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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Editorial

### *Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow*

*(Or a winter warmer)*

What do you suppose is the most talked about subject in our national life? No, not that, Mr P!

The author of 'Three Men in a Boat', Jerome K Jerome, was also an accomplished writer of plays, short stories and essays, one of which carries the above title. *Idle Thoughts* is a delightful collection of essays about what it purports to describe. But Jerome got stuck half way through. He ran out of idle thoughts (Oh, how I know the feeling). Perversely, his charlady, seeing him glum and unproductive, and keen to introduce a little home spun erudition into the momentarily sterile mind, kindly instructed him on the joys of discussing the weather, 'I do it, all the time.' The essay is a masterpiece. The subject – a national obsession.

Wake up in the morning and ask the tea-maker, 'What's it doing?' If the tea-maker is a gardener, she will say with relish, 'peeing down'. If it is an idle fellow, he will say 'peeing down' and go back to bed. Pop to the Post Office for the paper, the bread or the milk and what do you say? 'Lovely day' or 'A bit nippy'. Move on through the day and the next encounter probably starts with, 'turned the heating on last night' or, 'couldn't sleep a wink, too hot'. It is also the one area of pub talk that is unlikely to cause division.

Yes, the weather is a good contender for the most talked about subject in our collective lives. It is also an easy opening gambit because you can be sure of a response. It is even smilingly recognised by the rest of the world as a peculiarly English invention, along with the bowler hat and wellies. Poets have immortalised it. I've always cared for Ezra Pound's parody of the summer song, 'Loud sing cuckoo':

*Winter is icummen in, Lhude sing Goddamm,*

*Raineth drop and staineth slop, and how the wind doth ramm!*

And is this indigenous pastime likely to be usurped by higher-minded generations? Not as long as there is honey still for tea. It may continue to be hot in Hawaii and chilly in Chile but, in this island confluence of airstreams and pressure systems, hopelessly confused by global warming, not even *Look East's* petite Julie Reigner twitters predictions for more than a couple of days with any certainty. So, permit this Old Moore, in our peculiarly English way, to wish you a Perspiringly Merry Christmas and a prosperously snowy summertime (unless, of course, you're averse to honey!). *An Idle Fellow*

*PS: I do wish somebody could tell those jackdaws in my chimney that this is not a good time to be thinking about raising a family.*

# Diary dates

## **Saturday December 5**

Hoxne Church Christmas Bazaar -  
St Edmund's Hall

Wingfield Barns - Tudor Christmas Bazaar

## **Wednesday December 9**

Wingfield Local History Group -  
Christmas Party, De La Pole Arms

## **Saturday December 12**

Christmas family party -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## **Wednesday December 16**

Wingfield Garden Club Christmas  
Social Evening - De La Pole Arms

## **Saturday December 19**

*Red Riding Hood* - St Edmund's Hall  
Jive Christmas Party -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## **Sunday December 20**

*Red Riding Hood* - St Edmund's Hall

## **Wednesday December 23**

Syleham carol singing

## **Sunday December 27**

*A Christmas Carol* - Wingfield Barns

## **Monday December 28**

Hoxne Music Festival Christmas Box -  
St Edmund's Hall

## **Thursday December 31**

New Year's Eve Party -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## **Friday January 15**

HSA family quiz - Syleham and Wingfield  
Village Hall

## **Saturday January 16**

Save the Children quiz - St Edmund's Hall

## **Saturday January 23**

Friends of Hoxne Church  
coffee morning - Hoxne Parish Church  
Senior Citizens' Meal -  
Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

## **Saturday February 6**

Hoxon Hundred Family Ceilidh -  
St Edmund's Hall

## **Friday February 26**

Open Space Theatre Company

## **Saturday February 27**

Hoxne Music Festival quiz -  
St Edmund's Hall

**For details of Carol Services  
and Christmas church services,  
please see page 21.**

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■ **Puzzle House Pantomimes** will present Red Riding Hood at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, Saturday December 19 at 3pm and 6.30 pm, Sunday 20th at 3pm and 6.30 pm. This is a family panto, involving six actors (playing a host of characters) and live keyboard music and songs. All tickets priced £5. To reserve seats, phone the Booking Office Tel 01379 388408. .

■ **Revd Susan Loxton**, priest-in-charge of the group of parishes which includes Hoxne and Denham, has arranged a series of meetings to explore Holy Communion and Confirmation. They are, she says, for anyone who wants to know more about the Christian faith and those who would like to prepare for Confirmation. The meetings are on Sundays – February 21 and 28 and March 7 and 14 at the Vicarage in Fressingfield (Tansey Meadow). A Confirmation Service to be conducted by the Bishop of Dunwich is planned for Sunday March 21 at 3.30pm. Susan can be contacted on tel: 586040

■ **A ten-week** course on Victorian East Anglia will be held at Stradbroke Community Centre beginning on Wednesday January 13. Organised by the Stradbroke Branch of the WEA, the course costs £43.50. The tutor is Douglas Baker and each session runs from 2.30pm to 4pm. Call 384518 for more details.

■ **The Friends** of Denham Church's October Treasure Hunt Walk was unfortunately not as well supported as organisers would have liked, but did manage to raise about £100. The last event of 2009 was a Christmas Auction of Promises at the

## **OUT AND ABOUT...**

Red Feather Club on November 28. The Friends hope to have raised enough funds for registration as a charity by the end of the year. A programme of events for 2010 is being planned and the group looks forward to your invaluable support in the New Year.

### ■ **Home-Start Volunteers Needed**

Home-Start Mid Suffolk needs volunteers to help offer support, friendship and practical help to families with young children. Can you be that friendly face who can spend a couple of hours each week supporting families in need? Are you a parent or do you have parenting experience? Are you a person who has excellent listening skills? Can you offer an extra pair of hands and give practical support? Join a friendly team of volunteers.

All expenses are paid.

A preparation course for volunteers starts on January 20.

If you are interested please contact Maria at 01379 678552 or email [office@homestartmidsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:office@homestartmidsuffolk.org.uk)

**Don't forget** that Father Christmas makes a personal appearance in Hoxne on Christmas morning. His sleigh travels round the village delivering presents along the way. See page 27 for details of how to make sure his Elves knock on your door.



**All who produce and distribute Village Voice send their best wishes to all who read it for Christmas and the New Year**

## Letters to the editor

### *From Jane and Adrian Knott*

Would you like to go carol singing in Syleham? Or would you like us to sing carols for you? We want to organise village carol singing for a children's charity on Wednesday, December 23. If you would like to sing, please let us know and come and join us at The White House Farmhouse, Syleham, between 6pm and 6.30pm for a glass of wine and something to eat before we set off. If you would like us to come and sing some carols for you, or if you would like to sing with us, please give us a ring on 669320. Last year we had a good evening and raised £180 for Kids` Company.

**Syleham**

### *From Ronnie Fulcher*

I would like to thank all concerned for the moving tribute of George's life story in the *Village Voice*. £358.60 has been raised for Cancer Research in memory of George.

**Heckfield Green**

**Hoxne**

### *From Jane Langley*

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all those who supported my MacMillan Coffee morning on September 10 at our home. A particular mention for Gladys Baldwin and Margaret Phillips for running the raffle so efficiently and smoothly. Also thank you to everyone who contributed homemade cakes and brought prizes for the raffle.

