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**Return of Hoxne's
Spring Plant Sale**

Saturday, 13th April
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on Low Street Green

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HVH	Hoxne Village Hall
SWH	Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall
WB	Wingfield Barns



Historical Re-enactment

To celebrate the 850th anniversary of the Surrender of Baron Bigod to King Henry the Second in 1174

Save the Date –

Saturday 27th July 2024

2pm to 5pm at The Cross, Syleham

*Medieval Procession, Play, Music, Food,
Drink and Costumes*

The Syleham Historical Society has been established to create a re-enactment of Bigod's surrender and a celebration of Syleham as an ancient Suffolk village.

We are looking forward to presenting an entertaining event to celebrate the most famous visitors to Syleham 850 years ago.

*We will also be holding an exhibition of village life in Syleham through the ages. If any residents have any family history, photos, or historical items that we can include please contact the organisers at:
lorraine@syleham.uk*

What's On

Wingfield Barns

Harleston Players present:

Dick Barton - Special Agent

Wednesday 24th April, 7:30pm

Tickets: £12



Written by Phil Wilmott and based on the 1940's BBC radio serial, Dick Barton faces new and hilarious stage adventures.

When Britain's entire tea supply is threatened with poisoning, he soon finds himself wrapped up in an adventure soaked with intrigue and mystery, all the while finding time to sing a few songs along the way - and of course, saves the day!

Open Space Theatre Co. present:

The Remains of the Day

Wednesday 15th May, 7:30pm

By Kazuo Ishiguro (adapted for the stage by Barney Norris)

Tickets £12.00



This beautifully structured play is based on Kazuo Ishiguro's Booker Prize winning novel.

Spanning the period from the 1920s to the 1950s it follows Stevens, a faithful butler, in a life of unquestioning loyalty to his English aristocrat employer. On this journey of self-discovery when the truth of his employer's manipulation by the Nazi party finally emerges, will Stevens come to regret a failure to share his life with the one woman who could have provided a meaningful relationship?

6 Apr/May

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Saturday 4th May (opens 2pm) to
Sunday 19th May (closes 1pm)

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Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Cert 12A

Barbie

Friday 12 April

7:30pm £4.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

Bar open from 7pm and during interval Cert 12A

Come dressed in pink

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Monthly Film Nights

February and March Films proved popular - *A Haunting In Venice* and *The Great Escaper*.

Friday 12 April sees Barbie visiting the hall. You are invited to dress in pink and come along for a fun evening! Bar will be open from 7pm and during the interval. Film starts at 7.30pm.

May, June and July films have yet to be decided so if you have any suggestions please let us know. Look out for details on posters, our website and on Community Facebook.

Quizzes

The quiz for Hoxne church took place in February. New quiz reader was Reverend Eleonor and a good time was had by all!

Dancing

Jitterbugs were at the hall in January for a 1940's & 1950's dance night and will be returning Saturday 18 May. Tickets only available on the door so no need to book. Doors and bar open at 8pm. Dancing until Midnight.

Scrap Metal

The skip was filled after day four so this was removed and another brought, which was also filled! Thank you to everyone who brought items as there will be a payment from Lee Smith the Scrapman to the hall for this. We will arrange another later in the year, making sure it won't clash with the skip at Syleham Village Hall.

Other events

In March a meeting concerning USAAF Flixton attracted many more enthusiasts than the organiser expected. This caused some congestion on the roads outside the hall, for which they apologised.

We also welcomed Waveney Craft Collective, and provided the base for the Annual Cleanup Sunday with refreshments afterwards.

The meetings about the Village Shop and Post Office continue to be held at the hall and several more are planned for the coming months as the project gathers pace.

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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The Lancaster LM 464 E

By the time you're all reading this, the date for our event to mark the 80th anniversary of the loss of the crew of Lancaster LM 464 will have passed. Family history research by Mel Murray has



Roger Vernon

meant that three relatives of the airmen have been able to come along to the event and join with us to dedicate a plaque in memory of their



Robert H Bryan

family member. The great nephew and the great niece of Robert Harry Bryan had travelled from the US and Scotland respectively, while a nephew of one of the other airmen, Roger Vernon, named after the uncle he never met, travelled from Sheffield. The plaque is placed on the outside wall of the village hall, near to the entrance door, so that visitors wishing to find information from it can do so even when the village hall is closed. A smaller plaque is situated down the footpath near Fir Tree Farm in Syleham, nearer to where the crash occurred.



The Station 366 singers

After the stillness of the dedication we were entertained by the fabulous singing of *Station 366*, and tea and cake. Thank you to all those who helped with our efforts to raise funds for the lasting memorial to the eight crew members lost on their return journey to Lynford Magna in Lincolnshire in March 1944, and supported fundraising for RAFA.

The Sports and Social club continues to open from 8pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. There's always free wifi, books, board games, pool and darts.

Warm Welcome

Tuesday 8pm to 10pm is part of the Warm Welcome initiative - hot drinks, biscuits and a place to socialise are available free of charge. This is possible via a small Mid Suffolk District Council grant which helps with heating costs, and also allows us to run our Coffee and Cake on first Tuesday, 10-11.30am, in association with Syleham church, and Coffee, Craft, Chat on last Thursday, 1.30-3pm, to also be free of charge.

Open Mic

Friday 5th April and Friday 3rd May, audience and participants welcome. We have built up quite a gathering for the last couple of Open Mic sessions, which happen on the first Friday of each month. A brilliant way to enjoy free local entertainment - well, you might want to buy a reasonably priced drink!

Syleham & Wingfield Sports and Social Club presents:



in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance

Saturday 27th April

10 'til 12

Refreshments available

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Contact Donna 07876487294 to book your table

Purple Star Karaoke

Friday 12th April and Friday 10th May, *Purple Star Karaoke*, free entry. Come and join the great bunch. Raffle.

Quizzes

Friday 19th April - quiz evening in aid of *Fressingfield Shed*.

