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Letters to the Editor

Thank You!

A big shout-out to all the gardeners and helpers of the Wingfield Open Gardens event. We had a fantastic weekend, the weather was kind, over 450 people through the gates and plenty of well-behaved pooches too!

Over £5,000 raised, split between St Elizabeth Hospice and St Andrew's Church, Wingfield. Thank you everyone.

Jacky & Lorraine

Village Archive

When I visited Hoxne Church recently, I wondered what had happened to the village archive that used to be there. Apparently, it is now in storage with the Hoxne Heritage Group, so I suggested that they photograph items not currently on display and upload the images to their website. This would allow villagers and other interested parties to see what is available.

The 1700 Thomas Dade plan of Hoxne Hall, which I had restored at the Suffolk Record Office, has been framed and—thanks to the help of Wilf White and Pauline Rimmer—is now back on display, along with the internal plan of the church and its contents which I drew, and a few other items.

Although I no longer live in the village I was born in Hoxne, still visit my old home and continue to research aspects of its history.

Stephen Govier

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HPP Hoxne Playing Field & Pavilion

HVH Hoxne Village Hall

SWH Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall

WB Wingfield Barns

Hoxne's Harvest Breakfast

is celebrating its 50th year!



**Sunday, 21st September
2025**

Reggae

**on the Green in Low Street
10.00 am - 12.30 pm**



Glam

The Harvest Breakfast began in the 1970s, so this year's celebration will have a '70s theme.



Disco



Helpers and attendees are encouraged to dress up in anything related to the '70s. There will be prizes for the best-dressed adult and the best-dressed child.

Soul

There will of course be all the usual attractions!

Rock



Please note: this is a cash-only event



Punk

Fri 26th Sep
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Wingfield p16
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What's On at Wingfield Barns

Sat 26th July to
Sun 31st August

Monday to Sunday
10 am-4 pm

International Mini Print Exhibition



We are delighted to welcome back our annual mini print exhibition in collaboration with ADOGI in Barcelona - alongside Little Gems from HWAT and then a photography exhibition with Dod Hamilton and Jack Heydon.

Free entry

Fri 5th September 7.30 pm

Gainsborough Piano Quartet - Classical Music Concert

Join us for a world-class evening with a quartet of professional musicians, who have played for Nigel Kennedy, Yehudi Menuhin, Katherine Jenkins, Simon Rattle, the Queen, Princess Diana and more. The programme will include: Mozart and Faure piano quartets and Piazzolla.

Tickets £17; Children free

Online: wegottickets.com/event/666801

Sat 13th September 7.30 pm

Quiz Night

Our popular quiz night returns, so grab a team of 4 to 6 and book your table via the email below or call 01379 384505. £5pp inc nibbles on the table. A brilliant community night out.

To book call 01379 384505

Sat 20th September 7.30 pm

An evening of Classical Music with Tenor Marcello Palazzo and Pianist Orlando Grant

Program will include music from Scriabin, Quilter, Butterworth and Vaughan-Williams.

Tickets £15

Online: wegottickets.com/event/668669

Sat 27th September 7.30 pm

Lost Dog Dance present: JULIET and ROMEO - Dance/Theatre

In collaboration with Creative Arts East, a brilliant night of dance theatre and comedy unfolds as Shakespeare's famous lovers, now in their 40s, face mid-life crises.

Directed by Olivier Award nominated Ben Duke, a night not to be missed. Q&A post-show, with the performers.

Tickets: Adults £15

Early Bird, up to age 8/9 £12

Ages 14-18 £12

Online: wegottickets.com/event/667807



Sun 28th September 7.30 pm

India Electric Co.

Returning to their roots, this performance showcases their new album "Pomegranate". A great musical night, sometimes Folk, sometimes not... do join us.

Tickets £15

Online: wegottickets.com/event/659075

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

INSPIRATIONAL ART FOR EVERYONE!



The Arts Society Diss starts a new season of talks on Tuesday 16th September. It's fun, sociable, and at the Corn Hall in Diss where you can have a coffee or light lunch beforehand.

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

- 16th September: *The Incas*, Chloe Sayer
Art & Textiles of the Incas and their predecessors
- 21st October: *Eric Ravilious*, Jo Walton
The lure of the everyday, for the British artist and designer
- 18th November: *Tudor Art: A New Story*, Dr Christina Faraday
New research on portraits, textiles, furniture and architecture
- 2nd December: *The Scoliotic Knight*, Tobias Capwell
The arms and armour of Richard III
- 20th January: *Arts and Crafts Movement*, Kirsty Hartsiosis
Cotswolds designers and makers, inspired by William Morris's Kelmscott Manor retreat
- 17th February: *Banksy*, Pepe Martinez
A history of graffiti and street art. Is Banksy a fraud or a genius?
- 17th March: *Impressionists and their Gardens*, Twigs Way
Gardens created and depicted by artists including Monet, Pissarro and Renoir
- 21st April: *At the Sign of the Falcon*, John Benjamin
The life and works of Harry Murphy: goldsmith, silversmith and unique Englishman
- 19th May: *Chopin and the Polish Spirit*, Rosamund Bartlett
Chopin's revolutionary polonaises and mazurkas and their impact on society
- 16th June: *Becoming Jane Austin*, Annalie Talent
The making of a superstar



Ancient Peruvian mask made of gold (Illustration from Chloe Sayer's book, 'The Inca Empire')

All meetings start at 2pm

Corn Hall, St Nicholas Street, Diss IP22 4LB
on the third Tuesday of the month (except December)

Suggested donation for guests: £8

For more information about membership:
artsocdiss.org.uk or info@artsocdiss.org.uk

New members and guests are always welcome

St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne

Website: hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

A Call for Volunteers:

Keeping Our Village Hall at the Heart of Community Life

Hoxne village hall has been the backdrop for countless weddings, birthday parties, fitness classes, film nights and community gatherings. It's where friendships form, talents flourish and memories are made. We are a registered charity run by volunteers. To ensure it continues to shine as our shared space, we need a few more helping hands please!

