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Letters

Wingfield Open Gardens - Thank You!

Jacky & Lorraine would like to say a huge thank you to all of you involved with the very successful Wingfield Open Gardens weekend. It takes an awful lot of organising and we could not have done it without the wonderful hosts opening their gardens, the fabulous team at Wingfield Barns, and all the many volunteers and helpers.

We raised a whopping £4,200 to be split between St Elizabeth Hospice and

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St Andrew's Church. It really was a wonderful community event to be involved in, thank you!

And another thank you...

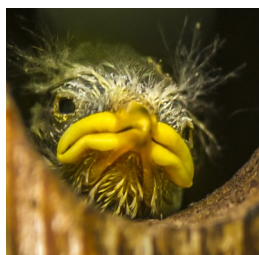
A thank you from St Andrew's Church to Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall, in particular Julie Thompson and John Woodard for hosting their monthly quiz, with proceeds to the church. It really was a fun-packed evening and enjoyed by all.

Jacky Taylor

Village Voice photos

I want to say how much I love the marvellous photographs taken by Graham Turner for the Village Voice. The cover of each issue brings something else to enjoy. He shows some of the best scenes our villages have to offer through the changing seasons.

I have particularly enjoyed the unusual and clever animal shots - the 'ugly' baby bird of April/May 2022



(my late mum would have, unkindly, called it 'a face only a mother could love!') and the hare of February/March 2023. Please keep it up Graham!

Dawn Lodge

Photograph: Graham Turner

Front cover: Hoxne harvest time

Letters cont.

Wedding Day

Our wedding took place at Hoxne Church on 24/06/23. Because of the kindness and support of so many people within the village it turned out to be the most memorable day.

We want to thank John and Eleanor for our lovely service, the Village Voices for their wonderful performance at the church, Gill and Joan for making the bench at the green look so beautiful just for us, and Cathie McGregor for being such a huge support.

Thank you to all of the people within the village who donated flowers for our homemade confetti, and to the locals who greeted us and our wedding party as we walked down the hill, behind our piper. There are many more people to thank, and I have so many cards left to write.

Sending all of our love,

Mr & Mrs Eaton

Diary Dates

Sun 29 Jul - Thur 31 Aug

International Miniprints Exhibition
WB p6

Thur 3 Aug

Hoxne Parish Council Mtg HPP p47

Fri 4 Aug

Open Mic SWH p11

Sun 6 Aug

Knight and Spiers WB p6
Summer Fete & Craft Fair WB p6, p9

Fri 11 Aug

Purple Star Karaoke SWH p11

Wed 16 Aug

Book Club, De La Pole Arms p15, p19
U3A Talk, *Exhibiting at Chelsea*,
St John's Church, Harleston p39

Sat 19 - Sun 20 Aug

Harleston Choral Society auditions,
St James Village Hall, Harleston p39

Mon 21 Aug

Mothers' Union Fellowship Mtg,
Time House, Low Street, Hoxne p16

Fri 25 Aug

Bingo SWH p11

Sun 27 Aug

Red Feather Club Public Open Day,
IP21 5DG p44

Fri 1 Sep

Open Mic SWH p11

Sat 2 Sep

Shotford Bowling Club, Indoor Open
Day, Harleston, IP20 9JL p39

Sat 2 - Sun 3 Sep

Jive Dance Festival WB p6, p7

Tue 5 Sep

Little Lambs HPP p17

Thur 7 Sep

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Fri 8 Sep

Purple Star Karaoke SWH p11

Sat 9 Sep

Stride & Ride, Syleham p13,
Wingfield p15, Hoxne p16

Mon 11 Sep

Village Voices Community Choir,
new season mtg HVH p10

Tue 12 Sep

Phoenix Group's *Shanty Folk*
concert/sing-along HVH p31

Wed 13 Sep

Waveney Heritage Talk, *Education in
Harleston, Brockdish and Thorpe
Abbotts over the last 600 years* p45
Book Club, De La Pole Arms p15, p19

Fri 15 Sep

Quiz SWH p11

Sat 16 Sep

Ellie Gowers WB p6
Syleham Harvest Supper SWH p14

All Church Service dates p12-13
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HVH	Hoxne Village Hall
SWH	Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall
WB	Wingfield Barns
HPP	Hoxne Playing Field & Pavilion

THANK YOU

to Bryn Lerwill, John Coop and anyone else involved, for cleaning the road signs in Hoxne - really appreciated.

Sat 16 Sep Cont.

U3A talk, *'The King of the Norfolk Poachers'* Frederick Rolfe, St John's Church, Harleston p39

Sun 17 Sep

Hoxne Harvest Breakfast, Low Street, Hoxne p5

Tue 19 Sep

Mothers' Union talk on working with Canadian Inuit Indians, Hoxne Church p16

Sat 23 Sep

Jacob and Drinkwater WB p6
Wingfield Harvest Supper SWH p11
Red Feather Club Dance, with *The Hot House Combo*, IP21 5DG p44

Sat 23 - Sun 24 Sep

Waveney Heritage Open Days and Exhibition, IP21 4JP p45

Sun 24 Sep

Red Feather Club Public Open Day, IP21 5DG p44

Tue 26 Sep

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St John the Baptist Church p46
Wingfield Parish Council Mtg SWH p46
Hoxne Heritage talk, *East Anglian Art and Antiques* HVH p28

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Sat 30 Sep

Bells' fund-raising event HVH p10
Janice Burns & Jon Doran WB p6
Maynard Trust deadline p33
Jumble sale SWH p11

Tue 3 Oct

Macmillan Coffee Morning SWH p17

Sat 7 Oct

Quiz Night HVH p10

Thur 12 - Wed 18 Oct

Mothers' Union *I-Chameleon* shop, Halesworth IP19 8AH p16

Sat 14 Oct

Mini Oktoberfest SWH p11

Wed 18 Oct

Waveney Heritage Talk, *A brief history of broadcasting in the UK*, IP21 4JP p45

Wed 25 Oct

Wingfield Parish Council Mtg SWH p46

Sun 29 Oct

Red Feather Club Public Open Day, followed by AGM, IP21 5DG p44



Hoxne Harvest Breakfast 2023
Sunday, 17th September
10.00 to 12.30 on Low Street Green

Come and meet family and friends and enjoy the morning!

There will be a full breakfast, music, games and entertainment for the children

The event has taken place on the third Sunday in September on the Green for about forty-eight years

Profit from the event is divided between the Village Hall and the Playing Field

What's On

Wingfield Barns

International Miniprints Exhibition

Sunday 29th July-Thursday 31st August

Open 11am - 4pm

Wednesdays to Sundays

Free exhibition of original miniature prints.

Summer Fete & Craft Fair

Sunday 6th August (see poster p9)

12noon - 4pm (50p adults, children free)

Traditional fete with games and this year craft stalls. Punch and Judy, face-painting, Pimm's tent, cream teas and a fun family afternoon.

Knight and Spiers

Sunday 6th August 7:30pm £18

Peter Knight, as part of Steeleye Span's line-up, helped invent a brand of folk rock still influential today. John Spiers, co-founder of the almighty Bellowhead has had an equally profound impact on the landscape of traditional music over the last two decades.

It's largely through touring as a duo that they've been able to develop an extraordinary partnership. Their latest studio album, *Both in a Tune*, was chosen as one of the '10 Best New Albums from Around the World' by the influential music journal, *SONGLINES*.

Jive Dance Festival (see opposite)

Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd September

Wingfield Barns hosts the Jive Generation's weekend dance extravaganza with dance classes, bands, stalls, vintage clothing, music and of course food and drink from the field kitchen.

Ellie Gowers

Saturday 16th September 7:30pm £12

Bringing to the stage a strong voice full of expression and maturity, Ellie's songs are written with sociological, ecological, and personal themes in mind. Her highly anticipated debut album *Dwelling by the Weir* was released at the end of 2022. "A strong, crystal clear voice...an act to watch.

Jacob and Drinkwater

Saturday 23rd September 7:30pm £12



The south-west based duo have been called "stand out new folk" by BBC6 Music with their live show described as "intense and spellbinding" by Folk Radio UK. The duo formed in 2014 playing their first gig together at the iconic Glastonbury Festival. We welcome back the duo's dynamic and emotionally-charged live show with all its energy, musical chemistry and spontaneity.

