
Athelington, Horham & Redlingfield News



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When Evelyn Adey first approached me with the idea of creating a magazine for Horham, Athelington and Redlingfield my first reaction was to run for cover.

I obviously didn't run fast enough.

So, here is the first of what we hope will be a quarterly, at least to start with, magazine for our villages.

We are not aiming to do anything ground-breaking, all we want to do is inform and hopefully entertain.

This is a non-profit-making enterprise with advertising supporting the modest costs of a stapler, a few reams of paper and the ink, which is rapidly being drained from my wife's laserprinter.

If by some incredible fluke we make any more money than is needed to sustain the magazine our parish councils will share the spoils.

Amazingly Evelyn wasn't the first person to approach me with the idea of a some sort of 'Parish Pump'. I think she asked me because I'm a freelance journalist. She thought I'd add a bit of professional expertise – that's where I pause for snickers of disbelief.

Chris Gibbons and I – both members of Redlingfield Parish Meeting (our mini parish council) –

had talked about piggy-backing village news on Redlingfield's Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.

These, however, only come out when we have crimes, or at least suspicious activity in the area, which means they are not something you are pleased to seeing drop through your letterbox and, happily, they are infrequent.

But two people having the same idea – for a village magazine – meant I had to take notice.

Hopefully you'll come to look forward to your copy of the snappily titled "Athelington, Horham & Redlingfield News" – we're not wedded to that title so if you can think of anything better please tell us.

This is very much a work in progress. If your organisation wants its events featured or its regular meetings included in the useful information sections just tell us. There are contact details below.

If you're a budding artist and want to contribute artwork for the cover or other part of the magazine or you've got a recipe you just have to share get in touch. And if you've got an interesting story to tell about local history, your organisation or even your hobby we'd love to hear from you.

Mike Ager

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 01379 678835 or mjager99.fsnet.co.uk 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. Contributions or information needs to be with us by the 14th of that month to be included in that issue.

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Amnesty International has shown that political prisoners can be cheered and supported by receiving letters and cards from around the world. Mail also makes their captors aware that the world will notice if a prisoner 'disappears'. In some cases a large postbag has led to the release of a prisoner. Torture and illegal imprisonment thrive on secrecy so it is worth telling despots that the world is watching. I have Amnesty's list of political prisoners who need cards from us. If you would like a name to write to let Evelyn Adey know on 01728 628428.



Cycling & Re-Cycling

I found an old cream carton in my fridge this morning, there are distinctly unwholesome, hard remains in the bottom. Shall I clean it out and put it in the green bin or just chuck it in the black bin? I irritably clean it out, fuming about the nuisance and wondering about domesticity.

When I was a child clothes were washed by hand in tepid water with soap flakes and hard, yellow soap. Then washing machines, vacuum cleaners and the rest 'liberated' us from domestic chores. Now, machines use energy so we must use them sparingly and we must find time to clean and sort the rubbish. Strange how progress cycles round and round.

Sorting rubbish is worthwhile but only if it is properly managed at the waste disposal site. Workers at the sites have a hard job sorting out all the yuk that is put into the wrong bin but then what? We know that glass, paper and some plastic can be re-used but what about the rest?

There is a proposal to build an incinerator – a massive incinerator – maybe at Blakenham. It would be

designed to burn residual rubbish from all over Suffolk and possibly to also take rubbish from Essex or London. This might generate money for Suffolk but do we want London's rubbish?

Incinerators produce smoke full of toxic substances and lorries carrying rubbish over long distances use fuel and generate carbon. There are other, more environmentally friendly ways of dealing with rubbish. Kitchen waste can be composted and other rubbish can be burned in enclosed units, a bit like an autoclave or pressure cooker.

There is a lot to think about and to learn; the cheapest short term solution may not be the best, or cheapest, answer in the long term.

Then there is my bicycle; I enjoyed cycling as a child, it gave me a splendid freedom. Later, living in Cambridge, it was the only practical form of transport. Now, I'm old and cycling seems like hard work, especially wobbling along with loads of shopping. I would much rather walk with a ruck sack, anyway, my bike has a puncture. *Evelyn Adey*

Information on board...

The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project does exactly what it says on the box – or rather the caravan – it brings coffee, tea, home-made cakes and information to Suffolk’s villages.

And later this year it will be making its first appearance in Redlingfield (see what’s on pages).

But it is much more than just a mobile coffee morning. If the volunteers don’t have the information you require, or the solution to your problem, they will try to find it and

point you in the right direction. And while they don’t act as a counselling service an area of the caravan is available for private talks. Of course, not everyone is in search of information or

advice. If you have just moved into the area, you might like to meet your neighbours. Even if you’ve lived here a while, there may be new people you haven’t had the chance to meet. This could be your chance.

If the event is a success a regular timetable of visits to Redlingfield could be established .

The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project – launched in 2003 – deals with a wide range of requests for information and help on issues ranging from planning and pensions to childcare and crime. It is also successful as a point of social

contact – a ‘parish pump’ – where residents can pass the time of day with neighbours, sometimes even making new friends.

On board the Caravan there are a wide variety of leaflets and information.