How You Can Help

Whether you have a couple of hours a month or more to spare, there's a role that could suit you:

- **Front-of-House & Bookings** - Meet potential hirers, answer enquiries and help to manage our bookings calendar.
- **Admin Support** - Assist with the admin associated with running the hall, invoicing, regular billing, utilities, insurance etc.
- **Maintenance and Upkeep** - Help with minor repairs and oversee larger jobs done by contractors.
- **Gardening & Grounds** - Keep the outside area neat: weeding, planting seasonal flowers and litter-picking.
- **Marketing & Social Media** - Design posters, maintain our website and spread the word about upcoming events.
- **Bar Events** - Serving behind the bar for community fundraisers, weddings and parties.
- **Join the Committee** - We meet monthly for about an hour to oversee all the above.

Ready to Get Involved?

Please drop me an email or pop along to a film night to have a chat:

email: Bryn@Lerwill.com

Your time, skills and ideas will make a real difference. Together, we'll keep our hall buzzing with life.

To discuss organising an event at the hall, please email:

hoxnevhbookings@outlook.com.

We have three different areas that are available to hire individually collectively, so can suit all needs.

Bryn Lerwill

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

Call 01379 668060

Hoxne Film Nights



A juror for a high-profile murder trial finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma that could influence the verdict and potentially convict, or free, the accused killer. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

JUROR #2

Friday 8th August

Hoxne Village Hall

7:30pm £5.00 a ticket

Tickets on the door

Bar open from 7pm
and during the interval

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The autumn season of films will be announced very soon. Keep an eye on the Facebook page – Hoxne Community Group – and the village noticeboards.

The September film will be
shown on
Friday, the 12th

Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall IP21 4LT

Thank you to all those who have supported our events in 2026. We're really pleased to welcome you along!

Although we don't have our 1st Friday of the month Open Mic sessions in August and September, or our usual Quiz evenings on the 3rd Friday of the month in August, we have plenty going on - including a Family Quiz, at an earlier time of day, 5.50pm for 6.00pm on Friday 15th August (see poster, p13)

80th anniversary of VJ day

On VJ day, funds will of course go to Fressingfield Royal British Legion. Funds from our event to mark V J day, on Saturday 16th August, will do the same. We will be on J's Meadow, as long as the weather is kind to us. Join us for barbeque, tea and cake, raffle, crafts and more - as well as some interesting appearances from vehicles and re-enactors. Come and see for yourself!

Bar & Purplestar Karaoke

The volunteer-run bar continues to open each Tuesday and Friday. Purplestar Karaoke come to visit us on the 2nd Friday of each month - free entry, come and join in or enjoy everyone else's efforts; raffle.

Bingo

On the last Friday of the month there's always Bingo, in aid of a locally nominated charity or good cause - believe it or not we have a Christmas Bingo in aid of our village hall in August, the 29th, (no bingo in Dec this year). So find your Christmas hats - we're hoping for mince pies, but no turkey leftovers!



We run a raffle, bring your own snacks or buy chocolate or crisps from the bar; be ready to start just after 8pm. September's Bingo will be in aid of FoMSA, Friends of Mendham school association - usually a chaotic night! Details as above.

Quiz Night

As if this is not enough mayhem - we have a Quiz evening organised in aid of our very own *Village Voice* on Friday 19th September, 7.30 for 8pm start, ideally teams of 4, £5 per person, raffle. Again, bring your own snacks or buy chocolate or

Syleham & Wingfield
Sports & Social club present:



Friday 19th September

In aid of our own
Village Voice!

7.30 for 8pm start

Teams of four
£5 per person

Buy crisps and chocolate from
the bar or bring your own snacks

Obviously there will be
traditional Mars bars for the
lowest scoring team!

To book text Julie 07929 794636
or come along on the night

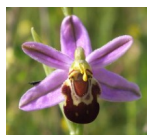
Syleham and Wingfield
village hall IP21 4LT

crisps from the bar. Mars bars are a tradition for the team with the lowest score, and are ferociously contested.

Metal Collection

Another fundraising event for our village hall is the metal collection skip in the car park. This time it will be there from Monday 18th August to Monday 1st September. Please pop any metal objects in - except fridges, freezers, TVs and gas bottles. Thank you for your support.

Bee Orchids



We are pleased to have found that the bee orchids have made an appearance on J's Meadow again this year!

Home improvements

The village hall has a number of cosmetic updates planned, and hope to carry out most by the end of the calendar year - let us know what you think about our facilities. See you at one of our events soon.

Dates for your diary:

Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, 25th October.

Our 1st Friday of the month Open Mic sessions will be back on 3rd October - come and see/listen to some amazingly talented local people. Audience and participants encouraged.

Also coming along before the end of the year: on Saturday, 11th October we have 'Herding Cats'; on Saturday 1st November 'Buddy Holly'; and on Saturday 22nd November, 'The Bandemics'. Do join us!

Julie Thompson
Text 07929 794636
juliethompson435@gmail.com

Syleham & Wingfield
Sports & Social club presents:



80th V J DAY

Saturday 16th August
1pm to 4pm

on J's Meadow if the weather is kind,
otherwise in Syleham and Wingfield
Village Hall IP21 4LT



*BBQ, tea, cake, perhaps a little
music, raffle, crafts...*

History and Military Displays



In aid of
Fressingfield Royal British Legion
so please bring some cash.
Cash or card at bar and BBQ

Please get in touch if you are able to
bring a cake, or would like to help with
tables, marquees, etc.

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**EXHUMING A
GHOST PROPERTY –
THE HISTORY OF SYLEHAM
HALL**

a talk by Stephen Poulter

Thursday, 25th September

**7.30pm Syleham and
Wingfield Village Hall**

Donations please



Local historian Stephen Poulter, at the helm of the Souter Diary Project, shares the twists and trials of his mission to uncover the story of Syleham Hall Farm's long-lost Victorian villa, tragically lost to fire in 1919. He tells a fascinating story that stretches back to the medieval manor house acquired by the powerful De La Poles at Wingfield in the 14th century. The narrative covers two centuries of ownership by the wealthy Barry family, who built an Elizabethan Hall and later replaced it with a Georgian residence. It also explores the subsequent expansion and alterations made by the villa's two Victorian owners. Alongside the grander history are glimpses into the lives of villagers—tenant farmers and agricultural workers—who toiled on the estate.

Roy Goodwin

**FAMILY
QUIZ**

Wingfield and Syleham
village hall

There is a

Family Quiz

on

Friday 15th August

17.30pm for 18.00pm start

**Half-time hotdogs for
everyone!**

As it is the
80th anniversary of VJ Day
on that day,
proceeds will be going to
The Royal British legion.

