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WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT for good pictures so this issue is a particular pleasure for me as we seem to have been given a whole host of them. On the front page is Darren Howlett's stunning painting of the ill-fated B-17 that crashed in Redlingfield and the lovely people at The Daily Inter Lake in Montana have plucked a picture of the pilot, Kenneth Rongstd, from their archives for us.

On this page we have a great picture of a tawny owl from Gail Hawes. Further inside, Peter Havers has provided us with a copy of an old painting of Athelington Hall, we've got tree planters at Pound Lane and a piece of Redlingfield history thanks to Judith Crisp among others. Special thanks go to Mike Challis for the photos for Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife.



AS USUAL, WHEN YOU THINK things are going well a banana skin finds it's way into your path. So, in the wake of my crowing about being the village magazine of the year come apologies to Elizabeth Gibson-Harries for missing out her advert for her home-made cakes from the last issue. Hopefully the flyers made up for that omission. PS: Her gluten-free Christmas cake was excellent.

I HOPE OUR SMALL REDESIGN will make it easier for you to read the listings and other bits of the mag. The aim was to brighten it up a bit after our first two years. The front page is the most obvious change but hopefully the other little tweaks will be a help rather than a hindrance to your reading. You might not even notice that anything has changed.

OUR VILLAGES HAVE BEEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT SINCE OUR LAST issue. "Some rum old people" were seen on Rural TV – on Sky 279 and Freesat channel 403 – when it featured 2009's Horham Bygones Rally. Well that's what Don Moyes says. He may, or may not, have been one of the rum uns featured. If you want to see them in person this year's rally is on Saturday, June 12.

I couldn't possibly comment on how rum the Redlingfielders were who featured on BBC Radio Suffolk when Lesley Dolphin's show highlighted the village. During the afternoon, stand-in host Georgina Wroe talked to Hazel Abbott about the church and WI; Trevor Edwards about birds and wildlife; Susan Chapman about the Redlingfield Swingers – rounders team that is; while myself and Eddie Coe spoke about history. The plans for a memorial to the B-17 that crashed in Redlingfield is also provoking some interest in the press and radio over here and in the US. Keep your eyes and ears open for more of Horham and Redlingfield in the news.

Mike Ager

Wartime bombs, tunnels

LAST ISSUE WE PUBLISHED the first part of a talk given to an Australian WI group in the 1940s about life in Suffolk and farming at Athelington Hall. Below is the second part of the talk by Grace Cathles . . .

“OUR HOUSE [ATHELINGTON Hall], we were told dated from the early 1600s as there were carvings of the rose, thistle and shamrock together which were done at the time of the union of England and Scotland.

“As far as we can gather, there has always been a house on that site since Saxon times, and we found the foundations of one much earlier house and what seemed to be the remains of a drawbridge near the moat which almost surrounded the house and garden. Another moat ran nearly all round the stack yard which is supposed to have been where the workers once lived.

“When we were digging a well in the garden at one time, we found all sorts of things. Old leather shoes,

glass, pottery, even bones. We took some pails to the museum and they dated them for us as Elizabethan.

“It must have been a rubbish dump when they were filling up that part of the moat before building there . . .

“Other local stories go that there was once an underground passage between the house and an abbey about four miles away. A friend who claimed to be able to find anything over a map with water divining rods, showed us where the passage seemed to be, although he said it seemed to have filled up in most places, it’s very nice to think that it might have been true anyway.”

“OUR CHURCH WAS JUST AT THE end of our drive, about a quarter of a mile [away] and I believe it dated back to the 11th Century. The stairs and tower were in rather unsafe state but our rector told us that there was an old set of stocks stored up there.

“For schools, the children could, either walk one mile and pick up a bus for a remaining one-and-a-half miles

THE HORHAM BELLY DANCERS: For the last six to seven years we have been mastering the art of Belly Dancing in Horham Community Centre on a Tuesday evening – the veils and coin belts are not being hung up for good; but the numbers of dancers that come regularly mean it is no longer viable to hold a weekly class, our finale was toasted with a glass of punch on Tuesday, December 8th. There are classes available in the area and we are sure that those of you who are still interested can seek them out. Over the years we have entertained at a Harvest Supper, a Pancake Party and at an event at Yaxley Hall for Hartismere Hospital, as well as getting a great deal of fun from the dancing and dressing up! We like to think that just maybe the Belly Dancers of Horham helped to bring the Middle Eastern Belly Dance to this area of Suffolk. **Pip Florance and Margaret Streeter**

and history at the hall



Athelington Hall painted by Davy in 1840. This picture hangs in British Museum. Many thanks to Peter Havers.

to one village or go by car four miles to another. We did the latter picking up children all along the way.

“All schools have a wonderful canteen service for serving hot sit-down dinners for the children. During the war, those were given the benefit of the best of materials, many things even which the householder could not get.”

“ALTHOUGH WE WERE ONLY 90 miles from London, we very rarely went there as it seemed a very long way. When we knew that we were coming to Australia, we made an effort and did one or two sightseeing trips for the children. Now, of course, we feel ashamed that we had not done lots

more. During the war, London was no place to go. In fact, how Londoners stood it through the worst of the bombing we can't imagine.

“Even in the country, we didn't escape bombs – in the little area around us; we had between 150 and 200. Fortunately there was no damage to people or property except for one terrible incident. While digging out an unexploded bomb, it went off and killed our local policeman and the disposal squad.”

ATHELINGTON CHURCH HAD extensive repairs to its tower last year and the stocks are now kept in the porch. Access is at service times or as directed on the notice board.

Big weekend is planned

THE WEEKEND OF MAY 15th and 16th should be a big one for our villages with a whole host of events linked to the 95th Bomb Group.

