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Letters to the Editor

Wingfield Cream Tea thanks!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Afternoon Cream Tea event at Wingfield Church our best ever!

From washing up to serving refreshments, running the raffle to organising children's games—and of course, to our wonderful cake-makers—your contributions were invaluable.

Special thanks to Syleham & Wingfield village hall and Wingfield Barns for their support. So many people came together to make this event happen, and we're truly grateful.

We welcomed nearly 70 guests and raised an amazing £620.00.

Thank you all!

Jacky



The annual sale of Christmas trees will be held in Hoxne again this year, at:

**Market House Drive
Low Street, Hoxne**

**Saturdays and Sundays
10am-12pm**

**29th and 30th November
6th and 7th December
13th and 14th December**

To pre-order your tree, please call Carole Smith 01379 668210

All sale proceeds will go to Hoxne Playingfield & Pavilion (Reg Charity 304769)
Last year's proceeds: £1,200

Diary Dates

Thu 2 Oct

U3A talk, *World Heritage Sites*, United Reformed Church, Diss p11

Fri 3 Oct

Open Mic SWH p14

Sat 4 Oct

Music, *Jude Kane* WB p6
Quiz Night, HVH p12
Wingfield Harvest Supper SWH p19

Tue 7 Oct

Coffee & Cake for Macmillan SWH p15

Fri 10 Oct

Karaoke SWH p14
Film, *Black Bag*, HVH p13

Sat 11 Oct

Live music, *Herding Cats* SWH p14
Concert, *Heath String Quartet*, Chapel Hall Arts, Fressingfield p9
Historical Ghost Walk, Syleham church p21

Tue 14 Oct

Phoenix talk, *EA Air Ambulance* HVH p33

Thu 16 Oct

J's meadow group mtg p14
Hoxne Garden club talk, *Owls* HVH p27

Fri 17 Oct

Quiz SWH p14

Sat 18 Oct

Film, *Akenfield* WB p6

Mon 20 Oct

MU meeting, Time House, Low Street
Hoxne p21

Tue 21 Oct

Arts Society talk, *Eric Ravilious: The Lure of the Everyday*, Corn Hall, Diss p8

Wed 22 Oct

Waveney Heritage talk, *Garden wildlife*
Brockdish p29

Fri 24 Oct

Carpe Jugulum, Harleston Sancroft Academy p5

Sat 25 Oct

Oktoberfest SWH p14
Carpe Jugulum, Harleston Sancroft Academy p5
Poetry evening, Wingfield Church p20
Red Feather Club, Swing Dance, Horham p41

Sun 26 Oct

Red Feather Club Open Day, Horham p41

Thu 30 Oct

Coffee, Craft, Chat SWH p14

Fri 31 Oct

Bingo SWH p14
Carpe Jugulum, Harleston Sancroft Academy p5

Sat 1 Nov

Music, *It's all about Buddy!* SWH p15
Carpe Jugulum, Harleston Sancroft Academy p5
Concert, *Liturina Baroque Ensemble*, Chapel Hall Arts, Fressingfield p9

Tue 4 Nov

Coffee & Cake SWH p14

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Mobile Library dates p43

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled and turned into something new

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Don't bin them, recycle your old electricals

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Mid Suffolk DISTRICT

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

Wed 5 Nov
Play, *Vincent In Brixton* WB p6

Thu 6 Nov
U3A talk, *C18th plants to name*, United Reformed Church, Diss p11

Fri 7 Nov
Open Mic SWH p14
Poetry, *Land of Hope and Glory*, Fressingfield Methodist Church p9
Fireworks Night HPP p17

Sat 8 Nov
Play, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* WB p6

Sun 9 Nov
Step Dance and Jig Doll Afternoon WB p7

Tue 11 Nov
Phoenix talk, *Bury St Edmunds in the Great War* HVH p33

Fri 14 Nov
Karaoke SWH p14
Film, *The Penguin Lessons*, HVH p13
Supper club, *Feast from the Middle East* HPP p17

Sun 16 Nov
Waveney Heritage Christmas Craft Fair, Brockdish p29

Tue 18 Nov
Music, *FLOOK* WB p7
Arts Society talk, *Tudor Art*, Corn Hall, Diss p8
Heritage talk, *Sudden Deaths in 19th Century Suffolk* HVH p31

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Garden club talk, *Weeding* HVH p27

Fri 21 Nov
Quiz SWH p14

Sat 22 Nov
Live music, *Bandemics* SWH p15
Music, *A Night At The Musicals* WB p7

Wed 26 Nov
Waveney Heritage talk, *Leather work*, Brockdish p29

Thu 27 Nov
Coffee, Craft, Chat SWH p14

Fri 28 Nov
Bingo SWH p14

Sat 29 Nov
Eye Bach Choir concert, *Dixit Dominus* Eye church p11

Fri 5 Dec
Red Feather Club Open Day & carols, Horham p41

Sat 6 Dec
Harlston Choral's *Handel's Messiah*, St John's Church, Harleston p11
Hoxne Christmas Fair HVH p12

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec
Christmas Market WB p7

Sat 13 Dec
Waveney Heritage Quiz Brockdish, p29

The poster for Harleston Players' production of 'Terry Pratchett's Carpe Jugulum' features a dark, atmospheric illustration. In the foreground, a vampire in a red and black suit holds a glass of red wine, looking towards the viewer. To his left, three women in medieval-style dresses and hats are engaged in conversation. In the background, a man in a brown tunic and hat is visible. The title 'Terry Pratchett's Carpe Jugulum' is written in a stylized, gothic font on a yellow banner. Below the title, it says 'Adapted for the Stage by Stephen Briggs'. The Harleston Players logo is in the top left corner. The background shows a castle silhouette against a night sky with a small bird perched on a roof.

HARLESTON PLAYERS present
Terry Pratchett's Carpe Jugulum
Adapted for the Stage by **Stephen Briggs**
All performances at Harleston Sancroft Academy
Wilderness Lane, Harleston

Friday 24th October 2025	7.30pm
Saturday 25th October	7.30pm
Friday 31st October	7.30pm
Saturday 1st November	2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets for all performances, priced £12,
available from **Robinson's Traditional Stationers, Harleston**
or online from www.harlestonplayers.co.uk

What's On at Wingfield Barns

Jude Kane - Local Singer/Songwriter

Saturday 4th October 7.30 pm

Jude is renowned for his passionate and emotive performances, blending folk, rock and blues into his unique style. He has worked with Gus Dudgeon, who also produced David Bowie and Elton John. Jude will be performing material from his new album, "Something On My Mind".

Tickets £12.50 Online: wegottickets.com/event/669679



Akenfield

Saturday 18th October from 6.00pm

Our classic cinema series starts with Peter Hall's 1974 film *Akenfield*, based on Ronald Blythe's book, a portrait of an English village. At 6.00pm there is a pre-film screening of a documentary about the making of the film.

Tickets £5 Online: wegottickets.com/event/672467



OpenSpace Theatre present: Vincent In Brixton by Nicholas Wright

Wednesday 5th November 7.30pm

It's 1873 and the young Vincent Van Gogh rents a room in London. He slowly becomes aware of the secrets lying below the surface of everyday life in the house.

Tickets £12.50 Online: wegottickets.com/event/674300



Don't Go Into The Cellar present: The Hound of the Baskervilles

Saturday 8th November 7.30pm

"Mr Holmes, they were the footprints of a gigantic hound!" Join us for a one-man stage adaptation with all the suspense of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Victorian gothic thriller.

Tickets £14 Online: wegottickets.com/event/662935



East Anglian Traditional Music Trust present: Step Dance and Jig Doll Afternoon

Sunday 9th November from 12 noon

Come and explore the tradition of Step Dancing and Jig Dolls with live music and tuition.

