syleham

#### Sunday 18th June Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Village Service, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

6.00 pm BCP Evensong, Wingfield

#### Sunday 25th June Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

(No All Age service because clergy absent)

## July

### Sunday 2nd July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne  
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and  
Wingfield Village Hall

### Sunday 9th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Sunday 16th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Sunday 23rd July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham  
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

### Sunday 30th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion,  
Syleham  
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

### Tuesday 1st August

6.00 Lammas Service, Hoxne

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

## St Margaret's, Syleham

### Church in the Community

Our contribution to the Coronation festivities on J's Meadow was a Messy Church crafts tent, which was manned on behalf of all the churches in our



benefice; it proved popular with families and we were kept pretty busy! Two popular items were a mini King Charles and a golden coach!



St Margaret's particular contribution was the ringing of the church bells at the time the Abbey bells rang out! Grateful thanks to

Sarah Buckley who celebrated in this way on our behalf.

No doubt there is a separate account of the Coronation festivities on J's Meadow, a joint event for Syleham & Wingfield, but tribute must be paid to the huge amount of planning and coordination: particular thanks to Julie Thompson for her commitment and dedication, and to the rest of the team who worked their socks off on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.



### Summer Drinks Evening

Colin and Jackie Campbell, at the Old Vicarage, have generously agreed to host an evening garden party at their home on **Saturday 8th July**, from 6pm. Save the date - and further details will be on local publicity nearer the time.

# Nick Fulcher

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## Churchyard

Thanks to an appeal in an earlier Village Voice, we now have a small team of willing helpers to maintain the conservation areas of the churchyard, by strimming and raking twice a year.

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

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## St Andrew's, Wingfield

At our Annual Meeting in April Peter Demetriadi stepped down as Churchwarden of Wingfield church after two-and-a-half years. During his term of office he has overseen a wide variety of maintenance work in the church and churchyard, most recently the replacement of a faulty drain which was causing serious problems; he has obtained grants to take forward the major project to stabilise and repair the stonework of the tower and south-west corner of the church and for a review of the condition of the historic tombs, with conservation work on one of them now complete (see separate report). The Parochial Church Council thanked him for all his work and presented him with a gift of a shooting stick.

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Berry and Neil Mathias as new members of the Council.

In May a simple memorial service was held for Sheila Kent as we interred her ashes in the churchyard. A week later we sadly said goodbye to Val Smith, who died just after Easter, with a very large number of friends attending her funeral service to

pay their respects.

The Book Club continues to meet monthly in the De La Pole Arms. Future dates are Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, both at 6.00 pm. (see reviews on p21). The books we read are agreed amongst us on a monthly basis. For details, contact Revd Eleanor.

*Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison*

## St Andrew's 15th Century Restoration Work

In the first half of May, St Andrew's Church was busy with specialist conservators at work on a tomb from 600 years ago, and with journalists documenting what they were doing.

Around 1410 Michael de la Pole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Suffolk and his wife made provision for their funerals, even though it was 1415 before Michael died and 1419 when Katherine died. One factor may have been that Michael was expecting that he would soon have to go and fight in the English army. They chose to have the effigies for their tomb carved in oak, rather than stone. This may have been for reasons of economy, or speed, or portability - we don't know why. The oak figures were decorated, so that they would look, at a glance, to be stone, but over the years they were attacked by deathwatch beetles, and we had to tackle the infestation.

*Cont.*





Because of the importance of the tomb we were fortunate to obtain funding from ChurchCare in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust and the Radcliffe Trust. The conservators from Skillingtons had to detach the effigies from their plinth to assess their condition, and to protect them from further damage. Deathwatch beetles have a long life-cycle, which means that the conservators will need to return annually for a period of 10 years before we can be confident that the infestation has been successfully dealt with.



*Effigies of Katherine and Michael de la Pole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Suffolk c. 1410*

The news that the tomb of a prominent nobleman, courtier and soldier from the 15<sup>th</sup> century was being conserved in this way captured the attention of local and regional media, both press and television, who gave it extensive coverage. For the conservators, this was a valuable opportunity to showcase their expertise and explain their techniques. For the church, it helps publicise what we are doing to protect important national heritage. And for historians it has allowed them to examine in close detail a rare example of a wooden medieval funerary monument.

**Revd John McCracken**

## *St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne*

### **Building Up-date**

**Hoxne PCC** is making good progress in the upgrading of facilities at the parish church.

Internally, the level access into the church from the North Door has been completed. We just need to carpet the new floor.

Outside the North Door the foundations for the wooden sheds have been completed and these sheds have now been moved adjacent to the car park. Between the sheds and the North Door the foundations for the lavatory block have been completed. We hope that the building work will start this month with completion by the end of June.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 22 April. For 2022, Hoxne church met its financial obligations to the diocese, to the benefice and to its priests in full. Hoxne church holds at least one service every Sunday, and supports outreach into the Hoxne primary school through Open the Book, and runs Little Lambs at the pavilion for young children and parents.

Over the years The Friends of Hoxne Church have been huge financial supporters of the church, and the latest contribution of £9,000 has enabled us to build the new lavatory block.

To match the EV charging points at the playing field we are exploring the possibility of similar facilities at the church car park.

Please put in your diary the evening of **1st August** at the church, when we host the Annual Evensong Service of the Addington Fund. This farming charity was started in Suffolk and has now gone nationwide. After the service we all join together for a hog roast.