**6 Village Voice**

It was a lively and enjoyable morning interspersed with tours of our renovated house. The weather was kind too which enabled some to sit outside enjoying the September sunshine. We raised £150.14 for the charity. I plan to repeat the coffee morning next year again in aid of the charity MacMillan. I apologise for the delay in sending this letter of thanks

**Goldbrook,**

**Hoxne**

### *From Roger Day*

We live at Reading Green and have for some time been concerned about residents of Denham, who walk their dogs on footpaths around Reading Green and over towards Thorpe Hall, who do not clear up their dogs mess. We have watched many of them leave their dogs to foul the paths and walk on without collecting it. Time has now come for somebody to say something. As walkers it is revolting and very annoying to have to watch every step you take - rather than looking ahead and enjoying the scenery.

We have dogs and have always collected their mess be it in the garden or on a country walk. There is no excuse for not doing so. We are fed up with the lazy and irresponsible dog owners of Denham.

**Reading Green**

### *From Jemma Hindle*

I would like to thank all those who sponsored my abseil down Stradbroke Church on October 17. We managed to raise £188 to go towards the repair of Denham Church.

**Denham**

# Hedgerow walkers go 'off limits'

Tired but contented, volunteers working in Hoxne parish for the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey have hung up their clipboards for the winter. Numbers were depleted this year but vigour and enthusiasm were redoubled. We took full advantage of patches of clement weather throughout late spring, summer and early autumn.

Last year, with 260 or so sites to visit and survey in the parish, we walked mainly on public roads, footpaths and tracks and knocked off around 70. This year's season was complicated by obtaining and coordinating access to private land. We approached the landowners and farmers we could identify and were delighted and grateful to receive per-

mission from the huge majority; we thank them for their help. Afternoons spent walking fields and hedges normally 'off public limits' were a real pleasure, revealing even more of our wonderful countryside and wildlife! We finished the season with another 150 or so under our belts. Following the processing of the first two years' data during the coming winter, we will be left with a mere 36 to polish off next year. These are mainly on smallish patches of land on the north-east, southwest and southeast edges of the parish, where we hope to find the few remaining landowners and ask for their generous co-operation.

For further information contact Dawn on 668521.

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## *Steps to take to reserve a 'plot'*

The only safe way to reserve a grave space in a churchyard is to get a faculty. A faculty is a legal document in the Church of England. Forms have to be filled in, the Parochial Council of the Church needs to pass a resolution, and then the completed forms go to the Diocesan Registrar. There is a committee that meets to discuss faculties and the Diocesan Chancellor makes the final decision. The whole process costs £270.

In the past there have been informal arrangements made and recently the Nunn family of Hoxne has suffered much distress because, although a verbal agreement had been made, the then Vicar had long since left and no note was placed in the church records.

I am very sorry that this happened and we sincerely apologise to Mr Nunn and the family. We have since done all we can to rectify the situation and have come to an agreement.

However, I do not want this situation to arise again; Vicars move on, Church Councillors and Wardens change and information can be lost if it is not written down. That is why the Church of England has this policy of faculties, the paperwork is kept safely, and families are not caused unnecessary upset at a time when they are already distressed.

**Revd Susan Loxton**

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# Old photo search for 'slideshow'

One of the projects to be undertaken by the newly formed Wingfield Local History Group is researching old family photographs of people and places in Wingfield and the surrounding areas with a view to setting up a digital slideshow archive for public display in the village. The Crown in Weybread has a display which has been a focal point and much admired by both local residents and visitors to the village.

Our aim is to compare photographs of Wingfield today with those of the past from a personal perspective. This might include photos of the old village shop and post office, Wingfield school, farms, changing agricultural practices from horses and dairy farms to modern intensive farming methods, to houses and not least, people. Most of us have a collection of old family photographs which are usually hidden away with those past memories. Make those memories come to life as part of our history. Wingfield is changing, albeit slowly. Help us to restore Wingfield's cultural heritage for all to see for generations to come.

We will borrow your photograph, collect it, scan it and return it to you. Please contact Rosemary Elliott - tel: 384789; email: [rosemary.elliott@virgin.net](mailto:rosemary.elliott@virgin.net)

■ The group will be holding a Christmas party at the de la Pole Arms on Wednesday 9 December at 7.30. Tickets are £10 to include a welcome drink and buffet, and are available from Eleanor Goodison on 01379 384181.

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## *Shoot is 'fantastic' fund raiser*

Hoxne School Association can report that the Annual Clay Shoot held in September at Oakley Park, Hoxne raised £1,452 for school funds. This fantastic amount reflects the hard work of all those involved so thanks go to everyone who contributed to the event.

The HSA will once again be supporting the school's Christmas productions with a hamper raffle and refreshments at the end of the evening performances. All proceeds will go to the school. There will also be refreshments following the carol service held at Hoxne Parish Church on Monday December 14 at 6.30pm, with all donations going to the church.

The first event in the New Year will be the annual quiz hosted by John Woodard at Syleham Village Hall on Friday January 15. This is always a popular event so look out for more details nearer the time!

We look forward to seeing you at some of the above events and wish you every happiness throughout the festive season and in the coming year.

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■ Harleston Choral Society will be performing the Christmas Oratorio with soloists and full orchestra at St John's Church, Harleston on December 5 at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £8.50 and can be purchased at the door or in advance from Harleston Pet Stores. Details call 668379.

# *Christmas Box has 'family appeal'*

A show entitled Christmas Box, and another quiz, has been arranged to raise funds towards the next Hoxne Music Festival, which is being staged on the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May 2010.

The Christmas Box takes place during the Christmas holiday period, on Monday evening December 28, from 7pm at the village hall in Hoxne.

Organiser Janet Koralambe said:

"It will appeal to all the family and include various musical items, singing, seasonal readings and stories. We held a similar event last Christmas, in aid of the Hoxne Music Festival, and because so many people said they enjoyed it we have decided to have another one."

There will be mulled wine and mince pies at the bar and tickets will

be available from Hoxne Post Office. Admission is just £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Another quiz night has been fixed for Saturday February 27, also at the village hall in Hoxne, starting at 7.30pm.

Entry will be £5 each for teams of up to six, and the ticket price includes interval refreshments. Prizes are awarded to the winners.

Hoxne Music Festival quiz organiser Jenny Knights said: "We have had a couple of these events now and would like to thank all the people who have put together teams to take part. They are really fun evenings and we are organising the next one because of popular demand."

If you wish to book in your team please contact Jenny on 668060.

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# *Sunshine brings out breakfast crowds*

Once again the sun shone on Hoxne harvest breakfast which certainly helps make the morning get off to a good start. More people than ever came to enjoy their breakfast on the Green, meet friends and relax. The usual entertainment was on offer,

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■ There will be a Valentine's Dance to T/J Country & Western at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on Saturday February 13 with a bar and raffle, 8pm 'til late, with food available. Book early as there will be no tickets on the door. Please ring Doreen on 01379 644960 to book.

skeeball, quoits, bouncy castle and the new fairground organ provided the music for the morning.

We made a profit of £368 which has been split equally between the village hall and the playingfield. We would like to thank all the harvest breakfast helpers for their hard work once again. If anyone would like to join our band of helpers please get in touch.

