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Diary Dates

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Wed 12 June

Book Club mtg, De La Pole Arms, Wingfield p16

Fri 14 June

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Film, *The Holdovers* HVH p8

Mon 17 June

Mothers' Union mtg, Time House, Low Street, Hoxne p19

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Heritage Group mtg, The Swan p30

Wed 19 June

Harleston U3A talk, *Charlie and The Dig*, St John's Church, Harleston p34

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Post Office & Shop

Campaign progress at time of writing:

529 pledges received -

£157,065 of the £200,000 target.

We're getting there!

Diary Dates Cont.

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

Hoxne Playing Field Committee are concerned that some people are still exercising their dogs on the sports field, despite notices clearly stating that dogs are not allowed.

It is a children's play area, a facility used by pupils from the village primary school, and a place where families like to sit on the grass and relax.



For reasons of hygiene and safety the rule was implemented many years ago. Recently, and at considerable cost, new signs were erected at the foot-path entrance, the motorised vehicle roadway and on the pavilion building.

The committee urges all dog owners to adhere to the "please no dogs" signs so the playing field is a clean and safe area for everyone to enjoy.

1174: Syleham's Moment in History

Historical Re-enactment of Earl Bigod's Surrender to King Henry II

AUDITIONS

We are holding auditions for small speaking parts in our historical play re-enacting Earl Bigod's surrender to King Henry II at Syleham. If you would like to audition for a part, please email Roy Goodwin at roygoodwin53@gmail.com for more information.



Historical Re-enactment
1174: Syleham's Moment in
History

COME AND JOIN US

Saturday 27th July 2024
2pm at The Cross, Syleham

*Medieval Processions, Play, Music, Food,
Drinks and Church Exhibition*

*Enjoy watching a re-enactment of Earl Bigod's surrender
to Henry II and a celebration of Syleham as an ancient
Suffolk village*

Free Admission

*Proceeds from event stalls to the
Fabric Fund, St Margaret's Church*

*For further information please contact the
organisers at info@syleham.uk*

What's On

Wingfield Barns

Thursday 20th June, 7.30pm

Topette!!

10th Anniversary Tour

Tickets £17



In January 2014, Barn Stradling invited his *Blowzabella* bandmate Andy Cutting, East Anglian fiddler James Delarre and two French musical friends, Tania Buisse and Julien Cartonnet to his home in Bristol, to see what would happen. After three days of playing music, eating, drinking and a great deal of laughter, a new band called *Topette!!* happened...

The band will be recreating this celebratory atmosphere every night of their 10th Anniversary UK Tour, so don't miss this rare opportunity to experience what *Topette!!* is all about. The "Balfolk" style of dancing is easy to pick up, very relaxed and a lot of fun, but if you don't fancy dancing, just sit and enjoy the top-quality musicianship from this unique quintet.

International Mini Print Exhibition

You are invited to a Private View -

Thursday 25th July, 6-8pm

Join us for another year celebrating this fascinating collection of prints from over 60 different countries.

The exhibition opens at Wingfield Barns, Wednesday to Sunday:

Saturday 27th July to
Sunday 1st September



“THE HERALDRY OF THE WINGFIELDS & THE DE LA POLES”

A talk by

Bob Elliott,

Suffolk Heraldry Society

at St Andrew's Church,
Wingfield IP21 5RA

**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE
7PM**

Entry £5 to include
refreshments

Parking at Wingfield Barns
car park

Village Voices Concert

in aid of

RNLI Bicentenary

&

Hoxne Village Shop

In & Around
Hoxne Church

Saturday 29th June

7.30pm ~ tickets £10
Includes Refreshments

Children Free
Bring a chair or rug
There'll be a cash collection at the end

<http://ticketsource.co.uk>

www.thevillagevoices.weebly.com



St Edmund's Hall Film Nights



The Holdovers

Friday 14 June

7.30pm £4.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

Bar open from 7pm and during interval

Cert 15

A curmudgeonly instructor at a New England prep school remains on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go. He soon forms an unlikely bond with a brainy but damaged troublemaker, and with the school's head cook, a woman who just lost a son in the Vietnam War.



Wicked Little Letters

Friday 12 July

7.30pm £4.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

Bar open from 7pm and during interval

Cert 15

When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. However, as the town's women investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss, and that Rose may not be the culprit after all.

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Monthly Film Nights

Barbie visited the village hall in April and the film was very well attended with lots of pink outfits - including the two below! Can you name that couple?!!



By the time you read this we will have shown *One Life for May*. Our film for Friday 14 June is *Holdovers* and for 12 July, *Wicked Little Letters* (see advert opposite for more details). The bar will be open from 7pm and during the interval. Films start at 7.30pm. No film in August.

Our Bar

On the subject of the bar, this is run entirely by volunteers and all profits go towards maintenance and improvements to the hall. As you can imagine, for a Victorian main hall with modern extension, the costs of running aren't cheap!

Profits from the bar also help keep hire costs as low as we possibly can. We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you would like to come along and see how we run things then please contact Sharon (details at the end of the report). No previous bar experience necessary, but it does help to be able to count!

Other events

You may have come to the hall to vote in the last month and probably could be visiting again later in the year for a General Election!

Jitterbugs were back at the hall on 18 May for a 1940s & 1950s dance night and will be returning in the autumn. Tickets only available on the door, no need to book.

We had another wedding reception at the end of May, and a 50th wedding anniversary party. Sadly there have been several funeral teas as well this year. LK School of Dance chose us for their show this year in May, which was very well attended.

The meetings about the village shop and Post Office continue to be held at the hall, and the Hall Committee have agreed to continue not charging for these to support the project.

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

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



Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

J's Meadow

The view is fantastic, the pedestrian gate is always open, the play and exercise equipment available for all.

While we're aware a lot of people cannot make it to our J's Meadow get-togethers from 10 'til 12 on the second Thursday of the month, we would welcome any help with the upkeep of the area. We have a ride-on mower plus volunteer driver to cut the main grass, but if anyone has time to bring a mower occasionally to get a little closer to the hedge we would be grateful.