Friday 24th May - Quiz evening in aid of Wingfield church. PLEASE NOTE a change from the usual 3rd Friday!

Always MARS bars for the team with the lowest score! Ideally teams of 4, £5 per person, bring your own snacks or buy chocolate or crisps from the bar. Winning team receives £20 - entry fee returned - but many of our generous winners then donate their £20 back to whatever cause we're raising money for! Thank you!

Bingo

Friday 26th April, in aid of Stroke Association, while Friday 31st May and Friday 28th June we will raise funds for *PINK Ladies tractor run/Breast Cancer*. Be ready to start just after 8pm, bar open, bring snacks or buy chocolate or crisps from the bar.

Table Top Sale

On Saturday 27th April we have a Table Top Sale which will run from 10 to 12, please contact Donna to book a table 07876487294. All funds raised from this event will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Thank you to those of you that have been supporting our monthly Quiz evenings (usually the third Friday of the month) and our Bingo evenings (on the last Friday of the month). We have been



able to hand over a cheque for £398.66 to Linda, a representative for *Nelson's Journey*, the charity who care for and support children and young people who have experienced the death of a significant person; £258 to *Friends of Harford Manor school*; £247 to *Eye Opportunity Group*; £278 to *Hoxne PTA* - all since last November. As well as this, £215 was raised for the *Waveney Foodbank*, from a raffle and PIE auction at the Burns Night supper evening! Don't ask!

Annual General Meeting

The Syleham and Wingfield village hall management committee will hold their AGM on Wednesday 22nd May - all welcome, 7.30 at the village hall. Come and find out our challenges and triumphs over the last year, and tell us your suggestions.

Julie Thompson
Text 07929 794636
juliethompson435@gmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 24th May
Syleham & Wingfield
Village Hall

7.30 for 8pm start

Teams of 4
£5 per person

In aid of
St Andrew's Church,
Wingfield

Buy crisps and chocolate from the bar or bring your own snacks. Obviously there will be traditional Mars Bars for the lowest scoring team!

To book call John 07908 222428 or text Julie 07929 794636 or come along on the night!



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more information in the
June/July issue of the
Village Voice Magazine**



Church News

Alleluia is our song

'Alleluia' comes from Hebrew and means Praise the Lord. It is often used in Christian worship, but particularly in the Easter season. Easter Day was celebrated this year on 31st March but the celebrations don't end there: the Easter season continues for six weeks, right up to Ascension in the middle of May. This is the most joyful time of the church's year, as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the promise that we too can look forward to eternal life through the sacrifice which he made.

And the rejoicing is not just for the Easter season. St Augustine of Hippo wrote 'We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song'. In a sense, we live in a permanent Easter, always joyful, always aiming to live as people who are redeemed and made citizens of God's kingdom of peace and justice. Every Sunday is an Easter celebration. As we look around the world, we may feel that peace and justice are in short supply just now, but God is faithful. The Holy Spirit who came to Jesus's disciples at Pentecost (19th May this year) is at work and our salvation is near.

Sometimes living as citizens of God's kingdom involves practical stuff and this is the time of year when our churches hold their Annual Meetings. Every resident has a right to attend to vote for churchwardens and hear about the work of the church over the last year, as well as plans for the future. So do come along on the following dates:

Denham: 12.00 noon Sunday 21st April

Hoxne: 6.00 pm Saturday 27th April

Syleham: 11.00 Sunday 19th May

Wingfield: 2.00 pm Saturday 11th May

Rev'd *Eleanor Goodison*
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Tel: 07876 14357



World Day of Prayer

About 30 people from a number of churches gathered in Hoxne Church on Friday 1st March, to participate in the international World Day of Prayer service.

These annual services are put together by Christian women from different countries across the world and are always moving - but this year was particularly poignant as the service had been compiled by the women of Palestine and its theme was "I beg you, bear with one another in love".

As we joined with people in over 146 countries and islands to pray with and for the people of Palestine, we heard the stories of women of three different generations, symbolised as the trunk, branches and leaves of an olive tree, who had worked for peace and reconciliation; and, remembering the devastation occurring this year, we joined with them in praying that "every heart might be filled with peace."



Church Services

*Denham, Hoxne,
Syleham & Wingfield*

Planned church services in April/May

Every Saturday and Sunday: CW Morning Prayer at 8.00 am on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on Zoom

April

Sunday 7th April
Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

NB: no Messy Church this Sunday

Sunday 14th April
Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield
9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 21st April
Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
10.00 am Village Service, Syleham
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham
6.00 pm Choral Evensong, Wingfield with *Sine Nomine* choir

Sunday 28th April
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

May

Sunday 5th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield
4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Thursday 9th May
Ascension Day

7.00 pm Deanery Ascension Day service at Gistingham

Sunday 12th May
Sunday after Ascension Day

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield
9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 19th May
Pentecost

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 May
Trinity Sunday

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

St Margaret's, Syleham

Soup & Snowdrops at St Margaret's

We just managed to catch the last of the flowers for this snowdrop themed event. There was a merry buzz of conversation over home-made soups and

at tables where grown-ups tried their hands at some simple creative crafts: artistic genes were released!

Donations were generous and we were able to bank £250 as a result, so warm thanks to all who came along or helped in any way.



Save the date! Saturday 29th June

We shall be holding a mini-fête/fun afternoon on J's Meadow from 2pm, with children's games and races, craft activities, some stalls and, of course, refreshments. Offers of stalls welcome - and other ideas may yet emerge!

Syleham Day Saturday 27th July

An event to mark the 850th anniversary of Earl Bigod's submission to Henry II at Syleham Cross (see poster p5). We shall look forward to the church being involved as appropriate.

Churchyard

The conservation cut finally happened, with thanks to Sarah Buckley and Julie Nicholas - and the promised churchyard plan should soon be available.