The Quiz will be family-focused,
with questions accessible
to the younger generation,
plus half-time games—and the
ubiquitous raffle, of course!

**Michael Last
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Church News

Events, dear boy, events

When asked what prevented him from fulfilling all his election promises, Harold Macmillan is said to have responded, "Events, dear boy, events!" There have been plenty of events in national and international politics recently and plenty of alarm and anxiety going along with them. But our God remains faithful and unchanging whatever happens and, as Psalm 46 says, "a very present help in trouble". We can always take refuge in his steadfast love.

And there are more cheerful events - the many summer activities and get-togethers across our villages. I mentioned them in the last *Village Voice* as well because they have been going on for a few weeks now but there is still much to look forward to. Some raise funds for good causes, including our churches; others are just for fun and friendship. Either way, they help to build up our common life and foster neighbourliness and social cohesion.

In the next few weeks we have our annual Lammas service at Hoxne on Friday 1st August in aid of the Addington Fund, a summer drinks reception in Syleham on Saturday 2nd August and a cream tea at Wingfield church on Saturday 23rd August, both to raise funds for their respective churches, and then in September we are into Harvest celebrations.

I look forward to seeing you!

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
eleanor.goodison@gmail.com
 Tel: 07876 143579

Church Services

*Denham, Hoxne, Syleham
& Wingfield*

Planned church services for August and September.

Every Friday: Compline at 6.00 pm on Zoom

August

Friday 1st August

6.00 pm Lammas Service, Hoxne,
followed by hog roast and refreshments

Sunday 3rd August Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield

4.00 pm Messy Church, Syleham and
Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday 10th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield

9.30 for 10.00 am Café Church, Hoxne

Sunday 17th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

9.30 am Village Service, Syleham

6.00 pm Evensong, Wingfield

Sunday 24th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Denham

11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne

Sunday 31st August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am Benefice service, Horham

4.00 pm Eco-All Age service, Hoxne

September

Sunday 7th September
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 14th September
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21st September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28th September
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham
11.00 am Harvest Festival, Denham
11.00 am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
4.00 pm All Age Harvest Festival, Hoxne

St Andrew's, Wingfield

Wingfield's lovely gardens were open in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice and St Andrew's Church over the weekend of 31st May/1st June. At least 460 people visited the gardens, in the lovely weather.

On 5th June the church hosted a visit from members of the Wingfield Family Society, many of them from America. Visits to our historic church from a number of arts societies have continued through June and July. If you don't know what the fuss is all about, come and see for yourself!

Looking ahead, we will be holding a cream tea with games and activities for all the family at the church on Saturday 23rd August from 2.00 to 4.00pm, and our Harvest Supper will take place on



Saturday 4th October at Syleham and Wingfield village hall.

The Book Club did not meet in June, but had a good discussion of *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin in July. It's a novel about relationships and computer games which we all enjoyed in spite of

Cont.



Poetry Evening



*St Andrew's Church
Wingfield*

Saturday 25th October

Refreshments

More details to follow on:

www.wingfieldchurchsuffolk.org

there being few, if any, gamers among Book Club members! Our next meetings will be on Wednesday 30th July to discuss *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, Wednesday 27th August to discuss *Conclave* by Robert Harris (the book on which the film was based) and Wednesday 1st October to talk about *Migrations* by Charlotte McConachie. Everyone is welcome to come along - if you'd like further details, just get in touch.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison
Tel: 07876 143579

St Margaret's, Syleham

Summer Drinks Reception at the Old Vicarage, Syleham

Saturday 2nd August 5pm - By kind permission of Jackie and Colin Campbell, drinks and canapes on the lawn of the Old Vicarage. Entry £10 to include first glass of wine and canapes.

Ride and Stride

Saturday 13th September 9am to 5pm. This is the annual fundraiser for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and as usual St Margaret's will be participating. Volunteers help welcome riders and

striders during the day and, particularly, it would be tremendous if parishioners would like to volunteer to take part and raise funds through sponsorship for the Trust which covers our church too.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 20th September, 7 for 7:15pm at Syleham and Wingfield village hall. Delicious home-cooked food and desserts with a complimentary glass of wine. Tickets £15, please book so we can cater for everyone wishing to attend by contacting the email below.

Historical Ghost Walk



Saturday 11th October, walk to start at 6:30pm from The Cross at the top of the lane to St Margaret's Church. Be frightened out of your wits with tales from the past of sights and strange happenings in the River Waveney Valley. £10 per ticket to include the history walk, drinks and canapes at the Church. (Historical content will not be suitable for children).

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 and 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:

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St Peter & St Paul's, Hoxne

The last time I wrote I promised a summary of the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting. There were no surprises: Guy McGregor and Wilf White were re-appointed church wardens, and the membership of the PCC remains as is listed on the cover of this month's *Village Voice*.

The Electoral Roll has been updated. The numbers have reduced from 34 to 24, but we are hoping that a few people may

not have yet returned their applications.

Fundraising

The Church wardens reported that the work on the bell project is ongoing; we do need to get 'faculty', which is the equivalent to planning permission, before we do any serious fundraising. It is hoped that the recent revision to the rules for lottery funding, which are seen as placing greater emphasis on historic church buildings in rural communities and on encouraging participation in the use of such buildings, will be helpful to us.

In addition we have just had our quinquennial inspection which sets out what work is needed and with what degree of urgency. The report identified £14,000 to £20,000 of urgent work and a further £60,000 to £84,000 of work needed to be done in the next 12 months. Some of these items will be dealt with as part of the bells project.

Churchyard work

Since January 2025 the churchyard has been benefiting from the services of the Community Payback Scheme which is run by the Probation Service. We are already seeing the benefits of this excellent scheme which helps us to maintain the churchyard while also assisting in the rehabilitation of participants. Of course there are some in the village who think that we are going too far with tidying the churchyard but we are aiming to get the balance just right.

We are delighted to report that the Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison is now our Rector and not just our Priest in Charge. That gives her and us greater security and should mean that our benefice - that's the number of churches for which she is responsible - will not be reorganised while she remains in post.

Card payments!

Finally, I am pleased to say that Hoxne Church can now take card payments, so if you want to donate you can do so without cash. I understand that all donations under £50 qualify for a gift aid allowance, whether the donor is a tax



Summer Event inside the church , on a rare rainy day

payer or not. You as an individual do not have to do anything but for every £1 you donate we can claim an extra 25p. It soon adds up!

