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**I**T HAS BEEN A TOUGH START TO THE year in Redlingfield with serious illness and injury taking its toll as well as the loss of two villagers, Joyce Leeder, whose tribute is in this issue and Angela Bailey, who we hope to write about in our next magazine. After the loss of Joyce the village rallied round when her son Phillip was told he would be evicted from the council house he had spent most of his life in. Villagers offered all kinds of support and were ready to write placards and man the barricades if it came to the worst. However, with the support of councillor Liz Gibson-Harries and after a lot of hard work by Janet Norman-Philips some absolutely lovely people from Mid-Suffolk District Council met up with Phillip and Janet and decided he could have a new tenancy agreement to keep him near his extended family and support network. And while I'm praising people I would also like to thank the ambulance crew that came to our neighbour Pat's aid after she took a tumble.

*Mike Ager*

**I AM AFRAID I** *have been a bit on the drag with this issue – for a variety of reasons – so instead of it reaching you in late February you should be getting this in early March. Sorry. Anyway, we hope you enjoy your latest village mag. If you would like to contribute to the next one just take pen to paper or fingers to keyboard get in touch with myself or Evelyn Adey. We'd be happy to hear from you.*

**Remember the clocks go forward on Sunday 25th March**



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# It's a winter of two halves

## *Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

**I**T IS OLD CLICHÉ FROM football that the match was a game of two halves but the expression certainly applies to the weather this winter.

The benign dry autumn which made land-work a pleasure has changed into a classic wet winter of numerous storms, many severe enough to now bear their own name, and one cold enough to leave a covering of snow on Southwold beach, a rare event indeed.

This winter rain used to be known as a February "fill-dyke". The water companies will be pleased to see aquifers and reservoirs replenished, and farmers will be checking the outfalls of their land drainage to ensure the water gets away from the clay soils.

The weather forecasters have got better and better since the infamous mistake of 1987 but I hope they are

wrong when I read that a late spring is on the cards as a phenomenon called a polar vortex will prolong Arctic conditions throughout the month of March.

ON JANUARY 18TH, THE WIND was strong enough to blow a dog off a chain and the leaden skies were empty except for a lone patrolling sparrowhawk.

The presence of this major predator was reason enough for lesser mortals to make themselves scarce and the bird feeders are well-placed with hedge cover nearby.

At the first sign of danger, the house sparrows can dive into the pyracantha bushes and skulk in safety. One of the pleasures of the quiet winter months is the chatter of a small colony of house sparrows as most birds, with the exception of the robin, fall silent.



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Communal activity in birds is either to keep warm at night or otherwise just simply to be sociable and pied wagtails are another example of the latter. Landscape gardener Steve Damant spotted at least 20 pied wagtails at the Norwich Tesco's and as he parked to fill up with petrol he told his family to keep counting and the tally soon reached over 100. Pied wagtails just want to be with their mates.

However, it is completely different in the breeding season when three becomes a crowd and a pair will then require total privacy. The pied wagtail is a successful pan-European bird happy in both urban and rural habitat and is fond of sewage farms and



**Above: Snow at Southwold courtesy EADT. Left: A sparrow finds safety.**

muck-pads where the food supply is plentiful.

THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY IS the time when the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust asks farmers and landowners to take part in a farmland bird count. The GWCT has evolved from the Game Research Association whose research in the 1960s helped to support the *organochloride* pesticides ban.

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Now seeking to promote good conservation to support both game and wildlife, figures show that the decline of farmland birds by RSPB figures, based on 1960 comparisons, is inaccurate when compared with 1990 figures.

Conservation measures promoted by the EU have stopped the decline in a number of species.

My count produced highlights of pairs of bullfinch and grey partridge, though modest when compared to Nigel Thomson of Bressingham who noted a 300-400 mixed finch flock where the pink breast of the male linnets shone brightly in the February sun.



FOR MANY YEARS, FARMERS have fought a constant battle on all fronts against a high rabbit population.

Night shooting from pickup trucks was effective and great sport as well, farmers trained in the practice of gassing warrens and many miles of electric fencing were erected to protect some of the worst areas of damage.

But to the rabbits cost, a new disease arrived in the late Nineties, rabbit haemorrhagic disease, far more deadly than myxomatosis and only now is the rabbit population recovering again.

