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**R**ECENT EVENTS HAVE shown how lucky we are to live in our little corner of Suffolk. Villagers have stepped up to be not only good neighbours but great ones.

Horham Post Office has provided an exceptional service and all the shops in Eye, especially the butchers, Co-ops, McColl's, The Handyman and Mel at the green grocers have gone above and beyond. Alongside these I'd like to thank the posties,

dustmen and delivery drivers and all those who just kept on working throughout. We have no idea how long this will go on. All I can hope for is that we all continue to look out for our neighbours and any vulnerable villagers.

Things are gradually getting better although we cannot rule out that a we'll have to take a few steps backwards at some point. All we can do is keep calm and carry on.

**W**E'VE MISSED AN ISSUE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A decade but now we're back in business with a slightly different sort of mag. The What's On section is non-existent and the missing summer issue, our 50th, was due to be celebration with lots of history and other fun articles. Sadly events have overtaken us so over the past months we've been putting some articles online at [www.redlingfield.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.gov.uk). However, I know a goodly proportion of our readers aren't on the internet so hopefully this will make up for our missing issue. Our 50th issue is a few months late but here goes. ... **Mike Ager**

**Our front-page picture is an image by Dutch artist Fake created in praise of healthcare professionals.**

■ **PLANNING: AWAITING DECISION:** plan for erection of two-storey extension with glazed link extension and erection of boundary wall at **Malsters, Chapel Lane, Horham. GRANTED:** Creation of new access on land **east Of Horham Road, Athelington.**

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# Natural world thrived as

**W**E ARE ALL IN DIRE Straits, though the band had no idea what was coming when they invented that name.

However, one thing that does come into its own in rural Suffolk is bird-watching as we struggle to come to terms with this global calamity.

The lockdown, which curtailed even

that harmless activity, is thankfully over and birding can again be enjoyed. Whether in small groups, with an enthusiastic partner or solo, it provides a combination of exercise, plenty of fresh air and gentle use of the brain cells, and can be thoroughly rewarding by bike as well as on foot.

The challenge of identifying our flying friends has been with us forever but it was the Victorians who saw it as a more rigorous and scientific activity.

They were not much into conservation then and to make the job easier they were very happy to shoot down anything they saw.

LOCKDOWN RESTRICTED BIRD watching to garden views through the window which by happy chance was the nesting season.

Legs Knowland of Denham had given me a handful of waste wool, a by-product of her weaving hobby

**A beady eye  
from the  
mistle thrush.**



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# we locked down

*Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

which, stuffed into a hole in a garden tree, provided perfect material for the nest builders.

Watching the industry of goldfinches through the kitchen window provided an interesting diversion while washing up, though my springtime favourite this year, not seen much here before, was a pair of mistle thrushes.

The unflattering Latin name of the thrush family is *turdus*, and *viscivorous* is their scientific name meaning “consumer of mistletoe.” Fond of almost any winter berries, in spring they seek insects on the close-cropped lawn and I’m confident they were nesting not far away.

EVERY YEAR IN MARCH WE SEE a jousting match between spring trying to arrive and winter not wanting to depart. The northern breeders like the fieldfare, which leave us to breed in the farms and hedges of northern

Europe, have not migrated before our early spring incomers, such as the chiffchaff, have arrived from Africa.

Migrating birds are blessed with the uncanny knack of being in the right part of the planet at the right time for the food supply they need, not only for themselves but for the broods of chicks they are hellbent on producing. But the spring of 2020 will be remembered for one reason only and not the wonderful warm dry weather which blessed the Easter holiday this year.

This is scant consolation for the coastal holiday traders as they countenanced deserted beaches and promenades in what would have been a perfect start to summer business.

Walking the dogs every morning in wellingtons had been a bit of a chore in the wettest winter that farmers can remember, but then, what a summer!

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Despite the huge uncertainties people faced, not least in the understanding of risk, there was reassurance that the natural world was unchanged, and indeed lived high on the hog, with the rhythms of the seasons unflinching as we mortals lost our way. Butterflies are abundant and everybody exclaims they are hearing much more bird song; though I'm not sure there is more to be heard, it was just that people have time to stop and listen.

MAY 1ST WAS A GOOD DAY, A turtle dove swung across the pond with its distinctive white banded tail on show as it landed. At the same time a pair arrived in Mike and Jan's garden thus securing Redlingfield's reputation as a haven for a very special migrant.

That's not to say the swallows swooping into the woodshed have gone unnoticed, now into their second brood, and neither have we missed the daily duckling count, this mallard mother has done well with her brood of eleven, now about a month old.



**Left: The turtle dove arrived on May 1st and looks a bit travel weary with some wear and tear to the tail feathers. Right: After a week here the turtle dove looks splendid in the afternoon sun.**

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My daughter-in-law Zara at Toll Barn rang me urgently on August 12th to ask if I could humanely despatch a young swallow which had crashed into her window. But she had protected it overnight with a cardboard box and given it a sip of water so the plucky juvenile then found strength enough to fly from the hand. We were quickly dive-bombed by the adults zooming in to resume parental duties and so a very happy conclusion.

THE SIGHS OF RELIEF WHEN Harvest began were more audible than usual. This year it was not merely the culmination of the year's work and the usual haste to get on with it, but the comfort of the annual ritual in times of the "new normal". The winter barley yielded well, a Cinderella crop in some respects as wheat is a much bigger market and therefore more popular with farmers. But the straw makes excellent bedding once baled, the hares then roamed about and the field attracted both a low flying buzzard and a high flying kestrel on the look-out for food.

THE EXPERIENCE OF COVID means people are now encouraged to reconnect with Nature and perhaps become more self-reliant. But that must be the message for our town-dwelling friends surely and not the readers of our award-winning three-village magazine here in Suffolk where the expression teaching Granny



**Top: A swallow in the hand. Above: With nine out of her eleven brood on May 10th, this mallard has done well to get them to a month old without losing one.**

to suck eggs comes to mind. But there is no denying the quieter, slower life has made a difference and old skills like bread-making are all the rage. And people enjoyed more than the odd tippie at home to the extent that a cartoon in Ireland had a man pleading for the pubs to reopen before he became an alcoholic.