£5 pp . Bar open, Tea/Coffee/ Lunch of soup and roll available.

For more info go to: www.eatmt.org.uk

FLOOK - celebrating 30 years in 2025

Tuesday 18th November 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome *Flook*, the international folk band. Brilliant, dynamic and inventive, their trademark sound is full of technical brilliance and bold adventurous imagination.

Tickets £23 Online: wegottickets.com/event/645022



Magic Floor productions present: A Night At The Musicals

Saturday 22nd November 7.30pm

A fabulous night of showstoppers from *Les Misérables*, *Wicked*, *Hamilton*, *Sweeney Todd*, *South Pacific*, *The Lion King* plus a sprinkle of Christmas songs. You will be sure to leave humming those tunes and getting you into the festive spirit.

Tickets £15.00 Online: wegottickets.com/event/669898



CHRISTMAS MARKET AT WINGFIELD BARNs

A little heads-up for our fabulous Christmas Market returning on **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December**, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Free entry and parking. Incredible array of wonderful artists and makers, plus adults/children's workshops, Red Door Coffee and Pizza truck, Wingfield Barns' mince pies and mulled wine. Local choir performing and stunning big prize raffle... Not to be missed!

For more information, please contact Wingfield Barns IP21 5RA
Tel: 01379 384505 Email: office.manager@wingfieldbarns.co.uk
www.wingfieldbarns.com



The Arts Society Diss kicks off a new season of engaging talks. Enjoy coffee or lunch beforehand, and hear expert speakers bring varied topics to life. Why not come along and give us a try?

21st October **ERIC RAVILIOUS: *The Lure of the Everyday* - Jo Walton**

Ravilious's watercolours, shown with everyday scenes by fellow Home Front artists, reveal a compelling portrait of Britain in the 1930s and '40s.

18th November **TUDOR ART: *New Research on Portraits, Textiles, Furniture, and Architecture* - Dr Christina Faraday**

The Tudors used a rich variety of images and objects to promote their rule. This lecture places these artworks in their historical and cultural context.

Meetings are at the Corn Hall, St Nicholas Street, Diss IP22 4LB on the third Tuesday in the month (except December) at 2pm.

Suggested donation for guests: £8

Artsocdiss.org.uk or info@artsocdiss.org.uk

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Friday 7th November, 7pm for 7.30pm

Land of Hope and Glory



An evening presentation of reflections on War and Remembrance, taken from local poet MICHAEL FLOUNDERS' newly-published '*Dreams, Moods and Mayhem*'. The evening will explore the powerful memories and emotions felt during Remembrance weekend, through words and music honouring all those affected by war.

Presented by members and friends of Fressingfield Methodist Church
Venue: Chapel, New Street, IP21 5PG

Tickets: Free, but limited—please book in advance.

Donations: Welcome on the night.

Michael will be in attendance to sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase.

Please contact: Roy Goodwin roygoodwin53@gmail.com
07768 847 175; 01379 586 279 Ext 2



Fressingfield Sounds *Autumn Concert Series 2025*

Chapel Hall Arts, Fressingfield, Suffolk IP21 5QD, 7.30pm

Tickets from £5 (for under-25s), standard £23 or £25

Visit www.fressingfieldsounds.org.uk or call 07900 350117



Saturday 11 October

Heath String Quartet:
Schumann, Larcher,
Beethoven



Saturday 1 November

Liturina Baroque Ensemble:
Bach, Handel, Telemann,
Couperin



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The Suffolk School of Art, in John Parker's Studios at Thornham Walks, could be just the right place for you. Classes take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. You may like to undertake an Online Fine Art Course and come in on a Monday for extra support. Whatever you choose, you will be with like minded people in a lovely setting.

Come and take a look. Call in during the day or come along to a Fine Art Friday Evening Art Exhibition on the first Friday of the month. Have a glass of wine, meet the current art students and view the work on show.

You will always be made welcome. Contact John Parker directly on 07442 491734

or visit www.suffolkschoolof.art or see on Facebook

Harleston Choral Society

Harleston Choral Society's summer ended on 1st September as our Autumn term began. We're nearing the close of our 25th Anniversary Year—and we'd love you to join us!

We're rehearsing for our Christmas Concert on **Saturday 6th December** at **St John's Church, Harleston**. The programme features festive music, carols (with audience participation), Part 1 of *Handel's Messiah*, and—by popular demand—the *Hallelujah Chorus*, conducted by **Justin Bindley**.

Rehearsals are **Monday evenings, 7.30-9.30 pm** at **London Road Church**. You have **three weeks to try us out** before fees are due (£45 per term, concessions available).

We're a welcoming community choir—no auditions, music provided, and while reading music helps, it's not required.

Further information about HCS can be found on our website:
www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk

University of the 3rd Age

United Reformed Church,
Mere Street, Diss

Monthly meetings are on the morning of the first Thursday of each month.

2nd October: Peter Tatum, with
"World Heritage Sites"

6th November: Jan Michalak, with
"Looking for 18th Century plants to name"

Doors open at 9.45am and the meetings start at 10.30am.

We ask for a £3 donation towards refreshments and the speaker.

For more information: <https://diss.u3asite.uk/>

Eye Bach Choir

Choir members always look forward to a new season, and for the Eye Bach Choir, September brought joyful reunions and the launch of our fifty-second season. Our 2025/26 programme begins with a vibrant concert in Eye Church on **Saturday 29th November** at 7.30pm. This features works written by composers all born in 1685, consisting of:

D Scarlatti: Laudate Pueri

JS Bach: Cantata BWV 36, Schwingt freudig euch empor

GF Handel: Dixit Dominus

The choir will be accompanied by the highly-regarded Geldart Ensemble and five soloists.

Booking: www.eyebachchoir.co.uk/book-tickets

DIXIT DOMINUS

HANDEL

LAUDATE PUERI - SCARLATTI
CANTATA - JS BACH

**Saturday
November 29th**

7.30pm

Eye Parish Church

**Conductor
Benedict Collins Rice**

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St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Website: hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

The Film Nights have continued to be very popular; *Juror #2* was particularly well received, as was *Mr Burton*. Coming up in October we have *Black Bag*, a British spy thriller, then in November Steve Coogan in *The Penguin Lessons*. In December, it's the controversial *Salt Path*, starring Gillian Anderson.

We have also hosted a very successful charity Quiz Night and a large wedding, plus all of our usual regular activities - badminton, ballroom dancing, meditation, Morris dancing, Pilates, the Garden & Social group, Hoxne Heritage group, ladies Phoenix group and the Village Voices choir. If you are interested in joining any of these groups/activities, then visit the village hall website: hoxnevillagehall.co.uk or check out the notice boards, both outside and inside the hall.

To discuss organising an event at the hall, please email: hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com. We have three different areas that are available to hire individually or collectively, so can suit all needs.

We're still hoping for helping hands! Despite our appeal in the last *Village Voice*, we weren't exactly inundated with offers of help. The village hall is run entirely by volunteers, and without their generous contributions of time and energy, none of the activities mentioned above would be possible.

If you'd like to be part of our friendly team and help keep things thriving, please do get in touch—just drop me an email: Bryn@Lerwill.com.



In aid of Hoxne Church

Quiz Night

Hoxne Village Hall

Saturday 4 October

7.30pm start

Teams of up to six

Bar and Raffle

Bring a picnic for half time!

