

Hoxne Bell Ringers report to Parish meeting 9th Mar23

· Ringing has continued with good numbers of ringers at Oakley on Tuesdays and Redgrave on Thursdays. We had a very enjoyable outing to churches around Blythburgh and Reydon on the 15th July and a ringers Christmas Supper at the Swan.

The restoration project of our bells has now taken a step forward with consultation having gone out to conservation bodies concerned with church preservation. They have been invited to comment on the plans by mid-April and depending on the responses the plans will be carried forward and/or adjusted as necessary. They remain basically the same as regards the bell ring. The existing bells will be removed and conserved before 4 of them going back into the conserved old wooden bell frame hung stationary. The 8 bells ex St Davids Bangor will then be hung for full circle ringing underneath the old frame. We are planning to hang the old tenor bell as an exhibit in the rear of the nave.

· As we will be ringing from a gallery the space below will become a meeting room being divided from the nave by a screen and bifold doors.

We were able to have the Create Group (6 to 14 years old) to a bells themed event in Hoxne Church last half term which was much enjoyed by all.

· We are always looking for more ringers both starters and anyone with previous ringing experience.

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We have had another successful season.

Despite being one of the smaller clubs we reached three cup finals.

County Charity Bowl

We won the Mid-Suffolk League and Cup Double for the first time in our 103-year history.

Some of our players reached two of the Waveney League finals and one County final, and Club Secretary Roger Knight became the first Hoxne player to win an Area B final.

Alan Waveney League final 4 Semi-finals

The very hot summer was difficult – too hot for playing and difficult to keep the green in good condition.

We work hard throughout the year on the green and Hoxne is known for having a good playing green.

We are also known for running a very friendly and sociable club.

Hoxne will open the green on 16th April. There will be a "Try Bowls Weekend" on 20th and 21st May. We are keen to welcome new members. It's good fun, very sociable and a pleasant way to keep active.

Hoxne Garden and Social Club.

Chair's Report 2022/23

At our last AGM in 2022 one of our long standing committee members who had been a major driving force in the club for many years felt it was time to stand down. It was going to be all change on the committee with three new recently joined members of the Club being voted on to the committee. Together they have brought a wealth of new ideas and an infectious enthusiasm. Together we have continued our monthly talks on a variety of subjects from fungi to the life of an author and of course a smattering of gardening based subjects such as planning an herbaceous border or indeed the experiences of one of our speakers who after the death of her husband created a new garden as a form of therapy.

That is not all however After an absence of three years because of the pandemic Hoxne Flower and Produce Show returned last September with a vengeance, enabling Hoxne residents to compete with fellow residents striving to win accolades for their prize fruit ,vegetables, preserves or indeed artistic efforts. It was an occasion of friendly rivalry with the banter to match. Above all however, it was an occasion of bringing much of the village together which is why, like the annual harvest breakfast and the delivery of presents by our very own father Christmas it is now a major part of our village calendar. The Flower and Produce Show will be back in September so now is the time to get your seeds in or search out a recipe for the winning tomato or courgette pickle.

We also found time in our busy schedule to have our annual garden party where we all brought a huge selection of food to share washing it down of course with liquid refreshment. It was a beautiful summers evening and was enjoyed by all. We also

had a Christmas party where a quiz was held along with yet more food and beverages. So, in short a very busy year.

This is my last report as Chair of Hoxne Garden and Social Club having been in the role for four years a period in which the Club has recovered from the brink of collapse and perilous finances. Volunteering should be an enjoyable experience and in the Garden Club it certainly has with a great bunch of colleagues on the committee. With sometimes raucous meetings it was a miracle that we ever got anything achieved. Whoever takes over as Chair has got a great team.

Hoxne Heritage Group – Chairman's Report 2022/23

2022 finally saw a return to something approaching normality and we were able start the process of catching up for the lost time in 2020 and 2021

Sadly during the course of the year we lost two of our number who will, both in their own way, be sorely missed. In May one of the founder members of the group and a past Chairman, David Rimmer suddenly passed away and in August Allen BurrIDGE who had lived all his life in Hoxne left us.

On a happier note we were able to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee with a very successful exhibition over the Bank Holiday weekend and in September were finally able to hold our second World War Two exhibition which had been much delayed by COVID restrictions.

Needless to say some of our members continued to conduct individual research and attend presentations from other Heritage Groups. In addition, 2022 saw the introduction of mini-talks into the framework of our regular monthly meetings.

Some Highlights Of 2022

January - Several of us thoroughly were able to explore parts of the Swan's interior not normally accessible to the public. Courtesy of Richard and Chris the visit was part of Richard's ongoing study into ritual protection marks

March - Our March meeting featured the first mini-talk when Julie gave a presentation on the Banham Brick Walls of Hoxne. This was the culmination of a lengthy study by a small project team into the different styles of walls using bricks from the old Banham Brickworks on the Eye road. Also in March Richard gave a presentation on his research into Ritual Protection Marks to a packed audience in the Village Hall.