The weekend is due to start with the dedication of a memorial to the crew of the B-17 that crashed in Redlingfield in 1943. It is hoped that veterans and other visitors from the US will join locals, representatives of the USAF, RAF, veterans' groups and youth organisations for the unveiling on Saturday morning on Horham Road. The Horham-Redlingfield road is likely to be closed near Green Farm that morning.

Researchers in the US and UK have been working hard to see if they can find any surviving relatives of the crew or unearth photographs of the crew or aircraft. So far the enlistment papers for nine of the crew have been found

in the US and the pilot's local newspaper has provided us with a picture used for a small death notice. The full story of the crash is available online at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RedlingfieldPC and nearer the time

more details of the event should be available there. Also keep your eyes and ears open for press, radio and hopefully TV coverage in the run-up to the unveiling.

On the Saturday evening there will be a 1940s dance to a Big Swing Band at the Red Feather Club, Horham, from 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and there will be a licensed bar (1940s allied

dress welcomed). It should be an opportunity to try out the Blue Lounge's new wooden dancefloor, which will be installed by then.

On Sunday, the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association Grand Open Day is from 10am to 5pm at Horham Airfield. There will be US 95th veterans attending, military vehicles on



Many thanks to The Daily Inter Lake newspaper for the picture and cutting of pilot Kenneth Rongstad above. Pictured left are just a couple of the vehicles which attended last year's Grand Open Day.

for 95th

display, military re-enactors, trade stands, exhibits from other aviation societies and refreshments. A WW2 Aircraft flypast is also planned, but it will of course be dependent upon weather conditions and aircraft serviceability.

There will be an Honour Guard Ceremony at 11am. More details at www.95thbg-horham.com/.

The 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum at Shingle Hill, Denham, is open from 10am to 4pm. Many new displays will be on view as well as military vehicles. Refreshments are available and admission and parking are free at both locations.

Also on Sunday, St Mary's Church, Horham, is holding an open day with a chance to climb the tower for its spectacular views. It is open 10am-5pm. Veterans from the 95th were instrumental in a project which saw St Mary's eight bells tuned, restored and re-hung in 1990.

The former guard room, now Denham Village Hall, will also be open from 10am to 4pm for refreshments and cakes, while books a bric a brac will be on sale in the hall, and outside. Car boot pitches, for £2 a pitch, can be booked by ringing Rose on 870346 or Pam on 871590.

From May until October the Hospital Museum is open on the last Sunday of the month (10am-5pm) and the 95th Heritage Association is open on the last weekend of the month (10am-4pm both days). *Mike Ager*

NEWS IN BRIEF

SANTA CLAUS: Father Christmas was very busy in Horham and Athelington on Christmas morning. He just made it back in time for lunch. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the East Anglian Children's Hospice, a total of £560 was raised this year. Since Christmas 2003, £2,800 has been raised.

FILM EVENING: Horham & Athelington Community Centre is hosting an evening of footage from the East Anglian film archive on Saturday, March 27th. Doors open 7.30pm with films from 8pm. The bar will be open. Entrance is £3.50 or £2.50 for concessions.

EASTER CONCERT: Worlingworth church is hosting a concert on Friday, April 9th from 7.30pm. Titled This Joyous Eastertide, it will feature the benefice choir and soloists including pianist John Mills, from Horham Baptist Church, and Charity Quinn, a unique soprano. Tickets available on the door or from Chris on 01379 628474 (price to be arranged).

ROUGHCAST THEATRE COMPANY:

The theatre company presents 'Tis Pity She's a Whore, a "revenge tragedy stuffed with Sex, Swords and . . . Siblings". Local shows include: The Red Lion, Debenham (01379 588102) on Saturday, April 24th; Hartismere High School (01379 588102) on Thursday, April 29th; St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne (01379 588102) on Friday, April 30th; and Stradbroke Community Centre (01379 588102) on Saturday, May 1st.

Sport for all – around &

ALTHOUGH OUR villages do not have their own sports clubs we are surrounded by clubs which we can and do join. Horham's famous and extremely successful Tug of War team is now disbanded but I hope we can write about it in the future.

Even those of us who do not join a club are not entirely sedentary; there are plenty of joggers and dog walkers and playgrounds for the children. By means of fund raising, grants and a lot of work Redlingfield now has its splendid Doorstep Green play area. Children and their carers, especially grandparents, from surrounding villages are regular visitors. Horham & Athelington Community Centre also has play equipment.



Stradbroke sports club has three football teams, two of which play in the league. They are planning to start a boys' team but so far do not have any girl footballers. Stradbroke also has a large tennis club, two bowls teams and

COFFEE MORNINGS: For the last two summers the Coffee Caravan has graced the Redlingfield village green bringing us information, fellowship and a warm welcome along with cakes and coffee. For the last two winters we have tried to continue the tradition with monthly coffee mornings held in homes in the village. On average over 20 people have attended each event and we have enjoyed book swaps, free raffles and sherry and mince pies at Christmas. We also get wonderful cakes baked by village ladies for which we are very grateful. Our last coffee morning for this winter will be on Wednesday, March 3rd at the home of Jan and Neville Butcher at Hill Cottage (which is alongside the village green). On that occasion we will have a free Easter Raffle with chocolate eggs, wine and other prizes. Why not come and join us, you would be made very welcome. Even better you may want to host a coffee morning next winter, when you would be supplied with coffee, biscuits, cakes, assistance or whatever was needed to make it successful. **Jacqueline Love**

about

an active cricket club which boasts two adult teams as well as boys' and girls' teams. There are also table tennis tables, and a badminton court is available in the school. The pavilion is attached to the community centre and there is an active social life. For more information contact Mary Ellis on 01379 384642.