Another date is **Saturday 10th June** when we hold the Annual Church Fête at Abbey Farm (see page 5). All are most welcome at this traditional event.

**Guy McGregor and Wilf White**  
Hoxne Church Wardens  
01379668434

## Friends of St Peter & St Paul

In late 1986, recognising the need for urgently required funding to support repair work to the roof of our church, a group of enthusiastic church goers and parishioners came together to form The Friends of St Peter and St Paul Church. The Friends formally became a registered charity in February 1987 and in the ensuing years has raised well over £200,000 to assist with the cost of maintaining the fabric of the church.

Many of the individuals who helped to make the Friends such a successful and effective organisation are sadly no longer with us and others have now moved away from the village. In recent years as many of you will be aware it has become increasingly difficult to sustain membership, and more importantly, retain the hard core of committee members and trustees who have done so much down the years to organise fund-raising events and generally keep the organisation together.

During the past twelve months efforts have been made to recruit additional committee members and to generally increase membership. Sadly we have not succeeded in this and at our recent Annual General Meeting the decision was made to wind up the Friends charity during the coming months. Once this has been completed all remaining funds will be transferred to a dedicated Church Fabric Account to be administered by the Parochial Church Council in compliance with the original aims and objectives of the Friends.

We hope to continue with the regular monthly coffee mornings and book sales on the third Saturday of the month although a decision has yet to be made with regard to the colder winter months when the cost to heat the church may be prohibitive. Any monies raised will be paid directly into the Church Fabric Account.

So many villagers have supported and maintained the Friends over the past thirty-seven years and it would be inappropriate to name individuals, but our sincere thanks go out to everyone concerned.

*David Hyde, Treasurer  
Deborah Hooker, Secretary*

## Mothers' Union

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June** Fellowship Meeting.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July** Wave of Prayer with Fressingfield MU in Hoxne church at 2.30. Followed by Bring & Buy and tea. Everyone welcome.

We will be holding our annual I-Chameleon shop at Halesworth from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October.

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

*Cathie McGregor  
Group Leader 01379 668434*



Little Lambs have only met once since the last report due to the Easter holidays.

At our meeting on 2nd May we welcomed a new mother and her daughter to the group and the children had great fun making crowns in readiness for the Coronation.

Our next meetings at the pavilion are on **Tuesday, 6th June** and **Tuesday, 4th July** from 1.15-3.15. We are hoping that the weather will be good enough to be able to picnic on the field and make use of the play equipment.

There will be no meeting in August due to the school holidays.

If you are under 5 please come and join us, but bring an adult with you. We look forward to welcoming you.

For information on Little Lambs please contact Caroline on 07837 698517 or [cabbott364@gmail.com](mailto:cabbott364@gmail.com)



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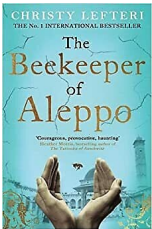


## Book Reviews

### *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*

by Christi Lefteri

Author Christi Lefteri is the daughter of Cypriot refugees. Her experiences working as a volunteer at a UNICEF refugee centre in Athens greatly influence this story. She talked to the refugees about their experiences and was deeply moved by what she heard about war and displacement, as well as seeing all the things refugees have in common.



The book is about a couple in war-torn Syria. Nuri is a beekeeper, Afra his wife is an artist. They are forced to flee, travel through a broken world, and must face a terrible loss - their son Sami is killed by a bomb. Nuri's cousin Mustafa, who taught Nuri about bee-keeping, has managed to get to Britain. He encourages Nuri to make the effort to get there too.

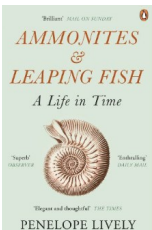
The couple face some very dark experiences, paying large sums of money to be put into small boats on rough and dangerous seas.

This is a challenging, intense and gripping read.

### *Ammonites & Leaping Fish*

by Penelope Lively

On Wednesday 19th April the Book Club met at the Del la Pole Arms in Wingfield and discussed Penelope Lively's book, 'Ammonites & Leaping Fish'.



Lively was born in Egypt and brought up there. She went to Palestine then back to England and married an academic. She writes in detail about the Suez crisis and other experiences - reading and writing is essential in her life.

This book is classed as a

memoir. It addresses ageing, memory, life in the 20th century and a view of old age. Lively wrote 50 pages covering the subject of ageing, which several of us felt was far too long and somewhat over-indulgent! We felt this book did not fulfil our expectations.

Our next book is Rob's choice, 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell. Next meeting dates: **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** and **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**, both at 6.00pm. New readers are welcome to join us at the De La Pole Arms, Wingfield.

Gloria Bell

### *Hoxne Bells & Tower Project*

We are continuing to make progress with the project which will enable bells to peal once more from the tower of Hoxne Church. Our architect is consulting the specialist bodies which exist to preserve the nation's heritage to let them know about the detail of our plans. Our aim is to reassure them so that they can more readily support the project when we formally submit our application to proceed. By the time you are reading this, we will have had a visit by the team which advises the Diocese so that they can familiarise themselves with the project, also with the aim of streamlining the process of obtaining approval. This may sound very procedural, but for us it is exciting because it means that we can hope soon to have agreement to the practical aspects of making the project a reality.

We have already received some very generous pledges towards meeting the costs of the work, which gives us great encouragement. And we have convened a team to oversee activity towards raising the remainder of the funds. We do not underestimate the effort that will be involved, and we envisage the need to approach large grant-giving organisations to meet the balance of the costs. The money that we raise locally will be important in demonstrating to these other organisations the level of support that there is for the project. We will be aiming to ensure that there is fun in fund-raising. Please keep an eye out for future events.

