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Academy p8

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HPP	Hoxne Playing Field & Pavilion
HVH	Hoxne Village Hall
SWH	Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall
WB	Wingfield Barns

GUY FAWKES EVENING

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 4-9pm

Hoxne playing field
with bonfire, weather-permitting

- ◆ Hot Dogs BBQ
- ◆ Baked Potatoes
- ◆ Drinks at the bar



Games for children & adults:

- ◆ Prize for the person wearing the best Guy Fawkes costume
- ◆ Doughnut-on-a-string eating competition
- ◆ Apple-bobbing
- ◆ Ski ball
- ◆ Gunpowder barrel roll !



Toffee apples & popcorn for sale

Adults £1 Children 50p

Advance Tickets Only
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or contact Jane on 07793 047986

All proceeds go to Denham Community Council

What's On

Wingfield Barns

Leveret

Friday 13th October, 7.30pm £16

Leveret is a unique collaboration between three of England's finest folk musicians. Andy Cutting (button



accordion), Sam Sweeney (fiddle) and Rob Harbron (concertina) are each regarded as exceptional performers and masters of their instruments. Together their performances combine consummate musicianship, compelling delivery and captivating spontaneity.

Leveret will celebrate 10 years on the road in 2023 with *Forms*, a new album featuring new and traditional tunes played with the band's trademark interaction and inventiveness. *Leveret's* music is firmly rooted in the English tradition but sounds fresh and new.

Tony Winn with The Larks

Friday 3rd November, 7.30pm £12

Tony Winn is known and respected on the English acoustic music scene as a songwriter, poet and performer of a high calibre.



Inspired by Dylan and the folk revival, he started creating original music as a schoolboy. He will be launching his 8th album *Blue Speck* at this concert and will be accompanied by Helen Mulley (vocals, flute), Steven Turnbull (keyboards), Shane Kirk and Andy Trill (alternating guitar and bass).

Ghost Stories by Candlelight

Wednesday 8th November, 7.30pm

Tickets £15/£13 (concs)

Gather close for a candlelit hour of chilling, contemporary tales and haunting

new folk music from the 'Witch Counties' of East Anglia. What happens when the ghosts of the past creep up on us today?



Ghost Stories by Candlelight is written by Kelly Jones, Shamsir Sinha and Nicola Werenowska, with music and songs composed by Georgia Shackleton. Directed by Elayce Ismail.

Recommended age 14 plus.

Granny's Attic

Friday 10th November, 7.30pm £15

With exceptional musicianship and boundless energy, *Granny's Attic* are going from strength to strength. Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne (melodeon, Anglo concertina, vocals), George Sansome (guitar, vocals) and Lewis Wood (violin, vocals) have honed their skills touring the UK and Europe since 2009.

In October 2021, they released their latest album, *The Brickfields*, an instrumental collection that sees them reach new heights both as performers and composers.

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

Wingfield: Suffolk's Forgotten Castle

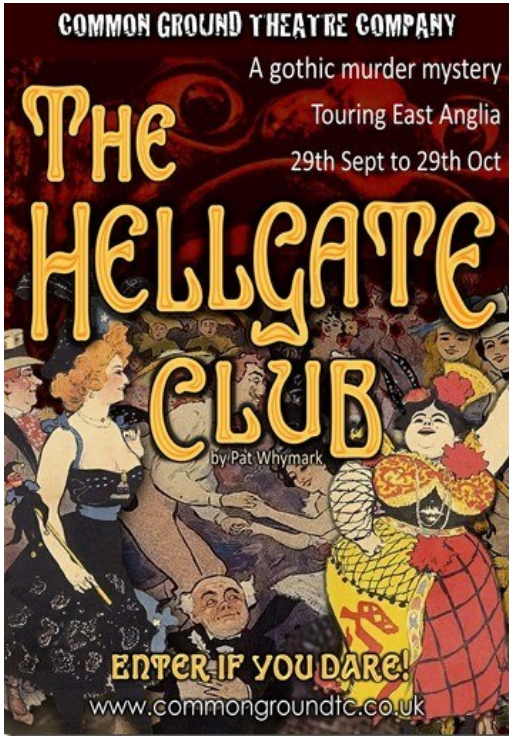
Wednesday 18 October, 2.00pm

St John's Church
Harleston IP20 9AZ

The University of the 3rd Age's monthly talk will be given by Baroness Elaine Murphy on *Wingfield: Suffolk's Forgotten Castle*. The talk will focus on the historical lives of those who lived there and were important in shaping England, including the Wingfields and the de la Poles.

Further information about this and all Harleston & District U3A's activities is on our website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston
or contact Kim Poulton 01986 88149.



THE HELLGATE CLUB

A gothic murder mystery
by Pat Whymark

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A PLAY WITH MUSIC, in two acts

Wingfield Barns

7.30pm on Sunday 15th October

01379 384505 / wingfieldbarns.com

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5 December: The life and work of Alfred
Munnings

16 January: Aubrey Beardsley

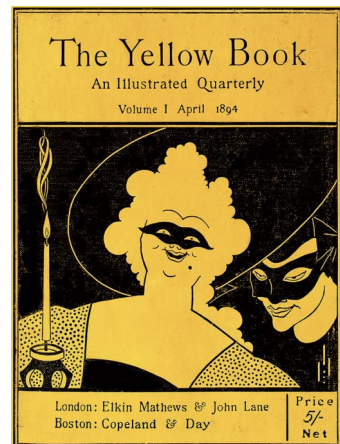
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THE ARTS
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Aubrey Beardsley,
Cover for the Yellow Book, 1894
Yale Center for British Art

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Harleston Players present

TOAD OF TOAD HALL

Adapted by A A Milne from 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame



Fed-up with spring cleaning, Mole decides to explore the riverbank and meets Ratty.

The two set off together and soon come across the irrepressible Toad, owner of Toad Hall. Adventures ensue, as Toad's love for the latest thing encompasses cars and caravans and even puts him in prison.

But when Toad Hall is taken over by the wicked creatures from the Wild Wood, the band of friends must rise to their greatest exploit yet!

Performances:

Friday 20 October 7.30pm; Saturday 21 October 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Friday 27 October 7.30pm; Saturday 28 October 2.30pm and 7.30pm

All performances will take place at Harleston Sancroft Academy

Tickets £12 evenings, £10 adult/£5 child for the matinees
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Journey's End

RoughCast present one of the greatest of all English war plays. *Journey's End* shows the effect of war on a group of young officers. R C Sherriff's ground-breaking play remains one of the most powerful and successful pieces of modern drama and one of the most acclaimed examples of literature that deals with the tragedy and horror of conflict.