Hoxne has two football teams which play in the Ipswich Saturday League. The cricket and bowls teams have been disbanded. Contact Paul Chapman on 01379 668704

Framlingham boasts cricket, tennis and other sports clubs including the largest football club in the area; they have several football pitches, a clubhouse and a stand. There are football teams for every age from the under eight team, pictured left, upwards. The under elevens are (at the time of writing) currently top of the South Suffolk League. Players come from many surrounding villages and towns, including Athelington. There is therefore the possibility of getting a lift to the games. They have various social and fund-raising events, including Framlingham Gala. More information - www.framtownfc.co.uk.

Eye also has a whole host of sports clubs from a cyclists group to a thriving bowls club and football team for youngsters.

We are well provided for but maybe our villages could start a gentle exercise club for older people?

Evelyn Adey

NEWS IN BRIEF

WALKING FESTIVAL: The third South & Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival will be from Saturday, May 15th to Sunday, June 6th. There will be themed guided walks: poetry walks with specially commissioned poems; photographic walks with experts to advise on how to take the pictures; medieval meanders with costumed guides; and children's trials which will include teaching them how to build a den. Leaflets available from local information centres or look at www.southandheartofsuffolk.org.uk.

FREE TASTER: There is a free 'taster' evening of line dancing on Tuesday, March 23rd at Occold Village Hall'. Melissa Hawkes will be teaching line dancing for absolute beginners. Tea and coffee. Bar open at 7.30pm. Dancing from 7.45pm to 9ish. Light music, socialising and darts until 10pm.

THORNDON TPLUS: Thorndon church has a coffee and tea shop open to all. You also have the chance to buy items from stalls or sell things of your own. A stall is £5 payable to Thorndon church. TPlus is held in conjunction with the coffee and teasshop on Tuesdays from 10am to noon. For more information contact Dan Neuteboom (01379 870759).

FLOWER FESTIVAL: St Michael's Church, Occold, is holding a flower festival on the weekend of June 5th & 6th. It kicks off on Friday, June 4th with a pudding and wine party and ends on Sunday, June 6th with Songs of Praise.

EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT: A new youth group for young people aged between 14-and-a-half and 18 has been launched. The new Explorer Scout Unit meets at the Goodwin Hall, New Street, Fressingfield between 8pm and 9.30pm on Fridays. Activities will include all the usual scouting opportunities, plus the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Young Leaders scheme and opportunities for regional, national and international expeditions and exchanges. If you are interested drop the Explorer Scout Leader a line. Call or SMS to 07908 262623 or email andrew.aaldersdunthorne@talk21.com. A Scout Troop also operates for boys and girls aged 10-14 years on Fridays starting at 7.15pm and ending at 9pm, also at the Goodwin Hall, Fressingfield. Contact details as above.

Poppy appeal lands £3k

STRADBROKE & DISTRICT Branch of the Royal British Legion thanks all the local Poppy Appeal organisers and collectors for outstanding results this year. As I write the total collected in the Stradbroke area stands at £3,020.50.

Branch membership is up to 88 with new members joining: Peggy Mutton from Bedfield, the Poppy organiser for Worlingworth and district; Ray Scott (ex-RAF) from Diss; Simon Harrison from Brome, who has kindly sponsored some recent events; and Nicholas Thompson BEM from Stradbroke.

Our sympathies go to the families of two recent branch members who have passed away – David Froggatt of Stradbroke and Barbara Goodwin of Laxfield.

Thirty-five members and guests attended the annual branch Christmas carols and lunch at Laxfield Village Hall. Chaplain Rev David Streeter gave a short message and blessing and Douglas Chittock accompanied the carols on his electronic keyboards.

The lunch was served by Bob Wilson from Laxfield King's Head and his staff.

Ten members attended a recent branch committee meeting at the branch secretary's home – The Chantry in Stradbroke. This year's events were planned including the annual branch dinner on Friday, March 12th.

Branch officers Ted Booth, Jeremy Higgins and I attended the Suffolk County Annual Conference at Needham Market. Jeremy, as usual was our branch delegate and I remain a county vice-president.

Few members attended the February midday branch meeting when the guest speaker was Robert Limmer from Denton who worked for the Eastern Daily Press for 37 years.

The next branch meeting is at the usual venue – Laxfield King's Head – at 11.30am on Thursday, March 4th. The guest speaker will be Suffolk County Councillor Guy Mc Gregor from Hoxne.

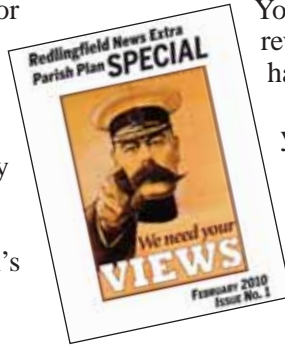
Michael Burton, Stradbroke & District RBL branch chairman

Good form for villagers

YOU MIGHT BE GETTING a bit sick of form filling by now if you live in Redlingfield – and there's another one for you with this issue of your village mag.

You should have received your Parish Plan survey forms by now – they should be collected in the next few weeks or you can drop them into Mike & Jan's at Hidcote Lodge on Mill Road or return them to any village committee member.

The deadline for returning them is March 14th. The work doesn't stop there though – we hope to have a presentation on what you've said



ready for the village agm at Horham & Athelington Community Centre on the evening of Wednesday, May 5th.

You will have a chance to review what we as a village have decided is important.

If the Parish Plan survey left you wanting to fill in more forms we've included Suffolk County Council's Public Transport Survey in this issue – if you live in Horham or Athelington the parish council will be

distributing them.