But thankfully for us, Steve Damant and his ferrets are here to help and this winter they have accounted for about

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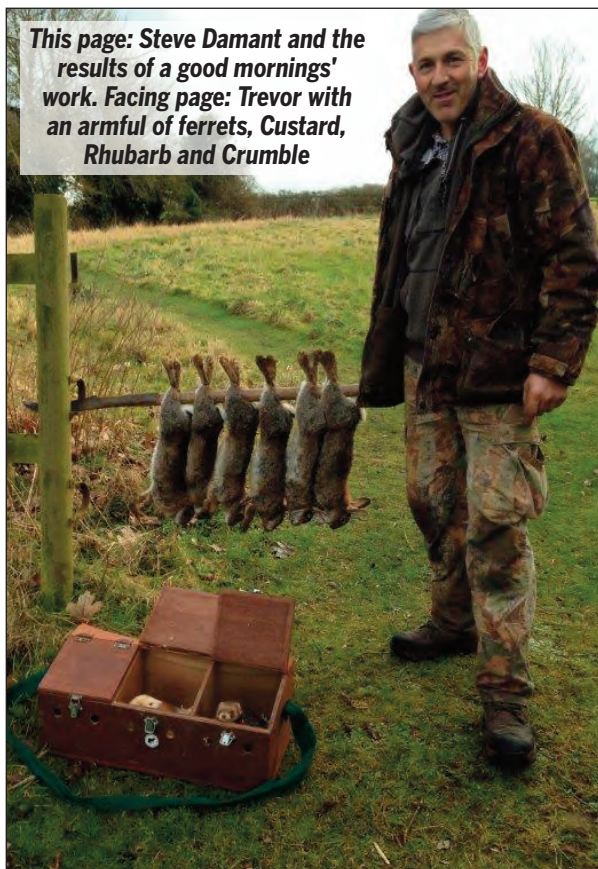
twenty. The technique is simple, Steve nets all the escape holes, the ferrets are put in and the rabbits bolt out and get caught, tangled up in the net. Bingo, job done, and very rewarding winter work it is too.

They breed like rabbits with three or four litters a year, and with the next generation starting at 10 weeks old, the numbers speak for themselves.

EDDIE COE USED TO be a great source of stories and anecdotes and this winter reminds of a cutting he once gave me;

*First that frizz, and then  
that sned, Then that  
turned around an' blew  
Then that sned and frizz  
again An' after that,  
That turned t' rain.*

**Trevor Edwards**



**This page: Steve Damant and the results of a good mornings' work. Facing page: Trevor with an armful of ferrets, Custard, Rhubarb and Crumble**

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# There's lots on at the Old

**I**T CONTINUES TO be very busy at The Old School in Horham. Our window replacement is nearing completion and very soon we will have the new door into the garden; just in time for spring and summer barbecues!

Sunday lunchtime opening is very popular, often with impromptu music and step dancing. Why not come and join us for your pre- or post-Sunday lunch tippie?

The bar is open on Tuesday and Friday evenings too.

The musicians and Old School rappers meet once a month, and the yoga class grow more supple and calm by the week.

The Wednesday morning internet café provides an opportunity to meet friends for the best coffee in the area, sample a homemade cake, borrow a book, sort out computer problems or to stretch

your mind with a board game.

The local shoot, run by Tim Debenham, has used The Old School as its base for the last four years. It works well as a meeting point where they start the day, with tea and coffee plus a little wager on shots fired and the day's bag. At the end of a usually, pretty chilly and often wet day, they all come back to the Old School with its lovely warm fire, where Kerina

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serves soup and cakes and they find out who has won the bets.

We are planning another art and craft exhibition and will be open for coffee, cakes and ale during the village fete on June 2nd. If you would like to help or exhibit please contact us.

Keep up to date with all our news and planned events by checking our Facebook page; type The Old School, Horham into the search box at the top of the page and you will find us.

*Christine Cooper*



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# Transportation for poachers

**THIS STORY OF POACHING IN Redlingfield appeared in the *Suffolk Chronicle* of January 1827:**

“At the Ipswich Quarter Sessions John Albon, William Dade, Henry Howard, and Thomas Howard were charged with having entered an enclosed wood in the parish of Redlingfield, the property of Alexander Adair Esq. and occupied by Edward Platfoot, armed with guns with the intent to destroy game. (Two others were involved but not brought to trial.)

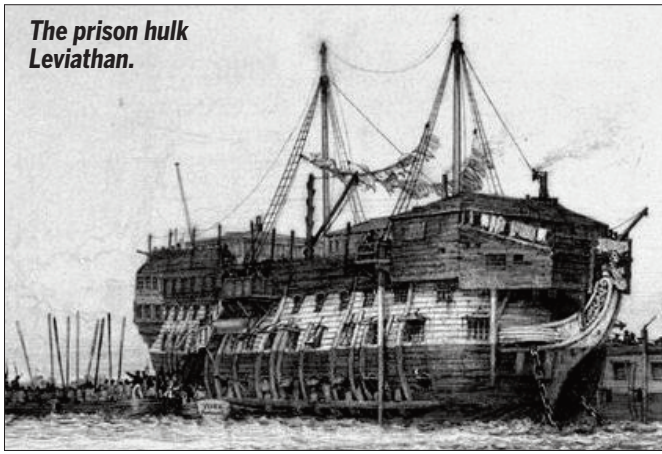
Witness Edward Platfoot said that he was a farmer [of Hill Farm] in Redlingfield and had orders from his landlord to preserve the game in Redlingfield Wood. He was disturbed on Sunday night, December 17th between 11 and 12 o'clock by the barking of a dog. He got up and looked out of the window but seeing nothing he was about getting into bed again when he heard a gun fired. He then called two of his servant men and sent them to call William Green and Noah Pyett. He himself went and called Richard Johnson [farmer of Mill Farm]. The witness, his two servants, Mr. Johnson and his servant went to the wood. They left witness's servants at the entrance of the wood. The others had not gone far into the wood when they heard another gun fired at the further side of the wood. They went towards that part of the wood and jumped into a pasture field. As soon as they were in the field two men came up to the gap in the wood with guns in