(No alcohol please as bar will be open)

£6.00 a head

To book your table

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Hoxne Film Nights



BLACK BAG

Friday 10th October

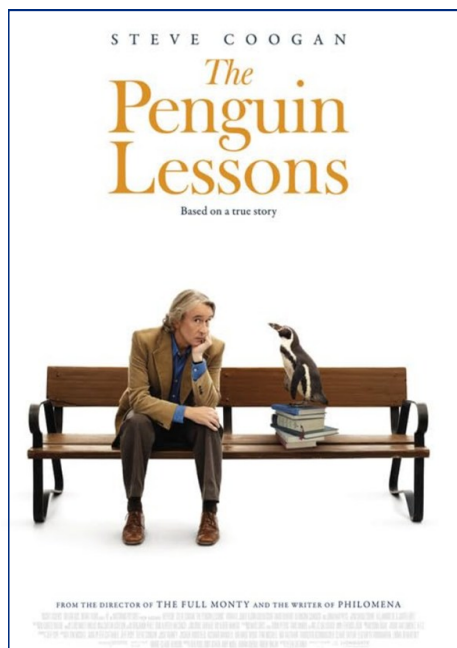
Hoxne Village Hall

7:30pm £5.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

Bar open from 7pm and during interval. Cert 15

When intelligence agent Kathryn Woodhouse is suspected of betraying the nation, her husband - also a legendary agent - faces the ultimate test of whether to be loyal to his marriage, or his country.



THE PENGUIN LESSONS

Friday 14th November

Hoxne Village Hall

7:30pm £5.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

Bar open from 7pm and during interval. Cert 15

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Thank you for supporting the recent events based at Syleham and Wingfield village hall and J's Meadow - great to see so many people! Good to know so many worthy causes are benefitting - thanks! And there are plenty of events in the next couple of months - come and join us! The majority are FREE entry, with a bucket for your donations - and on your doorstep! See you soon! From the 80th VJ Day (see page 24) and Matt's incredible Thames Path Ultra run, to the more leisurely 'Ultra' Coffee morning, our village continues to show its support. Whether you're sipping coffee for a cause, swinging through J's Meadow, or dancing to live music in the village hall, there's something for everyone this season. Here's a look at what's been happening—and what's still to come.

J's Meadow...

...is not visible from the road - it's down the footpath/track opposite Syleham and Wingfield village hall. The pedestrian gate is always open. There are swings, a nest swing and balance beams, a wide view of the Waveney valley, garden-type chairs and a couple of tables - have a look some time - or even have a swing! Assistance dogs only, please. A small group meet on the third Thursday of the month to snip at the hedge, do a little weeding and a little chatting. Join us between 10 and 12, bring your own tools and refreshments - or just pop in to see us!

The 'Ultra' Coffee

The 'Ultra' Coffee on 6th September in aid of Cancer Research UK was well supported by a small crowd - Matt will have run the Thames Path Ultra 100km by the time you read this. We decided

eating cake and drinking tea/ coffee was more our style, and raised £227.90 to add to Matt's total.

Oktoberfest



Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday 25th October from 7pm - a good selection of European beers, really wonderful apple strudel, Bavarian inspired foods, all the Bratwurst and Sourcroust you can eat! A little music, hopefully a few costumes - but definitely optional. Free entry - pay as you eat, cash or card.

'Herding Cats'

We're spoiling you! All free entry, doors open 7.30. Our local and very talented band, the 'Herding Cats' will be with us on Saturday 11th October, with amazing covers from Adele to the Moody Blues. Free entry, bucket collection for Ocean Pit.

Herding Cats

07768 847 175 - Roy



'It's all about Buddy'

If you were with us the last time Paul Birch brought his *'It's all about Buddy'* show, you won't want to miss Saturday 1st November. Free entry, HUGE tombola in aid of *Meningitis Now*. If you weren't there - do join us this time!



'The Bandemics'

And as if that's not enough, *'The Bandemics'* return on Saturday 22nd November - a talented local band making a name for themselves with a little Americana. Free entry, raffle.



Smell the Coffee in the mornings...

On Tuesday 7th October our usual first Tuesday of the month Coffee and Cake will be a Macmillan coffee morning - all very welcome between 10am and 11.30am. Gorgeous cakes, decent coffee, probably a raffle - come and join us!

We also have a Coffee, Craft, Chat group from 1.30pm to 3pm on the last Thursday of the month - secretly, we do more chatting and drinking tea/coffee than craft - but do



bring yours if you wish. Both are free - donations made to various charities throughout the year.

Our village hall is housed in the red brick Victorian school. It has a management committee who look after the upkeep of the building and the way it is run, and there's a Sports and Social committee who run the volunteer-manned bar and organise events, which raise funds for the village hall and other locally-nominated charities and good causes.

We're grateful for all the help and support we have from people in Wingfield and Syleham and beyond. As with most organisations, we're always looking for another pair of hands. If you are interested in supporting our village hall, please get in touch - come along and have a chat.

Julie Thompson

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Hoxne Pavilion is preparing for a November packed with excitement, kicking off with an unmissable **Fireworks Night on Friday 7th November**, followed by a mouth-watering **Feast from the Middle East** at the Suffolk Supper Club on **Friday 14th November**.

Fireworks by the Famous Billy Elwood

This autumn, the sky will be illuminated by the renowned Billy Elwood, well known for his spectacular firework displays in Diss and celebrated for delivering unforgettable shows across the region. The evening starts with the bar opening at 5pm and the fireworks commencing at 7pm. Families can also enjoy a kids' trampoline from 5pm. Entry is just £5 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 16), making it a superb value night out for everyone. Do bring the whole family for spectacular fireworks, tasty food, and fantastic fun.

Suffolk Supper Club: A Culinary Journey

On Friday 14th November at 7pm, treat your taste buds to "A Feast from the Middle East" with the Suffolk Supper Club. Curated by Gary, this culinary adventure is known to sell out quickly, so booking in advance is highly recommended to secure your table. Tickets are £35 per head. To book, email suffolksupperclub@hotmail.com or call 07950 372 672. For menu details and more, visit www.hoxnepavilion.co.uk

Don't Miss Our Bar Nights

Remember, the Hoxne Pavilion social club is open every Thursday from 5pm and on the first Friday of each month, offering a warm welcome and lively community atmosphere.

For more information on these events, visit the Hoxne Pavilion website www.hoxnepavilion.co.uk or check out our Facebook page today.

A vertical poster for a fireworks night. The background is dark with vibrant, colorful fireworks exploding in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The text is white and yellow. At the top, 'FIREWORKS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with 'N I G H T' in smaller white capital letters below it. Below that, 'Friday 7th November' is written in yellow. Underneath, 'Bar opens 5pm - Fireworks from 7pm' is in white. Then, 'Join us for an evening of spectacular fireworks, great food and family fun!' is in white. Below that, 'Adults £5 Kids £2.50' is in yellow. At the bottom, '*Kids Trampoline from 5pm' is in white. The Hoxne Pavilion logo is at the very bottom, with 'HOXNE' in large white letters and 'PAVILION' in smaller white letters below it.

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Church News

Thanksgiving

Research has shown that a regular habit of gratitude for all the good things in our lives makes us happier, calmer and more mindful. Everyone can cultivate this habit with benefit and for Christians, it is an essential part of our relationship with God. The General Thanksgiving from the Book of Common Prayer sums this up, giving thanks for “our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life” and, above all, for “the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory”.

Throughout the year there are seasonal causes for thanksgiving. Autumn is a time of course when we give thanks in particular for the harvest. Most of our churches held harvest festivals in September, but Wingfield’s is still to come on Sunday 5th October and Messy Church will have their own harvest festival that afternoon at Syleham church, with craft activities and a picnic tea. In November our thanksgiving focuses on those we have lost, with our annual service of Memorial and Thanksgiving at 4.00 pm on Saturday 1st November at Hoxne church for loved ones who have died, and then our Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 9th November.

Look out in addition for our special services in November for two of our churches’ patron saints: a special Evensong on Thursday 20th November to honour St Edmund at Hoxne church and another special service on Sunday 30th November for St Andrew at Wingfield church.

God is good, all the time, so let us give thanks!

