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COMMUNITY NEWS

Editorial

Politics and Polymaths

Well there, another General Election done with; for once more interesting than watching a hippopotamus gestate. But, in the great scheme of things, does it actually make a difference? This millisecond on the clock of eternity will soon vanish into the ether. Much as we like to think that human endeavour shapes destiny, it is only one word in many volumes.

Aged seven, I was sent away to boarding school in the leafy Chiltern Hills. I well remember that first homesick night – a strange bed, unknown companions and matron's strict injunction, 'No talking after lights out!' There were six of us in the dorm. A brief, dark silence was interrupted by the appearance of the headmaster. 'Up! I want you all in my study.' Fearfully, we followed wondering what transgression on our first day could have evoked such a command. We were placed, in a semi-circle, facing the French windows. W.O., for that is how this paterfamilias was known, settled himself comfortably amid the squatting, apprehensive group. 'Right, look outside. What do you see?' One of us timidly proffered a response, 'The garden?' 'Good, and beyond the garden?' No-one answered. 'Well, look upwards.' We peered up at a twinkling canopy of stars. 'Each one of those pinpoints of light contains other worlds, some possibly not unlike ours, a long way away.' 'Further than Australia, Sir?'

Right on cue, the school cat whose name was Bismarck (W.O. had been a frigate commander in WWII) wandered through the French windows and he scooped up the lumbering feline. 'Infinitely further. But I don't suppose you know too much about infinity; perhaps Bismarck can help us. Think of it like this. This room, the Earth and all those stars are merely atoms floating about inside a great cat which is sitting on another lap on another Earth which, in turn, is just another atom floating about inside an even greater cat – and so on, forever. And Bismarck? Inside Bismarck there is another atom floating about among billions of others that is home to another lap couching a purring cat. That's infinity.'

W.O. was a mathematician and an engineer, so what came next was not expected. 'More remarkable than any of this is that the creator of infinity still has time to know who you are. Now, back to bed before matron catches us!'

Pulling strange bedclothes up round our necks, heads full of cats and atoms, we slipped gently into sleep without so much as a whimper.

The concept of creation or evolution is awesome. It puts our little efforts into perspective, but thanks to a good polymath, and Bismarck, perhaps our brief appearance is not so insignificant after all. So keep trying, it may yet make a difference.

JB



A flying legend - the B17 Flying Fortress - passes low over Horham airfield, wartime base of the 95th Bomb Group, during an open day organised by the Red Feather Club in May. Picture: Richard Flagg.

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Diary dates

Thursday June 3

Piano workshop - Wingfield Church

Friday June 4

Ruby and Her Horses - St Edmund's Hall

Saturday June 12

St Edmund's Primary School Summer Fair -

Hoxne Playingfield

Hoxne Parish Plan - St Edmund's Hall

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall

Vix and the Kicks - Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Sunday June 13

Tyburn Quartet - Wingfield Barns

Hoxne Bowls Club quiz - Bowls Pavilion

Friday June 18

HSA Quiz - Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall

Saturday June 19

Hoxne Church Fete - Abbey Farm

Sunday June 20

Animal Service - Wingfield Church

Saturday June 26

St Edmund's Pre-school open day -

St Edmund's Hall

Syleham Church Summer Lunch - Monks Hall

Saturday July 3

RBL summer fete - Old Vicarage, Hoxne

Saturday July 3 and Sunday July 4

Wingfield Open Gardens

Final summer concert - Wingfield Barns

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Saturday July 10

Artisan Market - St Edmund's Hall

Family BBQ - Syleham and Wingfield

Village Hall

Friends of Denham Church - Barn Dance

Wednesday July 14

Police liaison meeting - St Edmund's Hall

Friday July 16

Castleton Brass Band - Hoxne Parish Church

Saturday July 24

Fund raising coffee morning - Syleham and

Wingfield Village Hall

Saturday September 4

Hoxne Flower and Produce Show -

St Edmund's Hall

Sunday September 12

HSA clay pigeon shoot - Oakley Park

For St Edmund's Hall bookings

call Andy Bull 668273 for

Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion

ring Gail Jackson 668186.

For Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall,

call Joyce Revell on 668102 .



Open Farm Sunday

June 13, 11.30am to 5pm at Shotford Hall Farm, Harleston.

Visit our farm on Open Farm Sunday for a day of fun and discovery. Meet and touch the animals (milking from 2pm to 4pm, sheep shearing, chickens and hatching chicks), take a close look at the farm machinery, enjoy a tractor and trailer tour, take a leisurely riverside walk, meet some food producers and find out where your food comes from. Free entry for everyone.

Refreshments available – hog roast, cream teas, coffee/tea.

For more information, contact Tim Lewis on 07767 708106.

What's On at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Saturday 12th June

Music by 'Vix and the Kicks' also supported by 'Dusty Soup'. £5 non members and £3 members and Under 16s. 1st July - subscription to Social club due. Saturday 10th July - Family Summer BBQ. Saturday 24th July - Coffee morning in aid of Senior Citizens Christmas meal fund raising

We would also like to take this opportunity to say with regret the Harvest Supper and Family Christmas Party will not be taking place in 2010. Support for this in 2009 was noticeably reduced. If anyone has any ideas for a community event, please let one of the committee members know. **Joyce Revell - 668102**

Hoxne's Church Fete will be another 'smashing affair' with a list of attractions including a repeat of last year's popular china breaking booth – and an opportunity to view the village from a lofty perch! The fete will be in

OUT AND ABOUT...

the attractive country-house gardens of Abbey Farm where the atmosphere of this traditional event will be captured to the full. Planned for Saturday June 19, the fete will open at 2pm. Victoria Williams on tel 668475 will be happy to collect items for the toy stall; Nena Drake has cakes in mind (668835) or call Brian Chester (669157) or John Ball (668222) with offerings for other stalls or ideas.

The Friends of Denham Church

raised more than £6,400 from membership fees, donations and fundraising activities in its first full year. New rules introduced by the Charity Commission, however, are posing problems to the group's aim of applying for charity status. Chairman Andrew Castleden reported to the annual meeting that discussions would take place with Denham Parochial Church Council to decide if the Friends could become a sub-committee of the PCC.

Mr Castleden was re-elected as chairman with George Thompson, secretary; Catherine Lawrie, treasurer; David Braithwaite, Lisa Finch, Jane Easey, Jeanette Lacey and Gordon Lacey members of the committee.

Wingfield's Animal Service takes place at 10am on Sunday 20 June at Wingfield Church. All creatures great and small will be welcome!

■ **Letters to the editor are an important part of Village Voice. Write to: Village Voice, Flaxfield, Witton's Lane, Hoxne, Eye, Suffolk IP21 5AE. Please note - letters may be edited.**



Corner Farm, Hoxne went back in time when thatcher Graham Borrill set the cogs rolling on an ancient threshing machine to prepare the straw he needs for his traditional craft. Top - machine in action; left - team of helpers with Graham and below the classic tractor used to power the equipment.

