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Letters to the Editor

Hoxne Post Office & Shop

You may have been wondering what the early election means for our project and the government's Community Ownership Fund (COF) we are applying to - so have we!

There has been virtually no communication from the government (there are strict rules about what they were allowed to say in the pre-election period). However, this is what we can tell you: the work on the application is done, and we are ready to go.

The early election has caught the Community Ownership Fund off guard (as it has lots of people!) and the fund is now suspended. It may re-start or may not - nobody knows yet. We are starting to think through alternatives to COF funding in case it doesn't go ahead.

If you have made a pledge to buy shares or make a donation, there is nothing you need to do. We have your details and will be in touch when we know what is happening. We will never ask you for a financial contribution without certainty about where the balance of funding is coming from.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mike Barton

Letters to the Editor *cont.*

Nikola Tesla

I would like to say how much I enjoyed Gordon Awcock's article in the last issue about **Nikola Tesla**. He was clearly a fascinating and exceptional person and Gordon's account took me back to my early childhood when I remember my father's interest in Tesla's work and ideas.

My father's education was rudimentary by today's standards and he left school, soon to be fighting in Europe in WW2, with no qualifications of any sort. However, he had a sharp intelligence and inquiring mind that found many practical applications including the still relatively new domestic uses of electricity. It was around the mid-1950s when, together with his brother-in-law, he undertook the installation of electric power into the three-story, late-Victorian apartment block that was my grandparents' rented home. I well remember the magic of the 'big switch-on' when the gently hissing, dim, greenish light from the gas mantle was replaced by the bright yellowish beam from an electric light bulb.

I am sorry that Gordon's correspondence with local agencies and with the MP have been fruitless. I am not able to comment on the possible relevance of Tesla's ideas to climate change but his biographical story, accessed through a more recent wireless wonder - the internet - made for fascinating reading.

Dawn Lodge

Please be a responsible dog owner

Walking the dog can be a great pleasure but spoilt by constantly being on guard to avoid heaps of dog poo on the footpaths, and spoilt even more if you don't! The problem seems to be particularly bad at

the moment particularly down the footpath from Nelson's garage to Brakey Wood. The grass is so long that it is sometimes difficult to see, until it is too late.

I carry my poo bag like a fashion accessory and on very rare occasions I admit that I have forgotten to take one with me. However, if my dog performs then I ensure I kick it into a ditch, or the undergrowth well away from where people and pushchairs can access. On many occasions I have actually picked up other people's dog poo, but it shouldn't be necessary.

Come on you Hoxne dog owners - be responsible, considerate citizens and keep our footpaths clear.

Margaret Sillis

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**WINGFIELD
COMMUNITY SHOP**



OPEN
Monday - Friday
9am - 3pm

- Essentials - milk, bread etc
- Sweet treats - bakery, cakes, confectionery
- Dairy & Eggs - cheese, butter, yoghurt
- Frozen goods - veg, pastries, ready-meals
- Grocery and dry goods
- Giftware
- Plants and flowers in season
- Veg Boxes in season



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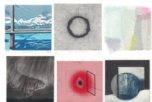
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What's On

Wingfield Barns

Mini Prints Exhibition

Saturday 27th July-31st August FREE



We welcome back the 45th Miniprints Exhibition through August (closed Monday & Tuesday) open 11am - 4pm

The Ciderhouse Rebellion

Friday 27th September 7.30pm, £14

Both Adam (violin) and Murray (accordion) are recognised virtuoso musicians in their own right, touring the world as professional artists. Although the pair only started working together in 2020, they have already released four



celebrated albums, won Arts Council support, been featured on Folk on Foot, scored a BBC Radio 4 play and played significant festivals across the UK and Europe.

Jack Rutter

Friday 18th October 7.30pm, £14

Yorkshire folk singer Jack Rutter has established himself as one of the standout voices of the folk, roots and acoustic music scene in recent years.



A hugely engaging stage presence, his soaring vocal, powerhouse guitar and bouzouki playing and masterful arrangements of traditional songs and contemporary covers have enthralled audiences from the largest festival main stages to the most intimate folk clubs.

For tickets and information, please contact Wingfield Barns IP21 5RA office.manager@wingfieldbarns.co.uk

Hannah Scott

Friday 25th October 7.30pm, £13

Hannah Scott is a consummate storyteller, her music shaped by human stories - family, in all its chaos and glory, sits at the heart of her work.

Career highlights include having her song *No Gravity* featured on the hit



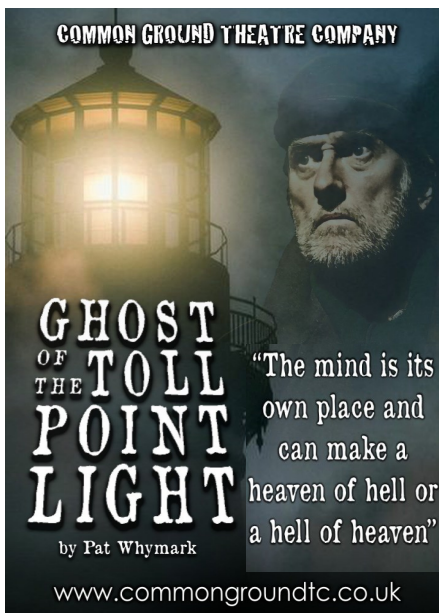
international TV series *Grey's Anatomy*, recording a live session on BBC Radio 2 with Dermot O'Leary and opening for Madeleine Peyroux, performing to an audience of two thousand.

