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WE WERE HOPING TO produce an insert for this issue – on Redlingfield’s Parish Plan – but sadly we just haven’t had time. So sometime in the next few weeks, rather than months, villagers should get their first real look at the survey results. If anyone outside Redlingfield wants a copy I’ll try to ensure Evelyn and myself have some extras available.

THE UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL in Redlingfield made quite a splash on the TV, in local newspapers and across the internet with loads of great stories and pix. Poor old ITV moved us to the fictional village of Redlington and Jan found lots of things she’s sure she never said appearing as quotes but in general the coverage was good. It was a very moving ceremony and I welled up on more than a couple of occasions.

SHOEHORNING EVERYTHING INTO THIS MONTH’S MAG WAS an even greater challenge than usual. We’re now in the happy position of having about as many ads as we can cope with and will probably start a waiting list for prospective advertisers. And instead of scrabbling around for stories, Evelyn and myself are getting lots of articles and pictures for each issue.

Sadly this means not everything gets in straight away. So sitting on the backburner are a nice piece by a dentist, some pictures from Alan Johnson, articles about the great work the RBL does, some bits Elizabeth Hall unearthed from the old Horham and Athelington village mag edited by Angela Wilkins (a small slice of which I’ve squeezed in) and a couple of pieces I wanted to do, including one about Village Recorders. But please keep the articles and pictures coming, I never want to be in the position that one local parish mag found itself not too long ago when a clearly stressed editor printed pages that were blank except for a note saying that contributors hadn’t sent in any copy on time.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy this edition and remember the *FINAL* deadline for the Autumn mag is August 14th. One of the reasons we don’t just put more pages in the mag is that Evelyn and my own staplers wouldn’t cope.

● Some good news from Occold where the Beaky should be open for business again in June. I know I’ll be giving it a go. Hope to see you there. **Mike Ager** (*Our front page picture is of the standards parading to the new B-17 memorial.*)

Apologies to Hoxne bowls club. It has not been disbanded but is in very good heart and ready to receive new members.

Evelyn Adey

If you would like to advertise or contribute to the magazine or have an event or organisation you would like featured contact: Evelyn Adey on evelynadey@e1603.fsnet.co.uk or 01728 628428 at Ivy House Barn, Southolt Road, Athelington, IP21 5EL; or Mike Ager on mike@gn.apc.org or 01379 678835 at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU.

We aim to produce four seasonal issues a year, coming out at the end of February, May, August and November. The next issue - Autumn 2010 - is due to be published at the end of August. The final deadline for all submissions is August 14.

A great year for 'weeds'

ONE MAN'S FLOWER IS another man's weed, and that is certainly true of the dandelion this year. They are a very useful nectar source for the bumblebees which seem to love buzzing around at ground-level, and as we come through a cold late spring it seems to be one of the very few flowers relishing the unfriendly conditions. I don't mind them at all, but a good friend not a million miles from me who has them all over her lawn, hates them with a passion!

Caroline, however, has got the best birdwatching at the moment. She watches a pair of green woodpeckers from her conservatory, which are nesting very conveniently in a hole in one of her old apple trees near Redlingfield Hall. With its distinctive call, or yaffle, the green woodpecker has prospered enormously in recent years, probing lawns for its' favourite

food, ants, and leaving most of the frantic tree drilling to its greater spotted cousins. They both have huge beaks and the upper jaw is raised in pecking by shock-absorbing muscles, thereby successfully preventing the birds from bashing their own brains in.

By the way, I've just looked up the origins of yaffle. It comes from an old Scots word, to yaff, and means to bark like a dog or to nag! So, now you know. Do stop yaffing, as Sarah has just said to Gordon.

IN MARCH, I SAW A LONELY buzzard being mobbed by a solitary rook, and in this case, being very seriously harassed. You wouldn't think it had the nerve. The buzzard's reply was to circle rapidly upwards, a long way up, until the rook got altitude sickness and gave up the chase. The buzzard continued to soar serenely onwards and upwards until it

The funeral of Malcolm 'Mac' Cosburn of Trevenning Barn, Abbots Meadow, Redlingfield, is on Thursday June 3rd at St Andrew's Church, Redlingfield. Our thoughts go out to his family.

Mike Ager

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: AWAITING DECISION: Airfield Industrial Estate, Eye - proposal to erect and operate three wind turbine generators (to a maximum tip height 130m), construction of associated hard standings access tracks and substation compound. **GRANTED: Beckendale, Church Road, Redlingfield** - proposal to erect a garden room on the south west elevation. **Land at Weyanoke, Church Road, Redlingfield** - proposal to erect two-storey detached dwelling and garage and construction of new vehicular access. **Proposed War Memorial, Green Lane, Redlingfield.** **WITHDRAWN: Land adjacent to The Old Eight Bells, The Street, Horham** - proposal to erect one-and-a half storey detached cottage with attached single garage and vehicular access. **Land at Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington** - proposal to site marquee for holding of five events during the year.

(information from Mid Suffolk's website)



Pictured: far left, a pair of wigeon; left, a redshank; and below a turnstone.



was a speck. Buzzards are showing up much more in the east and I saw a pair here in April, working over a field of rape near the house.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF the spring has been our first spotting of a pair of Goldcrests on March 14th. Squeaking and fluttering out in quick circuits from a mature hedge of yellow lawson cypress, they are the smallest birds in the UK and Europe, only half the size of a bluetit. Such small beauties have to eat almost constantly to survive such a winter as just passed, and they have evolved to help their own cause with exceptional productivity. The nest will have up to 10 or 11 eggs and they may have a go at three broods a year. Though difficult to locate, they can also be amazingly tame, and Allan Chapman whilst working on the house, saw one at quite close quarters this morning. So, I'm pretty chuffed to see a breeding pair for the first time after such a hard winter.

A WINTER WALK ALONG THE river path at Woodbridge (to avoid shopping) was well rewarded. In the

perishing cold, I got photos of a pair of wigeon feeding in slush ice near the bank. Close up, these ducks have distinctive heads with short stubby bills and high foreheads and are

primarily grazers of green seaweeds and grasses, so the icy weather must have forced them into more dabbling than usual. Not their usual style.

The very tame turnstones, probably used to the crumbs from walkers' picnics, meant you hardly needed a zoom lens! Apart from turning over all manner of seashore objects and seaweed to seek out food, turnstones also eat carrion washed up on beaches, ranging from dead birds to dead humans. Or so my guide book says. Cheerful thought.

MINSMERE IS NOT WORLD famous for nothing, and a visit there is very rarely disappointing. I went on April 9th, a lovely spring day and there were loads of everything, a birdwatchers' feast. It was the first time I had seen a pair of breeding nuthatch, plus a visiting spoonbill, and this fine redshank (pictured) from one of scores of species viewed from the hide by the dunes.

