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Thanks for supporting us!

Village Voices Community Choir thank everyone who supported our efforts to raise funds for the RNLI Bicentenary and Hoxne village shop. A fundraising sing at the Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station on 1st June raised just over £130, and our concert overlooking the Waveney Valley on 29th June raised £200 for both charities.

Jenny Knight

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What's On

Wingfield Barns

Sunday 6th October, 7.30pm

Common Ground Theatre Company presents:

Ghost of the Toll Point Light

by Pat Whymark

The year is 1900 - the dawn of a new century. Young Jack Grimes arrives to take up his post as assistant to the keeper of the Toll Point Light, off the coast of East Anglia. Isaac Troop has been keeper at Toll Point for 20 years and is suspicious of the new arrival - is he there to assist or to replace him?

Tickets £14/£10 (Under 21s)



Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm

Made2Measure Theatre Co presents:

Lady Audley's Secret

by Colin Hazlewood

Sir Michael and Lady Audley enjoy a quiet, contented life together on the family estate, until a visitor arrives who threatens their peaceful existence.

Tickets £12

Friday 18th October,
7.30pm

Jack Rutter

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

Tickets £14



Saturday 19th October, 7.30pm

Laxefelders presents:

The Taxing Issue of Tithing

by Catherine Cawood

Tithing is the ancient practice of paying a tenth of one's produce to the church. And as long as there's been tithe, there have been complaints about tithe. Honestly, it's quite a soap opera.

With East Anglia firmly at the heart of the telling, follow the twisty tale of tithe from the Old Testament right through to the modern day.

We promise you dodgy royals, conflicted vicars, grumpy farmers, Laura Kuenssberg, Blackshirts, a rabbit, a woman called Doreen and MORE! Lots of music, and many, many hats. Also - of course - your chance to play Spot the Meat Loaf, because you'd be disappointed if we didn't.

Best suited to ages 7+. May contain nuts.

Tickets £12

Friday 25th October,
7.30pm

Hannah Scott

The best stories elicit profound personal reactions and in the 15 years she has been writing and performing, Hannah



Scott has become a consummate storyteller.

Her music is shaped by human stories, with family - in all its chaos and glory - sitting at the heart of her work. Her lyrics are powerful and poignant, and her voice feels strangely familiar though you can't quite put your finger on why. Her writing has a universal appeal that extends beyond the melodies you catch yourself humming days after listening to her songs.

Tickets £13

Friday 8th November, 7.30pm

Megson

Four times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards, Megson create a truly unique brand of folk music. Combining an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars, Megson have gained a reputation not only for their arresting & intelligent songwriting, but also for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour.

Tickets £16



Saturday 16th November, 7.30pm

Reg Meuross

Award-winning Reg Meuross was introduced onto the stage of the Albert Hall by Mike Harding as 'one of this country's finest' and is a true modern troubadour, representing contemporary English folk writing at its best.

Reg has toured extensively for decades across the UK, Europe, North America and the Antipodes.

Tickets £14

Sunday 24th November, 2.30pm

Bah Humbug!

A panto based on 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

This heartfelt and energetic pantomime based on Charles Dickens' favourite Christmas tale, is full of popular songs, audience participation, puppetry and familiar Christmas cheer.

Tickets £12/£8 Under 3s Free



Friday 29th November, 7.30pm

Open Space Theatre Company presents:

The Deep Blue Sea

by Terence Rattigan

When Hester Collyer, the wife of a High Court judge, is found by her neighbours in the aftermath of a failed suicide attempt, the story of her tempestuous affair with a much younger man, a former RAF pilot, begins to emerge. With it comes a portrait of need, loneliness and long-repressed passion. Behind the fragile veneer of postwar civility burns a brutal sense of loss and longing.

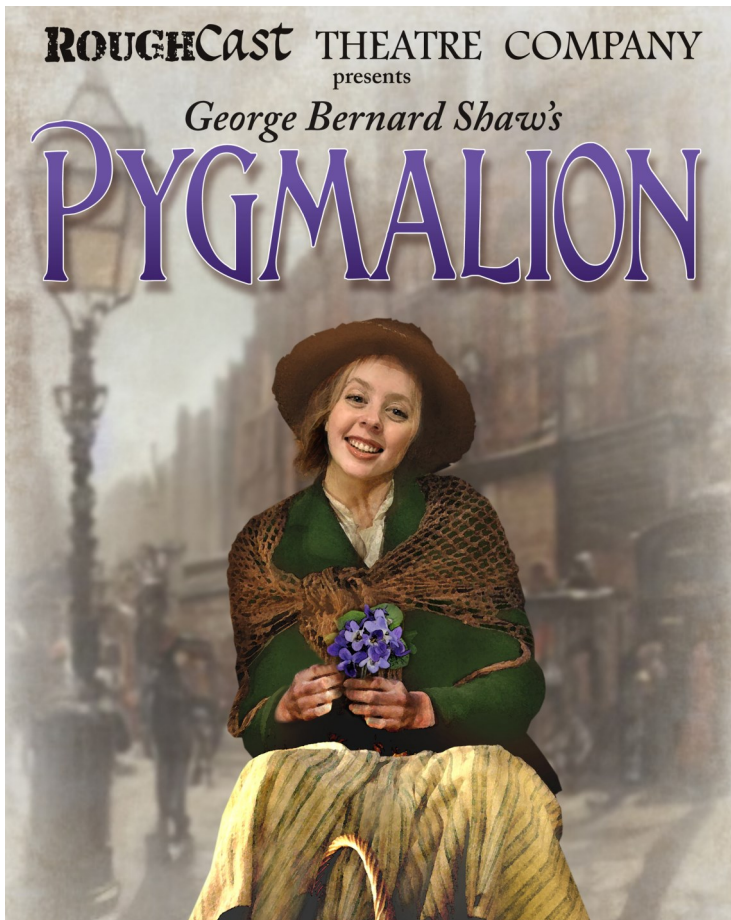
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by George Bernard Shaw

“Cherup Captin and buy a flower offa paw gerl” - thus begins the story of Eliza Doolittle who is taken under the wing of Professor Henry Higgins, a linguistics expert. He has made a bet that within six months he can transform the scruffy, Cockney girl into a ‘proper lady’ and pass her off as a Duchess. As Eliza undergoes a gruelling and often humiliating process of education, she begins to challenge Higgins’ assumptions about class and gender, and in doing so discovers her own strength and place in society. A funny, moving story, later transformed into the musical hit ‘My Fair Lady’.