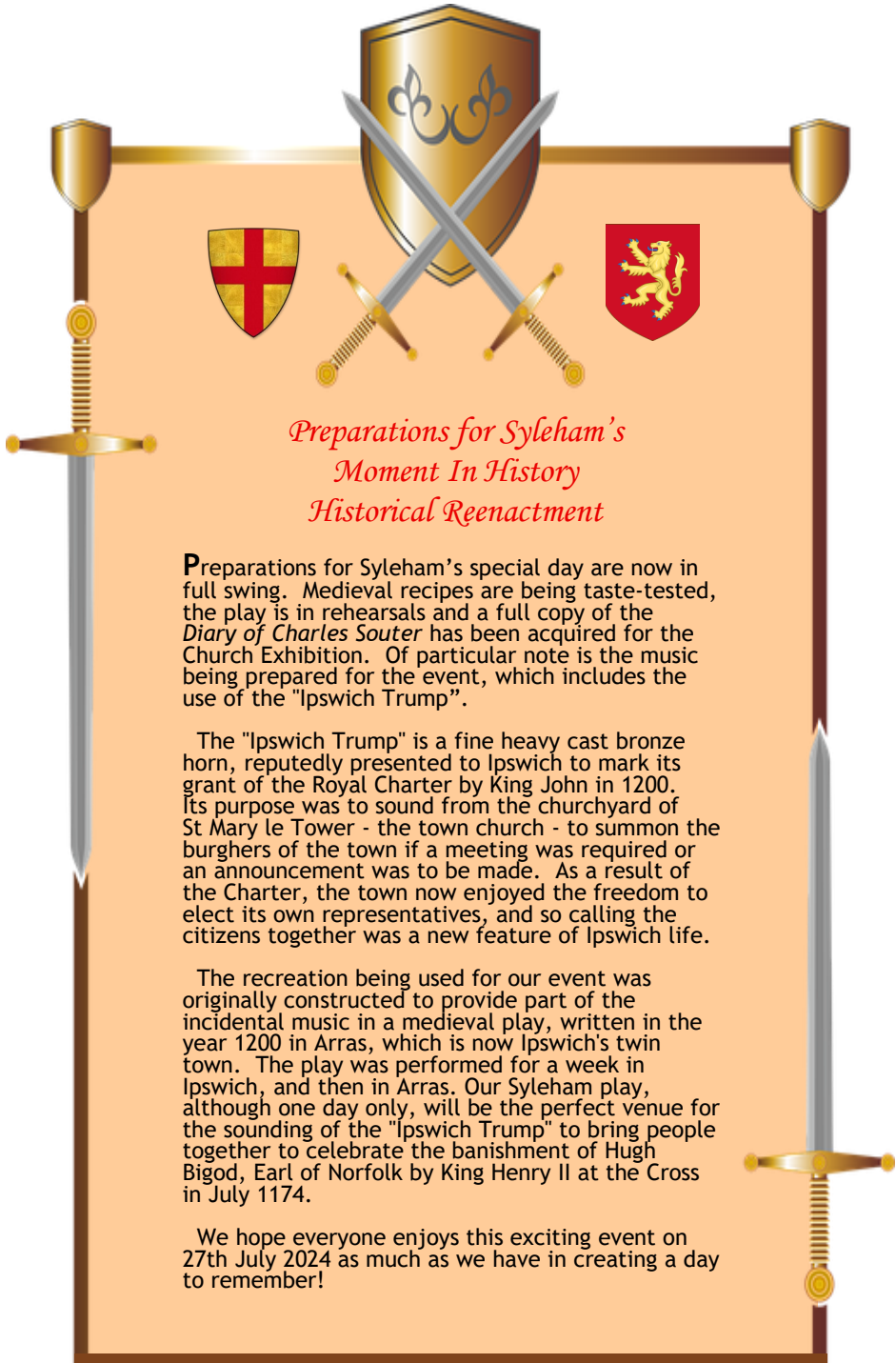
Ghost of the Toll Point Light

Common Ground Theatre Company

Sunday 6th October 7.30pm, £14/£10

Ghost of The Toll Point Light, in the context of a good old-fashioned ghost story, also explores questions around why people seek seclusion - some as a means of escape or of atonement, some as a way of finding peace or achieving enlightenment.





*Preparations for Syleham's
Moment In History
Historical Reenactment*

Preparations for Syleham's special day are now in full swing. Medieval recipes are being taste-tested, the play is in rehearsals and a full copy of the *Diary of Charles Souter* has been acquired for the Church Exhibition. Of particular note is the music being prepared for the event, which includes the use of the "Ipswich Trump".

The "Ipswich Trump" is a fine heavy cast bronze horn, reputedly presented to Ipswich to mark its grant of the Royal Charter by King John in 1200. Its purpose was to sound from the churchyard of St Mary le Tower - the town church - to summon the burghers of the town if a meeting was required or an announcement was to be made. As a result of the Charter, the town now enjoyed the freedom to elect its own representatives, and so calling the citizens together was a new feature of Ipswich life.

The recreation being used for our event was originally constructed to provide part of the incidental music in a medieval play, written in the year 1200 in Arras, which is now Ipswich's twin town. The play was performed for a week in Ipswich, and then in Arras. Our Syleham play, although one day only, will be the perfect venue for the sounding of the "Ipswich Trump" to bring people together to celebrate the banishment of Hugh Bigod, Earl of Norfolk by King Henry II at the Cross in July 1174.

We hope everyone enjoys this exciting event on 27th July 2024 as much as we have in creating a day to remember!

Local Author's Latest Book

GD Silkstone's

A Fairy Tale of Our Times

"When private eye Harry Douglas accepts £1 million to find a body in 1975, little does he realise what he has let himself in for.

This is a tale of mystery, intrigue and adventure, testing the limits of your imagination as the story unfolds and the jigsaw falls into place.

A fairy tale which might become much more than that in the fullness of time."

Geoff's hardback book is on sale at the Hoxne Post Office and shop, with the special price of £7.99 for Village Voice readers.



St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Monthly Film Nights

By the time you read this we will have shown our June film *The Holdovers*, and July's *Wicked Little Letters*, which we hope didn't offend too many people with the colourful language! No film showing in August but we'll be back on Friday, 20th September - film to be announced, watch out for posters and the Hoxne Community Group on Facebook.

Scrap Metal

Following on from the success of the last skip in the hall carpark, which raised a nice amount for the hall, we are looking to have another delivered in the autumn. Watch out for posters and website for dates.

Upkeep of the hall

We have had the hall floor sanded and resealed, and have to say it looks really good. Hopefully this will not need doing again for a good few years!

Other Events

We have a Monkees tribute band, a fund-raising event for the church bells, on 28th September. Everyone concerned is donating their time, with only the cost of food coming out of the ticket and raffle proceeds. We're looking forward to a great evening - come and join us!

There is also a Charity Race Night organised by the Phoenix Group on 4th October (see poster, page 32).

Any enquiries for hiring the hall, please Email Sally:

hoxnevhhbookings@outlook.com
Website: hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

ED'S PLAICE

Traditional Fish and Chips

- Wednesdays: serving from 3 - 7pm
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- Thursdays: serving from 4 - 7pm
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60's Dinner and Dance

★ **Saturday 28th September** ★

In aid of Hoxne Church Bells

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for booking

Doors Open at 700pm

Dinner at 800pm

CARRIAGES at 1200am

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

The Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social club volunteers continue to open the bar on a Tuesday and Friday evening, 8pm to 11pm. We have board games, books, darts and pool available along with reasonably priced drinks.

Both the monthly Open Mic and the monthly Quiz evening are taking a short summer break - next Open Mic (1st Friday) will be 4th October, while next Quiz (3rd Friday) will be 20th September. Karaoke continues on the 2nd Friday - free entry, raffle.



Bingo continues on the last Friday of the month, 26th July & 30th August will be in aid of The Fire Fighters Charity. Come along ready to start just after 8pm.

We also have some varied events coming in the next few months!

Thursday 1st August, *Galactic Kidscon* - an event in aid of Eye Opportunity Group. A free, family event, running from 11am to 3pm, when we are expecting the Galactic Troopers to bring along friends and foes. They have put lots of information on their facebook page - take a look. There's a Ghostbusters car!