Hoxne Parish Plan Public Event

Following the Village Questionnaire that you completed last year, draft reports have now been printed and incorporate proposed Action Points for your Parish Council to implement.

Please come and see the draft report on:

Saturday June 12

In the Lounge

St. Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne

Between 10am to 2pm

The Parish Plan Steering Group would invite your confirmation of the action points proposed, and your views on their relative priority so that Parish Council know which are the most pressing. The final report will then be published. Do please call in to see the results of the questionnaire and to give us your views.

Alan Smith - Steve Hickman - Jenny Knights - Michael Knights

The event is planned to coincide with the

Artisan Market

In the Main Hall

Where you can buy

fresh vegetables, meat and eggs,

plants, preserves, furniture, crafts and art.

Cafe



Woodland shows a Spring flourish

The woodland and wildflower meadow at Pound Lane Wood are flourishing, with the meadow sprinkled with cowslips, and the ox-eyed daisies and the purple clover in flower. Blossom has shown on the fruit trees and the woodland trees are all in leaf. The water level in the pond is currently giving some concern, but otherwise this community woodland is a much used open space.

The wire fencing, erected to protect the young trees from rabbits, provides a safe enclosed environment for young children and dogs.

On April 24 the New Reeding Woods Group held its annual meeting at the Red Feather Club, Horham. The chairman's review of the year was followed by a guided walk around Redlingfield Wood.

The group will once again have a working exhibit at the Horham Bygones Rally on June 12, where their woodworking skills will be on display. Rustic garden stools and benches will be made to order during the day, and repairs to old stools undertaken. Willow weaving skills will be demonstrated with garden obelisks for sale. Last year the group won a prize as the best working display at the rally, so everyone will be hoping to equal the 2009 efforts.

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Phoenix out to discover wartime secrets

Those Phoenix Ladies are on the move again. This time to the highly-secret World War II code-cracking centre at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire on Thursday June 10. The price is £35 per person which includes coach and admission, coffee, lunch and tea, and a good day out. If you are interested please ring Mrs Bradford on 01379 668551 for more details.

On Thursday April 29 we were invited to visit the Red Feather Club where we saw a slide show and heard the history of the 95th Bomb Group who were stationed at Horham Airfield during the war. It was home to 3,000 airman and civilians, a complete town built in the Suffolk countryside.

Our June speaker is Mr Trevor

Freeborn telling us about the Talking Newspaper for the blind and the partially sighted and in July we have Mike Hardy talking about archaeological finds in Hoxne.

Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the lounge of St Edmund's Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at £2 per head.

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Friends keep the funds flowing

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne took place in Hoxne Church on Thursday May 6.

The chairman outlined the events of the past year which included a Tree Talk; photographic exhibition; the annual harvest lunch; family quiz; and regular monthly coffee mornings in the church.

Financially we achieved a reasonable result. Although our membership was down a little and our interest on the investment account was very poor, we still managed to make a profit £3230.

This was helped by a bequest of £1000 under the will of Mrs Ada Sheffield who died last year. We also have a regular yearly donation of £100 paid by a member of the Church.

On behalf of the committee I would like to say thank you to all who have supported us in the past year.

Officers elected at the meeting were: John Chapman, chairman; Margaret Brawn, secretary; Margaret Knights, membership secretary, Former chairman Brian Chester was proposed as president.

The Friends are urgently seeking a new treasurer; for more details please

ring the chairman on 01379 740821.

To start our 2010/11 year we held an Art Exhibition and Sale plus Craft stalls in the Church over the early May Bank holiday. A total of £700 was raised by the sale of paintings which delighted some of the artists. Those who had craft stalls were also very pleased with the result. The excellent refreshments throughout the two days helped us to make a profit of £419.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your work and support.

Our next event will be in St Edmund's Hall on Friday June 4 and that is Ruby and her Horses in story-song-and screen, set against the hardship of the agricultural depression. Tickets are £5 for members of the Friends and £6 for non members. Then on Friday July 16 we will have the Castleton Brass Band performing in the Church (£7/£8).

To book tickets for either of the above please ring John Chapman on 01379 740821 or Margaret Brawn on 01379 668352. October 10 is the Annual Harvest Lunch in St Edmund's Hall and November 20 the Family Quiz.

John Chapman (chairman)

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Hoxne Bowls Club - Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 12th June, 7pm for 7.30pm start - at the Bowls Pavilion.

A fun quiz night with tables of four (maximum).

Entrance by ticket at £3.50 per person, including light refreshments.

Bar and friendly atmosphere.

Tickets available from Roger (Hoxne 668403), Maurice (Hoxne 668712) or Clare (Brockdish 01379 668082.



PICTURES

Top:
Gala winners.

Above:
All together
at Foxborrow
Farm.

Right:
Wet day the
the Fen.



Hoxne School Fair promises fun for all

Hoxne School Association has planned a series of events in its bid to raise £6000 towards the cost of up to 15 laptops to allow easy access to computers for all year groups at St Edmund's Primary.

The first event will be the Annual School Fair which will be held at Hoxne Pavilion and playing fields on Saturday June 12 from 11am to 2pm. This is a wonderful community event which will begin with performances by all the children to start the fun. There will be a variety of stalls including games, tombola and the ever-popular cake and plant stalls! Refreshments will include tea and cakes and a BBQ and there will be a raffle with a range of prizes.

For the second year there will also be a football tournament for local youth teams running at the same time on the playing fields, so there will be something for everyone. This is one of the main fundraising events for the school and we hope to raise around £1,200 which would pay for three laptops with ongoing technical support.

Further events include a Summer Quiz on Friday June 18 at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. This will be a popular event, run by John Woodard, and tickets will be £4 per head, including a buffet supper. The bar will also be open. The date has also been set for the Annual Clay Pigeon Shoot. This will be held on Sunday September 12 and will again be held at Oakley Park, with the kind permission of Peter Saunders. Details will follow but please put this date in your diary to ensure you do not miss out on this exciting local event.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of the above !

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SUMMER PROGRAMME OF HALF DAY COURSES AT WINGFIELD BARN

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Thursday 17 June 2010 9.30 – 13.00

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How to Enjoy Meetings

Thursday 22 July 2010 9.30 – 13.00

Hate meetings? This course will give you some simple ways to ensure you get more out of them and come away feeling better about your own performance. The normal price of each course is £40 but they are being offered at only £25 each to readers of the *Village Voice*.

For further details and to book, contact Eleanor Goodison on 07876 143579 or at eleanor@catelynshouse.co.uk

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Market has it all on a plate...

With the third Hoxne Artisan Market in the can we'd like to say how nice it was to see some return customers whom we feel we can now call 'regulars'.