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This stage production includes three well-loved episodes and a specially written sketch 'The Floral Dance'.

Harleston Sancroft Academy, 7.30pm

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October

Thursday 31st October

Friday 1st November

Saturday 2nd November (plus 2.30pm matinee)

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

October film - Vindication Swim. The inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze, the first woman to swim the English channel and her battle against both the cold waters of the channel and the oppressive society of 1920s England.

November Film - Swede Caroline. A film for all you gardeners out there - beware of thieves in your veggie patch!! Sounds like a good British film comedy.

Upcoming events:

Jitterbugs are back, Saturday 2nd November with dancing to 1940s-50s music. No need to prebook - all tickets available on the door.

The Christmas Fair is back on Saturday 23rd November (see poster below).

If you would like to discuss a celebration at the hall, please email Sally at hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com.

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Hoxne Film Nights



Vindication Swim

Friday 11th October

Hoxne Village Hall

7:30pm £4.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

The inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze, who in 1927 became the first British woman to swim the English Channel. Discover Mercedes' struggle in overcoming both the cold waters of the English Channel and the oppressive society of 1920s England.

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Swede Caroline

Friday 8th November

Hoxne Village Hall

7:30pm £4.00 a ticket

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Our Sports and Social club volunteers continue to open the bar every Tuesday and Friday from 8pm - please come and join us for darts, books, board games and pool. We would encourage you to become members at the annual cost of £3.50 (concs £3) when you've made a visit and wish to pop in again, and to take advantage of discounted and free events. Thank you.



Although both Open Mic and Quiz evenings have had a break over the summer months, Open Mic returns on the regular first Friday of the month - 4th October - and the Quiz on the regular third Friday of the month - 18th October. Karaoke continues through the year on the second Friday, and Bingo too continues on the last Friday.



Funds are also raised for the upkeep of the village hall - the main hall, kitchen and bar area will be redecorated during October!

We also have a number of events you may like to pop along to ...

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest will be on Saturday 12th, from 7.30, German and local beers, traditional music in the background. Costumes encouraged but definitely optional, Bavarian-inspired food - I've heard there's apple strudel and Black Forest sundaes, as well as bratwurst!

Metal collection skip

This will be in the car park from Monday 14th October to Friday 25th October; any metal but NO gas canisters, fridges, freezers, TVs.

Jumble Sale

There will be a jumble sale on Saturday 19th October, 2-4pm, free entry.



Craft Fayre

Our Craft Fayre takes place on Saturday 2nd November 10-2pm, with local talented people showing and selling their beautiful items. Free entry, refreshments, raffle.

It's all about Buddy!

Saturday 16th November, 7.30. Fantastic live show! Free entry, raffle/ tombola, bucket collection iao Meningitis Now.

Macmillan Coffee and Cake

Please also join us for a Macmillan Coffee and Cake morning on Tuesday 1st October, 10-11.30, free entry. Lovely homemade cake! Teas and coffees, raffle/tombola. Hope you can join us!

Coffee and Cake

In association with Syleham church, Coffee & Cake runs every first Tuesday in the month, 10-11.30. Always absolutely gorgeous homemade cake, chat and welcome.

Thank you!

Thank you for all your support for our varied events. We've enjoyed a great BBQ evening! We held a successful Galactic Kidscon which raised just over £300 for Eye Opportunity Group - amazing to see Ghostbusters, Batman, and many more on the lanes of Syleham! We've also had two successful Bingo evenings, raising nearly £150 for the Fire Fighters Charity. Thank you!!



STOP PRESS:

New equipment on J's Meadow!

We have had confirmation that planning permission to install one flat swing and one cradle swing has been granted by MSDC - and it is likely it will be installed by the end of September!



Julie Thompson

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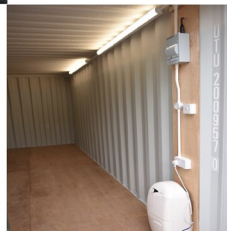
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Church News

Autumn is the season of the soul

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche apparently said "I notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature". Perhaps it is both - there is the richness of the earth's produce to give thanks for, followed by a certain, not unpleasant, melancholy as the days shorten and the leaves start to fall.

October brings a sense of completion and celebration as we hold the last of our Harvest Festivals on Sunday 6th October (11.00 am at Wingfield and 4.00 pm for Messy Harvest at Syleham church). And the Wingfield Harvest Supper is on Saturday 26th October (see poster, page 19)

As we move into November, the sense of completion is expressed in remembering the lives of those we have lost. John Chapman's sad death recently will be on the minds of many.

This year All Souls' Day falls on a Saturday and so we can hold our service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for loved ones on the day itself (4.00 pm on Saturday 2nd November at Hoxne church).

But death is also a gateway to a marvellous new beginning in eternal life. And as we remember those who have died in war on Remembrance Sunday, we resolve to work for future peace and reconciliation, needed so much at this time.