Coffee & Cake

Coffee & Cake will continue at the village hall on 2nd April and 7th May from 10am - 11.30am. Free coffee/tea and home-made cake with table service and

plenty of lively chat. There is always a quiet table if preferred and prayer cards and doodling facilities are also available.

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.

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St Andrew's, Wingfield

The Jubilate singers came to sing Choral Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer on 18th February and we enjoyed a most uplifting evening. Now we are looking forward to welcoming the *Sine Nomine* choir for another Choral Evensong at 6.00 pm on 21st April. Do come along and stay for some refreshments afterwards.

We hope to move forward shortly with further work to conserve our historic tombs, thanks to a grant from the Benefact Trust which takes us nearer the total funds required. We still need to raise more money for this important work

however, as well as other regular maintenance. So please support our fundraising coffee morning at the church from 10.30 to 12.30 on Saturday 13th April. There'll be good company and delicious bakes!

We are also very grateful to Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club for once again promoting a Quiz Night in support of the church. 7.30 for 8.00 pm on Friday 24th May.

The Book Club did not manage to meet in February (maybe Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday engagements got in the way!). So our discussion of *Lydia* by Paula Gooder was postponed to March. Dates and books for April and May are still to be confirmed as we go to press, but do get in touch if you would like to join in.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

St John's, Denham

Exciting news for Denham church - it should be getting new electric heaters installed over the next few weeks. These will not only be more effective, but also much more efficient and environmentally friendly. A huge thank you to Hilary for all her work getting this organised.

There will also be a new window fitted in the porch of the church. This will commemorate the life of the Queen and has been funded by the Suffolk Churches Trust. This has been designed and approved and is now being made.

The church is in need of funding to help continue improvements into the future. There is an event being planned, so watch this space for more details!

Helen Joslin

St Peter & St Paul's, Hoxne

It is that time of year again, not only Spring but the time of the annual meetings of all sorts of organisations, local and national, and that includes the Annual Parochial Church meeting here in Hoxne. There is a notice displayed in the south porch of the church but some of us



Please come and join us on
Saturday 13th April 10:30AM - 12:30PM
St Andrew's Church, Wingfield, IP21 5RA
Coffee, tea, scrummy cakes and bakes plus raffle.
Raising funds for the church.

only read notices if we have the time, so I am taking this opportunity to inform you of the date and time.

The APCM will be on **Saturday 27th April** at 6pm in the church, please come along and find out what the PCC have been doing for your church.

In the meantime, rest assured that the PCC has been trying to move forward with projects. The tower project will need proper lighting and in order to do that we were asked for an Electricity Safety Inspection. I am pleased to report that the electrical installation was judged to be adequate.

The PCC commissioned a Tree Safety Inspection at the end of last year. The results show a fair amount of work to be done, although this does include removal of dead trees, coppicing and the building of habitat piles for bugs. At the time of writing this looks like a project that will be completed over three years; some of the urgent work will be done in the next six months and the rest over time. We have been assured that there are no immediate safety issues.

Hoxne Church is holding its summer event at the church this year. With the new toilets and the kitchen, it is an ideal opportunity to use the facilities for the benefit of the community. On the afternoon of **Saturday, 8th June** the church will be holding an open event for the village which will include a strawberry cream tea, BBQ, Pimms stall, treasure hunt, games and stalls, flower and art displays and possibly tower tours. Please put the date in your diaries and full details will be in the next issue.

Anyone who has been to the church in the past few months will have noticed that the area to the rear of the new lavatory building is in a bit of a mess. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the area will be improved - a volunteer working party will have hoed, cleared unwanted weeds, raked and sown new grass and wildflower seeds.

Dates for the next coffee mornings are 20th April and 18th May. We are still looking for volunteers to help serve. Please contact me if you are interested.

Deborah Harding
01379 668190

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 15th April - NO MEETING
Monday 20th May - Meeting at Time House

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Cathie McGregor
Group Leader 01379 668434

Little Lambs



Little Lambs have had two lively meetings in January and February, when as usual cars were the focus of the session for Harry and Samuel. As you can see from the photograph, Harry

was very proud with his beautifully laid out car park! Bea is always meticulous with her craft and she created some beautiful Playdoh sculptures. The children joined in story time and sang their favourite nursery rhymes. The mums and grandmas were able to enjoy a well-earned cup of tea or coffee and entered into some lively discussion. A great time was had by all. As it is the school holidays there will be no meeting in April.

Little Lambs will be meeting at the pavilion, Hoxne playing field, on **Tuesday 7th May** and **Tuesday 4th June**, between 12.30 and 2.30pm. All under 5s welcome with an adult. If you would like to, bring a packed lunch.



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The Post Office project reaches a critical stage!

Hello everyone. We are rapidly getting to the business end of this project with literally hundreds of hours of work behind us. As you read this article we will have reached a significant stage - our pledge campaign.

Alongside preparing a bid for the government's Community Ownership Fund and researching other sources of funding available (both locally and nationally) we need to understand how much the community is prepared to invest to save its Post Office and shop.

When we surveyed the community back in March 2023 over 60% of respondents said they would consider investing - a staggering amount given we hadn't yet published any details of what a share offer would entail or what our plans for the shop and post office were.

We now have an advanced plan which will be summarised on our website and also in printed form for everyone to see. We are asking you to pledge now how much you will be willing to invest in shares. It isn't a binding pledge, but we ask you to be realistic and genuine. We will take the total that is pledged and work that into the final plan that will go to the government.

How much a community is willing to financially contribute to a project like this is seen by the government and other funders as the ultimate gauge of support, so it is absolutely critical we raise as much as we can.

I won't replicate the details here, but please visit:

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Email: pledges@hoxnecommunity.shop

or you can leave your contact details at the post office and we can give you a call.

Thanks as always for your support, it's great to be part of a community that can pull together and achieve something so worthwhile.

