



1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Annual Report to our Communities 2022

Well, what a year for Fressingfield Scout Group. We have gone from meeting online in lockdown ^{TO} via meeting outside maintaining social distance, then small groups indoors with face coverings, to meeting normally.

The other huge contrast has been that after the first Covid lockdown the Goodwin Hall that we had been meeting in was assessed as not Covid compliant because of a lack of indoor toilet and hand washing facilities. So, when we were allowed to meet we didn't have a safe meeting place. We became slightly itinerant with each section meeting in a range of places, our headquarters field, parents and Leaders gardens, fields, car parks, sports fields and community centres and in various villages. Thank you to everyone that helped us out.

The other difference now is that, after an awful lot of hard work and an extremely generous loan from a parent, we have our own fantastic headquarters building on our own site. There is much to do to complete the outside works and fitting out of the kitchen and we are working our way through these as time and funds allow. Very many thanks to everyone that contributed, in whatever way, to the project. We are incredibly grateful.

After many years we have moved out of the Goodwin Hall, we would like to thank the Trustees of the Goodwin Hall for their continued support for the Fressingfield Scout Group over many years during our long history and association with their Hall.

One of the Scouting highlights of the year was the Group Camp which had to be run on a blended virtual/actual basis as we weren't allowed to ^{meet to} camp. The Friday evening and Sunday morning sessions were on line on Zoom and an activity day on Saturday was physical activities face to face. The activity day was run in a socially distanced way with three different sets of outdoor



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activities at three different sites by Leaders and Explorers and our Young People could move around to suit themselves. The day was a huge success and was our first big step back towards normal activity. This year we have a site booked in early May as normal and plans are being pulled together for a Group Camp and the chance to meet as a group.

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Village Voice
CRISP PACKET II
safety walkers
Now stopped
~~As you may have read in the Parish Magazine we continue to collect empty crisp packets and have recently had a tally up. Since June 2019 we have raised £548 towards the first recycled plastic kayak, we reckon that equals 440,000 crisp packets weighing 938 kg! The packets are used to make the hard plastic garden furniture often seen in parks and amenity areas.~~

Another highlight of the year, and an important part of our fundraising was the Santa Run which saw numerous Santas running 5 kilometres around Fressingfield, with Gift Aid this raised £1500 and we plan to make it an annual event. Thank you to everyone that took part and to all the sponsors.

The HQ building has also been used for a Christmas Craft Fair which, gave our Young People the chance to show their crafting skills, raised several hundred pounds and gave members of the public the chance to have a look around.

Our Cub sections attended a day with Cubs from all over the county at Flixton Air Museum, this was one of the first "return to near normal" all day activities they were allowed to attend, the site put on a fantastic day of activities that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Explorer Scouts (14-17 year olds), have started to train and plan for an expedition to Kenya, our fourth visit, working at an orphanage on the outskirts of Nairobi. The visit was scheduled for Easter 2022 but will now go ahead in 2023.

Moving from our oldest to our youngest, earlier in the year our Group received permission to create a 'Squirrel Drey' a new scout section for pre-schoolers aged 4 and 5. We have started developing this provision and hope to launch it in June or July of 2022.



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We aim to provide and expand quality Scouting experience to young people (boys and girls) aged from 4 (Squirrel Scouts) to 24 (Network Scouts) and are inviting new members now in all sections. At present we have 74 youth members in Fressingfield Scout Group and 80 Cubs and Beavers in our School sections. But more young people are welcome. *↓ leaders*

Scouting is fun, rewarding and challenging not only for the young people that we serve but also for the dozens of adult volunteer leaders and helpers that support the Scout Group. Subject to the necessary safeguarding checks and some training and support, we are also seeking to expand the number of adults that volunteer with us. Opportunities in a number of roles exist for anyone aged between 18 (and more than 18)! Get in touch through our website, Facebook, twitter or Instagram pages. You can also email Andrew the Group Scout Leader at andrew.aaldersdunthorne@talk21.com

1st Fressingfield Scout Group is affiliated to the Southern Norfolk District Scout Council, Norfolk Scout Association. It is operated by volunteers and is funded solely by our members, fundraising and the generosity of sponsors and public subscriptions.

We are a registered charity (No. 1181154) our governance arrangements and accounts can be viewed at the Charity Commission website.

Hoxne Bell Ringing Band.

The Hoxne bell ringing band has continued ringing whenever possible though the pandemic. We ring at Oakley on Tuesday nights and have started some more new ringers this year.