Then we move back into celebration with a special service for St Edmund's Day at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 20th November and the Hoxne Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November, ready for Advent to begin on Sunday 1st December.

Let's bear Nietzsche's words in mind though, as we progress through autumn and attend to our souls. Enjoy the beauty of the autumn colours and cosy evenings by the fire, but also use the reminders of our mortality which autumn brings to amend our lives and make the most of the time we have.

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Church Services

*Denham, Hoxne, Syleham
& Wingfield*

Planned church services in October/
November.

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on
Zoom

October

*Sunday 6th October
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne
 11.00 am Harvest Communion, Wingfield
 4.00 pm Messy Harvest, Syleham church

*Sunday 13th October
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

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

*Sunday 20th October
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*

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

*Sunday 27th October
Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)*

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 2nd November
All Souls' Day*

4.00 pm Service of Memorial and
 Thanksgiving, Hoxne

*Sunday 3rd November
All Saints' Sunday*

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



Sunday 10th November
Remembrance Sunday

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

Sunday 17th November
Second Sunday before Advent

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

Wednesday 20th November
Edmund, King and Martyr
6.00 pm Evensong, Hoxne

Sunday 24th 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
4.00 pm All Age service, Hoxne

St Margaret's, Syleham

Macmillan Coffee Morning at the village hall on Tuesday 1st October 10am - 11.30am, with home-made cakes. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support. This takes the place of the usual monthly Coffee & Cake, which will return on November 5th or 12th (subject to confirmation).

Syleham's great day Saturday 27th July, too late for the last Village Voice, saw a goodly crowd gather to watch the re-enactment of the submission of Earl Bigod to King Henry II in 1174. Mead and other beverages flowed freely and there was much gaiety! Donations on the day amounted to about £1700, to be added to the church's fabric fund. The day included an exhibition in the church of village history, which attracted much interest. It is planned to repeat the exhibition on **Saturday 9th November**, in the church at 7pm, with a guest speaker to focus on the key exhibit, **Charles Souter's Brockdish Diary** - which was really a Syleham diary! Wine and canapés served. For further information, please contact lorraine@syleham.uk.



Syleham's 1174 Re-enactment - Earl Bigod in the stocks

Messy Church's 10th Anniversary was celebrated in the village hall on Sunday 1st September by past and present members and helpers. Revd Michael Womack, who started Messy Church, was sadly unable to attend but his wife Mary came, and the Archdeacon of Suffolk was also a guest - and officiated at the cake-cutting ceremony, watched by two original Messy Church members.

Calendar 2025 - Photographs were invited to create a pictorial Syleham calendar for 2025; the twelve most popular pictures were chosen and the calendar will be available to buy before Christmas. Further information from lorraine@syleham.uk.

Church repairs and maintenance were due to start week beginning 30th September; the PCC is most grateful for all donations and local fund-raising efforts which have enabled the work, and for grants from Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, the Round Tower Churches Society and Benefact Trust.

An Act of Remembrance will take place at 10.45am on **Sunday 10th November** and our Carol Service, with popular Amici singers, will be on Sunday 15th December at 11.15am.

St Margaret's is open every day for visitors and for private prayer.

Contact for all above:

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

St Andrew's, Wingfield

The cream tea at Wingfield church on 10th August was a great success. We were delighted to see so many people and a splendid (and much-needed) £535.90 was raised for church funds. Many thanks to Jacky Taylor and all her helpers for their work and their warm welcome.

For more great food and hospitality, come along to our **Harvest Supper** at Syleham and Wingfield village hall on **Saturday 26th October**. Contact Jacky on 07846 365818 for a reservation.

Meanwhile our Harvest Festival service will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 6th October - all welcome, no need to book!

At the end of August we received the good news that we have been given approval from the diocese for the plans to repair the masonry in the tower and the south-west corner of the church. It has taken us a long time to get to this point, as we had to gauge the severity of the issues which had given rise to the need for the repairs, and we also had to assess the benefit of the tree surgery which was carried out last year. The specialist professional skills which we required for advice on what needs to be done are in short supply, and this caused further delay.

We need to raise about £130,000 to pay for the masonry repairs. We will not be able to afford it unless we are able to attract grants from major donor organisations, and they are only willing to support projects which have prior approval from the diocese. Now that we

have received that approval, we can begin preparing and submitting grant applications. There is a lot of competition for grants, so this may take some time. All grant-awarding bodies need to see a contribution made by local fund-raising. We are very grateful for the local support which has enabled us to make a start on fund-raising, and we hope for further support as we continue with that fund-raising.

Donations are also very welcome, and if you, or someone you know, would be willing to contribute a donation, please get in touch.

We also hope to take advantage in the near future of a grant from the new diocesan Minor Repairs and Improvements Fund to repair some of our windows.

The next Book Club meeting is on **Wednesday 16th October** at 5.00 pm at the De La Pole Arms as usual. The book is still to be confirmed - contact Revd Eleanor for more details.

Diary dates:

Carols by Candlelight, **Sunday 15th December** at 4pm, followed by refreshments.

St Andrew's Church is having a stall at the Wingfield Barns Christmas Market, **Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December**. Come and say hello, lots to see and buy including scrummy Christmas bakes.



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Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

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St Peter & St Paul's, Hoxne

Did I not say in the last edition of Village Voice that all the hymns at the Lammas Service would be well known? There was one I was not familiar with but when I heard the tune it was a doddle - '*... in an English Country Garden*'! It was a good service and some £3,300 was raised for the Addington Fund.

If you have been into the church recently, you will notice that the bell construction by the south door has been removed. New plans involve the tenor bell being displayed at a much lower level; if we have sufficient space it will be by the north door. It is hoped that we can move the book case from the tower back to its old position by the south door. The bookcase is very heavy, so we need a team of people available to do the move - it may even be done by the time you read this but there are no guarantees.