If you have any views at all on public transport please complete one. There is a freepost address for you to return them to.

Mike Ager

IN MY HEART I SING LIKE PAVAROTTI

*In my heart I sing like Pavarotti? But I sound like Durante!
I'm not as good looking as others you may see!
As you may think I'm dull tatty in my heart I'm beautiful and stunning?
They say I'm an rare sight in towns and cities!*

*I may not have the nicest song or the longest!
But I am loved by my friends and family they can depend on me!
As I am always here and never far away no foreign lands for me!
There may be times I sound like I am arguing and putting up a fight it's my way?*

POETRY CORNER

I know I'm not as nimble as Jenny Wren!

*Or sing as good as Betty Blackbird!
And be as loved as Bob Robin!
Not as crafty as Reggie Rook!*

Or a welcome sight as Sara Swallow in spring!

*Must be heard as Nancy Nightingale!
As acrobatic as Ben Blue-tit!
So next time don't be so ready to over look Simon & Susan SPARROW!
Or we could just disappear you'd miss us when we are gone?*

It is not just people you miss but life to this one is bird life!

Manday Miller

Where there's a Will . . .

IF I MAKE A WILL THEN I will die as soon as it is signed. This is one of the reasons why many people put off making a Will. Of course this is not true.

So why should you make a Will? Perhaps you think it does not matter as everything will go to your spouse. This is not necessarily true. Perhaps you think it will go to your “common law” wife or husband so that it does not matter if you are not married. Unfortunately the law does not recognise a “common law” wife or husband so it is even more important to make a Will if you are not married to your partner. Perhaps you think everyone knows what you want done with your possessions so there is no need to make a Will. Unfortunately this has no standing in the law. Without a Will your possessions will not necessarily be distributed how you wish. Leaving a note of what you want is not sufficient.

Making a Will ensures that your property goes to the people you wish to benefit. It also means that if you have children you can ensure that guardians you choose are appointed to look after them if you die before they reach the age of 18 years. In a Will you can also say what sort of funeral you want.

So how do you go about making your Will? You can get a Will Form to complete but I would never advise this because the law on completing the document and the signing of it is very strict and one little mistake could cost

your heirs more money in sorting it out than you would have spent in having a solicitor draw it up for you.

It is important to make everything clear as to how your possessions are dealt with and that your Will has been made correctly and signed properly in accordance with the law.

Before you go to a solicitor write down who you would like to be your Executor(s). These are the people who will carry out the wishes in your Will, including arranging your funeral. If you are married you can name your spouse but you should also put a provision in case your spouse dies before you. Do not forget to ask people if they are willing to be an Executor first. It can be quite a task for them.

Who do you want to appoint as guardians for your children? Have you asked them if they are willing to take on this responsibility?

Then decide how you want to distribute your possessions.

You should also take to the solicitor a list of your assets – things such as savings, whether you own your home and if you own it by yourself or with your spouse/partner.

It may seem daunting to have to think of all these things and to face the fact that one day we will all die, but a proper Will is the surest way to make sure that you leave clear instructions for your loved ones.

*Midge Gibbons,
(Retired Trust & Estate
Practitioner and Wills Lecturer)*



Tree planters speed on

OUR ANNUAL OPEN DAY was deferred in 2009 to coincide with the BBC's Tree O Clock planting challenge on December 5th when there were hopes that one million trees would be planted, between 11am and noon.

So far it seems that the challenge was not achieved though in many locations vast numbers of trees were planted.

At Pound Lane our modest plan to plant just over 200 trees was easily completed in 35 minutes as more than 50 enthusiasts, pictured above, joined in the planting.

Trees were planted adjacent to the rides, alongside the meadow, in the hedge, around the pond and parallel to

the Redlingfield Road, and we are satisfied that Pound Lane Wood now has a full complement of trees.

Rides around the woodland on a horse drawn cart were a highlight of the day, and when the task was completed the tree planters were fortified by a BBQ and hot soup.

Although tree planting is now complete at Pound Lane Wood, the group still has regular work parties to maintain the woodland and manpower is always welcome, so call Mike Reeves on 01379 668 179 for details.

The search is still on for more land within the villages of Denham and Horham for another area of community woodland.

Michael Reeves

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: AWAITING DECISION: *Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington* - proposal to site marquee for holding of five events during 2010 (the marquee to be in-situ from 22/05/10 to 26/09/10); *Green Lane/ Horham Road, Redlingfield* - proposal to erect a war memorial. *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:** *Hill Farm House, Redlingfield Road, Horham* - change of use from a dwelling to a bed & breakfast, with a maximum of two bedrooms. *Church Farm Barn, The Street, Horham* - building of single storey pitched roof porch to North Elevation of wing.

Beating bogus callers

FOLLOW THESE TOP TIPS from Suffolk Police Crime Prevention experts to prevent bogus callers getting away with your valuables.

If someone calls at your door:

STOP...

- Think about whether or not you are expecting a call.
- Before you answer the door make sure that your back door, or any other method of entry to your home, is locked.

- Check who is calling by looking through the spy hole in your door or a nearby window.

CHAIN...

- If you have a door chain or bar, make sure that you use it and keep it on while you talk to the person on your doorstep.

CHECK...

- Make sure you check the details of your caller. Ask them to show you an identification card – this should include their name, a photograph and the name and number of the company they represent.
- Check that the photograph matches that of the caller. If a letter has been sent to you to prearrange the visit then make sure the name and details on the card are the same as that in the letter. Whenever possible arrange such visits when you know that you will have someone with you.
- If an appointment has not been

made, take the ID card from the caller, close and lock the door and check the details by looking the company and number up in the phone book or call directory enquiry's to check if the company is genuine.