As many of you know, the market is not just a craft fair – it's a farmers' market too, where you can find excellent locally reared beef and chicken, organic fruit and vegetables, eggs and preserves.

One returning customer told me that following the April market she cooked her entire dinner that evening from the produce she'd bought at the market. She was so impressed at the quality and flavour of the produce she was back again to do the same at the May market. She was delighted also that her entire meal had travelled hardly any food-miles. It made her feel good on a number of levels. Can't be bad!

Don't just think if you've been to one market you've seen it all. We try to maintain a diverse range of stalls and have new products and producers each time. Expect to see plants and books in June and a return of the green wood turner, Simon Lamb, in action with his lathe, plus Jane Jennifer busy creating her beautiful willow baskets. There's always plenty to see and great things to buy.

Or why not pop in just to use the Café? Cathie Lawrie's delicious homemade cakes, biscuits and soup and bacon rolls prove too much of a temptation to resist and the café's a pleasant place to catch up with your friends and neighbours.

We'd love to feel that the market is another way of maintaining the great community spirit found in Hoxne. Several people who had just moved in to the village commented on what a lovely friendly place Hoxne is and felt that the market was a reflection of this – they said the atmosphere in the Village Hall on Saturday was really convivial.

Thank you to all our returning cus-



tomers – please keep voting with your wallets and feet by buying local, make the second Saturday of the month the day you shun the supermarkets and if you've not given the market a try before – we'd love to see you there.

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Ringers appeal for recruits

Wingfield Bell Ringers would love to welcome new recruits. Unless we can increase our numbers the bells will fall silent.

Thanks to a few Fressingfield ringers, we are just about keeping going - but surely there are some folks in Wingfield who would like to join us, either complete beginners or with some experience.

Six of us began to ring in 1999 under the guidance of Mary and Robin Allum and Betty Syrett with the

idea of celebrating the Millennium. We have kept the team going for ten years but four of us were over seventy when we started.

Fortunately we now have some young enthusiasts who need supporting.

We are a very friendly group and enjoy the social side too.

For further information please contact: Celia Clement Smith tel 01379 586252 or Adam Hay on 01379 388066

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Legion evening raises £342 for Poppy funds

'The Hoxne and District Branch of the Royal British Legion held its Annual President's Coffee Evening at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall on 17th April, raising some £343 for Branch Funds towards the 2010 Poppy Appeal. The evening was well attended and members thank everyone who supported the event. Thanks go to the myriad of helpers who manned the tables and provided produce for the cake stall.

The Branch Standard, along with 37 other Standards, was paraded at the recent funeral of James Grigg of Stradbroke, who was killed in Afghanistan. As the media showed, not only did Service organisations attend but the public showed unprecedented support for the family and towards all our Service personnel serving in this controversial theatre of operations.

The Standard was also present at the Memorial Service held for Mary Baxter in recognition of her long and outstanding commitment to the Legion. With permission granted by the family, the Branch is to provide a new plaque for the seat in the churchyard, incorporating Mary's name alongside that of husband Reggie. Our next event will be the Annual Summer Fete to be held at the Old Vicarage, Hoxne by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Rod Searle on Saturday July 3.

Roger True

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■The results of the Hoxne School Association Lottery for April are:

£20 - Mr and Mrs B Pulfer, £15 - Tania Farrow, £10 - Jack Williams.

For May: £20 - Mr and Mrs M Revell, £15 - Greta Cattermole, £10 - A Bull.

Thank you for your support.

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Tudor Close, Heckfield Green

A successful open day was held in April for those wanting to find out about the properties on offer in the housing association development. It is hoped to have the first of these properties occupied by late June or early July.

Police

Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team reported that no crimes have occurred in the parish recently. The team is holding a Police Tasking Meeting at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne on Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm - part of a monthly series being held at different locations across our sector. The meetings are open for members of the public and parish council to raise issues they would like to be tackled. The team has three priorities per month to work on. These can be anything from speeding issues to anti-social behaviour. So if there are any problems you would like to bring to their attention, please attend and they look forward to seeing you.

Diamond Jubilee Year 2012

We realise this is a long way ahead but the Parish Council is starting the decision making process on how we might celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Do you have any ideas on what would make a good community event for the village? We need to start thinking about raising funds and applying for grants next year so we must have our plans prepared before then. Would you favour a street party? Or what about a village sign or another permanent feature in the village. Please pass any ideas to Sarah Foote the Parish Clerk for the council's consideration.

Planning

0564/10 Land to the rear of Claret House, Nuttery Vale. Erection of four dwellings and garages - submission of reserved matters (3154/09).

Councillors noted the two changes: double garage plot 3 now replaced with two parking spaces (ie one less structure) and the addition of a timber post and rail fence along three sides of application boundary line together with some hedgerow/tree planting. Application supported.

0492/10 The Laurels, Cross Street. Demolish existing single storey extension and erect two-storey extension. Replace flat roof on rear single storey extension. Application supported.

0724/10 Land alongside A140, Ipswich Road, Eye. Erection of two 130m wind turbines, electricity transformer and temporary works compound, construction of access tracks, hard standings and temporary access alterations. Agreed to support Eye Town Council.

0846/10 Burnt House Farm, Hoxne Road, Eye. Erection of poultry building for ►►

egg laying and alterations to existing access to B1117. Application supported.
0750/10 Broadwater Mouldings, Horham Road, Hoxne. Change of use of land and buildings from plastics manufacturing to storage of raw materials and manufactured products (use class B8). Application supported.

0834/10 The Playingfield, Heckfield Green. Retention of bowls pavilion. Support with comments regarding the parking area on the old tennis court
0904/10 Thistles, Nuttery Vale. Erection of single storey side extension. Application supported.

0845/10 Red House Farm, South Green. Erection of pig rearing buildings and silo for storage of slurry. Application supported.

0096/10 Airfield Industrial Estate, Eye Re-advertisement of erection and operation of three wind turbine generators (to a maximum tip height of 130m), construction of associated hard standings, access tracks and substation compound. Agreed to support Eye Town Council.

Customer Services Direct Office

This office in Eye is under threat. MSDC want to move towards payment of bills on-line instead of in person. We suggest that we use this facility to demonstrate a need and the many services it offers.

Meeting dates

**The council will meet at the Playingfield Pavilion on
21st June, 19th July, 16th August - all at 7.30pm.**

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**Parish Council chairman Philip Flagg, made the following comment
at the annual parish meeting:**

“ I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the councillors for all their hardwork. Much is now delegated and I am grateful to them for being a very effective team. This year, sadly, we had to except the resignation from council of Tim Craven after 33 years, on health grounds. He was chairman on two occasions and was a continual source of service to our community. All good wishes to him and improved health for the future.

This village is a vibrant and diverse community, the envy of many in the area, and a source of much pleasure and community spirit. The reports from some of the key elements of our community to this meeting bear testament to years of engagement and hard work. It is, after all, people that are at the centre of organisations which would not otherwise exist.