Saturday 17th August is *Big Ant's Summer Disco Party* - £5, or free for SWSSC members (annual membership still £3.50 or £3 for concs), 3pm to 10pm, party buffet, raffle, bar open, books, board games, darts and pool available too.




Advance notice - Oktoberfest 2024 on Saturday 12th October, pre-Christmas Craft/ Coffee on Saturday 2nd November, *Buddy Holly* on Saturday 16th November, plus New Year's Eve celebration.



J's Meadow is looking great, and many families are enjoying this community open space - you can't see it from the road, just take the footpath opposite the village hall and you'll find it a little way down on your left. The pedestrian gate is always open. Fantastic views, play and exercise equipment, seating. Thanks to the small team who meet on the second Thursday of the month, 10-12, to snip at the hedging, chat, do a little weeding, etc. Please join us if you can, or get in touch and we'll arrange a time and day to suit you.

We would be pleased if anyone would like to join us to organise activities and events at the village hall, or have skills to offer the village hall management committee. Thank you.

Julie Thompson
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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!

Revd 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



EAST ANGLIAN TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRUST

Promoting events, research & participation in the folk music traditions of East Anglia

On Saturday, 21st September we are bringing the **Stowmarket Traditional Music Day** to town. You will be treated to 15 Morris teams, East Anglian stepdancers and storytellers, organised concerts, workshops, jig dolls and more, at a variety of town centre venues - the John Peel Centre, No 11 Market Place, The Walnut, The Queens Head, The Pallet Bar, The Royal British Legion, Stowmarket Library, The Royal Oak, Stowmarket Church and Church Hall and Stowmarket Scout Centre.

All the day-time events are **FREE**, beginning with an official opening in the John Peel Centre at 10.15am.

The programme will be available on our website towards the end of August. Also on the website will be details of how to obtain tickets for the evening concerts, for which there is a charge.

We do hope you will be able to join us in Stowmarket on 21st September.

Jan Robinson

Traditional Music Day Saturday 21st September 2024 Stowmarket, Suffolk



Jackie Oates ~ Damien Barber ~ The Norfolk Broads
Peter & Barbara Snape ~ Ellen Mitchell ~ Bill Murray
Finn Collinson & Archie Churchill-Moss ~ Mary Humphreys & Anahata
Mike Bettison & Dan Quinn ~ The Medlars ~ Harbour Lights Trio
Katie Howson ~ Liz Giddings & Roger Digby ~ John Row ~ Steve Morris
Karen & Colin Cater ~ Phil Lyons ~ The Harbour Inn Crowd ~ Kerry Fletcher
Tim Brooks ~ Capstan Full Strength ~ Morris, Molly, Rapper, Stepdancing & More

**John Peel Centre The Walnut Royal British Legion
The Pallet Bar Stowmarket Library 11 Market Place
Stowmarket Parish Church & Church Hall Stowmarket Scout Centre
& across the Town Centre**

10.30am-5.00pm FREE EVENTS

7.00pm-10.45pm TICKETED & FREE EVENTS

For more details:

www.eatmt.org.uk—info@eatmt.org.uk—07495 054669

ART THAT INSPIRES ...



The Art Society Diss starts a new season of talks on Tuesday 17 September. It's fun, sociable, and at the Corn Hall in Diss where you can have a coffee or light lunch beforehand.

The subject matter is varied but always enjoyable and delivered by knowledgeable speakers who know how to entertain their audience. Why not come along and try us out?

Our programme for the next five months is as follows:

17 September:

The Jazz Age

With Sandy Burnett and his double bass. The early years to the Second World War; Louis Armstrong and the dawn of 'swing'.

15 October:

Princess Kesnia Pterovic Njegas

The princess who recorded a lost way of life in Montenegro.

19 November:

Chrysanthemums in Art and Culture

Japonisme, operetta and the Chrysanthemum Throne.

3 December:

Les Trois Grandes Dames

Three Impressionist artists: Mary Bracquemond, Berthe Morisot and Mary Cassatt.

21 January:

Frederic Lord Leighton

The Curator of Leighton House explores Leighton's life and work.



*Chrysanthemums in the garden at Petit-Gennevilliers, Gustave Caillebotte
Met Museum*

All meetings are at the Corn Hall in Diss
on the third Tuesday of the month (except December), at 2 pm
Suggested donation for guests is £8

For more information about membership:
artsocdiss.org.uk or info@artsocdiss.org.uk
New members and guests are welcome

Church News

Let us not become weary in doing what is right

St Paul says in his letter to the Galatians, "Let us not become weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all." This is a great thought to have in mind at harvest time - or any time. It's tempting to think that what we do makes no difference in the world, that it looms no larger than a grain of wheat. But everything we do and say has an influence on those around us and we are not always aware of the impact we have, for good or ill. Some people express this as "what goes around, comes around".

This remains true even in times when we may feel that global and national developments overshadow anything we can do as individuals. We should not tire of doing what is right and working for the good of all, and that is even more important when people are struggling. So let's keep helping each other out and supporting each other to the best of our ability; and we may find that we can accept help when we need it, too.

Meanwhile, we kick off the harvest celebrations at Hoxne on Thursday 1st August at 6.00 pm with the Lammas service in aid of the Addington Fund which helps farming families in times of need. The service will be followed by a hog roast and a glass of wine. Syleham's Harvest Service is at 10.00 am on Sunday 15th September and Syleham's Harvest Supper is on Saturday 28th September. Other harvest services and celebrations will be announced shortly.

Please note a change in our schedule of services: Denham's monthly service has been changed from the third Sunday of the month to the fourth Sunday. It will still take place at 11.00 am.

Revd Eleanor Goodison
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Tel: 07876 143579

Church Services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield

Planned church services in August/September.

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

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on Zoom.

August

Thursday 1st August
Lammas

6.00 pm Lammas Service, Hoxne

Sunday 4th August
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield
4.00 pm *Messy Church*, Syleham & Wingfield village hall

Sunday 11th August
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield
9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne
4.00 pm Animal Service, Horham

Sunday 18th August
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25th August
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

September

Sunday 1st September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 1st September

4.00 pm **Messy Church**
10th Anniversary
Celebration (see poster, P21)



Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday 8th September
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 15th September
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
10.00 am Harvest Festival, Syleham
6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 22nd September
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 29th September
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Benefice Service, Hoxne
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

St Andrew's, Wingfield

Wingfield Heraldry

Bob Elliott gave a fascinating talk on the heraldry of the Wingfields, De La Poles and related families on 8th June, in aid of church funds. Refreshments were served afterwards and everyone enjoyed the evening. Heraldry is one of the interests of visitors to Wingfield church and our visitors' book bears witness to the fact that American visitors are venturing over here again post-pandemic and including Wingfield in their itineraries.