their hands. The witness called “Halloo!” and the men retreated into the wood. Directly after, the witness saw a man in the wood without a gun. The witness got back into the wood and took hold of him. It was Henry Howard, he had a bludgeon, witness took hold of his slop [smock]. Mr. Johnson and his men came up, on being called and then Henry Howard called out for help. On this two men came up with guns and then two more with guns and one without. William Dade went up to the witness and presented a gun at him, swearing that if he did not leave hold of the man he would blow out his brains. Mr. Johnson said “Let him go” which the witness did. When witness left hold of Howard he struck him on the breast. Witness then returned through the wood and met his assistants near the outside. He seized William Dade and then George Bolton and another took away his gun. The gun was now produced in court. At the time it was taken from Dade it was loaded. Dade escaped and Albon was taken.

... Dade said he was not in the wood. Henry Howard asked him how long he had known him. He replied he had never seen him before. To a question from Thomas Howard he answered that he had not said that he was one of the persons in the wood.

Edward Platfoot's account was supported by Richard Johnson, George Bolton, blacksmith at Redlingfield and William Green, a labourer. Richard

**The prison hulk  
*Leviathan*.**



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was a particular good gun, it would kill a hare or a rabbit at forty yards ... ”.

... Henry Howard said no one could say he ever went after any such thing. “So help me God.” ... his brother Joseph Howard ... said his

Johnson added that John Albon was taken to Edward Platfoot’s house where he [Albon] took a cock pheasant out of his pocket.

George Bolton was called again. He said he was present at Aspal Hall, residence of Dr. Chevallier, Magistrate, on December 23rd when T. Howard was examined and made his confession. After the examination witness went out with the prisoner. Howard told witness as they were going, that he had seen Albon and agreed to go on the Sunday evening to Redlingfield Wood with him, Howard’s two brothers, King and Dade. They went to the wood and were there an hour examining if anybody was about before they fired. Dade, when he lost his gun, went to his comrades and said “They have got poor Albon and I am afraid he will lose his gun”. Howard said “Dade’s

brother Henry was in bed with him all that Sunday night which he believed was Christmas Day. Thomas Howard in his defence said he never was in the wood. He might have made a confession when at Dr. Chevallier’s but he was in liquor and knew not what he said.

The Chairman ... said that the evidence was so clear that he did not see how the Jury could do otherwise than find the prisoners guilty. The Jury very soon returned a verdict of guilty against them all. The Chairman ... said that three of them had been convicted before and there was no hope that they would ever be good men in this country, but he hoped if they were sent away from their wicked connections they might amend in a distant country and still become useful members of society. They were sentenced ” to seven years transportation.

■ All four appear in online records showing they were held on prison hulk *Leviathan* in Portsmouth Harbour. This gives their ages as Henry 20, Thomas 33, William 26 and John 36. Henry arrived in Tasmania on the *Woodford*, having been a ploughman at home he was to be employed as a farm labourer. His brother Thomas arrived in Sydney in 1828 aboard the *Phoenix* to be employed as a labourer. On 13th January 1834 Thomas was granted a certificate of freedom having completed his sentence. It is likely that he stayed in Australia. Nothing was found concerning the fate of William and John. **Linda Hudson**

# Will all dog owners please

I RECENTLY acquired a dog. Having now walked the dog around various parts of Horham village and surrounding footpaths, I am sorry to report that some of my now fellow dog walkers are letting themselves down – and some I have seen who should know better. The issue being, and there's no easy way of saying it, is dog excrement.

The paths and public areas are



becoming a health hazard as dog faeces carry *Toxocariasis*. Not only is dog excrement unpleasant to look at and remove from footwear, but *Toxocariasis* carries a parasite known as *Toxocara Canis*, also commonly referred to as Roundworm. This

parasite lives in a dog's digestive system and is released through dog faeces. These parasites can lay in the soil for many years and if ingested (e.g. by a small child) they may hatch



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# clear up

into larvae and lead to *Toxocariasis*. This can cause seizures, stomach upsets, sore throats and breathing difficulties to name a few effects.

The best way to avoid this risk is for dog owners to take responsibility for their dogs and collect their faeces. I realise “poo bins” are in short supply in the village, but as a new dog owner myself, I am not concerned about collecting my dog’s faeces in a “poo bag” to dispose of it at home on my return.