Janice Burns & Jon Doran

Saturday 30th September 7:30pm £12

Janice Burns & Jon Doran are an Anglo-Scottish duo who came together after discovering a shared love of traditional music.

Their compelling storytelling comes alive through tight vocal harmonies and sensitive interplay between mandolin, bouzouki and guitar. Their arrangements have a spellbinding presence and an understated energy that transports their songs from the pages of books and manuscripts into the imagination of the listener.

**For more information see:
www.wingfieldbarns.com
01379 384505**

JIVE GENERATION DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, 2nd September

1930s DOOLALLY TAP - NEW ORLEANS JAZZ 12-1pm, 2-3pm

1940s STATION 366, 5-5.45pm

1940s SWING MACHINE BIG BAND 4-5pm, 6-7pm

1950s ROCKIN' OLA ROCKETS, 7.30-9pm

MATT SULZMANN DUO - AMBIENT JAZZ 11-12noon, 1-2pm, 3-4pm

SWING DANCE CLASSES:

Beginners/Intermediate 11-12am, 1-2pm, 3-4pm

Freestyle Swing/Jive with DJ, 5-6pm

Village Voice

ROCK 'N' ROLL DANCE CLASSES:

Beginners/Intermediate 11-11.45am, 12-2.45pm, 1-1.45pm

Freestyle Rock n Roll with DJ, 2-2.45

Presentation: 'DID YOU JIVE IN '55?' with MIKE BOWEN 3pm

Sunday, 3rd September

1940s SWING MACHINE BIG BAND 11-12noon

1940s STATION 366, 12noon-1pm

1940s SWING MACHINE BIG BAND 1-2pm

1940s-50s KIT PACKHAM ONE JUMP AHEAD (SWING RNB) 3-4pm, 5-6pm

1940s DJ SIMPLY SWING 6.30-8pm

BLUE SKY JAZZ - AMBIENT JAZZ 12-1pm, 2-3pm

SWING DANCE CLASSES:

Beginners/Intermediate 12-1pm, 2-3pm, 4-5pm

Freestyle Swing/Jive with DJ, 5-6pm

ROCK 'N' ROLL DANCE CLASSES:

Beginners/Intermediate 11-11.45am, 12-12.45pm, 1-1.45pm

Freestyle Rock n Roll with DJ, 2-2.45

Presentation: 'DID YOU JIVE IN '55?' with MIKE BOWEN 3pm

STALLS, FOOD & DRINK, BAR, CRAFT, VINTAGE CLOTHING & VINTAGE HAIR STYLIST in the grounds outside and in the foyer, on both days

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St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Monthly Film Nights

We take a break for August and return second Friday of each month on 8 September. Look out for posters or see our website nearer the date for information on what films will be shown. Films start 7.30pm with interval. Please pre-book your tickets if possible on 01379 668060 as it helps us put out the right number of chairs.

Events

Saturday 30 September there will be a Bells' Fund Raising event at the Hall.

Saturday 7 October we welcome the return of our Quiz Nights, this time in aid of Fressingfield Scouts (see poster below).

Fly Tipping

This time gas bottles have been left by the Clothing collection point! Please, please, please do not use us a



dumping ground! Discarding of unwanted items such as these is fly tipping and we will report to the Council who may prosecute.

If you would like to discuss a celebration at the Hall, please contact the number/email address below. We have three different areas that are available to hire individually or collectively so can be cosy or more spacious as you need!

*Email Sally/Sharon
hoxnevbookings@outlook.com
Phone Sharon 07876 215269
Web site: hoxnevillagehall.co.uk*



Village Voices Community Choir

begin a new season

11 September 2023

Monday evenings 7.30-9pm

Hoxne Village Hall

First lesson free

no audition, no need to read music

New members welcome

Leave a little sparkle wherever you go!

Fressingfield Scout Group

Quiz Night

Hoxne Village Hall

Saturday 7 October

7.30pm start

Teams of up to six

Bar and Raffle

Bring a picnic for half time!

(No alcohol please as bar will be open)

£6.00 a head

To book your table

Call 01379 668060



Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social club continue their summer opening on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Pool, board games, darts available. Some changes for the Friday activities as there's no quiz in August.

Don't forget, the Open Mic (1st Friday of the month) and Karaoke (2nd Friday of the month) are free entry - come along to join in, come along to listen, come along to encourage.



Our Bingo evenings - 25th Aug & 29th Sept, both Fridays - will raise funds for Gissing pre-school & Fressingfield primary school PTA.

A Jumble Sale is arranged for Saturday 30th September from 2 'til 4pm, free entry.



The pedestrian gate to J's Meadow is always open - views across the Waveney valley, newly installed play and exercise equipment, plenty of seats to use + frisbees, badminton, skipping ropes. J's meadow is down the footpath opposite the village hall.



Dates further into 2023:

Join us for a mini Oktoberfest on **Saturday 14th October**, and a Craft Fair, from 10 'til 4, on **Saturday 4th November**.



We're about to decide on whether we have a disco for New Year's Eve! - look out for info!

Julie Thompson
Text 07929 794636
juliethompson435@gmail.com

WINGFIELD HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday,
23rd September
at

Syleham & Wingfield
Village Hall

Contact Jacky Taylor
01379 388355



Church News

Growing and harvesting

As I write this in early July, there are already fields ready for harvest and the early vegetables from the garden are on the table ready to eat. The warm weather, combined with some rain, has encouraged rapid growth. What might encourage our own growth as human beings? We know that love is essential for us, as well as the opportunity to learn, to do something worthwhile for others and sometimes just to stop and stare.

I reported in April on some of the priorities we were looking at for our churches as we planned for renewal and growth. The Plan we drew up on that basis set out that we would:

- * Recruit a part-time Youth and Children’s Worker to help us grow and develop our work with children and young people and strengthen our links with St Edmund’s School
- * Pursue projects to adapt some of our church buildings (in particular Hoxne and Redlingfield churches) for additional community use
- * Encourage new vocations to lay and ordained ministry in our churches

Good progress is being made with the Plan:

- * We have appointed a Youth Worker and aim to start a youth group for 12-18 year olds in September - look out for more news of this! And if you are 12-18 and you have any suggestions for what you would like from the youth group, do please get in contact.
- * We have installed a new toilet block at Hoxne church and we have initiated the process of getting permission for work on the bells and tower, which could ultimately provide a warm meeting space at the base of the tower.
- * We also have new people coming

forward to take up voluntary positions in our churches, though we still need more. Could God be calling you to play a more active part? It could be anything from contributing to a harvest supper to exploring a licensed ministry. If you would like to talk about how you can help, I am always ready to chat.

God bless.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Tel: 07876 143579

*Please note: Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be taking some holiday from 19th August to 2nd September. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Revd Richard Court, *rev.richard.court@icloud.com*.*

Church Services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield

Planned church services in August/September

Every Saturday and Sunday: CW Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on *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*.

August

Tuesday 1st August

6.00 Lammas Service, Hoxne (with collection for Addington Fund), followed by hog roast

Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, J’s meadow, Syleham



Sunday 13th August
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield

9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 20th August
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Village Service, Syleham

11.15 am Benefice Holy Communion,
Horham

Sunday 27th August
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion,
Hoxne

September

Sunday 3rd September
Thirteenth 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 10th September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield

9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 17th September
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

10.00 am Village Service, Syleham

11.00 am Harvest Festival, Denham

6.00 pm BCP Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 24th September
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BC Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
Priest in Charge, Hoxne Benefice
07876 143579
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St Margaret's, Syleham

Church and Community

Quiz. We are really grateful for support from the Sports & Social Club which held a quiz evening in aid of St Margaret's in June. Proceeds to be confirmed but thought to be about £250 - our thanks to all the organisers and participants.

Summer Drinks Evening



Colin and Jackie Campbell generously hosted an evening garden party at their home, the Old Vicarage, on Saturday 8th July. The weather held and, as always, it was a lovely sociable evening - with valuable funds raised for the church's fabric fund. The PCC is very grateful.

Ride & Stride

St Margaret's will again be open for riders and striders on **9th September**. As always, cyclists and walkers are invited to join in and visit a number of churches, collecting sponsorship in aid of a church of their choice. Last year there were no volunteers participating for our church so we would really welcome some volunteers: I have details and a supply of sponsorship forms.



Cont.

Harvest Supper

This popular annual event will take place at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall on **Saturday 16th September**. More details in local publicity nearer the time, but save the date!