Church stonework

The major project to stabilise and restore the stonework on the south west corner of the church and the tower has taken several steps forward with specifications drawn up and tenders received for the work. We will now be seeking the necessary permissions and

Village Voice

Come & Enjoy Cream Teas
At

St Andrew's Church
Wingfield, IP21 5RA

Saturday 10th August
2-4pm

Everyone Very Welcome!



Parking available at Wingfield Barns

grants to help fund it. We expect it to cost about £130,000 and we will need to find about 10% of this sum from church funds, so every donation will be most gratefully received!

Cream Tea invitation

On Saturday 10th August from 2.00 to 4.00 pm we will be holding a cream tea at the church with games, raffles and lots of fun (see poster above). Do come along and enjoy!

Wingfield Book Club

The Book Club will meet at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 14th August at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield. We have been reading books that tackled big issues recently, so we have awarded ourselves something a bit lighter for August and will be discussing *Mapp and Lucia* by E F Benson. Details of the September meeting are still to be decided.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

Aug/Sep 15



St Margaret's, Syleham

All lined up and ready to GO! We had a lovely Fête on 29th June, with cream teas, Pimm's, craft stalls, calendar entries, relaxed visitors and lots of fun for the children, all in perfect sunshine! And at the end of the afternoon, loads of medals!

Our fund-raising for the repairs and maintenance required is encouraging: the fête added £718 to £1100 already raised from a very successful *Call My Bluff* (Wine) in early May and the earlier Soup and Snowdrops (£250) and, with three grants now awarded, we hope that the work can be carried out late summer/early autumn.

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 15th September at 10am, with seasonal refreshments to follow, and all are most welcome. Our **Harvest Supper** follows on Saturday 28th September (*poster opposite*).

Coffee & Cake continues at the village hall on 6th August and 3rd September from 10am - 11.30am. Free coffee/tea and home-made cake with table service and plenty of lively chat - and numbers are growing! There is always a quiet table if preferred and prayer cards and doodling facilities are also available.

Looking ahead, *Amici* are looking forward to joining our Carol Service once again, on 15th December.

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

Contact for all above:

mary.lewis43@icloud.com
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WINGFIELD HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday

26th October

more details will
be on the church
website soon!

Wingfieldchurchsuffolk.org

Contact: Jacky Taylor

taylor5re@btinternet.com



Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

Saturday, 14th September

On every second Saturday in September, for well over 40 years the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust has been running its *Ride and Stride* fundraiser - originated in Suffolk, but now copied all over the country.

Last year when the event was held on one of the hottest days of the year, an intrepid group of riders and striders from Hoxne managed to raise in excess of £400.00.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, 14th September between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm and as always it provides an excellent opportunity to visit as many of our local churches as you can in support of a good cause.

Sponsorship forms will be available from your local organiser (*see below*) or from the website:
<https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>
so please get involved and ask your friends and family to sponsor you, either for a fixed sum or on a per-church basis.

Just as importantly, we do need recorders in the church on the day so if you are able to help us by giving up an hour or two to perform this important task, please let me know what times would suit you best.

We look forward to seeing you on 14th September and remember, you can visit as many or as few churches as you feel able to, while enjoying our beautiful countryside and possibly even a pub or two along the way.

David Hyde, Local Organiser
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Proceeds to St Margaret's Church

Harvest Festival - Sunday 1st September
at St Margaret's at 10am



St Peter & St Paul's, Hoxne

Since my last report we have had two contrasting events at the church, the first was the 'Summer Event' - I guess a version of the summer fete, there were a lot of people and the weather was glorious. I was surprised by the number of people that climbed the tower, they had more stamina than me.

The second event I attended was the Archdeacon's visitation for the swearing in of the churchwardens. The church was full. People attended from far and wide. I was surprised by my enjoyment of the service and thankful that in a church full of regular service attendees I was not the only one who did not seem familiar with the first hymn.

On Thursday 1st August Hoxne Church has its annual Lammas Service in aid of the Addington Fund, a farming charity. The service is at 6pm followed by refreshments and hog roast.

So what is Lammas? Look it up on the internet and there do seem to be conflicting ideas - is it a Christian Festival or is it a Pagan Festival? Both



I think, certainly all agree that for agricultural communities this was the first day of the harvest, when the fields would be glowing with corn and reaping would begin.

For all of us grain is important, it feeds the world.

The Addington Fund is a charity started in response to the foot-and-mouth outbreak in 2001. It supports farmers at times of natural disaster, and provides subsidised housing for retired farm workers who have lived in tied cottages



all their working life, and for the younger folk who are looking to start their careers in farming. Take a look at their website: addingtonfund.org.uk.

A worthy cause, I am sure you will agree. If you come along you will find that the hymns are the traditional harvest hymns that you know and love. There is a collection but you do get to enjoy a free hog roast (donated by a local farmer).

Deborah Harding
01379 668190

Cathie McGregor
Group Leader 01379 668434

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 19th August - Garden Meeting
Monday 16th September - Meeting

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Hoxne's Harvest Breakfast

returns on

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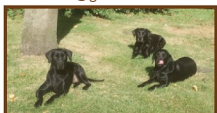
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Although we have endeavoured to maintain and update our stock of available books for sale, in recent times following the winding up of the Friends it has become increasingly difficult to obtain fresh supplies.

So, if you do have any suitable books on your shelves or in your collection that no longer appeal to you or are no longer of value, we can make very good use of them and they will help support a very worthwhile cause.

Please let me know and I will collect anywhere or any time, thank you.

David Hyde
davidjhyde@btopenworld.com

Hoxne Bells & Tower Project

The project has passed a major milestone - we have reached a consensus with the heritage protection bodies about the work that needs to be carried out. This has taken quite a lot of time, but it will make it much easier to get formal approval for the work from the Diocese. The next step is to draw up detailed specifications for the work, which can then be costed. We will be doing this over the next few months.

We have been continuing with local fundraising. We held a Gong Bath in a Garden on 18 May. It was a warm sunny afternoon for a very relaxing occasion and a blackbird sang along with the gongs. We also gave guided tours of the tower at the Church Fête on 8 June, to explain how the new bells will be hung and rung, and to enable people to enjoy the wonderful view from the top of the tower. Watch out for news of future events.



Revd John McCracken

Little Lambs

Little Lambs met in June and July when we had two very different meetings due to the weather.

In June we were bathed in sunshine and the children enjoyed playing games outdoors, the best part being sending cars down the slide! They also took part in toddler races and actually managed to eat their picnic outside.



Unfortunately the weather was not so kind in July so we were confined to indoors where once again, the cars were the main occupation. Bea did not disappoint us and produced

some beautiful artwork. We also welcomed baby Reuben and his mum Alice to the group for the first time.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Harry, who is starting school in September. Harry has been coming

to Little Lambs since it started, and he and his mum Helen will be sorely missed. We wish Harry all the best as he starts his school career.