I can report a number of areas have become contaminated with excessive amounts of dog excrement. Black areas are currently Pound Lane (at the end of the enclosure), the pathway to the right of the last house on the exit of the village towards Eye (I counted over a dozen “mounds”) and the airfield. Also, I was dismayed to see that the Horham Parish Council grit bin has been used as a make-shift poo bin with some owners tossing their poo bags in there.

Can I remind all dog owners of your responsibilities as a dog owner and implore you to pick up after your four-legged friends for the benefit of everyone.

**Dr. Jason Morphet (dog owner)**

■ *If you see an overflowing litter or dog waste bin on the street, park or play area, you can report it online at [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk). Reports of overflowing bins should be investigated and an extra empty should be arranged if necessary.*

■ **RBL SPEAKER FROM BELGIUM:** The speaker at Stradbroke District RBL branch’s next meeting on Thursday 8th March should be of interest to many locals. He is Jo Segers from Belgium, who has been trying to excavate a 95th Bomb Group B-17. Jo will be staying with Joyce Cooper in Horham and also visiting the Red Feather Club during his stay. The meeting at Laxfield “Royal Oak” starts at 11.30am and all are welcome. A two-course lunch for £8.50 is available after the talk. Member Simon Harrison, director of estate agents Harrison Edge, was the speaker at the most recent meeting. He brought along old land maps and sales details of local estates which was of interest to the members and guests present. A Spring Lunch will replace the annual branch dinner.

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# Suffolk Walking Festival

**T**he 2018 Suffolk Walking Festival is nearly here! And with more than 120 events it promises to be the biggest and most ambitious festival to date.

There are walks for everyone: you can kick start your day with a Dawn Chorus Walk, try Nordic Walking, discover the amazing history of Suffolk's Wool Towns and have a go at GeoCaching. There are short strolls to long hikes and everything in between.

And for 2018, in its 11th year, organisers are launching the Walking Festival Fringe, a series of exciting and imaginative events that get you close to nature in the very heart of the

countryside. Experience a "Woodland Twilight Safari", capture "Iconic Images" on photo assignments, and experience a "Hedgerow Cream Tea" where you gather your very own afternoon feast!

The 2018 Suffolk Walking Festival launches at St Peter's Brewery on Saturday 12th May with two Launch Jaunts, each of which includes a brewery tour. Ticket Sales started in February with the 2018 brochure being launched in March.

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You can book tickets online through the [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk) website or from tourist information centres in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Lavenham, Stowmarket: Museum of East Anglian Life and Sudbury Library.

The organisers work with a range of organisations across the county to offer something to interest and to involve all including the RSPB at Minsmere, Suffolk Wildlife Trust at reserves across the county and Natural England. They provide a series of expert led walks through some of Suffolk most beautiful landscapes.

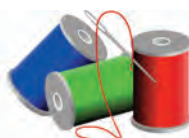
Local walks include Historic and Rural Eye on Thursday 24th May, Walking Through the History of Mendlesham on Saturday 12th May, Pepper's Wash & The Roman Road in Framlingham on Friday 18th May, Helmingham Park & History Walk on Wednesday 23rd May, The Helmingham Estate Walk on Wednesday 16th May and From The Crypt to The Clouds on Monday 28th May in Redgrave.

■ From April onwards you can pick up a copy of the 2018 directory for Suffolk Open Studios from libraries, tourist offices, galleries shops and pubs or [www.suffolkopenstudios.org](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org).

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# Becoming a convert to

**I** REMEMBER TAKING A PHONE call at work from my Dad in August 2006. You have that moment of trepidation thinking what have I forgotten to do, what bad news am I about to hear, why are you giving me those few moments of stress by ringing me here?

It's amazing what can go through your mind in a few seconds. This call though wasn't the bad one I took at the same desk three years later saying that my Gran had died, this told me we had the chance to move into a house in Redlingfield. After more than three-and-a-half decades of signing onto the Council housing list twice a year the Cranes were getting a Council house

If my parents took a minute to say yes I'd be surprised. It was probably me who didn't immediately get excited. I had my two upstairs rooms which would now be swapped for a box in comparison. I had a strange attachment to our real fire and what had been home for as long as I could remember. The open spaces, quietness and insular nature of my life was a lot more appealing in my early 40s than it had seemed in my early 20s.

When I was young I felt a bit hard done by living in Benningham Green. You don't see the qualities of relative isolation. I had ambitions to make my life in a more active environment. You want to see people who seem young

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# village life

and alive and make your mistakes and successes and learn from them. By the time I'd realised my life was slipping further and further behind where I'd hoped it would be it brought a realisation that this wasn't such a bad place to be. There wasn't much else in life but football, cricket and TV. A job that gave you enough money to get by was the only other necessity and a local company, until redundancy in August 2012, provided that. I didn't need much in life.