Coffee & Cake

All are welcome at this sociable cafe, at the Village Hall 10am - 11.30am on the first Tuesday every month. It is normally free but on **3rd October** it will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning (see poster on page 17) in support of cancer sufferers and their carers. Donations will be invited so do come along.



Church Lighting

At long last we have our new lighting and it transforms the interior, especially the chancel. Clearly, we do not leave the lighting on all the time but if you come to a service (see the rota on pages 12 & 13) you will see the difference. As advance notice, our Carol Service will be one opportunity and this will be on Sunday 17th December at 11.15am; it is hoped that Amici will join us as in previous years.

Churchyard

Our thanks to the people who have volunteered to help with conservation of the protected areas; my fellow churchwarden Sarah Buckley will be in contact with dates for the first cut. A comprehensive plan of the churchyard

and its graves is in preparation and almost completed: a copy will be available in the church and should help to identify existing graves and to assist anyone wishing to reserve a plot.

St Margaret's remains open daily and the church and environment provide a welcome place of tranquillity; visitors' comments show how much appreciated.

mary.lewis43@icloud.com
01379 669258 / 07775 732259

St Andrew's, Wingfield

Wingfield was filled with visitors to our Open Gardens over the weekend of 2nd/3rd June, with record numbers of people enjoying the beautiful weather and a range of different garden experiences. Half the proceeds were donated to St Andrew's church, with the other half going to the St Elizabeth Hospice, and we are most grateful to everyone who organized, gardened, welcomed visitors, cooked, baked and served lunches and teas - and cleared up afterwards!

We are also most grateful to the Sports and Social Club for a very generous donation following the quiz at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on 19th May. Plus on 20th May we enjoyed a recital by Charity Quin in Wingfield church, who gave us some lovely songs and a most enjoyable evening, with refreshments helping things along.



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Sunday and Bank Holidays
9.00am - 12 noon

Looking ahead, the church will be supporting Wingfield Barns' Summer Fete on **Sunday 6th August** - always a great day out. The Book Club will be meeting at the De La Pole Arms as usual at 6.00 pm on **Wednesday 16th August** when the book under discussion will be *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Our September Book Club will be on **Wednesday 13th September**.



As ever, St Andrew's, Wingfield will be supporting the Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride on **Saturday 9th September**. If you would be willing to ride for us, please contact Revd John McCracken, vj.mccracken@gmail.com. Our Harvest supper will take place at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on Saturday 23rd September: a three-course meal with a glass of wine and lots of fun for £20.00. Contact Jacky Taylor, Taylor5re@btinternet.com, (see poster p11) by the end of August to book your place.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

The church is open every day for the chance of quiet contemplation and a service of worship every Sunday. All are welcome.

On **1 August**, Hoxne church will be celebrating Lammas (a special day in the farming calendar). For Evensong we will

be joined by supporters of the Addington Fund (a farming charity started in Suffolk but now with national outreach) as well as the new Archdeacon of Suffolk. After the service we will be having our traditional hog roast to which all are invited.

All being well, when the Village Voice is published, the new lavatory building will be completed and ready for use. The Friends of Hoxne Church made a considerable contribution towards the cost and this plus a grant from the local Community Infrastructure Levy means that only a small percentage of the total cost came from Hoxne PCC Funds. This enabled Hoxne PCC to meet its obligations in full to the Diocese and the Mission Fund in 2022.

We continue to be well served by the Rev Eleanor Goodison, the Rev John McCracken and the Rev Richard Court who lead our weekly Sunday worship and provide Compline (by Zoom every Friday). Full details of other services and events are in the Benefice news letter.)

Guy McGregor
Hoxne Church Warden
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As we mentioned in the most recent Village Voice, we are now in the process of winding up the Friends of St Peter and St Paul.

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The Charity Commission has been formally advised of our decision and we anticipate completing the closure within the next few months.

One of our two bank accounts has already been closed and two substantial donations have been made towards the completion of the new toilet block and the pathway linking it to the north door of the church and the car park.

We are also committed to fully funding the provision of a hard standing pathway along the south side of the church and once this is complete we will transfer our remaining assets to the Parochial Church Council fabric account as previously advised.

*David Hyde, Treasurer
Deborah Hooker, Secretary*

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride'

The Suffolk Churches sponsored Bike Ride began in 1982 and since then has raised some very significant much needed sums of money to help with the preservation and upkeep of our churches.

These days it is known as the *Ride and Stride* as some participants choose to walk rather than cycle. In the past it has been known for some enthusiastic cyclists to visit as many as twenty or thirty churches. However others prefer a more relaxed approach visiting just three or four. Whichever approach you take, you will receive a warm welcome at all of the churches you visit.

This year the event will take place on Saturday, **September 9th** between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

All you need to do ahead of the day is to plan a route between churches and ask friends and family to sponsor you with either a fixed sum or on a church-by-church basis.



Sponsorship forms are now available for mailing from your local organiser (see below) or from the website <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Equally importantly, we do need recorders in the church between 9.00am and 5.00pm, so if you are available on September 9th please contact me by email at davidjhyde@btopenworld.com or telephone 01379 668467 and let me know what times you may be able to help.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 9th.

David Hyde, Local Organiser

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 21st August
Fellowship Meeting.

Monday 18th September
No meeting.

Tuesday 19th September, 10am in Hoxne Church
North Suffolk Area Morning with the Rev Enid Pow speaking about her recent work with Canadian Inuit Indians. There will be a Eucharist followed by a variety of stalls and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

i-Chameleon

We will be holding our annual *i-Chameleon* shop, in Halesworth from **12th to 18th October**. Donations for sale will be gratefully received. 

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Cathie McGregor
Group Leader 01379 668434

Little Lambs

Little Lambs had two lovely meetings in June and July, on both occasions meeting at lunchtime to enjoy a picnic together. The June meeting sadly had to be held indoors due to a very cold wind sweeping across the playing field but we were still able to take part in the hand-painting activity that had been planned. The



children (and carers!) managed it without too much mess! But we were much luckier in July when we were able to enjoy the sunshine and had great fun with water play and mini sports games.

Little Lambs do not meet in the school holidays, so there will be no meeting in August. We will meet again on **Tuesday, 5 September** from 12.30 to 2.30pm. All under 5s are welcome but you will need to bring an adult with you and if you would like to eat with us, please bring your packed lunch.

For information on Little Lambs please contact Caroline on 07837 698517 or cabbott364@gmail.com.



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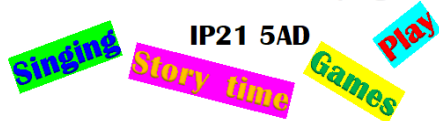
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Book Reviews

Animal Farm

by George Orwell



Rob's choice of book for May was *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. Many of you may have read this at school for GCSC.

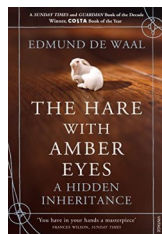
It tells the story of a group of farm animals who rebel against their human farmer, hoping to create a society where animals can be equal, free, and happy. Ultimately the rebellion is betrayed, and under the dictatorship of a pig called Napoleon, the farm ends up in a state as bad as it was before.

The grand theme of *Animal Farm* has to do with the capacity for ordinary individuals to continue to believe in a revolution that has been utterly betrayed.

Orwell attempts to show those in power - Napoleon and his pigs - perverting the democratic promise of a revolution. At the end of the book, the animals realise that the pigs have become as cruel and oppressive as human farmers.

Animal farm is a commentary on Russian communism under Joseph Stalin, delivered in an allegorical form. The book was published in 1945. It was turned down by several publishers and not allowed into some countries.

Rob's choice brought out lots of comments from his questions. As a group we enjoyed reading and discussing it.



The Holy Thief

by William Ryan

This story is set in Stalin's Russia in 1936, the time of the Great Terror.

Captain Alexei Korolev, working for the Criminal Investigation Division of the Moscow Militia, is investigating the death of a young woman in a de-consecrated church. A veteran of World War I, his moral and political ideals are threatened, as well as his life, when the feared NKVD organisation becomes involved.

Colonel Gregorin of the NKVD takes an interest, and it becomes evident that something even deeper and more sinister is going on.

Schwartz is an American in Russia, tracking down a religious Kazanskaya icon - a plot theme which threads through the book.

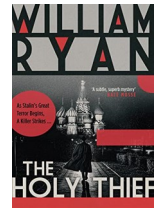
Korolev wonders who he can trust in the world of The Thieves, part of the Russian underworld. There's an atmosphere of fear, uncertainty and hunger prevailing.