You will notice that the Christmas Fair has been replaced by the 'St Edmund's Fair' this year (see poster, page 10). There will be a different format to previous years but the home-made soup lunches will still be available. I did hear rumours of a produce stall and an adult

tombola (I do not think this means that you can win an adult) but I have no other details yet. Please put the date in your diary - 23rd November, 12-2.30pm. I will endeavour to put more details on Facebook as soon as I know them.

Our long-awaited website www.hoxne.church is due to be released upon the world sometime this month. Some members of the PCC are attending a training session on 20th September, so I think it should be up and running by the time you read this. There are bound to be teething troubles so a bit of patience might be necessary. but I think you will be impressed. I did see the prototype and the site did look very professional.

Deborah Harding
01379 668190

Festival of Christmas Trees December 2024

Even though the autumn season is only just upon us and Christmas is still some time away, this is just a gentle reminder that we shall be holding the Christmas Tree Festival in the church again this year.



Although we were unable to muster a "tree team" as in the past, last year's event was nonetheless a great success and we very much appreciated the support that was forthcoming from so many local organisations and individuals.



It goes without saying that the festive season is an extremely busy period for everyone, but if you are able to help in even a small way with the planning, organisation and setting up of the display your involvement would be most welcome.

Full details of the dates and duration of the festival will be published at a later date, but in the meantime if you would like to help, please let me know.

David Hyde
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Hoxne Bells and Tower Project

During the course of the autumn the architect for Hoxne church will be drawing up detailed specifications for the work on the bells and tower in line with the results of the feasibility study. Once the specifications have been developed, we will be able to cost the work accurately, and identify a lead contractor for the project.

Revd John McCracken

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 21st October meeting
Monday 18th November meeting

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Cathie McGregor
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Syleham's Moment In History 1174 Historical Re-enactment



The re-enactment play of Earl Bigod's surrender to King Henry II



Earl Bigod supporters



The Historical Re-enactment at The Cross, Syleham, was a huge success with over 200 people attending. The weather was kind, and the armies gathered ready to process to The Cross. Earl Bigod's army presented themselves at Syleham Manor with the kind permission of Andrew Napier and King Henry's army gathered at Monks Hall with the kind permission of Bonamy Grimes. The processions commenced with followers dressed in medieval costumes (*see front cover*) with medieval music to accompany them provided by The Windbags. The Ipswich Trump also accompanied King Henry's army, making the scene very authentic to the 12th century.

The re-enactment was met with laughter and cheers as people attending listened to the entertaining and amusing performance by the cast. Once the play had concluded Earl Bigod was put in the stocks and the children enjoyed throwing wet sponges at him! (*see photo, page 17*)

The event continued with an exhibition at the church celebrating the history of Syleham as a Suffolk village. The Windbags provided a further recital of medieval music and the exhibition also included an exact copy of the diary written by Charles Souter, now renamed the Syleham Diary, as well as information related to the Lancaster Bomber that crashed in the village during World War II.

The day was enjoyed by all and raised significant funds for the repairs to the Church roof - so a big thank-you to those that created the event and those that attended to support this amazing day.

Save the date:

The Exhibition will be available in support of an historical talk provided by Stephen Poulter on Charles Souter, the Syleham Diarist at St Margaret's, Syleham, 7pm on 9th November 2024. For tickets contact info@syleham.uk

Lorraine Doll



King Henry's armour



Earl Bigod's army, with some members of The Windbags



Hoxne Garden & Social Club

On Saturday 7th September the Garden Club held the annual Craft & Produce Show in the village hall. What a fabulous day it was, with 306 individual entries submitted by 57 exhibitors. The show is growing steadily each year and many villagers joined us in the afternoon for tea and cake.

The display of children's artwork, fruit, vegetables, preserves, cakes, craft, photographs and flowers looked stunning. Jill Williams from Greengold Café presented the prizes and the winners were as follows:

Children's Section

Collage of Natural Materials: 1st Elise, 2nd Elodie, 3rd Eloise
Artwork in any medium: 1st Iris, 2nd Brodie, 3rd Belle
6 Cupcakes: 1st Iris, 2nd Arthur, 3rd Otto

Adults' Section

Cooking and Preserves: Sue Howard
Craft: Michelle Andrews
Photography: Iris
Fruit and Vegetables: Rachel Pedder-Smith
Flowers and Floral Art: Debby Pye and Vicky Farley (joint win)
Best in Show: Sue Howard

Especially well done to Iris who, at only 9 years old and in competition with adults, won the photography section. Iris also won two gold medals in the Children's Section.

It was so fitting that we had named the Best in Show Silver Salver in honour of Sue Flagg in 2023. Sue was a very active member of many groups in the village and a pivotal member of the Garden Club, in addition to organising the show for many years. Sadly, Sue passed away earlier this year and the salver will be a reminder of her.

Jeanette Lerwill



*The winners - front row: Elodie, Iris, Brody
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Hoxne Playing Field & Pavilion

Football returns to Hoxne, along with live jazz and an exotic food evening.

The village pavilion and playing field is gearing up for a season of youth soccer, with regular games for Under 16 and Under 18 teams on Saturdays and Sundays. An organisation called International Talent arranges matches at different age group levels in various locations. It is affiliated to the Norfolk FA and teams compete in the Norfolk Combined Youth Football League and the Junior Premier League, considered the best grass roots league in the country to develop talented players.

A gin and jazz evening has been organised for **Saturday 5th October** with a top-line artist Sophie Shaw appearing with Downtime Jazz.