- Genuine callers will always carry photographic identification with them and will not mind waiting while you check it and confirm their identity.



- Bogus callers can also turn up on your doorstep claiming to be builders or gardeners and may try and trick you into paying for unnecessary or overpriced work. Do not agree to have work done by someone who is just passing and never pay for

any work before it is done. Don't believe scare stories, and don't let yourself be pressurized into a cash or quick sale.

- Remember to note down the description of any unsolicited caller and if possible take down the colour, make and registration number of any vehicle they use as this information may help police to apprehend an offender.

If you have any concerns about the caller on your doorstep the message is simple ... "If in doubt, keep them out and call 999"



PCSO 3172 Steven Long, Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS



AS WE HEAD towards a General Election I fear that as Service Providers Mid Suffolk District Council

has to be planning some savings in spending. As the most efficient district council in the country, adjudged by the Audit Commission, we have to keep spending regulated while at the same time adding quality and value.

I am passionate about the delivery of the best services to you – be it waste collection (where we are top recyclers), service to council house tenants or leisure and community facilities. Now that we know that the unitary bids are not to take place we can work further with other district councils to share facilities and officers to keep council tax at the lowest levels and services to the highest standards..

I am delighted that the memorial to the American airmen who lost their lives in Redlingfield is to go ahead. This part of East Anglia has such a close connection with the USA through the war effort and I am glad to say that a few of the veterans that are still able to travel are coming to Horham again this year with their families. Many of us will be hosting them in the villages.

I hope that by March we might see the back of this cold and harsh winter. There has been a great "wartime" spirit in the villages, looking out for the elderly and the housebound, which has been wonderful. I do hope this will continue and not end with the snow.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, District Councillor – Hoxne Ward Member

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS



WE ALL KNOW THAT WINTER is not yet over and there could still be time for some severe weather but we have had a respite in the past few days

from the low temperatures and the snow and ice.

We have had one of the longest spells of sub-zero temperatures for about twenty years. This severe weather has made us realise how important it is to keep the roads open. During the extreme weather Suffolk County Council deployed more than 35 gritting lorries, staffed by more than 100 men. The drivers were working 12 hours on and 12 off from the middle of December with only a short interlude round Christmas. At the end of the work last month we had used up all the salt in our barns (about 19 million tonnes) and so I was pleased when temperatures rose and we were able to get another boat load of salt from Cleveland into Ipswich Docks.

It is obvious that the low temperatures have resulted in an exceptional number of potholes. Please report them to Customer Service Direct (0845 606 6067 & customerservice@csduk.com) indicating the size, the depth and the location. There is money available to carry out repairs and Suffolk County Council will make the repairs permanent when the better weather comes. I reckon the damage to our roads throughout Suffolk at around £20 million.

Finally, after much huffing and puffing the Government has announced that it is not going to go ahead with changes to local government in Suffolk. So the present arrangement looks likely to last for at least 10 years.

Guy McGregor, County Councillor – Hoxne & Eye Division

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING

DATES FOR COMING YEAR IN REDLINGFIELD:

Wednesday, March 3 **Easter Coffee Morning** at Neville and Jan Butchers 10am-noon

Sunday, March 7 **Rubbish Ramble**

Tuesday, March 9 **Committee Meeting** 8pm

Saturday & Sunday, March 13-14 **Installing slide** on Doorstep Green

Saturday & Sunday, March 20-21 **Installing slide** on Doorstep Green

Saturday, April 17 **Cheese & Wine** Horham Community Centre

Tuesday, April 20 **Coffee Caravan** 10am-noon

Wednesday, May 5 **AGM** Horham Community Centre 8pm

Saturday, May 15 **Unveil & Dedicate B17 Memorial** Horham Rd 10.30pm

Tuesday, May 18 **Coffee Caravan** 2pm-4pm

Wednesday, May 19 **Churchyard Clear Up**

Tuesday, May 25 **Committee Meeting** 8pm

Saturday, May 29 **Pub on the green** - Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight

Tuesday, June 15 **Coffee Caravan** 10am-noon

Saturday, June 26 **Pub on the green** - Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight

Saturday, July 10 **Village BBQ** - Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight

Tuesday, July 20 **Coffee Caravan** 2pm-4pm

Saturday, July 24 **Pub on the green** - Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight

Tuesday, August 17 **Coffee Caravan** 10am-noon

Saturday, August 28 **Pub on the green** - Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight

Tuesday, September 7 **Committee Meeting** 8pm

Tuesday, September 21 **Coffee Caravan** 2pm-4pm

Saturday, September 25 **Pub on the green** - Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight

Saturday, October 9 **Harvest Supper** Horham Community Centre

Tuesday, October 19 **Coffee Caravan** 2pm-4pm

DOORSTEP GREEN SLIDE: To be installed over the weekends of March 13-14 and March 20-21. Obviously all help welcomed.

VILLAGE SIGN & NOTICEBOARD: May both need some restoration/revamping.

REDLINGFIELD PLANE CRASH MEMORIAL & PARISH PLAN: see separate stories.

HIGHWAYS/FLOODING/POTHOLE: Jan to investigate having gritting bins on hill opposite Redlingfield Hall, Occold Corner and by the postbox. Will tell highways about any particular problems with potholes, flooding etc.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY: We have been asked to distribute a survey. Redlingfielders should have these with this village mag. There is a freepost address for you to return them to or you can drop them off to Jan & Mike.

OVERHEAD WIRES: Jan to contact EDF to get them to trim one of the trees in the centre of village as it is hitting overhead wires in the wind.