*Wash Farm Wildlife,
Trevor Edwards*

How to create your own

AT A TIME WHEN WE HEAR so much about the death of bees and the decline of insects in general I wonder if the readers of this magazine have considered making a small contribution to the environment by sowing a “meadow” of wildflowers on a spare patch, however small, in their gardens.

We did this at Hill Cottage in Redlingfield last year and were so pleased with the result, in terms of the attractiveness of the flowers and the presence of the insects, that we are repeating the exercise this year.

What follows is a short account of how we did it, and although there was some initial work in the preparation involved, I should stress that once the plants had started growing we had little to do except sit back and enjoy it!

IN THE SPRING OF 2009 WE, JAN, Neville and Rachael, decided to make a mini meadow in our garden on the small patch of ground that had formerly been used for growing vegetables and which had latterly been the site of a garden waste heap and bonfire.

Rachael cleared the site and dug it over twice, removing any weeds and

redundant vegetables (mostly Jerusalem artichokes). She then went over it with her light Rotavator and levelled, trod and raked the site in readiness for sowing the seed.

We had decided that in view of the site – which was slightly sloping, in a fairly open position but with some shade at times from neighbouring trees – and the lateness of the season (it was by now the beginning of May) that we would sow the Special Cornfield Mixture from Emorsgate Wild Seeds*.

MAY 4th: AS SOON AS RACHAEL had broadcast the seed mix, the bolder garden birds swooped down, hoping for an easy meal. This meant that we had to protect the site as soon as possible, using children’s windmills as an immediate but temporary deterrent while Rachael and friend Pat Buckle covered the sown area with chicken wire, Neville being sent to buy extra supplies of netting as we didn’t have enough to cover the site. We used chicken wire rather than plastic netting as any birds attempting to reach to the seed would be far less likely to get their feet trapped in the rigid wire than in the softer plastic. This is a wildlife friendly garden!

SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS: The nearest Suffolk Open Studios this year are in Laxfield, Eye and Southolt. The studio of painter Elaine Nason of Rose Cottage, Chattens Lane, Laxfield, is open on the weekends of June 12th & 13, 19th & 20th and 26th & 27th, 11am-5pm. Painter John Parker’s studio at Vine Cottage, Lowgate Street, Eye, is also open those weekends and on June 5th & 6th. Collage artist Christine McKechnie’s studio at Cornerways, Southolt, is open on the weekends of June 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th, 11am-5pm.

mini wildlife meadow

A close up of the Butcher's mini wildflower meadow. Sadly black and white does not do the colourful native plants justice.



JUNE 1st: IT TOOK A MONTH before the seedlings appeared in substantial numbers even though we used a small Hozelock sprinkler to dampen the site in dry weather. We also pulled out any stray weeds that we could reach without treading on the plot, as well as the persistent Jerusalem artichokes, and removed the wire netting.

JULY 8TH: THE FIRST FLOWERS to appear were Corn Chamomile, *Anthemis arvensis* and, as the month progressed, Common Poppy, *Papaver rhoeas* and Cornflower, *Centaurea cyanus* followed by Corn Marigold, *Chrysanthemum segetum*, and finally Corncockle, *Agrostemma githago*. The plants supported each other in the middle of the plot but started to flop over around the edge. Neville drove in stakes and tied string to support those on the perimeter.

JULY 31ST: THE MEADOW HAD now reached its peak and in the sunshine was alive with insects – bees, hoverflies, butterflies and doubtless others that we didn't notice! We found it pleasantly relaxing to sit by the

meadow, maybe with a cup of coffee, taking in the sights and sounds of the mini habitat we had created, rising only to yank out a Jerusalem artichoke or two that had ably demonstrated their species' powers of endurance.

AUGUST: Throughout the month the meadow plants continued to flower and grow taller until by September they had started to dry out and fade. We left them there through the winter to drop their seed.

APRIL 2010: THIS YEAR WE managed to start the meadow-making process earlier and after clearing away last year's plants needed to do the minimum amount of preparation and needed only to supplement the seedlings that were already appearing with fresh seed from Emorsgate.

As I write in May, the young plants are doing well and we are hopeful that we shall be enjoying our mini meadow again this summer. **Jan Butcher**
* *Emorsgate Seeds. Tel: 01553829028*

Bigger & better Horham

Horham Bygones Country Rally looks as if it is going to be bigger and better than ever this year.

The event – on Saturday June 12 2010 from 10am until 5pm – looks set to attract more than 100 historic tractors for the second year running and nearly 100 cars. The tractors and other farm machinery will join historic military vehicles, stationary engines, cars, motorcycles, mules and working horses. As well as being a big draw for anyone who wants to see old farm machinery and horses in action it is also big fun day for all the family as there should be fairground rides for smaller children and a variety of stalls.

Last year more than 3,000 visitors flocked into the village.

Not only does the event generate much needed funds for the Horham Community Council, it also offers charities, including the Stradbroke & District Branch of the Royal British Legion, East Anglian Children's Hospice and Parakeet Rescue, the opportunity to attend, free of charge, in order to promote their organisations and raise funds.

A new attraction in 2009 was the Burma Mule Tribute. It will be returning this year, with John Marshall and family happy, as John says, "to talk the hind legs off a donkey – or rather mule" on the subject of mules in

THE ENTERTAINER: Ray Hubbard (back right) is pictured entertaining guests at Horham & Athelington Community Centre with an evening of traditional song and dance. The event raised £538 for Denham Church and Binny Last presented Ray with a present and cake to thank him for his fundraising efforts. Ray, who was born in 1933 at Langmere, is "a true countryman who has spent his life playing music, singing songs and entertaining". He worked Suffolk Punches with Albert Saunders – Peter Saunders' father – at Langmere Hall. In 1966, when, following the death of Albert, the horses were dispersed, Ray went into the building trade. Throughout this time he had a second life as an entertainer. He retired in 1998 and became volunteer horseman at the Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket.



Bygones

warfare and particularly in Burma during WW2.

New Reedings Wood Group will once again have an exhibit where their woodworking skills will be on display. Rustic garden stools and benches will be made to order during the day, and repairs to old stools undertaken. Willow weaving skills will be demonstrated with garden obelisks for sale. Last year the group won a prize as the best working display at the rally, so they will be hoping to equal the 2009 efforts.

For tractor and farm machinery buffs there are some real treats. There will be a working Peg Drum and Canadian threshing machine. Horses, including perennial favourite Robbie, will also be on display with working tractors. Among the vehicles on show there should be a host of unusual tractors, a steam car and mini steam engines.