Rev'd Canon Eleanor Goodison
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com
Tel: 07876 143579



Church Services

Denham, Hoxne, Syleham & Wingfield

Planned church services October/ November

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on Zoom

October

Sunday 5th October
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am Harvest Festival, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Harvest, Syleham church
 (NB: change of venue)

Sunday 12th October
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Harvest Holy Communion,
 Redlingfield

9.30 for 10.00 am, Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 19th October
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

9.30 am Village Service, Syleham

6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 26th October
Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

November

Saturday 1st November

4.00 pm Service of Memorial and
 Thanksgiving, Hoxne

St Andrew's, Wingfield

Sunday 2nd November All Saints Day

- 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 November Remembrance Sunday

- 9.00 am BCP Holy Communion and Act of
Remembrance, Wingfield
10.45 am Remembrance Service, Hoxne
10.45 am Remembrance Service, Syleham
10.45 am Remembrance Service, Denham

Sunday 16th November Second Sunday before Advent

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

Thursday 20th November Edmund, King and Martyr

- 6.00 Evensong, Hoxne

Sunday 23rd November Christ the King

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

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday

- 11.00 am Benefice Service, Redlingfield
4.00 pm Advent Carol Service,
Athelington
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne
6.00 pm Evensong for St Andrew,
Wingfield

We have lots on this autumn at Wingfield church.

First up is our harvest weekend, with our harvest supper in Syleham and Wingfield village hall at 6.30 pm on Saturday 4th October: £20 per person for a three-course meal and a glass of wine (cash or card on the night). Book your place with Jacky: Taylor5re@btinternet.com.

Then our Harvest Festival in church is at 11.00am on Sunday 5th October. Please bring a donation of tinned or dried food for the Waveney Food Bank if you can.

On Saturday 25th October at 7.00pm in church we're holding another Wingfield Poetry Evening. Bring a favourite poem or piece of prose, or maybe a work of your own, to read out - or just come along to listen. The theme is 'War and Peace', broadly interpreted. £5 suggested donation, to include interval

Cont.



Could you be our next Wingfield PCC Secretary?

Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is looking for an organised and committed individual to take on the role of **Secretary**.

This voluntary position involves helping with meeting agendas, taking minutes, and supporting communication within the PCC. It's a great way to serve the church and be part of shaping its future.

If you're good with admin and enjoy working with others, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more or express interest, please contact Jacky Taylor via email: Taylor5re@btinternet.com

refreshments. Book your slot to read with Revd Eleanor, eleanor.goodison@gmail.com or 07876 143579.

Sunday 30th November is Advent Sunday, but it is also St Andrew's Day and we will be celebrating St Andrew with a special Evening Service at 6.00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Finally, don't forget to visit the Wingfield church stall at the Wingfield Barns Christmas Fair over the weekend of 6th and 7th December. There's always an amazing range of crafts, Christmas goods, cakes and preserves.

The Book Club enjoyed *Conclave* by Robert Harris at the end of August. We agreed he was a most accomplished writer, although we did not fully resolve all the moral issues raised by the book. In a change to the previous programme, we will be reading *Rites of Passage* by William Golding for discussion on Wednesday 1st October (venue to be confirmed). *Migrations* by Charlotte McConachie will now be the book for our meeting on 5th November. Everyone is welcome to come along - if you'd like further details, just get in touch.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
Tel: 07876 143579

POETRY EVENING

St Andrew's Church, Wingfield
Saturday 25th October • 7:00pm



Come and share in an evening of poetry
in the beautiful setting of St Andrew's Church.

Suggested donation: £5
(includes refreshments)



If you would like to
read a poem, please let
Rev. Eleanor Goodison know
as soon as possible by email:
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All are welcome!

St Margaret's, Syleham

Summer Drinks Reception at the Old Vicarage, Syleham

By kind permission of Jackie and Colin Campbell, drinks and canapes on the lawn of the Old Vicarage raised £886 for St Margaret's Church. A huge thank you to Jackie and Colin and all who attended for making the afternoon such a success.

Dates to save:

Historical Ghost Walk

Saturday 11th October The walk will start at 6.30pm from *The Cross* at the top of the lane leading to St Margaret's Church. Be frightened out of your wits by tales from the past – sights and strange happenings in the River Waveney Valley. **£10 donation per ticket**, including the history walk, your first drink, and canapés at the Church. *(Please note: historical content may not be suitable for children.)*

Remembrance Sunday

Our Remembrance Sunday service will take place at the church at 10.45am on Sunday 9th November.

Christmas Carol Service

Many thanks to Adrian Knott for again bringing his singers to our Christmas Carol Service at 11.15 am on Sunday 21st December. Music not to be missed and a lovely way to join in with the Christmas season.

Christmas Day

Holy Communion at 9.30 am at St Margaret's, Syleham.

Monthly Coffee and Cakes

The popular **Coffee & Cake**, open to all, continues in the village hall the first Tuesday every month, 10am - 11.30am; any queries should be addressed to Julie Thompson, juliethompson435@gmail.com

St Margaret's remains open daily.

The church and environment provide a welcome place of tranquility - visitors' comments show how much it is appreciated.

For details related to all our events please contact: lorraine@syleham.uk

**Syleham Historical
Society
Ghost Walk**

Saturday 11th October

Walk to start at 6:30pm from
The Cross at the top of the
lane to St Margaret's
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Be frightened out of your
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the maintenance of our
church.

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Further details contact
lorraine@syleham.uk



St Peter & St Paul's, Hoxne

The work done by the PCC is amazing as the task list is never finite. We have a whole raft of jobs to do; before one is complete, another is added to the list!

The next project to be started will be the repairs to the lych gate, so if you see craftsmen in the vicinity you will know what they are doing.

Before the weather deteriorates, have a walk around the churchyard to see the bee towers and bird bath. There are also boards pointing out wild flowers (some of which I had not heard of). There are also tea and coffee facilities in the church for those who feel a need to sit quietly.

Now, here are a few dates for your diary:

Quiz Night

Friday 4th October If you haven't booked yet, call 01379 688060—there may still be tables available.

Remembrance Service

Saturday 9th November at 10.45am

St Edmund's Day Service

Wednesday 20th November at 6pm

December is a busier month:

Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December Due to popular demand, Father Christmas will be attending!

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 10th December The Diss-based Waveney Choir will be performing. There's no ticket price, but there will be a retiring collection. Wine and nibbles will be served, and all proceeds will go to Hoxne Church.

Carol Service

Tuesday 23rd December at 6pm
Refreshments will be available.

Christmas Day Service

Wednesday 25th December at 9.30am

I'm sure there'll be more details in the next edition of *Village Voice*, but for now, please pop these dates in your diary. Thank you!

Deborah Harding
01379 668190

Mothers' Union

The 'Grandparent Day' at Fressingfield Baptist Church in early September was well attended. Revd Laura Mumford and the Growing Younger team gave us very interesting news on faith initiatives for the young in our community. During the afternoon a range of creative and craft workshops for interacting with children were available.

Our next meeting is **Monday 20th October** 2.30pm at Time House Low Street Hoxne. New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

If you would like more information, please contact **Cathie McGregor, Group Leader.** 01379 668434

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Christmas Tree Festival

How time flies! After a spring and summer that have seemed endless, the signs of autumn are now all around us. With the changing of the seasons, our thoughts inevitably turn towards the winter months—and, of course, the Christmas period.

Although Christmas is still some time away and we have not yet established a schedule, this is a timely reminder that we shall, of course, be holding the annual *Christmas Tree Festival* in the church again this year. In previous years, the trees have typically been on display for a two-week period either side of Christmas Day; however, this year we wish to extend the duration to accommodate an additional concert being planned for 10th December. Further details of this, along with precise timings, will be set out in the next edition of the *Village Voice*.