Also we would like to thank everyone for supporting the harvest breakfast again. If you didn't keep coming we'd have an awful lot of sausages and beans to eat!

**Alan and Carole Smith**

# Charles enjoys a 'great day'

Following a very successful Annual Summer Fete, the Hoxne and District Branch of the Royal British Legion Branch held its Annual Dinner at Syleham Village Hall on September 25 with 48 members and guests attending. Guest speaker, proposing the Toast to the Royal British Legion was Graham Reardon who gave a light hearted insight to his career in the Royal Navy as a helicopter pilot, before proposing the Toast to the Legion. Response to the Toast was given by Branch President Marshall Revell. The evening's MC was, as always, John Elliott who towards the end led a short session of community singing of old favourite and nostalgic songs. The evening was a great success and thanks must be paid to Cora Elliott who provided the table flower arrangements and who along with Christine Lawes ran the raffle which raised £118.

As mentioned previously, one of our members, Charles Saunders, celebrates his centenary in January. We had asked Suffolk County and the Veterans Agency if there was any way in which this landmark could be celebrated. After much liaison between them and myself, we arranged for Charles to attend a presentation at the House of Commons on October 19 to receive his Veteran's Badge. In view of *anno dominae*, the agency arranged for a Ministerial car to collect him and his escort of John Elliott and myself from Diss to London and return! He was presented with his badge by the

Under Secretary of State for Veterans, Kevan Jones MP and a birthday cake made and iced with the emblem of the Veteran's Badge by Karen Brown of the agency. It was a great day for Charles who enjoyed every minute of the occasion. The Branch is arranging a gathering on January 7 at Brome Village Hall to celebrate his 100th birthday.

The Branch held its Remembrance Parade on November 8 at Hoxne Parish Church with the service conducted by the Revd Peter Schwier whose address was thought provoking. At the conclusion of the service, members marched out to *'Keep Right on to the end of the road'* accompanied by the congregation.

For the first time in 50 years, John Elliott was missing from the service. He was in Cyprus at the unveiling of a memorial in honour of those who died during the Eoka Campaign - including John's brother Peter.

The Branch would like to thank the congregation for their generosity, as the collection of the offering raised £245 for our Annual Poppy Appeal. After the service, members went to Brome for a wreath-laying ceremony conducted by Frank Hollidge followed by a welcome bowl of hot soup provided by Sue Prior.



**Roger True**





Pictures: From top - shoe parade;  
surfing safely; checking the cakes!

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# Church bike ride beats the recession

Given the current pressure on the collective purse, it was anticipated that the sponsorship for this year's Historic Churches Bike Ride on Saturday September 12, would fall well short of previous totals. So I am more than a little thrilled to be able to report that pessimism has once again been confounded by the diligence of the 14 fund raisers and the remarkable generosity of the sponsors.

To date, the figure stands at £1,577 which is £42 up on the 2008 result, with two would be participants as yet unaccounted for. If there is an improvement on this total, I will let you know in the February issue. I know I say it every time but I am genuinely staggered by the wonderful year-on-year support that this event receives. On behalf of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and your church of St Peter and St Paul, which benefit in equal measure, thank you all so very much. It is good to remember that Suffolk initiated this now national event 28 years ago and is still up there in front!

**John Ball (Hoxne organiser)**

## Denham's record

A record total of £1075 was raised by Denham cyclists taking part in the 2009 Suffolk Churches ride. Thank you to David Flowerdew, a regular cyclist for many years, who raised over £400, with much support from Liz and Derrick Gibson-Harries, Gordon Lacey, Sam and Jimmy

Edwards, David Braithwaite, Michael Reeves and Hilary Castleden.

Thank you to all who sponsored the cyclists and who helped in the church. Again thank you to the cyclists who all said that the wonderful weather helped them to enjoy the day. I hope we can count on you all again next year.

**Bingy**

## Ramblers' new route

The Rambling Section of Hoxne Garden and Social Cub centered on a new pub in October - the Woolpack at Debenham.

The weather was kind and we enjoyed a very scenic ramble along ancient green lanes and newly planted community woodland.

The November ramble was from an old favourite, the Buck Inn at Rumburgh. However we devised a new improved route of just over four miles. We will take our winter break and return on the fourth Thursday of February 2010 at Saxstead.

## Artistic activities

The Eye Arts Guild meets every Thursday morning at the Bowls Club in Eye during the winter months and at outdoor venues in summer. For anyone wishing to join this friendly group to develop their artistic skills, or to find out more about the group activities, please phone Diana on 01379 871566

# Pre-school part of national pilot

This term we have been learning about pets with Fluffy the hamster (in her cage) visiting Pre-school for a session. We have also heard about Divali - the Hindu festival of light - and about India. And the children have been enjoying regular yoga sessions learning new yoga positions like surfing or the crab.

Out in the garden we have even made our own snow scenes (I know it's a bit early but....). The children had a wonderful time at the *Princesses and Pirates* party held during the half term break. We had an enormous pumpkin - which we made into a lantern (see picture) - delivered by tractor and trailer by John Ball from Abbey Farm.

We sang *The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow* at a lovely Harvest Festival Service at Hoxne Church with the Primary school.

Some children will be moving on to Primary School at the end of term. They are Grace, Ethan and Ben. We wish them luck, but will see them on our school visits in the Spring half term. This term Samuel, Maisie and Amy have joined us and they are settling in well.

Were you aware that children, after the term in which they turn three, can get up to 12-and-a-half hours child care per week for free? There are no exclusions every child has a right to this funding. If you want to know more please contact Julie Sullivan our manager on 079108 331949 This year our Christmas fund raiser raffle first prize will be a Luxury Christmas Hamper

stuffed with Christmas Fayre. We will be selling tickets around the village again.

We have been invited to be involved in the second phase of a government pilot *Every Child a Talker*. We are very proud that we were chosen for this pilot which is a national early language and literacy initiative. The programme aims to improve practitioners' knowledge and understanding, enabling them to support the development of a child's speaking and listening skills and spot any children with problems at an early age.

We have also been invited to a performance of the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* at the Theatre in Bungay, a trip we are very much looking forward to.

Parents who attend Little Treasures on Wednesday (our group for babies and children up to five years old accompanied by a parent/carer) have been busy this term with a different craft activity each week. We would invite any parents/carers to drop in on a Wednesday between 10am -12noon term time - you will be made very welcome!



# HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

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This edition of the council's newsletter is focusing on the support we get from our local police force. After consultation Suffolk Police have been asked to address concerns expressed by local farmers regarding their vulnerability to burglary and theft offences, in addition to risk of Rave activity on farm premises in isolated locations. Police Community Support Officers have visited numerous farms, and distributed Farmwatch application packs and promoted the Police Direct Service. See below how to join.

A meeting was held on 23rd August with key opinion-formers within the MSN farming community, attended by representatives from the NFU. A new Farmwatch chairperson was appointed, and the NFU have invited the Safer Neighbourhood Team to provide regular input to monthly regional meetings, in addition to providing a police editorial in their magazine. A security marking programme has been developed whereby police will photograph vulnerable items of farm equipment and provide a master copy to the farmer, free of charge. The NFU have agreed to fund the cost of promotional CDs for this purpose. Suffolk Police have advised that we should not put out wheelie bins until the morning to try and prevent instances of vandalism/ arson to them.