Admission: adults £4, concessions £2, family ticket £10, accompanied under 5s free. There is free parking with a dedicated disabled parking area. For more information visit www.horhambygones.co.uk



BIG DAY IN WORLINGWORTH: Sunday July 4th will be a big day in Worlingworth and Southolt with 10 plus gardens open and Stepdance Day at The Swan. At the church, there will be pictures of Worlingworth past and present, light lunches, cream teas and stalls. Worlingworth School will be open all day with events including Maypole Dancing. Gardens are open from 10am to 5pm and admission is £3 for adults. At The Swan there will be traditional East Anglian stepdancing and music, including the Steve Monk Memorial Competition and Font Whatling Traditional Competition. The event is from 12.30pm to 4.30pm with admission by purchase of programme £1 on the day only. For information contact 01449 771090.

In the swing for open day

THE 95TH BOMB GROUP HERITAGE Association's Grand Open Day on Sunday May 16th went with a swing. A host of dancers in period dress still had plenty of energy left after Saturday night when the Blue Lounge's new wooden dancefloor was put to the test.

There were a trio of US veterans over as part of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation's 'Return to Horham' reunion tour. The big open day, with a flypast by the Sally B, military vehicles, military re-enactors, trade stands and stalls, was a highlight of their tour, which also took in the dedication of the Redlingfield Memorial and trips to the 100th BG at Thorpe Abbots and 390th at Parham.

The activity on Sunday was spread around the area. There were new displays at the 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum and the former guard room, now Denham Village Hall, also welcomed visitors. St Mary's Church, Horham, held an open day with a chance to climb the tower and

All Saints in Stradbroke hosted a display of mini matchstick buildings, including the church itself.

The Hospital Museum is holding its own Grand Open Day on Sunday, September 12. And at the 95th Bomb Group Heritage

Association's Horham home – which is now the official UK museum for the 95th – there's a dance on Saturday July 3rd and it is hosting a 1940s dance run by the Masons on Saturday June 12th (tickets for the June dance are £15. More information from 01379 741969 or tim.beldry@tesco.net). **Mike Ager**



Pictured (above from top): the Sally B; getting in the swing; veteran Earl Joswick talks to enthralled Air Cadets; (and left from top): a uniformed couple; James Mutton, displays the plaque naming the 95th official UK museum, with MP Dan Poulter.

ORIENTEERING: The new Hartismere Orienteering Club, based at Hartismere School in Eye, meets fortnightly catering for all ages and abilities. Qualified coaches are on hand to teach you the skills you need. Sessions are on alternate Thursday evenings 7pm to 8.30pm and some Sunday mornings. Contact Simon Hooton on 01379 871494 or hooton@ukonline.co.uk for more details.

BURGLARY: Between 9.10am and 1pm on Tuesday May 11th, valuable jewellery was taken from a house in Stradbroke Road, Horham, after a window was forced.

FairTrade 6 days a week

LOTS TO TALK ABOUT THIS time – so here goes! Starting on a personal level – I am expecting another baby in the late summer and it will make keeping the Eye Church Shop open and vibrant a challenge that I need your help with.

As last summer, in July, August and September, we want to open the shop six mornings a week while in June it will be open Mon-Fri (closed Tues), 11am-1pm. From June 1st a calendar will be up in the Church Porch – volunteers can sign up for individual days, or if they can, one day a week. Through local support and church friends we managed to only miss one session last year – this meant fairtrade sales helped totals raised for the supported international development charities to exceed £2,000 again.

So more than ever I need volunteers to man the shop and greet visitors to Eye who come to look at the church and see what our corner of the world has to offer. If you have volunteered before and know how the shop operates sign the calendar as soon as you can – if you've never helped but would like to, call 01379 384558.

AS FROM THE FIRST WEEK IN June we plan to add Thursdays to our current opening hours and have a regular coffee time at 11am (following daily mass). Coffee time is open to everyone – do join us.

THE SHOP NEEDS A FEW THINGS – so can I appeal for: a small supply of child size coat hangers; secondhand books – especially novels and quick reads; and items of crockery/ kitchenalia in good condition

WE WILL BE OPEN ON BOTH days during the Eye Open Gardens weekend and running a 'mini Big Fairtrade Day' at the church where refreshments will be available. This is a great time to come and see what we do, and perhaps volunteer to help! You will also find the fairtrade stall at the craft fair in St Marys Gislingham on the weekend of June 13th & 14th .

DO STILL CONTACT ME FOR stall bookings and speaking engagements – I can usually manage most things alongside looking after baby! *Sue Watson (01379 384558)*

BRITISH LEGION: The Stradbroke & District Branch of the Royal British Legion continues to hold its midday monthly meeting at Laxfield Kings Head (The Low House) with guest speakers. The annual midday dinner was in March with 87 members and guests attending. The Legion was well represented at the funeral of Private James Grigg in All Saints Church Stradbroke. 28 standards were there including our own branch standard carried by Ian Bushnell from Horham. We were also well represented at a farewell gathering for branch president Ted Bootle and his wife Joan at Laxfield Kings Head. He recently moved from Laxfield to Oulton Broad and will be very much missed by the branch. We will again be taking part in the annual Suffolk county RBL walk at Leiston on Sunday June 6th. All members will soon be receiving a letter regarding our annual branch "coffee morning" on Saturday June 19th at The Chantry in Stradbroke, hosted by branch secretary Jeremy Higgins and his wife Anne from 10am to noon. Our branch chaplain Rev David Streeter represented us at the funeral of member Canon Derek Green at Worlingworth and our thoughts go out to his family.

Michael Burton, Stradbroke & District RBL branch chairman

Meet RAF flyers of WW2

MET THE MEN WHO flew in World War Two, is the invitation from Diss and District Royal Air Forces Association.

A number of veterans who manned the fighters and bombers in wartime will be the guests at RAFA Day at the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum Flixton on Sunday August 22nd celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

A Hurricane and a Spitfire (pictured) from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight are among the aircraft due to fly over the museum during the afternoon. Skywatch will also be there with the autogiro they use for search and rescue work as will the Norfolk Gliding Club, with one of their gliders. RAF Honington will be well represented



with two attractions which proved popular last year – the climbing wall, which provides excitement for youngsters, and the quartet from the station orchestra, who will play

relaxing music in the museum, where there will also be 40s-style dancing.

The Lowestoft band will be among the Air Cadets present. A number of military vehicles will be on

display and visitors will be able to board some of the museum's collection of aircraft and try their hand on one of the flight simulators.

RAFA will be running a number of competitions to raise money for their charitable work but admission and car parking are free. Gates open at 11am and the action will continue until 5pm.

Brian Ager

Blaze destroys barn

FIRE HAS DESTROYED THE barn at Walnut Tree Farm, Horham, home of Alec and Margaret Debenham since their marriage 53 years ago.

Alec grew up on the farm, owned by his father, John, who continued to live with them until his death. The barn was 400 years old, timber-framed and thatched until Alec re-roofed it in the sixties.

On Monday April 12th, Alec and Margaret went to Eye and very soon after returning Margaret saw that the car was on fire in the barn.

Four fire engines arrived and

controlled the fire but not before the barn was completely destroyed. Alec and Margaret were naturally very shocked but thankfully unhurt.

