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WE'VE GOT SOME REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE, the refuse collection schedules for the festive season and 2020 – something we all need to know about, as well info on the election. Of course we have pieces on wildlife, local organisations and charities and much more. But what really struck while trying to shoehorn everything in was how many opportunities there are to celebrate Christmas by belting out some carols. As a tone deaf, tuneless murderer of music it's not really my thing but if you like a good singalong you're spoilt for choice. Of course, our churches have a whole host of carol services but there are also events at Horham Community Centre, the flagpole at the Red Feather Club and even the Beaky in Occold. So enjoy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR VILLAGE MAG

■ PLANNING:

TO BE DECIDED: Environmental Impact Assessment & Scoping Opinion for 7 poultry sheds on **land to the south of B1117 Horham** & 12 proposed poultry sheds **land to the east of Woodlane Road, Southolt**; application to erect replacement dwelling including artist's studio at **Chapel Cottage, Chapel Lane, Horham**; application to erect four poultry houses, store & offices (following demolition of six existing poultry houses), **Homefield Farm, Southolt Road, Athelington**.

GRANTED: application to erect a new annex and garage building at **Rose Farm, Hall Road, Horham**; application for removal or variation of condition following grant of planning permission to allow occupation throughout the month of February, **Athelington Hall Log Cabin Holidays, Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington**; plan to erect a two-storey side extension following demolition of single-storey side extension, front porch and rear conservatory, erection of outbuilding for garden store, **Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Redlingfield**.

WAS NOT LAWFUL: application for a Lawful Development Certificate for use of land at **Little Meadow Farm, Hall Road, Horham**, for permanent unrestricted residential use.

WAS LAWFUL: application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use for continued use of land for siting of residential caravan, **Little Meadow Farm, Hall Road, Horham**. Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council
<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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Deadlines for adverts & editorial:

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Winter issue (covering Dec, Jan & Feb) **Final deadline November 14**

Farms are no wastelands

HARVEST, WHICH STARTED in mid-July, did run on a bit this year. It was inevitable that the summer' heatwave would not last until the combining was finished, so with some mixed weather we continued to chase the straw into the barn well into September.

The last thousand bales gave me plenty of time to think, not least about the frustration I feel when journalists write about modern farming ways and use inflammatory language about chemicals poisoning the land. Not merely frustration but sheer anger at expressions like “pesticide-drenched” and, “the wasteland that farming has become”, both of which I have seen in print this summer.

Nothing could be farther than the truth as the straw swathe I am baling reveals numerous scuttling field mice; hares lope about reluctant to leave the field where they were born, and

skylarks rise above the noisy activity beneath. Meanwhile, a tractor ploughing in the field next door is surrounded by hundreds of gulls swooping down for earthworms.

The experts say that the health of bird numbers is demonstrated by the number of birds of prey at the top of the food chain and here that point is very well supported. In the same field I see a marauding kestrel and, driving to and fro along the lines of straw, a pile of pigeon feathers in a neat circle which is the confirmation of a sparrow hawk kill. All this was a few dozen metres from the adjacent wood where two buzzards successfully nested and produced two juveniles which were ringed this year. So, not a bad count of Suffolk raptors and one in the eye for the doomsayers.

THE LATE JIMMY RISK, who was owner of the above-mentioned ancient



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Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife

wood and who wisely planted another in his time which continues to carry his name, once told me that having a daughter is rather like owning a cat... you can never tell what either may bring home next.

Whilst you may argue that there are too many cats in suburbia conversely there are too few on our farms, which of course, is to the rodents' benefit. As rats suffer from, or even enjoy, a condition known as neophobia, it is wise to decline the expensive new plastic rat traps from the pest-control officer and build your own from the manky timbers in the far corner of the woodshed.

Continued over.



Easy food for the resident hare but not so for the visiting heron.



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MAGPIES ARE SEEN

everywhere and in numbers much greater than usual. Our concern as conservationists is the effect of their egg robbing of other species but in Australia it is the human population which is nervous.

The magpie breeding season is nicknamed the “swooping season” as attacks on cyclists reach alarming numbers. A man has died after crashing while fleeing swooping magpies and the A&E Department at Melbourne hospital records casualties in the hundreds.

However it is misleading to call the culprit a magpie as it is one of Oz’s most accomplished songbirds and no relation to our crow family whatsoever.

Putting prejudice to one side, the prettiest magpie I know is the Azure-winged magpie of Asia which is very social and vocal indeed and like our native, just as much heard as seen. The collective name for magpies is a

Parliament when large groups gather and caw loudly at each other...just like Westminster really.

ANOTHER SPECIES WHICH IS abundant this autumn is the moorhen and is one of the many featured in my latest bird book. If I hadn’t already rushed to buy it, a copy of “A Sparrow’s Life’s as Sweet as Ours”, would make a lovely Christmas gift. Co-produced by John McEwen (author) and Carry Akroyd (illustrator), the two combine to present a book of quirky bird illustrations and fascinating ornithological stories revealed with prose and poetry.

It was here that I learnt that the moorhen is classified as a gamebird whose meat was once favoured by the Cypriot community of London. This year, a pair has been the prolific producer of chicks at Wash Farm and I have counted fourteen on the lawn this summer. Getting the first brood to look after the second means the third is

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possible. This led to such profusion of moorhen droppings that the grandchildren's play was affected and poop-scooping became necessary.

Now that the gun is out of the gun cabinet, the numbers will be reduced but certainly not for game pie despite their classification.

The shooting of woodpigeon can be as challenging as any gamebird because the ubiquitous woodie is more elusive in flight than a pheasant or partridge, apart from being very quick through the air. In Germany one triggered a speed trap, and was timed travelling at 45 kpm in a 30 kpm limit. With the guilty party of no fixed abode, a fine proved difficult.