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING COMMITTEE: chairman - Janet Norman-Philips (Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, 01379 678835); secretary - Mike Ager; treasurer - Jeanette Brierley; committee members - Andrew & Katie Abbott, Graham Abbott, Allan & Susan Chapman, Edith Coe, Chris Gibbons, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller, Steve & Sue Toll. Email: pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk Web: www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE: Our membership evening at the community centre on 29th January was successful with around fifty people renewing their membership or becoming new members for 2010. The regular fish and chip evenings are still proving to be very popular, not many communities the size of Horham can claim to have their own resident restaurateurs! If you would like to sample Suffolk's finest fish and chips, please contact Hav on (01379) 384625.

EVENTS: It is pleasing to see the Community Centre being used for so many events. On Saturday, 27th March come along and enjoy a selection of films from The East Anglian Archives. Films from the past including Towns, Countryside Farming, Theatre and Local History will be shown. Films start at 8pm. Please contact me on the number below for more information.

HORHAM BUS SERVICE: Due to financial constraints, our local bus service is being reviewed with a possibility that this facility may become a dial-and-ride system. To those who use the service this may not be as satisfactory. Suffolk County Council are conducting a survey with the assistance of the Parish Council and shortly all residents will be receiving a simple form to complete. I urge you to take this opportunity to voice your needs; those who use the bus at present and anyone considering using the service in future. To some of our residents this is their only means of transport. Please return your completed survey to the freepost address at the bottom of the form.

HAITIAN DANCE: Karen Alderton is hoping to organise a dance at the community centre in May to raise funds for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Watch your village notice boards for details.

Angela Wilkins 01379 384625

THE RECTOR: The coldest winter for many years has reminded us of the cost of keeping our churches warm. Our four PCC treasurers met recently to discuss how best to raise the money needed to pay for my full-time ministry to you all and the church building expenses. (The Annual Church Meetings in March and April will give you more details). Stradbroke has to pay the largest share so please support their fund-raising events. On **Saturday, March 6th, 8.30-10.30 am**, in Church Street, there will be a **Cake Stall** and seed-potatoes for you to plant for the **Village Show** on **July 31st**. Come to see what's available, and collect your schedule for the Flower, Vegetable & Produce Show. The **Art Exhibition and Sale of Pictures** has a preview on **Wednesday, April 28th, 7-9pm**, and is open **Thursday, 29th-Monday, May 3rd, 10am-6pm**. On **Saturday** and **Sunday, May 15th & 16th, 10am-5pm**, there will be an exhibition, also in the Church, of All Saints, and many other models, made from 1,000s of matchsticks. On that Sunday, an **Open Day** invites you into **St Mary's Church, Horham**, and up the tower, **10am-5pm**. And on **Tuesday, April 6th**, there will be a **Concert by The Hermitage Ensemble**, six men from Russia, singing sacred hymns and folk songs *a capella*, in the Church at **7.30pm**. Tickets (inc. a glass of wine) from me: £10. For more information, please telephone Mary Ellis on 01379 384642. **With all good wishes, David Streeter**

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.

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, MARCH 3

Redlingfield Easter Coffee Morning: Hill Cottage (see story p6).

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Mr Pip Wright, Exploring Suffolk by Bus Pass. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Cake Stall: 8.30-10.30 am, Church Street, Stradbroke. Seed potatoes for village show contest available.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Redlingfield Rubbish Ramble.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Concert of Trio dei Mezzo: Wingfield Barns, 3pm (01379 384505).

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Stradbroke Cinema: *Bright Star* at Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm. £5.50 (01379 384363).

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Putting Your Ancestors on the Map: Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. Entry £2 (01728 860551).

ORACLE Evening: Free line dancing taster. Occold Village Hall, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

East Anglian Film Archive Night: Horham (see stories p5 & p15).

St Patrick's Night: Thorndon Village Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

ORACLE Evening: History & Heritage Evening. Occold Village Hall, 7.30pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Hermitage Ensemble Concert: Stradbroke Church (see story p15).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Members Evening. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Easter concert: Worlingworth (see p5)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Zeffiretti in Concert: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm (01379 384505).

General Knowledge Quiz: Red Feather Club, Horham, 7.30pm. Admission £5 per person including ploughman's. Licensed bar. John Kirkum 01379 384559).

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Mid Suffolk Show 2010: From 10am at Mid Suffolk Showground, Stonham Barns. Adult tickets £6 inc. parking. Concessions £5. Children under 16 £3.50, under 5s free.

Saturday, April 17

Redlingfield Cheese & Wine: Horham Community Centre.

Monterey Line Dance Club - Request Night Social: Occold Village Hall, 7.30pm-11.30pm. Bring your own drinks.

1940s Dance: Red Feather Club, Horham, 7.30pm. Admission £7. Bar.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 10am-noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

ORAC ANNUAL QUIZ: £7.50 inc. fish & chips. Occold Village Hall, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 & SUNDAY, APRIL 25

East Anglian Game and Country Fair: Norfolk Showground, Norwich.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

The History of Lavenham: Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. Entry £2 (01728 860551).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Meeting with Charlie Haylock. Lady guests welcome £2.50. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28-MONDAY, MAY 3

Art Exhibition & Picture Sale: Preview on Wed, 7-9pm, other days 10am-6pm. Stradbroke Church.

SUNDAY, MAY 2 & MONDAY, MAY 3

Suffolk Game and Country Fair: Little Glemham Hall, Little Glemham, Woodbridge.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Resolutions Meeting. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm.

Redlingfield AGM: Horham, 8pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Jumble Sale: Denham Village Hall, 2pm-4pm. Clothes, books, toys, bric a brac, tombola, teas etc.

MONDAY, MAY 10

ORACLE Evening: Fun quiz & the triumphs & tribulations of writing. Occold Village Hall, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Unveil B17 Memorial Redlingfield: (see p4 & p5).