## **Have you heard of Police Direct?**

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■ Crime reduction advice; ■ Updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team

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postcodes in total. This could be any of the following: home address; work address; address of a relative; a stable yard; a farm; an industrial site.

<https://policedirect.suffolk.police.uk/registration/> or telephone 01473 613997

■ Suffolk County Council still has Brome as a site to be considered for a waste disposal plant.

■ Low Street / Goldbrook Bridge road works. It is hoped that in December or January the road lay out will change to make the junction safer. There might be some disruption to traffic at that time.

## **Planning Issues**

■ The Anchorage, 5 Cross Street. Erection of garage and new pergola – permission granted.

■ Fir House, Green Street. Alteration to outbuilding to form residential annex – permission granted.

■ Plot adjacent to The Laurels, Cross Street. Erection of two, three bedroom houses – application withdrawn by applicant.

■ Abbey Farm, Abbey Hill. Conversion of redundant farm buildings to residential use using existing vehicular access. Application withdrawn.

■ Downbridge Farm, Oak Hill. Conversion of barn from store to dwelling. Division of

curtilage to barn and house to form garden and parking space for barn. Referred for approval by MSDC.

■Kingswood, Low Street. Cut down two cherry trees and cut back a hornbeam. Approval subject to Tree Officer Approval.

*Don't forget any planning issues can be looked up on the Mid Suffolk Website <http://planning.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/acolnetcgi.gov>*

*Parish Council next meets on December 7  
at 7.30pm at The Pavilion.  
All are welcome to attend the meetings.*

**Philip Flagg, chairman Hoxne Parish Council**  
**Tel: Hoxne 668258 email: [philip.flagg@btinternet.com](mailto:philip.flagg@btinternet.com)**

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## *Seaside special is a sell out*

As Hoxne Theatre Club could not get seats for the Thursford spectacular this year, we decided to visit the Cromer Seaside Christmas Special instead - and I am pleased to say it is a sell out and there is a waiting list.

On Thursday January 21 we have booked seats for the ballet at the Theatre Royal, Norwich and members should have received their invitations by now, postal strike permitting. It is the Moscow City Ballet Company and they are performing *Cinderella*. If you are interested, please get your slips and cheques in quickly.

No news of a London show yet but when Viv returns from 'down under', she will be making phone calls and as soon as we have details we will pass them onto you.

**Happy Christmas to all our members from Nigel, Viv and Doreen.**

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## **Hoxne Christmas trees...small to medium height.**

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# Goals galore - in both nets!

AFC Hoxne Football Club's 1st XI achieved its first league win of the season in a hard fought 1-0 home victory over Parkside (Ipswich) on September 12. The 2nd XI, on the same day, were thrashed 7-1 away by AFC Titans at Ipswich. September 19 saw plenty of goals, the 1st XI were beaten 6-1 at Bacton but the 2nd XI overwhelmed St Clement's Hospital Res (Ipswich) at home 8-2. The 1st XI bounced back on September 26 to beat Sporting 87 (Bury St Edmunds) 2-1 at home in the last minute. At the same time the 2nd XI fought back well from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at Elmswell Res. on October 3.

The 1st XI were then tonked 0-5 at home by Henley, but the 2nd XI gained a creditable point from a 1-1 draw at Old Newton A on October 10. The 1st XI lost 0-2 at Somersham, while the 2nd XI were beaten 4-2 at home by Trimley Red Devils Res.

In the 1st round of the Club Colours Cup the 1st XI were knocked out of the Junior Cup at the first hurdle, 4-3 at home by Redgrave after extra time. The same day the 2nd XI lost 4-1 away to league leaders Albion Mills Res of Ipswich. The 1st XI gave their best all-round performance of the season to score a superb 3-1 win at Claydon on October 24. On the same evening, the 2nd XI were at home to Haughley Utd Res in the second round of the Suffolk Primary Cup; we lost 4-1.

A hugely successful 'race' evening at St Edmund's Hall raised more than

£1,100 for club funds. Well done all.

October 31 saw the 1st XI at home to Bacton seeking revenge for that earlier 6-1 drubbing. However we were slaughtered 7-0. But I am pleased to report that after a disappointing October, results-wise, the 2nd XI ended it winning 7-5 away to high-riding Benhall Res.

Finally, on November 7, the 1st XI were away to league leaders Henley Athletic. We produced a terrific performance to deservedly pull off a last-minute 4-3 win. The 2nd XI lost 0-2 at home to Elmswell Reserves.

**Clive Baxter, President**



## Lucky winners

Thanks to everyone that has entered the lottery again this year. We can still squeeze in more, so if you feel you can participate please ring me on 669108.

Thanks to all the collectors too - this has definitely been a team effort and I really do appreciate it!

*Winners for September are:*

£20 - Sally Procner  
£15 - Gayle Fishwick  
£10 - Lesley Murphy

*and for October:*

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£15 - Edna Gooderham  
£10 - Keith Carter

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# NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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Main contacts for anyone who needs to get in touch with a member of the clergy are:

Hoxne – Brian Chester, Flaxfield, Witton's Lane tel: 01379 669157

Denham – Barbara Irwin, Reading Hall tel: 01379 870500

Syleham – Marion Minns, Paramoosh, Pink Cottage tel: 01379 669262

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

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## Times of worship • December - January 2010

### December 6

Syleham 11am Morning Prayer  
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion  
Wingfield 4pm Christingle

### December 13

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion  
Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

### December 14

Hoxne School Carol Service - 6.30pm

### December 20

Syleham 11am Carol Service  
Hoxne 11.15am Christingle  
Denham 3pm Carol Service  
Wingfield 4pm Carol Service

### December 21

Hoxne Carol Service - 7.30pm

### Christmas Eve

Hoxne 11.15pm Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

Syleham 9am Holy Communion  
Wingfield 10.15am Holy Communion  
Hoxne 10.30am Family Service and  
shortened Holy Communion

### December 27

Fressingfield 10am Benefice Service  
Syleham 10am Village Service  
Wingfield 11am Morning Prayer

### January 3

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion  
Syleham 11am Morning Prayer  
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

### January 10

Wingfield 10am Family Service  
Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

### January 17

Syleham 10am Holy Communion  
Wingfield 10am Family Service  
Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

### January 24

Hoxne 10am Family Service  
Syleham 10am Village Service  
Wingfield 11am Morning Prayer  
Denham 3pm Family Service

### January 31

Hoxne / Denham  
Benefice at Metfield 10am  
Wingfield 11am Family Communion

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**Week-day services with a focus on prayer are held at**

**Hoxne, second Tuesday at 9.30am; Denham on the third Tuesday at 9.30am;  
Wingfield on Mondays at 12noon; Syleham on Tuesdays at 12noon.**

**The Vicarage, 2 Tansy Meadow, Fressingfield,  
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Tel: 01379 586040 Email: susan.loxton@mypostoffice.co.uk

**December 2009**

**Dear Friends & Neighbours,**

As I write this, the shops are getting ready for the hoped for Christmas rush, the schools are practising their Christmas songs and I have begun to think about the Carol Services! There is an almost perceptible sigh that can be heard, “another year over...” and yet for the church it is the beginning of a new year.