Next year there will be elections for the eleven Parish Council posts. It would be nice if the election was contested. Newcomers will, no doubt, be reminded that they came to the village to enjoy it and not to change it. To enjoy it is to participate, and know that you can share in it. We could all, perhaps, look to engage and take on new tasks. ”

Tel: Hoxne 668258 email: philip.flagg@btinternet.com

Gardeners go hunting in China

Wingfield and District Gardening Club heard a fascinating talk (with slides) by Alan Durand on *Plant hunting in South-West China*. It featured some of our best-loved garden flowers seen in their natural habitat, photos of the local people and some wonderful landscapes.

At our April 28 meeting, committee member Harriet Bowes gave a talk about soils, followed by a soil testing demonstration using a commercial testing kit.

Member Sue Chrimes read her own poem about trying to grow things in the wrong soil. This was followed by the *Gardeners' Question Time* with plants to be identified and problems to be solved.

The May 15 meeting took place at Fernatix at Stoke Ash (sorry, we have previously put an extra 'r' in the name - missing the pun!).

The June 30 meeting is *Gardens at their Best* (the garden safari). The gardens we saw in February, now in all their glory. Meet at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Future events after Wingfield Open Gardens (3rd/4th July) will be July 21 at 7pm visit to Blacksmith's Cottage Nursery.

A trip to Blickling Hall and garden is planned for August.

For details on any of the events please call 384259 or 384525.

Graham Redelsperger (chairman)

Wayne's

■gardening tips

June - de-bud roses for exhibition if you want big blooms, such as large-flowered hybrid tea as they will be forming their flower buds freely throughout the month. Train, feed and renovate cucumbers in the greenhouse, they will be at various stages of growth.

July - cut off faded flowers from time to time; examine all flowering plants in the garden and remove any blooms or flower spikes that are faded as they will be no longer decorative. Remove grass box from lawn mower during this month when the weather is likely to be hot as this will let the tidy clippings fall on the lawn where they will act as a mulch and protect the roots from scorching.

Did you know that a herbal cup of tea is a good therapeutic way of combating tension.

Wayne Page

PS: Whoever took my bike from our garden was not very funny. But my bike did have a night out at the Swan!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for Sports Relief. I did the three miles in 31.33 minutes and raised lots of money.

Wayne



■On Monday 21st June (10am – 3pm) join Plantlife's Tim Pankhurst for a day on the Redgrave and Lopham Fen to discover the wonderful plant life there.

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

Wingfield – John McCracken tel: 01379 384181

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Times of worship • June - July 2010

June 6

Wingfield 10am Family

Communion

Syleham 11am Morning Prayer

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

June 13

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

June 20

Wingfield 10am Family and
Animal Service

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

June 27

Hoxne 10am Family Service

July 4

Wingfield 10am Family

Communion

Syleham 11am Morning Prayer

Hoxne 11.15am Holy Communion

July 11

Wingfield 10am Holy Communion

Hoxne 11.15am Morning Prayer

July 18

Syleham 10am Holy Communion

Wingfield 10am Family Service

Hoxne 11.15 Holy Communion

July 25

Syleham 10am Village Service

Hoxne 10am Family Service

Wingfield 11am Morning Prayer

■ Revd Lorraine Dawson will celebrate Holy Communion at Brundish at 11.15am on June 27 following her Ordination at the Cathedral the previous day.

■ Work on the church at Denham means services will be rearranged.

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.

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Dear Friends

I have a confession! I have been doing ‘a little extra on the side!’

These last few days, I have been reading pages and pages about people who are about to offer themselves as candidates for ordained ministry...becoming vicars. Part of the selection process is to gather away from the world’s pressures for three days, and with prayers, interviews and discussion, try to discern whether God is indeed calling that woman or this man (ages in these instances, range from 27-57) to train for three years and then to be ordained.

It is understandable that the church takes great care these days, in its procedures. However, I am also aware that you and I often ‘just know’ when we are in the company of someone who is holy. Some people – and age doesn’t come into it – simply exude a sense of spiritual wisdom. They are often the men, women, girls and boys, to whom others are drawn for advice.

They are the people in whose company we feel accepted, valued, listened to, comfortable. They are the people who sometimes share our tears and often our laughter. Some of them may be ordained – but most are not! Quakers speak of recognising that of Christ in each person. In my experience, you don’t have to look very far to see that quality – and to celebrate it.

With love, Fiona

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

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

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne

Parochial Church Council representatives John Brawn, John Chapman and Brian Chester met architect Brian Haward at his Southwold offices to discuss the proposals for the North Aisle.

The PCC members emphasised comments made at a meeting of the council in February that consideration should be given to: a) implementing the scheme in three phases to help fund-raising and management; b) limiting any removal of material from the Maynard monument to the steps rather than the base; c) moving the kitchen cabinet to the left of the proposed access from the Nave; d) placing priority on the provision of a toilet.

With this final point in mind it was concluded that steps should be taken to seek planning permission from Mid-Suffolk District Council for the erection of a compost loo and that English Heritage should be informed of the council's proposals in full.

Plans for the toilet are to be prepared and submitted by Mr Haward who believes the planning application process could take four months. Mid Suffolk councillor Mrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries has expressed support for the scheme and will be sent details of the plans.

Fete date. Plans are well advanced for Hoxne's Church Fete to be held in the gardens of Abbey Farm on Saturday June 19, starting at 2pm

Lent donation Hoxne's Lent Box scheme raised a total of £129.16 which has been donated to Christian Aid by the PCC.

Mothers Union

June. No meeting as four members are at the Annual Conference in Preston.

CHURCH NEWS

July 22 - Thursday - 2.30pm. Combined branch *Wave of Prayer* at Fressingfield Church. This will be followed by tea and Bring and Buy at Archbishop Sancroft Hall.

A donation of £100 from the proceeds of our March coffee morning has been sent to the AFIA fund. The 'Away From It All' scheme provides caravan holidays on the Suffolk coast for families who would not otherwise benefit from a break with their children.

If you are interested in the work of the MU please contact Cathie McGregor enrolling member on 01379 668434.

Flower rota

June 6, 13 and 20

Altar - Becky Swann
Porch - Cathie McGregor

June 27 and July 4
Altar - Cathie McGregor
Porch - Sue Wood

July 11 and 18
Altar - Pru Day
Porch - Suzanne Lewis

July 18 and August 1
Altar - Eleanor Hart
Porch - Isabel Draper

Thanks to all the flower arrangers who continue to provide welcoming flowers in our Parish Church. New flower arrangers are always welcome.

Cathie McGregor, rota organiser 668434.

George Woodward, chairman of the diocesan finance committee, will be at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne on June 24 at 7.30pm to talk about mission, ministry and money. Anyone interested in church finances is invited to attend. The meeting is being jointly organised by the Hoxne and Hartismere deaneries.