The restoration of Hoxne bells has gone through a major change and improvement with the donation of a set of eight bells. These are from a redundant church in Wales and though a bit dirty are a good set cast in 1888.

The existing Hoxne bells will be replaced after preservation work in old wooden bell frame. They will be hung stationary and rung with electrically controlled hammers. The set of eight donated bells will then be hung in a new steel frame below the old bells. The set will be hung for full circle ringing and after restoration should be a very good peel indeed. We also plan to install a ringing gallery and a simulator so the bells can be used without being audible outside the tower.

We are always looking for people to learn to ring. Bell ringing is an old art that is practised in friendly sociable groups all over the English-speaking world.

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10th March 2022

Parish Meeting Report 2022

Hoxne Bowls Club
Report for
Annual Parish Meeting
2022

After the extremely successful Centenary Year in 2019 the club has suffered a loss of membership. for various reasons but predominately due to the pandemic.

The club was hit hard by the sad deaths of Phil Golding and Dave Lockley. Also, long serving, club captain and green keeper, Maurice Hurry was forced to retire due to ill health.

Due to the Pandemic we closed the green for the 2021 season. This hit us, and bowls, very hard.

The following year, 2021 we only had 14 active bowlers and there was a fear the club might fold. Hence, we decided not to enter any leagues and only played domestic games among ourselves. However, these proved popular and members felt safe with the Covid rules we introduced.

Pre-pandemic, the club was in a reasonably good financial situation. Because of that and a generous contribution from the Playing Fields Committee, we have managed to keep our losses to a minimum.

Currently, an enthusiastic gang of members are working on improvements to the green and surrounds ready for the coming season.

After gaining some new members last year and with the return of several old faces, now people feel safer, we have entered two leagues for the coming season and so we are now looking forward to a full and enjoyable summer of bowls.

We, and bowls in general, need more members. To this end, as part of a county-wide drive, we are holding a 'Try Bowls weekend' on 30th April and 1st May. 2-5 both days.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL CHURCH, HOXNE

Due to the pandemic the Friends have not been able to do much in the way of fundraising over the past year, but the monthly coffee mornings and book sale, on the third Saturday of the month are ongoing and please do come along and browse the books, drink coffee and eat cake.

The remit of the Friends is to support the fabric of the church, i.e. raise money for the building etc. and we are currently supporting the provision of new toilet facilities which are greatly needed. Unfortunately, due to lack of support we had to cancel the Spring Lunch which was due to be held this Sunday, but we do have a quiz night coming up in May so please look out for the advertising and book your tickets. The Friends were involved in both the Village Summer Fete and the Christmas Fair in 2021.

We were very sad to lose one of the stalwarts of the Friends, Margaret Brawn, who died last year and she is greatly missed on the committee and we do try to continue to do things as she would have expected.

We look forward to seeing members of the community at our various fundraising events.

Caroline Abbott
Chairman of the Friends Committee
March 2022

Hoxne Garden and Social Club.

The Chair's Report 2022.

(This report covers the period from the last AGM held, notably Thursday 21st March 2019 until the present).

At the last AGM the future of the Club was in doubt, despite a previously active year in which there had been a varied programme of events. However, membership had fallen from 64 to 51 members with a corresponding reduction in revenue, compounded by losses incurred on the 2018 Christmas party and a cancelled summer visit in the same year. As a result of the Club possibly being disbanded as from the date of that AGM no future speakers had been booked.

The AGM of 2019 however saw the installation of a largely new Committee which vowed to keep the Club going and improve the finances. This was achieved so that by March of 2020 finances had improved from £486.85 in our funds to £847.23. The Club is not about accumulating money however, but rather by providing a variety of talks together with a Christmas 'do' and perhaps an annual garden party. We also support the annual Hoxne Flower, Craft and Produce Show although we are not directly involved in managing that event. In the year up to March 2020 we had achieved this with such talks as Jane Gosling on 'The Guilds of Lavenham,' Johnny Ling and 'The Grange Musical Collection', but we also managed to offer a variety of horticultural topics too, notably 'Pelargoniums and their cultivation', and a

very thought provoking talk on how to cope with 'Climate Change 'in our gardens.

We would have therefore reported a successful year at the 2020 AGM in which the Club had been brought back from the brink and then covid 19 struck..... Not only was the 2020 AGM cancelled but also the AGM for 2021 as we were restricted by numerous Government imposed lockdowns. It was a period in which the Club went into hibernation with speakers cancelled, no Flower and Produce Show and certainly no Christmas parties or garden parties. Well, almost... Efforts were made to keep in contact with members via email, even to the extent of issuing a couple of 'newsletters' which also invited members to share with fellow members what they had been doing in the lockdown, with the enforced stay at home. We decided not to ask members to renew their annual membership fee since no talks were taking place, thus members have not paid this fee since March 2019.