Note - this book contains some horrific graphic detail.

The Holy Thief was short-listed for a Crime Writers associated New Blood Dagger award, a Barry Award, The Kerry Group Irish Fiction Award, and the Theakstons Old Peculiar Crime Novel of the Year.

Our next book is *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund De Waal, followed by *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. **Wednesday, 16th August** is our next meeting, 6.00pm at the Del La Pole Arms, Wingfield.

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Pete's Defibrillator Marathon

A huge thank you to all those who supported my Marathon Des Sables efforts to raise money for a defibrillator at the pavilion. Due to your generosity it's installed and ready for use. Your contributions helped to raise nearly £3,000 for the cause! I am relieved to be able to say that I successfully completed the Marathon Des Sables, and finished in one piece with lots of great memories of an incredible week.

The best word to describe it was brutal. Running 255 km over 7 days, fully self-sufficient (carrying all your food and kit) in the Sahara desert was always going to be a huge challenge but the conditions this year made it even harder. We were graced with a 'heat wave' in what's already very hot conditions with some days getting up to around 50 degrees. This led to the second largest drop out rate ever in 2023 of around 35% so it was an even greater achievement to complete it with my fellow Hoxne village compadre, Mark Ewin.

It got off to a fun start as when we arrived in our camp in Morocco we were greeted with a pretty substantial

sandstorm. It was a reminder that this wasn't going to be easy. Over the next 7 days we travelled on foot over some incredible terrain pushing ourselves to the edge of what I thought was possible. This included one really tough double marathon day where we had to cover 90 km. After lots of sand, sweat, blisters and a few tears we arrived at the finish line a week later, one of only 3 UK tents to have all the crew complete - no dropouts in tent 85!



It was an incredible experience and 300 words isn't enough to do it justice so if anyone is interested, there will be a full YouTube video link of the experience in the next edition of Village Voice.

Thanks all again!

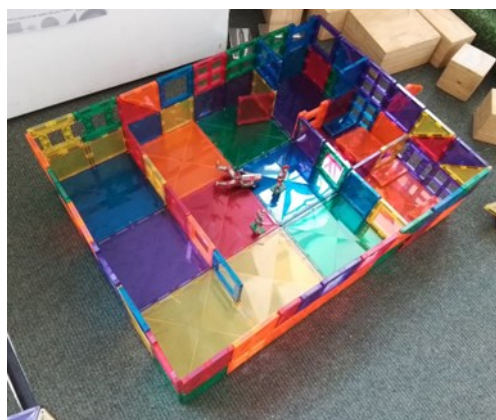
Peter Cooper

St Edmund's Primary School

The school are looking forward to participating in the Hoxne Gardening and Social Club Show in September - creating our first products based around the subject of Owls. We have already welcomed members into our school for a tour and discussion and will be presenting our entries for the show to them before the end of the term.

We have made a big effort to improve the 'kerbside appeal' of the school and several members of staff, including our new Caretaker, Mr Phil Carr, have been busy painting all the external fences of our school. Some of our older pupils also participated in some planting recently. This certainly has had a positive impact on the appearance of the school.

Our youngest pupils, Acorn class, have been very busy with studying the local community and realising their sense of place. Through following their interests the pupils have completed maps of their surrounding area, participated in a travel



Part interior model of the Titanic!

survey, discussed different modes of transport which ended up with the class engaging in a debate about the Titanic and producing a model of a section of the interior of the ship.

Year 6 pupils also attended Crucial Crew where they engaged in debates regarding areas where they need to keep safe and understand the dangers in the local community and environment.

Simon Lea
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The pitch in their village became unavailable so they happily moved to Hoxne on a temporary basis for the season. The first team and reserves played each Saturday but now they are able to return to Redgrave for the new season in August.

Any club wishing to use the first-class facilities at Hoxne, which includes a bar, kitchen, showers and a top quality pitch, either on a Saturday or Sunday, should contact bookings manager Duncan McGregor for details on hiring charges. His email address is: dunxmgregor@hotmail.com

The pavilion, with ample parking space, is also available for private hire for parties, christenings, business meetings, and functions of any sort either during the day or in the



evenings. There are also two electric car charging points - the only ones in the village.

Hoxne playing field and pavilion already hosts a number of events and Coronation weekend saw hundreds of people enjoying the celebrations. There was a classic car display with over seventy vehicles, live music for over six hours from professional bands, a children's entertainer, a day-long barbeque (see photo p41) plus the bar and cafe serving thirsty visitors. It is hoped that a Mayfest may become an annual event at the playing field.

Each Thursday evening from 4pm until 7pm throughout the year

Ed's Plaice fish and chip van is parked at the pavilion. The bar is open so customers can enjoy a drink while their order is being cooked, and then take it inside to eat in comfortable surroundings.

Suffolk Supper Club also host regular meal evenings which have always been a sell-out.

Hoxne parish council hold their monthly meetings during the summer at the pavilion, there is a regular booking for a mother and baby group, and Hoxne primary school also use the facilities.

An extensive children's play area, created at a cost of over £50,000 a few years ago, is also an attraction for local youngsters.

Hoxne Bowls Club, whose green is adjacent to the children's play area, have had a long association with the playing field. There are regular sessions every week during the summer and new members are always welcome, including complete beginners. One Hoxne bowler, Kristian Garnham, has recently been

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Stuart Jarrod, chairman of the Hoxne playing field social committee, commented: "This is a wonderful facility for the village and we want it to be used by villagers as much as possible. Other options we are exploring include opening on the first Friday of every month with a special theme - for example Gin and Jazz, a Greek evening, a Curry night, a Pizza party or anything else anyone would like to suggest."

Details and dates when confirmed will be posted on social media, including the pavilion Facebook page, and on posters around the village.

Hoxne pavilion and playing field is managed by a small group of volunteers. More committee members, bar staff and volunteers to help at functions are always welcome. If you can offer your services in any way please email bookings manager Duncan McGregor at: dunxmcgregor@hotmail.com or leave your contact details with someone at the bar on Thursday fish and chip night.

Hoxne Bowlers Riding High

At the half-way stage of the season, Hoxne still lead the second division of the Upper Waveney League.

With difficult games to come and a cup quarter final at Gissing, players are looking forward to some close tussles in the second half of the summer.

Alan Garnham and Roger Knight represented the club in Area B's win in the Marie Denny Cup semi-final, while Kristian Garnham has been playing in the 'Newton' county team.

Anyone wishing to join or try bowls should contact the secretary: Roger Knight, 01379 668403



Kristian Garnham in action on a summer's evening



Hoxne Summer Fête, Abbey Farm

Abbey Farm Gardens were a most beautiful setting as the sun shone for our Summer Fair on June 10th.

A huge Thank You goes out to everyone who volunteered, donated, planned, came and spent, or in any way enjoyed, the afternoon.

This year some village organisations helped by spearheading and running stalls or having a display. A big debt of gratitude to you and we would like this to be a way forward to involve more of the village community.

A special thanks goes to Wilf White and his merry band of strong young folk and to Alan Garnham, without whom the event could not have happened. Overall, £1,306.55p was raised for much-needed church funds.

***Cathie McGregor,
Summer Fair Organiser July 2023***





Hoxne Heritage Group

hoxnehistory.org.uk

The Heritage Group continues to stage our bi-monthly, wide-ranging and interesting talks at Hoxne Village Hall, with links to historical subjects locally and in the greater East Anglian area.

In June, the talk was from Peter Aberly from Bawdsey Radar Trust. It was a fascinating insight into radar and the lives and times of the people who worked at this ground-breaking radar station. The talk was very popular, with a good number of people staying on for a drink afterwards at the club priced bar.

On September 26th we have the very knowledgeable Steven Harmer from “English and Continental Antiques.” Steven has run his antique emporium in our neighbouring town Eye for over 30 years. His talk, titled “East Anglian Art and Antiques” will be a fascinating insight into our creative and artisan heritage over the centuries.

As usual, the talk starts at 7.30pm at Hoxne Village Hall, (with the bar and hall open from 7pm). The cost is £5.00 (Members £4.00) This will be a very popular talk, so get there a little early if you can.



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Rob Hooker
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Gardener's Diary

August

Sow: Onions, spinach, spring cabbages, radishes, rocket, hardy annuals.