St John, Denham

As June approaches the congregation of St John's Church in Denham is filled with excitement and anticipation. The first wedding for 10 years is about to take place in this ancient church, and we're about to embark on a massive building repair project!

The current air of neglect that the church wears is a disguise as beneath this surface the congregation and the wider population of the village of Denham have been beavering away to ensure the preservation of this cherished building.

The churchyard may look unkempt, but a closer inspection will reveal a myriad of wild flowers. This is a wildflower conservation area, renowned for the variety of spring flowers that bloom amongst the tombstones, including the early purple orchid.

The building may look unkempt, but a closer inspection will reveal a small congregation determined to ensure the survival of this ancient building that has stood here for more than 800 years. Nationally this church has raised support, with grants towards the repairs coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, All Churches Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, and the Veneziana Fund.

The local community may look remote, as the church stands isolated at the edge of the parish, but within the current year, the Friends of Denham Church have raised over £6000 to ensure the survival of the building, and local benefactors have also made significant donations towards the repair fund.

So St John's looks to the summer when the building will be closed for approxi-

mately 16 weeks while the west wall is secured, the roof is repaired and better drainage is installed, but the church community will be open for business as usual. To outward appearances we may look quiet and isolated, but under the surface the village and parish of Denham is an active and vibrant community.

Church services will continue through the summer, at venues which will be advertised. In Denham Village Hall if the weather is inclement, but otherwise in gardens and homes across the parish, where everyone will be welcome.

St Margaret, Syleham

Thank you to the ladies who arranged flowers for Easter, the church looked particularly beautiful this year; it was a treat for all to see and many visitors in the following week said how lovely they were, so well done!

Summer lunch. Saturday June 26 is the date for the summer lunch at Monks Hall. Lunch served from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a lovely fresh meal with strawberries and cream plus a raffle and book stall. Please support our lovely church: offers of help or raffle prizes greatly appreciated. Ring 676772.

A safari supper is to be held in Syleham on Friday June 11 if we can get enough people to commit. Please ring Ian Marshall for details, 669000.

St Andrew, Wingfield

We had a very good turn-out of young and old for the **Easter Sunday** Family Communion and the younger members of the congregation greatly enjoyed their

Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

Tommy Gee has decided to relinquish his position as a lay elder after years of devoted work in both Wingfield and Syleham, as he now has to spend more time caring for Anne. His years of service were marked by the presentation of a certificate by Bishop Clive at a service at Laxfield on 25 April. We shall still expect to see him very much involved though!

A **Safari Supper** was held on Saturday 7 May which was great fun and resulted in a profit of £230 for church funds.

The church has been fortunate enough to receive a grand piano on long loan, and the vicar, who is a qualified music teacher, will be holding a piano workshop on Thursday 3 June at 11am to which all

CHURCH NEWS

who would like to 'have a go' are welcome

There will be an **Animal Service** on 20 June (not just 'pets', so feel free to bring your camel or lobster).

Our curate, Lorraine Dawson, will be ordained priest at the cathedral on Saturday 26 June, and will be celebrating her first her first Eucharist on Sunday 27 June at 11.15am at Brundish.

The weekend of 3 and 4 July will see our village **Open Gardens** with sculpture. Proceeds will be for the Church and the Air Ambulance, and details are given elsewhere in this issue.

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DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Ray Keeble

New Councillor. The Council is pleased to welcome Mrs Margaret Eastmead as a new member of the council, which is now once again at full strength. Mrs Eastmead was co-opted at the meeting on 31st March.

Planning:

New applications:

0750/10 Former Broadwater Mouldings site, Horham Road (Hoxne) (Change of use of land and buildings from plastics manufacturing to storage of raw materials and manufactured goods). The Parish Council considered that more information was necessary on a number of aspects of the proposals before it could make a recommendation to Mid Suffolk District Council. Of particular concern were the proposals for third party use of the site (and especially unspecified effects on vehicle movements). The Council has also asked for assurances concerning the status of proposals for future expansion including manufacturing activity, which are referred to in the current application but which do not form part of it.

1094/10 (LBC) Mill Farm Hoxne Road (Replace reed thatch with long straw thatch)
1098/ 10 Mill Farm, Hoxne Road (Fence round pond and bridge over). The Parish Council has recommended approval.

0724/10 Land alongside A140 Ipswich Road, Eye (Two wind turbines and ancillary works) The Council has no objection to these proposals and has responded in line with its comments on the comparable proposal for three turbines on the Airfield Industrial estate (0096/10) as previously reported.

Safer Neighbourhood Team - Tasking Meetings

Members of the Council together with our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Mrs Hindle attended the meeting on 14th April in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. These meetings attended by senior officers, and parish representatives provide a valuable information exchange and enable the public to input to the setting of the SNT's priorities for the coming month. At each meeting the team reports back on actions taken and progress made and the issue is then either discharged or carried forward. It was pleasing to see that public attendance on this occasion was encouragingly high, supporting this very valuable but resource intensive focal point of police engagement with the community.

Litter Pick

It is hoped shortly to confirm a date for a full litter pick of the village to be held in the near future.

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Reports of these meetings, which were due to be held on 26th May, will appear in the next edition.

Next Meeting

**The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday
28th July at 19.30 in the Village Hall.**

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

Puppets promise special show

St Edmund's Pre-School open day

St Edmund's Pre-school, Hoxne invites all local families to join us for our free Open Day on Saturday 26th June at the village hall 10am-2pm as part of Pre-school Learning Alliance Playweek.

You will be able to look around the pre-school to view our facilities and children will be able to join in with a variety of play opportunities. At 11.30am there will be a very special performance of Little Red Riding Hood by the Fantasia Puppet Theatre. Claudia, the puppeteer, has years of experience and has performed in Mexico and the UK. The show promises to be great fun for children big and small so come along and join in - you might

even learn a little bit of Spanish!

It has been a busy time at pre-school - we have said congratulations to two of our members of staff for achieving new qualifications - Claire has achieved her NVQ Level 2 in childcare and Julie has achieved her Early Years Professional Status. We have said hello to Janet Koralambe from the Pre-school Music Association who has begun a weekly music session with the children based on the Kodaly method of teaching music.

We are also looking forward to some dance sessions led by Rachel Baker (from IMPS). These special sessions are funded through the Every Child a Talker scheme



Pre-School in progress: Julie and Claire with some of the children

which we are very proud to be part of. It is a scheme which looks at encouraging children's communication and early literacy skills. As a setting, we were chosen to take part in this Government pilot scheme (as one of only a sample of settings across the region so we consider ourselves very fortunate as we have been able to offer our children some really exciting new opportunities). This will be ongoing for the next 12 months.