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Performances:

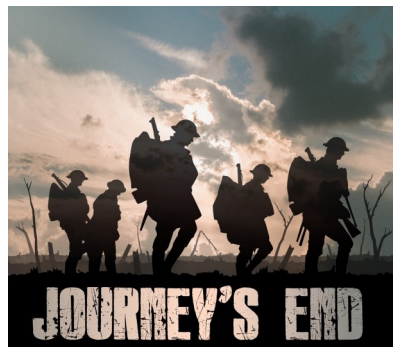
Diss Corn Hall, 9th November
Wingfield Barns, 18th & 19th November

Tickets £12, students £6

All performances start 7.30pm.

Details at: www.roughcast.co.uk Tel: 01379 586745

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Harold (Jim Broadbent) is a seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties. One day he learns that his old friend Queenie is dying and embarks on a walk and keeps going for 450 miles to see her - much to the despair of wife Maureen (Penelope Wilton). An uplifting tale of self-discovery, redemption and learning. Cert 12 A

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Friday 13th October
Film Night, Hoxne Village Hall

7:30pm £4.00 a ticket

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Church News

Autumn thoughts

Autumn is here, a complicated season which mixes things coming to fruition with new beginnings, melancholy with colour, sunshine and storms. In the church we celebrate *all* the angels at Michaelmas (29th September) and *all* the saints (All Saints Day is on 1st November - we will hold special services on Sunday 5th November), plus of course Hoxne's very own St Edmund (20th November). We look forward too this year to celebrating a post-harvest wedding at Syleham and some baptisms at Hoxne.

But this is also the time when we remember those we have lost (our annual service of Memorial and Thanksgiving will be at Hoxne on 4th November). We will of course be looking back at the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September last year which affected us all and dwelling on the memory of those close to us who have died. A week later we will remember all those who have died in war (Remembrance Sunday is 12th November this year). We are particularly conscious as I write this of the recent death of Jean Chapman*, who contributed so much to the life of the church and the wider community in Hoxne and our thoughts and prayers are with John in his loss.

Life and death, sorrow and rejoicing, form part of every person's experience. In this world made perfect by God but wounded by human error and greed we will never be completely happy. And yet when we are in pain and suffering we always have hope in God's power to save, made manifest in Jesus Christ. So we round off the autumn season in the church with the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 26th November, reminding us that He holds us all in the palm of his hand and will not let us go.

If you have something to celebrate, or to lament, our churches are always there for you. Just get in touch.

God bless.

Eleanor

*We hope to have an obituary for Jean Chapman in the next edition.

Church Services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield

Planned church services October to November 2023

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

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on
Zoom.

October

Sunday 1st October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion for
Harvest, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and
Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday 8th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield

9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne

10.00 am Harvest Festival, Syleham

Sunday 15th October Nineteenth 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 22nd October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

Sunday 29th October Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion,
Denham

4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

November

Saturday 4th November

4.00 pm Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving, Hoxne

Sunday 5th November All Saints' 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 ML + team

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance, Wingfield

10.45 am Remembrance Service, Hoxne

10.45 am Remembrance Service, Syleham

3.00 pm Remembrance Service, Denham

Sunday 19th November Second Sunday before Advent

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 26th November Christ the King

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

Thursday 30th November St Andrew

6.00 pm Special service, Wingfield

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
Priest in Charge, Hoxne Benefice
07876 143579
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com



St John's, Denham

There was a large family gathering for the interment of Monica Miller's ashes in her parent's grave (Henry Richard and Elsie Lillian Britton) close by the west door of the church. It was a sunny summer's day for the ceremony around the graveside with lots of space for children and dogs and lots of memories of growing up in Denham.

We are currently observing the public notice period for the faculty to instal overhead radiant heaters and a window in the porch to commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Hopefully this means the heaters will be up and running before the winter weather sets in.

The church has been busy during September with the Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride, the Plant and Produce Sale and Harvest Festival. The Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 12th November at 3,00 pm

Hilary Castleden
01379 668458

St Margaret's, Syleham

St Margaret's, as a parish church, is here for its community. We were delighted to welcome baby Elsie Steggles in baptism during August and we are looking forward to a wedding early in October.



The baptism of baby Elsie Steggles

In September, Messy Church invaded for a mini Harvest Festival with messy crafts! One of the things we made was this dear little harvest mouse.



We also value our link with the Village Hall, once the Church School, and the cooperation of the committee which runs it; we make good use of it for Messy Church and, at the time of writing, bookings were coming in well for our Harvest Supper to be held on 16th September in the Hall.

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Tuesday 3rd October 10am-11.30am

A Macmillan Coffee Morning in support of cancer sufferers and their carers will take the place of the usual Coffee & Cake at the Village Hall (see page 20). £400 was raised last year - can we do better?! Do come along but if you are unable to do so and would like to support, the link www.justgiving.com/cm23001663 will take you to my fund-raising page with an opportunity to donate (don't be put off by the name on the donation page).

Sunday 8th October at 10am

Harvest Festival at St Margaret's - the church is always delightfully decorated and all are most welcome as we give thanks to God for the harvest and for those who gather it in.

Sunday 12th November at 10.45am

Remembrance Service including the two minute silence, the reading of the names of the war dead of the parish and the placing of a wreath.

Churchyard - Our thanks to the people who have volunteered to help with conservation of the protected areas and by the time this appears the first cut may well have been made, with thanks to Sarah Buckley who is organising this. A comprehensive plan of the churchyard and its graves is 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 it is appreciated.

Contact for all above:

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

St Andrew's, Wingfield

Many thanks to all who supported the Wingfield Barns' Summer Fete and the church stalls on 6th August, by donating items, staffing the stalls or coming along to enjoy the offerings. The weather was not as warm as last year but it was a most enjoyable day (photos on p24/25).

And thanks also to all who took part in the Suffolk Historic Churches *Ride and Stride* on 9th September. The Trust is an important source of grants for historic churches like Wingfield, which as you know always need something attending to around the building!

The Book Club continues, reading an ever-widening range of books. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th October at 6.00 pm at the De La Pole Arms as usual. The book under discussion will be *Persuasion*, Jane Austen's last completed novel.