Here are just some of the organisations with which they have links: Age Concern; Alzheimers Society; Childline; Citizens Advice Bureau; Community Legal Service Direct; Crime Prevention; district councils; Farm Crisis Network;

family support charity Home-Start ; mental health charity MIND; Suffolk disability charity OPTUA; Pension Service; Rural Gateway – an initiative to support farmers, growers and

other rural businesses; SAVO – Suffolk Association of Voluntary Organisations; Shaw Trust – a charity which works to help people with disabilities find employment; Suffolk ACRE – a charity and company which works with communities to tackle the economic, social and environmental needs; Suffolk County Council services; and Suffolk Primary Care Trusts.

The project – run by volunteers – makes no charge for the service – all they suggest is that visitors may like to make a small donation.

Web: www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org





Do you want to be led a merry dance?

Hoxon Hundred – a group of Morris Dancers and musicians – are looking for new recruits.

You are invited to their Wednesday evening practices in Hoxne. The practices are fun and, for the dancers, energetic. They begin with step clog (probably a forerunner of modern tap dancing). The ladies in the team then practice garland and the remainder of the group cotswold – all traditional morris dances.

After a tea break there is the opportunity to join in with the north west practice – a further morris dance. At the end of the evening they all take part in a couple of relaxed English country dances – then it's off to the pub. It can be a very busy evening but you don't have to take part in everything.

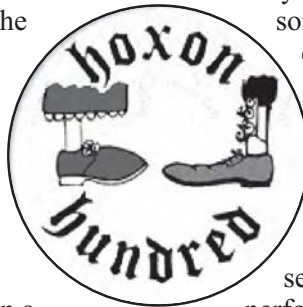
As a group Hoxon Hundred dance out at pubs on the Norfolk/Suffolk border every Wednesday in the

summer months, take a holiday, usually in England in July, go away for weekends to visit other groups, attend folk festivals together (sometimes just for fun – not to dance) and your families are welcome at these events.

Hoxon Hundred members have many other strings to their bows: some get together on other evenings to sing in four-part harmony; they have a rapper team; a small Appalachian dance group; a ceildh band; practices for musicians who are just learning; and several times a year they perform a mummings play.

They would love to see you any Wednesday at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne at 7.30 pm, even if it is only to see what goes on. If you would like a chat first please give their bagman Ron Ross a ring on 01379 643563.

Web: www.hoxonhundred.co.uk/



Taming the Tiger with Horham Baptist Church

HORHAM Baptist Church is joining with other churches in the area to invite three times world Kung Fu Champion Tony Anthony to tell you about his life at Athelington Hall on Saturday, April 26. Tony was sent to China aged four to be trained by his grandfather as a Kung Fu grandmaster. After being beaten daily for years he was rebuilt as the ultimate fighting machine.

After a personal tragedy his life spiralled out of control. Becoming a body guard for some of the richest people in the world, he ended up chasing people for debts, beating and sometimes killing them for fun. In a Cypriot jail his life was dramatically changed by a visit from someone who wanted to help him. His book telling of his life, *Taming The Tiger* was the Christian Booksellers Convention book of the year in 2005.

As well as Tony telling his story former Zimbabwe cricketer Henry Olonga – the fast bowler famous for his stand in the 2003 World Cup where he wore a black arm band to mourn the loss of democracy in his country – will be singing.

The evening will be in the 600-seater marquee on the grounds of Athelington Hall and starts at 7.30pm. The doors open at 6.45pm and there will be a licensed bar. Admission is free on the night.

Easter return for Fairtrade shop

WITH Fairtrade fortnight in full swing by the time you read this article – (February 26 to March 9) you should be ready for the return of the Eye Church Shop on Easter Monday. The shop needs your support and with its new ranges and sale items – it aims to be a great place to find unusual gifts.

It will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am to 1pm. However, it may open much more than this, depending on volunteer support and the number of customers. The shop has a friendly, red open sign which is out near the post box outside Eye church when open. Longer opening hours on Saturdays are a priority.

With the recent addition of Beccles and Framlingham to Lowestoft, Suffolk now has three Fairtrade Towns.

For Fairtrade info contact Sue Watson on 01379 384558.

The first South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival is from May 10 to 26. It aims to give people the chance to explore the countryside with local guides, historians and naturalists. More than 40 walks are offered to suit all tastes. They include a guided walk between Occold and Eye on the evening of Wednesday, May 14 – starting at Occold Village Hall at 7pm the it covers approximately six miles and the estimated time for completion is about two-and-a-half hours. Other walks range from the half-mile Hadleigh Tour to the 12-mile Stradbroke circular walk. For more information visit www.southandheartofsuffolk.org.uk or call Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre on 01449 676800 for a free, copy of the Festival Brochure.



You have the chance to record our history

The history of any village is tied up with the historical events which have shaped our cultural and national identity. Suffolk is a rural county which developed its wealth and trade, based on agriculture.