Bats with Cheese & Wine

The Bat evening took place on 4th July and was a great success. Sixty-four people attended and Sue kept us all entertained with her fabulous slides and witty talk. The cheese and wine went down a treat and we were then able to see and hear (with the aid of detectors) bats in the churchyard. Sue did not take a fee for her services, but asked that a donation be sent to the Waveney Foodbank, and her wishes have been carried out.



Bat watch in the churchyard

Quiz Night

Our next fundraising event is the Quiz Night on 4th October at the village hall.. Please book your tickets for tables of up to six people. The bar will be open, but you will need to bring your own food.

Deborah Harding
01379 668190

Mothers' Union

The Service of Reflection for 'The World We Are Passing On' with Rev Canon Alison Alder at Fressingfield in June was well-attended and much appreciated, with the strong focus on nurturing and protecting planet earth, our home.

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Dates for your diary:

Saturday 6th September: 'Grandparent Day' at Fressingfield Baptist Church.

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Friday 12th September: NSA afternoon at Raydon Church.

If you would like information on either of these events, please contact Cathie McGregor, Group Leader 01379 668434.

New members are always welcome at our Fellowship Group.

Catherine McGregor
Group Leader 01379 668434

Little Lambs



Little Lambs have had some exciting times recently as they were invited to join Acorn class at St Edmund's Primary School for some combined sessions. We have had great fun with crafts, singing, bible stories and outdoor games. The children at the school have loved joining in and we are building up a great rapport. We hope to continue this arrangement after the summer holidays.

During these sessions the children have been finding out about life on the farm, creatures under the sea and African animals. Artwork has included making the Rainbow Fish with sticky circles, painting and ink printing farm animals, using furry balls to create a lion's mane and bright pink feathers to create flamingos. The children have learned about Jonah and Daniel through the bible stories and have joined in heartily with all sorts of animal songs and they went on a lion hunt.

We are not yet able to publish dates for *Little Lambs* from September as we need to fit in with the school timetable, so please keep an eye out for updates on social media, the church website, www.hoxne.church, and posters around the villages. All under 5s with their parent/carer are welcome to join in these sessions and it is a good

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YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

At our Annual Meetings a number of people stepped down from their roles in the church and some vacancies remain unfilled in each of our villages. Could you help your church in practical ways or by serving on our Church Councils?

Churchwardens

We are currently looking for Churchwardens in Denham, Syleham and Wingfield



Treasurer

We need someone to take over as Treasurer in Hoxne; and for more members of our Councils generally.



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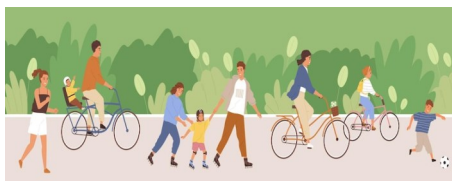
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opportunity for parents to visit the school and get to know the staff. We are very grateful to the staff at the school for their welcome and for the opportunity to build such a good relationship.

For further information please contact Caroline at cabbott364@gmail.com

Caroline Abbott



many wonderful Suffolk churches and chapels - there are over 600 of them - that we would not normally visit in our everyday life.

Sponsorship forms are now available from your local organiser (see below) or from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website: shct.org.uk/ride-and-/stride. So, if you can, please get involved and ask your friends and family to sponsor you. This can be for a fixed sum or on a per church basis.

Ride & Stride

This year's *Ride and Stride* event will be held as always on the second Saturday of September, the 13th, between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Hopefully the day will be dry and pleasantly warm, although not as hot as it has been so far this summer.

As we all know this is an important fund-raising event for us, as it helps towards the cost of preserving and maintaining our historic churches. It also provides a great opportunity to enjoy some of the

We also need volunteer recorders in the church on 13th September, so if you are able to help us by giving up an hour or two to perform this important task please let me know.

Don't forget you can visit as many or as few churches as you wish and of course as some participants well know there is always the possibility of including a pub or two on the way.

David Hyde, local organiser
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Village Voices Community Choir & Friends sang for WaterAid at Wingfield Barns. With a lively watery theme the event was a great success, raising £356 for charity.





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Engraved Copper Plaque - St Edmund

A small, extremely blackened, metal plaque (10 x 6.5mm; 4 x 2.75ins) was found in the desk in the vestry of St Peter and St Paul's church this May. With Brasso to the rescue, it was transformed into a bright, shiny copper printing plaque, depicting the martyrdom of St Edmund.

It shows a central figure kneeling, holding a cross up to a figure standing in front of a tree. This is probably Bishop Humbert (Edmund's mentor) pleading with Edmund to deny his faith and become a vassal King.

The Danes are menacing from the right with an archer preparing a long bow and another holding a flag.

The haloed figure standing in front of a tree with his hands over his heart shows the martyred St Edmund. His clothes and crown lie at his feet with a wolf behind in the distance, near bushes, with possibly St Edmund's well. (This feature can still be seen to the left of the St Edmund monument on Oak Hill.)

The faint inscription at the top right reads (back to front):

St Edmund Rex et Mart 870 AD
(*St Edmund King and Martyr 870 AD*)

On the back of the plaque is impressed Dobbs & Co, who were in business from 1803 to 1893 when they were acquired by The Sandle Brothers of Paternoster Row, London. Dobbs & Co produced decorated and embossed paper and were also engravers.



Was this commissioned in 1870 - the 1000th year since Edmund's martyrdom? Is there an old book in someone's bookcase from a long gone relative - possibly when a Sunday School child - when this image might have been used for a presentation item? Is there a sleuth out there who can trace the whereabouts of the Order Books of Dobbs & Co circa late-1860s? Might the church PCC minutes reveal some information?

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HOXNE'S LOST PALACE - Part II

Following the Norman invasion, the great Domesday Survey of 1086 recorded that in the manor (Hoxne), there is "the seat of the Bishopric". Eight years later Bishop Herbert de Losinga settled on Norwich as the centre of the East Anglian Diocese, where he was to construct a wonderful cathedral.

Many decades passed before one of his successors, Thomas de Blumville, moved the monks from the old palace at Hoxne to their new home - a chapel and subsequently a priory, which was completed in 1267 on land where Abbey farm now stands in Cross Street. It was, therefore, decided to build a new episcopal palace on a site to the west, close to the River Dove, which was nearer to the centre of the village. (This later became known as Hoxne Hall).