The same with anyone who would bring their secateurs to snip the hedging to

match the top of the fencing. There are three small raised beds which need attention from time to time - the *Messy Church* group have adopted one - would a family or group like to adopt one of the others?

Syleham & Wingfield Sports & Social Club Tuesday and Friday openings

We have books, board games, darts, pool and free wifi available on our Tuesday and Friday openings, 8 'til 11pm - plus a volunteer-run bar, where you can pay by cash or card. We do ask you to join the S/W Sports and Social Club at an annual cost of £3.50 (concs £3.00) please.

Most of our usual Friday activities continue throughout the year but our quiz evenings on the third Friday of the month have a rest in July and August. Do come and join us for *Open Mic* on the first Friday from 8pm, bar open, free entry - there's getting quite a crowd of appreciative audience members now!

The second Friday of the month sees Sarah from *Purplestar Karaoke* join us from 8pm, bar open, raffle; again, free entry.

On the last Friday of the month we run *Bingo* - we're supporting the *PINK Ladies Tractor Run for Breast Cancer* in June. By the way, if you have never witnessed the spectacle that is the Pink Ladies tractor run you have missed out on an epic local event! Look out for them on Sunday 7th July, join the crowds on the roadside, or join them for the picnic lunch at Gawdy Hall. Find details of times, route, etc:

[https://
www.ladiestracrorroadrun.co.uk/](https://www.ladiestracrorroadrun.co.uk/)



Summer Fête



Saturday 29th June
2pm

J's Meadow, Syleham
IP21 4LT

Toilets and parking at Village Hall opposite

Cream Teas Pimms Varied Stalls
Children's crafts, games and races
Proceeds to St Margaret's Church



Syleham & Wingfield
Sports & Social club
presents:

Strawberry Cream Teas!

Saturday, 22nd June
2pm until 3.30pm

Free entry - donations to
our village hall

Syleham & Wingfield
village hall IP21 4LT

ALL VERY WELCOME

Strawberry Cream Tea

On Saturday 22nd June you are invited to this year's Strawberry Cream Tea! Running from 2 until 3.30pm, you will be treated to all sorts of strawberry treats! Free entry - refreshments by donations, please. There'll be a few games and raffle/ tombola too.

Family Barbecue

Come and join us on Saturday 6th July for the annual family barbecue. Reasonably priced food from 5pm, pay as you eat. Bar will be open plus live music! Join us at any time throughout the evening from 5pm. Raffle and games! Pool, board games, books, darts available too.

Later in the year

There will be a couple of Family Summer Events at the village hall and J's Meadow - depending on the weather- look out for local advertising!

Please make a note of our second annual *Oktoberfest!* - Saturday 12th October.

Buddy Holly, aka Paul Birch, will be entertaining us on Saturday 16th November.

Julie Thompson
Text 07929 794636
juliethompson435@gmail.com

Syleham and Wingfield
Sports and Social club
presents:

Family BBQ

Saturday, 6th July

Syleham & Wingfield
village hall IP21 4LT

*Food from 5pm -
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Pay as you eat!*

Bar open –
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priced!

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**MID SUFFOLK CARRIAGE DRIVING
FOR THE DISABLED**
is holding a fund-raiser for the charity

**Come and join us on a
dog walk around Hoxne !**

SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER
11.00am start, from Hoxne Church

The cost will be £5.00 per owner and dog.
Funds raised will help provide horse feed, bedding and
hay for the charity. Everything is so much more
expensive than last year!

Rev Eleanor and the church wardens have given us
permission to use the church car park
and facilities.

The walk will take approximately an hour.
We will be walking a circular route from the church,
down by the river Waveney to Mill House,
through to Green Street.
Then we will cross over to Wittons Lane, go through
Brakey Wood to see the Hoxne man,
and on to Abbey Farm.
From there we'll walk back through the village to the
church for a picnic on the lawn.

Please bring the picnic with you, and a fold-up chair or
blanket to sit on - and don't forget your poo bags!
(though we will have some spares).

Walkers without dogs are also invited.

Looking forward to meeting up with
Hoxne's dog walkers!

Charity number:
1074353

Gloria Bell



Church News



The summer is here and the church enters into the Sundays after Trinity, also known as 'Ordinary Time'. Our hangings change to green, the colour of nature, growth and calm. We all spend more time outdoors and feel closer to God's good creation. It's a great time to consider whether we could do more to help the environment.

Because we don't have a lot of church festivals at this time of year, we have a chance to mark saints' days. Athelington church will be celebrating St Peter at a service for the whole benefice on Sunday 30th June at 11.00 am. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in the festivities! And don't forget Hoxne's Lammas service in aid of the Addington Fund on Thursday 1st August at 6.00 pm, followed by a hog roast and a glass of wine. The Lammas service is an ancient celebration of the first loaf from the first grain and another opportunity to think about and pray for our relationship with the environment which gives us our food.

And of course this is the time of year when we have lots of summer events. Look out for Hoxne's summer fête at the church on Saturday 8th June, Bob Elliott's talk on heraldry the same day in the evening at Wingfield church, Syleham's fête on Saturday 29th June and the commemoration of Hugh Bigod's surrender to the King at Syleham Cross on 27th July, with an exhibition in the church.

Not 'Ordinary Time' after all!

Revd Eleanor Goodison
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com
Tel: 07876 14357

Please note that Revd Eleanor and Revd John are on holiday for the first part of July.

14 Jun/Jul

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

June

Sunday 2nd June
First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 9th June
Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 16th June
Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 23rd June
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 30th June
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Benefice service and
Patronal Festival, Athelington
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

July

Sunday 7th July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Village Voice

Sunday 14th July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21st July
Eighth 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 28th July
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Easter at St Margaret's

Great to see so many in church for an Easter Praise service and everyone in very good voice! As usual, the window decorators had been busy - many thanks to them all for lovely displays.

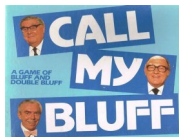


Churchyard

St Margaret's now has a comprehensive plan of the burials in the churchyard, diligently researched and prepared by Jim Woodger. It is available in the church and should be an interesting resource for anyone seeking a particular grave or looking into family history.