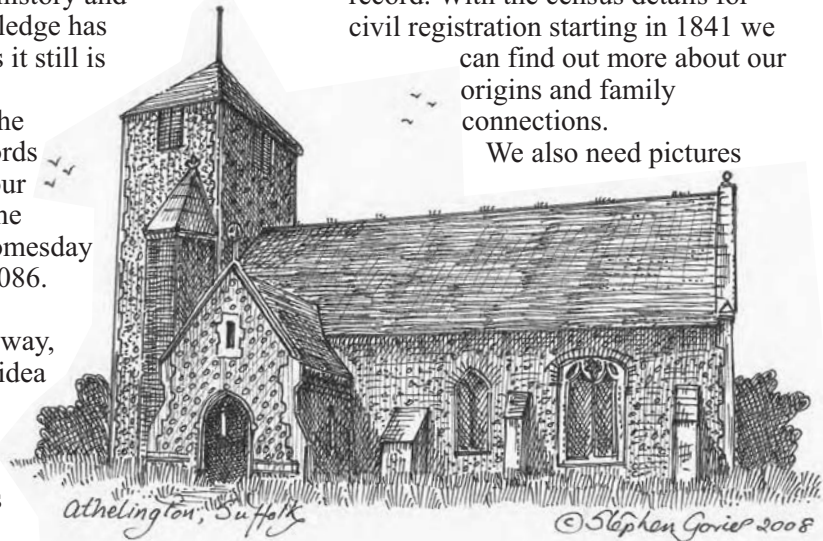
What gives a particular place its character is, to a great degree defined by the geography of the land and the natural materials at hand. When settlements were beginning to be developed and the land deforested, ready for crops and domesticated animals, the hunter gatherer life which our ancestors had pursued was coming to an end and an accumulated community knowledge was being eroded. This has happened repeatedly throughout history and much knowledge has been lost, as it still is to this day.

Some of the earliest records relating to our villages come from the Domesday Survey of 1086. This, in a fragmented way, gives us an idea of who was in control of the land, which crops were grown

and how many types of animal were being bred. Property was also listed – such as the manor house, church or monastic foundation and the site of the mill – most probably watermills as windmill technology came later. Everything was valued and accounted for as scribes and clerics gathered this information for the Crown.

To find out about a particular place we usually go to the parish church as this is, in most cases, the oldest surviving architectural structure and repository for information relating to our ancestors – when they were born, who they married and when they died. If we are very lucky we can find a gravestone, memorial or written record. With the census details for civil registration starting in 1841 we can find out more about our origins and family connections.

We also need pictures



of the architecture of particular places and people. This has been made much easier thanks to the camera, but pen and paper is much more fun.

Buildings have been lost to us, many have changed out of all recognition and others, sadly, should not have been built at all.

In our own families and within our groups and wider communities we have a wealth of accumulated knowledge which can be recorded visually and verbally. Such knowledge and information should be passed on through our families, friends and within our own communities. This can be a written record, a diary of events, or from newspaper cuttings, sale particulars or photographs.

We each have the opportunity to add something to the history of our villages, orally, visually or as a written statement; as we are all storehouses of knowledge about our families, friends, villages, homes, past events and the environment around us.

A lot needs to be done if you wish to make a historical record about your village and village life, for future generations to learn about and enjoy.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words so I have included one for good measure. I am happy to collate material, photograph family pictures and collect material on Athelington, Horham and Redlingfield and encourage you to contribute to your magazine as Margaret Cossey did with the villagers of Athelington and Horham for the *Horham Tatler*, published in 1892 and 1893.

Stephen Govier

Planting woods is lesson in patience

It may well be that the hardest lesson to be learnt when you plant a woodland is patience. As we look at our community woodland we are inordinately proud of the task accomplished so far, but now we must sit on our hands and wait for nature to do her bit.

The trees in Pound Lane Wood, Horham, are planted, many of them grown from seeds that we collected ourselves; the pond is flourishing, and the wildflower meadow already showing signs of colour, and the wood is a favourite venue for local dog walkers, so the challenge that we set ourselves has so far been successful, but what of the future?

The young trees will still need mulching, the rides must be cut and the hedges kept under control, but the most pressing need now is to maintain your interest, as this is a project which will not reach maturity until many of the local children involved in its planting are themselves mature adults. We take comfort as we look at Brakey Wood in Hoxne where, since the millennium, the trees have grown to a significant size, and hope that we achieve the same success at Pound Lane.

So the New Reeding Woods Group is urging you to take a stroll in Pound Lane Wood, along the Redlingfield Road, 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, and is yours, so please enjoy!

Friday, March 7 - **Women's World Day of Prayer:** Service at All Saints Church, Stradbroke, at 2pm "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding" prepared by Christian Women of Guyana. The speaker will be Mrs Angela Ling of Stradbroke. All Welcome.

Saturday, March 8 - **1908-2008 Local Historical Films:** Films of East Anglia from the past including towns, countryside, farming & local history. Horham & Athelington Community Centre. Bar opens 7.30pm. Films start 8pm. Entrance £3.50/concessions £2.50. In aid of Horham and Athelington Community Council. Enquiries Margaret Streeeter 01379 384363.