The palace was probably timber-framed and thatched and may have incorporated flint and some stone. It was surrounded by a moat and a number of outbuildings, such as granges, an oxhouse, malt-house, granary, and a large edifice called the "Logge", suggesting it was a self-sufficient set-up, similar to a farm. An area of land was enclosed around the house and turned into a deer park of just over 500 acres. By 1326, when the first written mention of the new palace occurs on a *comptus*, or annual account of the Bishop's reeve Stephen Mose, it would seem that the house and

outbuildings were by then in a state of considerable disrepair. Thatchers were employed to re-roof several buildings and other labourers to re-board the granary and wattle partitions in the Logge - as well as mending broken-down fences and bridges, for which hundreds of feet of timber planks were purchased.

Many years later in the mid-15th century, the opportunity was taken to erect a new palace of brick with tiled roofs. A fair idea of what it may have looked like can be seen today in the Bishop of Lincoln's



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grand abode at Buckden in Cambridge-shire.

The anonymous "Chorography of Suffolk", written in about 1600, describes the palace of the Bishops in Hoxne as "very fayre and gallant". The best description, however, can be seen in a map in the Suffolk Record Office of "Hoxon Newe Parke", drawn in 1619, and which shows "Hoxon Hall" in great detail.

(More next time folks!)

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<https://museumsinthemind.wordpress.com/>

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.

Anyone is welcome to sample a trial meeting or two without joining the group. To learn more about 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. 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.

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Hoxne Garden & Social Club



Goodness! Did I actually say in the last edition of *Village Voice* that 'hopefully we will have had a good rain to refresh your gardens'?! I am now of the opinion that 'rain' is not something associated with East Anglia - I believe the weather reports should in reality state 'a light misting.'

But on to the Garden and Social Club report.

In May we had a very interesting talk and slide show from Kate Elliott of Columbine Hall. She had a wonderful progressive story of her gardening career and the Hall garden renovation. Tulip season looks especially enticing for a visit there next year.

Our June meeting was with the very knowledgeable and well-travelled Colin Thorburn. There wasn't anything this gentleman didn't know about orchids.

In July and August we have a break from meetings at the village hall. This hopefully gives people a chance to be scouring their flower gardens and vegetable patches for the Hoxne Garden and Produce Show! Is there the faintest possibility that by then the good old British summers of 20°C and occasional rain will have returned?

Whatever the weather, do come along on September 6th with your produce, whether from the garden, kitchen, sewing basket, camera or easel. If you have nothing to enter (are you sure?) then do still pay a visit. The door is open at the village hall for viewing from 2pm. There will be cakes and teas and a Hoxne hoard of produce to peruse.

This year we have an old Garden Club member making an appearance to present the winning trophies. It was through total coincidence that one of our committee members met Catherine Hill, a lady who resurrected the Hoxne Garden Show after a lapse in the early 1990s. She has kindly offered to come and attend the show and present trophies. I wonder how show exhibits will compare

to those of thirty years ago? Let's not let her down! Remember the entry forms for this year's produce show are attached to the last issue of *Village Voice*.

Lastly, on **18th September** we will be gladly welcoming back Luci Skinner, following her talk last year on salvias. This year she will be talking about hardy geraniums which I, for one, would not be without in my garden.

Happy watering, and see you at the Flower, Craft & Produce Show on Saturday, 6th September!

Debbie Pye
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Hoxne Phoenix Group

East Ruston Old Vicarage was everything we hoped for - beautiful gardens, lovely weather, enjoyable company and of course delicious cake!



Dr Joy Hawkins, *Call the Midwife*, was our June presenter. Her presentation was thoroughly engaging and informative with at times, a touch of hilarity! How a woman managed to conceive a male baby (much desired), get through childbirth and for the child to survive into adulthood, was a massive achievement in medieval times. The evening was so well received that we hope to entice Joy back next year.

The long-awaited presentation by Carol Spenser will take place on Tuesday,

12th August, entitled: *My Accidental (and often hilarious) forty-year career in the AbFab world of Fashion PR, Journalism and TV presenting.* We are very much looking forward to hearing Carol's story.

There will be no speaker at our September meeting on Tuesday 9th. The evening will be purely social, giving all members the opportunity to enjoy a glass of end-of-summer punch and maybe some games. We always have much to talk about and the evening will provide members with the opportunity to discuss next year's schedule of events and trips.

As previously mentioned, we hope to visit Felbrigg Hall in Norfolk on Wednesday, 1st October. We require a minimum of thirty people (open to all from Hoxne and the surrounding villages) for the trip to be viable. The cost for entrance plus coach transportation (from the village hall) is £38. If you are a National Trust Member the cost will be £23.50. Please email me to secure your place.

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 are always welcome.

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Fressingfield Scouts

Our camping season is in full swing. At the end of May twelve scouts and two leaders spent the Bank Holiday Weekend at the Norfolk Scouts organised Annual Water Activities Weekend at Decoy Broad near Woodbastwick. The Friday evening to Monday afternoon camp was filled with activities, both on and off the water. Water-based activities included kayaks, canoes, bell boats, self-build rafts and stand-up paddle boards. There was a range of activities on land as well.

On Sunday evening each scout group was challenged to build, then race, a canoe made just from cardboard and parcel tape, which made for an exciting evening! Unfortunately although our canoe floated well it was unstable and tipped over, dunking our laughing canoeist in the broad! After a warm rinse from our watering can she was suitably showered to carry on with the weekend.

Four members of Pioneer Troop Scouts have also recently completed an Expedition Challenge hike and camp. They navigated from Eye church to Stradbroke church, via Brome, Oakley, Hoxne and Denham churches - and completed a wildlife benefit survey in the churchyards on the way. They camped overnight at Hoxne, organising their own food and equipment. Although the map-reading was a challenge, they were at the finish on time.

Adventurers Scouts and the Explorers have had a couple of overnight camps.

The first was with the School Section Cubs at Yoxford school, which was a good day with swimming, den building, archery, air rifle shooting and a campfire.

The next weekend they camped at our HQ where activities included a night hike, 5 km park run, site maintenance and some unscheduled storm-watching. Both camps suffered slightly from wet weather overnight but all went well.

Both sections of cubs had a weekend camp together at Two Mile Bottom, near Thetford. Principal activities, apart from camping and just being together, were raft-building and canoeing on the river. It was an exciting and adventurous weekend for young people and leaders alike.