Mike (Barton)



There is a Pledge Form accompanying this Village Voice. No money is required at present, just a commitment to the amount you would like to invest. Residents of local villages, as well as friends and relatives, are all invited to participate.

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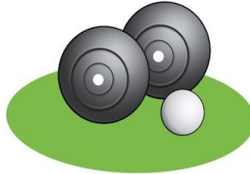
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Busy Year for Hoxne Bowls

After promotion to the first division of the Upper Waveney League last year, Hoxne expect some challenging games in 2024.

As well as a full programme of league and cup games, plus individual county and league competitions, the club is honoured that Alan Garnham will be President of the Upper Waveney League.

On Alan's behalf, the club will be hosting a '*President's Day Tournament*' on Sunday 28th July.

New this year: social bowling on a Wednesday evening. This is an opportunity to spend an hour or two of gentle exercise and friendly sport in the fresh air with friends or making new ones. Experienced bowlers are also welcome.

Roger Knight, Secretary
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Hoxne's Big Community Day

MAYFEST

Sunday, 5th May

- 11.45 *Back Porch*
- 12.00 *Classic car convoy arrival*
- 1.30 *JS & the Lockerbillies*
- 3.30 *Cosmo Foolhardy Circus*
- 4.30 *Silhouettes*

Three top-class bands of different musical styles have been confirmed for *Mayfest* on Sunday 5th May at the Hoxne playing field and pavilion, from late morning until early evening.

Starting off proceedings will be *Back Porch*, an acoustic blues group, who have played at festivals all over the country and in Europe.

Back by popular demand, after their much applauded performance at the Coronation Day celebrations in Hoxne last year, will be *Josh and the Lockerbillies* rock and roll band.

The musical entertainment will be rounded off by the UK's best *Shadows* tribute band, the *Silhouettes*, who also feature songs by Cliff Richard. Stephen Foster of BBC Radio Suffolk and Radio Caroline had this to say about the group: "Featuring four of the country's leading musicians, the *Silhouettes* have spent much of their time working on both the visual and



JS & the Lockerbillies

audio aspects of one of the most influential pop groups of all time. *The Shadows* were held in high esteem by fellow musicians and millions of fans worldwide, and the *Silhouettes* have been sure to get it right."

An innovation this year will be the installation of an outdoor timber dance floor to accommodate the swing and jive dancers.

Apart from the music there will be children's entertainment, with *Cosmo* from the *Foolhardy Circus* and his assistant.



There will also be scores of classic and vintage cars and other vehicles on display. Many will meet first in Low Street near the Swan public house for a short drive through the countryside before arriving in convoy around mid-day.

The 1st Fressingfield Scouts are manning an all-day barbeque and the pavilion bar and café will also be open all day.

To broaden the scope of *Mayfest*, the pavilion and playing field committee are inviting all village organisations to take part. This would be in the form of having an opportunity for a stall, a table or gazebo to publicise their organisation to attract new members or to sell items. Invitations have gone out to the Garden Club, Heritage Group, Phoenix Group, Little Lambs, St Peter & St Paul church, the primary school and Hoxne School Association, the Reeding Woods group, and the community group planning to purchase the shop and post office. If there is any other organisation or local business that would like to become involved, please email the playing field and pavilion social club chairman at:
stuartjarroldassociates@gmail.com

Mayfest is a free event with no admission charge, organised for the benefit of



local residents and only possible as a result of generous grants from Hoxne Parish Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council.

Organiser Stuart Jarrold said: “As with our Coronation celebration last year, and the annual Harvest Breakfast on the village green, this is an opportunity to bring people together, help foster a community spirit, engage with others and support a village amenity - the pavilion and playing field.”

Mayfest will go ahead whatever the weather, and everyone is encouraged to bring a fold-up chair or blanket and a brolly too in case of showers. There are signs at both the footpath and road entrances making it clear dogs are not allowed and the pavilion and playing field committee emphasise that pet dogs will need to be left at home.

Stuart Jarrold

Hoxne pavilion and playing field will be holding their annual general meeting on Thursday, 18th April at 7.30pm.

The public are invited to attend and the committee will be keen to hear any suggestions for activities or events to utilise the facilities.

Volunteers to help at events will always be welcomed, including bar staff. Contact details can be left with the committee at the AGM.

Hoxne Heritage Group

hoxnehistory.org.uk

The Heritage Group continues to meet monthly. On March 19th we presented a talk at Hoxne village hall by Tony Sillis, titled “*Little Devils - How microbes have shaped human history.*” This copy had to be in before the talk took place but from the interest shown and Tony’s skilful and interesting talks, I am sure it was well attended and much appreciated.

Lavenham Guild Hall



On **Tuesday 16th of April** members will meet at The Swan in Hoxne at 7.30pm to chat, discuss the group’s news, business and plans. The general public are welcome to sample a trial members’

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meeting or two without joining the group. We hope to see many of you there, and will welcome your thoughts and ideas for the coming year.

To learn more and possibly become a member of the Hoxne Heritage Group, please visit our website at: www.hoxnehistory.org.uk where you will find details of joining and a host of useful and interesting facts, information and photographs - you will learn much more of the fascinating history of Hoxne and surrounding villages. The cost of joining HHG is very modest at just £10 per year. The meetings at The Swan are now free of charge to our members!

Boom and Bust in Medieval Lavenham

On the **21st of May** all members of the public are invited to Hoxne village hall again for a talk titled “*Boom and Bust in Medieval Lavenham*” which will be given by Jane Gosling. As an excellent speaker and a former manager of Lavenham Guild Hall for the National Trust, Jane is very knowledgeable and will tell the story of how a thriving cloth industry ensured Lavenham was once one of the wealthiest towns in medieval England.