Call my Bluff

Our first major fund-raising event to support the repairs due to be carried out this summer (if sufficient money is raised). Generously organised by Colin Campbell but just after Village Voice deadline so a report next time - but it's sure to be good!



Summer Fête

Saturday 29th June 2pm-4pm on J's Meadow, with parking and toilets at the village hall. Cream teas, Pimm's, a wide variety of stalls, and children's games, races and activities - see our poster on Page 10. PLUS there is an exciting calendar competition.

Syleham Calendar 2025

In conjunction with our fête, we are inviting local photos and children's drawings, the best twelve of each to be chosen to feature in the calendar. Entries and queries to:

lorraine@syleham.uk

Syleham Day Saturday 27th July

St Margaret's will be hosting the planned exhibition of Syleham history as our small part in an extraordinarily ambitious event to mark the 850th anniversary of Earl Bigod's submission to Henry II at Syleham Cross. Lorraine (lorraine@syleham.uk) is looking for memories, photographs and artefacts to display. This is going to be a really exciting day - please see poster, page 5.



Earl Bigod's coat-of-arms

Coffee & Cake

Continues at the village hall on 4th June and 2nd July 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.

Looking ahead

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 15th September at 10am and our Harvest Supper on Saturday 28th September.

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

During April, the restorers Skillingtons returned to Wingfield church to work on the alabaster tomb of Elizabeth Plantagenet and John de la Pole and to monitor the tomb treated last year. They held an open event to discuss their work which proved of great interest. We are still looking for additional funds to cover the cost of this nationally important work and donations will be very gratefully received!

Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning in April and the Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club Quiz Night in May.

We were delighted to welcome the *Sine Nomine* choir to sing at Evensong on 21st April, along with a congregation including people new to Wingfield who we were delighted to get to know over refreshments afterwards. It was a most uplifting evening. If you sing in a choir, or know people who do, we would be very glad to invite you to sing at one of our Choral Evensongs. Just get in touch with Revd Eleanor on 07876 143579.

Looking ahead, we are excited to have Bob Elliott giving an illustrated talk on local heraldry at Wingfield church at 7.00 pm on Saturday 8th June - see poster, page 6. Bob is a member of the Suffolk Heraldry Society, who organised the Coronation Exhibition of English Royal Heraldry at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds last year. The talk will be followed by refreshments. Donations invited in aid of St Andrew's church.

The Book Club meets on Wednesday 12th June at 5.00pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield. The book will be



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James by Percival Everett, a version of *Huckleberry Finn* from the point of view of the black enslaved boy, Jim. And in July the Book Club will meet on Wednesday 24th July to discuss *The Beginning of Spring*, by Penelope Fitzgerald. (For the latest book review, *Stella*, see page 21).

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

St Peter & St Paul's, Hoxne

Results from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 27th April:

Guy McGregor and Wilf White were re-elected as Churchwardens; Andrew Castleden, David Hyde and Deborah Harding were re-elected as Lay Members of the PCC. The Churchwardens, Clergy and Diocesan Synod representatives are all ex officio members of the PCC so we are a PCC of eight members; there are three vacancies.

What the Church does within the Community:

The church in Hoxne is very pleased to report that it now provides activities for children and young people of all ages.

Messy Church

is a monthly activity, aimed at the 4-8 year olds. The parents attend with their children so this is an opportunity for them to get to know other parents and share time together.



Club Create

During the school holidays the church runs a workshop called *Club Create* for the 7-12 year olds, at which the kids take part in creative activity. The most recent *Club Create* at Easter was a drama workshop based on the story of the resurrection. The children enjoyed acting out the various parts of the story, but their ingenuity and teamwork when it came to creating props and making a tomb out of cardboard boxes was quite amazing.

Youth Café

The newest project the church has been involved in is the launch of the *Youth*

Café, held once a month on a Friday evening at the pavilion. Around 20 young people aged 12+ have enjoyed activities including pool, table top football, darts and outdoor games. Food is always on offer (a must with teenagers).

A very encouraging aspect of all these activities is that people from outside the church community have been putting themselves forward to help out.

Depperhaugh Care Home

At the other end of the spectrum from the children's work, members of the church have been able to resume visits to the *Depperhaugh Care Home* following covid. Visits take place on average twice a month - one is a short service with hymns, readings and prayers; the other visit involves members of the befriending team sharing poetry, short stories, newspaper and magazine articles or photographs with small groups of residents, to encourage chatting together about their memories, childhood, families and work.

If anyone feels they would like to get involved in any of these activities please do get in touch with anyone at the church.

Summer Event

Hoxne Church is holding its *Summer Event* at the church this year. We do need help though, so if you can spare an hour or two on the day to help on a stall that would be great - see poster.

A BBQ run by the Scouts and cream teas will be on offer, together with Pimm's, a treasure hunt, a flower display in St Edmund's Chapel, and games.

We also hope to include tower tours for adults, so if you want to view Hoxne from on high, this will be for you.

Churchyard

Sadly the wet weather has played havoc with the churchyard and it has been very difficult to keep things under control and tidy in recent weeks due to the very soggy ground. I am sure some of you will have noted that

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP WITH THE HOXNE SUMMER EVENT?

We would like cakes, plants, toys, jams, chutneys and produce for the stalls, please. All offerings can be brought to the church on the Saturday morning.

We also need help to run the stalls and games!

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER ANY HELP, PLEASE CONTACT
CATHIE MCGREGOR
01379 668434**



The poster features a light blue sky background with white clouds. At the top, a colorful banner with orange, green, pink, and blue triangles hangs across the width. Below the banner, the text is centered and reads: 'SUMMER EVENT AT HOXNE CHURCH SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 2 PM - 5 PM CREAM TEAS & BARBECUE AND PIMM'S ! FLOWER DISPLAY TREASURE HUNT GAMES AND STALLS'. The bottom of the poster shows a green field with white daisies and a red butterfly.

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it is not looking as tidy as it usually does, particularly in the area around the more recent graves.