THE ANIMAL KINGDOM IS constantly on guard with excellent vision and hearing faculties to warn of immediate danger when either the "freeze" or "flight" response will kick in. Modern youth cannot survive without headsets and phones fitted and whilst it's a laugh to see someone walk



Like the family or not, the azure-winged magpie is a beauty.

into a lamp post, it makes no sense on a bicycle. "The ayes have it" with the hare and the heron alert to everything, if only our politicians could demonstrate such vision. Humans may be called homo sapiens but wise men does seem a compliment too far.

NEOPHOBIA IS AN EXTREME fear of anything new, not a lot of people know that as Michael Caine would say. *Trevor Edwards*

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TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS which planting trees brings to communities, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are offering families a tree to mark the arrival of every new child.

The 2019 Tree for Life scheme is open to any family living in the two districts which has celebrated a new arrival, both new born and newly-adopted, between 1st January and 31st December 2019. Memorial trees are available to parents who've lost a child during the same period. In Mid Suffolk, the scheme was supported by the administration following proposals by Green Party councillors.

Who is eligible? Any family living in Babergh or Mid Suffolk which has celebrated a new arrival, both new born and newly-adopted, between 1st January and 31st December 2019. We also offer memorial trees to parents who have lost a child during the same period.

When should I apply? You can register for your child's tree before or after their arrival.

What if I have a small garden or am renting? Don't worry, we will also have a tree option which can be grown in a plant pot. If this isn't possible, please contact us to discuss options as we may be able to find an alternative

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Life

location in the districts to plant your tree.

Is there a choice of trees available?

A selection of trees are available. Trees will be specially selected nearer the planting season, where you will be given a choice of species

including an option which is small enough to be grown in a plant pot.

How do I collect my tree? If eligible, you'll be invited to a tree giving event in early 2020, where advice on planting



and maintenance will be available so the whole family can get involved.

More questions?

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Hidden gems dot Pound

ON A BRIGHT BUT COOL November afternoon we went for a walk in Pound Lane Wood. The weather this year, the warm spring followed by rain and the hot summer, has resulted in a bountiful autumn and the wood looked amazing. I remember the land before it was even fenced and personally planted many of the saplings when they were inches tall, now we have a wood!

The original plan was to plant British native broad-leafed trees so the majority of the planting was of the familiar oak, ash, beech, hornbeam, sycamore and willow. However, hidden amongst them are a few more unusual specimens which come into their own with their autumn fruits.

Up near the meadow, beside the seat is a Medlar tree, in early summer this is resplendent with white blossom but

by autumn its fruits which are yellow-brown with a deep hollow at the end surrounded by withered sepals remain on the tree. The fruit is “bletted”, that is allowed to over-ripen, then the flesh softens and starts to rot, and then can be used to make jelly.

The Spindle tree is inconspicuous for most of the year but in the autumn it displays dark red leaves and pinkish red four-lobed fruits with orange-coloured seeds within. The wood of this tree has, in the past, been used for making spindles but now makes high-quality charcoal for artists.

The Wild Service tree is one of the rarest of Britain’s native trees, it resembles the maple in leaf shape and autumn colouring. The bark peels off in rectangular strips producing a chequered effect. The creamy white blossom of early summer give rise to



Lane Wood

rounded gritty fruit in clusters with a light, leathery brown, speckled skin. Sold in south-eastern England as Chequers Berries, they were eaten as a cure for colic and dysentery. Along with the hips and berries of the more common trees, Pound Lane wood looks amazing in its autumn colours.

This community woodland is owned by all the residents of Denham, Horham and Athelington, everyone is welcome to join the group and/or take part in our activities. For information about events see the notice board on the meadow at the wood, and to join please contact our secretary Peny Conway on 01379 870165.

*Margaret Reeves
New Reeding Woods Group*

Below, from left: Spindle, Medlar and Wild Service Tree in Pound Lane Wood.



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Queens Award for Coffee



REDLINGFIELD WAS WELL represented as the Rural Coffee Caravan was officially presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK, recognising outstanding work in their communities.

More than 70 people including staff, volunteers and trustees gathered at Felsham Hall Barn, Bury St Edmunds for the presentation. Hazel Abbott, Janet Norman-Philips and Mike Ager were there from Redlingfield. Hazel Abbott, was presented with a Queen's Award badge for her support and baking, while Janet Norman-Philips and Mike Ager, were given a badge for their help with grant applications and the project's website (www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk).

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Caravan

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant – Clare, Countess of Euston, presented the crystal award to Rural Coffee Caravan founder Sally Fogden, and the certificate to CEO Ann Osborn.

The Rural Coffee Caravan has been visiting Redlingfield once a month, April to October, since April 2008 providing a great place to meet up for a chat and valuable information and help to villagers.

Report: Mike Ager. Photographs: Janet Norman-Philips.

Pictured right are Sally Fogden, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant - Clare, Countess of Euston and Ann Osborn. Also pictured, left, proudly displaying her badge is Hazel Abbott.