The last Sunday in November was the start of Advent, the season of preparation and expectation; a time when Christians look forward not only to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ into the world, but also to the Second Coming, when Jesus will return in all his glory.

The Bible does not tell us exactly how this will be but it will mean that we are a step closer to the time when we shall be caught up with Him in heaven. And although we do not know precisely what heaven will be like, we are told it will be a place of joy and peace.

At the beginning of a new year there are two things I ask you to consider. Firstly, will you join with me in praying for peace in our world, and commit to doing all we can to bring peace around us?

Secondly, there was no room for the baby Jesus in the inn on that first Christmas Eve; will you make room in your heart for Him this Christmas time? Many of us will sing the words of the Carol *In the bleak mid-winter* at some point during the Christmas period. The last verse says: *What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can, I give Him: give my heart.*

Why not make it a reality this Christmas. I believe if you do you will be giving yourself the best present ever, and you'll be able to look forward to the New Year with anticipation.

*May the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
fill your hearts this Christmas time;  
And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen*

**Your Vicar, Susan**

**Revd Susan Loxton** (Tel: 01379 586040) is priest-in-charge of Denham, Fressingfield, Hoxne, Mendham, Metfield, Weybread and Withersdale

**Revd Fiona Newton** (Tel: 01986 798266) is priest-in-charge of Brundish, Cratfield, Laxfield, Syleham, Wilby and Wingfield and Rural Dean of the Hoxne Deanery

## St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

**Christmas Bazaar.** It's Hoxne Parish Church's Christmas Bazaar in St Edmund's Hall on Saturday December 5, starting at 2pm. An array of tempting festive fare will be on offer along with a visit by Father Christmas - with gifts for all the children - and a chance to relax over home-made cakes and a cup of tea. Following last year's successful Christmas Hat Parade, entries of festively bedecked millinery are again invited from all ages. The event will be opened by Revd Susan Loxton who will also pick the 'top hats'.

**Christmas Midnight.** For the first time for several years a Midnight Holy Communion will be held at Hoxne Parish Church on Christmas Eve. The service will be taken by the Revd Susan Loxton and begin at 11.15pm. A family service is planned for Christmas Day beginning at 10.30am and followed by a shortened Holy Communion. St Edmund's Primary School, Hoxne, is to hold its Carol Service in the church on Monday December 14 at 6.30pm; the following Monday (Dec 21) the Village Carol Service takes place at St Peter and St Paul's at 7.30pm. Susan will also be taking this year's Family Christingle Service which is on Sunday December 20 at 11.15am.

**The Friends of St Peter and St Paul** have held two very successful social coffee mornings in the church. These take place on the fourth Saturday in the month (except December) between 10am and 11.30am. Bring and Buy, Raffle and Book sale. All are welcome. Fifty three people sat down to a very good Harvest Lunch on Sunday October 4. A profit of £158 was made. Many thanks to all who supplied and served the food and to all who sup-

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ported this event. Don't forget that the Friends have dinner plates, pudding plates, cups and saucers and cutlery for hire. Ring 01379 740821. John Chapman, Chairman.

**Church flowers.** There are no flowers in church during Advent. The Christmas rota will be sent out at the end of November.

*January 10 and 17*

Altar - Isabel Draper.

Porch - Cathie McGregor.

*January 24 and 31*

Altar - Sarah Buckley.

Porch - Eleanor Hart.

If you would be interested in joining the team of flower arrangers please contact Cathie McGregor on 01379 668434.

**Mothers Union.** Meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 2pm at Time House, Low Street.

Monday December 14.

*The Christmas story and festive tea.*

Monday January 18.

*Annual General Meeting.*

We are an active, friendly group and new members are always welcomed. Cathie McGregor - 01379 668434.

**Daphne decides to 'stop'.** After many years of faithful and tuneful service Mrs Daphne Banham will be pushing in the stops as the regular organist at Hoxne Parish Church at the end of December. All who worship at the church are immensely grateful to Mrs Banham who in addition to Sunday services has always been ready to help at weddings and funerals. The Parochial Church Council now faces the challenge of finding a new regular organist. Brian Chester of 669157 would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help.



## St John, Denham

At St John's we are looking forward to our Carol Service which will be at 3pm on December 20 this year.

2010 promises to be an important year in the recent history of our church building, as the architects are currently seeking tenders for the repairs which will take place in the spring.

The stage one investigations which took place in the summer not only revealed how the building needs to be repaired, but also answered some of the questions about the building's history. A conservator was present at the investigations, and his report also sheds light on the previous configurations of this ancient church.

The Friends of Denham Church continues to organise social events, raising funds locally towards these building repairs, while the PCC are trying to secure further offers of grants to supplement those pledged by English Heritage and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Susan Stone from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust has been giving us advice on churchyard management, with the plan to encourage the wildlife in the churchyard as well as making the grave stones more accessible to visitors researching their family history.

In 2010 we will have Family Services at 3pm on January 24 and February 28.

## St Margaret, Syleham

**Harvest Festival Thanks.** The church looked extra-special this year and the porch - thank you to all who decorated, gave produce and bought produce after the service; the collection and sale of produce is enabling us to send £300 to Water Aid - a super result.

**Harvest Supper Thanks.** The hall was decorated with appropriate foliage and the table laid for 60 guests, who enjoyed a hot supper and apple pies provided by many people in the village and the PCC. Entertainment of Clog Dancing, Clarinet, Guitar and readings, what a talented bunch you all are. Thank you all. We raised £525 for church funds. More importantly it brought the village community together.

### **Cycle Ride for Historic Churches.**

Thank you to Gloria and Levi who rode the lanes and collected £244 as a result - half going to Syleham Church. Gloria and Levi would like to say thank you to all the people who supported them. Well done.

**Christmas Carol Service.** December 20th, we will be joined by Adrian Knott

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and his choir so it will be special; do try to join us, mince pies and coffee to follow. Flower arrangers please note Saturday December 19 the church will be open for decoration.

**Church Helpers.** We are very grateful to Terry Ogden who has cleaned the woodwork on our lovely organ and applied linseed oil, it now looks fabulous, thank you Terry. Also weeds in our paths and foliage around the church have been tackled by Wally this year; he has done such a good job. Thank you Wally. And of course Mr John Antrim has been hacking and cutting our conservation area; he cares so much for the wildlife, flora and fauna. Thank you John. The garden at the Cross and notice board have been lovingly tended by Mr Frank Pryce. Lots of people stop and read what's written there, it is a quiet haven. Thank you Mr Pryce.

**Our New Curate.** Revd Lorraine Dawson is taking part in some of our services, assisting Fiona. We welcome her and wish her well in her move to the benefice. Revd Ron Oram has taken several of our services lately he and his wife Lynn are most welcome in our church. On Sunday November 8 in Syleham Church a short service of Poppy Wreath Remembrance was held, we have not had this service of late so it was very pleasing to hold it there again.

## St Andrew, Wingfield

Wingfield raised the excellent sum of £676.00 from the Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride. Many thanks to the parish organiser, Tommy Gee, who is now retiring from the post and will be a hard act to follow; and also to Paul Garton who has been the deanery organiser and is likewise retiring.