1940s dance to a Big Swing Band: Red Feather Club, Horham (p4 & p5).

SATURDAY, MAY 15 & SUNDAY, MAY 16

Exhibition: 10am-5pm, the Church and many other models made from 1,000s of matchsticks. Stradbroke Church.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

95th BG Grand Open Day: (p4 & p5).

Family Bird Watching: A beginners' guide, 1-3pm, Needham Lake. £5 per family, £3 individuals. Binoculars useful.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 2pm-4pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Redlingfield Churchyard Clear Up.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

School Disco & Buffet: 80s Music, tickets £10. Occold Village Hall, 7.30pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Monuments in Suffolk Churches: Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. Entry £2 (01728 860551).

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Maria Martinez – Cello, Tarek Al-Shubbak – Piano: Wingfield Barns, 7:30pm (01379 384505).

SATURDAY, MAY 29

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

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Spring Plant Sale: Suffolk Plant Heritage Group, £6 inc admission to Helmingham Hall Gardens. Free parking.

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 to 5pm.

A tough time for the birds

WRITING ON THE 18TH JAN, as the remaining snow shrinks away after the Big Freeze, it makes you wonder how many birds and small mammals have managed to survive. **Barn Owls** have been especially visible, my wife Anita has seen three this week, which suggests they are hunting long hours to find enough to eat. The Cranley Green regular was perched on a fence post with a big mouthful of mouse, so fingers-crossed for all of them. No doubt everyone has enjoyed the extra activity around their bird feeders, I created another feed site on the lawn with wheat from the grain-store and after two days soon attracted all creatures great and small.

The best spotting on the farm was by Sarah Buchanan, through a turkey shed window, when she saw five **bullfinches** in the snow.

(She has also corrected my deer ID in the last issue, the deer I photographed with the grey mare was a fallow, not a roe.)

THE END OF JANUARY SAW THE end of the game shooting season, a country activity which surprisingly supports wildlife by providing cover and feeding sites, both for the game birds and everything else. Back in October, Mike Challis and I were both guests on a shoot

in Norfolk, but he was the only one shooting with a camera, and not missing at all either! The bolting **hare** had nothing to worry about as modern shooting etiquette means hares are off-limits for their benefit and safety reasons as well. And the **spaniel** was obviously having a field day.

ON DEC. 9TH, TWO MEMBERS OF the Waveney Bird Club came for the second bird-ringing session on the farm and a great success it turned out to be. About 70 various birds were ringed, including many **house sparrows** and a **collared dove**. This was one of a pair of doves which have spent most of the last month on our chimney pot, obviously enjoying the inefficient heat loss from the house during the snow!

A highlight was when a flock of ten **long-tailed tits** flew into the mist

net. The ringers had a protocol for this, which was to treat them as one family, process them quickly and release them all together. Long-tailed tits are so sociable and gregarious that it would be wrong to treat them as individuals.

On the downside, a **sparrow-hawk** refused to play ball, it hurtled into the net and wriggled out before the ringers could do the business. Long faces all round. The sparrow-hawk engenders love and hate in



Pictures from the Lundy Green shoot courtesy of Mike Challis (mike@hempnallhouse.co.uk)

equal measure, we know it takes a toll of our gardens but many birders rate it the ultimate flying machine. However, it now has a big competitor when it comes to controversy.

You will have heard of the fuss about the biggest bird of prey of all, the white-tailed eagle, being introduced into Suffolk. Now that really is the top of the flying food-chain! Will it take free-range chickens or piglets, or a baby out of a pram (only joking)? Will it scare flocks more than low-flying planes do already?

My view is that the RSPB is getting too big for its boots, trying to do something just because it can be done. Mark Avery of the RSPB says they will spend £500,000 on the project. Most of us can think of better ways to spend half a million quid.



The Sea-eagle is getting re-established in continental Europe and could eventually find its own way here anyway. End of story, you might say.

ON THE ROAD TO EYE, THE Cranley Manor **geese** are a bit of a puzzle. Having arrived and caused a bit of interest a year ago, the pair have now hung around and done nothing, surely they could have managed a gosling or two by now! Perhaps in rowing parlance they are a coxless pair.

Wash Farm Wildlife, Trevor Edwards



NORA MAY WINTER (1920-2009): Nora passed away on 13th December in Foxearth Lodge nursing home. Her funeral was held at Horham Baptist Church. Nora was born in Fressingfield, the middle of three children. She moved to Stradbroke and then to Worlingworth, where she worked for Mr and Mrs Hammond at Carters Farm. She lived for many years in Horham at Felix cottage with her son, Ben. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren, Rebecca and Matthew. Nora was a member of Horham Baptist church and was able to go on many happy holidays with other members of the church. She was also a member of the Happy Circle club. About

15 years ago Nora moved to Stradbroke where she lived a few doors away from her sister, Dorothy Larter. As her health failed Nora spent the last few years in Foxearth Lodge nursing home where she was very well cared for. She loved to have visits from many friends and especially her great granddaughter, Hannah who was born in 2004.

Pam Hammond

ARNOLD REEVE (1925-2010): Born on 14th February, 1925, at Hill Cottage, Horham, he was the youngest of six, and went to school in Stradbroke. In 1939 he started work on the farm at Horham Hall, and was called up in 1943 to join the Royal Army Service Corps. He served in Europe, India and Japan, and came home on 2nd February, 1947. He was so pleased that the old dog at home recognised him after four years away. He was married to Jean in 1949; they had six children, and later moved to Stradbroke. He worked in the building trade as a painter and decorator until he retired. His funeral took place at North Chapel, Ipswich Crematorium, on Monday, 22nd February.