The PCC apologise for not being able to maintain the churchyard as it would have wished in recent weeks. However, the PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank in particular Graham Goddard and Carl Leader for the fantastic work they have done over the years in the churchyard and to all those families and friends who have been looking after individual graves and keeping the areas around them neat and tidy. It is hoped that by the time you read this, a lot of work will have been done and the churchyard will be looking much tidier.

The churchyard covers a huge area and it is just not possible with the resources available to keep it all pristine. From a wildlife point of view, it is not in its interest to keep the whole area mowed and tidy anyway, and the intention is to leave some of the areas more wildlife friendly.

Work has been done around the area where the toilet block has been erected, with the planting of wild flower seeds which will provide a source of food for the insects.

The PCC is intending to have a working party session in the churchyard later in the summer, to identify areas that could do with some particular tidying up and removing saplings that are growing where they are not wanted so if you would be willing to come and help, keep a look out for future information on this.

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.

The next two meetings are:

Monday, 17th June

Monday, 15th July

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Cathie McGregor
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Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Event

As we begin to see the first signs of what we hope will be a long and pleasant summer, September seems a long way away. However as many of us in the advanced age category can testify, time passes very quickly. So this is just a brief reminder of the *Suffolk Historic Churches*



Trust Ride and Stride event which will be taking place again this year during early September.

As in previous years, everyone is welcome to either walk or cycle and visit our local churches with the aim of raising much-needed money for both our own and other Suffolk churches.

In addition to enrolling as many participants as possible in the actual event, we shall also need recorders present in the church on the day, so if you feel you can spare an hour or two you will be most welcome.

More details of the date and times together with sponsorship information will be published in the next edition of the *Village Voice*.

David Hyde
Local Organiser

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More Flash Fiction by Wingfield resident, France Demetriadi

Half-remembered Childhood

by France Demetriadi

To amuse my little dog through the winter months, I bought her a long, strong, green man. Its head is a transparent green plastic ball. It is made of green and orange ropes bound up together like my life is bound up in hers. Arms and legs are hanging loose... some already missing!

With fierce determination and a loud growling, she is attacking it, destroying it, pulling its hair and I am pulling its legs from the other end like a "tug-of-war" contest.

It's great fun! Purdy is at the top of her game. The long, strong man is becoming less and less, just surviving.

Fun for one, misery for the other! As for me, I am back in my childhood spirit playing with my little dog.



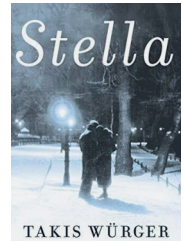
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Book Club Review

Stella, by Takis Würger

Our book for April at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield was *Stella*, by Takis Würger, internationally best-selling author of *The Club*. *Stella* is a gripping historical novel of love, betrayal, and the complexities of identity during a tumultuous period in wartime Berlin.



In 1942 Friedrich, an unworldly young man, arrives in Berlin from bucolic Switzerland with dreams of becoming an artist. At a life drawing class he is hypnotised by the beautiful model Kristin, who soon teaches the naive Friedrich how to take care of himself in a city filled with danger. As the months pass by, the mood in the city darkens as the Nazi party tightens its hold on the everyday lives of Berliners.

Kristin's loyalties are unclear until she shares that her real name is Stella, and is a Jewish woman passing for Aryan.

Based in part on a real historical character, Stella sets a tortured love story against the backdrop of wartime Berlin, powerfully exploring questions of naïveté, young love and the horrors of history.

The choice of this book for our Book Club was Jan's, enjoyed by the group and bringing up many questions about this relationship. Friedrich's father tried to persuade his son not to go to Berlin; he had great concern for his son.

In 1943 Stella's parents, Toni and Gerhard Goldschlag, were forced to board a train bound for Auschwitz. And Stella Goldschlag continued to work for the Gestapo, even after the death of her parents - she never explained why.

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Burgers, bowls and a winning start

Hoxne Bowls Club kicked off the season with two wins in the Upper Waveney first division. After beating fellow promoted club, Kenninghall Red Lion, by two and a half rinks to a half, they ran out comfortable winners against Thornham Magna, winning on all rinks.

The club held a target bowls game at the popular **MAYFEST** at the playing fields. Despite many competitors of all ages, seven-year-old Morgan made the highest score of the day.

To launch the social bowling on Wednesday evenings the club held a BBQ on the 8th May in glorious evening sunshine. Members now look forward to a packed four months of competition and, hopefully, more BBQs.

Anyone interested in joining the club and can't make Wednesday evenings, please contact the secretary:

Roger Knight, 01379 668403



Hoxne's Big Community Day MAYFEST

Hundreds of people came out in the sunshine to enjoy Hoxne's MAYFEST. The pavilion and playing field committee would like to thank everyone who supported the event and the volunteers who helped make it such a success. Music was provided by *Back Porch*, *JS & the Lockerbillies* and the *Silhouettes* and there were scores of classic vehicles on show.

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Hoxne Garden & Social Club

I have just returned from *MAYFEST* at the pavilion, and it really made me realise how lucky we are to live in such a vibrant and sociable village. The Garden Club had a stand promoting the club and may even have attracted a few new members.

It wouldn't be a Garden Club report without a mention of the weather and at last we have some warmth and the plants have certainly responded with lush lawns and buds just about to burst. Although it has been cold and fairly wet, many plants have shot up - my iris in particular. My theory is that they respond more to the increased daylength than the temperature.

Our speaker in April was Lucy Kayne talking about garden photography. It

highlighted how sophisticated our camera phones are; I for one will be trying to get to grips with the features available on even my ancient phone.

By the time this report is published we will have had a talk on Cybercrime and held our annual Plant Sale at the Greengold café. I am just off out into the garden to label some plants ready for the sale.

Hope to see you at our meeting in June, which is *Companion*

Planting with Dr Ian Bedford. There is no meeting in July but we will be holding our annual Summer Party on the 18th and I will e-mail members with the venue when it has been confirmed.