**The Craft Fair** raised £522.80 for church funds and we are very grateful to Julie Thompson and Dawn Smith for all their hard work.

**A car treasure hunt** organised by Graham Redelsperger was an enjoyable afternoon outing and raised £56.

**Most recently,** a coffee (and cake!) morning at St Andrew's on Thursday October 29 was a great success, with 29 people attending. It has been decided to hold a coffee morning monthly.

**Our Christingle Service** this year will be on Sunday December 6 at 4pm and our Carols by Candlelight will be on Sunday December 20, also at 4pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the College, by kind invitation of Jane and Peter. Christmas Day service will be Holy Communion at 10.15am.

**On January 31,** Wingfield will host a benefice service to celebrate Christ's Presentation in the Temple, and we hope to put on one of our drama performances – a treat to look forward to!

**Archdeacon Judy Hunt** will be the speaker at a Lent Supper on Monday March 1. The speaker at the second Lent Supper will be the Revd David Streeter, Rector of Stradbroke.

■ **On Sunday evenings** in December a group to explore the Christian faith and its implications will meet from 8pm-9.15pm at The Maltings (on the road from Wingfield to Weybread), Bleach Green, Wingfield. A group for those who are bereaved meets at Laxfield Vicarage on Wednesday, December 23, 4pm - 5.15pm. Contact Revd Fiona Newton for details of both meetings - 01986 798266.

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# Amici has date at Festival Hall

Amici, the small chamber choir which has performed in several of our local churches, is giving three concerts in December and then two in April/May 2010. It is a Syleham based choir and we are always delighted to have local people to support us. On Sunday 13th December they are singing in the Charles Clore Ballroom of the Royal Festival Hall from 1.30pm – 2.20pm. If you fancy a day in London at the South Bank it would be great to see you at the concert! Here are the details of forthcoming events:

- Sunday 6th December: Aldringham Church at 5pm
- Sunday 13th December: Festival Hall, London at 1.30pm
- Sunday 20th December: Syleham Church: Carol Service at 11am
- Saturday 17th April: Fisher Theatre, Bungay at 7.30pm
- Sunday 30th May: Holy Trinity, Blythburgh at 7.30pm

■ Father Christmas at Hoxne...It will soon be time to start wrapping up those presents and taking them to Hoxne Post Office or the Claret Offices at Abbey Farm where they will be delivered to the man in red with the white beard who will again be knocking on our doors on Christmas morning, and that right early! It's an experience not to be missed - use the form below to give Santa the details.

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# DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Ray Keeble

## **Planning**

There were no new applications at the time of writing 2698/09 Reading Hall. Denham Corner (Single storey side extension to form garden room replacing existing conservatory)

Consent granted by MSDC. (Councillors considered the proposals to be in keeping with the scale and appearance of the main historic structure, with no adverse impact on neighbouring amenity. Approval was recommended.)

## **Village Web Site**

We are pleased to report that thanks to the initiative of Councillor Blandford on behalf of the Council the initial steps in establishing a village web site are near complete. It is intended that when fully operational the site will have a number of sections for local history, the church, community activities and news as well as for the Parish Council (including minutes).

## **Community Achievement Award**

As anticipated in the previous edition, Mr James Mutton has received his well deserved Community Achievement Award. Councillors Lisa Finch, Margaret Reeves, and Ray Keeble were delighted to attend the presentation ceremony at the Cedars Hotel, and to be able to offer their personal congratulations

## **Broadwater Mouldings**

Residents will have seen that work on the site continues. The Parish Council expects to be consulted in the event that a planning application is submitted on behalf of a prospective future user.

## **Meeting Cancelled**

It is regretted that the scheduled September meeting had to be cancelled due to illness and no suitable alternative date was available.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was held on Wednesday 25th November at 19.30 in the Village Hall

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# Gardeners plan Christmas social

At the September meeting of the Wingfield and District Gardening Club, a professional garden designer, Luke Heydon, explained how to design a garden from scratch, or to modify an existing design.

On October 28 a very entertaining talk (with slides) by rose enthusiast John Harvey, was given to a packed meeting. The November 25 meeting at 7.30pm in the De la Pole Arms, announced in the last VV issue, was a demonstration of seasonal wreath-making (a 'wreath' lecture, sorry!). Our Christmas Social Event will be on December 16 at the De la Pole Arms from 7.30pm onwards. Come and join the club. Absolute beginners or fanatical horticulturalists are all equally welcome. We meet in the De la Pole Arms in Wingfield, usually the last Wednesday in the month, at 7.30. For further details 'phone 384259 or 384525.

**Graham Redelsperger (Chairman)**

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## Wayne's

### ■gardening tips

**December** – Now is the best time to pull off all dried -up hosta leaves from the crowns. Protect your herbs by bringing potted herbs, such as parsley, chives and mint under cover for the winter. Cut down the fruited canes from autumn raspberries and blackberries,

**January** – Give potted strawberries some protection in a greenhouse so that they will be earlier flowering and fruiting. Top up on fuel for cold nights, do it every evening. Finish taking hardwood cuttings from shrubs, trees and roses.

Did you know that pears are good for babies and children as they have a low allergy rating and are also a great source of fibre.

*Happy Christmas and have a good party season.*

**Wayne Page**

*PS: Thank you to all those who sponsor me on my walks for Cancer Research and the Children's Hospice, organised by St Matthew's Hostel at Diss.*

## Wingfield walks are open to all

Join us on a gentle 40-minute to one-hour ramble on the local footpaths and walks around Wingfield. We run a local group and everyone is welcome to join, including children in the school holidays. We meet at 12 Castle Crescent at 10.30am on Tuesdays and there will be refreshments afterwards. We are open to suggestions for other start/finish locations on footpaths and local routes. It's free and there is no regular commitment, just join us when you can. We have a Christmas lunch at a local pub and run a social fund for those members who wish to take part, paying £1 a week towards the lunch when they attend the weekly walks.

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*"I have two doctors, my left leg and my right."*  
George Trevelyan, 1913

**Rosemary Elliott and Sharon Clements**

# SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Mr J Leader

**Syleham Parish Plan** – The Parish Council has adopted the Parish Plan and will be considering at its next meeting issues on which it needs to take a lead. The steering group completed its work on the Plan by organising an ‘action launch’ which was held on Saturday 31st October. Attendance was good and a number of local organisations and groups were represented.

There was particular interest in environmental, countryside and wildlife issues: organisations such as Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the Upper Waveney Valley Countryside Partnership and Suffolk Climate Change Partnership are offering active support and a working party is already being formed to investigate renewable sources of energy. Wingfield & District Gardening Club recruited some new members, a Craft Club is being formed and there is interest in a Local History Group. A Good Neighbour Scheme is another possibility and a working party will be looking into this idea. St Margaret’s Church was represented and Revd Lorraine Dawson, the new curate, attended in support.

**Mid Suffolk Messenger** – The District Council has sought help with local distribution of its annual magazine and Syleham is one of a number of parish councils which have agreed to undertake this role. We shall therefore be able to ensure that every household in the parish receives its copy.

**Age Concern** – Mrs Elsdon has identified two items of interest for this issue and we hope to publicise others in future.