Little Lambs will be meeting at the Pavilion, Hoxne Playing Field, on Tuesday, 3rd September between 12.30 and 2.30pm. All under 5s welcome with an adult. Bring a packed lunch if you would like to.



Caroline Abbott
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It has been a busy time at St Edmund's Primary - all of our Key Stage 2 pupils were presented with the opportunity to



attend Residential trips. Years 3 and 4 visited Horstead and Years 5 and 6 visited Bawdsey. The children really

enjoy these opportunities to develop their independence skills, participate in a range of different and exciting activities and work collaboratively with pupils from the other partnership school (Mendham

Primary). These trips can only work with the hard work of our staff who give up their time to plan before the trips and give up their sleep whilst on the trips!



As we approach the end of the Academic Year the children enjoy events such as Sports Day and End of

Year Performances. These are always well supported by our fantastic families. For our final Celebration Sharing Assembly of the year we welcomed some very special guests who helped with the presentation of the Star of the Week Certificates.

There have also been developments in our Early Years provision as we have been successful in being able to provide education for 2-year-olds. This took a great deal of thought and

planning and a proposal was submitted to the Department for Education. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop our school community!

We now look forward to the next Academic Year with enthusiasm and one in which we will continue to develop our community links.

Simon Lea, Academy Head



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Children's Section

Open to children up to 16 years of age. Please ensure you put your age (but not your name) on all entries as a guide for the judge.

Class 1 - A collage from natural materials, no larger than the size of A4 paper

Class 2 - A piece of artwork in any medium

Class 3 - Six cupcakes, sweet or savoury and decorated as you choose

Adults' Section

Cooking and Preserves

All cooking must be covered with cling film, for hygiene purposes:

Class 4 - A Jar of Jam - any fruit

Class 5 - A Jar of Jelly - any fruit

Class 6 - A Jar of Marmalade

Class 7 - A Jar of Chutney

Class 8 - A Jar of Pickled/Fermented Vegetables or Nuts (eg kimchi, sauerkraut, pickled walnuts)

Class 9 - A Jar of Curd

Class 10 - Any other Preserve (from those in classes 4 to 9)

Class 11 - 5 Brownies/Blondies

Class 12 - A Savoury Tart

Class 13 - Bread, plain or speciality, oven-baked (no bread makers to be used)

Class 14 - Any home-made Alcoholic Drink (eg wine, beer or liqueur)

Class 15 - Any home-made Non-Alcoholic Drink (eg cordial, ginger beer, lemonade)

Class 16 - Cake Baking (*recipe provided: Guinness Cake*)

Guinness Cake Recipe

- 250 ml Guinness
- 250 g unsalted butter
- 75 g cocoa
- 400 g caster sugar
- 142 ml sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 275 g plain flour
- 2½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 300 g Philadelphia cheese
- 150 g icing sugar
- 125 ml double or whipping cream



Preheat oven to 180°C.

Butter and line a 23cm springform tin.

Pour Guinness into a large saucepan, add butter in slices and heat until butter has melted. Whisk in cocoa and sugar.

Beat sour cream, eggs and vanilla extract.

Pour into the Guinness mixture.

Whisk in flour and bicarbonate of soda.

Pour into tin.

Bake for 45 minutes to one hour. Leave to cool completely in the tin on a cooling rack. When cold, turn cake onto a flat plate.

Lightly whip cream cheese, sieve icing sugar and beat together. (Or place in food processor and mix until smooth.)

Add cream and beat again to make spreadable consistency. Spread on top of cake to resemble froth on a pint of Guinness.

Craft Section

Items must have been made by the exhibitor within the last 12 months:

Class 17 - A piece of knitting or crochet work

Class 18 - A soft toy in any medium

Class 19 - A piece of sewn fabric work eg clothes, patchwork, cross-stitch

Class 20 - A piece of art work, any medium

Class 21 - A piece of hard handicraft, eg pottery, woodwork, jewellery

Photography

All photos must have been taken by the exhibitor within the last 12 months. Maximum size 20cm (8ins) x 15 cm (6ins):

Class 22 - View from a window

Class 23 - Wildlife

Class 24 - Weather

Class 25 - Local architecture

These are the Photography Classes for next year's show, 2025:

Class A - Best of British

Class B - Winter

Class C - Eyes

Class D - Tools of the trade

Fruit and Vegetables

All produce must be grown by the exhibitor:

Class 26 - 3 Carrots with Foliage

Class 27 - 3 Runner Beans

Class 28 - 3 Potatoes

Class 29 - 3 Tomatoes with stalks on - **NOT cherry types**

Class 30 - 5 Cherry Tomatoes, stalks on

Class 31 - 3 Courgettes

Class 32 - 3 Onions

Class 33 - Any Other Vegetable (to those in classes 26 to 32, one only)

Class 34 - The Heaviest Tomato

Class 35 - A Collection of Vegetables (only one of each) of THREE distinct kinds. (*Parsley may be used as decoration / garnish but is not classed as one of the vegetables*)

Class 36 - Wonkiest Vegetable (the most amusing, misshapen vegetable)

Class 37 - 3 Pears

Class 38 - 3 Apples

Class 39 - 3 Plums / Gages

Class 40 - 5 Soft Fruits (eg blackberries, raspberries, strawberries etc with stalks)

Class 41 - Any Other Fruit (to those in classes 37 to 40, one only)

Flowers and Foliage

All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor:

Class 42 - A Single Rose in a vase

Class 43 - 5 Stems of Garden Flowers in a vase

Class 44 - 3 Dahlias in a vase

Class 45 - 5 Different Herb Stems/Sprigs in a vase

Floral Art

Bought or garden flowers may be used in the following classes:

Class 46 - A hand-tied bouquet (no taller than 30cm in height)

Class 47 - A scented arrangement

Class 48 - An arrangement using a recycled container (not exceeding 20cm diameter)



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Alan Garnham and Roger Knight have reached the County Area Semi-Finals in various events and hope to progress further in that and the Upper Waveney competitions.

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Hoxne Phoenix Group

At our last meeting in June, we enjoyed a slide presentation from Barbara Meyer. Barbara is a wildlife photographer who dedicates her photography to help endangered big cat species in their fight for survival, as well as to raise awareness of the situation of British wildlife and wildlife that lives around us. We were given a fascinating insight into wildlife around the world. From black bears and their cubs in Canada, Patagonia fox in Argentina, lions in South Africa, to grey seals in Norfolk. Barbara told us to respect wildlife at all times and to always have our cameras ready!