Jeanette Lerwill
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Hoxne Phoenix Group

We've had a really good start to the year with some excellent speakers. Our last speaker was Kate Osborne. It was Kate's very last presentation due to retirement, so we were very lucky indeed. Kate has spent the last eight years talking about Suffolk beaches, in fact her last talk with us was number 156! She told us that the only skill necessary is to be inquisitive and the best time to go is between September and March. She told us all about sea kale and the yellow horned poppy. Unfortunately, she also told us all about the 1,000,000 sea birds plus 100,000 marine mammals that die every year due to plastic pollution. We should all think hard about what we leave and take away from the beach!

On Tuesday, 14th May Lois Willoughby-Easter will be our guest speaker. Lois is a retired Metropolitan police officer who is interested in police history. Her talk, *'The History of Women in Policing'*, will cover how police forces were established and how women were accepted in a profession that never wanted them.

On Tuesday, 11th June Barbara Meyer, *'Stories Behind the Photos'* will be joining us. Barbara is a wildlife photographer, who dedicates her photography to helping endangered big cat species in their fight for survival, as well as to raise awareness for the situation of British wildlife and wildlife that lives around us. In this sense she has provided talks for over 14 years.

It's all about *'Positive Ageing'* on Tuesday, 9th July. Christine Weber will cover a range of topics that help people of a certain age to maximise their chances of staying fit, vibrant, happy and healthy.



Gosh, we have so much to look forward to! 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 7.30pm 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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Hoxne Heritage Group

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The Heritage Group meets monthly. On May 21st we presented a talk at Hoxne Village Hall by Jane Gosling, entitled ***“Boom and Bust in Medieval Lavenham.”*** This copy had to be in before the talk took place but from the interest shown and Jane’s knowledgeable and interesting talks, I am sure it was well attended and much appreciated.

On Tuesday, 18th June 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’ meeting or two without joining the group. We are actively recruiting new members and will welcome your thoughts and ideas for the coming year. To learn more and possibly to become a member of the Hoxne Heritage Group please visit our website at www.hoxnehistory.org.uk On the website you will find a host of useful and interesting facts, information and photographs and will learn much more of the fascinating history of Hoxne and surrounding villages. Or pick up one

of our new pamphlets at the village hall, where you will find details of joining without having to go online - 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!

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Old Hoxne again!

It is rather surprising that, with the exception of the famous Hoxne hoard of Roman coins and other magnificent gold and silver artefacts, very little other physical evidence of the Roman occupation of Britain has been found in the village. The odd unstratified coin has turned up over the years but little else. Speculation still exists among historians about the possibility of a substantial villa still lying beneath the ground somewhere in the valley of the River Dove. Nothing sadly has come to light, though, over the years to suggest where it might have stood.



However, earlier this year, a Roman bronze was turned up in Hoxne. It is a face mask of a gorgon's head, probably Medusa, dating from the 4th century BC. Research indicates that it might have been one of a pair, from the handle of a bronze hydria or water jug. (A number of these jugs have been found recently at Pompeii). Interestingly, they

were also commonly used as funerary urns.

The bronze is now with the County Finds Liaison Officer, where it will be recorded and entered on the government's Portal Antiquities Scheme database.

Chris Johnson

St Edmund's Primary School & Nursery

Life at St Edmund's Primary has been really busy. A lot of effort is now being put into developing and improving the physical appearance of our school.

The whole of the heating system has been ripped out and a much more energy efficient system will be in place during the summer holidays.

This has meant we have had a chance to reorganise the whole of our outdoor provision. Recently the school was awarded the highest funding prize from Tesco as we won the Stronger Together competition. Thanks to everyone for their support with placing the little blue counters in our 'pot'! We also have a Reading Shed donated by Adnams - the children get to read books on comfy cushions - this has already been very popular!!

Another massive project was to redesign the school library! Books were audited and new seating purchased along with new storage courts and many, many books kindly donated by the Hoxne Parent Teacher Association - the children have been very excited to read the new books!!

Our application for extending our Early Years provision to two-year-olds is now with the Department for Education. Once we have news we will share it with you.

We would still welcome ideas from the local community on any way we can engage more with you all - thanks for all the ideas so far!

Simon Lea, Academy Head

Climate change - Nikola Tesla's Forgotten Revolution

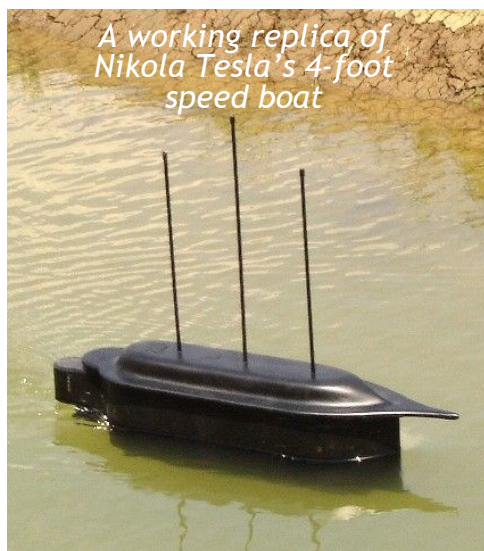
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Tesla faced significant challenges in realising his wireless power dream.



Powerful individuals, including bankers, denied him funding. They feared that free energy would disrupt their profitable energy businesses. Despite his groundbreaking research, Tesla's theories about worldwide transmission were denounced, and his work was confiscated by the FBI after his death in 1943.

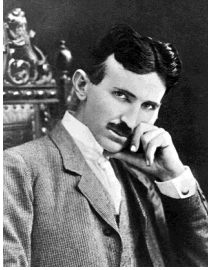
Politicians and industrialists would have us believe that despite research into alternative means, fossil fuels cannot be discarded for the production of electricity.

Although Nikola Tesla's genius remains under-appreciated, his legacy lives on. As we face climate change and energy challenges, perhaps it's time to revisit his ideas. Tesla's vision of free, wireless energy could transform our future—if we're willing to listen to the echoes of a forgotten genius. Imagine a world where our devices charge without leads. Tesla's dream of wireless energy transfer is now slowly becoming a reality. Companies are developing wireless charging technologies for electric vehicles, smartphones, and other gadgets.