ST. ANDREW'S DAY

St Andrew's Day is Thursday 30th November and we will be celebrating with a special service at Wingfield church, followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to come along. And make a note in your diary now of the weekend of 2nd/3rd December: the Wingfield Barns Christmas Market will be taking place both days and at 4.00 pm on Sunday 3rd December Bishop Mike will be taking a service of confirmation at Wingfield church.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne

Following on from the last report from the Churchwardens, I am pleased to report that the new lavatory building is

complete and in use. A new resin path has been laid from the car park to the North door, making for much drier and cleaner feet when entering the church. The path has inset lights which will aid visitors on dark evenings. We hope the new facilities will encourage more people to attend fundraising events and evening services.

The facilities were in use for the Lammas service which was very well attended; we are pleased to report that some £1800 was raised for the Addington Fund.

The PCC has commissioned a tree safety report following the recent fall of a large bough across the footpath to the South door.

We are still having coffee mornings and book sales on the third Saturday of the month, all are welcome.

Deborah Harding
Secretary to the PCC

Little Lambs



Following the summer break, Little Lambs met again in September to share lunch. The weather was glorious and the children enjoyed water play, using the outside play equipment on the recreation ground, and enjoyed a story all about Dilly Duckling.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 3rd October between 12.30 and 2.30pm when the children will be making butterflies as the craft activity. All under 5s welcome with an adult. If you would like to bring a packed lunch, please do.

Our meeting on 7th November will include making Christmas tree decorations ready for the Christmas Tree Festival. In December, following the success of last year's Crib Service, we will be meeting in Hoxne Church. Full details in the next issue.

Contact for Little Lambs: Caroline
cabbott364@gmail.com
07837 698517

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 16th October is our day helping at the *I-Chameleon* shop in Halesworth.

Monday 20th November
St Edmund's Day meeting.

The North Suffolk Area annual *I-Chameleon* pop-up shop at Halesworth in the Thoroughfare will be from 12th to 18th October. We will be selling good quality china, gifts, kitchenware, books, preserves, Christmas cards and much more from 10 - 4pm each day (closed on Sunday).

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Cathie McGregor
Group Leader 01379 668434

Festival of Christmas Trees

At this time of the year as we move in to the autumn inevitably thoughts begin to turn towards the winter months and of course the festive season. Although Christmas is still some months away and we have not yet established a schedule, it is time to just remind everyone that we shall be holding the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church again this year.



Over the coming weeks we will be contacting all those who have kindly supported us in the past and as always we'll be very pleased to hear from any of the local organisations willing to support us again this Christmas.

A number of the "Christmas Tree Team" who have done so much to make the event a success in earlier years have either moved away from the village or are unable to help any longer, and so if there is anyone who would be prepared to help with the planning and set up of the display please do let me know.

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Book Club Review

The Vanishing Half, by Brit Bennett



Brit Bennett is a black American woman author, whose book is a family saga set in the 1940s and 1990s.

Identical twin sisters Desiree and Stella Vignes are light-skinned black sisters, raised in the town of Mallard, Louisiana. At the age of 16 the twins run away to New Orleans.

Stella disappears, and hides the fact that she is black so she can fit into a new life living as a white woman, marrying a wealthy white man. They have a daughter, Kennedy.

When a black family move into the road, the other residents make life difficult for them. Stella befriends the family, defying the locals.

The other twin, Desiree, leaves an abusive marriage and returns to Mallard with her daughter Jude, who is black skinned.

Jude goes to university in Los Angeles,

and falls in love with Reese, who is transitioning from male to female.

The book centres on issues of identity - cultural, racial and sexual. It looks at reasons the characters have for trying to change their identities, and the impact that has both on themselves and those around them - and what can happen when true identity is revealed.

Bennett explores these issues, and also looks at domestic violence and the justifications given for abuse.

Jan chose the book for us. It was well thought out, especially about issues of colour, and was an interesting read. We enjoyed discussing the ins and outs of the families - a real page-turner.

The Vanishing Half became a best seller in 2020. It was selected by The New York Times Review's *10 Best Books of 2020*. Barack Obama selected it as his favourite book of that year.

Our next book for discussion on will be Jane Austin's *Persuasion*. Wednesday 25th October, 6.00 pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield, if you would like to join us.

Gloria Bell



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Monthly Film Nights

We were pleased to return for our Autumn Season with *The Fabelmans*. Next film on **Friday 13 October** is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* (see page 9).
Friday 10 November is *Allelujah*
Friday 8 December *What's Love Got To Do With It*.

Bar opens from 7pm and during the interval. Films start at 7.30pm.

Please pre-book your tickets if possible on 01379 668060, as it helps us put out the right number of chairs.

The new Committee are hoping for a few more attendees at our Film Nights as numbers were low prior to the summer. We try hard to book films that will appeal, however the number of releases

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

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is reduced for the coming season. If you have suggestions for films, or other events that you would like to see in the Hall, please phone or email us - contact details below - or speak to a Committee member.

Regular Bookings

After the summer break we are pleased to welcome back the Village Voices Choir (Mondays), Badminton (Tuesdays), Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers (Wednesdays), Phoenix and Garden Club monthly. We also have a new Pilates class on Wednesdays 6-7pm, set up by Fit Villages Project. For more information Contact Emma on 07914 535448. Certainly the first session on 6 September proved very popular!

Events

Saturday 7 October is Quiz Night, in aid of Fressingfield Scouts (see poster above).

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!

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We would first like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the Coronation bucket collection for the



Waveney Foodbank - and apologise for not letting you know how much money we were able to send. A massive £692.43 was raised on the day which, with

funds raised from a Bingo evening, amounted to a cheque for a supreme £792.73 being sent to the Waveney

Foodbank! Thanks to Sam the Sports and Social Club Treasurer, for looking after the Coronation payments and expenses for the Coronation group. We have received a **Thank you** email from **Waveney Foodbank**.

We display all the thank you letters, emails and notes for a while on the notice board in the village hall. All the groups and charities are very grateful for the funds raised from our Bingo and Quiz evenings and other fantastic events!

Scrap Metal

Amazingly, funds for the village hall are raised through a **scrap metal collection** which runs **until Monday 9th October**. Bring all sorts of metal objects to the skip in the village hall car park, but **NO** fridges, freezers, televisions or gas bottles, please.

Drinks Bar

Our volunteer-manned bar is open each Tuesday and Friday, from 8pm or a little earlier when there's something planned on a Friday...

Open Mic

Open Mic continues on the first Friday of the month - Just come along! Thank you to all who came along for our August Open Mic when a huge crowd celebrated Roger's life and love of music!

Karaoke

Purplestar karaoke on the second Friday, remains popular - again just come along, free entry, raffle.