The lockdowns in discouraging people from going out to socialise face to face have made many people very wary of going out, it was no surprise therefore that the Club has lost some long standing members. Restrictions thankfully began to be lifted by September 2021 when an open meeting was held for all members and anybody else who might like to join the Club. This was a very successful event giving members the chance to 'mingle' face to face with others members again. Additional new members were also recruited many of whom have been attending Club meetings since. October 2021 saw the resumption of our regular monthly meetings at which speakers were invited, thus the autumn saw speakers on such subjects as 'Developing a Wild Flower Meadow' by

Marie Lagerberg, and Helen Chen on 'The Chinese Garden'. The Christmas party was unfortunately cancelled as the Omicron variant of the pandemic took hold, however we welcomed in the New Year with a talk by Kristopher Harper on the 'Work of James Lye' a Victorian gardener who did much work on the cultivation of new Fuchsia varieties. The last talk covered by this report was given by Graham Borrill on the technicalities of 'Thatching', which perhaps has been one of our most successful talks to date with a very large number of members attending, despite having to see Graham demonstrate his work outside in the cold since we could not get his model house into the village hall ! So, we end on a high with many new members, and a varied programme of speakers organised to see us through until March 2023.

As Chair I would like to thank the support of my fellow Club committee members, hopefully together we have ensured that the Club continues for the foreseeable future not only for it's members but also as a feature of Hoxne life.

Chris Parkin.

Hoxne Heritage Group – Chairman’s Report 2020 and 2021

2020 and 2021 were certainly different! When we last held an AGM in February 2020 no one could have predicted that COVID 19 would prevent us from meeting again in person for seventeen months. Let sincerely hope that is this is all behind us and we can look forward to the resumption of normal activities. As you know we did consider the possibility of holding regular meetings by Zoom, but there didn’t seem to be much of an appetite for this although we did manage to arrange a very entertaining presentation by Rebeca Ellis from Hull University on the subject of Iron Age Art which was linked to the find by Mike of a Bovine Mount. This was the high point of a particularly depressing period for many of us.

July finally saw us met again face to face when a number of us gathered for a party in Chris and Richard’s garden. It was an excellent day with some good weather and we really appreciated the opportunity to get back together that Chris and Richard gave us.

In August the much deferred summer outing to Thelnetham Mill took place. Hosted by Chris Mills and his team of enthusiasts, it proved to be a very worthwhile visit even if a few found the gymnastics required to ascend and descend a little challenging. Richard managed to identify some ritual witch marks in the Mill that the Thelnetham team had not been aware of and is now as you know working on a detailed study of local properties.

Regular monthly meetings resumed in September and thankfully despite the emergence of Omicron have been able to continue thus far.

During November a party of us made a visit to the Waveney Valley Heritage Group in Brockdish this proved to be very worthwhile from a number of standpoints. The facilities which they have are truly excellent. Based in the old Primary School there are displays of local history, maps and photographs as well as a comprehensive collection of vintage radios and communications equipment. We were able to establish some useful contacts and hopefully look forward to having them provide a future speaker.

Despite the emergence of Omicron we were able to hold the annual Christmas Party in the Village Hall. It was of need a very much scaled down affair but enjoyed by all of us nonetheless. Hopefully this year it will be possible to revert to something that everyone will be able to attend and enjoy.

Sadly at the last minute it was necessary to defer the January talk by Ivan Bunn on the Lowestoft Fishing Industry as He felt unable to make the trip and join in a mass gathering. He has assured us that he will be happy to come at a later date.

Looking forward there is obviously some catching up to be done. We have now set a date for the second WW2 exhibition and the project group met on Friday to assess where we are

and what still needs to be done. Although we have a clear plan for the displays and scripts there will be a considerable amount of organisation and leg work nearer the time so “foot soldiers” will be required. Chris has also outlined suggestions for the slightly revised format of future meetings to encourage additional speakers and we look forward to see how this evolves.

It's been a difficult two years for us all, but we are back together again as a group and hopefully can pick up where we left off all those months ago. My thanks go out to everyone for all your help and support.