April - Richard was centre stage again in April when he gave an **excellent presentation to the Waveney Valley Heritage Group** at

Brockdish on Harriet Pentney otherwise known as the Angel of Hoxne. Drawing on information from her diary Richard painted a vivid picture of a society devoid of vaccinations and anti-biotics.

June - Our Jubilee exhibition celebrating seventy years of life in Hoxne during the Queen's reign was very well attended with over 250 visitors, though no doubt the shared attraction of the Garden and Social Club's display was an added attraction.

August – Traditionally August is the time of year for our summer outing and 2002 saw a number of us making a visit to the ruins of Sibton Abbey near Yoxford. We were also able to make a brief visit to the nearby church of St Peter which features some of the stonework taken from the Abbey ruins to facilitate restoration of the north aisle during the 16th century.

September – On September 11th the much delayed second phase of our World War Two exhibition which proved to be another great success with over 200 visitors during the day. Continuing with the theme on September 27th Clive Stevens gave a very comprehensive talk on the Friendly Invasion of East Anglia by the USAAF during the years 1942-1945.

October – In October Steve gave us very interesting mini-talk entitled Reminiscences of the Second World War about his experience of growing up in the East end of London in the post war years.

November – Lowestoft historian Ivan Bunn returned in November to give a talk on the Lowestoft fishing industry, featuring the Prunier Trophy awarded to the vessel making the largest catch in the season. Later in the month, Richard gave us another mini-talk on the subject of thatching, taking us through the whole process from the growing of the long straw through to the finished roof.

December - Pauline very kindly opened up her home at Gissing Farm for the year's annual Christmas party and it was a great pleasure to once again be able to enjoy an evening of food and drink in good company.

January - Historian and Archaeologist Matt Champion gave an interesting talk on the subject of Kett's 1549 rebellion against the enclosure of land.

After being severely restricted by COVID for so long it was refreshing to be able to return to a more or less normal schedule of meetings and events in 2022. Looking towards the future, I have as you know indicated that I feel it's time for a change of leadership and we really do need to try and encourage new members in order that the Group can continue to achieve its aims and objectives.

David Hyde 14.02.2023



Little Lambs had a very successful inaugural year and is looking forward to lots more activities and new members in 2023.

We will continue to meet at The Pavilion on the first Tuesday of each month (term time only) between 1.15 and 3.15pm. All under 5s with their accompanying adult(s) are very welcome. In addition we hope to arrange more mornings at the Greengold Café and also a summer outing.

For the final meeting of 2022 the Little Lambs met in church when they had the opportunity to decorate their Christmas Tree for the Christmas Tree Festival. The pompom lambs and PlayDoh stars the children had previously made looked fantastic. Once they had decorated the tree, Revd. Eleanor then led a Crib Service when the children heard part of the Christmas story and placed the figures in the crib. We rounded off the afternoon with refreshments, which included plenty of cake and Christmas treats. It was fantastic to have 10 families represented, including a dad, which was wonderful.

Hoxne Parochial Church Council Report to Hoxne PC AGM meeting

9 March 2023 St Peter & St Paul with St Edmund, Hoxne.

The church is the Church of England Established Church for the Parish of Hoxne and forms part of a united benefice with the churches of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield.

We have provided services of worship for almost every Sunday during the Year usually led by our Ordained Priests, Canon Eleanor Goodison, and the Revd John McCracken but we are also grateful for the support we have had from the Revd Richard Court and suitable lay members who have also led our Services. In November, Eleanor was honoured for her work by being appointed an Honorary Canon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral – a canon is someone who provides support, experience and advice to help the Bishops, the Cathedral Dean and colleagues as they lead the Church of England in Suffolk. This is in addition to her work as our parish priest.

Along with Sunday Services, Wedding, Baptism and Funeral Services have been conducted for Parishioners and we were also pleased to host:

- the Remembrance Day Service with the Collection given to support the work of the Royal British Legion;
- the Lammas Day Service (with a hog roast) in aid of the National Farming Charity, the Addington Fund; and
- the Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society.

The Choir, Village Voices, have rehearsed in the Church and gave a wonderful and well supported concert in December.

The Friends of Hoxne Church hold fund raising coffee mornings in the church every third Saturday in the month from 10.00. We are really grateful for the large amount of money raised by the Friends in support of the Church Fabric.

Hoxne PCC carried out a Survey in the village to get an idea as to what parishioners felt was most needed. Top of the list was a modern lavatory. We are happy to Report that work on construction will start just before Easter with completion by June. The Lavatory Building will be fully Disabled Compliant and will be built on the edge of the car park north of the North Door.