■ **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK:** On Saturday January 25th 2020 there's a panto at Worlingworth Community Centre. Join Jack and Dame Trot with their pet cow Daisy and a host of other characters including goblins, fairies, the eco-fairy Edena and the evil giant, in Jack and the Beanstalk. There will be a matinée at 2pm and an evening performance at 6.45pm. Seats limited so early booking is essential (adults £4, children £1). Contact Val on v.swallow44@btinternet.com or 628068. **Val Swallow**

■ **SANTA IS ON HIS WAY:** High Suffolk Rotary Club will be helping Santa in December. He'll be on his sleigh in Eye on Tuesday 10th, Stradbroke on Wednesday 11th and Debenham on both Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th. Santa's tours start at about 6pm and will end by 8pm. Details www.highsuffolkrotary.org. **Chris Sharpe**

■ **CHURCH GRANT:** Redlingfield's St Andrew's church has secured a £10,000 grant for minor repairs to the outside including some pointing, repairing windows etc. The grant was secured from The Taylor Review Pilot project, funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and run by Historic England. **Alison Smith**

■ **GENERAL ELECTION:** The candidates for our constituency of Central Suffolk & North Ipswich in December 12th's election are Dr Dan Poulter (Conservative), Emma Bonner-Morgan (Labour), James Sandbach (Liberal Democrat) & Dan Pratt (Green). **The polling station for Redlingfield has moved to Occold Village Hall. Horham and Athelington residents will continue to use Horham Old School.** **Mike Ager**

cards

and mince pies at the Coffee Morning and Cyber Café, 10am-3pm. Grand raffle draw.

December 22nd Sunday, bar open, 12.30pm-5pm.

December 24th, Christmas Eve, bar closed.

December 25th, Christmas Day, Coffee Morning closed.

December 29th Sunday, bar open, 12.30pm-5pm.

December 31st, New Year's Eve, bar closed.

January 1st, New Year's Day, coffee morning closed.

January 5th Sunday, bar open, 12.30pm-5pm.



2020: Yoga:

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Eye Sheep raise £35k

A RECENT AUCTION OF THE unique sheep sculptures from this summer's Eye Sheep Art Trail raised more than £35,000 for the Blossom charity.

The 24 life-size sheep and seven painted lambs had brightened up Eye throughout summer dotted around town both outside and indoors.

The stars of the auction were the

Ipswich Town Sheep, by artist Chris Newson (pictured), which sold for £2,500, Ed Sheeram, by artist Amanda Church, which sold for £1,600, and the lamb Little Miss Pinkness, which was appropriately painted by Bridget McIntyre, the founder and chief executive of the charity, which sold for £1,100. In addition to the sculptures there were other donated art items, and

■ FAST CARS (OR VANS OR LORRIES) AND WILDLIFE JUST DON'T MIX: I am furious at the way some inconsiderate and uncaring people drive through Redlingfield, mowing down whatever unfortunate creatures happen to be in their way. It could be a beloved pet, a hedgehog, a hare or a juvenile muntjac deer, as happened at our house yesterday. Without pavements or lights, people walk, cycle and run in the village, often with dogs or baby buggies. We have a 30 MPH speed limit. Please slow down before you kill someone.

Janet Norman-Philips

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a Maggi Hambling painting, which sold for £3,400. The auction was run by Clarke & Simpson, at Kenton Hall,

Debenham in September.

The Blossom Charity, which is based in Eye, aims to inspire and increase confidence in women and young people in East Anglia through coaching, mentoring, makeovers and style consultancy. It exists to help women who would like to make their lives work better. It could be to help improve confidence and build new skills or to help launch an idea.

They start with teenagers who are beginning to look at what they do when they leave school, graduates leaving university and looking for what is next and women who are still looking for direction, whatever their age. They work with all ages from 16 onwards.

The Blossom Charity aims to support women in enterprise, providing assistance in setting up new businesses or in the challenges of running your own business.

If you didn't get a chance to see the sheep on the sheep trail you can still see them at eyesheeparttrail.co.uk and if you want to know more about Blossom visit their shop at Compton House, 13 Castle Street, Eye, or website theblossomcharity.co.uk.

Mike Ager

■ **EACH WANTS VOLUNTEERS:** East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) are looking for volunteers. Could you spend a couple of hours a week, or even an hour a month, helping a family with a child who accesses our hospices in their own home? Caring for a seriously ill child or young person can put a lot of extra demand on a family. The aim of the Help at Home service is to put a caring individual into a family's home to provide everyday practical support such as cooking, sibling support, cleaning and gardening. We provide you with the necessary support and training, all you need to do is provide some of your precious time. Contact Hugh at hugh.mcelhinney@each.org.uk or call 07714737139.

■ **WINTER COFFEE MORNINGS & CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** This winter Redlingfield's winter coffee morning's started in November with a visit to Midge Gibbons at Rush Meadow. In December instead of a coffee morning there is a Village Christmas Lunch at Thorndon Black Horse on 11th December (contact Linda Hudson – 01379 678984 if you are interested). On January 1st Linda hosts a coffee morning at Woodvale, on February 5th it is at Jane Gibson's Adair Cottage home and on March 4th Janet Norman-Philips is hosting at Hidcote Lodge. All coffee mornings are from 10am to noon.

Linda Hudson

■ **ROTARY CLUB:** The Rotary Club of High Suffolk is looking for new members. As part of an international voluntary organisation of more than 1.2 million men and women in more than 170 countries, Rotarians work together locally and globally to make life better for others, regardless of race, religion, culture or political inclination. Email info@highsuffolkrotary.org. **Chris Sharpe**



RUSSELL CHARLES KERRY (1956-2019): Russell Kerry passed this autumn after a short battle with illness, retaining his wicked sense of humour and sharp intelligence throughout. He passed soon after his 63rd birthday and 40th wedding anniversary.

Russell was the middle child of Peggy and Norman Kerry. He had an older brother Harold and younger sister Angela.

The family lived in Benningham Hall Cottages and his father was a farm worker while his grandfather Percy had a farm in Denham. The family eventually moved to a newly-built council house on The Knoll in Redlingfield.