For further details about anything to do with the project, please contact Andrew Castleden, [castledenandrew@gmail.com](mailto:castledenandrew@gmail.com) 07931 725 928



# CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN SYLEHAM & WINGFIELD



## What a day!

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, at one o'clock, over 60% of Syleham and Wingfield residents gathered on J's Meadow to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. This was the largest community get-together ever witnessed in the living history of the two villages.



The Reverend Canon Eleanor Goodison opened the festivities with a prayer and the singing of the National Anthem; Major Andrew Napier cut the ribbon and Lavinia Haddingham, our champion on Mid Suffolk District Council, came along and we could share the good news of her re-election and welcome four more years of her continued support.

There was a free hog roast (plus vegetarian options) and entertainments, including music provided by Roy Goodwin kept both adults and children amused all afternoon.

All this would have been nothing without the residents who erected the marquees, organised the children's races, gave money to fund the celebration and Julie Thompson and her committee who spent two months co-ordinating the whole event. Thank you Julie!

There was never a better day to open the new playground in J's Meadow - made possible thanks to funding support from MSDC and Adnam's Trust. Seeing children



playing on the equipment made the installation so worthwhile.

The day ended with the now traditional Tug of War between Syleham and Wingfield. Syleham were the victors.

To cap the event, over £700 was raised for the Waveney Food Bank.

*David Young  
Wingfield & Syleham  
Parish Council*





It was great to see so many families playing, joining an amazing array of activities, masses of gorgeous donated cakes and savouries, so many people giving their time and efforts to make it a really wonderful day! We all enjoyed the interesting vehicles, the races, the tug of war, the singing, the dancing, the beer tent, the hog roast, the ice cream! And J's Meadow looked so beautiful with red and white tulips and the last of the grape hyacinths.



The small organising team have so many people to thank that we cannot start to name them all here - THANK YOU ALL!

*Julie Thompson*





## HOXNE'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The sun shone, the rain stayed away and hundreds of people flocked to the Hoxne pavilion and playing field for a huge party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The committee would like to thank everyone who turned up and the willing helpers who made the event such a success.





*JS & the Lockerbillies*



*Laura B & her Band*



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### Coffee and Cake

Tuesday 6th June and 4th July,  
10 to 11.30am.

Wednesday we have **Tai Chi** in the morning.

### J's Meadow get-together

Thursday 8th June and 13th July,  
10 to 12 noon.

### Coffee, Craft, Chat

Thursday 29th June and 27th July,  
1.30 to 3.00pm.

Open Mic on the first Friday.

Karaoke on the second Friday.

### June events include:



**Strawberry Cream Tea**  
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Air Ambulance

Saturday  
10th June  
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raffle.

### Quiz

in aid of Syleham church on Friday 16th June, 7.30 for 8pm start, £5 per person, teams of about 4, raffle, Mars bars for lowest score!

### Bingo

in aid of Waveney  
Foodbank on Friday 30th  
June, be ready to start  
just after 8pm; raffle.



### July events include:

#### Annual family barbecue

Saturday 8th July, food from 5pm–pay  
as you eat–raffle, live music.

### Quiz

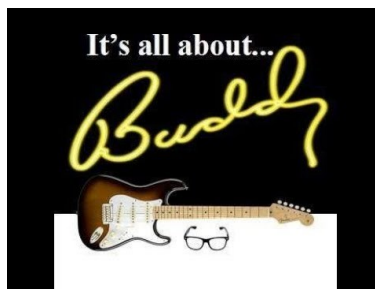
in aid of Eye Opportunity  
Group on Friday 21st July.



No Bingo on 28th July as we have Buddy  
Holly (Paul Birch) joining us with:

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# St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery, Hoxne



The school has recently gone through a change of leadership with the Head, Miss Susie Collins, leaving the school to pursue a position in an area of education that she is very interested in, namely Special Educational Needs. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Since Easter, Mr Simon Lea, an experienced Senior Leader has taken up the Academy Head role across the Waveney Partnership of Schools, St Edmund's and Mendham Primaries.

The pupils of St Edmund's continue to strive to make progress in their learning, and their curriculum focus this term is on Britain. Throughout the school pupils are studying different periods of history looking at the role of the monarchy, the impact of a change of monarchy and the role of the suffragettes. The children all participated in a range of activities on a day dedicated to the Coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. There were quizzes, royal races and artistic work as well as a chance to share their learning with their parents in a special assembly at the end of the day.

The highlight of the day was a Whole School Coronation Lunch where the children were served by staff and had a wonderful time - including a very special cake!

The school is looking forward to making more community links in the near future with the children being invited to enter Art and Craft creations in the Hoxne Garden and Social Club show in September! Being a part of the community is something that is really important to the school - it provides the children with a great sense of what it means to be an active, respectful citizen - a key life-long skill.

*Simon Lea, Academy Head*

## Hoxne School Association

Registered Charity Number: 1102747

As part of our fundraising, we are going to set up a **One-Hundred Club**.

This is like a lottery where you pay for a number 1-100 and keep the same number each month and a number at random is drawn. The tickets will be £1 a month (or more if you would like an extra ticket or two) and paid a month in advance by direct debit or preferably £12 upfront for the year. The winner will take £50 cash per month with the remaining £50 going into the fundraising account.