Quiz evenings

Our Quiz evenings are back on the third Friday, after a summer break - Friday 20th October we're raising funds for The Fressingfield Shed (*see page 38*) and Friday 17th November fund will go towards Nelson's Journey.

Come along at 7.30, ready for 8pm start. £5 entry per person, teams of 4 ideally, raffle, traditional Mars Bars for the team with the least points!

A colorful, hand-drawn logo featuring the words "Coffee", "Cakes", and "Cakes" in a playful, bubbly font. The text is surrounded by various food-related icons like a coffee cup, a flower, a cupcake, and a slice of cake, all connected by a decorative swirl.

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varied events in the next few months!

Oktoberfest

Come and join us for our very own Mini Oktoberfest from 6pm on Saturday 14th October - the promise is Bavarian-style foods with German and local brews. You'll just have to come along to find out what it's all about! Free entry, card or cash payment, free wifi - let's see how it goes! Will it be beer and sausage or is it more sophisticated than that? There's a pool table, so all will be well!

Craft Fair

There's quite a different event on **Saturday 4th November** when we host our first Craft Fair for many years, from 10 until 2. Expect the quirky, the gorgeous, the sparkly, the Wow! Come along to view the talents of local crafts people and perhaps find a special something, an early present for the

forthcoming season, something you've always wanted and are waiting to find! Free entry, raffle, refreshments.

Floristry Demonstration

Looking forward - we have booked an **Inspiring Floristry Demonstration** on **Thursday 7th December**. Our friend and neighbour, Lyn, is a professional florist, who is again going to show us her skills, making some beautiful Christmas decorative items which will be perfect in any room over the festive period AND they can all be won in the raffle held on the night! Tickets £10 to include light refreshments. Bar open. Please book by contacting Julie on 07929794636

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Bingo

Bingo, on the last Friday of the month, also raises funds for locally-nominated charities and good causes - although October's, on Friday 27th, will rather spookily be raising funds for the village hall itself. Bingo on 17th November will be in aid of Nelson's Journey, which supports children and young people who've experienced the death of a significant person.

Coffee & Open Morning

On **Saturday 21st October** from 10 to 11.30 there's a chance to have a look around the village hall, if you haven't popped in recently. There'll be a Coffee and Open morning, with tea and light refreshments.

Village Hall Repairs



Roof repairs in action

If you drove past the village hall at the beginning of September you will have seen scaffolding. The front part of the roof has had the slates removed, new felt and battens put in place, slates replaced, flashings renewed plus brickwork on the old school chimney has been repointed too -

and we have new gutters! We were pleased with the work of Tim Oakes and his team, and the scaffolding team - thank you. We have been pleased to receive a grant from Mid Suffolk District Council for 80% of the estimated cost of this roofing work.

Various repairs have been carried out in the last month or so - some a little overdue because of the covid interruption. Two windows have been replaced by Tristan, the outside of all the windows have been painted, the bar area has had the little niggly cracks refilled and the whole area painted a lovely mushroom colour - and the toilets and

entrance have had a coat of magnolia. We were pleased with the work of Aaron and family from Wingfield, thank you.

New Year's Eve Disco

AND - as promised - we will have a fantastic New Year's Eve Disco with *Big Ant's Disco* taking us into 2024! SWSSC members free, non-members £5.



J's Meadow - opposite Syleham and Wingfield village hall, IP21 5RF

We would really like anyone who can spare a few minutes between 10 and 12 on the second Thursday of each month to come and join us on J's Meadow to have a chat, do a little weeding, a little clipping, check the play and exercise equipment, see that the frisbees etc are in the basket ready to be used. We'd be grateful for some help to keep J's Meadow looking its best for all the friends and families who come to use it. Do join us - just come along! More info from Julie 07929 794636 juliethompson435@gmail.com. Thank you.

Bulb-planting

Come along on **Saturday 28th October** from 10, to help us at our bulb planting event. We'll add a few more bulbs to add to our red and white tulips, and beautiful blue grape hyacinths.



You'll be aware that the village hall is available for private hire, and we're pleased to host some birthday parties in the next few weeks, as well as the events that are open to all. Please contact Donna 01379 668361 / 07876 487294. Bar at reasonable prices, free wifi, well equipped kitchen, an all-round lovely place!

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Wingfield Summer Fête

With the Punch & Judy show, arts and craft stalls and games galore, the Wingfield summer fête was great fun.



Water ping-pong champion Oliver, age 11.



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Operations Team Anna and Anne, together with the Board of Wingfield Barns CIC, are thrilled to announce a grant award of £16,050 from The Royal Countryside Fund which will facilitate a project to bring a village shop back to Wingfield. This will be a community shop for everyday essentials and good quality local produce. We will also operate a cashless trading system where excess produce can be exchanged for shop credit, reducing food waste and encouraging community involvement.

We have already seen from our market research that there is a sense of excitement around the idea, and that people feel invigorated by the prospect of this project both for the volunteering opportunities it will create and through the improvement of health, wellbeing and the decrease in social isolation. We are intent upon the cashless trading idea promoting a greener economy, and will ensure that wastage is kept to an absolute minimum by any excess produce being used in-house, for both events and retail. We will support small rural businesses as suppliers for the shop, and in turn will invite them to attend monthly farmers' markets through which to further promote their businesses. We want residents to feel a real sense of ownership of the place, and empower the

resilience of our rural community.

Wingfield as a village has a great sense of community spirit. The community shop will ensure there is a place for this energy at all times, and will spread the enthusiasm further through new trading relationships and community support.

Wingfield Barns are proud to be furthering the good work of The Royal Countryside Fund, formerly known as The Prince's Countryside Fund, which was established in recognition of the unprecedented pace of social, economic and environmental change contributing to the countryside's steady decline, with rural incomes falling, a loss of local services and amenities, rising costs for farmers, increasing isolation and mental health issues.

**The shop is set to open in
early autumn.**

If you have any questions or would like to be considered as one of our suppliers, please get in touch via:
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Anna Fielding-O'Farrell
Operations Manager



Hoxne Heritage Group

hoxnehistory.org.uk

The Heritage Group continues to meet monthly and on September 26th presented a talk at Hoxne Village Hall by Steven Harmer, entitled *East Anglian Art and Antiques*. A shame if you missed this one - Steven is an excellent speaker with a wealth of knowledge in his field. This copy has to be published before the talk took place but from interest shown, I am sure it was well attended.

On **Tuesday 17th October** members meet at The Swan in Hoxne at 7.30pm for our regular bi-monthly members' meeting and interesting mini talk - 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. 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 at our web site: 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!