They have lost their car and a tractor and all the things one keeps in a barn, which may not be of enormous monetary value but are a very important part of every-day life. And it is hard to get used to the gaping hole where the barn always was. Our good wishes go out to them.

Margaret and Alec would like to thank their family and the many friends and neighbours who have sent cards, made phone calls and offered

transport and help in so many ways.

“It has been greatly appreciated and helped us through a very bad time. Fire is very frightening but we are thankful that no one was hurt and that it did not reach the house. May God bless you all.”

Evelyn Adey



NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP: The woodland and wildflower meadow at Pound Lane Wood are flourishing, with the meadow sprinkled with cowslips, and the ox-eyed daisies and the purple clover just coming into flower. The fruit trees are in blossom and the woodland trees are all coming into leaf. The water level in the pond is currently giving some concern, but otherwise this community woodland is a much-used open space. The wire fencing, erected to protect the young trees from rabbits, provides a safe enclosed environment for young children and dogs. On April 24th the group held their annual meeting at the Red Feather Club. The Chairman's review of the year was followed by a guided walk around Redlingfield Wood.

Michael Reeves

Community Speed Watch

THE COMMUNITY SPEED Watch (CSW) initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment.

The aim of implementing the Community Speed Watch initiative is to address the problem of speeding, through a partnership of the police, the local community, parish councils and other partners. The aim of the initiative is *NOT* to catch as many speeding drivers as possible. It is to reduce speed in areas of concern, make drivers aware that excessive speed is socially unacceptable, re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding, and address concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their neighbourhoods.

Police forces across the country implementing Community Speed Watch can show a reduction in overall average speeds, and a significant

reduction in drivers travelling well above the speed limit.

HOW IT WORKS: TRAINED Volunteers verify and record the registration numbers of offending vehicles. These details are forwarded to Suffolk Police who will send offenders a letter. A maximum of two letters will be sent to offenders.

Persistent offenders may be targeted for Police enforcement. Follow up work on education and enforcement by Suffolk Police and our partners will also take place as appropriate.

For more information on Community Speed Watch please contact 01473 613500 and ask to be put through to Eye Police Station, alternatively, email us at [midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.](mailto:midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

[police.uk](mailto:midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)



**PCSO 3172
Steven Long,
Mid Suffolk North Safer
Neighbourhood Team**

COUNTRY FAIR: Stradbroke Country Fair is on Saturday July 10th at Street Farm, the home of Peter and Maria Smith, from 2pm to 5pm. Entertainment includes The Primary School Brass Band, Morris Dancers, a chainsaw wood carver, Punch & Judy, a Story Teller, Mini Beasts, Cuddly Animals, BBQ, teas, ice cream, local organisations will be running stalls and there is a bar. Entry is £2 and parking is free. It's not too late to book a plot (ring Maria Smith 384311).

STRADBROKE CINEMA: Stradbroke Cinema restarts on Thursday September 23rd. There are also shows on October 21st and November 18th at Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50. The films are to be announced.

DRAWING: Weekly drawing groups are being held in Stradbroke. There are sessions for all abilities, The groups meet every Friday from 11.30am to 1pm and Saturdays from 10am to 11.30am. For information contact Dave Sumner (01379 388 238).

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



THE REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE plan is under way and there have been some surprising results. It seems that there are a number of local people that would be interested in affordable housing in the village and that is a sign that Redlingfield is a thriving community and a place that people want to live in. I hope that it will be possible to develop this idea.

The sun shone on the wonderful memorial at Green Farm on the May 15th. What an outstanding day, so many local people and American veterans and families who came to remember the fallen at the site of the crash. Janet and Mike had done all their homework and the day was a huge success, many congratulations.

There is a new partnership between Mid Suffolk District Council, the police and other Community groups to address the issue of speeding through the villages. We are investigating the purchase of a speed gun that will record speed violations and then the police will follow this up (see facing page).

Mid Suffolk is anxious to assist Redlingfield in the restoration of the old blacksmiths on the green with the permission of the owner. We are looking for ideas that would benefit the community. So put your thinking caps on.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries,
District Councillor – Hoxne Ward Member

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



WELL THE GENERAL Election has been held and we have a new Member of Parliament in Dr Dan Poulter. I am sure we all wish him well. It is important that our MP not only takes up the individual issues affecting his constituents but is able to understand, appreciate and articulate longer term needs. By this I mean: to understand the way in which government policies can influence all our lives and make sure that local needs are taken into account.

Of special concern is the level of services that Ipswich Hospital provides. Over the past few years the news from the hospital seems to be a series of announcements about the ending of one vital service after another. The future of the Hartismere Hospital site is still unclear. There has to be increasing co-operation not just between county, districts and parishes but between all service providers including those, such as the NHS, Environment and Highways Agencies that are the responsibility of central government.

As we enter into an age of austerity, savings will have to be made and expensive duplication can not be tolerated.

Guy McGregor, County Councillor – Hoxne & Eye Division

FELIXSTOWE BUSES: Farelina Bus & Coach Services' weekly summer service from Diss to Felixstowe is running as usual this year from Monday July 26th to Monday August 30th. The Monday-only service picks up from Redlingfield telephone kiosk at 9.39am and arrives in Felixstowe at 11.08am. The return service leaves Felixstowe Leisure centre at 5pm and arrives in Redlingfield at 6.23pm.

HARTISMERE PLAYScheme: The playscheme is being held at Eye Primary School, Church Street, Eye from 10am to 3.30pm from Monday August 2nd to Friday August 6th for all primary school age children. For information phone Pat on 01379 870100.

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING

FROM THE 33RD AGM OF REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MAY 5TH:

REPORT FROM PCSO STEVEN LONG: The last crime reported in Redlingfield was in March 2008 – the theft of traffic light batteries. So this makes Redlingfield one of the safest places to live in the UK. Suffolk crime levels are the lowest for a decade and the county has the fourth lowest crime rate in the country. Speeding was highlighted as a major worry for villagers. The police are happy to have the registration numbers of repeat offenders so they can be visited. To get action on speeding villagers were advised to attend a meeting at Hoxne on June 16.

CHURCH DONATION: The meeting agreed a donation of £500 to the PCC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeanette Brierley reported on the village finances: Total balance as at 31.03.09 was £4,163.21 and at 31.03.10 it was £4,771.15. An increase of £607.94. The 2009 Cheese & Wine made £287.79; the 2009 BBQ made £173.30; the 2009 Harvest Supper made £167.96; the Pub on the Green made £995.12. The village magazine has made approx. £1,000 over two years although expenses for paper and printing have yet to be deducted and any profit will be split with Horham & Athelington Parish Council.