The accomplished singer first found her musical footing at the prestigious London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA). Here she developed her distinctive voice, beautifully blending soulful jazz with bluesy undertones.



In 2007 she succeeded Imelda May as the lead singer of the internationally acclaimed swing/jump blues band Blue Harlem. With the band she became a regular at Soho's legendary Ronnie Scott's club, launched the 4th International Film Festival of Dubai, and was personally invited by Baz Luhrmann to perform for the launch of his 1940's blockbuster movie "Australia". Recently Sophie has joined Americana band Ask The Poet, who are already building an

enviable reputation on the Indie, folk and festival scene.

Canapes will be provided at Hoxne pavilion, the bar will be open from 7pm, music starts at 8pm and although it is not a ticketed event donations on the night would be appreciated.

On **Friday 8th November** there will be another of the highly successful Suffolk Supper club nights, all of which were sell-outs over the past year. Chef Gary Cole will be creating a Moroccan menu. If you wish to book, please email him at suffolksupperclub@hotmail.com.

Thursday fish and chip nights, with the bar open from 5pm, continue to be popular and the bar is also open on the first Friday of each month, subject to there being no private function pre-booked. Hoxne playing field committee are keen to encourage local families, individuals, businesses, and community groups to make use of the pavilion and its bar and kitchen facilities and ample parking. In recent months it has been hired out for private parties, wedding receptions, funeral wakes and christenings.

If you wish to inquire about hiring fees and make a booking please contact Duncan McGregor the booking clerk via email: dunxmcmgregor@hotmail.com.

The Little Lambs nursery group meet on Tuesdays and the youth café on the last Friday of every month, with games including pool, darts and table football.

Hoxne pavilion and playing field is a registered charity administering and operating the facility on behalf of the parish. It receives no public funding apart from grant aid for various projects. As always the committee are looking for volunteers to help out, especially on bar duty when functions are taking place. Please email Duncan McGregor if you can assist.

Looking further ahead reserve Sunday 4th May 2025 for another big Community Day, similar to the Mayfest earlier this year, and the Coronation and Jubilee celebrations in previous years. More details about entertainment, bands and community group's involvement in future Village Voice editions.

Stuart Jarrold

Hoxne Phoenix Group

At our August meeting the World Development Advisor for the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, the Reverend Richard Stainer, joined us for what was an extremely eye-opening and emotive presentation. Richard made us all aware of modern day slavery. Nearly 50 million people globally are trapped in some form of modern slavery. It is thought that a quarter of this figure are children. There are currently 5,000 live investigations across the UK. Every county is affected. The modern slavery helpline (08000 121 700) took 645 calls in January 2024 alone. If you are worried about

anything you have seen, please use the helpline number. We are the eyes and ears in the community and it is happening all around us.

Our September meeting is for members only and will be a social affair. We'll be tucking into fish and chips and discussing what events/trips we would like to do for the following year.

Hoxne Race Night

Our main focus now will be on **Friday 4th October**, the Hoxne Race Night. Tickets (£4) are already on sale and open to all residents of Hoxne and the surrounding villages. Please drop me an email to purchase. We are also approaching local businesses for their support of the evening. There will be an open bar and we really hope that the evening is a success, raising funds for our group and the local community.

Floral Demonstration

Tuesday 12th November we will welcome Jenni Baker. Jenni is a local florist (Best Use of Colour Winner at the Suffolk Show 2024) who will be doing a demonstration for us as we head towards winter!

Sandringham Craft, Food & Gift Fair

Are you interested in coming to the Sandringham Craft, Food & Gift Fair on **Friday, 15th November**? Cost £35 per person, departing from Hoxne village hall. Price includes entrance fee and transport. Open to all. Please email me for availability.

The Phoenix Group meets 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 welcome.

Daphne Cook
Daphnec.cook@yahoo.co.uk

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Hoxne Heritage Group

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The Hoxne Heritage Group meets monthly.

On **Tuesday 15th October** Heritage Group members will meet at The Swan in Hoxne at 7.30pm to chat, discuss the group's news, business, outings and plans. The general public are welcome to sample a trial members' meeting or two without joining the group. We are actively recruiting new members and will welcome your thoughts and ideas for the coming year.

On **Tuesday 19th November** we are back at Hoxne village hall for a talk by Hoxne Heritage's Chairman, our own Chris Parkin, who will tell us something of the times and interesting life of Lady Caroline Kerrison.

Lady Caroline Fox-Strangeways married 2nd Baronet and politician Edward Kerrison of the local wealthy Kerrison dynasty; at one point during the 19th century the Kerrisons owned some 47% of Hoxne parish. Lady Caroline Kerrison (1819-1895) became a published author, painter and early feminist and was also responsible for introducing one of the very first reform schools as a welcome alternative to prison for troubled young offenders. The Kerrison trust continues their good works in supporting needy young people in Suffolk and Norfolk to this day.

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 to become a member of the Hoxne Heritage Group, please visit our website at www.hoxnehistory.org.uk

On the website you will find a host of useful and interesting facts, information and photographs and will learn much more of the fascinating history of Hoxne and surrounding villages.



Lady
Caroline
Kerrison

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.

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Sunny End to Bowls Season

So summer eventually arrived, and we remembered how much we enjoyed the game. Despite struggling for players, Hoxne finished fourth and fifth in the Waveney first division and Mid-Suffolk leagues respectively.

Competition was hot at the club's finals day with the following trophies won:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 wood singles: | Kevin Cook |
| 4 wood singles: | Alan Garnham |
| 4 wood pairs: | George Large and David Clarke |
| Non-winners singles: | Chris Burton |



Alan Garnham and Roger Knight reached the Waveney League Competitions Finals Weekend at Wortham.