Sunday, March 9 - **Redlingfield Rubbish Ramble/Litter Picking:** Take a leisurely walk around Redlingfield and clear up the litter by the road. From 10am. Meet at village sign or contact Mike Ager 01379 678835.

Saturday, March, 15 - **Craft Fair:** 10am-2pm in the Community Centre, Wilby Road. Stradbroke Church fundraising event.

Wednesday, March 19 - **Stradbroke Cinema** will be showing **Atonement** at 7pm for 7.30pm at The Community Centre, Wilby Road. Bar open. Tickets £5. In aid of Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre.

Saturday, March 22 - **Quiz Night:** General knowledge quiz at the Red Feather Club, Horham Airfield from 7.30pm. Entry £5 per person (includes a ploughman's supper).

Saturday, March 22 - **St Patrick's Night:** Irish stew supper & Irish showband, Thorndon Village Hall. Richard Lummis 01379 678209.

Tuesday, March, 25 - **A Sponsored Hymn Sing for the Anthony Nolan Trust** in Stradbroke Church, from 11am until they have sung fifty verses. Sponsorship forms are available.

Wednesday, April 9 - **Redlingfield Village Meeting AGM:** Horham & Athelington Community Centre from 8pm. All welcome.

Tuesday, April 15 - **Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project** (see page 3): Centre of Redlingfield from 10am to noon.

Saturday, April 19 - **Redlingfield Cheese & Wine:** Horham & Athelington Community Centre from 8pm. Tickets £8 from Andrew & Katie Abbott, Graham & Lesley Abbott, Susan & Allan Chapman, Russell & Linda Kerry, Manday Miller, Joyce Saunders or Mike & Jan 01379 678835.

Saturday, April 19 - **Quiz Night & Fish & Chip Supper:** Occold Village Hall, Occold Recreational & Amenities Council (ORAC) event.

Saturday, April 26 - **Ceilidh:** St Edmund's Village Hall, Hoxne, starting 8pm, all ages welcome. Music by Hoxon Hundred Ceilidh band. Admission £8.50 including food. Children free.

Wednesday, April 23 - **St George's Day:** Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers will be in and around The Swan Inn, Hoxne, from 7.30pm.

Saturday, April 26 - **Tony Anthony** talks about his life. Music from **Henry Olunga** (see page 5). 600-seater marquee on the grounds of Athelington Hall. Doors open 6.45pm, event starts 7.30 pm. Licensed bar. Admission free. Organised by Horham Baptist Church and other churches in the area.

Thursday, May 1, to Monday, May 5 - **Art Exhibition and Sale of Pictures**, 10am-6pm, Stradbroke Church. **Preview**, with refreshments. Wednesday, April 30, 7-9pm. Tickets £5 from Stradbroke Post Office. Enquiries, and to exhibit pictures, contact Mary Ellis, 01379 384642. Stradbroke Church fundraising event.

Saturday, May 3 - **Coffee Morning**: 1, Abbots Meadow, Redlingfield, 10.30am to 12.30pm, to raise funds for Redlingfield Doorstep Green and St Andrews Church, Redlingfield. Donations of raffle prizes, cakes, plants and books appreciated. Contact David or Jacqueline Love (01379 678805).

Friday, May 9, to Sunday, May 11 - **Stradbroke Annual Real Ale & Jazz Festival**: Queen's Head, Stradbroke. 01379 384384.

Saturday, May 10 - **1940s Style Dance**: the Red Feather Club, Horham Airfield, details to be advised.

Sunday, May 11 - **Grand Open Day**: the Red Feather Club, Horham Airfield. The museum will be open, with military vehicles on display, several visitors from the USA (including 95th Bomb Group veterans). Trade stands. Refreshments will be available. Flyover (conditions permitting).

Sunday, May 11 - **Sale & Refreshments**: Denham Village Hall (formerly Horham Airfield Guard Room), 10am-4pm.

Saturday, May 17 - **Plant Sale**: From 10am at Occold Church.

Saturday, May 17 - **Cabaret Night**: Athelington Hall. Occold Recreational & Amenities Council (ORAC) event.

Saturday, June 14 - **Annual Bygones Rally with Car Boot**: Horham & Athelington Community Centre and Meadow. For car boot phone 01379 384363.

Friday, June 20 - Friends of Occold School present a **Robbie Williams Tribute Evening**: Debenham Leisure Centre. Tickets £10. Jayne Tarrant 01379 678460.

Wednesday, July 2 - **Redlingfield Churchyard Clear Up**: Help tidy up St Andrews Church, Redlingfield, from 6pm. Bring your own shears etc.

Wednesday, July 9 - **Redlingfield Doorstep Green Tidy**: Help get Redlingfield's Doorstep Green ready for summer - weeding edging etc.

Saturday, July 5 - **Occold Fete**: Occold Playing Field.

Saturday, July 12 - **Redlingfield BBQ**: Redlingfield Doorstep Green. .

Open Days at the Red Feather Club Museum, Horham Airfield, 10am-4pm admission free - Sunday, May 25; Saturday, May 31; Sundays, June 1 & 29, July 6 & 27, August 3 & 31, September 7 & 28, October 5 & 26.