*Trevor Edwards*



# Beware bear's breeches

**M**E AND MY WIFE HAD the great fortune to move into the Suffolk countryside nearly six years ago and into the lovely village of Horham. When our first spring/summer arrived, we looked forward to seeing what plants were going to spring forth that were left to us by the previous owners Carol and Brian Smy.

There wasn't too much out of the ordinary, the garden being mainly boring turf with the odd small flowerbed dotted about. Out of one of these flowerbeds began growing an unusual (for me anyway) spikey plant that I eventually found out was called bear's breeches (*Acanthus spinosus* I believe). It was tall with strange looking spikey purple flowers and I thought no more about it until coming home one day after work and strolling around I looked at the plant and could see something inside the flower. On closer inspection, it was a dead Garden bumblebee (*Bombus hortorum*), then there was another dead bee, then I found a live bee that was struggling to get out, I aided its escape and it looked rather bedraggled as if it had been

struggling for some time.

Needless to say, I was horrified. Many of you who know me know I love my bees and wasps and this is the last thing I wanted for them. I eventually found four dead bees trapped in the flowers. I cut the flower spike off and although I never removed the plant completely, I never allowed the flower spike to grow again.

Unfortunately, I never documented what had happened and this year I decided to let it grow unfettered just so that I could see if the same thing happened again and document the process. The plant has been in flower for a few weeks now and I have been checking regularly with no casualties to report.

However, today I found a Common Carder Bumblebee (*B. pascuorum*) stuck within a flower. I lifted the top petal of the flower which acts like a hood over the top of the anthers and the bee immediately crawled out of the side of the plant and then rested on top, not even attempting to move. At the same time, a large newly emerged queen *B. hortorum* popped in and out

■ **HIGH SUFFOLK ROTARY DISSOLVED:** The members of the Rotary Club of High Suffolk have taken the difficult decision that the club be dissolved with effect from 30th June 2020. This decision was not taken lightly, but has been made necessary due to declining membership and advancing years. Residual funds have been distributed to charities previously supported by the Club, and physical assets have been given to other Clubs in the district. The Club extends its grateful thanks to all 'Friends of Rotary' for support over the years and for the good times we have shared whilst fundraising and socialising.

**John Cooper**





**Bear's breeches.**  
**Wikimedia**  
**Commons Alexxx.**

of the flower with no effort whatsoever. So, how can this plant affect one bee and not the other?

The plant itself is a non-native and comes from warmer climes in the Mediterranean and Asia where it is visited by

much larger and stronger bees such as Carpenter bees (*Xylocopa sp*) who can push itself past the stiff woody filaments, that hold the anthers of the plant, unhindered, a bit like our queen bumblebee.

However, worker bees are smaller and enticed by the nectar produced by this plant and its need to provide for the nest, pushes past the anthers. But due to their smaller size, their back legs are then caught and held up by the filaments stopping the bee from manoeuvring backwards and thus becomes trapped.

I shared my findings to various groups on social media and many had reported they had found dead bumblebees within the flowers, some had no problems. So, if you have this plant in your garden, beware, it may not be such a great plant for our much-troubled bees.

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# Big thank you to Horham

**T**HE CORONAVIRUS HAS affected all of us in various ways, some more than others but we have all missed out on our usual summer activities.

We have had no dog show, no open days, no car rally, no fetes, no cinema, no fairs and so on. We have also missed the Old School coffee morning,

various reading groups, exercise clubs and a lot more.

But one thing has carried on through it all, the Horham shop! David, Irene, Sheila and Tracey have met us at the door and at one of the windows and continued to sell to us from their wide array of foods and useful things. I am always amazed how they manage to fit

■ **HORHAM & ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:** By the time you read this the Parish Council should have held a meeting on September 1st on the playing field behind the Community Hall. They planned to observe social distancing and provide masks and hand sanitiser on site. The council decided that as there were members of the public that might like to attend they would not run this meeting on line. A small nod to normality.

**Elizabeth Gibson Harries Chair, 01379 384680**



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such variety into their smallish space.

Just as, or even more, important has been our opportunity to chat to them and to each other by shouting across the “social distance”. It really has been a great relief to make even little contact with neighbours.

I expect that our great great grandchildren will be taught about the pandemic and the huge value of having the shop open and its always friendly welcome.

I hope there will be a big plaque on the wall so that tourists and future residents will know of the shop and how grateful we all are to the Spalls.

*Evelyn Adey*

■ **LIBRARIES:** Most libraries have reopened and mobile library services are running to their normal schedule. They visit Horham Church (11.55am–12.15pm) and Redlingfield Post box (12.25–12.40pm) on Tuesdays 22nd September, 20th October, 17th November and 15th December.

■ **HIGH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY BUS:** The bus committee recently met and it has provisionally agreed to commence bus services on Tuesday 1st December.

■ **THANK YOU:** Thank you very much to all the kind people who sent cards and good wishes for my birthday in June. Also many thanks to Janet Fisk for flying her flag.

*Violet Allum*



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# Happy Hounds at home

**T**HERE HAVEN'T been many new businesses starting up since the pandemic hit the UK but Helen Cook has bucked that trend opening Happy Hounds Home

Boarding in Reddingfield.

Helen, who was born in Worlingworth, is married with two boys, Samuel, 12, and Jacob, 11. She worked for 10 years in quality control

at Aspall Cyder where she met Matt her husband. She took a few years off to have the boys then ran Kings Farm Kennels in Cranley for seven years. Matt, from Ipswich is now a



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prison officer and has also been a retained fire fighter in Debenham.

Helen has a licence for six dogs at her property on The Knoll. She says that there is always someone at the house so the dogs are never

left alone. They are walked twice a day and have a lovely doggy pool to splash in to keep cool in the warm weather. She is pictured here with some of her happy hounds. Contact her on 07876 512815. *Mike Ager*



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# Pound Lane continues to be a wildlife sanctuary

**D**URING THE COURSE OF this very strange spring and summer the open space that is Pound Lane wood has continued to be used both as a community open space and as a wild life sanctuary.