After his death, scientists in America resurrected such of Nikola Tesla's equipment as they could trace which had not been removed or degraded. They demonstrated by experiment that it performed as Nikola Tesla claimed. They set coils and lights into the ground, on the bank of a lake, and launched an electric model boat, its battery removed. When they switched on, the light lit up and the boat raced around the lake at speed!

Nikola Tesla, 1856 -1943

A Serbian/American inventor and engineer, he discovered and patented the rotating magnetic field, the basis of most alternating-current machinery.



These limited experiments prove that fossil fuels could have become obsolete! And here we are, 100 years later, with the devastation of climate change and the world economy in jeopardy!

Contrary to the theory that metal-to-metal contact was required to conduct electricity, Tesla was successful in transmitting currents through plastic over short distances, using magnetic induction.

The Tesla Laboratory at Wardencliff was his final experiment site, featuring a 185-foot tower with metal bars extending below ground. Today the image that comes to mind features electrical bolts extending from the top of the tower, where the coils exchange electrical currents.

More than a century after his death, Tesla's wireless power discovery is rarely credited to him.

My own experience of flooding in Hoxne has forced me to recognise the plight of

the world in which we are living. Having been flooded a second time in three years, I wrote directly to our MP enclosing copies of my previous fruitless correspondence with local agencies, also raising the question of Tesla. He did not reply.

Commonsense decrees that this should be a clear warning - worse is to come! Yet one cannot budge our parliamentary system into taking the slightest action to prepare for the inevitable consequences, still less bring Tesla's genius into service! Nikola Tesla was experimenting with clean and free energy a century ago but was stopped in his tracks by governments and greedy oil merchants. Sadly the world might have been a different place now if he had been allowed to continue.



Gordon Awcock, Hoxne

Note: The company *Tesla* was named by Elon Musk to honour Nikola Tesla's legacy; there is no direct familial relationship between the two. Musk has expressed admiration for Tesla's work, and acknowledges its profound impact on the world.

Harleston & District U3A

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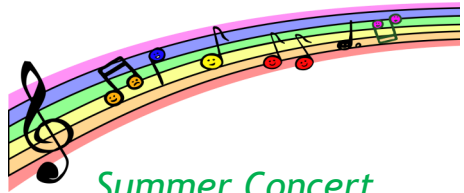
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The Sutton Hoo burial ship

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Our Summer Term ends with the concert on 29 June and we'll be returning for more singing on Monday 2 September.

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Summer is, hopefully, just around the corner, a time to therefore get out and about to enjoy the sunshine, and maybe visit those places the weather previously discouraged you from doing. The Waveney Heritage Centre museums are opening twice a month during the summer, on the second and the last Sunday of the month.

Both the Museum of Childhood Memories and the Radio Museum are constantly changing their exhibits. The Radio Museum currently has a special exhibition of Bakelite radios highlighting how this early plastic revolutionised the design of radios; some were avant garde in design.

The museum is also arranging an exhibition of vintage radiograms.

Waveney Heritage Centre is however more than just a collection of museums. We also organise monthly talks held on a Wednesday evening. By the time you read this there will have already been a talk on the local Home Guard and ARP of Harleston during World War Two. There are more to follow, notably on Wednesday 5th June a talk on traditional carpentry skills used in timber framed buildings (of which this area has many) given by Rick Lewis. On Wednesday 10th July Joe Edwards-Gill will be giving a talk on metal detecting.

The Centre is also hosting two events organised in conjunction with The Waveney Volunteers for Nature on Saturday 29th June. The Volunteers for Nature will be holding a Family Day from 12pm until 6pm when they will, among other activities, be conducting walks of the commons around Brockdish.

The heritage trustees are organising a garage sale on the same day, at which local residents can sell their own surplus items outside their houses, or others may wish to book a table in our hall for £5 in order to sell items. The 'garage' sale will be between 10am and 2pm. There will also be a barbecue at the centre, at which bacon rolls etc can be purchased.

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Fressingfield Scouts

We have two highlights to report this month, the first is the Explorer trip to Iceland.



Explorers living up to the name in Iceland

Ice and Fire Expedition

Over the Easter break Fressingfield Explorer Unit, ages 14-17, headed out to Iceland for our regular Ice and Fire Expedition. The party of 15 (11 young people and four leaders), flew on 7 April for a five-day expedition programme - they stayed at the most northerly Scout HQ in the world.



Atop a glacier

A fantastic time was had, in a very different environment from Suffolk.

Activities included:

- Ice climbing on a glacier
- Hot mineral springs visit, and a dip for some
- Hiking in the snow
- Assault course race
- Six hours riding Icelandic ponies through hot springs, rivers and forest
- An Icelandic Scouting Museum visit
- And the obligatory snowball fight!

Group Camp Weekend

The second highlight is our Annual Group camp weekend, where 70 young people and 20 Leaders got together at Eaton Vale Activity Centre near Norwich. Cubs, Scouts and Explorers camped from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime.

Beavers came on Saturday morning and stayed until the end of camp and the Squirrels (aged 4 and 5) came for a day's activity and adventure on Saturday.



The Squirrels enjoying ice creams

Activities included climbing, crate stacking, rafting, canoeing, air rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, obstacle course, grass sledging, team games, campfire - and for older members, an afternoon in Norwich researching the answers to a series of challenges in a "Monopoly Run".

A big part of the afternoon was proving that the course had been followed by taking pictures at different points.



Ready to launch the raft at Group Camp

There are many pictures and comments about the great time everyone had on the Fressingfield Scout Group Facebook page. Please have a look. If you are not on Facebook you can access it via Google by searching for:

Facebook Fressingfield Scout Group or
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111535163848983/>



Grass-sledging Beaver



Pedal Go-kart racing

The weather conditions on Friday were not kind and setting up was a bit tricky, but by Saturday morning the weather improved and it was warm and sunny for most of the camp.

Thank you to our organiser for a tremendous weekend, and to Eaton Vale Activity Centre for hosting us again.

MAYFEST

We were very pleased to provide the barbeque at Hoxne's MAYFEST and thank you to everyone that supported us at a fantastic village event (see photo p25).