Planning - The parish council have received a number of planning applications via Mid Suffolk District Council including outline planning for building plots, goat-rearing accommodation to the right of Thorpe Hall lane on the Stradbroke Road and additional holiday lodges at Athelington Hall.

District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries reports - Positive moves are afoot to develop the Hartismere Hospital site in Eye to become a state-of-the-art medical facility. The old building will be sold off for housing and new facilities are to be built for respite care. There will also be maternity and treatment units.

Traffic Speeding - Little progress has been made towards equipping volunteers with hand-held speed cameras for obtaining evidence to help the police in the crackdown on speeding through Horham village. Councillor John Bloomfield has been pursuing the matter with some urgency.

Horham E Community - The Parish Council have been running a news distribution system called 'Handanews'. Anyone wishing to pass on news or items about forthcoming events can pass messages to me and these will be sent out by our 'Postman' via Email. 'Recipients' then receive the information. If you wish to be a 'Recipient' contact me with your Email address and provision will be made for you to receive items. Should you wish to distribute items through 'Handanews', items should be passed to me.

Angela Wilkins Clerk to the Parish Council 01379 384625.

Join in a hymn singing marathon

REV David Streeter is looking for volunteers to join his choir in marathon fundraising challenge.

A Sponsored Hymn Sing for the Anthony Nolan Trust is being held at Stradbroke Church on Easter Tuesday, March 25, from 11am until they have sung fifty verses. He hopes more than fifty singers will fill his choir stalls to help the charity "to take back lives from Leukaemia".

Last year nationwide nearly 200 churches and other places of worship, of many different faiths and denominations, took part in the massive

sponsored "Sing for Life" event. The challenge is to sing 50 hymns, psalms or verses non-stop.

Forty of the verses that will be sung in Stradbroke have been written by Rev Streeter. They are on a variety of themes about the church and the world. Three well-known hymns, ending with a glorious proclamation of Easter, will complete the programme.

Rev Streeter looks forward to hearing from those who wish to take part and says there will be room for many more in the church. Sponsorship forms are available.

Dates for 2008 - Sun, March 9, Rubbish Ramble/Litter Picking; Wed, April 9 - Redlingfield Village Meeting AGM; Tues, April 15 - Rural Coffee Caravan; Sat, April 19 - Cheese & Wine; Wed, July 2 - Churchyard Clear Up; Wed, July 9 - Doorstep Green Tidy; Sat, July 12 - BBQ; Sat, Oct 18 - Harvest Supper.

Cheese & Wine - Volunteers are needed to help set things up for the Cheese & Wine at 10am on the day at Horham & Athelington Community Centre.

Doorstep Green - Russell Kerry & Allan Chapman have done an excellent job roofing the storage shed on the Doorstep Green. Chris Gibbons scythed the wild meadow area and Andrew Abbott is doing a great work keeping the grass in check. The next big thing will hopefully be getting a slide for very young children. Janet Norman-Philips is in charge of the form-filling involved in securing funding. The other major project - suggested by Russell - is putting in permanent lighting to be run off a generator when the village holds evening events on the green. Russell with Drew Abbott and help from others aims to do this before the BBQ and will look at adding a second set of five-a-side goalposts.

Thank yous - Many thanks to Gary & Charlene White for all their hard work on behalf of the village and best wishes on their move to Thelveton estate. Thanks also go to Sue & Steve Toll of Eastern Barn for hosting the village for drinks - £150 plus was raised for the push to provide a slide on the Doorstep Green. Many thanks also to Trevor Edwards who has in the past supplied the wine for our annual cheese & wine.

Redlingfield Parish Council/Redlingfield Village Meeting - chairman, Mike Ager, Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU. Tel: 01379 678835. Email: mjager99.fsnet.co.uk Members: minutes secretary - Pat Kelly; treasurer - Jeanette Brierley; committee members - Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Hazel Abbott, Katie Abbott, Susan Chapman, Allan Chapman, Edith Coe, Chris Gibbons, Andrew Howlett, Russell Kerry, Manday Miller, Janet Norman-Philips.

A PACKED Gospel Centre in Eye on November 28 gathered to celebrate the life of Geoffrey Leeder of Redlingfield who passed away on November 17 aged 72. A fitting tribute was delivered by his son Phillip remembering his years of service for two generations of the Standley family at Benningham Hall. Geoffrey was also a loyal member of Occold Baptist Church for the past 20 years.

THE FUNERAL took place at Athelington on Wednesday, February 6, of Robin Hutton who died on January 25 aged 74. Married to Deborah, with four children, he lived for over forty years at Church Farm, Athelington. He had a long and distinguished career in the City of London, as an adviser to H.M. Government, and in Europe. He was awarded the O.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen in 1993.

Your Community Police report ...

NOW that we are into the New Year I am hoping to spend more time doing high profile speed checks in the Athelington, Horham and Redlingfield areas. I shall be carrying out regular speed enforcement in the villages using the hand held 'laser gun' now issued to community officers.