No formal Great Crested Newt survey has taken place but local observations have confirmed that they are in evidence once more in the pond ... and in significant numbers which bodes well for the future.

Earlier in the spring owls were observed in the owl box and obviously feeding young but by now the owlets will have fledged.

The rides have been cut but haymaking is still a few weeks away so there is still a profusion of wild flowers on the meadow.

Thanks to the hot dry spring there

has been an impressive array of butterfly species including Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Brimstone, Orange Tip, Green Veined White and Peacock. The Broad Bodied Chaser Dragonflies have been busy near the pond with a noticeably increased number this year, and after 15 years the trees are flourishing.

This is a community woodland owned by all the residents of Denham Horham and Athelington, everyone is welcome to join the group and/or take part in our activities.

For information about events see the notice board on the meadow at the wood, and to join the group please contact our secretary Penny Conway on 01379 870 165.

*Margaret Reeves  
New Reeding Woods Group*

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**Redlingfield:** If you need help or know of anyone who needs help with shopping, prescriptions, or for a phone and chat etc contact Mike Ager & Janet Norman-Philips (Hidcote Lodge) 01379 678835 or pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk. If you have other problems with benefits, finances or oddjobs that need doing, or need any other help contact Mike & Jan. We will try to help or to find the people who can.

■ **PRAISE FOR PARISHES:** In a letter to parish clerks the leaders of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have praised the impressive community response to the lockdown. They wrote: "We are so appreciative of the incredible work that the volunteers have achieved, and we wish you to convey to them our sincere thanks ... you quickly organised yourselves and started to help the vulnerable, and it has been heart-warming to hear of this wonderful work ... What is most impressive is that you have helped the vulnerable with anything they have needed, and have carried this work out with good grace, and with an eye on looking after each other too. You have defined the spirit of community."

***Suzie Morley (Mid Suffolk) & John Ward (Babergh)***

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# Missing the gatherings at Horham's Old School

**A**T THE DATE OF WRITING The Old School remains closed. The Coronavirus pandemic has brought an abrupt halt to all the activities housed here, which had become such a valued part of our village life.

We have been heartened by all the messages of support and will be bringing back as many activities as possible when it is safe to do so.

We miss the crowded, happy gatherings, sense of community, camaraderie and chat at our coffee mornings. The Old School is a place

where we join to share news, celebrate and mourn the passing of our friends.

We miss the computer lessons, the yoga class, the quizzes and the sound of music and dance. We miss the art and craft activities and of course our annual art exhibition. It will also be so good to open the bar again.

We long for the world to be safe again and as soon as it is, we will be open and enjoying the energy and love that is in our village.

Be safe and well everyone!

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**Just some of the activities at the Old School.**

■ **THE RED FEATHER CLUB:** Covid-19 Statement: "Following the outbreak of Covid-19 the Museum will remain closed until further notice. Social distancing on a small site is complex requiring investment and a great deal of work by our volunteers in order to open safely and comply with the requirements of social distancing. The reduction in social distancing from 2m to 1m (with mitigations) introduced on 24th June 2020 does not change our assessment of the Covid-19 risk to our visitors and volunteers. Whilst the Museum is closed please continue to support our volunteers by following our activities on social media. This is a great way that our members, supporters, and friends can help maintain our public profile and awareness of the Museum." Thank you.

**Alan Roper, Chair of the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association committee**

■ **SUPPORTING MACMILLAN:** On Saturday September 26th, 11am-1pm, a Southolt Supports Macmillan coffee morning will be held to raise much needed funds for Macmillan Cancer Support during these difficult times. With social distancing, outside with a marquee, at Moatlodge, the Street, Southolt IP23 7QJ. For further infocontact: Maureen Flannery 01728 628094 or Gill Richardson 01728 627916.





## New look

**R**EDLINGFIELD HAS has managed to hold a handful of village events despite all the Coronavirus restrictions.

Along with the rest of the nation we had been clapping for carers and key workers on Thursdays and on Sunday 5th July, thanks to an idea from Charlie Reilly, we held a socially-distanced picnic on the Doorstep Green to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the NHS. The event included the final clap for carers.

This was followed by the welcome return of Rural Coffee Caravan in August moving from the centre of the village to the Doorstep





# to village events

Green, which has more room for social distancing.

We also managed to hold a socially-distanced Pub on the Green, which proved a great success. The events have proved a welcome relief and a welcome chance to socialise.

Join us at our pop-up pub on the Doorstep Green on Saturdays 12th September and 10th October, 6pm-10pm. Come along for a drink and a chat. There should also be a BBQ with burgers for sale.

By the time you read this the Coffee Caravan should have been back on the Doorstep Green on

Wednesday 2nd September and will hopefully also visit on Wednesday 7th October.

*Mike Ager*

*Pictures are all from the village picnic except, below inset, the first Coffee Caravan visit.*



## EVENTS

**Saturday  
September 12:**

**Pub on Green,  
6pm-10pm.  
Glenn's burger  
bar will be  
back.**

**Wednesday  
October 7:**

**Provisional,  
Coffee  
Caravan, 11am-  
1pm. Doorstep  
Green. Bring  
your  
own mug and  
chair if  
possible.**

**Saturday  
October 10:  
Pub on Green.**





# Bags of cheer in

**E**VERY VILLAGER IN Redlingfield received a “Cheer Up Bag”, a carrier bag of goodies and presents put together by volunteers, designed to make them smile and feel better about life in these challenging times.

Parish Clerk Janet Norman-Philips said: “The Coronavirus has worried people and had quite an impact.

“Some people are on their own and just getting deliveries of food or medicines but not really being able to see people. Others are living with the joys of isolating at home with young children or teenagers and all the challenges that brings.”

“We set up a network of volunteers who have

been helping others, either shopping or collecting medicines or providing a sympathetic ear.