First of all could I have an expression of interest to see if people would be interested in this, to see if it's worthwhile. It can be done on a smaller or larger scale if needed.

Please feel free to email me or message me direct to express interest, or via the school if you would prefer. Thank you.

*Jemma Thompson*  
*Jemma732@yahoo.co.uk*  
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## Hoxne Heritage Group

The Heritage Group continues to meet monthly and on April 18th presented a talk at Hoxne Village Hall by professional speaker Stephen Poulter - “*Researching the History of Your Home*”. It was well received, by an interested and attentive audience.

On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** we are back at Hoxne Village Hall for a fascinating talk by a Trustee of Bawdsey Radar Group. All members of the public are welcome.



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In 2004, the radar block was shown in the BBC2 series “*Restoration*”, featuring Britain’s endangered historic buildings. Following this, a Heritage Lottery grant was obtained to complete an oral history project featuring individuals who served at Bawdsey. A play has been written based on these oral reminiscences and the block has featured in the BBC “*Coast*” programme and “*The One Show*”.

In 2016/17, the transmitter block underwent a major restoration programme funded by the NHLF, Historic

England and others to transform it from a derelict condition into a building which now has a sustainable future. It held an award-winning exhibition about the development and use of radar, from the 1930s through WWII to the present day.

As usual this talk will start at 7.30pm and will cost £5 at the door (£4 for members). The bar will be open and all members of the public are welcome. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Hoxne Heritage Group have regular bi-monthly meetings at The Swan Inn, Hoxne. Why not pop along if you have an interest in local history? We are a friendly

bunch and you would be most welcome as a visitor, or perhaps you might decide to join the group and learn a lot more about not only your village but also the local area. Full details and a lot of local historical information, pictures and audio presentations can be found on our website: [hoxnehistory.org.uk](http://hoxnehistory.org.uk).

However, to get a fuller picture and access to a lot more local knowledge and information past and present, becoming a member would give you access to much, much more!

**Rob Hooker, Publicity Officer**  
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## Hoxne Phoenix Group

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March the ladies of our group welcomed Melissa Sheldrake. In the past Melissa has been a guest speaker demonstrating her skills as a flower arranger, which she did on royal occasions in various parts of the world.

When she and her husband retired they bought a barn in Weybread. It needed work inside and out, but her main interest was the garden. There were concrete courtyards, vegetable gardens and paddocks, and took five years of work to bring it to its present condition. They dug up all the concrete and built a

folly and a shepherd's hut - which is now a holiday let.

In Melissa's eyes the most important areas are the paddocks, which now hold rescue dogs, rescue ponies, a donkey, Egyptian geese and chickens.

During her talk she also gave us advice on which plants to grow - we have hopes of a visit during the summer.

April 11<sup>th</sup> brought us yet another return visit, from Wendy Keeble and her husband.

Wendy first came to Phoenix in 2018 when they returned from a seven-year trip to the South Seas. They called this visit *Reflections*, which enhanced their earlier story. They had travelled 20,682 miles, taking 27 days. They experienced hurricanes, studied the marine life, and were visited by pirates! Since returning, they have concentrated on their home and land. They no longer have passports, but lots of memories! Phoenix members have been invited to visit.

Our meeting for May was *The Angel of Hoxne*, with speaker Richard Giffin. In June, Jason Middleton is bringing us *Gemstones*.

**Jenny Loom**  
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## Hoxne Garden & Social Club



Firstly let me introduce myself as the Chair of Hoxne Garden and Social Club following Chris Parkin standing down at our last AGM. Chris did a wonderful job as Chair during his time on the Committee and as he mentioned in the last VV, the club continues to grow. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and thanks to all our returning members.

Our talk on hedgehogs last month was very well attended and we had many appreciative comments from our members. Speaking to members around the village, many are putting in access routes through fences between gardens to increase the range for our hedgehogs to roam.

We had a talk by Mickfield Hostas in May.

Our first Plant Sale will be held at Greengold Café on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Please come along and enjoy coffee and cakes in the café and purchase some quality perennials from our plant stall.

On the gardening front I am pleased that at last the really cold wind seems to have gone, along with the cold nights which were holding many things back in the garden. During the last week growth has been incredible, due to the warmer temperatures and a copious amount of rain. Sadly, this means incredible weed growth too!

**Jeanette Lerwill**  
[jeanette@lerwill.com](mailto:jeanette@lerwill.com)

## Gardener's Diary

June

Sow: Beetroot, French beans, pak choi, peas, radishes, salads, sweetcorn, turnips

Plant: Chicory, leek seedlings, summer bedding; tender exotics – bananas, cannas, Colocasia, tithonias; tender veg – chillies, courgettes, peppers, tomatoes.

Prune: Alpines, evergreen shrubs and hedges, gooseberries and currants, grapevines, lilac (after flowering), spring-flowering shrubs, topiary.

Harvest: Asparagus, baby carrots, broad beans, cherries, gooseberries, peas, radishes, salad leaves.

July

Sow: Biennial flowers, calabrese, carrots, chicory, Chinese and spring cabbage, Florence fennel.

Plant: Bedding plants, courgettes, herbs, leeks, winter brassicas.

Prune: Apple and pear trees, cherry trees (after fruiting), gooseberries, rambling roses (after flowering), redcurrants and whitecurrants, early summer shrubs – deutzia, philadelphus (after flowering).