I am also concerned about the number of reports I receive about children not wearing seatbelts or other approved restraints, during car journeys to and from school. I shall be paying particular attention to these offences as well. Please do not risk your child's safety by allowing them to travel unrestrained.

During January the only crime to report was the theft of a car stereo from a motor vehicle in Horham.

The Police have introduced a Community Intelligence Hotline where information can be left regarding local offences. The number is 01284 774029. You can leave your details or be anonymous, but please help us to make your community even safer.

I would like to remind all of you who have yet to sign up to Police Direct of the value of doing so. All you need to do to register for free and you will receive either an email or text message informing you of any incidents in your local area. To sign up call 01473 613997.

I wish you all a safe and pleasant spring.

**PC Tim Green, Mid Suffolk North
Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Fitting tribute to brave young men

The Red Feather Club was originally the Non Commissioned Officers (NCO) club from June 1943 until 1945. The name comes from the 95th Bomb Group emblem, which has the red feather on the shield.



Young air and ground crews used the club to relax when not on duty. Food and beer was served, there were dances and music – the Group even had its own band, and murals decorated the walls.

When the Americans returned home after the war the buildings were bought by local farmer Mr Mager who used them to rear rabbits and chickens, and to house farm machinery, gradually they fell into disrepair and the corrugated sheets on the roofs rusted.

In 1981 a local group of enthusiasts called the 'Friends of the 95th' bought the buildings from Mr Mager and raised money to reroof and insulate the room which houses the famous murals painted by one of the airmen. The murals were in incredibly good condition considering they had been exposed to the elements.

In 1981, American veterans returned to their old base at Horham and visited the buildings and saw the murals. Some also returned in 1988, 1992, and 1994 and it was thought that after this time with the Americans reaching their mid 70s that there would be fewer visitors.

The site was kept tidy by a small team of volunteers and a few of the veterans families visited, until in 2000 Suffolk County Council had an initiative to publicise the county's airfields and priories called 'Friars to Flyers'.



Before & After: The Red Feather Club at Horham Airfield 1981 (left) and 1991 (above).

A new group was formed called Horham Airfield Heritage Association, which had their first open day in October 2000. The group had support from the local council to publicise the former airfield to tourists and The Red Feather became a visitor attraction.

In 2003 after many fund raising events such as film shows, talks and open days it was suggested by Susan Brooks, the 'Flyers to Friars' project leader, that the association apply for a Local Lottery Heritage Initiative Grant to restore the buildings. The 'Friends of the 95th' (the owners of the site) and Horham Airfield Heritage Association merged to become the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, which applied for and was awarded a grant.

All the restoration work has been completed by voluntary local labour, with the grant purchasing building materials, specialised workers such as electricians and signs to direct visitors

to the site and inform them about the buildings. The restoration has been done to

ensure originality as much as possible but also uses modern materials.

The group has held many successful open days and other events and with central heating being installed we can hold events in the winter months to restore the social element to the buildings.

At the 2004 and 2005 open days American veterans and their families returned, and they were moved to have a memorial site to the 95th Bomb Group and a museum to house archives and artefacts and a roll of honour to the 617 brave young men who lost their lives whilst stationed at Horham.

James Mutton

Contacts: James Mutton, chairman, 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, jmutton@tuckwellgroup.co.uk or 01728 860930; & Frank Sherman, publicity officer frank.sherman@btinternet.com or 01379 678471. Web: www.95thbg-horham.com

Your county councillor

IT IS a pleasure to contribute to the first edition of the village mag. For those of you who do not know me I have the privilege of being your County Councillor on Suffolk County Council (Hoxne & Eye Division)

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is the organisation that effects more people in Suffolk than any other organisation. It is responsible for the highways and rights of way. As an education authority it is responsible for schools. As a social service authority it is responsible for the care of the elderly as well as vulnerable young people and those with learning difficulties. And of course the Fire & Rescue Service.

SCC is continually being examined and audited by outside bodies from the Audit Commission to the Social Services Commission. I am pleased to report that all these examinations constantly put SCC among the top performing local authorities. SCC meets in Ipswich at Endeavour House where most meetings are open to the public and reports are freely available via the local libraries. In Eye at the Cross Street Car Park SCC together with Mid Suffolk District Council has established a base open Monday to Friday. At this base all information about council services may be obtained.

As well as being your County Councillor I am the Cabinet Member responsible for Suffolk Roads and Road Safety. I also serve as a member of the East of England Regional Assembly. I can be contacted at: Time House, Low Street Hoxne, Eye, IP21 5AR (phone 01379870339 (office) or 01379668434 (home)).

Guy McGregor

Your district councillor

LET ME start by wishing the magazine my very best wishes, I know how hard it is to get something like this off the ground, so my congratulation to all concerned.

May will see the end of the first year that I have been representing you on Mid Suffolk District Council. It has been a steep learning curve, much training to discover the workings of planning and budgets, but the best part has been meeting people and tackling some of the issues important to them.

Within Mid Suffolk District Council I am on the Licensing and Community Policy Committees and their representative on Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny and Adult care Committees. These are very challenging times for the health of the people in East Anglia. It is a mainly rural area but we have to try to arrange medical services as close to hand as possible.