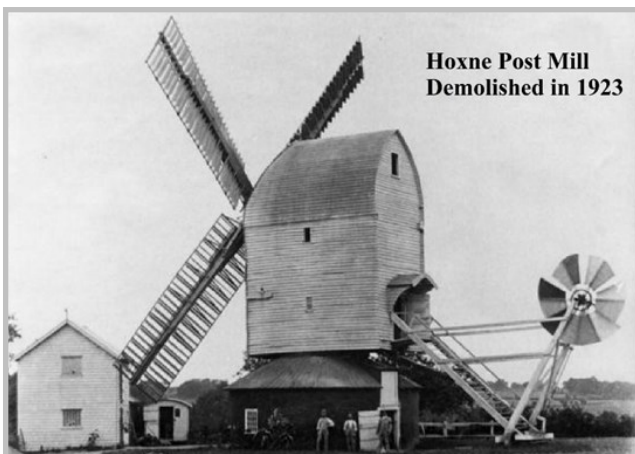
On **Tuesday 21st November** we are back at Hoxne Village

Hall for an interesting talk by Bob Paterson on the work of **Suffolk Mills Group**. All members of the public are welcome.

The Suffolk Mills Group aims to stimulate public awareness of mills, and to encourage their proper restoration and conservation. They carry out restoration and conservation work, record surviving mills, and co-ordinate technical, historical and social research. They also publish articles and other material on mills. The talk will encompass facts and interesting insights into Suffolk mills near and far.

As usual this talk will start at 7.30pm and will cost £5 at the door (£4 for members). The bar will be open from 7pm and all members of the public are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rob Hooker
Publicity Officer, hoxnehistory.org.uk



Hoxne has a watermill at Watermill Lane on the river Waveney and used to have a windmill (Chase's Mill), built in 1846. This was sadly demolished in 1923.

Hoxne Garden & Social Club

I can't believe it is September already. Misty mornings and cooler nights herald the onset of autumn. Whilst I enjoy the bountiful harvest from the garden and warm colours of the leaves, for me it is the downward slide into winter, not my favourite time of year.



The winners: Sue Howard, Bryn Lerwill, Deborah Pye and Rachel Herron, with Iris and Otto in front

The 2nd of September was the Village Flower and Produce Show. What a fantastic day, with a stunning display of flowers, vegetables, craft and photography. There were a total of 263 individual entries and the hall was packed with produce. Thank you to all the exhibitors and the visitors who came in the afternoon for tea and cake.



Iris grew this massive pumpkin



Our Summer Party was held on 17th August by kind invitation of Rachel and Angus Herron. We had a fabulous evening at the Thatched Barn, the weather was kind to us and members brought a wonderful array of food for the buffet. A lovely evening was had by all.



Our October meeting is on the 19th when Ian Bedford, a well-known entomologist, will be giving a talk about bugs in our gardens. November's meeting is on the 16th and Gabriel's Garden will be giving a Christmas wreath making demonstration. If you are not a member of the Garden Club and would like to come along please do.

I wished for rain in my last report for the Village Voice and my wish came true. I have had to do very little watering lately, however, it seems summer has arrived at last and it has been so hot today I think the watering cans will be out again.

Jeanette Lerwill
jeanette@lerwill.com

Hoxne Playing Field & Pavilion

Hoxne playing field pavilion bar is now open regularly on the first Friday evening of the month.

The next one will be on Friday 6th October with live music between 6 and 8pm from Hoxne's own guitarist and vocalist Bob Norman. The bar will be open from 4.30pm.



The following month, Friday 3rd November, will be a Halloween party night with music from the Valdez band, an upbeat pop and rock outfit.

The following night, 4th November, there will be a Guy Fawkes bonfire evening between 4pm and 9pm. The bar will be open and there will be a hot dog barbeque and baked potatoes. Hoxne pavilion and playing field are hosting the event on behalf of Denham Community Council, who are raising funds for their village hall (*see poster p5*).

By the time you read this we will have had our "gin and jazz" evening on Saturday 30th September. Other drinks available too of course, and canapes - an occasion for smart dress! Live music, with a jazz trio.

The Suffolk Supper Club event on 15th September was fully booked, as have been all the other supper night events held at the pavilion. The next one will be on Friday 17th November. If you would like to go along please contact the caterer direct, Gary on 07950 372672, to book your place or table with friends.

The WantEd!

The successful alliance between Hoxne pavilion and playing field and Ed's Plaice fish and chip van has attracted national publicity. It has been featured in a magazine for the fast food and fish and chip industry, *Chippie Chat*. The following is an extract from that article by Austen Dack:

"Recently I was invited over to Hoxne in Suffolk to see first-hand how a local village playing field and social club and a mobile chip van owner have teamed up to help each other out. Ed's Plaice is run by Ed Davies. Ed started Ed's Plaice in 2011 after completing a course at the National Federation of Chip Fryers in Leeds. He decided to do fish and chips as he thought it was a brilliant option to offer this staple British takeaway to his local villages.

"Ed previously parked at a local housing estate in the village and whilst busy there were massive benefits to moving to the playing fields. 'The obvious appeal is the amount of space we have. We can now serve many more people with plenty of room for everyone to park. Plus, the indoor space of the playing fields clubhouse is a real bonus too, so even when it is raining we have a queue'."

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Hoxne Bowls 'em over, & over, & over again

On the 10th August, Hoxne Bowls Club went to Stradbroke to play Shotford in the Cattee cup final. In a hard-fought game, and despite losing narrowly on three rinks, Hoxne won by 77 shots to 69. That's two years running we've won that trophy.

Three days later Hoxne were on the road again. This time to Melton to play in the Percy Dunnett Trophy final against Easton. Having lost last year's final by the narrowest of margins, Hoxne pulled out all the stops to record a convincing 3 rinks to 1 win. The Percy Dunnett Trophy involves clubs from Felixstowe to Hoxne and raises money for the Suffolk County Bowls Benevolent Fund, helping disadvantaged bowlers throughout Suffolk.

As if that wasn't enough excitement, a week later Hoxne travelled to Kenninghall Red Lion, needing a win to secure the Waveney League second

division title. With Kenninghall in second place it was always going to be a close match. Indeed, our home fixture resulted in a tie. With four ends to play, Hoxne trailed by ten shots but a late rally saw us tie the match again. However, as we won two of the three rinks, we'd done enough to win the league.