VILLAGE COMMITTEE: Members – Andrew & Katie Abbott, Graham Abbott, Mike Ager, Jeanette Brierley, Susan & Allan Chapman, Chris Gibbons, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller, Janet Norman-Philips and Sue & Steve Toll – all re-elected. Linda Hudson welcomed and elected on to the committee. Edith Coe who resigned recently thanked for all her years of hard work. Officers also all re-elected: treasurer, Jeanette Brierley; secretary, Mike Ager; chairman, Janet Norman-Philips.

PARISH PLAN: So far we have had: 18 housing needs forms returned; 50 of a possible 55 household forms (this is just over a 90 per cent return rate); 96 personal forms (a return rate of more than 80 per cent) ; 5 junior forms; and 20 business forms. Some headlines on the big issues from the returned forms ... traffic, from speeding to the number of large lorries, seems to be the major bugbear along with littering. Flooding was identified by most people as a problem with seven different places identified. Better broadband was listed as a priority in business and personal forms. On some particular questions of note the results were ... on a proposal is to increase the size of the Doorstep Green so it reaches all the way to the path that leads to the church, the answer was a massive majority in favour. Asked if Redlingfield Church needs to be improved to better meet the needs of the village – both for church activities and to allow it to be used for more village events? If funding could be obtained? The answer was also a massive majority in support.

MORE INFO: The full minutes are available online at www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk or from Mike Ager and a Redlingfield News Extra will soon give all villagers their first look at Parish Plan survey results.

DOORSTEP GREEN SLIDE: Many thanks in particular to Graham Abbott, Allan Chapman, Russell Kerry and Paul Walker who installed the new slide on the Doorstep Green. Thanks also to all the others who helped with the tidy up.

CONTACT: Chairman - Janet Norman-Philips (Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, 01379 678835). Email: pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk Web: www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting: This open meeting held each April gives all electors in both Horham and Athelington the opportunity to discuss parish matters with Councillors. District and County Councillors and a representative from our local police are also invited to come along and participate in discussion about village matters. In his annual report Chairman Hav Wilkins thanked Parish Councillors for their support and dedication during the year. There has been quite a crop of planning applications ranging from change of usage, small extensions, new dwelling infill and developments on Hall Farm Meadow in Stradbroke Road. Most of these applications were seen as favourable but it is sometimes tricky for the PC to make decisions. Although we may not see any problems with a particular application our judgments have to be in line with District Council planning guidelines.

Bus Service: The bus service is to continue for this year at least. Contractors Nightingale of Beccles took over the contract last November with a slight alteration to the timetable. A travel survey was recently carried out by Suffolk County Council to establish an idea of the travel needs of the village. **Angela Wilkins – Parish Clerk**

THE RECTOR: Horham Church had a splendid Open Day on Sunday, May 16th, when over 100 visitors climbed the 70ft tower to enjoy a fine view of the WW2 airfield, and of the meadow opposite which will be full of life on **Saturday June 12th**, for the **Rally and Car Boot Sale**.

Daphne Harvey (01379 384216) will be most grateful for goods and produce to sell from her “table in the tent” for Horham church funds.

The churchyard looked most beautiful that weekend; do come and see it when the ox-eye daisies are out later in June, before the

haymaking in July. Watch out for details of a coffee morning at the end of August in the Old School. Stradbroke’s fund-raising events continue with **“Flowers and Food”** on **Thursday June 4th**, at 7.30pm in the community centre. Two demonstrations will delight taste and eye. Tickets are £6 from the Post Office. Schedules for the **The Village Flower Show** on **July 31st** are also available at the Post Office. **Athelington’s Festival Service for St Peter** is on **Sunday June 27th** at 11am in the church, followed by a summer lunch in the garden at Meadow Farm. Tickets are £8 for adults, and £4 for under 12s from Jeanne Hawes (01728 628304), Evelyn Adey (01728 628428), or Mary Hawes (0172828608). **Redlingfield** had their glorious day on **Saturday May 15th**. Congratulations to all who organised the construction and the unveiling of the Memorial. I look forward to seeing many of you in the village, at the many events – out-of-doors until the Harvest Supper! I am also praying for rain, at the right time. The farmers tell me that the fields of wheat and barley, looking excellent now, do very much need a watering. **With all good wishes, David Streeter**



A matchstick model of Stradbroke Church on display in the real thing on May 15th & 16th.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAYS

Ballroom dancing: St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm-9.30pm (for adults). Sandra Hartley, 01728 723887.

TUESDAYS

Improver line dance class: Coronation Hall, Wilby. 9.30am-11.30am. Rose, 01379 870346.

Bingo: Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. Brenda Hunt, 01379 678178.

T-Plus: Coffee, cakes, stalls, 10am-noon, All Saints, Thorndon. 01379 879759.

WEDNESDAYS

Improver/intermediate line dance class: Wortham Community Centre. 7.30pm-9.30pm. Rose, 01379 870346.

Hoxon Hundred: Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practises. Ron Ross, 01379 643563.

Little Treasure's Baby & Toddler Group: St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 10am-12pm, term time. 07910 8331949.

Conservation Volunteer Days: Every fortnight at Needham Lake from Apr 21 until Jul 14. 10am-4pm. 01449 724640.

THURSDAYS

Happy Circle Club: Horham Community Centre, 2nd & 4th Thurs, 2pm-4.30pm (summer) & 1.30-4pm (winter).

FRIDAYS

Bingo: Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 01379 384642.

FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS

Traditional music: Worlingworth Swan, 2nd Fri evening of month in summer. Sunday lunchtimes in autumn & winter. 01728 628267.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Open days: 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association/Red Feather Club open on last weekend of the month May-October (inclusive). 10am-4pm.

SUNDAYS

95th BG Hospital Museum: May-October on last Sunday in the month. 10am-5pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Outing to Pakenham Water Mill.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 & THURSDAY, JUNE 3

The Suffolk Show: Trinity Park, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich. Noon-5pm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Flowers & Food: Stradbroke Community Centre.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

49 & Rising Exhibition: Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm, not open Mondays. Free admission.

RBL Garden Party: Whittingham Hall, Fressingfield, 2pm-4.30pm.

Songs from the musicals: All Saints Church Thorndon, 6.30pm. Refreshments after. Tickets £10 (01379 678268 & 678470).

Monterey Line Dance Club - Request Night Social: Occold Village Hall, doors 7.30pm, dancing 8pm-11.30pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5-SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Flower festival: St Michael's Occold.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Horham Bygones Country Rally: Horham Playing Field (see page 6).

Artisan Craft and Produce Market: Hoxne Village Hall, 10am-2pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 & SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Eye Open Gardens Weekend: 12.30pm-6pm. Admission £4 per adult, children free.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Tyburn String Quartet: Wingfield Barns, 3pm (01379 384505).

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 10am-noon.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18-SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Debenham Arts Festival.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Debenham Street Fayre: Debenham High Street/Aspall Road, 1pm-6pm,

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

World War I Military & Family History: Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. £2.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25-SUNDAY, JULY 4

Framlingham Summer Festival.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Redlingfield Pub on the green: Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26-SATURDAY JULY 17

Culture of the Countryside: Wingfield Barns. Free admission.