As usual this talk will start at 7.30pm and will cost £5 at the door (NB Following our AGM of 20th February the cost of admission for members of HHG has been reduced to just £3). 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
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Hoxne
Garden & Social Club



Talks & Events 2024 – 2025

- 18th Apr 2024 Garden Photography – Lucy Kayne
- 16th May 2024 Cybercrime – Chris Bales
- 20th Jun 2024 Companion Planting – Dr Ian Bedford
- 18th Jul 2024 Summer Party (*venue tbc*)
- 7th Sep 2024 Flower, Craft and Produce Show
- 19th Sep 2024 Salvias – Luci Skinner
- 17th Oct 2024 The Wild Waveney - Ben Potterton
- 21st Nov 2024 All About Owls - Susan Jones
- 12th Dec 2024 Christmas Party
- 16th Jan 2025 Honey Bee Mine – Stacy Cronly-Dillon
- 20th Feb 2025 Closer to nature; a wilder garden - Jim Paine
- 20th Mar 2025 AGM with Cheese and Wine

The snowdrops, which I feel are the heralds of Spring, have faded and the daffodils are blooming along with pulmonaria and the wild cherry blossom. I am trying to convince myself that Spring is on the way but it's still very wet underfoot and not quite fit for 'proper' gardening - for me that means tramping around the lawn with the wheelbarrow mulching the borders. I know the ground will dry out at some point and I just need to be patient.

The Garden Club continues to flourish, with some very well-attended talks. In January Jim Paine spoke about Gardening in the shade, then in February, Ian Limmer, from Peter Beales Roses, gave a very informative talk on roses.

We have a full schedule of talks arranged for 2024, with a varied range of topics from Cybercrime, Garden photography and wildlife talks on Owls, Bees and the Wild Waveney. Our AGM is on 21st March and our next talk will be on 18th April when Lucy Kayne will be giving a talk about Garden Photography.

Our talks take place in Hoxne village hall at 7.30pm.

Jeanette Lerwill
jeanette@lerwill.com

Hoxne Bells & Tower Project

We are continuing to press ahead with the project which will have bells pealing once more from Hoxne church tower. The architect has revised the plans in the light of the comments which the national heritage bodies made, and is reconsulting them to confirm that their views have been taken into account. This is an important step in obtaining approval to commence the work.

Gong Bath

We are organising a *Gong Bath* on the afternoon of **Saturday, 18th May** in aid of the project. This will be a chance to relax to the sound of gongs in a garden. Please keep the date free and look out for further details closer to the time.

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Hoxne Phoenix Group

Our year kicked off superbly with a visit from Adrian Tindall, Chairman of Bury St Edmunds Tour Guides. We were all mesmerised with a wonderful local history lesson starting in 869 when a great Viking army landed in East Anglia until the current day, with the town exhibiting a plethora of different building styles. So enamoured were we that we hope to join Adrian again in early summer for a group walking tour.

Our AGM was held in February and the Committee announced another successful year. Our Chair, Viv Bradford, did a wonderful presentation detailing to us 'newbies' how and when the Hoxne Phoenix Group came about. It was lovely to read the newspaper articles from the time and not just the local papers but nationals too! In January we celebrated with cake and a glass of wine, our 16th year - a great achievement!

On Tuesday, 12th March we will welcome Linda Scoles to our monthly

meeting. Linda will delight us with a series of very amusing stories about how she and her family settled in Britain after her husband was stationed in Lakenheath in 1971. Linda was not quite as well prepared for the experience as she thought!

On Tuesday, 9th April Kate Osborne will be our guest speaker. Kate will provide inspiration for beachcombing along our beautiful Suffolk coastline. What happens when you slow down and really take a look at the beach?



Why not join us? We are a very friendly ladies' group from Hoxne and the surrounding villages, that meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the lounge of Hoxne village hall. We also meet monthly for a local walk and again for a coffee and chat. New members and guests always welcome.

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Since January we've been rehearsing *Saint-Saëns Requiem* and *Dvořák Mass in D Major* for our Summer Concert on 29 June 2024.

It's never too late to join us, there are no auditions, and music is provided free. Practices are on a Monday evening 7.30-9.30 pm and parking is available in The Original Factory Shop (TOFS), almost opposite the church.

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Harleston & District U3A

Our monthly talk, on Wednesday 17 April at 2.00 pm in St John's Church, Harleston IP20 9AZ will be

given by Tania Harrison, on *The Arnolfini Portrait and Other Marriages in Art*. Tania describes herself as a 'not too academic art historian!' and she will show how marriage has been represented in art over the centuries, including the use of symbols and hidden meanings in the paintings.



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The Radio museum has continued to open during the winter on the last Sunday of the month. Word is now getting around about our collection of vintage radios and other audio equipment, since visitor numbers are starting to increase, in spite of the awful weather we have had. Our exhibition highlighting crystal radios has now finished. Instead we are assembling a small exhibition on Bakelite, one of the world's first plastics and how it was used to create some very iconic radios that still have a great following today among enthusiasts.

On Easter Sunday we will be open as normal for visitors to the radio museum. On Easter Monday we are having an open day when some of our archives will be on display, along with a barbecue and refreshments. All are welcome.

Burgh Castle

Our next talk on Wednesday evening **17th April** will be given by Gordon Lascelles on Burgh Castle. It is one of the best preserved Roman ruins in the UK and certainly worth a visit. Entrance to these talks is £5 but if you want to become a member of Waveney Heritage Centre then it is only £4.

The Waveney Valley Home Guard

On **Wednesday 8th May** Gary Alderton will be giving a talk on the Home Guard and the ARP in the Waveney Valley. He

has a large collection of WW2 memorabilia which he will bring along to illustrate his talk. All our talks start at 7.30 pm in the main hall at the centre.

Walk on the wild Dickleburgh Moor

On **Wednesday 22nd of May** a walk around Dickleburgh Moor has been organised, led by Ben Potterton. He will discuss the wildlife there, Bronze Age discoveries, and the project with University College London on mapping the origins and development of the lake that was there.