It has also been a great year for individuals of the club: Kristian Garnham and Errol Feavearyear represented Suffolk and Norfolk respectively in the Newton teams; Jules Blaxill, representing Eye, reached two national finals; and Alan Garnham and Roger Knight represented Area 'B' in the county Marie Denny competition.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon at the end of the season, the club held its final day. Kristian Garnham won both the 2 and 4 wood singles and partnered by new member, Fiona Graham, completed a clean sweep by winning the pairs.

Roger Knight, Secretary



The Percy Dunnett Trophy team

*Back row: Alan Garnham, Kevin Cook, Graham Turner
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Hoxne Phoenix Group

On the 23rd July, Joy Evit visited the Phoenix Group to talk about **Christian Dior**. Dior spent his early childhood on the coast of Normandy with his wealthy parents and four siblings, before the family moved to Paris. From an early age he had a sense of style. He worked for Lucien Lelong during WWII, while his sister Catherine worked with the French Resistance. The perfume *Miss Dior* is named after Catherine. After the war Dior worked for Marcel Boussac and founded *The House of Dior*. The models were chosen for their hourglass figures, emphasising Dior's style. He also designed hats and had a hat boutique at the fashion house. Dior's clothes were worn by Princess Margaret, Margot Fonteyn and Grace Kelly. He died at the age of 52.



On the 8th August we were joined by Jackie Carreira and Andy Deane of the **QuirkHouse Theatre Company**. Jackie is the daughter of Portuguese immigrants. She worked in newspaper advertising then toured the world playing bass guitar, before becoming a writer. Andy, the son of English and Drama teachers, became a poet and actor.

Jackie and Andy have helped relaunch the Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival. They have also co-written *Winter Tails*, a collection of animal fables from around the world, due out in September. We look forward to their return to Hoxne next year - perhaps with a show!

October brings us Mark Mitchels, an old friend. We are hoping he will give us a talk called *Suffolk: A Portrait*.

In November one of our own Phoenix members will be teaching us craft, or trying to in my case!

Jenny Looome
Jenny.loome@btinternet.com

Trip to ELY CATHEDRAL

for the CHRISTMAS GIFT AND FOOD FAIR

Friday 17th November

This is a real way to get into the Christmas mood! Hoxne Phoenix Group are running a coach from Hoxne village hall to Ely, leaving the hall at 9.15 am.

On arrival there will be time to wander round the (compact) City of Ely - the shops and buildings are always decorated to make Christmas come alive. We have time to stroll around all the individual shops and time for an early lunch, or wander along the river (unless of course it is pouring with rain!).

From 1.30 onwards we can go in and wander around the Cathedral looking at all the different types of crafts being sold by the makers. Our tickets are valid all afternoon so you can come and go, as long as you hang on to your ticket! Some more stalls will be found in the marquees outside.

By 4pm we will think about finding the coach for our journey home, by which time the town will have all its Christmas lights and decorations on.

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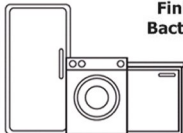


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This pilot course of 8 weekly 2-hour sessions being held in Hoxne Village Hall aims to address a range of concerns and issues reflecting a diverse set of technology-related challenges commonly encountered by individuals in today's digital age.

The course is aimed at those with a very basic knowledge of information technology and who feel they have been 'left behind', feeling vulnerable and lacking confidence to navigate today's digital landscape.

The 8-week structured course started on Wednesday, September 20th (10.30am - 12.30) but the format is designed also to address individuals' issues on a drop-in basis. (£4 per drop in) So it is not too late to join us.

An inaugural drop-in session was held on August 16th attended by 10 participants with an aim to establish the key issues

and challenges to structure and tailor the 8-week course effectively to address users' needs.



The diverse range of issues identified underscores the varying levels of digital literacy and evolving nature of technology. It also emphasises the importance of community support and education to empower our villagers to use IT systems and digital devices effectively.

We are fortunate to have the services of Andrew Hannon from Diss who works for a large archival company and has experience in helping people to understand IT systems, hold demonstrations and online meetings. He is interested in knowledge sharing within the community and will lead the sessions. Assistance will be available from Steve Card from the village.

If you feel your expertise, knowledge and confidence in using this technology is lacking then this course is for you. It is a safe, non-threatening and sociable environment in which to learn.

Margaret Sillis



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The Club was founded in 1983, so this is our 40th Anniversary Year!

We practice from September until May on Wednesday evenings at St Edmund's Hall in Hoxne, then venture outside to various pubs during the summer months.

Hoxon dance Cotswold dances, with hankies, bells and sticks. There are other types of traditional dances - Northwest from the mill towns which are danced wearing clogs, Border dances from the Welsh borders, Molly dances from the fens and even Rapper sword dances.

We recently danced at the Hoxne Swan and a member of the audience asked about the origins of Morris dancing. The answer is - nobody really knows, but it does go back hundreds of years! We do know that in 1600 Will Kemp, a performer in Shakespeare's plays, danced from London to Norwich in nine days and that Morris dancers were portrayed in a tapestry hung in Caistor castle in 1448.

I joined Hoxon Hundred in 1988 and since then we have danced at festivals and events all over the country and



Hoxon Hundred dancing with the Rumburgh Side at the Hoxne Swan

abroad - from Devon to the Yorkshire dales, the Welsh Borders to the Peak District, Guernsey, France, Germany and Holland.

Morris dancing is great exercise but you can participate at your own level. It is sociable, inexpensive and friendly, but most of all it is open to everyone and is REALLY GREAT FUN!

Why not come along and try our free taster sessions at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne from 7.30 to 10pm on Wednesday evenings, starting on 18th October until 20th December. ALL WELCOME.

Phone or text Jane on 07568468186 or Jenny on 07403637517 for more

information, or look up Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers on facebook.

Note:

A Hundred is the old name for an administrative area of roughly 100 acres. It continued until the 19th century. The spelling of Hoxon can be found on maps dated 1640 and earlier.

Jenny Tyrrell



The Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers



THE FRESSINGFIELD SHED

People from surrounding villages welcome !

What do you do with a lovely wooden building, nearly 100 years old, in the heart of Fressingfield which had become unused and unloved? The idea of creating a Shed was the inspiration of Roy Goodwin, the Chair of The Goodwin Hall Trust. In March this year, Roy called a meeting for anyone interested in the idea of creating a Shed. The meeting was so well attended that The Fressingfield Shed was born.

Since then, a registered charity has been set up with Paul Woodward as Chair, Ian Pettitt as Treasurer and Heather Futter as Secretary. The day-to-day running of the workshop is managed by Martin Swabey.