“A group of people in the village decided that it would be a really nice idea to create goodie bags to cheer people up. We thought at first that we would just do them for the elderly or vulnerable or families of key workers and then we realised that was the majority of people – so it didn’t seem fair to exclude people.”

The “Cheer Up Bags” contained a mix of items: a jigsaw puzzle, board games, a pack of playing cards, some toiletries, some sweets, a bird feeder and some bird food, a few packets



**From top: With their Cheer Up Bags are: Eddie, Gail & Kelly Hawes; Jan & Neville Butcher; & Darryl & Humpry. Below right: Some of the goodies.**





# Redlingfield

of seeds, both wildflower and easy-to-grow flowers and vegetables to encourage youngsters and the less green-fingered to have a go,. For the adults we included a bottle of beer or fruit juice plus everyone got their own funny-face stress ball. All delivered in an easily-recycled brown paper carrier bag along with a greeting card and newsletter.

More than 60 of these “Cheer Up Bags” were delivered in and around Redlingfield, aiming to bring a smile and help people feel better and less isolated. From the reactions on the doorstep

– at a safe distance – they seemed hit the spot.

Janet added: “We want to thank everyone who helped. We had grants from Suffolk Community Action, Mid Suffolk District Council, Redlingfield church and parish council, as well as donations from villagers. Businesses also helped, supplying items at cost or with big discounts – notably the Bruha Brewery and The Handyman, in Eye and a online businesses and eBayers who helped getting hard to find items.

*Janet Norman-Philips*



■ “Thank you so much for my lockdown parcel it’s full of super treats ... hopefully playing with the smiling stress ball will stop me eating so much.”

■ “Many thanks for the ingenious and delightful Goody Bag ... It was a complete surprise in itself and the contents were one surprise after another. It really brightened up our day. You clearly have the power to read minds. We have been trying to get seeds for several weeks, nasturtiums in particular, without success. Our tub of birdseed was almost gone and what better morale-booster could there be on VE Day than traditional pale ale? We are touched by the kindness and warmth of our fellow villagers who have gone out of their way for two newcomers. We are so glad that we settled in Redlingfield.”

■ “A lovely surprise. Just like diving into a Christmas stocking and such thoughtful items. Thank you very much indeed.”

■ “... thank you for my goodie bag. What a lovely surprise, it made me smile and a bit emotional. A lovely idea.”





## IN MEMORIAM

### **Edith 'Edie' Mildred Coe passed away peacefully at home on August 10th, 2020, aged 88 years.**

Mum was born in Aldringham and, as a child, lived in a fairly remote row of cottages on Aldringham common with her parents and four siblings. She grew up in wartime and watched dogfights in the night sky, tanks and military vehicles on the common, and carried a gas mask to school each day. She confessed that she hated her mask and during school practice sessions would put two fingers up the side of it in order to breathe better. As we wear our Coronavirus masks, we can sympathise with her on that.

As a young woman living at home, Mum liked to spend evenings at the funfair and to take the weekend train to London with her best friend, Thelma. On one such trip to London, she discovered a pre-sliced loaf of bread, something she had never seen before, and brought one home for her mother, who was delighted with her gift.

After completing school, she worked in her sister's laundry business and supplemented her

income by seasonal work in a fruit-canning factory. Her work ethic was strong throughout her life. In addition to cooking and housework, she also did the majority of the internal painting and decorating of our home and both of us learned to apply wallpaper at any early age as we got roped into the task. Her relationship with Dad was one of equals and when Dad's business was busy, she would be found cutting lengths of iron or painting farm gates at the blacksmith shop in support of him. To work hard was seen as a virtue.

As a new wife, Mum lived in a row of cottages on Mill Road, Redlingfield and specialised in burning the carrots. In frustration she would throw the burned carrots, charred pot and all, onto the back lawn. The pot was later retrieved by Dad who diligently cleaned up the pot for reuse. Over the years her cooking improved immensely and we have memories of delicious homemade dinners, cakes and desserts.

Mum enjoyed cryptic crosswords and other word puzzles and as a young mother she spent time teaching us our alphabet and numbers, basic reading skills, and some painting and drawing, all of which formed an excellent springboard for our later achievements. We are grateful for her patience in that, and for the many hours she spent playing Scrabble with us as teenagers. The score sheets were covered with side-view details of





## IN MEMORIAM

women's faces with long wavy hair, full lips, and eyes complete with eyelashes, which she doodled as easily as most of us doodle geometric shapes. Karen's artistic talents most certainly came from Mum's side of the family.

Mum and Tessa apple-picked at a local farm in the summer; Mum rode her moped and Tessa her bicycle along the small country road. Sometimes Mum would boost Tessa by pushing her along with a hand on her back so that they could get home quicker. All went well until the day a fast-moving motorbike appeared without warning and both Mum and Tessa fell off. Extraordinarily Mum rode home on her moped with a broken wrist, in order to ensure that Dad would go back for Tessa in the car. It's a mark of her grit and determination that she was able to do that.

Mum embraced modern technology and had a digital camera before we did. She took photos of all her visits to Tessa's home in the United States as well as family events. She used her computer to make photo-cards for birthdays etc. for family and friends, and to design flyers to support village activities. She intended to watch her homemade movies when she became too old to travel. Sadly, macular degeneration robbed her of that opportunity. She made the best of the situation with characteristic resilience and reviewed them many times before her eyesight completely failed. After that she turned to audio books as a source of entertainment and obtained daily news and weather through Alexa.

**Edie & Eddie & facing page the front & back pages from Edie's order of service.**



With two girls in the family, Dad expected her to be the primary disciplinarian for our wrongdoings and she was definitely up to the task when necessary. As an adult she became more of a friend, such that all three of us were together holding hands when she died.

She will be greatly missed by us, and by all who loved her.