I try to attend as many Parish Council meetings as I can, but I can be contacted direct if there are any issues you think I can help with.

Village life is very dear to us, there are always changes to be made but with due consultation with the people of the villages and surrounding areas, I think we can deal with the inevitable changes in such things as housing and transport in a manner that will accommodate us all.

I can be contacted at: Rose Cottage, The Street, Horham (phone 01379 384680).

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries

Horham & Athelington Community Council (opposite the church): Membership is £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 1st January - 31st December. Membership forms are available from The Bar Staff, or from Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Community Centre club nights and opening hours: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 8pm-11pm (admission may be restricted when a private function is being held). Further information on membership or Community Council events are available from Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Hall Bookings can only be made 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 And Social Club (next to the church): Membership is £5 per year, and the Club is open from 8pm till late on Tuesdays and Fridays. Chairman - Keith Hawes, Meadow Farm, Athelington, Eye IP21 5EJ. Tel: 01728 628608. Secretary - Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, IP21 5HU, Hall Bookings - Pip Florance, Tel: 01379 384370, Laburnum Cottage, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX. Personal License Holder, Keith Hawes.

95th Bomb Group Heritage Association/Red Feather Club, Horham: Web: www.95thbg-horham.com. Annual membership £5. Contact Frank Sherman on 01379 678471 or frank.sherman@btinternet.com

Redlingfield & Occold Women's Institute: Meetings in Occold Primary School on the first Wednesday of every month except January when they are on the second Wednesday. Contact Chris Hewitson (01379 678020).

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.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Redlingfield: Chris Gibbons 01379 678169.

Horham: Hav Wilkins 01379 384625.

Mobile Library (Horham & Redlingfield): The Mobile Library visits Redlingfield and Horham on alternate Thursdays (March 6, 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15, 29; June 12, 26). It stops at The Knoll, Redlingfield, from 11.40am to 11.50am and Horham Church from 12.00pm to 12.10pm. If you need to contact the mobile library, the phone number is 07736 007604. Alternatively, you can telephone the mobile library office between 9am and 12 noon, Monday-Friday, on 07872 676698 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Church of England

All Saints, Stradbroke, Church St; **St Andrew, Redlingfield**, Church Road; **St Peter, Athelington**; **St Mary, Horham**, The Street. Rev David Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, IP21 5HU, Tel: 01379 384869. Email: davidstreeter@suffolkonline.net.

Services: Maundy Thursday, March 20 - Stradbroke, Holy Communion, 7.30pm. **Good Friday, March 21** - Stradbroke, Passion Readings, 2-3pm; Horham, Evensong, 6.30 pm. **Easter Sunday, March 23** - Stradbroke, Holy Communion, 8am; Horham, Holy Communion, 9am; Redlingfield, Holy Communion, 10am; Stradbroke, Holy Communion, 11.15am; Athelington, Evensong, 6.30pm. **Sunday, March 30**, First after Easter, Horham, Holy Communion, 9am; Athelington, Holy Communion, 10am; Stradbroke, Morning Prayer, 11.15 am. **Sunday, April 6**, Second after Easter - Horham, Holy Communion, 9am; Stradbroke, Family Communion, 10am. **Sunday, April 13**, Third after Easter - Horham, Benefice Communion, 11.15am. **Sunday, April 20**, Fourth after Easter - Athelington, Holy Communion, 9am; Redlingfield, Morning Prayer, 10am; Stradbroke, Morning Prayer, 11.15am; **Rogation Sunday, April 27**, Fifth after Easter - Athelington, Holy Communion, 9am; Redlingfield, Holy Communion, 10am; Horham Morning Prayer, 11.15 am.

Horham Baptist Church, Chapel Lane.

Secretary, John Ladbrook, Potash Farm, Fingal Street, Worlingworth, IP13 7PD. Tel: 01728 628670.

Web: www.horhambaptistchurch.org

Wheelchair access & space, hearing aid loop. Main meetings: Sunday: 10.45am - morning worship and sunday school, family service second Sunday in month, Communion quarterly. 2.00pm - afternoon worship, communion first Sunday in month. For under 18s: crèche (0-3); Sunday school (3-15); Megamix (5-11); Horhamania (11-16+); Brownies; Holiday Club (3-11); Familytime (all ages); youth house groups. Local outreach & community activities: Horhamania (11-16+); Brownies; Holiday Club (3-11); parents & toddlers; Female Focus, senior citizens' meals.

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, High Road, Diss.

Parish Priest - Father Simon Blakesley, Waveney House, 7 Fair Green, Diss, IP22 4BQ. Tel: 01379 642914. Moblie: 07946 390060.

Email: HolyTrinityDiss@aol.com. Web: www.holytrinitydiss.piczo.com
Sunday Mass times: 9.30am (sung); 10.30am at Quidenham (sung); 11.30am; 6pm. Holydays: 8am at Quidenham; 10am; 8pm. Weekday Masses: Monday 10am; Tuesday 8am; Wednesday 10am; Friday 10am; Saturday 10am. Morning Prayer is said 20 minutes before Mass on weekdays. On Saturday mornings the Rosary is prayed at 9.40am. Confessions are heard on Saturdays between 10.30am and 10.45am or at call.