Roy Goodwin hands over the keys to Paul Woodward



At The Fressingfield Shed we are here for anyone (men and women) over the age of 18 in Fressingfield and the surrounding towns and villages.

Being lonely can impact anyone at any age. However, getting older is consistently recognised as a trigger for feelings of loneliness.

We are currently doing carpentry, model-making and gardening but we'll additionally take on any activity that the members would like. Some people just come along for a coffee and a chat.



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Hoxne Bell Ringers

We have been ringing throughout the summer at Oakley on Tuesday evenings, Redgrave on Thursday evenings and Palgrave on the first Wednesday of the month. Oakley and Redgrave are six bell towers but the Hoxne restoration will be an eight bell tower, so we go to Palgrave to get some eight bell practise once a month. We usually start at 7:30.



Dummy bell to demonstrate part of Hoxne Bells and Tower Proposal

Progress has been good, and several quarter peels have been rung. Congratulations to all those involved, particularly to Chris Davies for organising them and Betty Baines for being our conductor and 'calling' them. Our band has been strengthened by the very welcome addition of Paul and Catherine Harrison, who are experienced ringers and now resident in Hoxne.

There was a meeting of the conservation organisations concerned with Church alterations at Hoxne in July. The Diocesan committee that approves any changes to churches consults with these expert bodies before recommending approval for any alterations. The purpose of the meeting was to make sure there were no

objections to the general principles of our proposals before more expenditure is incurred in the design. The responses I have seen appear to be concerned with detail rather than the overall scheme but then the devil is always in the detail. The Diocesan committee sees no objection to the scheme, supports it and encourages further development of the design.

Anyone who is interested in bell ringing or in the restoration proposals at Hoxne is very welcome to contact me for further information.

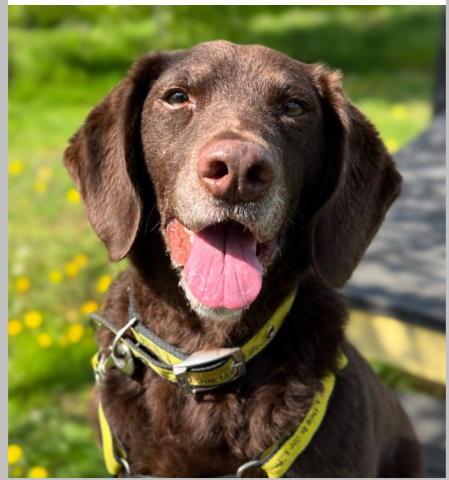
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New Reeding Woods, Denham

After a summer of mixed weather, the hay on the meadow has been cut but it was of mixed quality. The good hay has been taken away and the poor bales unstrung and piled up to provide another habitat in the corner of the woods. The recent rain has encouraged the grass to green up and the pond is looking healthy.

The mown meadow now provides a green space to enjoy being outside in a tranquil environment. We all benefit from time outdoors, quietly taking in the wind on us and moving the trees and grasses. As autumn draws upon us the leaves will change colour and the hawthorns brighten in the hedges. The ride provided a cool space even in the heat at the beginning of September.

Our next work will be to remove the old



The hay pile habitat

wire fence by the pond and replace a section by the gate. The owl box will be cleared, and we hope an owl may return.

If you are interested in joining us and getting hands-on experience of improving our local environment and enjoying outdoor activities, please contact our secretary Peny Conway on 07495 875299.



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We're currently rehearsing for our Christmas Concert in St John's Church, Harleston, on **Saturday 9 December**, when we'll be singing Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and Christmas music and carols including pieces by Saint-Saëns, Holst, Whitacre, Rutter, Berlioz and Drake.

Further information about this and all our activities is on our website: www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk



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.

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for the January Trust meeting

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Fressingfield Scouts

Our Explorer Section spent the first week of the school holiday with seven days in the Peak District camping and hiking. They covered many miles and explored most of the area in a mixture of driving rain, sunshine and very low cloud. They



Checking the map

broke their journey home with a visit to Alton Towers which was a welcome relaxation and greatly enjoyed by Explorers and Leaders alike.

During the same week Pioneer

Scout Troop spent five days camping at Winterton on Sea. They learned about map reading and practiced navigation skills with hikes on the Coastal Path and footpaths in the area. Camping skills were improved with everyone doing some food preparation and cooking and their



Explorers in the Peak District

share of washing up. A lot of relaxing was done on the beach with kite flying, paddling, sand tunnel building, beach cricket and searching for decorative stones. One whole day was spent at Pleasurewood Hills enjoying the rides and being together. On the last day it was rather wet at night and early morning, but the sun and a good breeze soon arrived, and the tents dried well. A final visit to the beach was enjoyed.

The day after Pioneer Troop returned, Wolves Cubs had a weekend camp at Two Mile Bottom Scout Campsite at Thetford. They filled the weekend with a nighttime walk, Laser Tag, raft building, climbing, cooking, hiking and generally having fun together.

Tigers Cubs had an overnight visit to *Jump* in Diss, playing on the trampolines and then sleeping there before another session and breakfast in the morning. They also planned a day out on the Waveney canoeing with Beccles Cubs, but this had to be postponed because of a yellow weather warning.

Over the summer break Leader Teams have been busy planning programmes for

the autumn term. The Explorers are finding out about how to achieve the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and the King's Scout Award and learning about car mechanics. Pioneer Troop have Middle of Nowhere camps in a wood a mile from the nearest road or tap, Wolves Cubs are spending time learning about First Aid and internet safety, Tiger Cubs will be trying backwoods cookery and Indian games. Both Ninja and Warrior Beavers are going to try making slime, learn how to tie simple knots and have a campfire. The Kenya team of Explorers will be visiting Sections, to show their video of the expedition and answer questions.



Building a pole shelter



Breakfast queue at Cub camp

We have also been busy on site with maintenance and improvements to facilities. We have built a store for our Pioneering poles, fitted an internal gate, strimmed round the new hedges, sorted our firewood pile, tidied and sorted kit, taken down some unsafe dead trees, stained the picnic benches, fenced the wildlife area and installed a "Charlotte's web" teamwork challenge.

Help needed for the Squirrel Team please!

1st Fressingfield have a significant waiting list for Squirrel Scouts. If you can give some of your valuable time to help the Squirrel Leader Team, we would love to hear from you. Help shape the next generation of little citizens while you have a huge amount of fun, learn new skills and help us extend Scouting to even more young people.