Plant: Salad seedlings, spring onions, strawberry runners, winter brassicas such as kale, heathers.

Prune: Early summer-flowering shrubs, lavender (after flowering), pyracantha, rambling roses, wisteria, topiary.

Essential jobs: Remove bolted veg plants; replenish pond water; trim hedges to give new growth time to harden.

Harvest: Beetroot, chillies, courgettes, French & runner beans, raspberries, summer squashes, sweetcorn, tomatoes.

September

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).

Essential jobs: Plant out winter bedding; take shading off greenhouse glazing; divide perennials that are too big.

Harvest: Autumn cabbages, autumn raspberries, onions, maincrop potatoes, tomatoes, tree fruit (early apples & pears), courgettes, kale.



Hoxne Garden & Social Club

It's been a busy time for the Gardening and Social Club with a very interesting talk by Mel from Mickfield Hostas in May. She shared many hints and tips about the best way to care for our hostas and keeping the dreaded slugs and snails at bay. Early June we held our plant sale at Greengold Café which was a great success. We learnt a few things should we do it again next year, mainly not to sell before the agreed opening time, as by 10.15 the majority of the plants had been sold. Apologies to anyone who arrived just after 10 and found little left.

We then had a stall at the Summer Fete (*photo page 27*). With very few plants left from the sale, a call went out for plants and I have to say a big thank you to those who donated plants. We had an amazing selection including some very well grown succulents and cacti, many hardy perennials, some vegetable plants and seeds. The stall raised £173 towards church funds.

At our June meeting Chris Parfitt gave a talk on the Isles of Scilly, some information about its flora interspersed

with history and also the geography of the islands. I am sure his talk will encourage those thinking about visiting to actually book a trip there.

Our next event is the Summer Party. This year the party will be held at the Thatched Barn on the Eye Road by kind invitation of Angus and Rachel Herron. Open to all members of the club (there is still time to join the club, should you not be a member and would like to come).

On the gardening front, thank goodness we have had some rain at last and it has cooled down a little. Weeks without rain and very high temperatures certainly took their toll on the garden. Following a few showers the lawn is still green at the moment. As always, I am hoping for more rain (just not on the evening of our Summer Party).

With the very wet weather in early Spring, some plants have grown much taller than normal - roses, nettles and wild hemlock to name a few. As Elvis Costello would say, 'it's been a good year for the roses' which seem to need dead-heading every day at the moment. On the plus side the weeds have slowed down due to the dry weather.

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Hoxne Phoenix Group

Our speaker on the 9th May was Richard Giffin, who lives in Hoxne. His subject was *The Angel of Hoxne*. Harriet Pentney, a special woman, was born in 1831 in Ixworth Thetford. Her first husband died, leaving Harriet with four children. She moved to Hoxne where she worked for Lord Edward Clarence Kerridon as a Sick Nurse. She was not a healthy person, but with the help of her daughter Agnes she managed to care for her patients, travelling the villages by horse and cart. She kept log books recording her work, receiving orders from Mrs Padge, the Vicar's wife.

Harriet was nursing at Oakley Park from 1869 until 1882. She died in July 1892.

This is a small part of a fascinating story told by Richard, which you can see in full on the Hoxne Heritage Group website. A story beautifully told.

June brought us a second visit from Jason Middleton. Last year his subject was *Pearls*, which was very interest-

ing. This time we had *An Introduction to Jewels*, starting with diamonds, then rubies, emeralds and sapphires, to softer stones. We were able to hold them in their raw state. Jason also talked about royal jewels and their histories. A most enjoyable evening.

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Grand Drivers

At the Phoenix meeting in May one of our members told us of a free-of-charge driving assessment that she had completed.

At nearly 80 years of age she thought that she would seek reassurance that her driving skills were still up to scratch. I am pleased to say she came through unscathed; her standard of driving was congratulated and her self-confidence has had an immense boost.

Many of the Phoenix ladies thought that details of the scheme should be shared. The scheme is called 'Grand Driver' and is organised by Suffolk Roadsafe - yes, they are the same people that organise the speed awareness courses.

You only need three qualifications to take part: you must be over 60 years old, hold a UK driving licence and live in Suffolk.

For the mature driver, Suffolk Roadsafe offers not only driving assessments but workshops to refresh driving knowledge - when is the last time you read the Highway Code?

The next workshop locally is in Eye on **Tuesday 19th September.**

The assessments are no way as frightening as you may think, they last for about an hour and you drive roads that you are familiar with. Your trainer will focus on safe driving and coping strategies; their job is to support and guide you, so you can continue to drive



safely. You can ask questions and at the end of the assessment you are given a written report detailing all the things discussed during the session.

There is also a scheme for drivers aged 17-24 called 'Get into Gear'. There is a small charge for this one.

More information is available at <https://suffolkroadsafe.com/road-users-home/drivers-home/older-drivers/>. I just googled 'Suffolkroadsafe' and it got me to the same place. If you prefer to use the phone, the number 0345 606 6067 is on the website.

Deborah Harding

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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:

30th September 2023 for the October 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

Baltic Timber Marks in Hoxne

As part of my research into the heritage of Hoxne and the surrounding area I have been conducting surveys of “Witch marks” or marks made deliberately to ward off evil. Our area is full of them, and surveys can be seen at <https://www.hoxnehistory.org.uk/Witch%20Marks.php>

Through this study I was asked to look at some marks on a mid-19th century house in Reading Green. The ceiling of the main downstairs room contained a string of interesting, scribed marks of which I was not familiar. Research and asking for ideas from online groups came up with the idea that they were Baltic timber marks and revealed interesting historical trade connections with the Baltic.

Baltic timber marks

Baltic softwood was imported to the UK - particularly in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries - each marked with symbols including quality marks relating to the exporting port, as well as sometimes the name of the ship, and various other letters and numbers. Sequences of marks are found cut with a rase-knife, painted or chalked on the wood and are given the term “Baltic timber marks”.

These marks represent:

- Cubic assessment and volume
- Timber quality
- Merchants’ or handlers’ marks or initials
- Purchaser’s names or initials
- The names of ships used to transport the timber
- The names of ports of origin or destination
- Batch or supply numbers
- Date

Baltic marks are found throughout the 18th century, particularly gouged markings, but before 1784 they appear to make little sense. Around 1800 they become much better defined and abundant, before ceasing in 1870. They tell of a complex trade emerging between Britain, the industrial superpower of the age and the rest of the Continent, as well as the tumultuous events following the American and French revolutions. Britain had a reliance on Norwegian timber, and later colonial sources in North America. The American wars, coupled with Napoleon’s attempt to strangle Britain by embargo, cut off these traditional sources



and forced Britain to switch instead to the eastern Baltic, to Prussia, Sweden and Russia.

The process of procuring timber

The Crown or Aristocracy owned all the land with forests of tall, knot-free pines. They sold the timber to specialist wood cutters, who were usually Jewish. Entire settlements or “shtetls” could be found dedicated to this process, as Jews were forbidden access to other professions, particularly in the Russian Empire.

The trees were felled and dragged to the rivers and floated downstream in floating rafts 300m in length to the seaports. Merchants would then process them, grade them, and export them to British ports. During each stage of this complex process the timber accumulated a series of timber marks. Because the price of timber depended on its quality and dimensions, exporters had to distinguish these characteristics within their own stock and hence developed a system of marking. After being sawn, goods were sorted and marked before being stacked by dimension and quality. These marks usually consisted of a series of letters corresponding to the names of the sawmilling firms or their ports of shipment. Then quality of timber was

typically indicated by a variety of letters which were also inspired by the exportees' names or shipping ports. Moreover, a stamped crown was frequently used to identify the best quality. This classification was carried out by a specialised class of workers called *brackers* who were trained to sort and mark timber from visual inspection.

The *brackers* classified the goods in three recognised categories:

- First or best middling
- Second or good middling
- Third or common middling

There was an additional quality or "crown" whose timber was chosen for the straightness of grain and freedom from knots.

The port marks

Danzig, Riga Memel and Stettin had marks made with a rase knife. The mark indicating the port was inscribed in the middle of the string of marks; if it was from Danzig and Riga and Memel and Stettin timber was marked at the end. Best middling, good middling and common middling had its own specific mark.

The shipping marks stamped on the ends of sawn timber tell the recipient who the timber producer is as well as the type and grade of the sawn timber. Sawn timber is classified into various grades based on its technical and visual properties.