**Tessa Perrin and Karen Slade**  
*Edith, of Fressingfield, formerly of Redlingfield, was beloved wife of the late Edwin, and mother to Tessa and Karen. A private funeral service was held at St Andrew's Church, Redlingfield. Donations, if wished, payable to Susan Whymark Funeral Service Ltd, to benefit East Anglian Air Ambulance, may be sent to Chestnut House, 12 Progress Way, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7HU.*

■ **Tessa and Karen extend their grateful thanks to everyone who has been so kind to Mum since she lost Dad. Thanks also to those who attended the funeral, sent cards and messages and to those who helped to tidy the churchyard. We both have happy memories of our childhood in Redlingfield.**



# Hares & tortoises on trail

**S**TATUES HAVE BEEN placed around Eye to commemorate the key workers and volunteers who helped people through lockdown.

Following the success of the Sheep Art Trail, which was held in Eye last year, The Trail of Hope is made up of six statues of hares and tortoises with a further six smaller ones in shops.

The Blossom Charity, which organised the trail, said the statues are a celebration of the good things to have come

out of lockdown.

Among the characters include ‘Superhare-O’ which represents NHS staff and key workers, ‘Colonel Tom, the Gentlehare’ named after fundraiser captain Sir Tom Moore, and ‘Nutbrown’ representing local photographer Wendy Aiken who took pictures of families on their doorsteps during lockdown.

Maps showing the statues locations are available from shops in the town, including Dream On, The Handyman and both Co-ops.

They will be auctioned to raise funds for The Blossom



■ **REDLINGFIELD CAT SHOT:** Janet Norman-Philips was devastated earlier this year when she found out that her cat White Toes, who came home badly injured one Saturday evening, had been shot with a shotgun. Janet said: “White Toes, adopted us about five years ago, he just turned up and never left. We think he was somewhere between 8 and 10 years old.” He had been missing for three days when he came home on Saturday evening, very unwell. “We thought that he might have been clipped by a car. It turned out that he had been shot. He was riddled with shotgun pellets – some fifty in total – in his eye, in his head and neck, several in his lungs, in his back and legs. Most were in his face head and neck – so he was shot head-on by the look of it. According to the vet, Peter Wilson, at Debenham vets, he would have been in absolute agony and there were so many pellets and so much damage had been done that there was no option but to put him to sleep. Given the state he was in Peter was very surprised that he had managed to drag himself home. I can’t imagine what kind of evil person would do this to a defenceless animal. It’s horrific.”



**Janet Norman-Philips**



# of hope round Eye

Charity on September 17. Last year the Sheep Art Trail raised £40,000 for the charity.

Abhilash Gope, manager at Hartismere Place care home which is sponsoring the trail, told the *EADT*: “We’re thrilled to be sponsoring ‘Colonel Tom the Gentlehare’ as part of the Eye Trail of Hope.”

The Blossom Charity will soon be launching a programme of workshops for people who have been impacted by the Coronavirus crisis.

Called Reboot, the programme is aimed at people who may have lost their jobs, or who have lost their confidence and do not know what to do next.

The twelve animals will be offered for sale by Clarke & Simpson via a timed online auction which will finish at around 7.30pm on Thursday 17th September.

Unlike eBay, this has the excitement of real time bidding whereby each lot will extend for a further period if someone bids during the last few minutes. For further details contact [info@theblossomcharity.co.uk](mailto:info@theblossomcharity.co.uk).



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# Help preserve our riding

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# routes

flexible and done as and when you have time and energy. We are keen to hear from volunteers with a range of skills and abilities, which may include: solving puzzles, map reading or an interest in local history.

Support, training and expenses provided for all 2026 volunteers.

If you would like to register to a support the BHS 2026 project in your area, please contact Volunteer Support Team at [volunteer@bhs.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@bhs.org.uk). Visit their website [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk).

The British Horse Society can also be contacted at Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2XZ or on 02476 840500.

■ **HOSPITAL MUSEUM:** The 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum in Denham is remaining closed for the foreseeable future as the buildings do not lend themselves to social distancing ([www.95thbghospitalmuseum.co.uk](http://www.95thbghospitalmuseum.co.uk)).

■ **DAVID JOHNSON:** David Henry Johnson passed on 9th April peacefully at home, aged 85. Beloved husband of Beryl, much loved father of Kev, Tass and Gill and loving grandad to Aimee, Sam, Ellie, Molly, Charlotte, George and Harry. He will be greatly missed. A remembrance service is planned for the Red Feather Club.

■ **THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all who helped me with the rebuilding of my garage.  
**Barry Hall**

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# Being a good winner is

**I** WAS ONE OF THOSE SAD people who thought it important to be successful when I was young. The playing of the game wasn't the motivation for me.

Unfortunately I wasn't very old before it was clear to anyone I am not a sportsman, academic, artisan or really good at anything.

Winning meant a lot but losing hurt a lot more than victory felt good. In my mind I could be successful, dreams could be controlled, life couldn't.

In my mind I have learned to enjoy the minor successes I achieve whilst trying not to go overboard about the defeats.

In reality I would be mentally unstable by now if I responded too badly to my defeats as I have quite a

lot. I've also got a tendency to back the small guy or team a lot.

If you go for the underdog they don't get to win that much. They are underdogs for a reason. Subsequently because of this I see myself as someone fighting the odds, unlikely to benefit too much from the arrows of fortune.

On the few occasions I do I enjoy a victory I appreciate it. I also know how bad others are feeling from my own experiences.

The text and moral conclusion to this is to enjoy your success but remember the cold facts. For every winner there is a loser and they won't be enjoying it like you are.

The last thing people want is to have something that causes them grief



■ **WILDLIFE:** During lockdown many took solace in their gardens and we were no exception. We have been graced by our annual visit from a pair of turtle doves. They are a very welcome but, sadly, rare sight amongst the usual suspects noshing on the bird food. Our valerian, hebes and buddleias have been attracting a profusion of butterflies and moths and this year we've been lucky enough to have Hummingbird Hawkmoths, one amazing Elephant Hawkmoth and the less spectacular Pine Hawkmoth. If you want to know more about moths visit [www.suffolkmoths.co.uk](http://www.suffolkmoths.co.uk). To the left is something to brighten your day ... a picture of a splendid bee orchid taken by Katie Abbott beside here pond. **Mike Ager**



# important

rammed down their throat. It intensifies division rather than making any genuine attempt to try to heal it.