Finally we said 'goodbye' to Sarah Freeman who has been a member of staff for five years. We wish her much happiness in her new job and want her to know that the staff, parents and children appreciate her dedication to the pre-school and she will be missed.

We enjoyed a special afternoon at which the children performed a song and presented Sarah with a beautiful bouquet of paper flowers they had made along with some other specially chosen gifts including a charm bracelet.

Free early education on offer at Pre-School

Did you know? All three and four year olds are entitled to 12.5 hours of free early education for 38 weeks of the year. This applies until they reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday). You can choose to use these hours for sessions at pre-school.

The entitlement is being increased to 15 hours of free early education a week from September. Pre-school currently opens three half days a week (9.30am-1pm) and two full days (9.30am-3pm). In September we are planning to extend our opening hours to three full days and two half days. Please contact Julie at pre-school if you are interested in finding out more or come along to our open day!

Bike cash boost

In last December's issue, I reported that the Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride for Hoxne had raised the magnificent total of £1,577. I have to revise that figure. It didn't take account of the mislaid category.

Desk drawers, if they are anything like mine, can devour almost anything, including sponsorship forms. Happily, however, one particular biker's drawer has eventually yielded up its lost secret and I am delighted to tell you that the 2009 total now stands at £1777, the best result since the exceptional year of 2000. And we can still claim our half which means that Hoxne church funds have benefited to the tune of nearly £900. **JB**



Barns' Royal quartet

The Tyburn Quartet, one of the Royal Academy of Music's most promising ensembles, will appear at Wingfield Barns on June 13 at 3pm.

Individually they were all awarded scholarships to the Royal Academy and have appeared at the Royal Opera House and other venues in London with considerable acclaim. The last event in Adrian Knott's summer concert series is on July 4 at 7.30pm.

The performers are Karen Geoghegan, bassoon and Timothy End, piano. Karen works as a soloist with a number of London orchestras and Timothy is much in demand as a chamber music pianist in London. Contact box office - 01379 384505.

Frogs return - not so the cuckoo

The blackthorn is late this year and arrives with the proverbial wintery wind. The mass of delicate white flowers usually appear in March well before the flush of emerging leaves along the rest of the hedgerow. This time the display is merging with cow parsley coming into flower beneath and white starry stitchwort. Hawthorn (Whitethorn, Quickthorn, May – call it what you will) comes later. The blossom is creamier, sometimes almost pink, and more substantial. 'Cast ne'er a clout ere May is out' almost certainly refers to this flowering when the blackthorn winter is safely over.

Mallard ducklings skitter over the surface of the moat chasing insects, obviously high octane fuel as they seem able to maintain this frenetic activity without respite or stopovers. When the duck eventually leads them away across the lawn their progress is remarkably similar – a series of darts in random directions that nevertheless leaves them all disappearing towards a neighbouring expanse of water. It is cheering to have found a dollop of frogspawn there for the first time in many years. Perhaps if there are frogs there will be grass snakes again as well – and toads too.

The number of migrants from Africa, such as cuckoos and turtle doves, is dwindling so it is a relief to see the swallows swooping over the yard once more. Has anyone heard a cuckoo recently? They have diminished along with the dawn chorus which has become more of a lament than a reveille. HC

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Wingfield gardeners have art in mind

The severe winter has not put off our intrepid gardeners from busily preparing for this year's Wingfield Open Gardens fundraising event in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and St Andrew's Church.

As well as the eleven professional sculptors who will be exhibiting work for sale in the village gardens on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July, there will be an abundance of plants for sale, a plant swap and hanging baskets containing herbs. In addition Wingfield Barns will run two free art exhibitions: *Culture of the Countryside* and *A Village Lost and Found*, followed by a Sunday afternoon concert of classical music.

Refreshments, cream teas and light lunches are being offered in several gardens to encourage visitors to take their time to enjoy a leisurely day out in the Suffolk countryside.

An air of excitement had spread around the village in anticipation of meeting the artists who arrived in late May to attend a planning meeting with the gardeners at Wingfield Barns.

One resident described it as a 'speed dating' experience, where keen sculptor meets eager gardener for the first time, followed by a tour of their garden and a pub lunch!

Tickets can be purchased from the De La Pole Arms and Wingfield Barns two weeks before the event from Saturday 19th June, priced £2 to view all 17 gardens with free admission for under 16s accompanied by an adult. This includes a list of gardens with details about each garden and a map. These will also be available in garden locations.

Rosemary Elliott
Wingfield Open Gardens Committee



One of the exhibits: Etruscan Couple in bronze by Beatrice Hoffman

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SYLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Chairman Mr J Leader

Annual Parish Meeting – There was an attendance of thirteen; annual reports were received from our District Councillor, Police Community Support Officer, Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee and St Margaret's Church.

District Councillor Mrs Gibson-Harries added to her annual report news of a different out-of-hours medical service, action to be taken to improve the ambulance service, and the extension to twelve months of the pilot scheme monitoring use of heart services at Ipswich Hospital.

The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team held their area meeting in the Village Hall on 14th April and there was a good attendance of 20 members of the public. Issues raised included egg throwing incidents near the watermill, speed, fly tipping and, affecting a wider area, the use of drugs. Police will monitor behaviour near the watermill and could in future be included in consultations on requests to the County Council for speed restrictions.

Distraction burglaries – be warned! Thieves stop their cars in front of yours in a supermarket car park to, say, ask for directions as you are unloading your trolley. Whilst you are being helpful, an accomplice steals from your car; bank cards have been taken and cash withdrawn from accounts.

Energy saving – A feasibility study has been offered on a hydro-electricity scheme based on the old watermill weir and residents may be given an opportunity to participate. Watch this space!

Re-cycling facility – research ongoing and, again, watch this space!

Footpath survey – Two people have volunteered to help with this survey. Any other offers?

Hedgerow survey – Our survey is not completed and time is running out. Anyone interested in helping should speak to Mr Leader 668205.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 14th July at 7.30pm.

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Voyages from a Royal past...

H M Yacht was known to the RN as HMY, and to us as the Royal Yacht Britannia. Introduced to a visiting worshipper on Easter Sunday I enquired whether his was a Guards' tie. I thought I recognised it since my father, a private in the Grenadiers on the Somme in 1916, wore one for the ensuing 75 years. The visitor explained that although very similar it was the tie of HMY. Later I found out that he was the penultimate commander of that yacht when we were remembering our D-day success and took HM across to Normandy. In addition to HM he had the Clintons on board making a total of 13 heads of state in all. We chatted briefly about the senior service. This chance meeting prompted a flood of memories. I cannot guarantee their accuracy.

The teenagers in my school year grew up fast. They were called up to fly Spitfires and Hurricanes; to shoot down Messerschmitts from the tail turrets of Lancasters; to keep the sea lanes open; and to land at Anzio and Arnhem. Not all survived. My sister joined the Wrens, and took down Morse messages from German subs that surfaced in the North Sea.