I'd seen my cousins move out of an old farm property into a smaller Council house in Occold. I'd seen the work my cousin had done to get the family moved in. I saw the work my Dad, with help from Uncle Billy, had to do. Nevertheless one Saturday in September I was happy to help us move in even if my heart was at my usual Saturday destination of Portman Road where Ipswich Town had beaten Sunderland, then managed by Roy Keane, 3-1.

Being in a village has changed my outlook though. The village has had an effect on my immediate family and I'm sure it has improved their quality of life. There is a lot of interaction with coffee mornings and village meals. The combination of retirement, and living in a village have made things more accessible to my parents.

I remember a work colleague leaving in the early 1990s and saying he'd not miss the job but would miss the people as they can make anything tolerable.



The people in Redlingfield were welcoming and have been accepting of us. Certainly it helped having relatives in the village and people who had known my Dad from the local agricultural community. People come and go from village life. It's sad losing people but the village gets new blood and continues to move forward. Redlingfield has been lucky with nice people coming into our village.

I've seen Mum flourish. She has more confidence and joins in with village, church and womens' group events. No doubt she has benefited more than any of us from being here.

Our address before said Occold but we were on the periphery. Now we genuinely see ourselves as part of village life here in Redlingfield. OK we have to make do with an afternoon postal service now. Not really a hardship I know. If that's the only thing I can think of to comment on things can't be too bad can they? Besides I've added quizzes and darts to my list of life essentials and I'm hoping to regain a love for bowls. Life has a bit more purpose now and this village is a decent place to be. People are generally older than I envisaged when I was younger but they, and village life in Redlingfield, are certainly alive.

*Ian Crane*

# Some youthful enthusiasts

**A**S EVERYONE knows growing and managing a native British woodland is a task of many lifetimes and the New Reeding Woods Group is still looking for support to oversee Pound Lane Wood in the years to come.

A recent recruitment drive has resulted in an encouraging number of new supporters but more youthful enthusiasts would ensure care for the longer term future.



At the woodland supporters of all ages could learn about all aspects of managing a small wood.

Over the coming year we will be conducting small mammal, wildflower and bird surveys and investigating

the newts in our pond, as well as maintaining the rides and hay making.

There will be plenty to learn about the husbandry of a small community woodland. If you are interested in any aspect of maintaining this woodland call Mike Reeves on 01379 668 179.

The newly installed notice board at Pound Lane Wood requests that visitors record the wild life observed, and the entries are interesting

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and varied, but those particularly causing amusement include; a woolly mammoth by the pond, and 12 reindeer and a man in a red suit with his wife!

All entries including the facetious remind us that the woodland is a well-used local amenity.

Volunteers are always welcome to join the group and activities will be listed on the notice board, so keep recording your observations and watch out for working party dates.

*Michael &*

*Margaret Reeves*

■ **HORHAM EVENTS:** Horham Community Centre has a host of events lined up alongside its regular bar meal, fish & chip and curry nights. On Saturday 24th March there will be one of the popular Archive Nights, Saturday 2nd June will see Horham Village Fete & Car Boot while on Saturday 7th July there is a Classic Car Meeting & BBQ. The summer is rounded off with a Barn Dance on Friday 20th July. And one for your diary is the Christmas Dinner Dance Friday 7th December.

*Angela Wilkins*

■ **COFFEE IN REDLINGFIELD:** The final village coffee morning for this winter will be on Wednesday 7th March at the home of David and Jacqueline Love at 1, Abbots Meadow from 10am until noon. All residents are welcome for the usual tea, coffee, cake and conversation. From the Wednesday 4th April the Coffee Caravan will return to the village triangle for the summer months. It will visit Redlingfield on the first Wednesday of the month from April to October inclusive.

*Jacqueline Love*

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### JOYCE MARY IRENE LEEDER 1929-2017:

Born Joyce Crane on 27th December 1929 at Middleton in Suffolk she was the third of eight children of William Herbert and Edith Mary Crane. Five of her siblings survive here and were at Horham Baptist Church for Joyce's funeral service.

The family moved to Badingham and Joyce had to walk to Peasenhall Primary School in all weathers. She was greatly saddened to hear of the school's closure last year. She also remembered going to "the Nanny Goat Farm" to collect milk for the family.

The family then moved to Benningham Green before moving to Occold and what affectionately became known as "Crane's Corner" – the last house on the left as you leave Occold to join the B1077. She attended Eye Area School – now Hartismere High School.

On leaving school Joyce worked at Cedar's Guest House in Occold where

she learned the sport of bowls.

She remembered being sent to the Bottle's (The Bottles Inn and then The Three Bottles, which closed in 1956) for her father – this was something she didn't enjoy as they had geese and they would chase her.

Joyce attended Sunday school and other activities at Occold Baptist Church and she especially enjoyed Sunday school outings to the seaside (a rare occurrence in those days).

She was baptised and became a member of the church in the early 1950s. She remained a member of the church for 60 years before attendance became too difficult but maintained her strong faith.

Joyce met her husband Geoffrey Leeder of Eye and they were eventually married at Occold Baptist Church on 24th June 1961 by Pastor Hedley Goshawk – she recalled it was a hot sweltering day. They were married for 46 years till Geoffrey's death

in 2007.