We are still on the look-out for volunteers; in the museum we aim to get all of our radios working. We therefore need budding and enthusiastic volunteers who might want to try repairing them. Guidance will be given. In the Centre we need help in collating our archives to make them available for researchers on local history and in supporting our talks. We can be contacted via our websites, www.waveneyheritage.com www.waveneywireless.org

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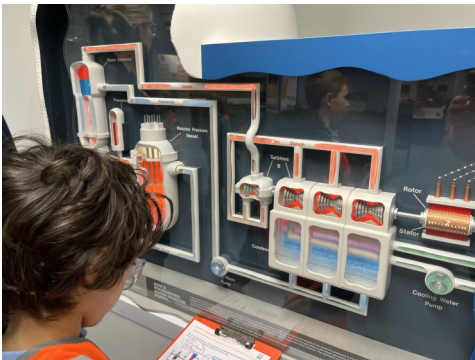
St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery

Our school has been really busy this term with lots of events taking place!!

We held a sporty day to raise money for *Little Lifts*, who provide gift packages for people who have cancer. We all donated money to wear non-school uniform and participated in a whole school fitness session - it was great fun for a great cause!



Children's Mental Health week was a big event in the school as each class set wellbeing activities every morning. The children took time out of their busy day to think about their mental health and how they can create positivity in their thoughts. Key stage 2 pupils also met with an author who has written books focused on mental health and wellbeing - they asked some very probing questions.



Village Voice

The Hoxne Parent and Teacher Association held a Bingo session with Mr Lea (our Head-teacher). The pavilion was packed full and there was fierce competition in the nine games of bingo! Thanks to all those who attended!



Our Key Stage 2 pupils have taken their learning out of the classroom as they visited Sizewell. They were able to find out more and participate in a range of activities. As well as this visit, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a memorable Victorian School day experience at Great Cressingham. They had to take a themed lunch in a paper bag and they were treated as if they were pupils of the time - they all dressed in some superb costumes!

The staff have been very busy working collaboratively to help re-design our school library. Curtains have been made, all of the books audited and more seating and storage purchased! It is a really important place to develop the pupils' love for reading! A key area we are trying to improve in our school!

We have also launched our Diversity Library with books dedicated to broaden the knowledge and understanding of pupils of the wider world!

And finally, as a school, we are hoping to expand our Early Years provision Nursery provision for 2 year olds. As part of this we are seeking the views and opinions of parents. Please use the QR code to access the survey. We look forward to receiving your thoughts on this!



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Fressingfield Scouts

On the Scouting front younger Sections are limited by the weather and dark evenings at the moment. However one cold, but moonlit, Friday evening our oldest members - Explorers - were dropped off for a "Dump Hike". They worked out where they were and made their way back to the HQ in good time. Earlier in the month they quickly built a shelter and lit a fire in our new backwoods camping area. This was as more a teamwork challenge than a skills check and they achieved well within the allocated time.

As part of their preparation for their Easter "Ice and Fire" themed Expedition to Iceland (jointly with Long Stratton Explorers), our Explorers have worked on personal fitness in some fun sessions. They also had a "getting to know you" session together where they prepared and cooked mackerel in a smoker and had some trust activities. Most Sections have plenty of Scout skills to brush up on and plans to make for summer activities.

Tigers Cubs have been working on Skills and Home Help Badge by make tea, ironing, and sewing badges on. Wolves Cubs had a similar objective with tea making, Necker ironing and cooking pancakes.

Thank you to the various parents that came in to help with these sessions. Tigers Cubs have also made some progress towards the Navigation Badge with a session on map making. One evening the Leaders gave the older members the chance to run the session and, after some help with planning and with the appropriate supervision, a fantastic evening was delivered.



Pancake Day



Wolves Cubs

Wolves Cubs had a session learning about money and budgeting and another week completed an egg tower challenge. They also had a session where they made short animated films with stop motion photography.

In the Scout Sections, Pioneer Troop have been focusing on the World Challenge Badge. They have done Google research to find some very small details about various attractions in other countries, matched foreign words to the country, learned and played East African game Mancala, and made Kenya street food Mandazi. Adventurers Troop are working towards their Craft Badge with the planning, designing and building a wide variety of "creations".

In the Beavers Sections the Ninjas have been working on health and fitness and in a session to try to appreciate disability awareness, Warriors tackled a blindfold obstacle course with mixed results and a lot of fun!

The pancake season was marked with Wolves Cubs and Adventurers Scouts cooking pancakes during their weekly session and Pioneer Troop Scouts ran their annual Popup Pancake Café for family, friends and guests on Shrove Tuesday. Over 130 pancakes and numerous drinks were prepared, cooked and served over 75 minutes in a packed HQ. During the evening a King's Scout Award was presented to their former Leader Richard Betts. The KSA is the top achievement for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network Members and comprises of a variety of activities closely linked to the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Our youngest Section, Squirrels, have been learning about maps by working on their Navigator Badge and craft activities. Unfortunately the very wet

weather meant that their campfire evening had to be postponed.

Our young people have also been working around the HQ site. Wolves Cubs have done some cleaning in HQ as practice for helping at home and a small party of Pioneers Scouts spent a cold Saturday building raised beds for the allotment area and mounting bike-holders on the wall of the bike shed to store our mountain bikes vertical to minimise the



Work party

storage space needed. Also, two senior members of Pioneer Troop spent a very productive evening at a Hoxne Church fundraising quiz helping with answer sheet collection and raffle ticket folding.

Leaders are busy planning camps. So far, we have the Senior Sections Summer Camp in Corfe Castle, the County Water Activities Weekend at the end of May and Group Camp at the beginning of

May. There will also be some smaller Section organised camps during the late spring and summer such as the Pioneer Troop Hike Camp.

We have a 2023 video review recently published on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCfQgZZMAVw>

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



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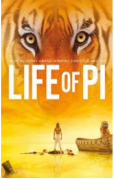


Book Club Review

Life of Pi

by Yann Martel

Piscine Molitor Patel and his parents, Santosh and Gita, are zoo-keepers - moving themselves and their zoo to Canada, by sea.