Russell would have dearly loved to have become a farmer himself but it wasn't to be. His grandfather sold the farm when Russell was too young to buy it for himself.



However, he was always very proud of the quality and yield of his hay harvest and really did look the part on his tractor.

He went to Eye Primary School and then Eye Secondary Modern school before starting an apprenticeship at Davidson's of Fressingfield.

He did the lighting for local band where he met Linda who was soon to become his wife. They then moved to Palgrave.

Russell was by then a builder mastering any skill he turned his hand to. He never got flustered but he always worked best to a deadline.

The couple lived in a caravan while he built their second home, Brookside in Redlingfield, and he just managed to make a very important deadline for Linda. As she returned from hospital with their first child, Anna, the carpet



From left: Russell on Timmy, mowing the Doorstep Green, on his bike and installing play equipment on the green. Inset: roofing the Russell way.

was being laid in their new home.

At various stages of his career he had large work forces under him and was proud of the many buildings he worked on, everything from building blocks of flats to small porches. A family drive around the area would be punctuated by him proudly proclaiming “I built that”, “I re-roofed that”, “I built their extension”. He would also entertain, or not, the family with his dry sense of humour and snippets of information. He was extremely knowledgeable and soaked up information, for later use, like a sponge.

Their son Will soon joined the family and Russell was extremely pleased when they could afford to purchase Mill Farm and some land. He never did get to build the windmill-like grand viewing tower he planned to join on to the house.

The land came in very useful for Russell, serving his agri-business and giving him his own builders yard, somewhere for his horses and a place

for him and Will to enjoy motocross.

Russell had been an important part of Horham’s trophy-winning tug-of-war team and joined the Easton Harriers Hunt.

They say “If you want something done ask a busy man.” And so it was with Russell. He was always doing something.

He was passionate about Redlingfield and was always happy to do any building work on the church. He served as Redlingfield Village Meeting chairman and had a long stint as treasurer. The Doorstep Green was his idea. He was always happy to help friends and neighbours at any time.

He enjoyed travelling going across Canada on a motorbike (his old BSA is still at his mum’s) and across Scotland on horseback.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the village.

He is survived by his mother Peggy, brother Harold, his wife Linda and their children Anna and Will and families.

Will Kerry



Producing a

REDLINGFIELD'S FIRST produce show for many moons was a great success with the Doorstep Green once again brimming with visitors.

The event organised by the church was a much happier affair than the joint flower show with Occold in the 1880s which ended with heated public meetings and much mudslinging in the local press (see Redlingfield website's history pages for that story).

Everything went smoothly with a host

■ BEST IN SHOW:

Under 10 years: Jack Love (Worlingworth).

10-16 years: Sharon Terry (Bedingfield).

Over 16: Rev Richard Court (Redlingfield).





great show

of competitors enjoying a pleasant October Sunday. The event raised nearly £600 for the church.

Alison Smith from St Andrew's Parochial Church Council said: "Thank you to all the judges, the people who manned the craft tent, the BBQ, bar and refreshments and raffle stall. Also a big thank you to everyone who came to help with setting up and taking down. Everyone had a great time."

There were 22 entries in the 'photo of a Suffolk sunset' class, 10 in the 'knitted item', nine in both the 'dahlia' and 'tomato' classes, 14 items in the 'baking' section with 35 individual competitors overall.

Report: Alison Smith.

Photographs: Janet Norman-Philips.



Redlingfield Produce Show
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Doorstep Green Redlingfield

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WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY NOV 30 & SUNDAY DEC 1

Christmas Fair: Stonham Barns, 10am-4pm, entry free.

Christmas With The Owls: Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, 5pm, donations welcome.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

Rock 'n' Roll Record Hop: Occold Village Hall, 2-5pm, £5.50.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

Christmas Breakfast & Family

Service: Horham Baptist Church, from 9.30am, free bacon butties, pastries & coffee; 10.45am, all-age service inc Toddler's Nativity.

Occold Primary School Christmas

Fayre: Occold Village Hall, 3.15-5.15pm.

Debenham Christmas Festival: 4-8pm, shopping, carols, brass band, Father Christmas & post box, crafts, music, Morris Dancers.

Annual Christmas Dinner Dance: Horham Community Centre, details Angela 384625.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

Festive Framlingham Shopping: Fram 10am-4pm. Brass band, choirs, nativity & Father Christmas.

Burgate Singers' Christmas Concert: Eye Town Hall, 7pm. Mozart's "Requiem" & J S Bach's Cantata BWV 70 "Watch & Pray (*Watchet und Betet, Betet und Watchet*)". Bar available. Tickets: £18. Call 07966 283217 to reserve tickets or on door.

Blues Extravaganza: The Bank Arts Centre, Eye. Doors 7pm, start 7.30pm. Tom Malachowski, Benjamin Bassford, Dave Ferr & Paul Gillings. £10 in advance, £15 on door.

DECEMBER 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22

Santa Specials: Mid Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 8**Switching on the Christmas Lights:**

Stradbroke Church, 3-5pm. Meet Father Christmas.

Black Barn Singers' Charity Christmas

Concert: St Mary Magdalene, Debenham. £5, children free.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 15 & 22

Breakfast with Santa: Stonham Barns, from 9am. Pre-book tickets only. Adults £8.50 (inc breakfast), children £10.95 (inc breakfast & gift from Santa).

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11**Wilby Pre-School Christmas Activities**

Open Morning: 9-11am. Supervised, hands-on Christmas craft activities, free Santa's Grotto & seasonal refreshments. Whole school tours will be available.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop:

Wingfield Barns, 10.30am-1.30pm, £45, coffee & cake provided.

Redlingfield Christmas Lunch: The Black Horse Inn, Thorndon. If you'd like to go along contact Linda on 678984.