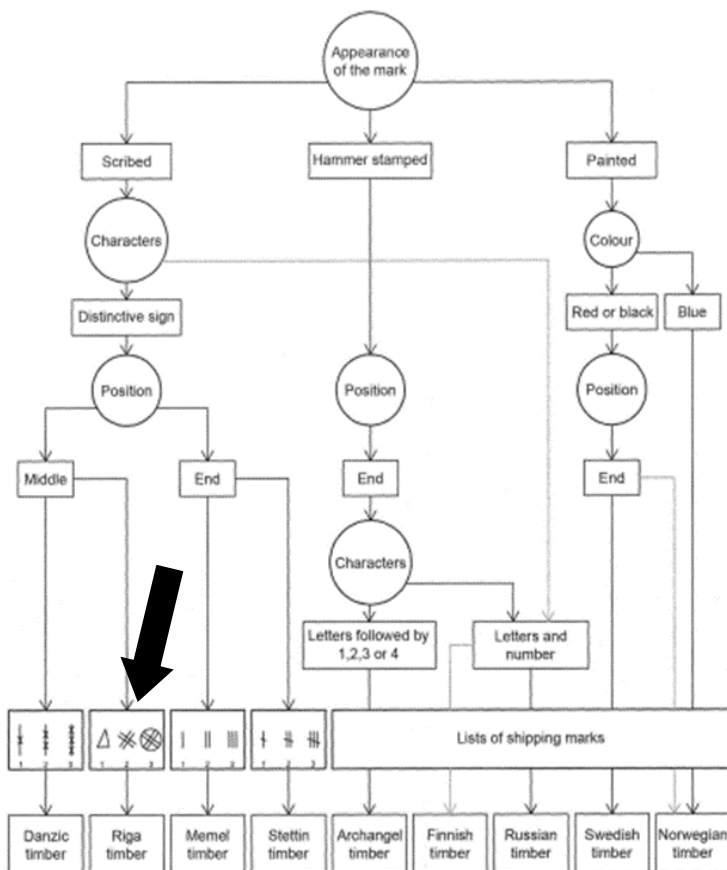
Shipping marks are a guarantee of consistent high quality of wood products. This is an overview of qualities and grades.

Shipping marks can be defined as a symbol, word or number that is attached on to each package unit for easy identification and handling of the cargo.

Based upon this information, the Baltic Timber marks suggest the timber came from Riga and the quality was of second or good middling quality. The other marks are likely to relate to the exporting company. It is amazing just how well connected Hoxne was with the Baltic in the 19th Century!

I would like to hear from anyone in our area who may have either Baltic Timber Marks or possibly "Witch Marks." I am happy to do a survey of your marks as long as I can use the information for my own research and publicise it on the Hoxne Heritage website or even in the Village Voice.

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 (Hoxne Heritage Group)
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New Reeding Woods

A quiet walk at Pound Lane Wood



White orchid

orchids have gone over but two pyramid orchids are still in flower. The meadow has both the purple-pink and white flowering varieties. Orchid seeds are so small they cannot germinate on their own but rely on fungi in the soil to



Purple-pink orchid



Cow parsley with Red Cardinal beetle

The meadow at the wood has been constantly changing over the last few weeks. The yellow rattle is becoming well established and is suppressing the grasses. The flowers are mostly over, and it is setting seed to help it spread. The bee

provide food for them to grow.

Whilst I wandered the paths trying to take a photo of one of the many meadow brown butterflies, a buzzard circled overhead. Alerted by the mewing call I looked up and got a picture.



Buzzard



Honeysuckle

The common knapweed added a splash of colour, and the butterflies were feeding together with hover flies. Red headed cardinal beetles were happy on the cow parsley.

Purple vetch was growing through the brambles and in the hedges dog roses and honeysuckle were in full bloom. The rides are looking lush and green, benefiting from the recent rain. In the woodland areas, nests show that birds are using the cover provided.

It was good to see the



Knapweed with a Meadow Brown butterfly

pond full of water and life again. An Emperor dragonfly flew by the pond and a darter hawked up and down the rides.

I had a peaceful walk, enjoying the woods and wildlife. I had my camera on the wrong settings when I arrived and so missed a photo of a Fritillary butterfly on my arrival, which is an exciting find. This is likely to have been the Silver-washed Fritillary, which has been recorded in nearby woodland over the past three years. A large, fast-flying, brightly marmalade-coloured butterfly,



Dog roses

Fritillary declined during the twentieth century, especially in England and Wales, but has spread noticeably during recent decades.

After a good walk, and despite the camera setting issues, I still came away calm and refreshed.

An update on our plans to honour the memory of our past chairman and founding member, David Flowerdew, will be covered in a future article.

If you are interested in joining us and getting hands-on experience of helping improve our local environment and enjoying outdoor activities, please contact our secretary Peny Conway on 07495875299.



Yellow rattle in seed

this is one of the most beautiful sights to be found in woodland during high summer. It has silver streaks on the wing undersides, which can often be seen as it stops to feed on flowers such as bramble.



Silver-washed Fritillary butterfly

Although the butterfly is seen mostly in sunny glades and rides, it actually breeds in the shadier parts of adjacent woodland. The Silver-washed



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Harleston Choral Society

Harleston Choral Society - your friendly non-auditioning community choir - is holding a two-day 'Choral Singing for All' workshop on 19th and 20th August for members and non-members, in St James Village Hall IP19 OPH.

There will be four half-day 'pick and mix' sessions, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, £5.00 per session. Bring your own lunch, or buy soup and a roll.

Saturday am session: reading and understanding music - 1000 years in two hours!

Saturday pm session: vocal technique, using opening number from Orff's *Carmina Burana*

Sunday am come and sing session: looking at Whitacre's *Glow*

Sunday pm come and sing session: looking at *Glow*, with a performance at the end of the session.

Please book by phoning Amanda on 07951562167, or emailing at:

amanda.fletcher111@gmail.com, giving your name, phone number and voice part.

University of the 3rd Age

Harleston & District u3a's monthly talk, on Wednesday 16 August at 2.00 pm in St John's Church, Harleston IP20 9AZ, is called *Exhibiting at Chelsea*. Mu Gurbutt was a first-time exhibitor at the world-famous flower show and she will be talking about what this was like, and about all the behind-the-scenes activity.

The September talk (same time, same place) will be given by author Charlotte Paton on '*The King of the Norfolk Poachers' Frederick Rolfe* - a social history of a man who could inspire devotion but who came to a tragic end.

Further information about this and all Harleston & District u3a's activities is on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston or contact Kim Poulton on 01986 788149.

Shotford Bowling Club Open Day - 2nd September

Shotford Bowling Club are holding their annual indoor Open Day on Saturday 2nd September, followed by six consecutive Saturdays of free indoor bowls coaching for prospective new members.

Our team of NCBCA accredited coaches will welcome you to the club, show you the facilities we have to offer and if you are interested, sign you up to our free coaching sessions. Light refreshments will be provided.

No previous experience is necessary, and bowls will be provided for the 2-hour coaching sessions. Please bring clean, flat-soled shoes with you.

The club is situated in Spirketts Lane, Harleston, IP20 9JL. From the town exit towards Needham, turn left into Shotford Road and left again into Spirketts Lane. The club is on the right, just past the water tower. From the A143, exit at the sign to the Industrial estate and turn immediately left into Spirketts Lane. The club is on the left.





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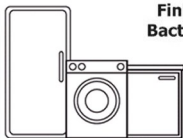


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My oldest child is starting school in September and with uniforms and PE kits, the costs are already

mounting. We're already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these new costs. Is there any extra help I can get?

The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available. On the National Citizens Advice website, we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second-hand uniforms. Often the school will have a second-hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non-logo items rather than official logo school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case.

For more information, go to: midsuffolkcab.org.uk. National Citizens Advice website citizensadvice.org.uk has contact information for other local offices.

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Fressingfield Scouts

May was a busy month, we attended Coronation events in Fressingfield and Hoxne and met several people who were interested in what we do. At Fressingfield we provided First Aid cover and free tomahawk throwing and



archery sideshows. In Hoxne we provided and ran a barbeque at the classic car rally and music event. Both were well attended and a good time was had by everyone.

Map reading and navigation skills have been the focus of several Sections with hi-viz clad young people out and about in the good weather and light evenings, honing the skills learned during winter indoor sessions.