The fine church organ has been renovated and relocated in the North Aisle.

Via the North Door there is now a Disabled Access to the Church.

Wilf has provided details of the St Edmund Chapel which was dedicated by our Bishop last November and Andrew has provided details of the Bell Project.

Hoxne Church is for the use of all parishioners, and we hope we make you welcome on every occasion.

Guy McGregor and Wilf White, Hoxne Churchwardens

ANNUAL REPORT FOR HOXNE PHOENIX GROUP 2022.

This has been quite an extraordinary year locally, nationally, and throughout the world, but the Phoenix ladies group have still been meeting regularly, and despite having had to cancel 2 meetings during the year, we have increased our membership, which is encouraging.

We supported celebrations in Hoxne for the Queen's Jubilee, and the decorated Christmas trees in Hoxne church, but nearly half our members come from villages nearby, and support their own local events, which depletes our response in Hoxne somewhat.

We've had some excellent Speakers this year, some living locally, others coming from further afield, but all interesting, and ranging from 'Rape' which gave us all a deeper insight into this growing national problem, we heard how 'Medical Detection Dogs,' are trained, which we supported with a collection of over £100, to learning all about pearls, and hearing amusing tales of Queen Victoria from the speaker who appeared dressed as her Majesty.

During the year two new members suggested and produced a Questionnaire for members to fill in, which has resulted in several meetings for coffee at the Café in Hoxne, and walks around the village, giving members a chance to meet and get to know each other. This year they are organising a trip to Horning for a cruise along the Broads before lunch in Wroxham.

We have a table in the main hall if you wish to know more about the Group and we are looking forward and hoping 2023 will give us all a chance to get back to some sort of normality.

Vivienne Bradford

Chairman

9th March 2023.

Maynard's Educational Foundation Registered Charity Number 310412

(Also known as The Maynard Trust)

The Maynard Trust was established 101 years ago in 1922 by the Foundation of Charles Lord Maynard (which was itself founded in 1761) to provide grants for educational and training purposes to residents of Hoxne Parish and to also provide an annual grant, to be called the Maynard Award, to be given to St Edmunds Primary School, Hoxne.

The only rules are that the applicant is resident within the Parish of Hoxne and that the purpose is educational. The age of the applicant and the level of education are irrelevant and we do not means test.

Awards are sums of money towards the cost of school trips, short educational courses (i.e. not university tuition fees), books and learning equipment and every single application is considered on its own merits.

The five current trustees are John Lawrie, Polly Potter, Amanda Jones, Michel Henri and Richard Giffin, who are all resident in the Parish. We represent the Vicar of Hoxne (1), the Parish Council (2) and the Governing Body of St Edmunds Primary School (2). We meet 4 times a year to consider applications and our next meeting is on 25th April. In each edition of the Village voice we publish our meeting dates and dates by which applications should be made with full contact details.

The Trust made 6 grants in 2022 excluding the annual grant to St Edmunds Primary School totalling £1,147. So far we have awarded £470 in 2023 with more pledged for ongoing tuition.

The Trust is funded from investments and donations so if anyone would like to support the Trust, we would be very pleased to hear from them. As a charity any donations could be Gift Aided and/or eligible for tax relief.

It is possible that there will be an opening for a Trustee during 2023 so if anyone is interested or would like to know more, please do contact me or any of the Trustees.

Grant applications and any enquiries should be made to Amanda Jones
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St Edmunds Village Hall Hoxne

Notes for parish meeting – 9 March 2023

Hi I am Stephen Nixon and until very recently I have been Chairman of the village hall management committee

The hall is back to normal running following the long period of closure or semi operation during the COVID pandemic

We continue to accommodate regular groups and one off events. These are generally to be found on our website. As you can see the hall continues to provide an excellent set of facilities. It continues to support the local community in accordance with its charitable objectives

- Film nights are running
- The bar supports events
- Most users have returned
- We continue to sponsor the harvest breakfast

Financially the hall is still in a good position. The shortfall in our normal sources of income being easily covered by COVID related grants.

I would like to specially mention our thanks to Richard Jenkins who has just stood down as treasurer of the hall. As many will know Richard has been a good friend to the hall for a very long time.

The AGM of the hall is coming up. The date is Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm. The hall is run by a committee consisting of a mixture of members directly elected at our AGM and people nominated by regular users of the hall. So for example the Gardening Club can send a delegate and the Phoenix Group do send a delegate.

Richard's departure is a good excuse to mention we are always looking to refresh the committee members. Obviously we need the next generation of slaves to step forward now so they can takeover in due course! For the time being I have taken over as treasurer and John Coop is acting as chair.

Maintaining a gradual turnover seems the best approach. It seems to me that being on our committee is a good way to get an overview of the village activities – if you like sticking a toe in the water.

Any questions?

Stephen Nixon