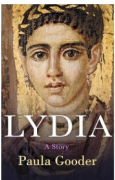
A storm blows in, releasing the animals and sinking the ship. Pi manages to get onto a small boat, but he is not alone - his companions are a hyena, a zebra with a broken leg, an orangutan, and a Bengal tiger called Richard Parker.

When eventually the tiger has eaten the animals, Pi realises he is next on the menu! He decides to try and tame the tiger, and catches fish for them both to eat. After 227 days, they manage to land on a strange island, overrun by meerkats and strange trees.

The main message by Yann Martel is that life can and will be difficult; faith in yourself and a higher power can overcome obstacles in your path. The themes of the book can be seen as spirituality and religion, self-perception and family ties. We enjoyed this book and discussed the symbolism and the intricate story, which has many twists and turns.

Life of Pi was the winner of the Man Booker Prize in 2002.

Our next book is simply called *Lydia*, by Paula Gooder. We meet at the Del La Pole Arms, Wingfield (dates for April and May to be announced), at 5.00pm. You are very welcome to join us!



Wingfield resident France Demetriadi has been writing Flash Fiction:

A Golden Heart

by France Demetriadi

This is the story of a Golden Parrot with a Golden Heart. It just landed on the tip of an iceberg. It is the middle of winter, everything is extremely cold, white and ghostly.

This parrot is feeling colder and colder. It is losing its golden gown. It is losing its golden heart. It is struggling to survive. There is a poignant sadness overwhelming it. It is turning into ice. Everything is rigid and still. The bird, a frozen statuette, fruitless, fades on the horizon of the barren Arctic. Its heart has turned from warm to cold. It is now part of the iceberg, its pointed, stoned beak just above the surface of the frozen water. It is in great danger!

A Golden Eagle with its piercing eyes spots the beak of the icy parrot. It dives down in a flash. It spreads its wide, warm wings over the parrot. Its golden colour runs into the parrot's body. Like a miracle, it recovers its warmth and its golden heart.

The Golden Parrot and the Golden Eagle are now on a mission. They spread love

everywhere, golden drops of rain falling on the earth. The world has changed to become a Golden Planet.



Gloria Bell (Illustration: France Demetriadi)

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Many of us are feeling overwhelmed as we see our basic bills and essential costs go up. You're not alone in finding things difficult and, crucially, there's support available.

First off, there are discounts available to some people, depending on their circumstances. You can check your bill or contact your council to find out if you might be eligible for an automatic reduction to your council tax.

If you're not getting a discount, you might still be entitled to one. It depends on who lives in the property. So, if you're the only adult in your home, you'll get a 25% discount on your council tax bill.

Additionally, if someone has moved out, tell the council as this might change your eligibility. If you are entitled to a discount as a result, it will be valid from the date when the person moved out, even if you told the council after the event, and the reduction may be backdated.

If you are on a low income, you might be able to get your council tax reduced. If you get benefits or have other people living with you, this might affect how much your council tax is reduced by.

You may also be eligible for additional support if you've reached State Pension age, which you can check on the government website via <https://www.gov.uk/state-pension-age>.

If you're under State Pension age, the 'working age rules' apply and if you've reached State Pension age, it depends if you or your partner get certain benefits:

- * Universal Credit
- * Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- * Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

*** Income Support**

If you've reached State Pension age and don't get any of these benefits, the 'pension age rules' apply.

Even if none of the reduction criteria applies to you, your local council can still reduce your council tax bill or cancel it altogether - this is called 'discretionary reduction'. They'll normally only do this if you can show that you're suffering severe hardship and can't afford to pay council tax.

You can contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at: midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us.

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New Reeding Woods

Spring returns to Pond Lane Wood

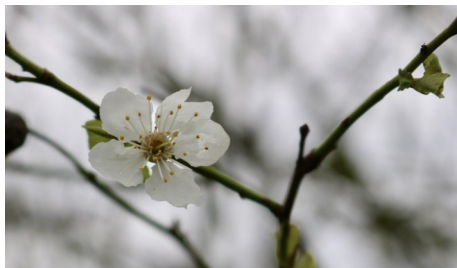
Spring arrived either on March 1st if you use the meteorological calendar or with the vernal equinox around March 20th if you prefer the astronomical system. I am not sure if March came in like a lion or a lamb but the wet weather continued. The ground at the wood is waterlogged and the paths muddy.



Lords-and-Ladies

The days are lengthening and the birds becoming more active. On sunny mornings the dawn chorus will be heard again. The old nests from last year can be seen looking tatty in the trees as the leaves are not yet out. Chaffinches were busy in the hedges on my last visit providing a welcome splash of colour on a grey day. With spring the birds start to sing as they establish territories and look for a mate.

Blackthorn is one of the first blossoms to be seen and was just starting to open at the wood. Primroses were looking cheerful and Lords-and-Ladies were bursting into leaf in the shade under trees and hedges.



Blackthorn

As more blossoms emerge the moisture in spring air can boost the smell of the flowers, hence the saying that flowers smell best before rain.



Brimstone

Early butterflies will begin to be seen as the days lengthen and warm and the trees and hedges blossom. Adult Peacock and Brimstone butterflies are among the first to emerge from their winter dormancy. The high water level in the pond will provide room for the newts as they return from hibernating under logs and stones where they hibernated during the winter.

We look forward to dry weather so we can do some maintenance at the wood.



Primroses

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



Chaffinch

Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

Great News for Denham Village Hall - renovations are nearly finished!

We now have lovely shiny new metal windows, in keeping with the original style but double glazed of course. The external walls are ready for final render and internally we are planning refurbishment of the kitchen/bar area, new cloakroom fittings and general decorations.

After a long and at times tortuous journey securing funds for this project, it feels so exciting that the hard work and efforts of the community over the past 4 years has paid off.