On Tuesday, 9th July our speaker is Christine Webber - *Positive Ageing!* Christine has an amazing CV. She

initially trained as an opera singer, went on to join Anglia TV as a presenter, qualified as a psychotherapist and has written many books. She now writes a weekly column for Eastern Daily Press and East Anglian Daily Times. Staying as fit, vibrant, happy and healthy as possible is paramount. It's all about energy, and who doesn't want more of that?

Richard Stainer will be joining us on Tuesday, 13th August. Richard will be talking about *Modern Day Slavery*. The number of people identified as victims of modern slavery in the UK has been rising year on year, with over 12,000 people referred to the authorities in 2021. The real number of people trapped in slavery is estimated to be much higher - more than 130,000 people - and is estimated to cost the UK £33 billion per year. A thought-provoking topic. The presentation may include some upsetting material.

On 17th June our group met with Adrian Tindall, Chair of the *Bury St Edmunds Tour* Guides. Adrian took us on a ninety minute walking tour of the town. The sun shone down and we were so enthralled that the follow-up tour has already been booked for Friday, 13th September.

I hope many of you will have already put Friday, 4th October into your diaries for the *Hoxne Race Night* (open to all). Entrance tickets will shortly be available to purchase at £4 each. We will be approaching local businesses for their support in sponsoring a race or two! The bar will be open throughout the evening in the village hall, and we hope you will join us in what will be a fabulous evening.

As usual we have a busy and exciting schedule for the rest of this year, and well into 2025! We 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 from Hoxne and surrounding villages always welcome.

Daphne Cook
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Hoxne Heritage Group

Bulmer Brickworks

The Hoxne Heritage Group meets monthly but we have so much more going on - many members are shortly off on our organised trip to *Bulmer Brickworks* for a tour and a talk! Ever wondered where those unusual arched bricks that line



many houses, and indeed the village hall and The Swan, originated? Bulmer Brickworks have the mould and can reproduce exact copies to order!

On **Tuesday, 20th August**, Heritage Group members will meet at The Swan in Hoxne at 7.30pm to chat, discuss the groups news, business, outings, plans and show local historic garden and metal-detecting finds. 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.

The work and history of Orchard Barn

On **Tuesday, 17th September** we are back at Hoxne village hall for a talk by Sarah Partridge entitled: *"The work and history of Orchard Barn"*. Orchard Barn, based in Ringshall Suffolk, is a volunteer-run Centre for Environmental Education, specialising in natural and traditional building courses. Their current project is the restoration of their Suffolk Long House, which dates back to 1580. More

details of Orchard Barn and all it can offer can be found at:
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As usual this talk will start at 7.30pm and will cost £5 at the door (or just £3 for HHG members). The bar will be open from 7pm and all members of the public are welcome.

To learn more, and possibly become a member of the Hoxne Heritage Group, please visit our web site 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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What has happened to our summer you may ask? It will certainly not go down in the history books as one of prolonged heat and dryness. Yet, the museums continue to open twice a month during the 'summer', the second and last Sunday of each month up to and including September. In the radio and audio museum upstairs there have been a few changes in order to keep the exhibits fresh and varied. The Bakelite exhibition was a success highlighting the design possibilities of this early plastic, both for radios and other items used around the home (have you ever seen a Bakelite lemon squeezer before?)

We are now collecting transistor radios which has already aroused a lot of interest - particularly from those visitors of a 'certain age' who, as teenagers, remember listening to Radio Luxembourg '208' with their transistor radio underneath the bedclothes rather than going to sleep for school the next morning.

The Waveney Heritage Centre does not receive any regular funding; it therefore relies on the income it receives from organised talks and open days such as the very successful one held in June in

conjunction with the Waveney Volunteers for Nature at which a table-top sale was held. Over £400 was raised towards the running costs of the centre. You can help towards the cost of keeping the centre open by becoming a member. This costs £10 a year, for which you get notifications of events coming up and a discount to organised talks and events. Refer to our website for further details.

Events coming up include a walk around Harleston, led by Gordon Lascelles on **Wednesday 4th September** at 7.30 pm, meeting at the Swan Hotel in Harleston. On **Wednesday 18th September** Graham Moore will be giving a talk on Pauline Gower, who created the Women's Air Transport Auxiliary. On **Wednesday, 16th October** there will be a talk by Derek Clarke from the Waveney Volunteers for Conservation on their rescue and recovery of the Brockdish Commons. All our talks take place at the Centre in Brockdish, unless otherwise stated. They start at 7.30 pm and the cost is £5, unless you are a member when it is £4. Watch this space for more details or again, refer to the website.

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Fressingfield Scouts

May and June were good months for getting out and about at your Scout Group. Apart from the Group Camp at the beginning of the month (which we reported on in the last issue) we've also attended the Norfolk County Scouts organised Water Activities Weekend at Decoy Broad and been on two expedition hike/camps.



Helping at the food bank

Fourteen Scouts and Explorers had a very full and challenging long Bank Holiday weekend filled with camping, kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, bell boating and junk raft building - as well as some land-based activities like shooting, tomahawk throwing and backwoods cooking with around 150 other Scouts and Explorers. The weather was wet for a lot of the time and lightning meant that water-

based activities had to be suspended briefly, but everyone had a good time. The craft tent was a popular place to escape to when the weather was wet.



Squirrel with a chick

On a much hotter weekend earlier in the month, five senior members of Pioneer Troop had a memorable time on a hike/camp. They navigated and hiked five miles whilst, for the first time, carrying their personal and camping kit. They then camped in a wood, cooked expedition food on camping stoves, and had a campfire. Next day they packed up the camp, found their way and hiked two miles to a pick-up point. This was a new experience for them and they rose to the challenge well.

Members of Pioneer Troop working on their Chief Scouts Gold Award have been on an Expedition Challenge Hike, mainly on footpaths from Eye via Brome and Oakley to Hoxne, camping overnight then on via Denham to Stradbroke. The checkpoints were churches and they conducted a wildlife survey at each of them. They organised the route, their



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Tiger Cubs camp stove cooking



Fun in Fressingfield

camping and personal kit, and the menu. The hike started in the rain and finished in hot sunshine and was successful. They have also been volunteering in the community with working in a food bank, and conducting a wildlife survey in Mendham churchyard. You may have seen some of them running the barbeque for Hoxne church fête and helping with car parking.

Explorers and Leaders took part in the 25 mile Orwell Challenge along the banks of the river Orwell. The day was hot and sunny but all completed the walk and were all still smiling at the finish.

There has been a lot going on recently in younger Sections. Both Tigers and Wolves Cubs have had air rifle target practice sessions with guidance from one of our Instructors and with assistance from some of our team of Young Leaders. They have also been out and about around the village on hikes and Wolves had an athletic session and went swimming. On site they've built bug hotels and carried out some experiments to work on their Science Badge. Tigers, in small teams, did some cooking on camp stoves.