A Village Lost and Found: Wingfield Barns, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Organised by Brian May of Queen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Stradbroke Open Gardens: Maps available from All Saints Church, Stradbroke. Funds in aid of church.

The Suffolk Villages Charity Bike Ride: HQ, Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell. Choose from three routes, 25k, 45k or 75k. Entry £12 in advance (0845 8335114 or www.stowllions.org.uk)

St Peter's Day Lunch: Meadow Farm, Athelington from 12.30pm. Tickets from Mary Hawes (01728 628608).

Bug Bonanza: Find out what is in the water and meadows at Needham Lake, noon-3.30pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

Occold Village Fete.

Fressingfield Fete: on Laxfield Road playing field. Games and stalls, 2pm-5pm. Music, 7pm-10.30pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 3-SUNDAY, JULY 4

Wingfield Open Gardens: Sculptures on display in 12 of 17 gardens, 10am-5pm. Admission £2, free for under 16s.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Karen Geoghegan plays bassoon – accompanied by piano: Wingfield Barns, 3pm (01379 384505).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Garden Evening at The Forge, Occold.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Artisan Craft and Produce Market: Hoxne Village Hall, 10am-2pm.

Stradbroke Country Fair: Street Farm, 2-5pm.

Redlingfield Village BBQ: Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14-MONDAY, JULY 19

Country Music Festival: Debenham Leisure Centre.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

Puddings by the Pond: Fressingfield.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Caribbean Night: Thorndon Village Hall, 8pm. Steel band & bar. Tickets £10 (inc supper).

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 2pm-4pm.

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD & SATURDAY, JULY 24

A Comedy of Arias - by Opera on the Run: at The Water Mill, Hoxne, 8pm (07950 097549).

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Redlingfield Pub on the green: Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

Visit to Laxfield Museum: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. £2 (01728 860551).

SATURDAY, JULY 31

Village Flower & Produce Show: Stradbroke Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Gill Cooper Policing, in the 50s & 60s. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Classic Cars & Wheels Show: Mid Suffolk Showground, 10am-5pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Cake Stall: Church Street, Stradbroke, from 8.30am.

Artisan Craft and Produce Market: Hoxne Village Hall, 10am-2pm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 10am-noon.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Redlingfield Pub on the green: Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 & MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Eye Show & Country Fair: Goodrich Park, Palgrave .



POETRY CORNER

A DEBT OF HONOUR

*May a month of remembering the end
of a tyrant and days so dark that light
& joy would not return to this land?*

*Now over 65 years gone we, this village,
repay a debt that honour will not
ignore!*

*To men who's lives cut short, sons,
brothers, nephews, uncles, cousins?
Never to sit at the table & join the fun of
Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas?*

*An empty space of heart and hearth.
No family joy for these young men to
share!*

*They paid a price so dear do we leave
or do we stay! do we fight to get home
or not try? Questions we shall never
know!*

*But in the month of May we remember a
debt of honour a generation of young
men paid here at home and far away!*

Manday Miller

Redlingfield honours airmen

A MEMORIAL TO COMMEMORATE the ten crew of an American B-17 that crashed in Redlingfield in the Second World War was dedicated in a moving ceremony on Saturday May 15th.

Older villagers remember seeing the bomber “fall out of the sky” on November 19th 1943 and the ensuing explosions destroying the home of the Gooderhams and the Tydemans, who had only moved in five weeks before.

The mournful lament by bagpiper David Harper and the evocative strains of Last Post and Reveille from bugler Tom Millford, RAF Honington’s director of music, added to the atmosphere of the event.

A crowd of some 200 filled the small lane as standards from the Royal British Legion, Royal Air Forces Association, Air Cadets and the 95th Bomb Group paraded from Green Farm, which was rebuilt by the Americans after the crash. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight’s Douglas Dakota performed a flypast.

Parish council chairman Janet Norman-Philips acted as master of ceremonies and there were speeches by: James Mutton of the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association; the leader of Mid Suffolk District Council, Tim Passmore; the vice chairman of Mid Suffolk District Council, Stuart Gemmill; and the vice

chairman of Suffolk County Council, Eddy Alcock. Particularly moving were the speeches by Janie McKnight, president of the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation, and USAF Lt Col Brent R Vosseller of Lakenheath.

Janie’s father, David T McKnight was one of the first Americans on the scene of the crash. She listed the ten airmen who lost their lives in the crash. Lt Col Brent R Vosseller, an F15E Strike Eagle pilot, spoke with great sincerity and admiration about the B-17 pilot, Kenneth Rongstad, who had weeks before the crash successfully ditched his aircraft in the North Sea.

USAF chaplain Capt Richard Holmes officially dedicated the memorial. Wreaths were laid by Earl Joswick, one of a trio of US veterans attending the ceremony, and Ann Stebbings. Earl knew one of the crewmen who perished and Ann, then a very young girl, escaped with her pregnant mother when the B-17 crashed, destroying their home. The other veterans attending were Frank A Martin, who had not been back to the UK since the war ended, and Robert Spinnenwebber. For more pictures and the story of the crash visit www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

Mike Ager

Pictured, clockwise from top right, are: the wreath laying; ITV interviewing Earl Joswick; Janie McKnight; US veterans with Lt Col Vosseller, left, and Capt Holmes; the crowd; the Dakota; and Eddie Coe on the BBC.



Saving an historic church

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

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

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

The building may look unkempt, but a closer inspection will reveal a small congregation determined to ensure the survival of an ancient building that has stood here for more than 800 years.

Nationally this church has raised support, with grants towards the repairs coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Suffolk Historic

Churches Trust, All Churches Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, and the Veneziana Fund.

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

So St John's looks to the summer when the building will be closed for approximately 16 weeks while the west wall is secured, the roof repaired and better drainage installed, but the Church community will be open for business as usual. To outward appearances we may look quiet and isolated, but under the surface the village and parish of Denham is an active and vibrant community.

Church services will continue through the summer. In Denham Village Hall if the weather is inclement, but otherwise in gardens and homes across the parish, where all will be welcome. *Michael Reeves*

BLAST FROM THE PAST: Thanks to Elizabeth Hall I've had a chance to look at a handful of issues of the old Horham And Athelington News from 1998 to 2001, which was edited by Angela Wilkins. Over the next few issues we'll be publishing a few extracts. Many of the people who are active in Horham are the same as today with Karen Alderton was in charge of bookings for the community centre, Angela was parish council clerk, while Hav Wilkins was chairman and a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator along with Violet Allum, who was also running the Happy Circle Club, and David Streeter was vicar. I hope you'll find the extracts, in the coming issues interesting.