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# WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

*Chairman: Michael Harvey*

## **Planning**

1242/09 Saviours Barn, Wingfield Green (Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to one dwelling). The Parish Council considered further revised proposals for access and decided to recommend approval subject to conditions to protect the boundaries adjoining the Green. The revised application was subsequently approved by MSDC with extensive conditions.

2590/09 and 2829/09 Wingfield Barns (2590: Change of use: proposed uses for the great barn, four studios, admin block, granary, car park and grounds. 2829: discharge of planning obligations created by Section 106 agreement of July 1998 between MSDC and Wingfield Arts and attached to application 108/1996). The proposed uses were in line with earlier discussions related to the licence, with the relevant constraints (primarily noise, opening hours) incorporated, and were readily accepted. The Council voted unanimously to recommend that the applications be granted. However consent should be subject to some conditions concerning proposed access arrangements (with regard to which little detail is provided). In particular, a preferred local access route should be specified in the planning conditions. As previously required this should be included in the publicity material issued. For safety reasons the route should not include use of Low Road (from which direction the left turn for coaches etc would be prohibitively tight). Councillors considered that the preferred approach should be via Vicarage Road into Church Road.

## **The Green**

### *Improvement*

At the Parish Council meeting in September the new signs were welcomed. This was followed by a very positive discussion concerning the condition of the Green and a number of ideas were put forward as to how it might be improved. Amongst these, there was support for community participation in a rolling programme of cutting and improvement taking each area of the Green in turn over the next few years. Cllr Lee Smith offered to make a start on the west side.

### *Cattle Grids*

County Councillor Guy McGregor was thanked for his suggestion that County funding could be available to enable three grids to be installed at the respective approaches to the Green. However most of those speaking were opposed feeling that this approach would be of limited value and could be counterproductive given current usage patterns and mix of animals. The Council accepted the prevailing view on his proposal and decided not to pursue this option. However Mr McGregor's assurance that some part of the funding could be made available for other suitable community initiatives benefiting the village was welcomed.

## **Road Safety**

The Council will develop detailed proposals for extension of the areas in the village covered by 30mph speed restrictions, to be submitted to the County in the New Year. Also, with a view to improving road safety, representations have been made about sight lines on road bends and junctions, which are restricted by hedges, and also about parking provision and arrangements especially in Vicarage Road.

## **Community Woodland**

The Parish Council was pleased to offer its formal endorsement and support for the proposed Abbey Wood community woodland project. This will involve the planting of many hundreds of trees over the coming seasons with appropriate public access ►►

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via existing footpaths. Securely established for the future, with a pond and other initiatives to promote plant and animal life, this will be a truly green addition to the village's environmental and educational resources benefiting all ages, which will be funded by private donation and grant aide. Further updates will be included in future editions

### Next Meeting

***The next meeting of the Council will be on December 2nd.***

**For further information: please contact David Jenvey, Clerk (01379 388184)**

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## *Let's hear it for communication...*

Wingfield cyclists for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust once again enjoyed a glorious summer ride and raised the magnificent sum of £676 from supporters to whom we are most grateful. There were two quite young cyclists in our party who not only reached the Cratfield Poacher for a fish and chip lunch, but also cycled all the way home to Wingfield.

We have had local mishaps recently: a collision on the blind T-junction where Low Road joins Top Road; another at the timbered Goulders Farmhouse said to be the oldest in the village, where a car finished up inside a downstairs room; and a fall by Bea, on her farewell visit to church following the sale of Old School.

The Parish Council has declined an offer to install cattle grids on the Green linked to the proposed ban on tethering. The ensuing discussion has led to offers with maintenance.

The Village Plan has stimulated some new activities: a gardening club, and a local history group. Wingfield Barns' programme flourishes, and a regular coffee morning has started up at back of the church. The pub is busy too. The search continues for a site for a play area. It is hoped to plant a community woodland in the parish.

Our community depends on communication. Mums do it outside the school and dads do it at work and in the pub. Some of us do it after church or at events in the

Barns or village hall.

Our fishman, postman and milkman help spread news.

But nowadays BBC, newspapers still, email and mobiles are the main vehicles

for words, spoken or written. The red post van is still around though mostly delivering junk mail.

We administrators were brought up on Sir Ernest Gowers' *Plain Words* the 1948 classic guide to words and how to use them. And the struggle to control language persists. Thus the Local Government Association has urged councils to cut out 200 jargon words ('do' not 'actioned'). Lawyers persist in talking to themselves and not their clients (customers?). Plantsmen seem to prefer Latin names. Not all our clergy use everyday language.

An Oxford professor visited us in Papua New Guinea to study at first hand the formation of language – new words were being created for such as the helicopter. She explained that, as the French have discovered, language cannot be controlled and that it is ordinary people who decide spontaneously on how they speak or communicate. 'Over and out'.

A  
*word from*  
Wingfield

TG

# By pedal power to Paris...

In late July of this year five members of the Hoxne & District Cycling Club embarked on another adventure, riding unsupported from London to Paris in three days.

Each rider rode for their own chosen charity, including the British Heart Foundation, the Anthony Nolan Trust and St Dunstons. And to date we hope to have raised around £2000.

The ride as planned required us to cover approx 100 miles a day, with no support vehicle, and carrying a few essential items of clothes, tools and provisions, hopefully reaching Paris on Saturday evening. We would then watch the Tour de France arrive on the Sunday before returning via Eurostar on the Monday.

Our first day took us from Hoxne to Diss to catch the 5.30am train to London. We rode along the South embankment to Dartford, then through Kent (along the old A2) as far as Canterbury, turning south to Dover and crossing the Channel via ferry to reach Calais. The Kentish hills looked picturesque as we approached, but were not really appreciated at the end of a hot summer's day in the saddle. We arrived in Calais unscathed, quite hungry and sat down (carefully) for dinner at 9pm local time.

Day 2 was going to be our longest day, and to everyone's horror, it started with a strong headwind coupled with a 600ft climb as we headed south from Calais. The first thing you do notice when cycling in France is how good the roads are, they simply don't put gas/electric/telephone or sewers under any of them, and so you don't spend all day swerving to avoid holes! It helped our progress. By late afternoon Mark's bike had developed a rather interesting wobble on the back wheel, and on closer inspection we were going to

need help with some new spokes or a new wheel. To his credit, and despite the wheel now rubbing against the rear forks acting as a brake, he made it to Amien and our hotel. Exhausted we ate and drank.. we would worry about the wheel in the morning. Sleep!

Day 3, First find the phrase book and then find the bike shop! By 9am we had found both, only to discover that it was 'Fermé', ugh. So while muttering to ourselves and facing the prospect of losing our first rider, a window above opened, closely followed by the shutters... the Monsieur was going to open his shop for us. More muttering followed as he explained that while he did have some suitable spare spokes, he did not have the right tool needed to tighten them and in turn straighten the wheel... but he knew a man that did! . So two hours later, the bike was good to go and Paris beckoned. Then our French "Good Samaritan" refused to take payment for his work.

It was now late, so the route was amended and main roads would now be the order of the day to make up time. Hard pedalling ate up the miles quickly but early afternoon saw problems with Roger's chain and with 50 miles still to go we had to leave him at a railway station with half a promise that we would try and find him the bits he needed. One hour later Roger stepped off the train in Creil, still 30 miles to go but he would make the finish. We finally repaired the bike using Simon's nail clippers...don't ask!