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New Reeding Woods

Work at Pound Lane

The wood has had a spring clean and tidy up. The rain and cold finally stopped and we met at the wood for a session cutting back overhanging branches and brambles. The owl box overlooking Flowerdew



Owl box cleaning



Old hornets' nest



Hawthorn



Work in progress

Meadow at the top of the woods was spring cleaned. The now vacant hornet nest was cleared out and we found evidence of previous use by owls but clearly some time ago. Hopefully they will return now there is space for them.

The wildflower meadow has been renamed "Flowerdew Meadow" as a tribute to David Flowerdew, a founding member of the group who worked

tirelessly to get the woodland established.

The undergrowth below the trees is gradually dying back as the canopy develops and light levels fall. Our work concentrated on controlling the brambles on the edges overhanging the rides.

The hawthorn and apple blossom was out and now the medlar is in bloom. A drift of cow parsley is growing across the meadow, possibly following the lines of an old field drain.

Cowslips are setting seed but the buttercups are doing well with a few dog daisies out. Forget-me-nots showed in the shade at the edge of the rides. Meadow cranes bill is beginning to show on the meadow. Around the pond edge Cuckooflower was a delicate pink with the yellow flag irises about to burst.

If you visit the woods over the next few months please keep your dogs out of the ponds to allow the newts to breed.

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.



Medlar blossom



Cuckooflower



Flag iris

Voices from the Past

April/May 1992

In 1989, the fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for the liberation of the six Central and Eastern European Warsaw Pact satellite countries of the Soviet Union and, in 1992, the dissolution of the Union. A violent revolution in Romania led to the trial and execution of Communist Party General Secretary Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena on Christmas Day 1989.

According to a report in the American journal of Public Health, the 'pro-natalist' [restricted abortion] policies of the Ceausescu regime had resulted in the highest maternal mortality rate in Europe (approximately 150 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births) and in thousands of unwanted children in institutions. It would be hard to overstate the appalling conditions in the orphanages of Romania, which were a regular and distressing feature in the news reports of the time.

The Journal of the American Medical Association quoted the 'estimates for the number of children in orphanages in 1989 started at 100,000 and go up from there'.

The Village Voice of April/May 1992 was dominated by an account by John Holloway of Debenham of his 1991 visit with 40 volunteers to a Romanian orphanage. Their project was to put in toilets, supplying water from a nearby pond to flush them. They painted, decorated, sanded, renewed electrical



fittings, installed washing machines and spin dryers, helped to look after the children and trained local staff in hygiene and the rudiments of child care. The cost of the project was in excess of £20,000 (about £52K today). Two volunteers stayed on to help and a follow-up team of about 20 went back later in the year to install heating.



In Spring '92 fundraising was afoot for a continuation of the project - a return to run the orphanage for five years, partially funded by the Romanian government, permission to farm the land (about 17 hectares) and installation of toilets for a school serving four villages (about 180 children).

There was one telephone line from the remote orphanage to the outside world and none to any of the villages. The project was to include installing 20 lines with the help of BT and the possibility of getting mains water instead of using the well for the school toilets. I do hope the project went well!

Meanwhile, in other news:

I spotted the first of the advertisements for Goldbrook Boarding kennels and Cattery.

The Vicar dedicated 50 beautiful church kneelers that had been worked and given by people and families around Hoxne (I think they're still in use.)

The Friends of St Peter and St Paul had

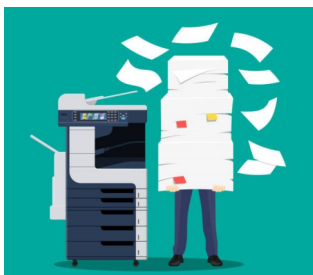
raised a total of over £33,000 towards their target of £40,000 and were hoping to complete the redecoration of the church.

The Bowls Club were enjoying a financially sound position, principally through a very successful sponsored open tournament inaugurated in 1989 by the club treasurer. It had brought in £2,178 in three years. It was decided to invest £2,000 in improved facilities with a new, enlarged pavilion being a primary target.

The Friends of Hoxne Chapel, Cross Street were still meeting at the chapel and at St Edmund's House but, as far as I can make out, they were possibly not associated with the Baptist Church.

Finally, Village Voice has recently been shaken by unannounced steep rises in printing costs putting the finances under uncomfortable strain, so I was very interested to read about the funding of the Voice from August 1990 to 1991.

Expenses comprising photocopier (hire?), print cartridge and paper amounted to £1069. Income from Parish Councils (£440), advertising (£100), Church (£50), publicity for clubs and organisations (£90) and printing (£105) amounted to £785 - making a deficit of £284 with other costs in the offing.



To avoid the demise of the magazine, or significant reduction in its size, the Editor presented a proposal for

increased contributions from all clubs, organisations, councils and advertisers to cover costs of 39.5 pence per copy.

In those days, the black and white magazine comprised about four typed and photocopied A4 sides and was distributed to homes in the parishes of Denham, Hoxne and Syleham (Wingfield was added later because of changes in organisation of the church).

Today we produce 900 copies of each issue comprising more than 40 high-quality colour-printed pages, at a cost around 60 to 70 pence per copy. These days, our funding comes entirely from our faithful advertisers and happily the majority have been willing to accommodate our price rises, and the show goes on!

Dawn Lodge

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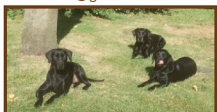
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Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the National Citizens Advice website at citizensadvice.org.uk/ consumer has lots of information about what to do.

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Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance - check if your policy covers this.

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Parish Council Reports *Hoxne*

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

Denham

Work on the village hall is progressing, although the inclement weather has slowed completion of the rendering and other work to the outside of the building. Whilst this work is ongoing, fundraising to fully equip the hall for opening has continued and we are incredibly grateful to Councillor Matthew Hicks for a grant of £1,000 for kitchen equipment, and to the Adnams Community Trust for a grant of £518 towards the cost of white goods for the kitchen area. These items will be purchased once the hall is handed back to the Parish Council. Planning for the opening event is now underway. We will confirm the date as soon as we are able, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the hall in due course.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the **16th July at 7:30pm at St John Baptist Church**. All are welcome. If the venue changes to the village hall, we will post this on the agenda.