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## EYE-TO-EYE

The Eye-to-Eye Directory contains details of over 100 clubs, societies, and other voluntary organisations that serve our local communities. When it was last published in 2020, it was hand delivered to every household in Hoxne. Since then, there has been a significant number of changes that are reflected in a new edition that is available digitally. Local residents can obtain a copy via email if they email me via [E2EDIRECTORY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:E2EDIRECTORY@GMAIL.COM).

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*Adrian Beatty*



## New Reeding Woods

The wet spring has filled the pond and the trees and meadow are bursting forth. Last year I was writing about the dry period that we were having. So far this year has been wetter and hopefully the plants that were stressed by the dry conditions last year will have a chance to recover. As we move forward, can I ask for dogs to be kept out of the pond so that the newts can breed in peace.

We have left the woods alone for the last few months but will be working on tidying up the area around the pond by removing the old fence in the next month. This will increase the meadow area and also make the mowing easier.

Sadly one of our members died recently. David Flowerdew founded this group exactly 20 years ago and was the driving force behind creating Pound Lane community woodland. David was among



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the very first volunteer Tree Wardens to come forward. His energy and enthusiasm for nature and his understanding of rural life were extraordinary. Together with our current chairman, David Mitchell, he created the first district-wide Veteran Tree Survey - long before the Tree Council, Ancient Tree Forum or Woodland Trust became interested in the subject. They trained other volunteers and conducted a thorough ancient tree survey of the Denham parish. The records he made are lodged now with the Suffolk Biological Records Office.

In 2003, David looked for people interested in creating community woodland for the three parishes of Horham, Denham and Athelington. He'd been inspired by a local environmental charity, Greenlight Trust, and doggedly followed through until it came to pass.

He recruited just the right people... they cajoled and lobbied everyone they could think of. David organised forestry demos at village fêtes; evening talks at community centres; even tugs-of-war to raise funds. No electronic communication then of course; instead, he so extensively 'bombed' local residents with flyers that, in the end, people dreaded him appearing on his bike at the end of their drives!

After 2.5 years of continual effort, David succeeded... a local farmer, Peter Havers, offered a one-hectare plot against Pound Lane, an ancient green pathway. A single item from the Group minutes of August 2005 reads: "The land is now ours". That was just the start of the journey! After the celebrations, years of work followed getting the woodland established. It's a long story but enough to say that David and his team raised funds through donations from every conceivable source. This bought fencing, gates and posts; wheelbarrows, hay rakes and forks; hedge and brush cutters; gazebo and waders; a tractor, a trailer and a meadow cutter.

Armed with these and volunteer labour, the land was fenced. A pond was dug and a wild-flower meadow established from green hay David cut from local churchyards - culminating in an award in 2005 from East Anglian Daily Times.

David was always keen to promote local



*David Flowerdew cutting hay in 2007*

many original members have moved on over the years, or sadly passed away. We've been lucky in recruiting new members, so the future is bright.

I should like to end with some comments about the wood from the community. David wanted a weatherproof notice board so we could keep folk informed of events and work parties. He suggested we include a notebook and a pencil so any wildlife sightings could be recorded... a resounding success. Every year we gather the scribbles and put them into the village magazine. But of course, human nature being what it is, these are not always just about wildlife. Here are just three, showing how Pound Lane Wood is so valued:

'ownership'. He organised some plants from Castleden Trees, a nearby nursery supporting the project; others were grown from seeds gathered by local schoolchildren and germinated at Hoxne School. Children and parents, locals and Group members created the wood... nature's done the rest, with a little help!

Slowly, over the years, Pound Lane Wood became established in the community. It's a place to sit and think, or let boisterous dogs off leads without them running away. We have parishioners' ashes beneath the trees and memorial plantings. Girl guides survey flowers and insects, we hold barbeques there for our AGMs - watching chefs coping with David's vegetarian sausages. All the while, the wood and its wildlife keep quietly growing.

David relinquished chairmanship of the woodland group due to failing health and

\* December 25<sup>th</sup> - just seen a man in a red coat with loads of reindeer by the pond.

\* March 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 - Ali 13 and Libby 13. Best friends for life!

\* Undated, anonymous - aren't we lucky to have this place?

Indeed we are; and lucky to have had David Flowerdew to bring it to fruition. Thank you David - we are indebted. We will be honouring his memory and are considering the best way to do this, and will let you know when we do.