Scheduled bus services (Horham):

Mondays to Saturdays: Goldline Coaches' 482 Framlingham-Laxfield-Stradbroke-Diss service, which is sponsored by Suffolk County Council, calls at Horham. The service from Framlingham stops opposite the church at 07.54am, 1.54pm, 5.54pm calling at Denham, Hoxne and Diss and at 9.54am calling at Denham, Hoxne and Eye. Buses from Diss stop at Horham Church 2.47pm, 4.47pm and 6.47pm on its way to Framlingham. The service from Eye reaches Horham at 12.47pm.

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. For detailed timetables visit www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk/index.html

High Suffolk Community Transport (Redlingfield): There are once-a-week return minibus services from Redlingfield to Diss and Stowmarket. On 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. Thursdays' 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. For more information visit www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk/community.html

Dial-a-ride minibus (Horham, Redlingfield & Athelington): The Borderhoppa, which has a capacity of one to 16 people and offers disabled access, serves a large area approximately centred on Diss. The service is available Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm and bookings are taken Monday to Fridays from 8.30am to 3.30pm 48 hours in advance. You are advised of fares at the time of booking. Telephone: 01379 854800. Email: borderhoppa@redmoon.me.uk

SuffolkCarShare.com: This county-wide scheme was launched last year by Suffolk A.C.R.E. in partnership with the county council and county chamber of commerce. The scheme gives people the chance to offer or seek lifts on the www.SuffolkCarShare.com site. Suffolk A.C.R.E. (Action with Communities in Rural England) is an independent charity enabling the development of community self-help projects, tackling disadvantage and building the capacity of the charitable sector in Suffolk for seven decades.

Suffolk County Council's **Household Waste Recycling Centre** at Brome: Opening times - 1 November to 31 January 8am to 4pm; 1 February to 31 March 8am to 5pm; 1 April to 30 September 8am to 6pm; 1 October to 31 October 8am to 5pm.

useful information & contacts

Citizens Advice Bureaux: Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ Get advice online from www.adviceguide.org.uk for up-to-date CAB information.

Diss, Thetford & District Citizens Advice Bureau:

Diss - Shelfanger Road, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4EH but at The Denny Centre, Thomas Manning Road, 10am-2pm, Mondays & Thursdays during rebuilding work. Tel: 01379 651333 (Diss); 01842 764860 - welfare rights and money advice Thetford. Fax: 01379 640530 & 01842 750986. Email: advice@disscab.cabnet.org.uk

Harleston - Information Centre, 8 Exchange Street, 10am-1pm Wednesdays & 10am-noon Fridays;

Eye - Customer Services Direct, Cross Street, 10am-noon Thursdays.

Mid-Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau:

Stowmarket - 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1EZ - 9.30am-3.30pm Mondays & Tuesdays, 9.30am-6.30pm Thursdays & 9.30am-12.30pm. Tel: 01449 676060 & 01449 676280. Fax: 01449 675634 .ring before faxing.

Information Centres: Eye Service Centre: 6 Cross Street, Eye, IP23 7AB, open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. A partnership between Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. **Harleston Community**

Information Centre: 8 Exchange Street, Harleston, open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-3.30pm; Saturday, 10am-1pm. Offers information covering this area.

If you think your place of worship or organisation should be included in this list please contact the editor.

planning

To be decided: Meadow Land to south of farm drive Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington: Use of land for 6 holiday use lodges with ancillary construction of approach drive, hard standing and drainage plant. **Little Meadow Farm, Stradbroke Road, Horham:** Proposal to erect goat rearing and dairying building.

Refused: Hall Farm Meadow, Stradbroke Road, Horham: Creation of vehicular access. **Borretts, The Street, Horham:** Proposed first floor extension. **The Old School, Redlingfield:** Demolition of Old School and the erection of two 2 bedroom semi-detached houses.

Granted: Land adjacent Lodge Farmhouse, The Street, Horham: Severance of garden, creation of new access and erection of single two storey dwelling. **Broadwater Mouldings Ltd, Horham Road, Hoxne:** Erection of factory building (addition to existing manufacturing facilities).

Rosemead, Athelington Road, Horham: Proposed detached garage. **10 Manor Park, Horham:** First floor rear extension above existing flat roof extension.

Formal Approval Not Required: Horham STW, Worlingworth Road, Horham: Extension of existing 6m telemetry aerial to 9m.

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Horham & Athelington Parish Council 01379 384625

Mid Suffolk District Council:

Tel: 01449 724500

Web: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

Email: webinfo@midsuffolk.gov.uk

(0845 606 6067 & customerservice@csduk.com for some services)

Suffolk County Council:

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Member of Parliament: Sir Michael Lord MP

Tel: 01728 685148

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Police: Our Community Police Officer is PC Tim Green.

Tel: 01284 774100 (Ask for him by name. He can also be found accompanying the library van).

Eye Police Station: Tel: 01284 774640

Non emergency calls: Tel: 01473 613500

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