Alan completed his duties as Upper Waveney President for 2024 by presenting the winners' trophies at the annual Finals day at Wortham. Sadly he was out of luck in his own two finals, but you can bet he'll be back again next year.

Roger Knight
01379 668 403

Waveney Heritage Centre

Brockdish IP21 4JP



Anorak - an item of clothing, or a somewhat derogatory term used to describe somebody who has an almost obsessive interest in a particular subject, for example lawnmowers, planes or trains.

Yet there are many examples of where that obsession or passion has kept much of our heritage alive and conserved for future generations to admire. A good example is the dedication of a few to save the last airworthy Lancaster bomber in the UK from the scrap heap. Now that very same plane as part of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight can stop the traffic on the A140 as people get out of their cars to take photographs.

At our radio museum at Brockdish there are equally passionate workers, not only restoring and maintaining vintage audio technology but also in managing the centre's archives of local history. All this costs money of course. The Vintage Wireless Museum in Dulwich is fortunate in having received much funding from the Getty Foundation. Waveney Heritage Centre is not so lucky, which is why we

organise a variety of talks and other events in order to raise money.

So, on **Wednesday 16th October** there is a talk by Derek Clarke on how the Waveney Volunteers for Conservation are rescuing and conserving Brockdish commons for future generations.

We then have a **Christmas Fair on Sunday 17th November** from 10.30am until 2.00pm, with a selection of traders there selling items ideal as Christmas presents. There will be refreshments available and a barbecue.

On the following **Wednesday 20th November** there will be an evening talk by Clive Attwood entitled, **'I was a £10 Pom!'**

See our website for further details on events and how you can become a member to support our work.

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Remembering Brian Stannard

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He was originally an industrial chemist in Hertfordshire with Leda Chemicals and after a couple of moves he started lecturing in London in 1965. He moved from Lawford to Colchester in about 1967 to improve his commute into the city. This he continued to do until he retired from lecturing and decided to move to Syleham in 1985.

Brian and his wife Margaret became valued members of the community. Initially doing some supply teaching, he retired from paid work entirely in 1989.

They worked on the house and garden, and Margaret kept sheep and chickens in the meadow but also became involved with many local activities. Brian became a parish councillor in Syleham in the days when Lt Col Leader was chairman and the meetings were held at Monks Hall. Brian had some stories to tell of those days.

As keen Methodists, Brian and Margaret joined the chapel in Fressingfield where Brian became Secretary for many years and continued to attend until very recently. He also became and remained

a trustee of The Goodwin Hall in Fressingfield. He was treasurer until recently, the hall now being the home of The Fressingfield Shed.

Having become interested in local drama, Brian joined Harleston Players and performed in many productions in the 80s and 90s. As well as playing Harry Trevor in 'Kiss me Kate', Antonio in 'Twelfth Night' and Howie Newsome in 'Our Town' Brian took on many pantomime roles and sometimes lent his services to other groups such as Brockdish Players. His varied interests also took him to volunteer at Bressingham Steam Museum where he got his hands dirty driving steam passenger trains around Bloom's nurseries.

His wife Margaret got interested in reflexology and gave treatments in the room that was originally the snug at the former pub, which was where the ladies were allowed to be in days gone by. After Margaret died in 2003, Brian moved again to Harleston where he had lived ever since. A Town Councillor for 10 years, he also continued to become involved in many exercise and singing activities making new acquaintances all the time.

A cup-half-full person, Brian was always good company, upbeat and enthusiastic about life in general and very knowledgeable. Those who knew him would have been proud to do so. Our condolences go to his daughter Gina, sons Anthony and Christopher and family.

Roy Goodwin



Brian in a hot air balloon



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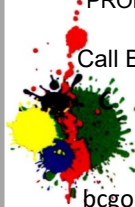
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John Chapman

John Alan Chapman, formerly of Hoxne, passed away on 7th August 2024.

John was born in Plumstead London in 1932, one of five children having three brothers and one sister.

He left school around the age of 14 when his first job was telegram boy delivering around London on his bike.

After national service he went on to be a milkman, a job he held for over 20 years.

In 1955 he married his beloved wife Jean and they went on to have three children - Mike, Paul and Sue.

In 1973 the Chapmans departed from London for a better quality family life and to take over the village stores in Low Street, Hoxne. They ran the business for 14 years before semi-retiring to a bungalow around the corner.

John and Jean played a large part in village and church life, being on many committees. They were involved with youth clubs, carnivals, the magical event of Father Christmas, inter-village sports, friends of the church and much more.

John was a dedicated family man and couldn't have been more proud of his large, ever-growing family... his legacy.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their words of comfort and kind thoughts about their dear dad.





A NURSE'S TALE

In the mid-1960s I trained as an SRN at a London teaching hospital and later came to live in Hoxne.

In those days there were three intakes a year of upwards of 70 student nurses (nursing and teaching were main routes of higher education for young women at that time) - about 210 annually!

The hospital Matron was a powerful matriarch who was without exception a formidable leader, greatly respected by everyone, including the almost exclusively male medical staff. As a nurse she understood that nursing excellence was essential for the successful outcomes of medical treatment and one of her priorities was the training experience.

Some years later as a young mum I entered Kath Priddy's shop, (now the Old Bakery in Low Street) and was very much taken aback to see the upright and precise figure of Miss Downton, the Matron. I was speechless and I thought mistaken; I remained silent. After she left I asked Kath Priddy if she knew who she was - "Never seen her before," was Kath's reply. I have often reflected on this encounter and wondered if I was correct!

In Hoxne church there is a framed list of past vicars, including Henry Murray Downton 1883 and Cecil Downton 1887. To the left of the altar on the north wall is a shield-shaped plaque of dedication for the credence table beneath, inscribed to the memory of Henry Murray Downton.