David Streeter

ALL ABOARD: Thank you to Judith Crisp who lent us this photograph. She is pictured right getting on board what she believes was Redlingfield's first scheduled bus service, which was to Diss. If you've got any old pictures we'd love to see them. For a gallery of some pictures of Redlingfield visit our website at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RedlingfieldPC/LocalHistory/



SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES (HORHAM):**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS:** Bus Service 482 operated by Galloway (except Bank Holidays)

Horham church	7.12	10.07	12.03	14.03	17.13
Diss Bus Station	7.45	10.40	12.40	14.45	17.50
Diss Bus Station	9.25	11.25	13.25	16.35	17.55
Horham Church	9.58	11.58	13.58	17.08	18.29

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 & ww.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 to Fri from 8.30am to 5pm. Bookings are taken Mon to Fri from 8.30am to 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. The scheme is run by Suffolk ACRE. Tel: 01473 242500, email kickstart@suffolkacre.org.uk or visit www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/transport/kickstart

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 - Jan 7 & 21; Feb 4 & 18; Mar 4 & 18; Apr 1, 15 & 29; May 13 & 27. 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 between 9am and 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.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE MID-SUFFOLK: There are usually up to 550 volunteering opportunities on offer within 200 voluntary organisations in Mid Suffolk. These include driving community vehicles, visiting and befriending and getting involved in community projects. The Centre at 5 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, IP14 2AS, is open Mon to Fri 9am-2pm. Tel: 01449 612486. Email: volunteer.centre@optua.org.uk Web www.do-it.org.uk or www.optua.org.uk

EYE & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE: You can get practical help or volunteer at 20 Broad Street, Eye, IP23 7AF. Open: Mon 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm; Wed 10.30am-12.30pm; Fri 10.30am-3.30pm. Tel: 01379 871200.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX: Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ and www.adviceguide.org.uk

DISS, THETFORD & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:

Diss: Shelfanger Road, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4EH Tel: 01379 651333 (Diss); 01842 764860 - welfare rights and money advice Thetford. Fax: 01379 640530 & 01842 750986. Email: advice@disscab.cabnet.org.uk Open: 10am-3pm Mon (drop in & telephone advice); 10am-3pm Tues (telephone advice only); 10am-3pm Wed (drop in & telephone advice) & 4pm-6pm (appointments & telephone advice); 10am-3pm Thurs & Fri (drop in & phone advice). Other Services at Diss: Lunchtime Tues local solicitors - by appointment only. By appointment Independent Financial Adviser.

HARLESTON: Information Centre, 8 Exchange Street. Open: 10am-noon Wed & Fri.

EYE: Customer Services Direct, Cross Street. Open: 10am-noon Thurs.

MID-SUFFOLK CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: STOWMARKET: 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1EZ. Tel: 01449 676060 & 01449 676280. Fax: 01449 675634 - ring before faxing. Open: 9.30am-3.30pm Mon; 9.30am-3.30pm Tues; 9.30am-3.30pm Wed for telephone advice only; 9.30am-6.30pm Thurs; 9.30am-12.30pm Fri.

INFORMATION CENTRES:

EYE SERVICE CENTRE: 6 Cross Street, Eye, IP23 7AB. Open: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. A partnership between Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council.

HARLESTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE: 8 Exchange Street, Harleston. Open: Mon-Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm; Sat, 10am-1pm. Offers information covering this area.

MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, High Road, Diss. Parish Priest - Father Simon Blakesley, Diocesan Tribunal Office, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH. 07946 390060, HolyTrinityDiss@aol.com Web: holyltrinitydiss.tripod.com/

SUNDAY MASS: 9.30am (sung); 10.30am at Quidenham (sung); 11.30am; 6pm. Holy Days: 8am at Quidenham; 10am; 8pm.

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

SATURDAYS: Rosary prayed 9.40am. Confessions 10.30am -10.45am or at call.

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.

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

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SERVICES (Holy Communion unless stated otherwise):

Mar Stradbroke, Thursdays in Lent, **4, 11, 18 & 25**, 10am (with a short sermon)

7 Athelington, Benefice Communion, 10am

14 Mothering Sunday, **Redlingfield**, 10am; **Horham**, Family Service, 11.15am

21 Horham, 9am; **Athelington**, 10am; Confirmation at Fressingfield, 3.30pm

28 Palm Sunday, **Redlingfield**, Morning Prayer, 10am;

Horham, Family Service 11.15am

Apr 1 Maundy Thursday, Stradbroke, 7.30pm

2 Good Friday, Stradbroke, Readings on The Passion, 2-3pm;

Horham, Evensong, 7.30pm

4 Easter Sunday, Stradbroke, 8am & 11.15am; **Horham**, 9am; **Redlingfield**, 10am;

Athelington, Evensong, 6.30pm

11 Horham, 9am; **Athelington**, 10am; Stradbroke, Morning Prayer, 10am

18 Horham, 9am; **Redlingfield**, Morning Prayer 10am

25 Stradbroke, 9am; **Athelington**, 10am; **Horham**, 11.15am

May 2 Horham, 9am; **Athelington**, 10am

9 Redlingfield, Benefice Communion, 10am

13 Ascension Day, Stradbroke, 10am

16 Athelington, 10am; **Horham**, Evensong, 6.30pm

23 Stradbroke, 9am; **Redlingfield**, Morning Prayer, 10am;

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30 Horham, 9am; Stradbroke, 10am

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

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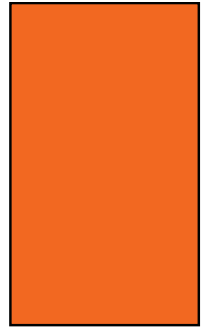
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