They lived for a while at Stanway Cottage, a tied cottage at Benningham Hall Farm, where Geoffrey worked as a pigman and farm labourer. They had their first and only child, Phillip, in 1964. The house was inadequate to bring up a young child so the family moved to a council house on The Knoll in Redlingfield in early 1969.

She worked as a home help for several years and as she didn't drive she cycled between houses in all weathers. She enjoyed caring for and helping older people, many of whom became friends. Working with people suited Joyce as she was a people person who got on well with others.

After retirement in the



■ Joyce Leeder died suddenly but peacefully on December 28, 2017, aged 88 years. Wife of the late Geoffrey, dear mother of Phillip, she will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The funeral service was at Horham Baptist Church followed by private interment in Redlingfield.





**Joyce Leeder at home in her pastor's garden and at a coffee morning.**

early 1990s she took up carpet bowls with Phillip playing for Thorndon and then Debenham. When she stopped playing she went to watch Phillip play both bowls and carpet bowls. If she was close by Phillip would hear her say: "Too long, too short, too wide etc."

She enjoyed going out on the Borderhoppa for pub meals and summer visits to the seaside. She especially appreciated her chance to make "one last trip" to Sheringham last year, a place she really loved

In her later years she

attended the Women's Fellowship at Horham Baptist Church, lunches in Occold Village Hall, and coffee mornings at Thorndon Church. She was the originator of Redlingfield's ladies lunches, which graciously included men eventually, and was a regular at the Coffee Caravan in the summer and at coffee mornings in villager's homes in the winter.

After his father died, at first unofficially, and then about five years ago in an official capacity Phillip became his mother's carer so she could remain at home.

**Phillip Leeder**

**Phillip Leeder said of his mother: "I take great comfort she was able to stay in her own home right till the end and that I was able to take care of her – and that almost till the very end she was able to get out to places and meet people as she loved to do, and that the end came quickly and peacefully with no suffering. ... Mother's death came as a great shock for me, and the last month has been the hardest time of my life and without the help of my family and friends it would have been even harder to get through and face. She was much more than just my mother, the saying has never been more true, mother really was my best friend and I miss her deeply."**

*Continued over*

## IN MEMORY OF

*I WAS WALKING TO MY PAINTING CLASS when I met Phillip Leeder coming the other way, pushing his bike up the hill from Eye. "Hi Philip. How are you doing? ... Sorry to hear about Joyce." Philip looked at me and said something I probably won't forget: "I was alright but I'm not any longer. They want me out of the house."*

*He was so terribly upset but his overriding concern was that if he had to move away, because he could not drive, he would not be able to tend his parents' grave.*

*So we faced the prospect of one of us in the village being made to vacate the home he had lived in for more than 50 years from the age of four. And this complete reversal of fortunes could happen in such a very short time.*

*Fast forward to January 30th outside the Baptist chapel in Horham and there stands Philip supported by members of his family ready to greet mourners at his mother's funeral. Now funerals are not usually places where there is much smiling but this one was different. Philip greeted us with a lovely smile and just said: "I'm afraid you will have to put up with me a bit longer – they have now told me that I can stay in my home!" Hugs, handshakes and delight all round.*

*Now this did not just happen but was brought about by the efforts of a certain person or persons, who, to save their modesty, shall be nameless.*

*As somebody said to me after the service "You're a nice lot in Redlingfield". Hugs, handshakes and delight all round and only a tiny but allowable bit of smugness!*

**Neville Butcher**



**THANK YOU:** I would just like to say thank you to all of you who have helped and supported me since the sudden sad death of my mother and the issues with my housing situation, which is now thankfully resolved. For all those who sent cards, attended my mother's funeral and for the help and support given to me – lifts, prayers, encouragement, company and all other support and assistance, thank you all so very much. It has been overwhelming and I will be forever grateful and will never forget all that so many people have done for me.

**Phillip Leeder**

■ **ANGELA BAILEY:** Angela Bailey died at home on January 31st, aged 54 years of Redlingfield. Much loved wife, mum, daughter, sister and nannie. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Redlingfield Church on Wednesday 7th March at 11.30am. followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Angela for either Macmillan Cancer Care or East Anglian Air Ambulance may be sent c/o. Rosedale Funeral Home, 63 Victoria Road, Diss, IP22 4JE or via the Much Loved online memorial site at [www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk](http://www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk).

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# Focus is on things Chinese

**T**O START THIS NEW YEAR and in preparation for the Chinese New Year, Wilby CEVC Primary School's topic is China. We have invited a group of professional Chinese Ribbon Dancers to work with children across the school for a full day. In addition to this in Design Technology/Art the children are creating dragons and they were due to perform dragon and ribbon dances and sharing a range of their

cross curricular work on Chinese with parents at a special performance assembly.