Our ride into Paris that evening before the Tour de France 'circus' arrived - wearing our team shirts and all feeling tired but elated - will live with me for many years. Shouts of 'Allez! Allez!' from passers-by made us forget our tired legs and sore limbs...we had enjoyed our own ►►

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## Welcome to Mick Glynn's Health and Fitness Column

### *The Lazy Guide to super health*

**Let's be clear about this**, when it comes to nutritional super health, there's no substitute for the real thing. However, a study published recently found that most Britons are too lazy to even wash a lettuce and instead are opting for 'ready to eat' bagged salads in a bid to get their five-a-day (often blissfully ignorant of the fact that such products can contain levels of chlorine far higher than the average swimming pool). Even those amongst us who are happy to prepare our own mixed leaves of an evening would probably have to admit to days when 'convenience' outweighs 'nutritional value', as well as moments when doing the right thing is simply less palatable than the alternative; so, whether you're time-poor or kitchen phobic, here are a few ways to get the good stuff down you with barely any effort at all.

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# *Names from the past...*

**In this article, Stephen Govier  
walks down Witton's Lane, Hoxne**

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Witton's Lane in Heckfield Green, Hoxne takes its name from the Witton family who lived at Red House Farm. Older residents will remember the lane being called Granny Miles's Lane after old Mrs Miles, who lived in the small cottage past the farmhouse. I am not sure if the lady in question was Harriet Miles [b.1867] who was the wife of Michael Miles [b.1870] who was a horseman or Eleanor Miles [b.1870] the wife of George Miles [b.1869] the thatcher.

On an old plan I have, this lane was called Townlands Lane and the fields around the green were used to heckle flax to be processed for making rough linen at Hoxne and Syleham water-mills.

Amos Witton - b.1830 in Denham - farmed 40 acres at Red House Farm with his wife Charlotte [b.1827] who was from Wingfield. They had three children and the whole family survived well into their eighties. Amos was 86 when he died, Charlotte, 89; John, 85; Elizabeth, 88 and Mary Ann, 86. Their son John worked on the farm and their daughter Mary Ann was employed as a school teacher.

In 1881 Amos Witton was listed as a farmer and carrier, taking his cart to Diss on Tuesdays and Fridays. He would stable his horse and cart at The Greyhound in St Nicholas Street, which was reputedly the town house

of the Dukes of Norfolk between Kenninghall Palace and Dukes Palace in Norwich.

This 17th century building was occupied by Joseph Copsey during the 1870s and Timothy Madgett during the 1880s, being followed by William Rayner who was the landlord here during the late 1880s into the early 1900s.

Amos Witton employed two men on his farm along with John. During the 1930s John Witton was listed as a smallholder at Heckfield Green and no carrier business is mentioned.

If anyone has come across an old copy of the East Anglian Magazine then you may have seen the articles written by Leslie Henry Norman, the eldest son of Henry Norman the former headmaster at Hoxne Primary School. These articles are written partly in Suffolk dialect and mention is made to Ferret Witton and Witton's Meadows.

Most recently, Orwell Housing Association has begun to build a group of low cost homes on part of the meadow which had belonged to the Witton family and then the Butler family who subsequently bought the property.

In 1952 Frank Butler, his wife Florence and their children Major and Frank (junior) resided in the Red House (also known as Witton's Farm)

and at that time Witton's Lane was just called The Lane.

The name change to Witton's Lane came in 2004 after a visit to the Red House by the Ordnance Survey while it was the home of Brian and Sallie Chester (1976 to 2005). The Chesters now live next to the Red House at Flaxfield.

In the derelict outbuildings within the meadow an old carrier's cart (pictured right) was rediscovered belonging to Amos Witton, which is in need of sympathetic restoration and will hopefully be carried out within the village.

The Norfolk Archaeological Unit has also excavated this site before the foundations for the new dwellings were dug; this work took place during the summer.



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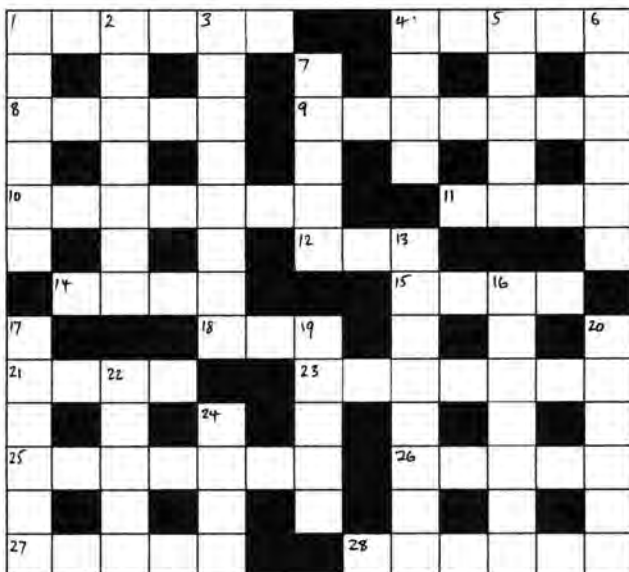
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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 73**

The prize for the first correct solution opened to crossword puzzle No. 72 went to Greta Cattermole of St Edmunds House, Hoxne. The solution appears below.



**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 1 Priest undid strap with love (6)
- 4 Up anchor, assess mass (5)
- 8 Italian city's shroud (5)
- 9 Company soils damaged statues (7)
- 10 Most favourable, one mother follows choice (7)
- 11 Gardener's enemy in weekend, oddly (4)
- 12 Youngster in coppy pen (3)
- 14 So let it be the last word (4)
- 15 Regret holding 5 hundred for being impolite (4)
- 18 Root, dance or washer (3)
- 21 Case of Hello! Body odour of tramp? (4)
- 23 Thing added in road junction (7)
- 25 Sir, rising above nasty bile? Laughable (7)
- 26 Stunned to see adze broken by old penny (5)
- 27 Heats made difference to speed (5)
- 28 Incline to loveless sounding pair in shed (4,2)

- 1 Monty's snake (6)
- 2 Layer damaged must contain rat (7)
- 3 Title in badly torn decoration (8)
- 4 Shakespeare's testament? (4)
- 5 Is girl an offspring? (5)
- 6 Afro Mohican crew, or bob (4,2)
- 7 Scampi without one rogue (5)
- 13 Drug in broken jeep is condemned unheard (8)
- 16 Inhabitant to study one branch of Buddhism (7)
- 17 Catch urchin hiding in place of worship (6)
- 19 Head north for Communion plate (5)
- 20 Workroom from boss I love (6)
- 22 Low singer with one foundation (5)
- 24 French priest in rehab being cured (4)

**SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 72**

P	R	U	B	E	N	T		S	H	E	L	L		
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N	A	K	E	D		R	U	C	T	I	O	N		
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- B Spend half a day looking for a parking place to get near the shops in town.
- C Fight with the crowds on a dark wet night to find most of the items you want have sold out.
- D Have a leisurely stroll down to **your local shop** to pick up your **pre-ordered quality local Christmas fair**. All your bread, meat, fruit, veg and now even **alcohol** conveniently gathered together in one place and one payment.

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