Mike Ager

SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES (HORHAM):

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS: Bus Service 482 by Nightingale of Beccles (except Bank Holidays)

Horham church 7.12 10.12 12.12 14.32 17.25

Diss Bus Station 7.47 10.47 12.47 15.07 18.00

Diss Bus Station 9.10 11.10 13.30 16.25 18.05

Horham church 9.45 11.45 14.05 17.00 18.40

FRIDAYS: Farelina Bus & Coach's 475 Wingfield-Stradbroke-Hoxne-Diss service leaves Horham from opposite the church at 9.52am arriving at Diss Bus Station at 10.32am. The return bus leaves Diss Bus Station at 1pm arriving at Horham at 1.35pm. Full timetable in bus shelter opposite church.

HIGH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (REDLINGFIELD): There are once-a-week return minibus services from Redlingfield to Diss and Stowmarket.

DISS-FRIDAYS: The Worlingworth-Bedfield-Redlingfield-Eye-Diss service picks up from The Knoll at 9.42am arriving at Diss Bus Station at 10.07am. It returns from Diss Bus Station at 12.20pm arriving at Redlingfield at 12.45pm.

STOWMARKET-THURSDAYS: The Redlingfield-Worlingworth-Debenham-Stowmarket service leaves from The Knoll at 8.55am arriving at Stowmarket Market Place, Argos Store, at 10am. It leaves Stowmarket at 1.10pm arriving in Redlingfield at 2.15pm.

FELIXSTOWE ETC: During Summer Farelina's Diss-Eye-Framlingham-Woodbridge-Felixstowe service (route 170) calls at Redlingfield.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTACTS: Bus timetables: 01473 265097; download:

www.suffolkonboard.com; order online: www.csduk.com/csd/forms. Home-to-school transport: 0845 6066067; timetables: www.suffolkonboard.com. Bus route & service enquiries: 0845 6066067. Traveline: 0871 2002233 & www.traveline.info.

DIAL-A-RIDE MINIBUS (ATHELINGTON, HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD): The Borderhoppa, which has a capacity of one to 16 people and offers disabled access, is available Mon-Fri, 8.30am- 5pm. Bookings are taken Mon-Fri, 8.30am-3.30pm, 48 hours in advance. Tel: 01379 854800. Email: borderhoppa@redmoon.me.uk

KICKSTART: Kickstart is a moped loan scheme that could help you get a job or training place by loaning you a moped. Email Suffolk ACRE at kickstart@suffolkacre.org.uk, visit www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/transport/kickstart or phone 01473 242500,

LIBRARIES: Suffolk residents may join both Suffolk and Norfolk public libraries.

EYE: Buckshorn Lane, Eye, IP23 7AZ. Tel: 01379 870515. Open: Tues 9.30am-1pm; Wed 9.30pm-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm; Thurs 2pm-5.30pm; Fri 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-7pm; Sat 9.30am-1pm; Sun 10am-3pm.

STRADBROKE: Court House, Queens Street, Stradbroke, IP21 5HG. Tel: 01379 384768. Open: Tues 2.30pm-5pm & 5.30pm-7.30pm; Thurs 10am-1pm & 2.30pm-5pm; Fri 2.30pm-5pm; Sat 10am-12.30pm; Sunday 10am-3pm.

DISS: Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD. Tel: 01379 642609. Open: Mon 9am-5pm; Tues 9am-1pm; Wed 9am-7.30pm; Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-7.30pm; Sat 9am-1pm.

MOBILE LIBRARY (HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD): The Mobile Library visits on alternate Thursdays - June 10 & 24; July 8 & 22; Aug 5 & 19. It stops at The Knoll, Redlingfield, 11.40am-11.50am and Horham Church, noon-12.10pm. To contact the mobile library, phone 07736 007604. Alternatively, you can telephone the office 9am-noon, Mon-Fri, on 07872 676698 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

GROUPS & CLUBS ETC

HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (opposite the church): Membership £10 for a family living at one address, (2 adults and children up to 16 years), £5 for a single adult, £3 for a junior 16/18 years (age must be proven). Membership fees run from Jan 1-Dec 31. Membership forms are available from the bar staff, or Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Community Centre club nights and opening hours: Wed, Fri, and Sat, 8pm-11pm (admission may be restricted when a private function is being held). Further information on membership or events from Angela Wilkins. Hall bookings via Karen Alderton on 01379 384754. Chairman - Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, 01379 384363. Personal Licence Holder - Rod Tyrrell, 01379 388285.

HORHAM OLD SCHOOL & SOCIAL CLUB (next to church): Membership £5 per year, and the Club is open from 8pm till late on Tues and Fri. Chairman - Keith Hawes, Meadow Farm, Athelington, Eye, 01728 628608. Secretary - Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke. Hall Bookings via Pip Florance, 01379 384370, Laburnum Cottage, The Street, Horham. Personal License Holder - Keith Hawes.

REDLINGFIELD & OCCOLD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Meetings in Occold on the first Wed of every month except January when they are on the second Wed. President Caroline Miller, 01379 678871. Information on meetings on What's On pages of this magazine and at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RedlingfieldPC/WomensInstitute/

NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP, POUND LANE WOOD, Redlingfield Road, Horham: Join a working party, or become a "Friend" by calling Mike Reeves on 01379 668179. This is community woodland, held in trust for all the villagers of Denham, Horham and Athelington.

HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB: Meets 2nd and 4th Thurs each month at Horham Community Centre. 2pm-4.30pm in summer and 1.30-4pm in winter. Members play scrabble and cards, have a birthday tea in May and go out for lunch twice a year. Violet Allum, 01379 388107.

95TH BOMB GROUP HERITAGE ASSOCIATION/RED FEATHER CLUB: Horham Airfield, IP21 5DG (see what's on for open days & events). Annual membership £5. Frank Sherman, 01379 678471 Email: frank.sherman@btinternet.com Web: www.95thbg-horham.com

95TH BOMB GROUP HOSPITAL MUSEUM, Shingle Hill, Denham, IP21 5EU (see what's on for open days & events). Tel: 01379 870514. Email: tony@albrow.org Web: www.hexpek.co.uk/95thbg-hm/index.htm

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - STRADBROKE AND DISTRICT BRANCH: The branch meet at The King's Head, Laxfield (Low House), starting 11.30am on the first Thurs of the month for a meeting with speaker and lunch. Hon Sec Jeremy Higgins, 01379 384300. The branch are happy to welcome new members and to provide welfare support where appropriate.

EYE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION: The branch meet at Tacon Close Community Room in Eye for social events, with guest speakers and to raise funds on the third Monday in Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct and Dec at 7.15pm. All women welcome. The Secretary, Mrs C Elliott, 01379 644981.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION - DISS AND DISTRICT RAFA BRANCH (covers this area): Meetings second Monday of each month at Diss Town Football Club, Brewers Green Lane. Details from Brian Ager secretary 01379 640337 (email ager.brian@googlemail.com). Website: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/DissandDistrictRAFA.