Despatched to Greenwich...

I was called up just before the war ended, having completed my maths degree in preparation either for Harwell, Bletchley or the services. I was despatched to the RN College at Greenwich, and then to the East Indies fleet. Wonderful meals in the Greenwich Painted Hall served by Wrens in white gloves were in sharp contrast to Oxford's war-time austerity. I was soon afloat in the Indian Ocean with my Wren replaced by a Royal Marine who doubled in the band.

Twenty-five years later I was helping establish the last University in the Empire located in the South Pacific. To achieve

viability I had to recruit all tertiary level institutions in a dozen or more islands stretching across the Pacific. When we heard that HM was en route to the Cook bi-centenary celebrations aboard

HMY, we asked her to call in and present our Royal Charter in person. Previously they had always been posted, but she agreed to a hand delivery. She asked for a speech which I wrote as the VC was away in NZ. When he got back he said it would never do, He was a Kiwi. I had emphasised that 'my people had been explorers, sailors, discoverers, brought Christian missionaries, traders, educators, government and in this final act before independence, Britain was establishing a university in the Pacific to provide high level manpower for the future'. The VC got back and re-wrote it completely with a strong Kiwi slant and sent it off to HMY, now on the high seas, so we had a \$10 bet as to which version would be delivered. Guess who won? The VC had missed the boat as it were.

Long, long ago, just after I sat the 11+, my father took me to Spithead for the review of the fleet. Each country with a navy sent a prestigious battleship.

Hitler sent his pocket battleship the Graf Spee, which only two years later sank off the River Plate in a famous battle with three RN cruisers Ajax, Exeter and Achilles proudly described in detail by Churchill in his first volume of his *Second World War*.

This review will be remembered in the annals for Woodrooffe having met his old ship-mates made a memorable BBC broadcast saying "the fleet's lit up, whole bloody fleet's lit up". KG 6 was there to

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celebrate his coronation in the previous royal yacht the Victoria and Albert, which in 1939 became a depot ship during WW2 and was later replaced by Britannia in 1954 as we began to recover from the disastrous financial losses of the war.

So, some 60 years later I took my grandson to the Review which was to celebrate 50 years after D day. Fleet Reviews are few and far between. There have been about four dozen since the Middle Ages. Monarchs summon the fleet to celebrate their coronation or to put up a show when enemies threaten. Things can go wrong as in the case of the capsizing of Henry 8's flagship Mary Rose. But they are now a thing of the past. Although it rained all day, in the evening the thick mist cleared for the fly-past of Spitfires and Hurricanes which we watched from the historic Atlantic arrival and departure shed where QE2 was secured, full of nostalgic Americans.

The US navy men were helicoptering back and forth to Pompey from the deck of the enormous carrier the USS George Washington. Sadly there was little to see of our RN now much reduced in size. HMS Illustrious was there being the largest aircraft carrier we could afford, and tiny in contrast to the Washington. though I did spot a new modest sized Glasgow tied up alongside. No longer a town class cruiser, but a type 42 destroyer armed with rockets. Our Glasgow was dominated by 12 noisy 6" guns which delivered a massive broadside and rocked the boat and is perhaps the origin of my deafness. She too has been scrapped.

Of course the Queen was there in the HMV to review her fleet, and thank God, she's still around, and as the BBC said today, available to the nation to apply her grannie's wisdom to today's political crisis.

About that time Anne was in the chair of the Keymer Parish Council which arranged our village fete. She heard of a local man who it was said organised mili-

tary bands, and was willing to arrange a free stop-over of a band destined to play at the de la Warr pavilion in Eastbourne. All she had to do was to produce beer and ham sandwiches for them. A coach duly arrived with the band of the Britannia on board. Nothing like that had been to the village before. Not surprising since she was rung up afterwards by the MOD enquiring who would pay the £2600 bill when they learned that they had been duped, not for the first time it seems. The matter was quietly dropped, and Anne was asked not to reveal the matter to the press.

HMV has been de-commissioned and is now a major tourist attraction at the ocean terminal in Leith as our PM Blair decided we couldn't afford to keep her. Did he also want HM to cycle round London following the Dutch precedent. Perish the thought. I expect that these days she rings Philip at Balmoral to tell him: "I'm on the train".

I wonder what cuts our new Government has in store for us.

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WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Michael Harvey

New Councillor. The Council is pleased to welcome Sarah Young as a new member of the Council. Mrs Young was co-opted at the council meeting on 24th March.

Parish Council Vacancy. At the time of writing it was expected that the one remaining vacancy for councillor would be filled by co-option at the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 27th May. (A report will be included in the next edition.)

Travellers Encampment on Wingfield Green

As required under established procedures an Unauthorised Encampment Case Conference was held on 6th May (at which the Parish Council was represented). As a result the travellers were asked to leave by 14th May failing which legal action to evict would be instigated through Suffolk County Council. The press date for this edition was too early for any further developments to be included. A report on the outcome will appear in the next edition.

Parish Council Meeting 24th March

Σ **Mains Drainage.** Anglian Water has advised that the Parish may make an application to be considered for mains drainage. An assessment would be undertaken during the winter months when existing septic tank drainage is under greatest pressure in order to determine the extent of any problem. There is no guarantee that mains drainage will be considered the most cost effective solution. If however it is accepted as the best approach a scheme would be placed in the programme according to its priority (as determined by the relative severity and extent of the problem). However as the programme for the next three years is considered fixed the earliest likely date for implementation would be between 2013 and 2015.

Σ **Wingfield Barns.** It was noted that from April a restructured Community Interest Company would manage the Barns with a new nine member board at arms length from MSDC from whom it was expected to receive grant aid for one year only. It was to be hoped that this major asset to the village would become and remain successful. Discussions were continuing regarding the new license arrangements for the Church and College to use the car park, which it was feared would not provide the long term security of tenure previously enjoyed (being subject to 12 months notice).

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

We were especially pleased to welcome Sgt Eaves to the March meeting when he gave an update on the work of the SNT and answered questions from councillors and the public. He also undertook to follow up on a number of issues of concern to the village which were raised at the meeting.

At the SNT Tasking meeting in the Village Hall on the 14th April priorities set included speeding in Wingfield and Syleham villages. Further information on the priorities set each month is available on the SNT web site.

Next Meeting.

The next ordinary (scheduled) meeting of the Council will be held in early September (Date to be confirmed)

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

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Yoga *New - Starts 10th June on Thursdays...

This is a 90-minute class that takes you through traditional moves to help strengthen and improve the body's flexibility. The class will focus on breathing and relaxation techniques with the use of meditation.

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Names from the past...

Aubrey Leggett, a Hoxne Wheelwright

If you stand in Cross Street by the brick wall looking towards the pump, old smithy and Coleman's shop, you will see the former wheelwright's premises which occupied No 13 Cross Street in the foreground. If you look up at the end wall of this building today you will see a circular wheel shaped window, this must have been inserted in the 1900s by the Leggett family.