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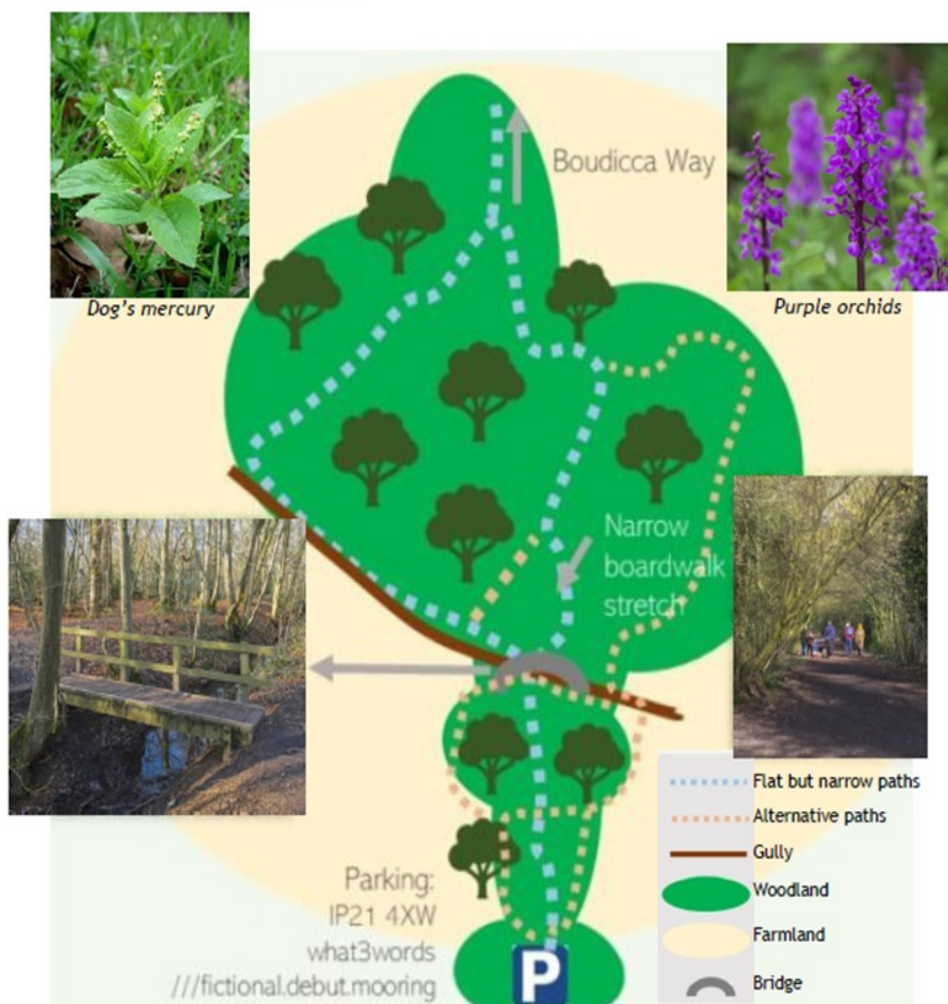
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Over the Easter holidays four members of the 1st Fressingfield Explorer Unit went on an expedition to Kenya to work and stay in an orphanage. They went to help, to learn new skills, to gain experiences about life, to understand how those less fortunate live, and realise how lucky we are.

This is a report from them:



*Explorers in Kenya carting animal feed to the orphanage*

“We got up to many different activities when out there both in and out of the orphanage.

“We helped with their day-to-day activities such as cooking, cleaning, working on their farm, and trying to help with their

homework when they get back from school. Also, we taught nursery rhymes, organised a sports day, aerobics, throwing game, races and a football match.

“We also visited a school in Kibera slums which made us feel grateful for the education that we have as well as made us see how people live who are less fortunate than ourselves. We also took four orphans with us to Lake Naivasha so that they could also have new experiences such as cycling around Hells Gate avoiding zebras and all sorts of animals running across the roads. There was too much that happened that I am able to write about but the whole expedition from beginning to end was eye-opening and a fantastic experience.

“All four of us wanted to say thank you for the support from everyone, it was an experience that we will never forget.”

Other sections have resumed with a summer programme of mainly outdoor activities. Wolf Cubs had a session clearing up at Fressingfield Playingfield.

### Gardening tools

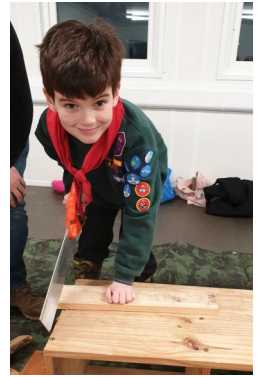
Our parish magazine appeal for garden tools has gone well with spades, forks, hoes, trowels, loppers and wheelbarrows donated - **thank you!**

We could do with a few more, especially rakes if anyone has any they don't need.

During the late May Bank Holiday we will be having our Group Camp which is where all members from the smallest Beaver to the largest Explorer and Leaders get together for the weekend. This year we are going to Eaton Vale Activity Centre near Norwich. Apart from camping we will be trying climbing, canoeing, raft building, archery, air rifle shooting, scavenger hunting, nature walking, tackling an assault course and team building activities.

Pioneer Troop Scouts and Tigers Cub Pack joined the Hoxne Parish Council organised Village Litter Pick for some community service, and had a very productive morning. We felt this went someway to acknowledging the hospitality of the village, the support of parishioners, and the generosity of Hoxne Parish Council. Wolf Cubs had a session

*Cont.*



*Cub at work for a DIY badge*



*Squirrels with their kites*

  
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clearing up at Fressingfield Playingfield.

Both Cub packs have been busy with timber and saws, Tiger Cubs have each built a model house and Wolf Cubs have made DIY games. Thank you to parents and helpers who came and helped and supplied resources and equipment.

Beavers have looked at waste with projects on recycling and building models from things that would be binned.

Explorers and Adventurers spent an evening getting hands on experience when they plucked and prepared pheasants, and skinned rabbits. These were then used the next week by the Adventurers Scouts at their survival camp. On a similar theme Pioneer Scouts had a session on what kit was important to take on an expedition that would help the group to survive if there were problems with returning to base.



*Bridge over the Goldbrook*

lit fires, cooked, hiked, played and twice built a bridge over the Goldbrook in Hoxne. Thank you to the landowners for allowing us access.