Over the coming weeks we will be contacting all our regular supporters and, as always, we will be pleased to hear from any local organisations or individuals who have not previously taken part and would like to do so.

David Hyde

davidjhyde@btopenworld.com

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Community Payback and Hoxne's Eco Church

Visitors to Hoxne churchyard may have noticed a lot of work going on this year. This work has always gone on with respect to the care and maintenance of the churchyard over the years. Many people give their own time for free to help manage it; this is so much appreciated by both the church and the community.

Community payback Once a month a small group of people do community service in the church and churchyard in the form of community payback, run by the probation service. They are always supervised by trained officers and a small group of people from the village also work alongside them. It is part of the



church's mission to support, guide and cherish these people. (Photo taken with permission by all the payback members in the picture.)

Churchyard management

We are aiming to balance a need for maintenance of

the burial area allowing visitors the space, quiet and a pleasant environment to spend time with their departed family, conservation and quiet recreation within this important green space for Hoxne.

The churchyard is huge and there is ample room for all these uses. The recent graves are more frequently cut, the area around the church itself more frequently cut, invasive saplings and vegetation which damages the structure of the building is controlled. The carpark has been cut back to its original size as there is a need for ample parking at community events and services. We are aiming to bring in more conservation measures like less frequent cutting in certain areas to encourage wildflowers and improve the opportunities for a more complex food chain and biodiversity. This doesn't mean neglecting the churchyard; it still needs management.

Eco church Our strategy of management considers the principles outlined in the eco church award which we have signed up to as a church in Hoxne. *Eco Church* is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. The award covers five key areas of church life:

*Worship and teaching
Buildings and energy
Land and nature
Community and global engagement
Lifestyle*

We undertake a survey which guides us and helps us to assess our progress towards a bronze, silver or gold *Eco Church* award. Some parts of the survey suggest we are doing well; other parts challenge us to make improvements. We are aiming to achieve a bronze award as soon as possible.

Further information can be found at:
<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk>

There is much going on in the churchyard and if anyone is interested in volunteering, donating facilities/materials (eg nesting boxes, bug hotels, cycle racks, benches etc) or would like to just find out more, please email me at:

richard.giffin@yahoo.co.uk

Richard Giffin

The Maynard Trust

Support for educational needs

The Trust is there to be used. Its funds are available to all who live in Hoxne, irrespective of age, who might have difficulty in meeting the costs of educational need. Grants are given subject to funds being available by the Trust.

The deadline for receipt of applications to the Maynard Trust:

31st December 2025

for the January Trust meeting

Just write or email (preferably the applicant rather than a parent or guardian) to:

Richard Giffin (Trustee)
54, Low Street,
Hoxne, IP21 5AS

themaynardtrust@gmail.com

and/or

richard.giffin@yahoo.co.uk

Please include an email address for quick correspondence.

At the time of writing, the Maynard's Trust is building a website to make applications easier. When up and running it can be found at:

www.hoxnemaynardtrust.org.uk



Syleham's 80th VJ Day Event

Thank you to all who supported the V J day event in lovely weather, on J's Meadow. We enjoyed tea and cake + BBQ with help from our RAFA friends, as well as some superb Jive dance demonstrations, two authentic Jeeps, re-enactor with 'trenches' and items to talk about, and plenty of activities for the children to try out. It was good to have our Fressingfield Royal British Legion friends join us too. Many people were very interested in the family history local people had brought along - thank you to all of them for sharing their family items with us. With the small Friday Quiz, raffle on the day, BBQ profits and donations for refreshments, we raised over £800 for Fressingfield RBL.





Hoxne Garden & Social Club



Flower, Craft & Produce Show

*Left to right: presenting the prizes, Catherine Hill;
winners Vicki Farley, Elodie, Bryn Lerwill, Gill Carter and Rachel Herron*

The Garden and Social Club have had a rest from meetings over July and August whilst folk have been holidaying, barbecuing etc.

The Hoxne Garden and Produce Show held at the beginning of September is a wonderful lovely way of celebrating the past summer months. This year though, I was wondering how everyone had fared as my tomatoes frazzled in the greenhouse and wasps gorged themselves on my raspberries! Was everyone having

problems with their fruit and vegetables I pondered, as the rain lashed my dahlias days before the show.

But the good folk of Hoxne (and surrounding villages) surpassed all expectations and came loaded with all varieties of fare, filling the village hall with colour and the smell of roses, apples and freshly-baked bread.

As previously mentioned Catherine Hill, a former Hoxne resident, presented the prizes. Winners were as follows :





Children's Section

Decorate an Egg:

Artwork in any medium:

6 decorated Biscuits or Cookies:

1st Iris, 2nd Arthur, 3rd Daisy

1st Elodie, 2nd Arthur, 3rd Iris

1st Daisy, 2nd Iris, 3rd Arthur

Adults' Section

Cooking and Preserves:

Fruit and Vegetables:

Flowers and Floral Art:

Photography:

Craft:

Best in Show:

Gill Carter

Rachel Herron

Vicki Farley

Bryn Lerwill

Vicki Farley

Rachel Herron

Many thanks to everyone concerned for making it such a brilliant show!

Moving on to October, on the 16th we will be welcoming Amy Holstock from the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. Who can resist owls? This will be a fitting topic as there seems to be an abundance of owls in Hoxne.

Jamie Blake will be coming to see us on 20th November. His talk is '*Weeding of the 5000 with 2 Hoes and 5 Wishes*'. An unusual title, referring possibly to weeding the many beds at Bressingham Gardens, where Jamie was the Head Gardener of The Dell Garden for 35 years.

Enjoy your gardens as autumn approaches. It is a wonderful time in the countryside too, the blackberry, hawthorn and blackthorn are smothered with berries this year. Maybe time for picking and bottling sloes for next year's show!

Debbie Pye
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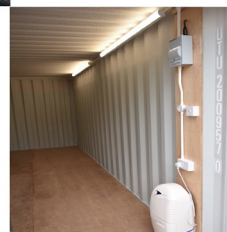
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Wingfield & District Garden Club

After our Summer break our next meeting will be on **Thursday 25th September** with a return visit from Jon Benington.

Jon is a writer, speaker and freelance art curator and is now based in Norwich. He has published numerous articles and books on 19th and 20th century art.

His talk will be: *Gardens in Close-up: Six Centuries of Flowers and Plants in Art*. In this new talk, Jon will take us on a journey through some of the best botanical art in a range of different media, including oil paint, engraving, tapestry, collage, watercolour and sculpture.



Magnolia,
by Mary Delany

He will emphasise the vital role played by female artists in this story, from Rachel Ruysch and Mary Delany to Gwen John, Mary Fedden and Elizabeth Blackadder. He also takes a look at contemporary pieces such as the 30,000 ceramic poppies made by Paul Cummins for the

Tower of London in 2014.

There will be no speaker at our October meeting, which will be a *social evening* in Dennington. We always have lots to talk about, sometimes but not always gardening related!

Visitors to our meetings - £5. Annual memberships are due at the beginning of the year, details to follow later in 2025. Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings, which are held at Brundish village hall, starting at 7.30pm; hall open from 7pm. Plenty of car parking opposite the hall. Do join us, for an enjoyable evening!

Lyn Edwards

Waveney Heritage Centre

Brockdish IP21 4JP

Remember the lockdowns, when we were only allowed out for a daily walk or to walk the dog? Our speaker on **22nd October at 7.30pm** used that time to record all his *garden wildlife*—birds, insects etc—an impressive **874 species** in total. Come and hear how he did it!

Our **2025 Christmas Craft Fair** is on **Saturday 16th November, 10.30am-2pm**. A large selection of festive goodies will be offered for sale from a variety of stall holders keen to relieve you of your money! There will also be a barbecue serving **burgers, bacon and sausage baps**.