The school now has sports 'houses' so that we can hold intra-school sports events. On Thursday 25th of January children across the school came out to support and cheer on their house football team. Next term we will be holding intra school netball competitions.

Due to the appointment of our new

## ■ DEADLINES FOR ADVERTS & EDITORIAL:

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**Wren Class' Ralph the Reindeer.**

school Sports Lead and the increase in sporting opportunities available in and beyond the school day we are delighted to report that 88 per cent of our pupils attend at least one hour of sports activities in addition to two hours provided within the curriculum.

Following on from our Remembrance Service in December, our Experience Advent Day and Carol Service, this term we have celebrated Epiphany, Christingle and Candlemas. Supported by the Discovery Team from St Edmundsury Cathedral the children have engaged in a whole range of activities and services designed to help them experience and understand these events in the church calendar. You can join us for our Easter service at 2.30pm on Thursday 29th March at St Marys Church in Wilby.

The term finished with a brilliant production of Ralph the Reindeer by Wren Class. This term pupils across the school have produced some amazing art work which will be entered into Young Art East Anglia (YAEA), a competition and exhibition of children's art raising funds for Cancer Research UK.

Before Christmas Kingfisher Class visited the Bond Street Mosque in Ipswich and this term we are being visited by Dr Sushi Sumi who will be

telling Owl Class more about what it is like to be a practising Hindu.

To celebrate World Book day we invited the international children's author Julia Jarman into school. She was due to work with all ages across the

school and lead a whole-school introduction to her books and work as an author.

Last term all of our children took part in a series of Growth Mindset Lessons. Our parents, teachers and TAs also received training about what growth mindset is and how to help our children to develop this approach towards their learning.

The children love it and as a staff we have really noticed how much more positive and confident their attitude is when facing challenges in their learning. Because of this we were really excited this term when we were asked to become part of a project to develop an approach towards learning called ReflectED, which builds on the growth mindset approach. ReflectED, which is sponsored by the Education Endowment Foundation and Durham/York Universities, teaches and develops metacognition skills. It can support and improve attainment for all pupils by enhancing pupils' ability to think about their learning, assess their progress, set and monitor goals, identify strengths and challenges in their learning and develop a dialogue between pupil and teacher. This will be a whole school approach and will run for five terms.

**Roisin Wiseman, headteacher**

## WHAT'S ON

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

**Redlingfield Coffee Morning - New**

**Venue:** at the home of Jacqueline & David Love. Abbots Meadow.

### FRIDAY MARCH 9

**Cinema at Eye:** Breathe (12A).

**Hoxne Film Night:** Victoria & Abdul (PG).

### SATURDAY MARCH 10

**Fireworks Display:** Gates 6pm, display 7.30pm, attractions until 10pm, Fressingfield Playingfield. To celebrate Commonwealth Day & raise funds for 1st Fressingfield Scouts' new HQ. £4 in advance, £5 on gate, under 4s free. Fressingfield Shop, Reflections Hair Harleston, Laxfield Co-op, Horham, Hoxne & Stradbroke POs.

**Eye Bach Choir Concert:** Eye Parish Church, 7.30pm. Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* & Giacomo Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*. Tickets Eye Pharmacy, 871272, tickets@eyebachchoir.co.uk or Ticket Manager.

### THURSDAY MARCH 15

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Victoria and Abdul (PG).

### SATURDAY MARCH 17

**Quiz & Meal:** Worlingworth & Tannington WI quiz Worlingworth Community Centre. Sausages in gravy & mash 6.30pm, quiz 7.30pm. £7.50 per person. Teams of 4. To register for tickets call Diana 01728 628077.

### SUNDAY MARCH 18

**Rocking Foxes:** Eye CC, 2pm. Rock 'n' Roll Record Hop. £5.50.

**Measure for Measure:** RoughCast Theatre Company, Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £10, £8.50 conc, £5 students.

### FRIDAY MARCH 23

**Fish and Chips:** Horham CC.

**Cinema at Eye:** Murder on the Orient Express (12A).

### SATURDAY MARCH 24

**Fram Horticultural Society Spring**

**Show:** United Free Church Hall, Framlingham, 10-11.30am.

### ■ VENUES etc:

**The Bank Eye:** The Bank, 2 Castle Street, Eye, IP23 7AN, 873495 & [www.thebankeye.org](http://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](http://www.framlingham.com). **Helmingham Hall:** 01473 890799,

events@helmingham.com, [www.helmingham.com](http://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](http://www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk). **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station,

Wetheringsett, Suffolk, IP14 5PW, [www.mslr.org.uk](http://www.mslr.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](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).

**Midsuffolk Showgrounds & 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](http://www.owl-help.org.uk). **Wingfield Barns,** 384505,

enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com). **95th Bomb Group Heritage**

**Association/Red Feather Club,** Coldhams Hill, Denham, IP21 5DG,

[www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com), enquiries@95thbg-horham.com.