There is always plenty to do at our HQ site. Adventurers Scouts and Explorers spent a very productive evening having a tidy-up and during half-term a group of members and parents spent a Saturday fixing safety fencing for the tomahawk throwing range, tidying and planting more hedging.

Other Sections have also been busy at the HQ site. Our youngest Section, Squirrels, learned about ducklings and chicks with a visit from several of each and spent some time sowing runner beans in one of the raised beds in the allotment and planted some hedging for screening.

The Beaver Sections have been very active with gardening and learning about working together in teams. Warriors worked on the Communication Badge, having fun sending messages in morse code. Ninja Beavers made kites and, after some speedy running, got some to fly.

Please vote for us, at Tesco !

We have been fortunate to have the project for the development of our allotment, for our members to grow things, accepted by Tesco for one of their grant schemes. Diss, Aldeburgh and Saxmundham Tesco stores are now featuring our project with two others, from the start of July to the end of September. They will issue tokens to shoppers to vote to rank them for grants of £500, £1,000 or £1,500. Please take any opportunity you can to get the tokens and vote for us!

To find out about Fressingfield Scout Group look at our website www.fressingfieldscouts.com, speak to any Leader or email Andrew, our Group Lead Volunteer, at gsl@fressingfieldscouts.com.

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New Reeding Woods

Work at Pound Lane

The meadow is looking lush and green after the rain earlier this year. Last year the dry weather kept the grass growth down. Currently the meadow and rides are bursting with grasses and flowers.



Pyramidal orchid

On Flowerdew meadow both the pyramidal orchid and a white common spotted orchid are in bloom again. Hopefully they will spread over the meadow in time. The white spotted orchid is a favourite of day flying moths, which outnumber butterflies in the UK. The knapweed is flowering well and is also a favourite of the butterflies. Bees were enjoying the clover flowers. Meadow cranesbill was in full bloom amongst the long grasses.



White common spotted orchid



Apples

The pond remains full and was attracting dragonflies which hawked up and down the rides. Meadow Brown butterflies rose up wherever I went but would not settle for a photograph.

Although it was just past midsummer, the apples were reminding us that the seasons are turning. Soon it will be time to cut the hay on the meadow, but this will not be done until the flowers have set seed.

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.



Knapweed



Bee on clover



Meadow cranesbill

EIGHT YOUNG MEN REMEMBERED IN SYLEHAM

On Saturday 16th March at 1.40 silence fell over the village of Syleham, Suffolk. As the familiar tones of the last post played, the gathered assembly remember eight brave young airmen who lost their lives 80 years ago.

The young men were returning in their Lancaster Bomber, from a raid over Germany when problems with their aircraft began to mount. Flying with only



two of its four engines running, the 20 year old pilot Roy Dixon made the decision to lower his under-carriage and attempt a landing, in the relatively flat terrain beneath his plane. At his side flight engineer Bertram Crosby, also 20, prepared the plane. The radio operator Roger Vernon, just 21 years old, had already tried to radio for help over Orford Ness. The gunners Percy Lawn, 22, Norris Marshall, 34, and Canadian-born bomb aimer Sydney Huntly, 25, did what they could to prepare themselves for landing. Their navigator, 27-year-old William Thompson, having

done his job getting them this far, would have been sharing apprehensive glances with the last member of the crew Harry Bryan, the specialist radio operator, who was 23. As the plane



top of Fir Tree Farm in Syleham it lost lift and slammed into the ground, too hard for any of the crew to survive. Eight more brave young men lost to the horrors of World War II.

In Syleham in 2024, as the bugle sound faded, the members of the local British Legion slowly raised their standards. The poignant words broke the sad silence. "... At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." Remember them we shall - a permanent memorial plaque dedicated to the crew was placed on the outside of the village hall. In the field





behind Fir Tree Farm there is a smaller version of the plaque to mark the crash site. A beautiful ceremony had been conducted by the Revd Eleanor Goodison.

Contributions were made by Group Captain Andrew Knowles, President of RAF Association Diss, and Mike Keitch, whose reading of 'High Flight' by John Gillespie Magee Jr.

raised a lump in many of the throats of those present.

After the formal proceedings, the crowd returned to the village hall. Here they were treated to singing from the forties-style group Station 366, and stalls from local societies.

On display was some authentic Lancaster memorabilia, loaned by local Wingfield resident Sarah Lankester, whose father had flown in Lancaster bombers during the war. There was a large exhibition telling the story of the crash and details of the crew was on display, which included the stories of Syleham residents Keith Elsdon and Maureen Brundle, who had memories of the crash.

Central to the commemoration were relatives of the airman. Two nephews, Roger and Tony Vernon, travelled from Sheffield on behalf of their lost Uncle Roger Veron, the radio operator.

Specialist radio operator Harry Bryan's great nephew Luis Cappelletti flew over from the United States to attend, and great niece Lesley

Botten came from Scotland. They both read out letters that their great uncle had written during his short time in the RAF which were very moving.

Local television and radio covered the event, Radio Stradbroke, BBC

Suffolk Radio and news website. ITV Anglia ran a five-minute segment on the following Tuesday to coincide with the actual 80th anniversary of the crash.

After months of preparation and hours of hard work by all involved, the day was heralded a great success. A fitting commemoration from a small Suffolk village for eight young lives lost 80 years ago protecting the country and the values we all hold so dear.



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Village Voices Choir

Music over the Waveney Valley

Village Voices enjoyed a well-
supported concert last Saturday,
29th June. The choir had previously
booked the weather for a fine
evening, which turned out to be just
right!

Thank you to all those who came to
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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 www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer has lots of information about what to do and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. That way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example, if you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one and it wasn't sorted out at the time, you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away - for example, the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen, make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

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.

The Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or an online adviser at citizensadvice.org.uk can help with more detailed consumer queries.

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Voices from the Past

April to September 1992

Judging from the reports in Village Voice, the spring and summer of 1992 were busy with many and varied fun and fundraising events.

Denham and Hoxne WI were active, with a coach trip to Ipswich for a fashion show by staff at British Home Stores in April, in May a coach trip to Hunstanton and a talk from Officer

Geoff Calton from Ipswich on the history of Customs and Excise and drugs smuggling, and in September

a speaker on the Great Storm of 1987. In June their 40th birthday was celebrated with a party, including decorated hats and a ruby cake baked by member Mrs T Spradlin. The highlight of the evening was the presentation to the institute of a tablecloth made by Mrs Spradlin and Mrs Reeves, depicting the national emblem and the Suffolk Federal Windmill (I wonder what/where that is/was). Apparently each member was asked to take a felt oak-leaf and to embroider their name and date of joining. The leaves were to be stitched to the cloth as a permanent record.