Carol Service: Red Feather Club Horham with Diss Salvation Army Brass Band, 7.30pm. Weather permitting singing around the flagpole.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

General election: 7am-10pm. Polling at Horham Old School for Horham & Athelington. Polling at Occold Village Hall for Redlingfield.

Jesus College Cambridge Choir:

St Michael's Church, Fram. 7-9.30pm. £15 for reserved nave seats, £10 elsewhere non-reserved. Choral music for Advent & Christmas. Info jjconcert10@gmail.com.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

Hoxne film night: Yesterday (12), Hoxne Village Hall, 7.30pm, £4.

FRIDAY DEC 13 & SATURDAY DEC 14**Luxury Festive Wreath Workshop:**

The Coach House, Helmingham Hall Gardens. Email enquiries@TheaLilyloves.co.uk to book. £60 per person.

■ VENUES etc:

The Bank Arts Centre - Eye: The Bank, 2 Castle Street, Eye, IP23 7AN, 873495 & www.thebankeye.org. **Cinema at Eye:** Eye Community Centre, Magdalene St, IP23 7AJ, tickets Eye Pharmacy, The Handyman, or on door. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. £5 adult, £2.50 child up to 12. **Framlingham:** www.framlingham.com. **Helmingham Hall:** 01473 890799, events@helmingham.com, www.helmingham.com. **Horham & Athelington**

Community Centre: Karen, 384754. **Hoxne Film Nights:** 7.30pm, Hoxne Village Hall, Goldbrook, Hoxne, bar, popcorn & choc-ices available before & in the interval. Further info/booking: 668060 or www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk. **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station, Wetheringsett, Suffolk, IP14 5PW, www.msrlr.org.uk, 01449 766899.

Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk, 01449 612229. **Redlingfield village events,** 678835, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk. **Mid-Suffolk Showground & Stonham Barns:** Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT, <http://stonham-barns.co.uk>.

Stradbroke Cinema: Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Adults £5.50, 16 and under £3. Bar open, ice-creams in the interval. **Suffolk Owl Sanctuary,** Stonham Barns, 08456 807897, info@owl-help.org.uk, www.owl-help.org.uk. **Wingfield Barns,** 384505, enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, www.wingfieldbarns.com. **95th Bomb Group**

Heritage Association/Red Feather Club, Coldhams Hill, Denham, IP21 5DG, www.95thbg-horham.com, enquiries@95thbg-horham.com.

WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

Phoenix Singers perform at

Framlingham college: 7.30-10pm, Christmas music by Benjamin Britten & others. Tickets £15 (under 18s £7.50) from Hall Farm Butchers & choir members.

Mrs Brown's Boys Comedy Dinner:

Stonham Barns, doors 6.30pm for 7.30pm dinner. £35 per person inc 3-course dinner & entertainment.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

Carol Service: St Peter, Athelington, 9.30am.

Jubilee Baptist Church Christmas

Carol Service: 6pm, Occold Village Hall, with Mid Suffolk Brass Band.

MONDAY DECEMBER 16

Christmas Music Afternoon: Wilby School, 2-4pm. Refreshments, raffles & gifts on sale produced by children. Father Christmas, all children receive

free gift. Whole school tours available.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

Ralph the Reindeer: Wilby School, 6pm. Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

Beer & Carols: Horham Community Centre, singing will kick off at 7.30pm but come a bit earlier to grab a drink from the bar & find a seat. Mince pies & other nibbles will be served during evening.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

Stradbroke Cinema: Yesterday (15), Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm, £5.50.

Christmas Carols in 'The Beaky': with Jubilee Baptist Church, 8pm, The Beaconsfield Arms, Occold.

The Rabble Chorus: St Michael's Church, Framlingham. 7pm-10pm. Free. Collection for Emmaus Homelessness charity, Ipswich.

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 20

Carols: St Andrew, Redlingfield, 6pm.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

Carol Service: St Mary, Horham, 4.30pm.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

Carols by Candlelight: Horham Baptist Church, 6.30pm.

Midnight Mass: St Mary, Horham, 11.30pm.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

All-Age Service: Horham Baptist Church, 10.30am.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Party: Horham Community Centre, bring food for the shared buffet.

New Year's Eve Party: Stradbroke Community Centre, from 8pm, tickets £14 under 12s £7 from Stradbroke Spar or 01379 384248 or 678666. Buffet supper, late bar.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1 2020

Redlingfield Coffee Morning: at Linda Hudson's Woodvale home, 10am-noon.

New Year's Steam: Mid Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

SATURDAY JANUARY 18

Screen Printing Workshop (was originally November): Wingfield Barns, 1-4pm, £25, coffee & cake included.

SATURDAY JANUARY 25

Jack & the Beanstalk: Worlingworth Community Centre, matinée 2pm & evening performance 6.45pm. Adults £4, children £1. For info contact Val on v.swallow44@btinternet.com or 628068.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5

Redlingfield Coffee Morning: at Jane Gibson's Adair Cottage home, 10am-noon.

REGULAR EVENTS:

MONDAYS: Coffee & Chat: Horham Baptist Church hall. 10am. No charge. Everyone welcome. Alan Hawes, 388330. **Ballroom dancing:** St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm-9.30pm (for adults). Sandra Hartley, 01728 723887.

TUESDAYS: T Plus: Community Café with stalls, All Saint's Church, Thorndon every Tues, 10am-noon. **Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178.

Debenham Historical Society: Regular lectures at Room 31, Debenham High School, 7.30pm, £3 per lecture, including a soft drink in the interval. Enquiries: Clive Cook 01728-861754. Non-members welcome to see what's on.