Our new mountain bikes have been used for off-road riding around our site, trips out and for bike maintenance sessions.



Apart from normal Section activities, we have had our Annual Group Camp at the end of May. We went to Eaton Vale Activity Centre near Norwich for a weekend of camping,



Barbeque team at Hoxne's Coronation event

comradeship, adventurous activities, and just being together.

We had 56 young people for the camp, accompanied by sixteen Leaders. Activities included climbing, cave bus, obstacle course, air rifle shooting, archery, scavenger hunt, raft building, crate stacking, campfire, pedal go carts, wide games, geocaching and teamwork. The weather was kind, though the nights were still chilly, and a great time was had by all. There are many pictures and comments on the Fressingfield Scout Group Facebook page, please have a look.

Other activities we've tried include, a Stradbroke Fire Station visit where Wolf Cubs and Warrior Beavers got a bit damp, crabbing at Walberswick where Pioneer Troop Scouts got a bit muddy, gardening in our new allotment area where Squirrels planted runner beans, building water filters where Tiger Cubs turned muddy water clear and Ninja Beavers have worked on fitness and health with

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ball games, cycling where Explorers checked out the local lanes, a water fight where Wolves Cubs and their Leaders got very wet, modelling with fruit and veg where Ninja Beavers made edible monsters.

We opened the HQ site for the Fressingfield Open Gardens weekend and most sections joined in with

the village Scarecrow Festival by building scarecrows for display around our site for the weekend.

Leaders have been busy planning summer activities. Over the summer holidays the Adventurers Scouts and Explorers are going to the Peak District camping and hill walking for a week, Pioneer Troop Scouts will be at Winterton on Sea for five days of camping, hiking, beach activities and relaxing and Wolves Cubs have a weekend camp at Two Mile Bottom campsite near Thetford. Tigers cubs are spending a day canoeing on the Waveney at Beccles.

On page 10 of this issue of Village Voice you will see an advert for our Fundraising Quiz in Hoxne Village Hall on Saturday 7th October. Please join us for the evening.

We have a new website with a slightly different address, please have a look and if you have any feedback, please let us know.



Climbing Jacob's Ladder

New website:
www.fressingfieldscouts.com

To find out about Fressingfield Scout Group look at the website or speak to any Leader.

LATE ADDITION:

We have taken the decision to postpone the Open Evening to September as the site is very wet already and the rain is due to continue for most of this evening. Sorry. More news when we have it.



Red Feather Club

Ninety-nine-year-old American World War II veteran Ray Hobbs was back flying from Horham Airfield this year after nearly 80 years.

The former B-17 Flying Fortress pilot from Ogden in Utah took to the skies over East Anglia bringing tears to those watching on.

Ray was in the UK with around 50 other US visitors - the families of men who served in the 95th Bomb Group during WW2 - as part of an 80th anniversary reunion tour organised by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association in Horham.

Modest Ray plays down any talk of danger during the seven missions he flew during the closing stages of the war in May 1945 - six of them dropping essential supplies to the Dutch population, who were starving.

However, one of the aircraft he had flown on a Chowhound mission to Holland became the last B-17 shot down over Europe when, despite a ceasefire agreement, it came under anti-aircraft fire and went down in the North Sea on 7th May 1945, with the loss of ten lives.

Ray Hobbs on his war: "I flew mercy missions; one to the Hague, one to Amsterdam, and four to Utrecht, dropping food to the Dutch people. I flew

a Cook's tour over part of Germany and France. At the end of the war, I flew with my group from Horham, England, to Bradley Field, Connecticut, where we left our plane. The B-17 planes of the 95th bomb group were then flown to Kingman, Arizona, where they were destroyed. I was privileged to be at the controls of Sentimental Journey in September 2011, when I was 87 years old."

The 95th flew more than 300 missions and, as well as strategic bombing sorties targeting harbours, industries, rail yards and cities, it dropped food and supplies to starving civilians and the resistance in occupied Europe (Operation Chowhound), it supported the D-Day invasion and ended the war transporting liberated prisoners of war back to the UK.

Upcoming events at the Red Feather Club:

Sunday Aug 27:
Public Open Day

Saturday Sept 23:
Dance - *The Hot House Combo*

Sunday Sept 24:
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Sunday Oct 29:
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We have been ringing regularly at Oakley on Tuesdays and Redgrave on Thursdays at 7:30. Everyone is always invited, including anyone who wishes to see what bell-ringing is. We also have an eight-bell practise at Palgrave on the first Wednesday of the month and are very grateful for the support we get from experienced local ringers.

We are a friendly, sociable group and always welcome new members. We are lucky to be able to use these three beautiful churches, which are well worth visiting anyway.



There was a meeting in Hoxne church last week which was part of the consultation required for the bells and tower restoration project. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), which approves all changes and alterations to church buildings, wished to have the comments of the relevant conservation organisations before they considered the outline of our scheme. A thorough explanation of the proposals was given with drawings and a visit to the top of the tower. They will submit their remarks in time for the September DAC meeting. If everything goes well, we will then proceed with more fund-raising and preparing a detailed faculty (Church planning permission) application.

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Waveney Heritage

Brockdish IP21 4JP



Wednesday 13th September 7.30pm
Talk by Gordon Lascelles - *Education in Harleston, Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots over the last 600 years*

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th September, 10.30am - 2.30pm
Open Days and Exhibition
of our interesting Waveney Heritage Museums

Wednesday, 18th October 7.30pm
Talk by Graham Moore - *Waveney Wireless - a brief history of broadcasting in the UK*, to include some interesting items from our museum

Wednesday, 8th November 7.30pm
Talk by Gary Alderton - *WWI*
Gary will show us and talk about a collection of WWI artefacts which local people brought back from the war.

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Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

Following the local election, Denham Parish Council is now made up of the following Councillors:-

Duncan McGregor - Chair
Kerina Jane - Vice Chair
Nancy Ford
Maria Ford

We would like to thank Tania and Nick Ford who gave excellent service for two terms of office but have now stepped down. Tania will still be involved in the Denham Village Hall project as we endeavour to bring the hall back to use.

The Council still has one vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk, Wendy Alcock, at: clerk@denhamparishcouncil.org for further information.

Our next meeting:
26th September, 7:30 pm
at St John the Baptist Church.
Everyone is welcome.

Wingfield



Chairman: Lee Smith

AGM

Our AGM took place on June 14th, when we accepted the resignation of Rosemary after 10 years' valuable service to the community. Melanie Murray has generously offered herself as replacement.

2023/24 Project

Low Road refurbishment has been a constant need now, made more important by The Barns plans for car park improvement. The PC plan to co-ordinate the work and help with the funding - SCC Highways have offered assistance.

Next Wingfield Parish Council Meetings, to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm:

26th September
25th October

Hoxne

After the local government elections in May the people of Hoxne were given a new Parish Council - but only just. There are a total of eleven seats on the Council but only four candidates, including myself, came forward for election onto the Council. This is the bare number of councillors which allows the Council to operate. Fortunately since May two other

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Hoxne & Syleham Calling every 4 weeks on **Tuesdays**

Next stops: **22 August, 19 September**

Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road): 11:45-11:55

Hoxne, Swan Inn: 1210-1230 (no stop at St Edmund's Close)

Hoxne residents have put themselves up for nomination and hopefully they will start in August. In the meantime we are looking for other candidates to join the Council, especially women and younger people so that it can more effectively reflect the diversity of people living in the Parish.

Many of you may have negative feelings about the Parish Council; that it has very little power and it just becomes a venue for talking about local issues without anything material being done about them. Certainly the Council has very limited power when it comes to such problems as traffic through the village. Yet through our powers of persuasion, reasoned argument and sometimes a little coercion we can influence the decisions made by more powerful authorities such as the County or District Councils. The Parish Council also owns and maintains a range of village assets, provides financial support to many village organisations, commissions research and considers planning and development control in the village. The Parish Council can also report on local issues such as overgrown footpaths, potholes, fly tipping, bringing these to the attention of the relevant authority.

Despite our currently depleted number of councillors this is proving to be a very busy year for Hoxne Parish Council. We are for example in the final stages of our Neighbourhood Development Plan being finalised and you the residents of Hoxne having a vote on whether you approve of it. We also are developing plans for spending extra money we have as a result of the Community Infrastructure Levy. (All households in the Parish of Hoxne received a questionnaire to fill in indicating how they would like the money spent). The Council is also in discussions with residents on Green Street and your local County Councillor Peter Gould about traffic management problems in that part of the Parish.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and we normally meet on the first Thursday of the month either at the village hall or, in the summer months, at the pavilion on the sports field. Meetings start at 7.30 pm. More details can be seen on the Hoxne Parish Council website with agendas for the next meeting and minutes of previous meetings. Enquiries can also be made to the Parish Clerk.