It was a privilege to know Aubrey Leggett [1895-1969] who was a kind and generous man along with being a true country craftsman. He was the only son of Herbert [b.1864] and Eliza [d.1946] Leggett [nee Copping]. Una [1890-1979] his elder sister had been born in 1890 a year after Herbert and Eliza had got married at Hoxne.

Aubrey and Una had a happy childhood and a very close friendship as brother and sister. Una became a pupil teacher at Hoxne School and became a primary school teacher. In 1928 she married Alec Green a shoemaker [later a postman] whose family had come from Cotton and for most of her life Una lived at Palgrave.

The Leggett family had come from Framlingham and for at least three generations had worked as wheelwrights.

A wheelwright or wainwright was a builder and repairer of wheels. The word wright comes from the old English wrytha which referred to a worker or maker. A wainwright made and repaired carts and wagons and the old English word for a wagon was a wain.

Herbert Leggett was born in 1864 to Rhodolpho and Rachel Leggett of Laxfield and came from a large family. The name

Leggett is derived from the Latin word *legatus* and referred to a person in authority during medieval times who was a legal administrator or ceremonial official.

Herbert followed in his father's footsteps and became an itinerant journeyman before coming to work for Samuel Kent of Hoxne a long established coach builder and wheelwright.

By about 1892 Herbert had established his business at No 13 Cross Street, with a workshop, wood store and saw pit within the back garden. These premises were rented from the Oakley Park Estate and timber from the estate was used to make and repair anything made from wood.

In father's footsteps...

A printed handbill of 1895 advertised Herbert as a wheelwright, carpenter, carriage painter, glazier and undertaker. Aubrey was to follow in his father's footsteps, as his apprentice, shortly after finishing his education at Eye Grammar School. At the age of 19 in 1914 he volunteered to join the Royal Navy and was on board HMS *Astraea* which was involved in blockading the German Navy at the mouth of the Cameroon River in West Africa. In February 1916 the last German garrison in the Cameroon surrendered to General Sir Charles Dobell. Aubrey later saw duty on board HMS *Saxifrage* which was on Atlantic convoy duty, as an anti-submarine warship [Q-ship].

In Hoxne, Herbert and Una had become members of the Red Cross and No 13 became a refuge for soldiers camped at Oakley Park, especially the Lincolnshire Yeomanry. ▶▶

► After the war the wheelwrights business at Hoxne suffered from lack of work. Aubrey found work at the London Steam Omnibus Company in their workshops, for a short while before returning to Hoxne to work alongside his father. The business was helped out by Fred Amies the village blacksmith and Hubert Baldry of Horham a skilled carpenter.

The character of the village still owes a lot to the generations of craftsmen [blacksmiths, carpenters and wheelwrights] and builders of the cottages, houses, shops and agricultural buildings, who lived and worked in the village.

A lot of the everyday and commonplace items, such as doors, windows, decorative barge boards, gates and fences which were an integral part of the architectural character of the village have sadly been lost in recent years.

In the years that the Leggett family practised their craft within the village, they were responsible for making and repairing the well-seats, gates to the lychgate and railings of Goldbrook Bridge. This legacy

will at least remind us of their wood working skills and the craftsmanship of former generations.

The Chair-O-Planes fairground ride, made by Aubrey was brought out for special events in the village this was powered by a model T Ford engine and was erected on the meadow between the smithy and Coleman's shop. Aubrey also made a showman's caravan called Pinewood and a caravan called Timmy Willie.

It was a sad day for the village when Aubrey, his wife Betty and their son David went to live in Stowmarket in 1961. Although Aubrey had retired, his skills were later in demand in making specialist items in wood, for a number of local firms. Aubrey died at Ipswich in 1969 the last working wheelwright of Hoxne.

Stephen Govier. [With many thanks to David Leggett for information on his father's life and family details].

Picture: Hoxne wheelwright's shop - Herbert Leggett and apprentices.



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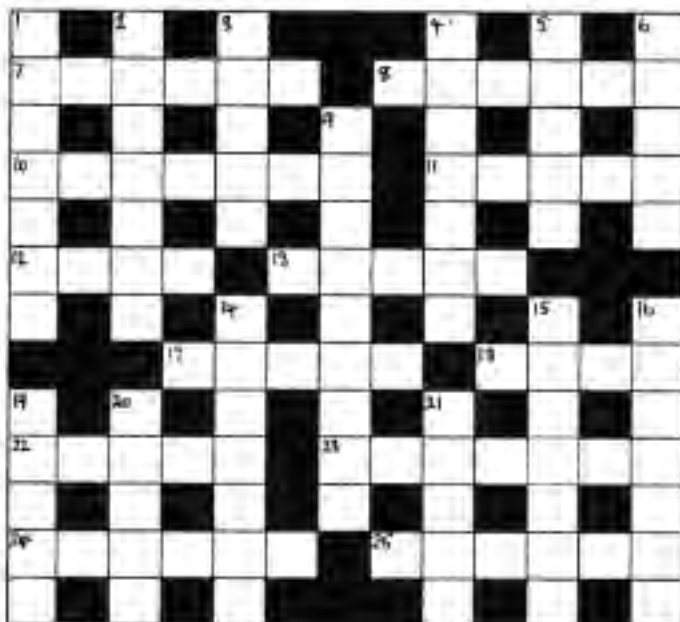
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 76

The prize for the first correct solution opened to crossword puzzle No. 75 went to Mrs June Hampton of Hazle Rd., Sychan. The solution appears below.



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| 7 | Could be red or Irish (6) | 1 | Astonish as dome explodes (7) |
| 8 | Team soundtracked (6) | 2 | Long time inside (7) |
| 10 | Late but not departed (7) | 3 | Rose Deo confined in New York (5) |
| 11 | Audibly a calm section (5) | 4 | Little Dianne's downs on show (7) |
| 12 | Pleasant spot in France (4) | 5 | Applaud to horses (2) |
| 13 | Normal to have a routine (5) | 6 | Mathematical repole (5) |
| 17 | Indicate the exact spot (5) | 9 | Staff working in Human Resources (9) |
| 18 | No points for such affliction (4) | 14 | Almer's ship (7) |
| 23 | Danger in paper illusion (5) | 15 | Complicated obsession (7) |
| 23 | Previously enough for instance (7) | 16 | Directions in Bath - or under (7) |
| 34 | Change plans to arrive in Italy (6) | 19 | Fastener in Kent gives support (5) |
| 25 | Robin Hood's football team (6) | 20 | Troupe lose nothing to break out (5) |
| | | 21 | Ocean revisited this craft (5) |

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 75



If you would like to enter the crossword competition, send your solution to the editor by 1st July, 2010. The first correct solution to be opened will receive a cash prize of £10.

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