WEDNESDAYS: Coffee mornings & cyber cafe, every Wed, 10.30am-noon at Horham Old School. **Redlingfield & Occold WI,** 1st Wed of the month at 7.45pm, in Occold Village Hall. **Hoxon Hundred:** Winter dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practices. Ron Ross, 643563. Eye Country Market, every Wed 10am-11am, Eye Town Hall (closed Jan).

Social mornings: Horham Old School. 10.30am each Wed tea, coffee, cake, crafts, a chat and good company. Info from Christine (384168) or Pip (384370). Admission free - small charge for refreshments. Wingfield barns Midweek Movies : alternate Weds 7.30pm screening £5. For info 384505 or email enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com

THURSDAYS: Zumba: Worlingworth Community Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563534086.

FRIDAYS: Bingo: Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 384642. Worlingworth Swan, live music, last Fri evening of month.

SUNDAYS: Public open days: Red Feather/95th Bomb Group Heritage Association & 95th BG Hospital Museum last Sun of month May-October inclusive,

Our two local food banks

WE HAVE TWO LOCAL associations providing food banks nearby, Waveney Foodbank and FIND in association with the Salvation Army.

FIND (Families in Need) is based in Ipswich, the Salvation Army collects the donated food from Framlingham and elsewhere and takes it to FIND. FIND also distributes washing machines, cookers and so forth to those in need. They have found that need has increased every year and now give out 100 parcels each week.

Their recipients are on very low incomes, many as a result of benefit delay or change of benefit. 51% are receiving in-work benefits but are still unable to pay their increasing rents and

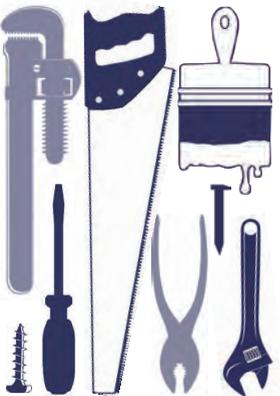
utility bills. Half of the food goes to families with children, particularly during school holidays.

Waveney Foodbank is our nearest food bank, on the Eye industrial estate behind the Brome Community Recycling Centre. They are open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings till about 12.

They have recognised a particular problem in rural areas where people might be several miles away from a shop or food bank. Travel is expensive, transport is patchy and some have walked a long way to reach help. Rural people also often have expensive heating and low wages.

In response to this the food bank has set up a rural delivery service which

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The recipients are otherwise similar to those at FIND. Again, many are in work but not paid enough to live on. It is clear that those who describe food bank users as scroungers are quite wrong and out of order.

Various agencies refer people to foodbanks, if a person needs help but has not been referred he or she can contact the foodbank and will be helped with referral. Contact is by

phone or online. Both foodbanks welcome whatever people can give, they are often short of tinned foods such as meat, vegetables, fruit, desserts, soup, pasta sauce, coffee, sugar, jam, rice, long-life milk, toiletries for men and women, baby food, nappies and pet food.

There is often a particular shortage in early Spring when Christmas supplies start to run out.

Both organisations are extremely helpful as you can see from their websites at www.findipswich.org.uk and waveney.foodbank.org.uk.

If you have difficulty finding them online I am sure Christine Cooper will help during the coffee/computer morning on Wednesdays at Horham Old School.

Evelyn Adey

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The Community Christmas Party at Horham Baptist Church is on Friday 6th December from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

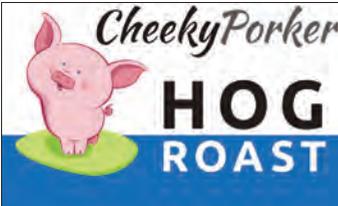


You can come and go as you please enjoying a continuous buffet, Christmas karaoke, cake decorating, games and Christmas movies.

There is a Christmas Breakfast & Family Service on Sunday 15th December, free bacon butties, pastries and great coffee from 9:30am with an all-Age Service inc Toddler's Nativity at 10.45am

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Christmas

There are Beer & Carols at Horham Community Centre on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm. The singing will kick off at 7.30pm but come a bit earlier to grab yourself a drink from the bar and find a seat. Mince pies and other nibbles will be served during the evening. This event is organised by Horham Community Centre, Horham Baptist Church and the Hoxne Benefice. Entry is free.

There are Carols by Candlelight Christmas Eve at 6.30pm, on Christmas Morning an All-Age Service and Christmas Day at 10.30am.

If you would like to find out more about our church or any of our Christmas activities then please visit www.horhambaptist.org.uk.

Adam Blowes, Pastor

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■ CAROLS ROUND THE FLAGPOLE:

On Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm there will be a carol service at the Red Feather Club, Horham, with the Diss Salvation Army Brass Band. Weather permitting singing will be around the flagpole so wrap up warm. Followed by warming refreshments in The Red Feather Club afterwards. The bar will also be open. Please try to car-share to keep numbers parking on the field to a minimum. **Beverley Abbott**



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Going for Green at Wilby

WILBY SCHOOL HAS been 'Going for Green', including a trip to Ringsfield Hall Eco Activity Centre near Beccles.

During the trip in October we enjoyed a whole variety of activities which focussed on learning about the environment in the environment.

Our 'Environment evening' in October was a wonderful final celebration of the music, art, dance and the spoken word derived from our 'Going for green' topic.

Our newly-formed Arts Award Club is well attended by enthusiastic children who are working towards gaining certificates to celebrate their

achievement. All of our children from Pre-School to Year 6 have been taking part in a variety of dance workshops. The sessions, which were led by the West End In Schools dance company, were all focused on the environment and helped the children to explore the environmental topic focus through the medium of dance.