*Wendy Alcock
Parish Clerk
Denham Parish Council*

There is a saying; You can take a horse to water but you can't force it to drink. Perhaps the same is true of democracy and the democratic process. The state can organise elections in order for the people to choose an MP, or a local councillor, or a Neighbourhood Development Plan - but it cannot force them to vote or indeed take an interest.

Neighbourhood Plan

Hoxne's Neighbourhood Plan has now become established after years of consultation, research by a plethora of outside specialists, more public consultation, scrutiny by government-appointed inspectors in order to ensure the correct procedures had been adhered to, and yet more scrutiny by our local planning authority before local residents were given the opportunity to vote on the plan. This would not have happened without a dedicated group of local people who answered Hoxne Parish Council's request at the time to formulate a local neighbourhood plan. Thanks must go to them for all their hard work. The sites of any future housing developments in Hoxne will now be tightly controlled until 2037.

Traffic Management

A Hoxne Parish Council working group is still formulating a traffic management plan for the whole of the village with the

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help of our local councillor, Matthew Hicks. It is gratifying to note that many of our proposals are considered realistic and stand a good chance of being implemented if we can collect enough data and information on previous vehicle accidents within the parish in order to present them to the highways authority.

There will be the cost of converting these proposals to local traffic regulations and then the further cost of implementing them with road markings and new traffic signs.

Without therefore wishing to burden local residents with the huge cost of this all at once, it is likely that the parish council will implement these changes over a period of two to three years. (Currently the highways authority, Suffolk County Council, does not have the budget to finance the cost of these traffic management proposals itself).

The parish council has already 'exhibited' these proposals at the Annual Parish Meeting held at the end of April at the village hall and at the MAYFEST at the playing fields. (Both events were well publicised for members of the public to attend with free admission). So far, local opinion to these changes has been very favourable.

Telegraph Pole

Some residents may have noticed a huge telegraph pole that has been erected opposite the village shop. The parish council were not notified of this pole going up in what is a conservation area. We therefore have no idea what it is for. Mid Suffolk Council have been notified and we await their response. Watch this space.

Meetings

Hoxne Parish Council meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month. During the summer they are held at the sports field pavilion. Meetings always start at 7.30 pm. All residents are entitled to attend and observe the meetings. There is also a slot on the agenda when members of the public can have their say on topics included in the agenda for that evening. The agenda is always published beforehand on the parish council website. (Admission is free).

Chris Parkin
Chair, Hoxne Parish Council



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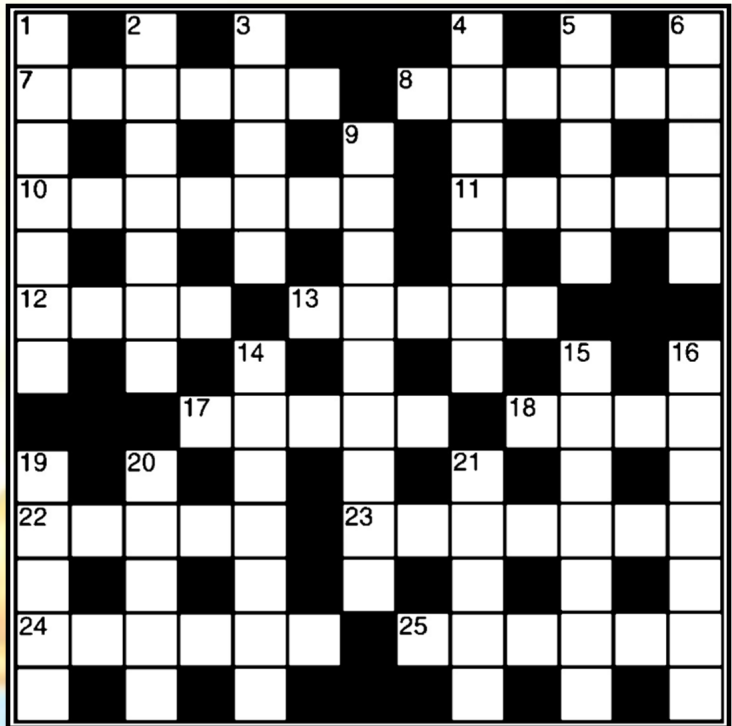
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Crossword Puzzle No. 159

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Please add your name and address to entries.

*Don't forget you can email a photograph or scan of your entry to:
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Across

7. Make Stefan secure (6)
8. Rowing crew at more than sixes and sevens (6)
10. Copy retrieved from emu later (7)
11. Mournful song about broken ridge (5)
12. Rant about a mountain lake (4)
13. Cast aspersions about a smudge (4)
17. Tendency to follow fashion (5)
18. Sounds like resentment on a mountain top (4)
22. Retrieve from fire new beginning (5)
23. Use lint when making a tool (7)
24. Rarely used by a tightwad (6)
25. Business magnate is not coy (6)

Down

1. Consequences of one's possessions (7)
2. English accent heard by the Thames (7)
3. Startle wild animal with flare burst (5)
4. Angry feline on unofficial strike (7)
5. Allure of a trinket (5)
6. Bogus hero concealing a court official (5)
9. Runs movie about noxious creatures (9)
14. Hit a monarch over the head (7)
15. Unease felt as rope tightens (7)
16. Risky line part of the horizon (7)
19. Audibly attracts parts of furniture (5)
20. Relative in an unclean state (5)
21. Girl with a precious stone (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.158 was: Sam Foote

Answers: Across: 1. Potter 8. Sighed 10. Launder 11. Cling 12. Nice 13. Amiss
17. Broth 18. Moan 22. Lucid 23. Stature 24. Coasts 25. Inmate

Down: 1. Opulent 2. Staunch 3. Weedy 4. Discuss 5. Chair 6. Adage 9. Dramatist
14. Credits 15. Popular 16. Angered 19. Place 20. Scrap 21. Damns

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