Other senior section activities have included Pioneer Troop again taking to the water, joining Dickleburgh Explorers at Weybread lake for two sailing sessions. Again, a great time was had with another new experience that we hope to repeat.



Canoeing Cubs

Explorers spent an evening on a bouldering wall in Norwich and the older members of Pioneer Troop had a very fulfilling session working as a team to extricate themselves

from an escape room - while the rest of the troop found their way to a field for some wide games in an introduction to navigation.

A much more relaxed session was at the 95th Bomb Group USAF museum at Horham.

Our younger sections have been busy outdoors as well, with tent-pitching practice, lightweight stove practice, swimming, map-reading, first-aid and learning the points of the compass. They also had a visit from some guinea pigs, made and flew paper planes, and enjoyed games sessions.

There is lots of information about us on our website:

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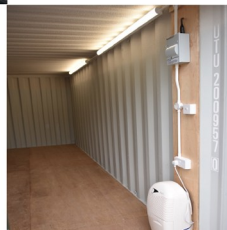
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To help with fundraising, the trustees have formed a new Events Committee which aims to provide a regular programme of activities at the centre - to which all are invited. Hence we are planning a quiz for **20th September**; bring your own drink and nibbles. Cost: £5 per head, teams of up to six people.

We have organised a new series of monthly talks held on the last Wednesday

of the month. On **27th August**, Miriam Stead will enlighten us with the story of Walpole Chapel, an historic Non-Conformist church which is undergoing major restoration currently.


On **24th September** we will have a talk on the work of the Norfolk Industrial Archaeological Society, given by Mary Fewster.

Unfortunately due to a volunteer shortage, the museum now opens monthly, showcasing vintage audio equipment, art deco furniture, and local artefacts.


Please refer to our websites for more details:

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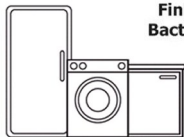
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It's nearly the end of summer, but for those who missed our July news, there's still an opportunity to join our:

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plus the Hallelujah Chorus

Saturday, 16th August 2025

10.00 am - 4.30 pm

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Open to all!
Tickets £10.00

Soup and roll for lunch, £5.00.

More information and to book, please
email: amanda.fletcher111@gmail.com

Our **Autumn Term** begins on **Monday 1st September**, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start. We'll begin rehearsing for our Christmas Concert on Saturday 6 December, in St John's Church, Harleston. Practices are on a Monday night from 7.30-9.30pm, in The London Road Church at Harleston, IP20 9BH. Parking is available in The Original Factory Shop (TOFS) car park opposite.

We're a friendly community choir and we welcome everyone, and although it's an advantage to be able to read music, it's not essential. There are no auditions and music is provided free. If you have difficulty getting to practices, we're sometimes able to arrange lifts with choir members from your area.

Further information about HCS can be found on our website:
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u3a.org.uk/get-involved

The u3a Harleston Committee

University of the 3rd Age, Diss

*United Reformed Church,
Mere Street, Diss*

The monthly meeting takes place on the morning of the first Thursday of each month. Forty-five minutes are allocated to refreshments, socialising and catching up on the interest groups and notices. This is followed by a talk from an interesting guest speaker.

7th August - '*Radio Caroline*' by Brian Nichols

5th September - '*From Twang to Bang*'
[https://speakernet.co.uk/talk/2561/](https://speakernet.co.uk/talk/2561/from-twang-to-bang)
from-twang-to-bang by Mike Wabe

Doors open at 9.45am and the meeting commences at 10.30am. Refreshments are available FOC until 10:15am.

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The tree that would puzzle a monkey!

That apparently is how this tree got its popular name - a Victorian gentleman, when viewing a specimen with its spikey branches, was heard to exclaim, "Climbing that would puzzle a monkey!"

The home of the monkey puzzle, Latin name *Araucaria Araucana*, is South America - the mountains of Chile and parts of Argentina - and is thought to have been around with the dinosaurs.

The first monkey puzzles arrived in England around 1800 with a botanist and ship's surgeon Archibald Menzie, who helped himself to some nuts at a dinner party given by the president of Chile. Being a botanist, Archibald planted the nuts and kept them safe on board ship, where they germinated. He was able to give a fine specimen of one of the first monkey puzzles here in England to his fellow botanist, the famous Sir Joseph Banks.

Forty years later in 1844, our friend William Lobb, who introduced the Big Tree (see *Village Voice* April/May 2025), found these trees and collected seeds and cones on one of his plant expeditions in Chile, sending home a consignment to his employer Veitch Nurseries in Devon. Veitch was one of the most famous nurseries at that time, in the middle of the nineteenth century, so anything they grew and sold became very fashionable

for the Victorian gardeners. With this new tree, Veitch had started a craze and by the late nineteenth century you would have found a monkey puzzle in many front gardens of suburban Victorian villas.

Our climate does not really suit the monkey puzzle; they age quite quickly, probably not living more than a 100 years. But there is one fine example of an avenue of monkey puzzles in Exeter in Devon, originally planted with seed collected by William Lobb. The avenue is at Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, which was once the home of the Rolle Family. It is said that after a few years of good growth, the trees had to be moved back because they scratched the occupants of the passing carriages!

Today the Bicton Park avenue is world renowned as the longest run of monkey puzzles in Europe. At just under a third of a mile, 500 metres, the avenue includes a champion tree standing at 26 metres, over 85 feet tall with a girth of four metres, just over 13 feet.

The monkey puzzle is now endangered and on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List, facing the risk of become extinct in the wild. The team at Bicton keep the avenue growing by propagating from the original trees' seeds or cones to fill in gaps, so there are some original trees standing next to new young ones. This special avenue keeps renewing and hopefully will be safe for many years to come.

But you don't have to go to Devon to see these trees, just look around at some of our gardens - and particularly when you next go into Diss. Just opposite Billingford Mill there is a fine example, but if you miss that there is another in Diss, just opposite Stuston Road on the north side of Victoria Road.