THE EYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FUND: This trust fund provides grants to young people and educational organisations serving those under 25 who live in Eye, Athelington, Bedfield and Horham. Special grants are available to cover expenses not met by the local education authority. For application form write to: Mrs L Bernard, Clerk to the Eye Grammar School Fund, 2 Lowgate Street, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7AS, or 01379 870787.

GROUPS, CLUBS, FARMERS MARKETS, CHURCH SHOP

AGE CONCERN - REDLINGFIELD REPRESENTATIVE: Jacqueline Love, Western Barn, Abbotts Meadow, Redlingfield. 01379 678805, email@davidlove.f9.co.uk Age Concern website www.ageconcern.org.uk/

SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE: 5 Cherry Tree Lane, Debenham, Suffolk, IP14 6QT. Has rescued cats, dogs, rabbits and other small animals seeking new homes. 01728 860937, suffolkar@hotmail.com Website www.suffolkanimalrescue.org

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - STRADBROKE & EYE GROUP: Meetings Stradbroke Community Centre on the last Tues of the month at 7.30pm (entry £2). 01728 860551, Website: www.suffolkfhs.co.uk

THE EYE & DISTRICT MEMBERS GROUP OF THE SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST: Works to raise funds and promote awareness of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Regular monthly evening meetings are at Mellis Village Hall. Tim Craven, 01379 668383. Website: www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk/

HOXON HUNDRED: Morris dancers and musicians practice on Wednesdays through autumn and winter at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne at 7.30pm. Ron Ross, 01379 643563, hoxon@btinternet.com Web: www.hoxonhundred.co.uk

DENHAM VILLAGE HALL: Charges for hiring the hall range from £35 for all-day hires by non-residents to £7 for residents' children's parties. Electricity, which includes most of the heating, is extra, paid by a 50p and £1 slot meter in the kitchen. Bookings can be made with Tina Chenery (01379 870797). Hall management committee chairman: Mr D. Reynolds (01379 668797); secretary: Rose McMahon (01379 870346).

FRAMLINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB: Meets at the Conservative Club Mon at 7 pm to play duplicate bridge. All players welcome - single players get a game. Improvers Class on Wed 1-4 pm.

OCCOLD PRESCHOOL: For children from 2½ to 5 years. Sessions Mon-Fri, including a lunch club. Linda Jay at Occold Pre School, Occold Village Hall, Occold, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7PL, 07790 605219, occoldpreschoolemail@googlemail.com

JUNGLE CUBS AND JUNGLE GIANTS: For children 1 to 11 years at The Gymnasium, Kerrison, Thorndon. Includes out of school and holiday clubs. Open Mon-Fri, 7.30am-6pm. Whitney McMaster or Louise Austin 07834 483893.

EYE YOUTH CLUB: For 13-18 year olds on Tues and Wed 7.30-9pm at the Eye Youth Centre opposite the Church. Jonathan Pooley, 01379 870173 or 01379 870928.

FIRST EYE GUIDES: For girls aged 10 upwards. Eye Primary School on Tues 7-8.30pm. Wendy Spencer, 01379871125, or Sue White, 01379 870036.

1ST EYE SCOUT GROUP (INCORPORATING BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS): All groups meet at the Scout Hut, Wellington Road, Eye. Group Scout Leader is Tim Passmore 07970 544362 or contact Joan Norman, 01379 890432 or joan_norman69@hotmail.com

BEAVERS: For 6 to 8 year olds - boys and girls. Wed 5.30-7pm. Karen Ruth, 01379 873544.

CUBS: For 8 to 10½ year olds. Fri 6-7.30pm. Sue Wood, 01379 669233.

SCOUTS: For 10½ to 14 year olds. Tues 7.30-9pm. Kate Broad, 01449 673472.

FARMERS' MARKETS ETC: STOWMARKET, Marketplace, first Fri of the month, 9.30am-1pm.

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WEEKDAY MASS: Mon 10am; Tues 8am; Wed 10am; Fri 10am; Sat 10am. Morning Prayer 20 minutes before Mass on weekdays.

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OCCOLD BAPTIST CHURCH, The Street, Occold. Church Secretary: Paul Harvey (01379 678764) paul_harvey@btinternet.com Deacon: Phillip Leeder (01379 678962). Friends & Neighbours: Pauline Harvey (01379 678764).

SUNDAYS: Services are at 10.45am and 6pm. The evening service is followed by refreshments and a chat. Every first Sun after the evening service at 7pm there is supper and you are very welcome to join us.

THURSDAYS: Bible study with opportunity for discussion at 7.30pm. On the last Thurs of each month Occold Baptists join with Diss Baptist Church, Denmark Hill, Diss, at 7.30pm. Second Thurs at Rishangles Baptist Church at 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAYS: Friends & Neighbours - for ladies, second Wed of each month at 7.30pm. A guest demonstrates a craft or speaks about their work or travels.

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SERVICES (Holy Communion unless stated otherwise):

- June** 6 Horham, Benefice Communion 11.15am
 13 **Horham, 9am, Athelington, 10am**
 20 **Redlingfield, 10am, Horham, Morning Prayer 11.15am**
 27 Stradbroke, 8am, **Athelington, Morning Prayer 11am**
- July** 4 **Redlingfield, Benefice Communion, 10am**
 11 **Horham, 9am, Athelington, 10am**
 18 **Horham, 9am, Redlingfield, Morning Prayer, 10am**
 25 **Athelington, 10am, Horham, Morning Prayer, 11.15am**
- August** 1 **Horham, 9am, Redlingfield, 10am**
 8 Stradbroke, Benefice Communion, 10am
 15 **Horham, 9am, Athelington, 10am**
 22 Stradbroke, 8am, **Redlingfield, Morning Prayer, 10am, Horham, Morning Prayer 11.15am.**
 29 **Horham, 9am, Stradbroke, 10am**

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LOCAL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Horhamania (11-16+); Brownies; Holiday Club (3-11); parents & toddlers; Female Focus; seniors' meals.

GROVE EVANGELICAL CHURCH: Occold Village Hall, grove@grace-ea.org.uk

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10:45am inc Sunday School & 3pm.

MONDAYS: Ladies Evening -informal Bible study and activities 7.30pm.

GROVE YOUTH CLUB: Alternate Fridays 9-11 years 7.30-9pm & 12 plus 9-10pm.

ST JOHN'S DENHAM: Morning Prayer on the 3rd Tues of the month at 9.30am and a Family Service at 3pm on the 4th Sun continue but building works begin in the late spring. This will result in a change of venue, not a disruption of services (see story).

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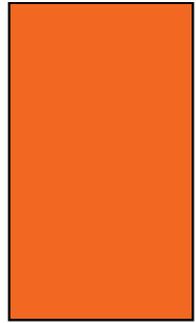
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