More than ever we need a society where people get on and don't antagonise each other. Surely the doctrine of the politics being divisive and alienating those opposed to your view is over.

We need to unify behind what have in common rather than concentrate on what divides us.

People have a tendency to be judgemental and self righteous. They can sometimes appear to enjoy people's suffering if they have made a misjudgement or are on the losing side of an argument.

Also they love to give people a hard time knowing they are not as happy about outcomes as they are. It goes beyond banter between friends. Sometimes people can be nasty, we all step over the line of decency sometimes.

We all want to be a winner but it isn't always achievable for some of us. Winning is an easy notion to accept graciously. It should take no skill to behave well in it's wake.

A good winner deserves respect and makes our world just that little bit better. A bad winner is just to be felt sorry for as they just cause hostility.

Since early 2020 winning and losing though seems an unimportant issue for quite a while. Keeping us safe from threats is more fundamental and that is something we all need to be winners at.

*Ian Crane*

■ **STRADBROKE CINEMA:** The cinema at Stradbroke Community Centre will be limiting the number of seats, with the correct spacing, but we estimate this to be around 40 (there will be no tiered seating). We will ask people to book ahead, first come first served. Contact [stradbrokecinema@gmail.com](mailto:stradbrokecinema@gmail.com). In order to help minimise risk we prefer cinemagoers to move to a cashless system with the use of card readers, although we will not refuse cash. To start with we will only sell from the bar 7-7.30pm and not sell ice creams or have an interval. The films will be: Thursdays September 17th, David Copperfield; October 15th, 1917; November 19th, Parasite; and December 17th, Emma.

■ **POPPIES:** Royal British Legion Poppies will not be sold door-to-door this year. They will be on sale in online at [www.poppypshop.org.uk](http://www.poppypshop.org.uk) and in supermarkets.

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# Busy getting ready for a

**T**HE SUMMER HOLIDAYS have finally arrived and in response the government's confirmation that, all being well, we will be welcoming all pupils back into school on a full time basis in September, we have been busy making preparations for the new academic year.

Government guidance suggests that the children should be taught in class bubbles. In response to this each class will have different arrival and departure times and will take all of its breaks separately to the rest of the school.

This will include lunch times which

will also be staggered to enable groups to eat separately. In school, where possible, pupils will remain 1-2m apart and desks will be organised so that pupils face forwards in order to minimise the possibility of virus transmission.

We will also continue to adhere to our rigorous hygiene procedures, including frequent hand-washing before and after play, before and after eating and on arrival, before leaving school and also with the frequent cleaning of desks.

We hope to have installed outside sinks ready for the Autumn term to help with the need for increased hand-



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# different school year

washing. In September we will begin using all of outdoor play equipment again.

The risk of the Coronavirus surviving outdoors on hard surfaces is reduced by exposure to UV and rain. However, we do accept that this does not provide a 100 per cent guarantee that the possibility of virus transmission will be fully removed.

As a school we will implement sensible precautions to prevent virus transmission including limiting the numbers of pupils on equipment and increasing hand-washing before and after use. Smaller items of PE equipment such as tennis rackets will be cleaned after each use.

The Government has also suggested that we consider re-structuring the curriculum so that there is a more prominent focus on numeracy and literacy teaching enabling school to fill any gaps in core knowledge that may have occurred due to lock-down schooling arrangements.

We feel very strongly that our pupils should still receive a broad, rich and exciting curriculum and for this reason the only areas of the curriculum that may be reduced in any way are French (Y2-Y6) and a reduction in music and ICT teaching (government guidelines advise against singing in enclosed spaces but instrumental teaching (cello/ brass) in smaller groups will be starting again in September).

These times will be utilised to

provide opportunities for pre and over-learning of core skills.

The short term need to suspend a number of our usual activities including: daily assemblies; sharing assemblies; trips and performances of any kind will also provide teachers with additional time to provide

learning activities designed to fill any gaps identified in core knowledge.

All being well, the school won't be providing any home-learning in September because hopefully, all of the children will be back in school.

Almost 90 per cent of our pupils were able to return to school for a good chunk of teaching before the summer holidays but alongside this our parents have been amazing at providing their children with home-schooling – it's very stressful and difficult trying to teach your own child but given that many of our parents were also trying to balance the demands of running a home and often trying to work from home too, they have had an incredibly difficult task and we just wanted to say well done and thank you to them all for their hard work.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September. We are excited, positive and determined to make the very best of the new academic year – whatever challenges it may bring!

**Roisin Wiseman**  
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## 43rd Annual General Meeting of Redlingfield Parish Meeting at Redlingfield Doorstep Green - 6pm on Saturday 25th July 2020:

We managed to hold a meeting on the green despite a downpour.

**Committee & officers:** The existing village committee members - Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Mike Ager, Jeanette Brierley, Susan Chapman, Allan Chapman, Will Edwards, Lesley & Tony Rose-Freitas, Emma Hewitt, Pat Kelly, Manday Miller, Adrian Smith and Janet Norman-Philips - were all re-elected with the addition of Helen Cook. The

Parish Meeting secretary Janet Norman-Philips and chairman Mike Ager were re-elected. Treasurer Jeanette Brierley stepped down as she is moving away. She was thanked for her years of hard work for the village. Janet Norman-Philips is acting treasurer for now.

**Doorstep Green extension:** Currently some children are playing on the roads and that is extremely dangerous. Helen, Matt, Sam & Alex proposed a

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

“To start off I would like to say a few words about the sad loss of village stalwart Russell Kerry. Russell was at various times chairman and treasurer of the Parish Meeting. He was an integral part of Redlingfield. Along with his good friend Allan Chapman he worked tirelessly for the church and village putting in paths, putting up play equipment and working on the Doorstep Green shed and much more. He went to every village event and was first in line when anything needed doing – unless he'd fallen asleep in front of the fire after his tea. We'll miss him terribly.