David Hyde 06.03.2022

Maynard's Educational Foundation Registered Charity Number 310412

(Also known as The Maynard Trust)

The Maynard Trust was established in 1922 by the Foundation of Charles Lord Maynard (itself founded in 1761) to provide grants for educational and training purposes to individual 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 Trust makes grants to both primary and secondary school students as well as to higher education students, including mature students, by awarding sums of money towards the cost of school trips, short educational courses (i.e. not university tuition fees), books and learning equipment.

The only criteria are that a recipient is resident within the Parish of Hoxne and studying on a recognised educational course. There is no age limit and grants are not means tested.

The four current trustees are John Lawrie, Polly Potter, Amanda Jones and Michel Henri, who are all resident in the Parish. They represent the Vicar of Hoxne (1), the Parish Council (1) and the Governing Body of St Edmunds Primary School (2). The Trustees meet 2-4 times a year to consider applications.

Richard Griffin

The Trust is funded from investments and donations. 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.

Grant applications should be made to Amanda Jones (Hon. Secretary & Trustee) of Claret Cottage, Cross Street, Hoxne IP21 5AJ (Email: amandajonesoffice@gmail.com) from whom any further information about the Trust can also be obtained.

Hardly any applications due to Covid but has prompted us to bring the Trust into the 21st Century.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR HOXNE PHOENIX GROUP 2021

This year the group were unable to hold any meetings before July due to Covid, which meant we could not celebrate our 13th Birthday in January, or hold our AGM in February, and in March were unable to submit a report to the Parish Council. However, the Committee continued to meet and keep our members up to date and on July 13th we held our first meeting outdoors in the garden at 'Cedar Lodge' when over 20 members attended and several new ladies who had moved to the village or surrounding area since Covid began. We didn't need a speaker, it was just good to see each other again, and make new friends!

Since then we have managed to meet every month in the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, apart from December when Covid struck again! We were able to rebook several speakers from the previous year which resulted in an interesting and varied programme including, "The trouble with Wasps" and a young local author Jenni Keer "Humour with Heart" which was inspiring. We even organised and enjoyed a visit to Ely Cathedral for the Christmas Craft Fair.

Several members have moved on or away during the last 2 years, but it has been good to welcome new members, maintaining our membership between 30/35.



Vivienne Bradford,

Chairman 10th March 2022.

Hoxne Village Hall/St Edmunds Village Hall

Verbal Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 10 March 2022

Good evening

I am Stephen Nixon and Chair of this hall's management committee of trustees.

As you can see the hall is in good physical shape. However, we have been largely closed during the pandemic and are only in the process of returning to a more normal situation now.

We held an Annual Meeting last October covering the two years to 28 February 2021. It is essentially since then that we have begun to return to activity. I don't intend to spend any time discussing the lockdowns but would be happy to answer any questions at the end.

So, looking forward, we have a film night tomorrow, with the Courier. We then hope to run a monthly film night as we used to do.

Recently many of our regular groups have returned.

We have some interesting events coming up. In May the museum formerly known at the Museum of East Anglian Life will be running a food exhibition, 5th May, as they transform themselves into a national museum about food. Then there will obviously be activity in the hall in connection with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June.

Finally, I would not like to give the impression that I actually do any work. There are total of 10 trustees. Sharon Knights and Sally Dudley are the booking clerks, Sharon and Michael Knights run the bar and do much of the other work. Richard Jenkins does the accounting from his fortress somewhere in Eye – having remained on the Committee despite moving.

So, in summary we should soon be back where we were in March 2020!

Any questions?

Hoxne Parish Meeting Thursday March 10 2022

This report refers to the year April 2021 - March 2022
please see the previous report for the cancelled zoom Parish Meeting
2021

Although we've had greatly reduced attendances during the pandemic: going from over 42 active singing members down to seven. I am pleased to announce weekly attendance is starting to pick up.

To help with our finances the choir have held socially distanced Bring and Buy sales, also an open garden weekend ~ these events have pulled the group into a good community, who feel they are helping to keep everyone happy and the choir going.

The film premier at The Cut Halesworth in early October 2021 was a resounding success with both performances sold out. Please see notes on previous years report.

The garden singing sessions have been another success, albeit whether permitting.

We continue to sing together and we are now rehearsing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.

Jenny Knight
Village Voices Secretary

Hoxne Parish Meeting Thursday April 29th 2021

Village Voices Community Choir celebrated its tenth anniversary during 2020. We started the year well with our usual AGM at The Swan on 13th January.

During February we had a truly uplifting singing workshop with Dr Kathy Bullock, with over 90 people attending. She is an amazing singer songwriter and teacher from Kentucky USA.