As Chair of Denham CC, I especially wish to express my warmest thanks to Tania Farrow for her relentless and dogged persistence over these 4 years that has led to a successful bid from the National Lottery.

We very much look forward to inviting the people of Denham and

the wider community to an opening event, hopefully in late spring when we can all celebrate this achievement and of course enjoy our new community facilities!

Kerina Jane
Chair, Denham Parish Council

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Brome & Oakley village hall: 12.15-12.30pm

Hoxne

Your Parish Council now has a full complement of Councillors - all eleven seats on the Council are filled. Democracy, even at the local level, works best if there is a wide diversity of opinion to more fully reflect the views of parishioners. It is encouraging news that we are now at our full complement of councillors and all eleven are working on many projects to benefit the village.

In conjunction with the Highways department at the County Council, we are undertaking further traffic surveys to measure the speed of vehicles entering the village on Green Street and on Low Street at the Eye Road end. Further to this, meetings have been arranged with our District Councillor and acting County Councillor Matthew Hicks to prepare a case for traffic management measures around the village including reductions of speed limits from 30 mph to 20 mph and extensions of existing ones. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those Parish Councillors who are giving up more of their time in addition to that used for normal Parish Council business in order to attend these meetings.

Mid Suffolk District Council has received outline proposals from Cranswick Foods to extend their milling and chicken processing factory on the airfield at Eye in the form of an Environmental Scoping Opinion request. Hoxne Parish Council held an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider these proposals and made some recommendations to Mid Suffolk on what should be considered in the Scoping Opinion. Such an expansion could have significant effects in Hoxne, such as increased HGV movements and environmental concerns. (Cranswick have proposed extracting water from the River Waveney for use in processing, before then returning waste water, treated, back to the river.) If the extension proceeds, it is anticipated that an HGV will leave the site in Eye once every 90 seconds. This will undoubtedly impact the village and we encourage all residents to engage in the planning application stages.

Hoxne Parish Council always meet on the first Thursday of the month, either at the village hall or at the pavilion.

Meetings start at 7.30pm. Further details can be found on the Parish Council website, or on the village noticeboards. Members of the public are welcome to observe council meetings, and have their say at the allotted time on the agenda.

The Village Spring Clean takes place on Sunday 24th March. If you would like to help in sprucing up your village then details can be found on the Parish Council website.

On the evening of **Friday 26th April**, in the village hall the Annual Parish Meeting takes place where all the community groups within the parish will be 'showcasing' their activities. Again, refer to the parish council website for more details.

Chris Parkin
Chair, Hoxne Parish Council

The Maynard Trust

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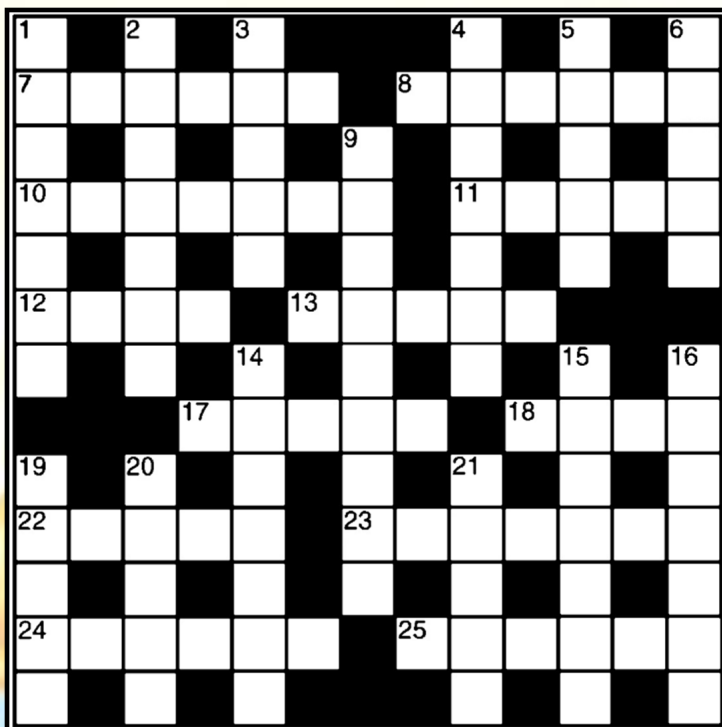
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Crossword Puzzle No. 158

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 May** at the latest.

Please add your name and address to entries.

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Across

1. Snooker player called Harry (6)
8. Sounded sad about a sports team (6)
10. Do the wash in a villa undercover (7)
11. 100 fish stick to each other (5)
12. Pleasant Mediterranean resort (4)
13. Something wrong with a spinster (5)
17. Throb and prepare soup (5)
18. Audibly complain when grass is cut (4)
22. Partly elucidate to make clear (5)
23. Ancient city within a nation has great status (7)
24. Freewheels along the beaches (6)
25. Is prison resident at home pal? (6)

Down

1. Put Leon amongst the wealthy (7)
2. Steadfast in stopping blood loss (7)
3. Puny like an unkempt garden (5)
4. Talks about athlete's throwing item (7)
5. Take a seat to conduct a meeting (5)
6. Saying from sad aged person (5)
9. Mad artist wrote a play (9)
14. Praises those with financial stability (7)
15. Well liked when you hide in a tree (7)
16. Enraged by the exploding grenade (7)
19. Soundly position a fish (5)
20. Fight over a load of rubbish (5)
21. Curses flood barriers I hear (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.157 was: J. Hampson

Answers: Across: 7. Centre 8. Clause 10. Oration 11. Cocoa 12. Need 13. Allot 17. Caper 18. Hold 22. Cargo 23. Inverse 24. Modish 25. Oracle

Down: 1. Account 2. Invader 3. Brain 4. Elector 5. Ounce 6. Sedan 9. Analgesic 14. Papoose 15. Correct 16. Adhered 19. Scamp 20. Trade 21. Overs

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