Opposite Billingford Mill

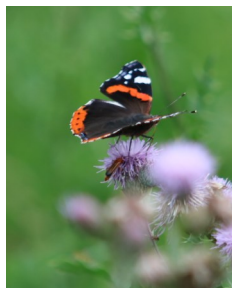


Monkey Puzzle in
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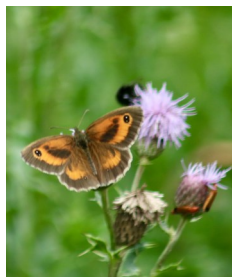
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New Reeding Woods

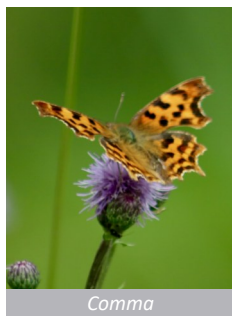
It has been a hot and dry summer so far and more of the same is forecast. The pond level has fallen considerably since the spring. The meadow is turning brown with few flowers apart from purple knapweed. Seed heads added to the feeling of a parched summer.



Red admiral feeding



Male gatekeeper



Comma

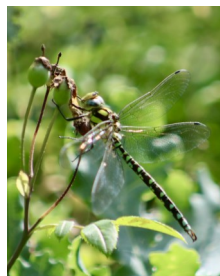
thistles. Often I have to wait for insects to settle but that day they were happy to do so for a photograph.

I visited the meadow around midday on an overcast day, enjoying the cooler weather after a heat wave. The day was surprisingly good for butterflies. As I approached the pond a Red Admiral flew around me and came to rest on the log seat by the pond. With its wings closed, it was well camouflaged. Another was busy feeding on the thistles by the pond. Their caterpillars feed on nettles but none were to be seen.

A male Gatekeeper came down to feed on the thistles and then moved off to a bramble.

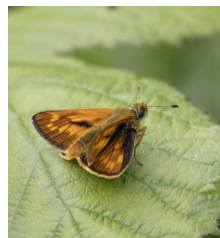
The warmth of the day was slowing the pace of life down, and as I stood by the pond several Comma butterflies also came to feed on the

The rides were shady and as I walked along a Hairy dragonfly hawked around me, before pausing on a rose long enough for a picture. Up high in the brambles Peacock butterflies were feeding. A Large Skipper came and rested on the brambles in the sun. They look much like moths and enjoy basking in the sun.



Hairy dragonfly

Large White butterflies were busy over the meadow together with the busy Meadow browns. On some damp ground a Large White settled, possibly to drink. As I walked back after sitting at the meadow, a Speckled Wood rested on the ground by some fallen sloes.



Large skipper

The woods are always full of life and that day was special. Time spent there always lifts my spirits and I went home amazed by the variety I had seen in just a short time.



Speckled wood

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.

BOWLS TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Thirty-two bowlers from Norfolk and Suffolk came together for the annual Hoxne Open Pairs Tournament on Saturday, 5th July. All agreed that the bowling was of the highest standard, as well as being played in the friendliest of spirits. Much praise was also made for the home club's organisation of the day, which raised valuable funds for Hoxne Bowls Club. The tournament culminated in a thrilling final, where Philip Leeder and Gary Parker of Earl Soham just held on to beat Kate Bryant and Martin Cason of Mendlesham.

Despite struggling in the leagues this year, Hoxne are still in the Mid-Suffolk Cattee Cup and the Upper Waveney Cup.

As we go to press, Alan Garnham and Roger Knight are preparing for county area semi-finals and both are still involved in a number of Upper Waveney competitions.



The club is also looking forward to the inaugural Tri-Village Challenge, to be held at Hoxne on **Friday 22nd August**, 3pm, between Fressingfield, Stradbroke and Hoxne. Spectators most welcome.

Roger Knight

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Next stops: **19th August and 16th September**

Syleham, Wingfield Road (Junction with Weybread Road): 11.45-11.55am

Brome & Oakley village hall: 12.15-12.30pm

STRADBROKE CRICKET CLUB

Following an aggressive recruitment drive, new players have joined Stradbroke CC. This competition for places has witnessed an encouraging 4 wins and 2 defeats in the Two Counties League.

An early concession from Tuddenham was followed by a win at Mildenhall v. Chasing 146, Matt Wise (61) set the platform for Gideon Baker (26) and Adam Malone (28) to see the visitors home.

At 77 for 7, Stowupland looked well short, but managed to get 159, which proved too rich for their hosts.

Leaders BT then dished out a beating, scoring 193, despite great bowling from Drew Cotton (5 for 30).

Dodging the showers against Worlington III, Adam Malone scored his maiden fifty for the club, setting up Henry Tacey (4 for 12) to bowl Stradbroke to victory.

More impressive was their win at Woolpit IV, where James Gilbee (4 for 28) and 13-year-old Sam Grobler (4 for 36) restricted the home side to 154. Matt Wise (84) made short work of their target.

Add to all this, 34 youngsters signed up for All Stars & Dynamos every Sunday, the Club is looking healthier of late.

Anybody who fancies trying out for the team please reach out to Glyn Hewitt on gdbh@msn.com or turn up at the club 6pm Thursdays for net practice.

Glyn Hewitt

Remaining Fixtures - 13:00 start:

| June | | |
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| Sat 21st | Bury St Edmunds | Home |
| Sat 28th | Bardwell | Away |
| July | | |
| Sat 5th | Bury St Edmunds | Away |
| Sat 26th | Tuddenham | Away |
| August | | |
| Sat 2nd | Mildenhall | Home |
| Sat 9th | Stowupland | Away |
| Sat 16th | BT Waldringfield | Home |
| Sat 30th | Woolpit | Home |
| September | | |
| Sat 6th | Worlington | Away |
| Sat 13th | Bardwell | Home |
| Sun 21st | Presidents XI | Home |



Parish Council Reports

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

Denham

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Hoxne

First a date for your diary; **Saturday 13th September**, at the village hall, the parish council along with other invited organisations will be hosting a session on '**Coping with Floods**'. The session, between 10am and 1pm, will highlight ways in which residents can be prepared for any possible flooding due to adverse weather. (Remember Storm Babet?) Or perhaps reduce the effects of flooding to ourselves and our neighbours, for example reducing the extent of hard standing areas that many of us now have in our gardens. It will be in the form of an exhibition, so you do not have to be there all the time, just drop in and stay as long as you like.

It is hoped that a speaker from the River Waveney Trust will be giving a short talk on flood prevention measures. As part of this project the parish council will be publishing a leaflet to be delivered throughout Hoxne identifying ways in which we can be prepared for flooding, links to organisations that offer support and suggest ways in which we as villagers might help each other in such adverse weather conditions.