Also in May, on the 2nd, was the School and School Association May Fair on the village green. May King and Queen Matthew Fox and Mary Downe

were conveyed from St Edmund's Hall to the green in Kenny Hambling's horse-drawn cart, where the crowning was performed by the Reverend Tony Lowe. There followed maypole dancing, stalls, games, refreshments and ferret racing - ferrets provided by Mr Sparks of Reedham, free of charge.

Unfortunately the event was 'washed off the green by rain' after only about 45 minutes, but still raised £450 for school funds.

Funds were raised for Action Research (what is/was that?): £490 at a coffee morning in Stradbroke and £345 by Jamie Napier running the London Marathon, in the apparently respectable time of 4 hours 10 minutes.

At the Hoxne Bowls Club more than £700 and £502 was raised for club funds at the fourth annual tournament in July and by open gardens respectively. The go-ahead had been received from the District Council Building Control Officers for the new pavilion. Funds stood at £13,000 and a further £7,000 was needed to obtain the grant funding of £23,000 towards the total £46,000.

Money was also a big issue for Denham Church, with the Church Council appealing for help and support to fend off closure.

Hoxne Garden and Social Club reported that, under the direction of



Mr Boy Carr of Suffolk County Archaeological Department, a week-long exploration to unearth signs of a long lost chapel, purported to be that which may have held the body of St Edmund, was carried out by a team of amateur archaeologists assisted by members of the club. The results were declared to be successful. Members were afterwards given a lecture with colour slides by Mr Carr, showing very interesting details of the work of his department and his appraisal of the chapel site.

It was reported that 'more will follow on this subject' but, disappointingly, copies of *The Voice* are missing from the archive between September 1992 and December 1993, and I fear further news on this subject may be missing.

Dawn Lodge

The Maynard Trust

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Parish Council Reports

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

In memory of David Young

It was with great sadness we heard of the passing of our dear friend, for eight years at Syleham PC and at Wingfield for far longer.

Mr David Young, in his time as Parish Clerk, helped to get nearly all the grant funding for the play equipment which is sited on J's meadow, and also all other funding for both villages. He was a guy who always had the best interests of the villages at heart. I must say I was proud to have worked with him at Syleham, and I expect Wingfield would say the same.

Our thoughts are with his family through this difficult time.

Malcolm Flounders
Syleham PC Chairman

Hoxne

Telegraph pole

Remember the telegraph pole that suddenly appeared opposite the shop on Low Street in Hoxne? Well, now we know it is for telecommunication use and indeed some apparatus has appeared on top of it, together with its own solar panel. The planning authority are vague as to the actual use but it seems it may be used when water smart meters are installed throughout the village. It has been allowed under the permitted development rights given to utility companies, even though it is in a conservation area.

Traffic management

The Traffic Management Group of the Council are continuing with their work on developing proposals for more effectively managing motor traffic through the village. Hoxne has so many roads in and out of the village it means traffic movements can be quite complex to monitor. However, the group are now at the stage of mapping their proposals for submitting to the whole of the Parish Council for discussion and approval before referring them to the highways authority (Suffolk County Council). It will be the highways authority that will ultimately decide whether our proposals are feasible and if so, then speed limit changes etc have to be implemented through a legal procedure. That is before any new road signs can be put up. A lengthy and expensive process.

At the time of writing, there are two vacancies on Hoxne Parish Council. We are keen to have as wide a representative group of councillors as possible representing the village, therefore we are looking for younger residents of voting age in the village joining us. We would also like more women to consider joining the Council. Further details on how to join can be obtained from the council website, or you can email Sarah Foote, the clerk of the council.

Chris Parkin
Chair, Hoxne Parish Council

Denham

The next Denham Parish Council meeting is on 17th September, 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Church. All are welcome.

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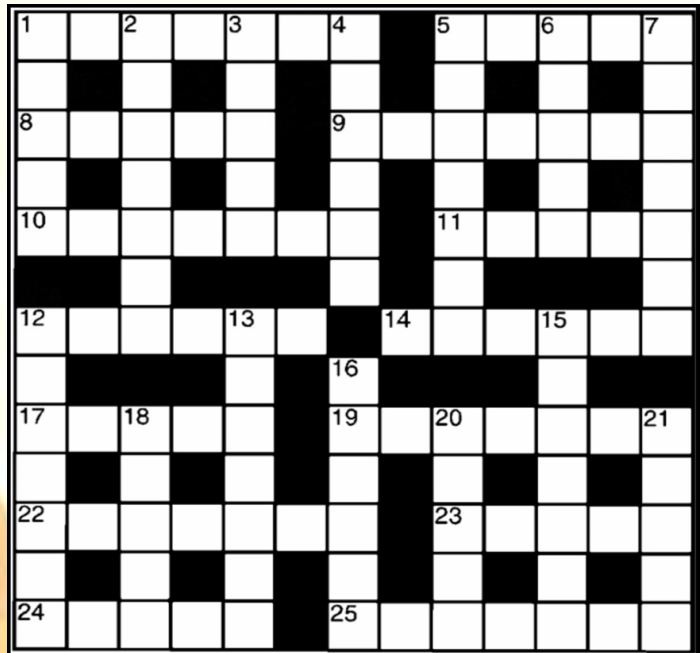
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Brome & Oakley village hall: 12.15-12.30pm

Crossword Puzzle No. 160

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 **Sunday, 8th September** at the latest. 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

1. Fleeing from an emotion (7)
5. Company directors sound fed up (5)
8. Unite? No almost the opposite (5)
9. Subversive view in next remedy (7)
10. Modes of transport for Daisy and boyfriend (7)
11. Transcended and finished at last (5)
12. Speedier dieter (6)
14. Mongrel type of new car (6)
17. Fix so inside temporary accommodation (5)
19. Eternal like a Manx cat (7)
22. Ski more and become irritating (7)
23. Captured at Wimbledon I hear (5)
24. Is my sister's daughter in France? (5)
25. Audibly followed a pamphlet (7)

Down

1. Error occurring at Wimbledon (5)
2. Dimensions of former camp shelters (7)
3. Girl in dire need (5)
4. Lubricate a country (6)
5. Assault on a power source (7)
6. Morning finish to edit a text (5)
7. Dared Ed to be fearsome (7)
12. Not suitable reading for fact finders (7)
13. Poleaxed and almost blow up (7)
15. K.O. Bruce with a deer (7)
16. Change allegiance to find a fault (6)
18. Low down joint (5)
20. Russian had a chalet partly for summer use (5)
21. Replete on a variety of dates (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.159 was: C. Schloss

Answers: Across: 7. Fasten 8. Eights 10. Emulate 11. Dirge 12. Tarn 13. Smear
17. Trend 18. Peak 22. Renew 23. Utensil 24. Wallet 25. Tycoon

Down: 1. Effects 2. Estuary 3. Feral 4. Wildcat 5. Charm 6. Usher 9. Verminous
14. Crowned 15. Tension 16. Skyline 19. Draws 20. Uncle 21. Beryl

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