On **Wednesday 26th November** we have Mike Papworth explaining *the art of traditional leather-working*, identifying the tools, methods and materials used - many since before the Industrial Revolution. He has also promised to bring in some of the items he has made in this way which will be for sale. So again, bring your wallet or purse! All our talks are £5 admission to non-members and £4 to members of Waveney Heritage Centre.

On **Saturday 13th December** we have a *Christmas Quiz* at the centre. We invite you to form a team of six, £5 per head. Please bring your own food. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available to buy.

Due to a shortage of volunteers, the radio museum now opens only on the last Sunday of the month, 10am-3pm. We're keen to welcome new volunteers for a variety of tasks—no need to be a vintage radio enthusiast!

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On Tuesday, 18th November

All members of the public are invited to Hoxne village hall again, for a talk titled:

Sudden Deaths in 19th Century Suffolk

A talk by Geoffrey Robinson

Geoffrey will share with us the knowledge gained following research for his new book, "*Misery and Misfortune: Sudden Deaths in Suffolk 1800-1850*". Life was dangerous in the 19th century, and cheap! Health and Safety was not of major concern; accidents were more commonplace and could easily result in serious injury or even death. The talk will include tales substantiated by articles from The Ipswich Journal, and courtesy of The Suffolk Records Office, and include cases of being burnt to death, crushed by cartwheels, drowned and being savaged by a game cock!

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.



Our talks are open to all members of the public. To learn more and possibly become a member of The Hoxne Heritage Group, get regular updates on local finds, join us for trips and events and join in at our bi-monthly members' meetings, see details on our web site. The cost of joining HHG is very modest at just £10 per year and gives a reduced cost of just £3 when attending our talks at the village hall.

(Note - To keep costs low and keep the group viable we ask for a £1 donation when you attend a members meeting). Details of members' meetings are shown on our website: www.hoxnehistory.org.uk. 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.

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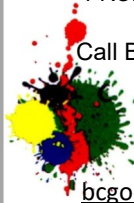
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Albert's Dairy Holiday Let

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In the late 1950s, Thomas Feavearyear of Town Farm bought the smallholding, with Albert remaining as a tenant until his death in the mid-1970s.

Meadow View was later renovated by us, Robin and Trudie Feavearyear (Robin is Thomas's son). The barn had housed chickens, rabbits, and a pet pig named Bruno, but over the years had become rather dilapidated.

Thanks to UK government and Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council Rural Business Growth Fund, we've diversified our small farm by completing the holiday let to a high standard, including the addition of solar panels. Without this, the barn would have become an eyesore; instead, its sympathetic restoration has enhanced the landscape.

We feel incredibly lucky to live in this idyllic part of Suffolk. Creating a holiday let made us realise just how much was available around us and we're excited to share it with guests seeking peace and tranquillity.

Robin and Trudie Feavearyear

Hoxne Phoenix Group

We very much enjoyed our August presentation by Carol Spenser. Carol talked us through her forty year career in fashion PR, journalism and TV presenting. We chuckled at her recollection of PR in the eighties - promoting 'Toni' perms and travelling with George the Bear to market Hofmeister Beer!

Different to that advertised, we will be welcoming Derek Adams on Tuesday, 8th September. Derek will be talking about the life of Lee Miller - New York model, surrealist and Vogue fashion photographer, WWII war correspondent and gourmet cook.

Our charity for the year is East Anglian Air Ambulance. A speaker from EAAA will be joining us on **Tuesday 14th October**. The evening will be open to all members, family and friends. There will be a guest fee of £3 per person which will be donated, together with the proceeds from a grand raffle held on the night and funds already raised by the group, to EAAA at the end of the evening. Please join us!



One of our favourite speakers, archaeologist Adrian Tindall, will educate us on Bury St Edmunds during the Great War on **Tuesday, 11th November**. Certainly an evening to look forward to!

I am sorry to report that our outing to Felbrigg Hall (1st October) has been cancelled. Regrettably we had an insufficient number of attendees to make the trip viable.

The Phoenix Group meets 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 from Hoxne and surrounding villages are always welcome.

Daphne Cook
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HOXNE'S LOST PALACE - Part III

The wonderfully detailed estate plan of “Hoxon Hall” and the “Newe Parke”, drawn in 1619, shows the palace behind a crenellated tower gateway, within a moat filled with fish, and boasting an orchard, formal garden and a rabbit warren. The park was surrounded by a post and rail fence and had a number of entry gates. The River Dove is clearly shown to the north of the house.

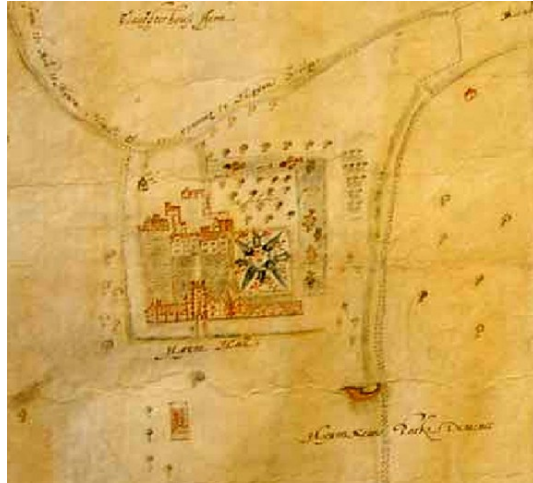
The palace was soon to become a favourite retreat for the Bishops of Norwich, where they could hunt and fish or for a number of them, spend their final days in quiet contemplation. Bishop Walter de Suffield

made his will at Hoxne in 1256, and bequeathed his pack of hounds and palfrey to the king.

The house was also a valuable place of escape from the ravages of the various plagues that beset the country, especially the Black Death of 1349 that carried off 7,000 souls - half the population in Norwich.

The last Bishop to visit the Palace shortly before the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in 1535, was the blind Bishop William Nyx, who died there deserted by all his household!

Royalty too were frequent visitors. Edward II came in January 1326 to issue a charter, and in the winter of 1344 his son, Edward III, arrived -



according to the *Calendar of Close Rolls* issued by him, with the Keepers of the Privy Seal and Wardrobe - and spent several days making the datings.

Sadly though, all was to come to a

tragic end. After some 600 years, the Bishops were turned out of the house and a lease granted to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk in 1536 and to the Southwell dynasty three years later.

The property remained largely unchanged for many years. The moat was filled in by 1757 and in 1830 the house was rebuilt.

Alas, 'tis no more.



A silver penny of Edward III found in the Park this year.

Chris Johnson

Windows 10 End of Life - What Now?

As you may have read, Microsoft have officially announced Windows 10 end of life support from 14 October 2025. The current version of Windows 10, version 22H2, will be the last supported version. This significant date marks the end of security updates, bug fixes, and technical support for Windows 10, both Home and Pro versions. Continuing to run an unsupported OS exposes your machine to unpatched security vulnerabilities and compatibility issues with new software applications, hardware and drivers.

Upgrade and Alternative Solutions

Free Upgrade to Windows 11

Available through Windows Update if your PC meets the minimum requirements. This is the easiest solution, but your PC must have at least an 8th generation Intel processor or an AMD Ryzen 2000 series or newer to do so. Most perfectly capable Windows 10 machines will fail here.

Other requirements are TPM (Trusted Platform Module, 4Gb of memory (RAM), 64Gb of free hard disk space and Direct X graphics12 support. Phew! That's a whole lot of up-to-date specifications to comply with. Specs that many Windows 10 machines can't meet.

Extended Security Updates (ESU) for Windows 10

Available from Microsoft, there's a paid program at £30/user per year for one additional year of security patches, with

no new features though. Only useful as a temporary bridge if immediate hardware upgrade isn't feasible.