Following this event we moved on to March where we welcomed Brendan Taaffe, a singer songwriter and visiting teacher from Vermont USA. This event, unfortunately had to be a reduced and socially distanced affair. We had a really good time, he stayed one night, then after many hours of delay he managed to fly back to the USA. Village Voices choir went into lockdown the following day.

Even though we had to cancel our planned late August weekend to Brancaster and November singing workshop with Northern Harmony, Village Voices have remained busy.

On 30th March 2020 we started to sing via Zoom. Although a number of choir members preferred not to sing on zoom, those who did had a really good time. We had different theme nights where choir members dressed up each Monday. We had a great time and have some really good pictures. See our website for these.

20th July and Village Voices had a "Sing 26" charity event; with the London Marathon not taking place a lot of charities were struggling to raise funds. Janet selected 26 old favourites, with which everyone was familiar. Sixty Nine singers attended the zoom sing along. We had fun chatting at intervals during the marathon. We raised a lot of money for an Ipswich Women and Children's Charity.

During the summer of 2020 Janet and Halesworth Community Choir in conjunction with Waveney & Blyth Arts decided to fund a new project for 2021, to which Village Voices were invited to take part.

This inspiring decision has been named "Spell Songs in the Green".

Based on the books 'Spell Songs' and 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris, it will hopefully bring awareness that nature is woefully lacking in the everyday lives of children.

All rehearsals have continued to take place via Zoom during the lockdowns.

We had planned to make one of our performances a celebratory promenade concert at Brakey Wood, the other being on Halesworth's Millennium Green. However due to continued restrictions these events have been replaced by the making of a film, with local artist/film makers Liz Waugh and Toby McManus.

The choir members are recording themselves and sending the sound files to Janet. She and the film maker are at this moment collecting all the puzzle pieces together and we hope to have a film premiere on Saturday 9th October 2021 at The Cut Halesworth.

It has been a sad and lonely year for some, Janet and the choirs are doing the best we can to keep everyone positive.

Unfortunately Village Voices has been hit hard by current events. After ten years raising thousands of pounds for charity we are now struggling to keep our heads above water. We have plans to try and raise funds to keep Village Voices afloat but there is the real possibility we may fold in a couple of months. If the Parish Council know of any means of support we can access it would greatly help.

Jenny Knight
Village Voices Secretary

Waveney Valley Partnership



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Contextual Information:

The number of pupils in the school is currently 92 pupils on roll, including the nursery pupils. The school still seems to remain 'top heavy' with an increasing number of pupils choosing to come to the school later in their primary schooling. However, over the last two years' new intake numbers into the school have increased to on average 13 pupils (maximum 15.)

The school still works collaboratively with Mendham Primary School as part of Waveney Valley Partnership as well as taking an active part within the Consortium Multi-Academy trust. Working with these other schools allows the school to share resources and expertise as well as allowing small cohorts of children the opportunity to mix with other children of their own age.

Staffing:

In January the school welcomed two new teaching staff to the team. Mr. Phil Jones joined as the year 5 and 6 teacher and Mrs. Holly Eaton joined the school in Early years. There was also a change in the role of Assistant Academy Head, Mrs. Claire Tilley was appointed into the post, as well as continuing as the year 1/2 teacher.

Curriculum:

In the lead up to September there was significant work on our curriculum design, this was a collaborative piece of work with other Trust schools. As a trust the academic skills and knowledge were noted as being important, but this needed to be alongside the development of the child themselves. As a result, 3 drivers for the curriculum were agreed- Personal development, Creative development and Community engagement. Sitting below each of these three drivers are 6 learning characteristics which are then embedded in the teaching of the academic curriculum to ensure that pupils are developed as a rounded individual.

Personal Development	Creative Development	Community Engagement
Determined and Resilient	Imaginative and Creative	Responsibility
Resourceful	Purposeful	Participation
Reflective and Self-Improvement	Adaptive	Sense of Place
Risk Taker	Builds Links	Engages with Debate
Collaborative	Independent Thinker	Understands and Respects Equality and Diversity
Independent Learner	Curious Mind	Respectful, Active Citizens

Small Schools – Huge Ambitions

Community Links:

The school has been restricted in working within the village community due to COVID, however we were able to have a 'pupil only' Harvest service at the church. We were also able to make decorations for the Church tree displays. Our Christmas plans were sadly cancelled due to an outbreak of COVID within School.

As a school we continue to work with the playing field committee and use the pavilion for events such as sports days and PE lessons.

As restrictions continue to lift we hope to be able to further develop community links- using the historical village that we are situated in as a rich resource to further develop our pupils learning.

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