Last year was one of the best I can remember in the village with wonderful new events organised by the church – the Dog Show and Produce Show were brilliant. The usual round of regular events go from strength to strength with the Pub on the Green and Coffee Caravan visits helping keep people in touch. We've welcomed many new faces into the village over the last few years and thanks to all our efforts to keep Redlingfield a vibrant living

place we're attracting people who really want to live here and join in. Which is great for the village's future.

Obviously, times have changed but the village has rallied round as I knew it would. When we asked for volunteers to help other villagers through these strange times we were inundated with offers. We had many more volunteers than people needing help.

Every villager has received a “Cheer Up Bag” thanks to our collective efforts. (see pages 20 & 21)...

During this crisis the local shops have really stepped up and I would like to thank all at Horham Post Office and all the shops in Eye – the Co-ops, butchers, green grocer, Handyman etc who have been invaluable and helpful.

So far the only village event we've had this year was a very enjoyable picnic. Although we seem to be moving to slightly more normal times ... (see pages 16 & 17) ... I'd ask everyone to continue to be the brilliant and not just good neighbours. We need to continue to look out for others whenever we can. The Pub on the Green will obviously look a little different and the





**Village youngsters tidying the Doorstep Green.**



BMX track be built on the new Doorstep Green extension. It was agreed to investigate the feasibility, as part of a village-wide exercise to find out what improvements were wanted by everyone in the village.

Over the next few weeks and months, we will get out questionnaires and canvas all villagers, including

*Coffee Caravan have asked people to bring their own chairs and mugs ... But at least people can now get out to events and catch up – obviously from an appropriate distance.*

*Sadly, we are losing Stuart and Jeanette Brierley soon who are moving to be closer to family. Jeanette has been treasurer for almost as long as I can remember. She replaced Russell Kerry and has put us on a sound financial footing. This meant that even if we didn't get any income from village events for a year we would still be solvent. I'd like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well. We now need a new treasurer ... any volunteers? (Janet Norman-Philips is now acting treasurer)*

*I would like to thank everyone on the village committee, the PCC and all who volunteered their help when the Covid crisis hit for the community spirit and hard work. Redlingfield is a lovely village but it is you the villagers that make it a great place to live. Many thanks.*

”

**Mike Ager Chairman,  
Redlingfield Parish Meeting**

children, for opinions on what facilities are needed on both areas of the Doorstep Green.

It's important that we are able to cater for all ages of children and young people as well as adults. We will also look at how we raise funds to do this. (Bedfield have recently spent £40,000 upgrading their play area and they have offered to help us make funding applications to improve ours). See page 32.

**Village committee meetings:** Via email as needed during 2020 and Wednesday 10th February 2021 to set dates for 2021. 8pm. Venue to be agreed.

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# What next for our Green?

**W**E CREATED OUR Doorstep Green in 2006. We had lots of help, with grants and donations. More than 30 village volunteers contributed over 2,000 hours of their time to the project. An extraordinary achievement.

Since then it's been incredibly popular. We use it for our annual Summer Fayre & BBQ, Dog Shows and Pub on the Greens. People use it as a place to take the kids or sit and contemplate or exercise the dogs.

We asked everyone in the village what did they want us to do next they said – update the church with loos and a kitchen for community use. Plus make the Doorstep Green bigger and better; for wildlife, for exercise, with more play equipment for younger and older children, with a zip slide and space for sports and places to sit and relax. We spent over £25,000 buying an additional two acres, people donated and fund-raised like mad, raising over £18,000 for a bridge and some parking spaces. The Woodland Trust gave us 420 trees, we've put half of them in as hedging – the remainder are still to be planted.

Now we have to decide exactly what we want to do next – what play equipment we want, what do people

want to use the space for: walking, relaxing, exercise, enjoying the flower beds, games and sport etc. Some want a BMX bike track.

Do we want a toilet of our own (we rent one at £1,000 a year), Thornham Walks has very cute eco-loos that work well. Dogs are allowed to use the Doorstep Green but fencing off the children's play equipment and making it dog free could be a good idea.

The paths are in desperate need of resurfacing, they are dangerous and it's impossible to move around easily on them with a wheelchair or buggy.

Children are playing on the roads again – which is dangerous and we need to make sure they can play safely on the Doorstep Green.

Around 150 people live in our village – including nearly 30 children and young people, double that if you count grandchildren who regularly visit. We want to make sure everyone gets a say in what we do next and gets the opportunity to get involved to help make it happen.

We don't have the money to do much at the moment but we can apply for grants. First, we must find out what people want and need. So, we start by doing a survey for everyone to fill in.

We would like volunteers to help (in a socially distance way) move this forward, please contact me if you are interested ....

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THE DECISION ABOUT building Sizewell C is rapidly approaching. French-owned EDF have decided to continue with their application for a Development Consent Order which is now out for public consultation. If built, we shall be living with the construction phase of Sizewell C for more than 10 years, so, I felt it important to set out my thoughts about whether Sizewell C is a good thing for Suffolk.

In the absence of an alternative, and until we can find better ways of storing the electricity produced by renewable sources such as offshore wind and solar energy, nuclear power will remain an important form of UK electricity production. At a time when all are striving to be more environmentally conscious and the Government has committed to meet

climate change and carbon reduction targets, nuclear energy has the advantage of being carbon neutral and helps to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

I am also mindful that the construction of Sizewell C will bring jobs at a time that may be economically challenging. The Suffolk coast leads the way in creating jobs in the renewable energy sector and the construction of Sizewell C will undoubtedly provide job opportunities for our children and grandchildren.

Considering the environmental positives of nuclear energy and the local jobs boost to Suffolk, I still have serious reservations about the proposals. I am concerned about the potential damage to our beautiful Suffolk coastline, and the impact this will have upon its rare species and habitats. I believe this environmental damage is not sufficiently mitigated by

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EDF's current construction plans.