Revd Henry was married with eight children when in 1887 he was taken ill and died in a short space of time. His widow and their

children, the youngest being only one month old, went to live at Scole House and later Hall Hills in Diss. The living at Hoxne was subsequently taken by one of Henry's brothers, Cecil, who lived there with two 'spinster' sisters until 1909. There is a burial enclosure somewhere in the churchyard.

Miss Downton's father was Basil Downton (Henry's second child) born in 1878, who would have been about 9 years old and living at Hoxne Vicarage when his father died. Cecil must have had strong memories of Hoxne from those years, from his father's and then his uncle's time there. Basil married Ernestine Helen Castelain in 1907 and they had 6 children, the second of whom was Helen M Downton, born in 1909.

Miss Downton was a young child growing up during the First World War, and a woman in her prime working as a nurse during the Second.

Professionally, she was progressive and proactive in the syllabus and training experiences of nurses of that period. Her 1961 published paper considering 'The General Nurses Training and Psychiatry' (Helen M Downton, Matron University College Hospital) was a response to 'The Mental Health Act' of 1959 and was influential in the introduction of a psychiatric secondment option for general nurse students.

She was also a granddaughter and great niece of Hoxne Vicarage who came to visit and remember and reflect on her roots after her retirement from a life of service to the nursing profession. She died in 1994.

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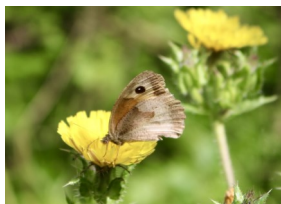


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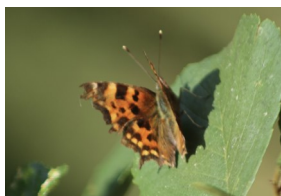
New Reeding Woods

On a hot August day as harvest progressed, the meadow was cut at the woods. Following the long dry weeks of July, the grass was sparse and too short to bale this year. Some of the trees are looking dry, the pond level is down and more rain would be welcome.



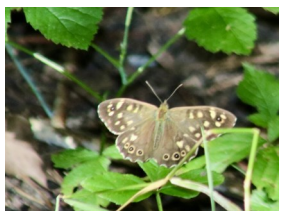
Meadow brown

The heat may have made the butterflies drowsy as Meadow Brown, Speckled Wood and a Comma all settled to allow a photograph. Dragonflies were still hawking over the meadow. No swallows were to be seen, and no Painted Lady butterflies. Both migrate back to warmer climes in the autumn.



Comma

Although it was hot on the meadow the trees provided cool shade. The crab apples look to have a bumper crop this year and the sloes were also plentiful. At the edge of the wood overlooking the meadow, a new seat is in place. This was made possible by the effort of Micheal Reeves' family and friends. The seat is in remembrance of Michael, David Flowerdew and Geoff Hoad, all founder members of the group whose hard work and commitment made the wood happen.



Speckled wood

Autumn approaches fast, with nights drawing in. The seeds are setting and the blackberries are hung with fruit and flowers. In the cooler weather we will do some maintenance work that the heat has prevented.

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.

The Maynard Trust

Support for educational need

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

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Fressingfield Scouts

The end of term for most of us came with a special session. In recent years a tradition has grown of having a water fight and more Sections choose that this year. The Explorers and Adventurers Scouts went to Clip and Climb for a session on the climbing walls for their final session.

The Explorer summer camp was in Dorset at Corfe Castle and a great time was had by the group. Activities included hiking, high ropes course, swimming in the sea, a very wet and muddy "mud run" assault course, a visit to a water park, stand-up paddle boarding, a three hour kayak voyage and of course, camping. A fantastic week with mostly excellent weather.



Explorers on the Mud Run

We've not had as many camps as usual over the summer but the autumn term seems to have several planned. Explorers are camping at Yoxford School with the Beavers and Cubs from the School Sections and Adventurers Troop Scouts have an overnight camp. Pioneer Troop Scouts and Warriors Beavers have a weekend activity camp together at Hallowtree Scout campsite near Ipswich, and Pioneer Troop have their annual older members Middle of Nowhere backwoods camp weekend.

Leaders, parents and members have been busy on site with a Saturday work day. We tidied the armoury, created a new kayaking equipment store, organised the bike store, trimmed in the reflective area, cleaned gutters and inspected the roof, tidied the wildlife area, sawed fire wood, cleared the backwoods camp area,

tidied the camping equipment container, erected and checked a number of marquees and gazebos, weeded the garden area, trimmed and tidied around the pioneering pole rack! Also, we drank quite a lot of cups of tea and coffee! A huge thank you to everyone that helped.



At the water park

Most Sections are closed for the summer but the Leaders' main focus over the summer has been planning activities and programmes for the term - Squirrels' film night, Ninja Beavers will learn the phonetic alphabet and decorate biscuits, Tigers Cubs will undertake a night hike and, weather willing, an astronomy session. In older Sections, Adventurers Scouts will practice packing camp kit and refresh First Aid skills, Pioneer Scouts will look at the Hobbies and Science badges. Explorers are going to attend the Norfolk Explorer 24 event at Thetford. This is 24 hours of activities, ranging from raft-building and midnight kayaking to archery and a disco.

Thank you to everybody that voted for our allotment project by putting the blue tokens in our box at Tesco. At the time of writing we don't know how well we did.

Our annual Santa Run is on Saturday morning 14th December to link up with the Fressingfield Community Market at the Sancroft Hall. Look out for more information in the next issue.

Volunteers needed please!