To celebrate Inter-faith week 2017 pupils of all ages were challenged to produce the art work for a school calendar focussing on theme of 'Light, life and love'. Calendars sold will raise money to support multi-faith learning opportunities for Wilby pupils.

Our Anti-Bullying week theme in November will be a celebration of



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diversity both in our own school and across Britain.

Following the appointment of our own Sports Lead – Mr Isaac Chapman – participation in additional sport activities across the school has soared! All of our before-school, lunch-time and after-school clubs are now offered free including: dodgeball, football, high fives netball, gymnastics and many more. The extra training is paying off – our Girls Football Team won Bronze in the Inter-schools tournament in October! Well done girls!

The school enjoyed a brilliant ‘Experience your Church’ day at St Mary’s Church in Wilby. The children were engaged in variety of hands on activities and learnt lots.

Our Harvest Festival in October was well attended by parents and church/community members and all are welcome again to join us in church for our Carol Service on December 15th.

This term Wren Class will be putting on a performance of ‘Ralph the reindeer’ on December 17th. Everyone is welcome to come to the show at



6pm in the school hall.

On Monday 16th December everyone is welcome to join us for a Christmas Music Afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. There will be a variety of refreshments, raffles and gifts produced by the children on sale. We will also have a visit from Father Christmas and all children (school age and younger) will receive a free gift!

Wilby Pre-School Christmas Activities Open Morning is on 11th December from 9am to 11am. It offers fun, supervised, hands-on Christmas craft activities, free Santa’s Grotto and seasonal refreshments. Whole school tours will be available. Everyone welcome.

Roisin Wiseman (01379 384708 or www.wilbyprimary.org.uk)

If you know your history...

BACK AT SCHOOL IN THE late 1970s a thirteen-year-old me had a recollection. I had gone to Grammar School and had changed from being considered reasonably intelligent in primary school to being one of the dimmer pupils. It happens going from a village primary school to a secondary school that takes some of the brightest pupils from other local primary schools.

It was hard work getting anywhere, top half in any subject was to be celebrated. Things needed re-evaluating as I was going under. Attempts at upping my game failed miserably. I was passing everything but way down the field (art doesn't count – two 54% – one short of the pass mark – in the second-year exams told me I wasn't an artist, but was my drawing the base mark for failure each time?).

The competitive person in me was struggling. Particularly finishing

twenty marks behind my cousin's 90% plus scores in history. I wanted to believe I could lift my scores but what was my motivation for a subject I had no real passion or aptitude for? The maxim at the time was 'If you know your history you can learn from mistakes of the past'. With this motivation bizarrely by the third year I was scoring 90% (my cousin still beat me – he always did). I was happy though.

When most people think of history they think of political history, basically wars and the activities of important people. History is so much more than the activity of some Queen or career soldier. Social, economic, gender, black, religious, women's ... the list of historical research strands is endless and growing.

In my University course I heard of the Carr-Elton argument. Carr was a historian who believed history was to be interpreted and utilised. Elton disagreed and said you just reported facts. I was in the Carr camp at the time. Trouble is one 'O' level, an 'A' level and a BA in 'History with Politics' later I know the hypothesis for my interest is total bunkum! Also as far as political history is concerned Elton is probably right.

You don't have to think about things too hard to realise that. People are happy to risk the mistakes of the past if it helps them to achieve what they desire in the future. Niccolò Machiavelli's paraphrased idiom 'The end justifies the means' is a



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ABBA winning the Eurovision Song Contest.

In reality political systems left or right, who is President or Monarch, means nothing. It is policies that are the real history. England, and indeed Britain, has had some pretty

fundamental necessity. Socially people will be undermined, economically we can never cater for everyone so we have to choose policies that dictate who benefits and who suffer.

At anytime in the World there are people living in war zones because at least two factions see things differently. At any time you are living in a society of differing political views. There is a lot of past and things have happened numerous times. It is a good chance that any situation that arises has been played out to different ends before.

Former Zimbabwean leader Robert Mugabe was vilified in the UK but in 2004 a respected 'New African' magazine named him third in a list of 'The Top 100 Africans' because they saw him giving Zimbabwean land and rights back to 'Black Africans'. The British were aghast at his treatment of white farmers and political opponents and the decline of what was once 'The Bread Basket of Africa'. Different agendas, different views, history has no role here.

undesirable people running our country, elected and unelected. They created our political history in the last 1,000 years or so and people are still surprised that we fail every year in the Eurovision Song Contest.

The problem is by a certain stage of life individual minds and views are set. I've changed my opinion on only two major issues in the last thirty-five years. Every other view I have has remained solid since the last Century. I'm 'out of left field' and to my chagrin there aren't enough seeing the world my way. Political history seems bunk to me with a reasonable understanding of history and facts.

Political history may well be useless, except for facts, but social history especially is more worthy of study as we do have real improvements. If you aren't convinced just think of science, medicine, housing, sewage, transport, welfare provision, charities, the list is endless and unlike the political history they do make our life better.

That my friends is a much more positive article.

Ian Crane

Support group for carers

HARTISMERE PLACE CARE home in Eye is welcoming new carers to its monthly support group designed to help local people caring for an older loved one, while also providing activities for those who are cared for.

On the last Thursday of each month, from 2pm to 4pm, the community is invited to come along to Hartismere Place care home, on Castleton Way, to its free 'As Time Goes By' café.

Carers can enjoy a chat over coffee and cake with likeminded people, while their loved ones make the most of a range of activities. Locals will also get the chance to hear from Karen,

from Suffolk Carers Matter, who can offer advice and guidance, and Jan, who is a dementia champion.