I am also concerned that EDF have done little to reduce the impact that construction traffic will have upon East Suffolk's communities. EDF's decision to move from sea to land-based delivery of supplies has not been adequately considered. There will be a need for substantial road and rail improvements to support this change and I am concerned EDF has not listened to parishes and communities' views.

The East Suffolk train line and the A12 are vital transport routes for those who live and work in central and eastern Suffolk. The A12 is also an important access route for tourists who spend

millions of pounds in our area. Tourism brings huge economic benefits and visitors must be able to reach Suffolk without encountering delays and congestion caused by construction traffic.

Finally, I have concerns about the potential security implications of Chinese financial involvement in such a major energy project, for which I have not yet received adequate assurances.

Having considered the matter carefully I am unable to support the current proposals. I will continue to monitor developments carefully, and as always, shall stand up for the best interests of the residents I represent in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich.

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**SLOW AND STEADY:** The cautious exit from lockdown continues in the country generally, although we remain very aware of the ongoing threat from Covid-19. Sometimes it seems like two steps forward and one step back and that is likely to go on for several months at least. In our churches we are also taking a cautious approach. We have held services in most churches during July and August, while still offering online worship alongside these for those who prefer not to venture out. We are not able to publish a full schedule of services for the autumn, but here are some highlights:

**ATHELINGTON:** The church has remained closed, but will hold a special Harvest service on Sunday 20th September at 9.30am. Places in the church itself will be strictly limited and offered by invitation only, but it will be possible for everyone to participate either by Zoom or by watching the service on Facebook at [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch). If you

would like to participate via Zoom, please e-mail [eleanor.goodison@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com) in good time for the details of how to join.

**HORHAM:** The church will hold a Harvest service on Sunday 11th October at 11.15am. The church is open for private prayer each Sunday from 9am to 5pm.

**REDLINGFIELD:** The church has had to cancel its usual Produce Show and the Harvest celebration afterwards because of the pandemic, but look out for news of services in the Hoxne Benefice Newsletter, available in churches or by email from our administrator, Virginia Skoyles( email [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com)). Redlingfield church is open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 10am to 4pm.

**REVD JOHN MCCracken:** Revd John will be ordained priest at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday 6th September. Invited guests only are allowed in the cathedral but the service will be live streamed. Revd John's first Communion service will be on Sunday

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■ **RIDE + STRIDE:** The Ride +Stride event is going ahead on Saturday 12th September. Daphne Harvey organising for Horham and at a minimum St Mary's will be open. Funds raised by sponsored cyclists and walkers in Suffolk are split between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the participants chosen church or chapel. More details from church wardens and at [www.ridestride.org](http://www.ridestride.org)

■ **THANK YOU:** Daphne Harvey would like to thank everyone who purchased her marmalade and plants (much of it sold at Horham Post Office). Sales raised £114 for Horham church funds.

■ **SPECIAL MEETING:** A special deanery synod meeting will be held on Zoom, on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm, with Bishop Mike, to discuss local/focal ministers. This meeting is open to all and you do not have to be a deanery synod member to attend. Join us to learn what the diocese is planning for the future. Contact Virginia Skoyles at [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com) for login details.

### ■ FUNERALS:

March 28 - **Gwenllian Edmund Jones**, 87. Burial at Horham.

June 19 - **Anne Whittaker Lovelace**, 87. Cremation at Risby near Bury St Edmunds.

July 1 - **Gladys Mary Parker**, 86. Cremation at Ipswich.

August 17 - **Edith 'Edie' Mildred Coe**, 88 years. Burial at Redlingfield.



13th September at 11am at Wingfield church. All are welcome to this service.

### **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL FOR THOSE WE HAVE LOST:**

The service will be at Hoxne Church at 4pm on Saturday 31st October. Details of Remembrance Day services on Sunday 8th November and the B-17 memorial on 18th November will be published nearer the time.

**ABOUT SERVICES:** A couple of things you should note if you are planning to attend service in church. First, we are keeping a record of who attends so that we can co-operate with the NHS 'Track and Trace' service if necessary. You have the right to opt out – please let a member of the clergy know if you do not want your presence recorded. All records will, in any case, be destroyed after three weeks. Secondly, we are all now required to wear face masks in church. I know some will welcome this and others not! But remember that you are wearing the mask primarily for the sake of others.

**ONLINE SERVICES:** Common Worship Morning Prayer is live streamed on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) every Sunday morning at 8am. Messy Church is available on [facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://facebook.com/HoxneMC) from 4pm on the 1st Sunday of each month. And Café Church is on Zoom at 9.30am on the 2nd Sunday of each month – email [eleanor.goodison@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.goodison@gmail.com) for the details of how to join in. Most of our services in church are also either live streamed or recorded and uploaded to [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://facebook.com/WingfieldChurch).

**YOUR VIEWS:** We really want to hear from you about what you would like to see for the future. How would you personally



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prefer to take part in church services? Are there things you have enjoyed during the lockdown that you would like to keep for the future? What have you most missed – perhaps are still missing? What new things would you like to see in our patterns of worship? Is there anything you would prefer we didn't do? Is there anything preventing you from participating as you would like (eg transport issues, problems with IT)? We would love to know your answers to any or all of these questions, and indeed any other views you may have about our church life in future.

### **LOOKING FOR A NEW RECTOR:**

Unfortunately, although we have advertised twice for a new rector, our advertisements have attracted no applications and not even any enquiries. Discussions about next steps will be taking place with the Archdeacon and Rural Dean. There will be a Zoom meeting of PCC members with the Archdeacon on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm to take this forward.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who have contributed to keeping our church life going during the lockdown and latterly to the re-opening of our churches by wrestling with unfamiliar technology, cleaning, tidying churchyards, planning measures to keep us Covid secure and taking part in services. Special thanks to Revd Richard Court for all he has done and continues to do.

**Enquiries:** Daphne Harvey, St Mary, Horham (384216) or David Spall (384239); Colin Palmer, St Peter, Athelington (01728 628747); Hazel Abbott, St Andrew, Redlingfield (678217).





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