Purchase a New Windows 11 PC

Ensures full compatibility, warranty, and years of support ahead with high cost. Alternatively good used fully reconditioned ex-corporate business

computers laptops are readily available at a fraction of the cost of a brand-new equivalent computer. Search Amazon Renewed for some excellent deals.

Switch to an Alternative Operating System

Linux distributions (Ubuntu, Fedora, Mint) are free (yes, free as in cost £0), regularly updated, and run well on older hardware. However, there is a learning curve and some of your applications will not be supported, although there's nearly always an equivalent available.

Continue Using Windows 10 (Unsupported)

You can keep using the OS "as is," but you assume full security responsibility. But do not chance high-risk activities (e-commerce, banking etc.).

Next Steps and Recommendations

Run Microsoft's PC Health Check app. Back up all critical data before attempting any OS upgrade or hardware replacement.

If sticking with Windows 10 temporarily, plan for a full hardware refresh or OS migration asap.

As always, if you are unsure or worried ask a professional for advice.

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Fressingfield Scouts

The highlight of our summer has been attending Norjam, the Norfolk Jamboree at the Norwich Showground which, apart from the pandemic lockdown, happens every four years.

Eighteen Scouts and Explorers and five Leaders attended a fantastic and very hot week at the Jamboree. Our site was

quite a walk to the toilets and showers but very close to the bins and a water tap so that perhaps balanced out! A big bonus with our edge of the showground location was a very welcome row of trees which was enjoyed by young people and leaders for a quiet moment, snooze or chat in the shade!



Norjam's closing ceremony carnival

There was unbroken sunshine, wall-to-wall activities, social opportunities and a reminder of the Scout movement's worldwide presence and positive impact.

Michael Knights, who organised the Fressingfield contingent said, "The week has been a dream camp with a wide range of activities, a great team of leaders and a group of brilliant young people".

There were 2600 young people from 19 different countries attending, supported by their leaders and 800 activity and support staff. The five Activity Zones had over 120 activities ranging from climbing, to crafts, zip wires, go karts, giant inflatables, segways, dodge ball, steel drums, caving, high ropes, sweet-making workshops, laser clay pigeon shooting, water zorbs, trampolines, kayaks and much more.

In feedback from parents after the event many of our members described it as the best week of their lives, an amazing week, a phenomenal experience!

Andrew Alders-Dunthorne, our Group Lead Volunteer and caterer for the week

said, "The young people, and especially 1st Fressingfield young people, have done themselves (and us) proud. They have worked together, played together, and have been nothing short of a pleasure to be with".

And now a plea—

At the end of term some of our part time leaders left us because of changed personal circumstances and two of our younger uniformed leaders are heading to

university, which has left a significant gap in our leader team across the sections.

We hope that we can recruit some non-uniform helpers who could join us some weeks to assist with activities and generally support the sections to continue to provide scouting at the present

level. Uniformed leaders are, of course, guaranteed a welcome at any time.

Helpers needed across the age groups – can you help out, or do you know someone else that could help us?

There is some straightforward online training and a DBS check required, but you can commit as much or as little time as you like.

No prior scouting knowledge is required, just a willingness to get involved and join in. Our activities often involve cooking, craft, countryside issues, teamwork, IT, handicraft or even domestic skills as well as use of maps and navigation techniques and occasionally knots, axes, fires and tents!

If you are interested in finding out more, keeping Fressingfield Scout Group running smoothly and providing a diverse, challenging, interesting and fulfilling programme, please get in touch with our Group Lead Volunteer at: gsl@fressingfieldscouts.com or contact any leader and we will arrange a taster session.

HOXNE WIN INAUGURAL BOWLS TRI-VILLAGE CHALLENGE

Late August, as the bowls season drew to an end, 36 bowlers from Fressingfield, Stradbroke and Hoxne took to the green at Hoxne to contest the first of a new, annual event: The Tri-Village Challenge. Blessed by a sunny afternoon, the three teams battled out 18 ends of three-wood triples to the sound of laughter and good-natured banter. Despite Hoxne taking the honours on the day, players from all the villages pronounced the day a great success and the perfect way to draw the season to a close.

On Sunday 31st August, the club held its Finals day, accompanied by a BBQ. In hard-fought games the following were triumphant:

Ladies Singles: Kay Wiltshire
2 Wood Singles: Alan Garnham
4 wood Singles: Graham Turner
Pairs: Alan Garnham & Roger Knight
Triples: Kevin Cook, Jenny Knight & Graham Turner

At the annual Upper Waveney Finals weekend, Alan Garnham and Roger Knight were drawn against each other in the semi-final of the men's Singles. Alan went on to the final but in a thrilling game, just lost out 21-18.

Roger Knight



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New Reeding Woods

With meteorological autumn beginning on 1st September we are now in the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”. We will have passed the autumn equinox when you are reading this and the days will have drawn in.

However no mists were around in early September and after a hot and dry summer signs of autumn were being seen early this year. Some leaves turned brown early and blackberries were being picked in August. Looking up into the canopy, oaks were losing leaves and all around trees were losing branches. These are not signs of an early autumn but a result of the stress of another dry summer. Trees lose leaves and branches to

save energy. Early fruit in the hedgerow will not sustain wildlife through into winter. The dry ground makes it hard for birds and animals to find worms. The pond at the wood was drying out where we should have had a foot of water. It will be interesting to see how the woodland fares next year.

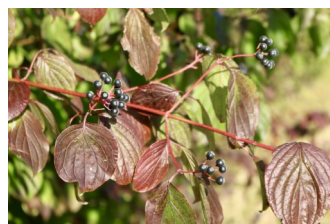
The meadow was looking green after the recent showers although we had a very poor crop of hay this year. The hedgerows were full of blackberries and the hawthorns were glowing red. The oaks were full of acorns and sloes hung in abundance waiting for a frost so they can be picked for gin.

The spindle trees were just starting to turn colour and bearing bright pink berries which provide food for both birds and mice. Dogwood berries showed black against leaves of a rich purple brown. Up above, the Wild Service tree was bearing fruit. These are eaten by pigeons which help the fruit to soften, aiding propagation. Further on a dog rose was covered in hips and balls or “Robin’s pincushions”. These are used by the larvae of a very small wasp and turn red as autumn progresses.

A female common darter dragonfly patrolled the meadow along the hedge line, busy looking for insects to satisfy her voracious appetite.

Walking down the rides, apples were in the trees and windfalls covered the ground together with leaves starting to show autumn colours. We will be tidying along the rides later in the season where branches are starting to hang down.

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 Penny Conway on 07495 875299.



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Robin's pincushion



Female common darter



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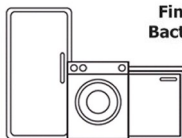
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Hoxne Memories

by Stephen Govier

I was born at 49 Low Street in January 1955. This property had once been the home of my great-grandparents, Arthur Gilman and his wife Florence (née Butcher). On the 1619 plan of Hoxne, it was known as *The Christopher*.

I cannot remember the tall elm trees that once cloaked the village green, but I do recall the stump of an elm tree where my great-great-grandfather George Butcher used to sit. I have a photo of him seated outside his cottage.

Before the village green was curbed, the well shelter stood in front of 49 Low Street. I used to sit here with family members including my great grandfather William Alfred Tye (died 1964). He had been born at Reading Green (also known as Readham Green) and, after leaving school aged 14, worked on one of the local farms. He lived with his parents Alfred and Jane (née Larter at Stanwell House. Alfred looked after the traction engine on the farm.

In 1901, William went to work in Yorkshire as an agricultural labourer. By 1902 he had moved to Cuckney, Nottinghamshire, and was working as a coal miner at Pleasley Colliery, where he cared for the pit ponies. That same year

he married Alice White of Pleasley Hill, forging my family's connection with Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

The triangular village green has seen a lot of village history. Scottish cattle dealers would sell livestock which were grazed in the village during the winter months. If you visit the churchyard, you'll find gravestones engraved with Scottish surnames.