Hartismere Place provides full-time residential and nursing care, as well as short-term respite. Hartismere Place also runs a day club, which offers older people living independently in the community the chance to make new friends and take part in enjoyable activities.

For more information about Hartismere Place, please contact senior customer relations manager, Angela Hodge, on 0333 920 2997 or email angela.hodge@careuk.com or visit careuk.com/hartismere-place.



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Tuesday	11am-8pm
Wednesday	9am-6pm
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Friday	9am-6pm
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Collection Calendar 2020

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-  Recycling collected this week
-  Rubbish collected this week
-  For Christmas and New Year weeks (27th Dec-11th Jan)
Please refer to the Christmas & New Year schedule
-  Bank Holiday Week - After a Bank Holiday, everyone's collection will be a day later all week. For Christmas and New Year weeks, please refer to the Christmas Schedule.



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Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Schedule 2019-2020

Please ensure your bins are presented by 6.30am
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	Usual Collection	Revised Collection	Change
Recycling	Monday 23rd December	Monday 23rd December	None
	Tuesday 24th December	Tuesday 24th December	None
	Wednesday 25th December	Friday 27th December	2 days later
	Thursday 26th December	Saturday 28th December	2 days later
	Friday 27th December	Monday 30th December	3 days later
Refuse	Monday 30th December	Tuesday 31st December	1 day later
	Tuesday 31st December	Thursday 2nd January	2 days later
	Wednesday 1st January	Friday 3rd January	2 days later
	Thursday 2nd January	Saturday 4th January	2 days later
	Friday 3rd January	Monday 6th January	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 6th January	Tuesday 7th January	1 day later
	Tuesday 7th January	Wednesday 8th January	1 day later
	Wednesday 8th January	Thursday 9th January	1 day later
	Thursday 9th January	Friday 10th January	1 day later
	Friday 10th January	Saturday 11th January	1 day later

From Monday 13th January 2020 normal waste and recycling collections resume.

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THE REVEREND REFLECTS ... FINGERPRINTS

THE END OF THE YEAR HAS with it certain predictable events. One of them is that television, newspapers and magazines are full of reviews of the year – various lists of the moments that made the most impact. Another one is word of the year. And yes, another predictable event is Christmas!

Perhaps it is inevitable that as my time here draws to a close I've been reflecting upon past events. The long dark evenings of the season encourage such introspection and assessment in all of us. What has happened? What was our part in it? What is left? I remember listening to a vicar, who on arriving in their new parish had looked around and announced that they couldn't see the fingerprints of their predecessor anywhere; suggesting that they hadn't left their mark.

In the Christmas story God doesn't

leave great big fingerprints; instead the divine becomes human in the meekest, gentlest manner of a baby rather than with a great show of strength.

Nonetheless, Christians are convinced that in Jesus there is the most overt fingerprint of God that was ever left; if only we chose (like the shepherds and wise men) to look for it.

The Greek word *charakter* is unlikely to have ever featured as word of the year, and it only occurs once in the whole of the New Testament, in a passage that we regularly hear at Christmas. The opening verses of the book of Hebrews where it speaks of Jesus as being that exact imprint of God. It means engraving, or exact mould, copy- like a fingerprint.

Baby's fingerprints rarely make it into a review of the year, but perhaps we should all pay more attention to the little things of God in our lives.

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■ **CAROLS AT WINGFIELD:** Wednesday 18 December, Carols at Wingfield. You are cordially invited to a Christmas BBQ with mulled wine at Oaklands Farm, Bleach Green, Wingfield. Nativity scene (donkey and other animals) and a craft stall. Carols in barn if weather inclement. A free event, kindly hosted by Charlotte and Ben Claxton. Donations appreciated for food and mulled wine. Please let us know by 8 Dec if you are able to join us, to help with catering. Proceeds to St Elizabeth's Hospice and St Andrew's Church. Sharon, 01379 384854.

■ **PRAYER BREAKFASTS:** Prayer breakfasts continue on Monday mornings. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am. We always aim to finish by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for venue details, which change.

■ **CANDLELIGHT ADVENT:** Sunday 1 December, Candlelight Advent service at St Peter, Athelington, 4.30pm. Please join us for a warm welcome and advent carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

■ **HORHAM PARISH REGISTER:**

October 11, Memorial Service, Alexandra von Preussen aged 71 years.

CHURCH & INFORMATION

■ CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES etc:

- DEC 1** 9.30am, HC, **Redlingfield**; 4pm, Advent **Athelington**.
- 8** 9.30am, BCP HC, **Horham**.
- 11** 7.30pm, Carols around flagpole, **Red Feather Club**.
- 15** 9.30am, Carol Service, **Athelington**.
- 18** 7.30pm, Beer & Carols, **Horham Community Centre**.
- 20** 6pm, Carols, **Redlingfield**.
- 22** 4.30pm, Carol Service, **Horham**.
- 24** 11.30pm, Midnight Mass, **Horham**.
- 25** 10am, Christmas Communion, **Redlingfield**.
- 29** 11.15am, Benefice Communion, **Denham**.
- JAN 5** 9.30am, HC, **Redlingfield**.
- 12** 9.30am, BCP HC, **Horham**.
- 19** 9.30am, HC, **Athelington**
- 26** 10am, MP, **Redlingfield**; 6.30pm Benefice Christingle, **Wingfield**.
- FEB 2** 9.30am, HC, **Redlingfield**.
- 9** 9.30am, BCP HC, **Horham**.
- 16** 9.30am, HC, **Athelington**.
- 23** 10am, MP, **Redlingfield**.
- 26** Ash Wednesday - details to follow.

HC = Holy Communion,
MP = Morning Prayer, BCP = Book
of Common Prayer

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