Next Hoxne Parish Council meetings, 7.30pm in the playing field pavilion:

3rd August
7th September

We have been informed of the recent death of Ted O'Connor, who was a long-standing Chair of Hoxne Parish Council. He devoted many years of service to the Council. Condolences are sent to his wife, Gill.

Chris Parkin, Chair



Borderhoppa Outings:

August 2023

Thurs 3rd - Fairhaven Woodland & Water Garden. Fare £18

Mon 7th - Notcutts Garden Centre, Norwich. Fare £15.00

Thurs 10th - Southern Comfort Paddle Steamer, Horning. Fare & boat trip combined £30.00

Mon 14th - Southwold. Fare £20

Thurs 17th - Lunch at The Black Horse, Thorndon. Fare £8.00

Mon 21st - Cromer. Fare £25.00

Thurs 24th - North Norfolk Railway & Sheringham. Fare £25.00

Thurs 31st - Lowestoft. Fare £20.00

September 2023

Mon 4th - Mecca Bingo, Norwich. Fare, games and lunch included, £30.00

Mon 11th - Great Yarmouth. Fare £20.00

Thurs 14th - Bungay. Fare £13.00

Mon 18th - Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash. Fare £8.00

Mon 25th - Beccles. Fare £15.00

To book or for more information please call 01379 854800 or visit our website www.borderhoppa.org

Voices from the Past

June to November 1990

The summer issue of the Village Voice 1990 reported activities from both ends of the age spectrum. The 24th April had seen 29 members of the over 60s club enjoy their 37th Annual Birthday tea at St Edmund's House. As far as I know, the club is no longer active - I wonder how many more years it continued. Anyone know?

The primary school, which had just been totally redecorated outside and now had 86 pupils, had successfully raised £700 for their funds at their May Fayre. When I first knew Hoxne this 'fayre' and its maypole dancing on the green, along with the still much-loved Harvest breakfast, seemed to epitomise the village's unique community spirit at both ends of the summer season.

The school's term project was entitled 'Changes' - with some children investigating changes in and around the village, learning from older residents and during visits to various areas about Hoxne. Older children were planning a visit to see the Thames barrier. Visits also took in the Horniman Museum in London, the Museum of East Anglian Life in Stowmarket and Christchurch Park and Crown Pools in Ipswich.

The Theatre Club fancied a change

and went to Snape Maltings to hear the music of Arnold, Elgar, Britten and Lloyd-Webber, among others, played by The Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards - one of the oldest military bands in the world with over two hundred years of continuous service.

Another snippet I found in that issue refers to the showing to a packed-to-capacity audience at St Edmund's Hall of a video by Philip Gunton entitled "Hoxne '89" showing 13 events held in the village. A profit of £135 was made for the Friends of St Peter & St Paul. I wonder if that film still exists. Wouldn't it be lovely to watch it now!?

The report of the Garden and Social Club refers to their Local History and Archaeology Section who were involved in some exciting research with assistance from the County Archaeology Department and The British Museum and hoped to make news early the following year. I look forward to digging into 1991's issues!

The vicar's wife, Christine Lowe, put pen to paper with the following submission:

A Summer Visitor

"It was a beautiful hot summer day at the end of August when I heard a knock at the front door. On answering it, I saw a tiny lady with a mass of white hair, lovely smile and twinkling blue eyes. She was visiting the Eye show [remember those?] with



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her son and she asked if she could look at the Vicarage and garden.

As we walked round the house and garden this remarkably agile lady explained she was 95 years old and as a little girl of 11 had come to Hoxne to stay.

She had lived in London and went to Sunday School, where she paid 3d a week into the Country Holiday Fund. She remembered travelling to Suffolk by train and staying on a nearby farm. A great adventure for a London lass, she told me.

The highlight of her stay was going to church and hearing the choir sing and later having a tea party on the Vicarage lawn underneath the mulberry tree. It was the mulberry tree she remembered and she was so thrilled to see that after all these years it was still there. This was in 1906 when the tree was standing upright.

She explained in all these years her life had had its ups and downs, but her Christian beliefs had not changed and neither had her memory of a happy

childhood visit, which had stayed with her for 84 years.

She said that some things do not change and her delight in seeing the mulberry tree again and telling me about her childhood memories was as infectious as the sunny day and her beautiful smile.”

It was exciting to hear from the present owner of the Vicarage that the old mulberry tree, now fallen over, gnarled and spread like a dragon, is still there, along with a younger companion, after all these years!

Finally, I was tickled to see the following from a couple of our earliest advertisers. I expect readers who knew Alec and Kenny will enjoy it too -

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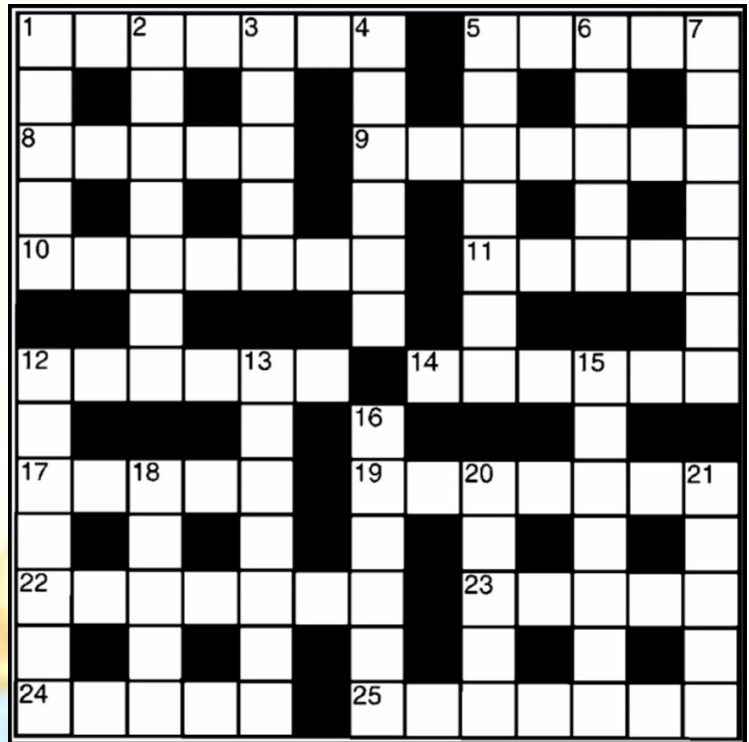
Crossword Puzzle No. 154

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Across

1. K crewed and sank the boat (7)
5. Escape from a deluded foe (5)
8. Where Queen and the Marx Brothers spent a night (5)
9. Lure Dan to a clothes wash (7)
10. Beg to be part of centre attraction (7)
11. Eager to concur (5)
12. Ship's officer holding the cash (6)
14. Exit from a trade partnership (6)
17. Bleat about furniture (5)
19. Previously enough for instance (7)
22. Inclining towards lean gin (7)
23. Run into acid - rather pungent (5)
24. Amid a Mongolian setting (5)
25. Decide to try and investigate again (7)

Down

1. Sounds like the entire aperture (5)
2. Voter in a select organisation (7)
3. Scoundrel hiding in the pack (5)
4. Allow in a river and strike out (6)
5. Teach an ace duet (7)
6. Partly below a thunderbox (5)
7. Serious sounding fellow (7)
12. Two girls on my knee (7)
13. Levelling off at the end of the day (7)
15. Real app useful for clothes shopping (7)
16. Filed germane info in accounts record (6)
18. A comic party (5)
20. Accumulate a large amount (5)
21. Supply when due in part (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.153 was: G. Inglis

Answers - Across: 7. Letter 8. Chewed 10. Strange 11. Rinse 12. Omen 13. Lemon
17. Storm 18. Wren 22. Obese 23. Trivial 24. Bleach 25. Brahms

Down: 1. Blossom 2. Stories 3. Jeans 4. Pharaoh 5. Swine 6. Adder 9. Desecrate
14. Stretch 15. Freight 16. Analyst 19. Lobby 20. Genes 21. Fiord

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