### Jargon-buster - Wide Games

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Some of them are fairly complicated involving "attacking" the other team's base to capture their flag and getting it back to your base. Sometimes gently rough but usually about as violent as touch rugby and the like and with ample umpires. Often played in the dark. One of the most common is ManHunt which is a hide and seek type game where a small team of 2 or 3 are the hunters (wearing reflective vests) and everyone else hides, when someone is caught by touching they get a reflective vest and join the hunters. The game goes on until all the fugitives are caught. There is no need to stay hidden if you are a good runner and can get away. Wide games give the opportunity to burn off surplus energy, be outside and develop teamwork with a competitive element.

We have a new website with a slightly different address, please have a look and if you have any feedback please let us know. New website: [www.fressingfieldscouts.com](http://www.fressingfieldscouts.com) To find out about Fressingfield Scout Group look at the website or speak to any Leader.



*Pioneer Troop Scouts climbing at Gravity*

Squirrels spent a couple of evenings making, decorating and flying kites which was a good chance to get outside on a windy evening.

In the final sessions before Easter most younger sections had an Easter Egg Hunt and games session. Tiger Cubs started work on the Road Safety Badge with a walk around the village looking at road and other signs as part of a scavenger hunt. Adventurers Scouts had their Survival Camp. Pioneer Scouts had an Activity Day in Norwich starting in small groups with a supervising Young Leader for a three stage Treasure Hunt in Chantry Place shopping centre, the market place and the Cathedral. Lunch in Pizza Hut was followed by a visit to activity centre Gravity for climbing and trampolining. A great day was had by all.

At the end of April, Pioneer Troop Scouts had a weekend with the Tiger Cubs, They camped, chopped firewood,



## Parish Council Reports

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

### Denham

The election for Denham Parish Council was uncontested with only two candidates submitting nomination forms. They were Councillors Duncan McGregor and Kerina Jane. We would like to thank them for standing again for this next term of office.

This means that Denham Parish Council has **three** vacancies, which we are hoping to fill by co-option. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please get in touch with the Clerk. We can't do this without your support.

We would also like to thank Tania and Nick Farrow who have decided not to stand this time for personal reasons. Both Tania and Nick have served on the Council for many years putting the community first and raising funds for the Village Hall refurbishment. You will be greatly missed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

**18<sup>th</sup> July at St John the Baptist Church at 7.30pm.**

The agenda will be on the notice board and available at our website <http://denham.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>

### Hoxne

#### New Council

**F**our Councillors have been elected following the May local council elections. These are – Paul Ellis, Richard Kruszewski, Bryn Lerwill and Chris Parkin.

There are vacancies on the Parish Council. Please step forward to champion your local community. Further details of the role of a Parish Councillor can be found in the Good Councillor Guide which is available from the parish council website: [www.hoxne.onesuffolk.net](http://www.hoxne.onesuffolk.net).

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The Parish Council meets once a month on the first Thursday of the month and outside of the monthly meeting, the role can involve as little or as much as you would like.

### **Work of the Parish Council**

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

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

The Parish Council also recently met, along with parishioners, with the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss road safety and speed limit enforcement.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

A Focused consultation on revised Basic Conditions Statement will close on **Friday 9 Jun 2023**. Full details of the consultation and plan are available at: [hoxneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://hoxneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)

### **Community Infrastructure Levy**

Many thanks to all who completed the recent survey. Early analysis of the results shows that the priorities for spending of CIL funds is on traffic calming, footpaths and community transport. The CIL Working Group and Parish Council will continue to consider these priorities and how CIL funds may be used to improve these items of community infrastructure.

### **Meeting Dates**

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## Voices from the Past

April/May 1990

For April/May 1990 the Village Voice gave the usual village reports - fundraising, Royal British Legion, Theatre Club, Parish Council, Bowls Club, open gardens, WI, church services, various sporting activities, Over Sixties Club, a house fire in Denham; in fact, village life more reminiscent of Miss Marple than Midsomer Murders! In the wider world, the Vicar was still writing about the 'miracle' of freedom and justice returning to so many countries in Eastern Europe.

My last offering quoted the lifetime memories, written in about 1970, of Mrs Wright who died aged 86 in 1974. I hope there will be some readers as interested as I was in research undertaken by Pauline Rimmer of Hoxne Heritage Group into the history of Mrs Wright and her family.

It seems that Mrs Wright's maiden name was Mary Anne Watson. She was born August 1889 and died 1974. She married three times, firstly to Arthur John Clough in 1911, in Rochford, Essex, he died in 1934. He was the father of Gladys (born 22/1/1930, died 2000). Her second husband was George Edward Hales. She married him in

Ipswich in 1935 and he died around 1944. He must have adopted Gladys as she used the name Hales when she married Bryan Pattemore. Mary Ann then went on to marry Mr Wright - either in 1954 or 1962.

The parents of Mary Ann and her sister Emily were Henry and Mary Ann (nee Brown, born 1841, died 1902) who married in 1859. The family originated from Wingfield.

In the 1891 census, Emily Lawes (nee Watson) when widowed by her first husband, Herbert Ringer, was living as a nurse and laundress with the Rowe family. She married George Lawes later in 1891. In the 1911 census she is recorded as a nurse living in the household of Henry Theobald, White House, Church Hill, Hoxne. In the 1921 census she is maternity nursing, living in Cross Street.

On Saturday 2nd April 1990 there was to be an open day at Wingfield's Swingletree Stables in aid of St Andrew's Church, hosted by 'the well-known horseman' John Parker in the presence of the (then) well-known TV star Paul Heiney, one of John's former pupils.