The parish council is still waiting to hear from the community traffic engineer on whether our proposals for **managing traffic** throughout the village will be possible and how much they are going to cost. In the meantime some of you may have noticed the new speed camera installed on Green Street which has, according to residents there, made an impact on motorists reducing their speed. The council is plainly doing something right.

A new **Parish Clerk** has been appointed to succeed Sarah Foote, who has served the parish council and the people of Hoxne so well for sixteen years. We thank

Sarah for her dedication and wish her well in all her future endeavours.

We're pleased to welcome Virginia (Ginny) O'Hegarty as our new Parish Clerk. She will take up her post on 1st August. The Parish Clerk is the lynchpin of everything the parish council does; without their support, the council could not operate effectively.

Finally, just to remind you that we still have a vacancy for another councillor. Please step forward if you would like to serve the people of Hoxne. It is an unpaid job with no financial perks whatsoever. The reward is the satisfaction of contributing to making life better for the residents of our village. Think about it.

Chris Parkin
Chair, Hoxne Parish Council

Syleham

Syleham Parish Council met on 2 July. At the meeting councillors were updated on the progress of the village sign, which features Syleham's windmill and the coat of arms of Earl Bigod and King Henry II. It is hoped that the sign, which is carved from oak, will be completed in the autumn.

Councillors also agreed to work with Mid Suffolk Council's emergency planning officer to expand the village's **Adverse Weather Plan**, to include emergency planning and to speak to other parish councils to learn from their experiences of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. These discussions will help inform a decision on whether Syleham should produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Councillors also agreed a grant towards the cost of a commemorative coin for the children of the village marking the **80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day**, which is being organised by Syleham and Wingfield Sports and Social Club.

For more information on what was discussed at the meeting, visit: sylehamparishcouncil.com

The next meeting is on **5th November** at 7.00pm, Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall. All welcome.

Lesley Hastie
Clerk, Syleham Parish Council

Wingfield

Wingfield Parish Council held its **Annual Meeting**, followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting on 14 May. At the annual meeting Cllr Guy Mathias was voted as the new chair of the Parish Council. Councillors thanked the outgoing chair, Cllr Lee Smith, for his eight years of service as chair.

Councillors welcomed members of local community groups to the annual meeting, including Wingfield Barns, Syleham and Wingfield village hall and St Andrew's Church, who updated councillors on their activities over the past year. The chair also gave a summary of the parish council's achievements over that time.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved at the ordinary meeting and councillors also agreed to provide funding to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE / VJ Day, to set up a working group to progress the repair of village signs and proposals to mark the village's Oral History of Place Names and to adopt gov.uk domain names.

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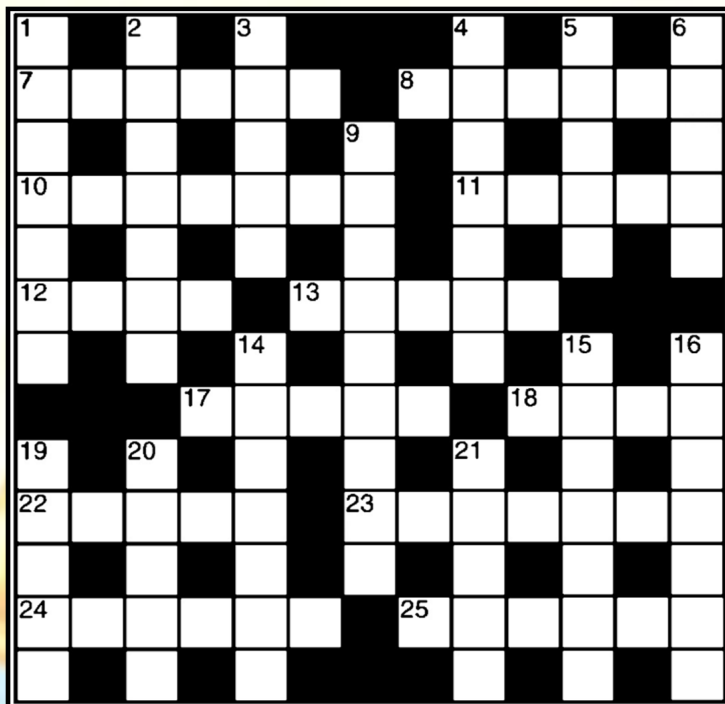
The next parish council meeting is on **17th September at 7.30** at the village hall. All are welcome to attend.

Lesley Hastie
Clerk, Wingfield Parish Council

Crossword Puzzle No. 166

To enter the crossword competition, send* your solution to the editor for a chance to win £20. The winner will be the first correct entry picked at random from those received by **Monday, 8th September** at the latest. Please add your name and address to entries.

*You can email a photograph or scan of your entry to:
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Across

7. Go about three miles to form a union (6)
8. Total lies disguise our partners (6)
10. Not sure about a monk's haircut (7)
11. Delete from an opera selection (5)
12. Aroma of a European river (4)
13. Sounds like a seaside tree (5)
17. Frolic with a tasty savoury ingredient (5)
18. Eager to perform at an Irish funeral (4)
22. Ratel is wide awake (5)
23. Audibly cut short a brusque beer (7)
24. Try hard to escape from a fast river (6)
25. Craven and upset in a grotto (6)

Down

1. Joy when broken toenail is fixed (7)
2. Artist on hand to moor a boat (7)
3. Stand in line to obtain a pigtail (5)
4. Characteristic of a smooth talker (7)
5. Led Ivan to bed (5)
6. Willow is almost a pinker shade (5)
9. Mention a job testimonial (9)
14. Apt vice for a prisoner (7)
15. Altered how I told a story (7)
16. Tend to favour an uphill walk (7)
19. Elevate sunbeams, I hear (5)
20. Core of the artwork (5)
21. Confused actor lost in Dubrovnik (5)

The winner of crossword puzzle no.165 was: Jonny Woods

Answers: Across: 1. Cumin 4. Plaice 9. Release 10. Miser 11. Owns 12. Confess 13. See 14. Edit 16. Data 18. Hoe 20. Advance 21. Etna 24. Gouda 25. Rectify 26. Reside 27. Enter

Down: 1. Carrot 2. Melon 3. Neat 5. Lemonade 6. Inspect 7. Egress 8. Peace 13. Standard 15. Devours 17. Badger 18. Heart 19. Magyar 22. Twist 23. Acre

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