We are having a Fundraising Quiz in Hoxne Village Hall on Saturday 7th October (*see page 19*). There are posters around the village. 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 do let us know: www.fressingfieldscouts.com. You are also welcome to speak to any Leader for information about the 1st Fressingfield Scouts.



Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

Great news for Denham!

After four years of fundraising, through both local events and grant applications, we are delighted to confirm that we now have sufficient funding committed to fully renovate Denham Village Hall and get it back into community use. A substantial award of £150,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund will secure the Village Hall as an important asset for the village for many years to come and work will commence immediately.

We are hugely grateful to the lottery fund and to all those who have provided funding, as well as to everyone that has attended local fundraising events. A list of donors can be found on the Denham Community Council website where we will also be documenting renovation

progress. We look forward to welcoming you to events at the Hall in due course!

The next Parish Council meeting is on:

**28th November at 7:30 pm
at St John Baptist Church, Denham.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hoxne

Hoxne Parish Council now has six councillors serving the people of Hoxne. We have moved away from the abyss, when if there had been fewer than four council members then the work of the Council would have been taken over by Mid Suffolk District Council. However there are still five vacancies to fill, so if you feel you may be willing to represent the people of Hoxne then please contact the Parish Clerk. Contact details can be obtained from the Parish Council website. The Council Website also includes the minutes of past Council meetings and the details of forthcoming meetings.

In the last couple of months councillors have been concentrating on traffic management issues around the parish, including making recommendations for

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the decreasing of speed limits in most areas of the village, which would involve a legal traffic regulation order being submitted to the Highways Authority (Suffolk County Council).

Councillors Lerwill and Kruszewski have in addition been surveying Green Street, along with a traffic engineer from Suffolk County Council, with a view to identifying what possible measures might be considered to ensure the vehicles using the B1118 do so more safely. They have also washed the 30mph signs around the village and cut back vegetation where necessary to ensure that this speed limit can be more clearly seen by motorists. Thanks must go to them for undertaking this work.

In addition, the second part of a traffic survey measuring the amount and type of traffic using roads in and out of Hoxne has been completed, taking into account the ban on heavy lorries in Eye. Currently the results of this are being analysed.

The Council has ordered a new notice-board to be erected opposite the village shop for the use of village groups to advertise their up-and-coming events. It will not be for the use of commercial advertising. The Council is making a concerted effort to remove all fly-posting placed on telegraph poles or other structures such as the well at Nuttery Vale, which spoils the appearance of the village.

Mid Suffolk District Council is asking constituted voluntary groups to apply for grants of up to £10,000 which can be used towards improvements or repairs to

‘social infrastructure such as village halls, play areas, sports facilities or open spaces’. Applications for this current round had to be by 1st October, however it is likely there will be later pots of money being offered. More information on Community Grants can be obtained on the Mid Suffolk District Council website.

Chris Parkin, Chair



October outings:

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Thurs 26th - The Range and lunch at The Copper Beech - Fare £18.00

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November outings:

Mon 6th - Bressingham Garden Centre - Fare £8.00

Thurs 16th - Lunch at The Red Lion, Needham - Fare £8.00

Mon 20th - Thetford Town & Garden Centre - Fare £15.00

Mon 27th - Taverham Garden Centre - Fare £18.00

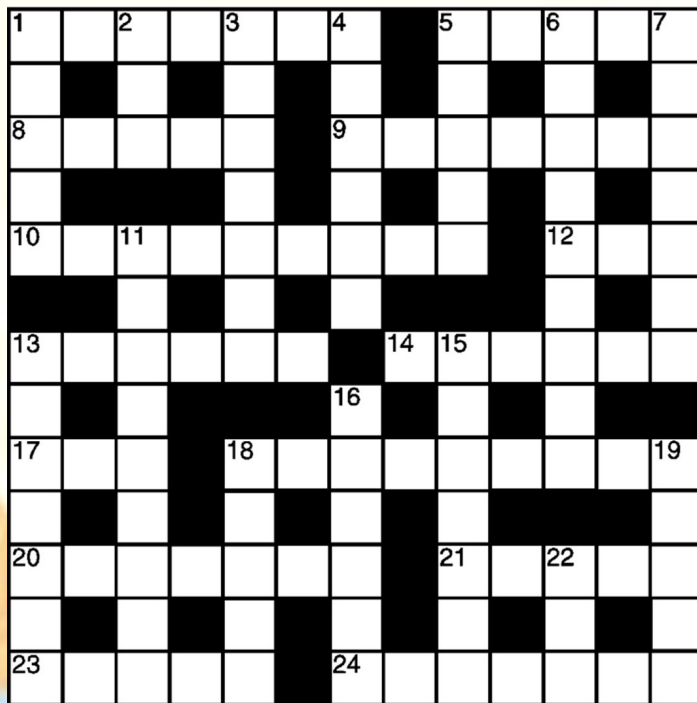
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Crossword Puzzle No. 155

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 **Wednesday, 8th November** at the latest.

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Across

1. Stability for the ship in verbal last words (7)
5. Complains about the train track (5)
8. Overwhelm in marshland (5)
9. Run coin for a fabulous creature (7)
10. Bare slime - how sad (9)
12. Do something about part of a play (3)
13. Ruins plunder (6)
14. More active than a bee (6)
17. Tavern sited in Pinner (3)
18. Snare poet with artificial language (9)
20. Super fumes concealed fragrance (7)
21. Estimate some brogues sizes (5)
23. Broken lute around 50 in silken mesh (5)
24. Conscientious and somewhat beautiful sounding (7)

Down

1. Broom hidden in tube somewhere (5)
2. Meadow found in pleasure area (3)
3. Pearl PA hid in clothing (7)
4. Digital aids for hitchhikers (6)
5. Elevate sunbeams I hear (5)
6. Quarantine said to be splendid (9)
7. US politician guilty of treason (7)
11. Red consul changed into a rascal (9)
13. Sent Pip for a bit of gossip (7)
15. Standing tall and principled (7)
16. Attach most of an addendum (6)
18. Dodge part of the prelude (5)
19. Transform a louse into a bird (5)
22. Little imp found in a selfie (3)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.154 was: **V S Shanker**

Answers - Across: 1. Wrecked 5. Elude 8. Opera 9. Launder 10. Entreat 11. Agree 12. Purser 14. Depart 17. Table 19. Example 22. Leaning 23. Acrid 24. Among 25. Resolve

Down: 1. Whole 2. Elector 3. Knave 4. Delete 5. Educate 6. Under 7. Earnest 12. Patella 13. Evening 15. Apparel 16. Ledger 18. Beano 20. Amass 21. Endue

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