I had not heard of John Parker and thought it worth looking him up. It seems he was remarkable indeed! He died aged of 81 in May 2021. His obituary in the EDP labelled him "one



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of the world's greatest-ever carriage drivers, so dazzlingly brilliant at controlling teams of plunging horses he became a stuntman, world record breaker, television star and renowned teacher."

As a child he worked with shire horses on his grandfather's farm, gained his jockey license at 17 and then signed up for the army, joining the Horse Transport Division, working with pack mules, riding horses and a regimental carriage.

After leaving the army he was renowned as a stunt-double carriage driver in films and on television. He was the driver of the Child Catcher's carriage in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and doubled for drivers in the 1967 *Dr Dolittle* film among many others.

On buying a carriage of his own he discovered it had been the mail coach between London and Norwich in the early 19th century and it had been driven by John's 19th century hero, James Selby who held the record for the longest distance driven by a single coachman. John broke that record in 1984 and also, in 1996, broke his record for the fastest a team of mail coach horses could be replaced with fresh horses.

He brought the coach back to Norfolk and, with his partner Susan, launched Swingletree stables in Wingfield, which became one of the biggest carriage driving centres in Europe.

It was recorded that 'On the 150th anniversary of Britain's last-ever regular mail coach journey, from London to Norwich, John retraced the route, in the



*Post Office mail coach*  
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same coach, and broke his own world record for speed and for the longest distance driven by a single coachman. "The Duke of Edinburgh told me I was an idiot, if I remember rightly!" said John later. His six teams of horses worked and rested in relays, changing every eight to ten miles, through the 139-mile, 21.5-hour journey. As the final team clattered to a halt outside Norwich Cathedral, the reins had to be prised from his temporarily paralysed grip.

More than a million people turned out to see one of his record-breaking trips and he raised more than £750,000 for charities including Save The Children and Sports Aid.

He represented Great Britain 11 times in world and European driving championships and for many years he and Susan performed at the Horse of the Year Show in London, including driving a carriage pulled by a team of five horses through a tunnel of fire. John once rose to the challenge of changing a team of horses quicker than a Le Mans pit crew could change a wheel (that one was televised as a world record.)

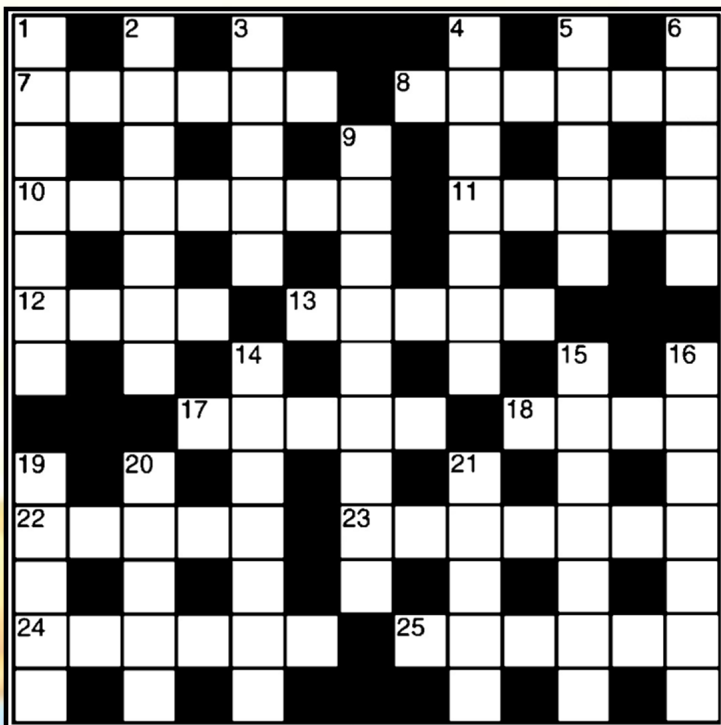
*Dawn Lodge*

## Crossword Puzzle No. 153

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 **Saturday 8th July** at the latest.

Please add your name and address to entries.

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



### Across

7. Correspondence to a landlord (6)
8. One hundred chopped and then ate (6)
10. Peculiar garnets (7)
11. Wash some dirty reins (5)
12. No males - a sign of things to come (4)
13. Swap a melon for another fruit (5)
17. Rage about bad weather (5)
18. Little bird in the royal naval (4)
22. Robes especially to hide the overweight (5)
23. Six in a test is of no account (7)
24. Whiten fifty in sand (6)
25. Liszt's partner on a pub crawl (6)

### Down

1. Ship in bloom creates a new flower (7)
2. Sounds like yarns about floor levels (7)
3. Whose trousers are these? (5)
4. Oh a harp for an Egyptian king (7)
5. Pigs prevail in the home counties (5)
6. Dread disturbing a reptile (5)
9. Violate a desert ace (9)
14. Extend a prison sentence (7)
15. Cargo hiding ecstasy in terror (7)
16. Scrutineer of any salt (7)
19. Influence MPs in an entrance hall (5)
20. Units of heredity belong to 3 down I hear (5)
21. I find myself in a car in Norway (5)

**The winner of crossword puzzle no. 152 was: D. Lodge**

**Answers - Across:** 1) Planes 8) Ailing 10) Trumpet 11) Midge 12) Lark 13) Nanny 17) Friar 18) Mere 22) Gross 23) Emulate 24) Riding 25) Bistro

**Down:** 1) Spatula 2) January 3) Tempt 4) Diamond 5) Windy 6) Agree 9) Stratagem 14) Present 15) Penalty 16) Develop 19) Aggro 20) Woods 21) Quail

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