The village green was also decked out with bunting and lanterns for the cheap-jack fairs, where prizes were awarded for dancing, singing and eating competitions.

I can remember the scissor man who came to the village to sharpen, knives, shears and other bladed tools. He also repaired cooking pots and pans.

The Post Office and Shop was run by the Cowham family, and the adjoining building was a store and hardware shop. Further down the street was the grocer's, and next door was the bakery, operated by the Gilbert family (formerly Wilcox Steam Bakery).

The wooden, shambles-type building opposite the Swan Inn was the butcher's shop. The slaughterhouse and barn were in Sandpit Lane, formerly known as Saffron Pan Lane, which led to the Down Bridge and Downbridge Farm. When I was old enough my sister Jane and I would walk from Heckfield Green, along Oak Hill, past St Edmund's monument and over the wooden bridge at Downbridge Farm to visit our grandparents at their cottage in Low Street. We also attended Sunday School with Miss Mirth Hovell or our grandmother, Olive Maud Tye (née Gilman).

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We lived in a cottage opposite the Grapes Inn, before moving to The Retreat at Heckfield Green in 1957.

The Primary School on the corner of Clink Hill was not far away, but I did everything I could to avoid that establishment of learning.

Mrs Lindley was the kindly reception teacher. Mrs Olwen Chapman, the informative middle-class teacher, took us on walks to Chickering Beck to collect insects and fish for the school aquarium, and to the woods on Denham Road to study wildlife and plants. She sparked my lifelong interest in flora and fauna.

However if we had been bad, naughty or noisy she would smack our hand with a ruler; if really bad, the edge of the ruler was used. But we always got a bag of sweets to share with friends on our birthdays.



St Edmund's Monument today

The boys' cloakroom was at the far end of the main school corridor and the dreaded wall clock hung next to the door of the notorious headmaster, A V Balls.

We played flick with our cigarette and tea cards, swapped stamps, played marbles and generally made a noise, especially if it was wet during break times.

On my first day at school I was looking forward to a hot meal, served by the ladies from the school canteen in the playground. We had sausage, mash, and vegetables. The headmaster stole a sausage from my plate, and I ran home crying. That was the first and last time I had a school meal—except at Christmas. My mother told him in no uncertain terms that she wasn't going to pay for him to be fed! After that I went to my great-uncle and aunt's for lunch when my mother was working!

Stephen Govier

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Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

A huge thanks to everyone who came to celebrate the opening of our renovated village hall. A fantastic turn-out, no doubt helped by both the glorious sunshine and our celebrity guest Mackenzie Crook who, true to form, made us all laugh! It was great to see so many people from Denham and surrounding villages supporting the event.



We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Coffee Mornings on Thursdays, 10am till 12am from 4th September, and now that we have a full Premises Licence, Bar Nights every Friday from 7pm starting on 12th September.

For Denham Village Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Jane Gilmore, Secretary on 07793047986

Kerina Jane



Hoxne

At last, some progress is being made on traffic calming measures around Hoxne. (And not for a want of trying). Suffolk Highways have agreed to install additional signage, including road markings on Green Street and on the Eye Road on the approach to the village. This falls short of what we had asked for, and Hoxne Parish Council will have to pay for these measures. The Council has also agreed to try and get the speed limit on Cross Street and Low Street reduced to 20mph. This will take longer to implement and may not even happen as it has to go through a court process - again, at the council's expense. In total Hoxne Parish Council has committed nearly £20,000 to this project. That is why the parish council share of the Council Tax went up by 50% this year.

With a change of management due at the Swan on Low Street the council has also applied to re-register the pub as a community asset, just in case the owner (Stonegate) puts the building on the market. This allows the community a period of time in which to raise funds in order to buy the building and continue running it as a pub rather than it turning into residential use.

With this copy of *Village Voice*, residents of the parish of Hoxne should also have received a leaflet explaining what to do

if flooding due to severe weather is imminent. You may wish to read and keep the leaflet safe for future reference; there are some useful links on there. The parish council has no statutory obligations, but it does want to support the local community if we do have another Storm Babet.

In order to improve access to the council we are arranging for a telephone number to be available in addition to the council website. When arranged, this will be published in *Village Voice*.

Don't forget, there is still one vacancy on Hoxne Parish Council. As you can see, we are achieving things (perhaps not as much as we would like) and that is largely the result of a great team of councillors all working together. Would you like to be part of that team?

Chris Parkin
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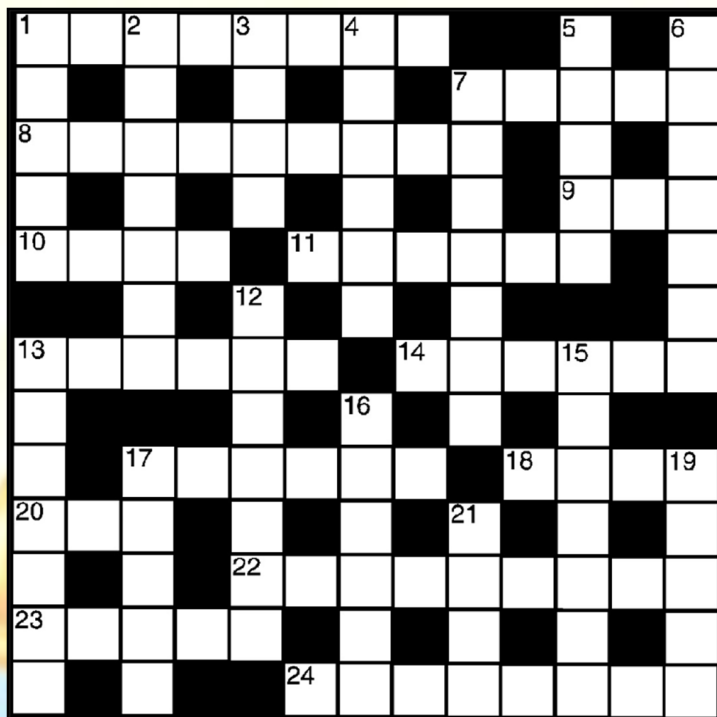


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1. Grieving before noon (8)
7. Apply a bandage to clothing (5)
8. Bile Vince can be shown (9)
9. Means of propulsion found aboard (3)
10. Stuck up cobbler (4)
11. 100 in tartan and quite serene (6)
13. Death of a modem is easily in this context (6)
14. More of the same by popular demand (6)
17. Ban him from working in a pub (6)
18. Exists in motoring organisation in China, maybe (4)
20. Spoil most of a planet (3)
22. Hotel employee ruins Conger ice (9)
23. Arrive at part of a river (5)
24. Attention paid to savings increase (8)

Down

1. Encounters some huntsmen (5)
2. Phonetic formal wear (7)
3. Pleasant French city (4)
4. Two bees in a river having a snack (6)
5. Change a lemon for a gourd (5)
6. Attribute to a writer (7)
7. Bit of a comedown (7)
12. Almost rich bird (7)
13. Hidden mark found in Europe (7)
15. Watch most of a Sunday newspaper (7)
16. Sounds like a big gun in the church (6)
17. Wide minor byway (5)
19. Taped in the skilled manner (5)
21. Power of a tiny insect, I hear (4)

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Answers: Across: 7. League 8. Allies 10. Tonsure 11. Erase 12. Odor 13. Beech 17. Caper 18. Keen 22. Alert 23. Curtail 24. Strive 25. Cavern

Down: 1. Elation 2. Painter 3. Queue 4. Fluency 5. Divan 6. Osier 9. Reference 14. Captive 15. Related 16. Incline 19. Raise 20. Heart 21. Croat

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