At the end of term, some long-standing members of our Leader and Executive Team left us for other roles in scouting with the Norfolk County Scouts team. So if you would like to help us to continue to provide an excellent facility for the young people of the area, please get in touch to find out which role might suit you. There is lots of information about us on our website:

www.fressingfieldscouts.com

and if you would like to know more, email our Group Lead Volunteer at gsl@fressingfieldscouts.com

Parish Council Reports

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

Hoxne

Hoxne Post Office & Shop

Here are some facts about Hoxne village shop and post office.

1. The shop and post office have now closed.
2. The post office has given the village up to six months in order to arrange a rescue package that will see the post office and shop reopen.
3. Hoxne Community General Stores Ltd, the body formed in order to buy and run the shop and post office had over the last two years organised a variety of financial support through grants and financial pledges in order to buy the freehold of the shop premises and undertake essential repair work along with internal modifications in order to enlarge the shop.
4. The change of government has meant that one of those sources of financial support has been frozen pending new policy decisions.
5. The Community Group now has a shortfall of some £254,000 in order to achieve its goal. The Group is now investigating other ways of at least buying the premises in order to allow the current owner to move and retire.
6. Hoxne Parish Council is in discussions with the Group to find alternative sources of funding.
7. Please note Hoxne Parish Council is under no obligation to make up for this financial shortfall, nor has it offered to do so at the time of writing.

However, The Parish Council can take out what is called a Public Works Loan, at a favourable rate of interest in order to undertake large capital projects. This was last done in order to replace the ageing street lights in the village and this

loan has now been paid off. The criteria for taking out a loan are very strict indeed, including community support (this may include a referendum) and central government approval. The Parish Council must demonstrate that it has the means to repay the loan without affecting its statutory duties. The Council must also show that it has acquired a tangible asset in using this loan. The Parish Council has an annual income of roughly £14,000 through its share of Council Tax. The taking out of any sizable loan therefore would mean paying back any debt over many years.

Discussions on reopening the shop are at a very early stage. You, as a council tax payer in the parish of Hoxne, will be kept informed of developments as they happen and your views will be sought.

Traffic management

The traffic management proposals have now been finalised and written up into a report to present to Suffolk County Council Highways Authority. We now await their views on whether our proposals can be implemented. May I take this opportunity to thank councillors Lagerberg, Kruszewski, Lerwill, Herron and Mr Paul Somers for their diligence and determination in completing this report. A map of their proposals can be seen on the Parish Council website.

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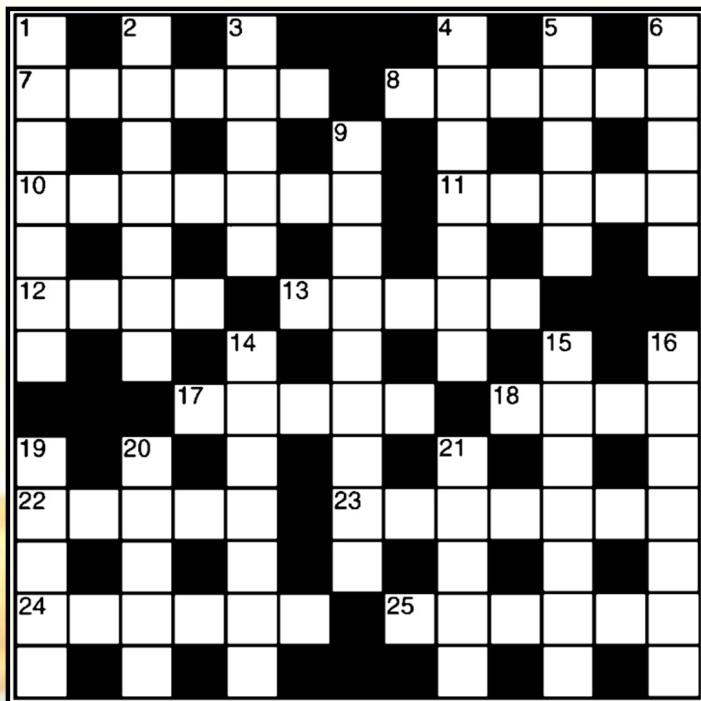
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Crossword Puzzle No. 161

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Across

7. Nerves unravelled on river (6)
8. Cockney dislikes rowing crews apparently (6)
10. Brave lady having a fix I hear (7)
11. French rogue turns red (5)
12. Reverse implement to plunder (4)
13. Reduce building material on Greek island (5)
17. Move slowly to catch the meaning (5)
18. Twitcher hides his irritation (4)
22. Bird used for heavy lifting (5)
23. Solemn sounding fellow (7)
24. In truth direction found in a mass meeting (6)
25. Go as far as California to find a scallywag (6)

Down

1. Stop snake on the road surface (7)
2. Mint sweet favoured by football club (7)
3. Idiosyncrasy found in extra item (5)
4. Ragtime causes one to leave the country (7)
5. Loud call for Lulu (5)
6. Flower found in a past era (5)
9. Ferried it and was scared (9)
14. Neat and tidy as a hospital cleaner (7)
15. A long prison sentence (7)
16. Lets hut for use as spacecraft (7)
19. Set a football result to music (5)
20. Eskimo canoe however you look at it (5)
21. Minor highway for car in Norfolk feature (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.160 was: S Knights

Answers: Across: 1. Feeling 5. Board 8. Untie 9. Extreme 10. Tandems 11. Ended 12. Faster 14. Hybrid 17. Clamp 19. Endless 22. Irksome 23. Court 24. Niece 25. Tracked

Down: 1. Fault 2. Extents 3. Irene 4. Grease 5. Battery 6. Amend 7. Dreaded 12. Fiction 13. Explode 15. Roebuck 16. Defect 18. Ankle 20. Dacha 21. Sated

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