**40s Swing Night:** Red Feather Club, The Sugar Ray Combo & guest DJ from the Skylark Club.

**Archive Night:** Horham CC.

**Dance:** Wilby Coronation Hall, 8pm. £7.50. Doreen 07591 499912 (no tickets on door). Live music with Buckshee. In aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 24 & 25**

**Redlingfield Village Litter Pick:** Clean up a stretch of the village – please co-ordinate with Janet or Mike.

**SATURDAY MARCH 24 TO MONDAY APRIL 2**

**Exhibition of Prints and Projected**

**Images:** Wingfield Barns, Gallery 1 and 2. Wed to Sun 11am-4pm & Easter Monday. The Royal Photographic Society's Creative Group Members' 2018 Exhibition.

**Barry Freeman exhibition:** Wingfield

Barns, Gallery 1 and 2. Wed to Sun 11am-4pm & Easter Monday. Barry's photos of East Anglian landscapes.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 4**

**Coffee Caravan:** centre Redlingfield village, 10am-noon.

**FRIDAY APRIL 6**

**Bar Meals:** Horham CC.

**Dancing at Lughnasa:** Open Space Theatre Company, Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £11, £9 conc.

**SATURDAY APRIL 7**

**Quiz with Buffet:** Horham CC, 7 for 7.30pm. Organised by Redlingfield PCC. £5 entry. Teams of 4. In aid of church repairs & improvements.

**FRIDAY APRIL 13**

**Cinema at Eye:** Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG).

**Hoxne Film Night:** Murder on the Orient Express (12A).

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## WHAT'S ON

### SUNDAY APRIL 15

**Rocking Foxes:** Eye Community Centre, 2pm. Rock 'n' Roll Record Hop with DJ Crazy Nadge. £5.50.

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 18

**Doorstep Green Tidy:** Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-on.

### THURSDAY APRIL 19

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Murder on the Orient Express" (12A).

### FRIDAY APRIL 20

**Fish and Chips:** Horham CC.

### WEDNESDAY MAY 2

**Coffee Caravan:** centre Redlingfield village, 10am-noon.

### TUESDAY APRIL 24

**Redlingfield Village Committee Meeting:** Redmill, 8pm.

### FRIDAY APRIL 27

**Bar Meals:** Horham CC.

**Cinema at Eye:** Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool (15).

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY APRIL 27 & 28

**Points of View:** Photography exhibition, Cratfield Village Hall.

### SATURDAY APRIL 28

**Pub on the Green:** Pop-up pub, Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-late.

### SATURDAY MAY 5 TO SUNDAY MAY 20

**East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies exhibition:** Wingfield barns, Wed to Sun and Bank Holiday Monday.

### SUNDAY & MONDAY MAY 6 & 7

**Middy in the War Years:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

**The Natural Dog Show:** Stonham Barns.

### WEDNESDAY MAY 9

**Redlingfield Churchyard Tidy:** 6pm on.

### FRIDAY MAY 11

**Curry Night:** Horham CC.

### SATURDAY MAY 12

**Richard Digance:** Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £18.

### SATURDAY MAY 12-SUNDAY JUNE 3

**11th Suffolk Walking Festival**

### SUNDAY MAY 13

**Rocking Foxes:** Eye CC, 2pm. Rock 'n' Roll Record Hop. £5.50.

### WEDNESDAY MAY 16

**Redlingfield Village Meeting AGM:** Horham Community Centre, 8pm.

### SATURDAY MAY 19

**Fram Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale:** United Free Church Hall, Framlingham, 9-11.45am.

**Eye Bach Choir Concert:** Diss Corn Hall, 7.30 pm. A Celebration of Africa. Eye Pharmacy, 871272, Ticket Manager or tickets@eyebachchoir.co.uk

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 19 & 20

**Steam and Vintage Show:** Stonham Barns.

**Remember When:** St Andrew's Church Redlingfield. A variation on a flower festival with light refreshments.

### SUNDAY MAY 20

**Peter Knight's Gigspanner:** Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £16.

### FRIDAY MAY 25

**Fish & Chips:** Horham CC.

### SATURDAY MAY 26

**Pub on the Green:** Pop-up pub, Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-late.

### SUNDAY MAY 27

**Spring Plant Fair with Artisan Market:** Helmingham Hall, 10am-4pm. £7 for adults, children free.

**Stonham Truck Show:** Stonham Barns.

### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MAY 30 & 31

**The Suffolk Show:** Trinity Park.

### JUNE WEEKENDS

**Suffolk Open Studios.**



**SATURDAY JUNE 2**

**Horham Village Fete & Car Boot:**  
Horham CC.

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 6**

**Coffee Caravan:** centre Redlingfield village, 10am-noon.

**SATURDAY JUNE 9**

**Stowblues Festival:** Museum of East Anglian Life.

**SUNDAY JUNE 10**

**Diss Carnival & Funday.**

**FRIDAY JUNE 15**

**Bar Meals:** Horham CC.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 16 & 17**

**75th anniversary of the 95th's arrival at Station 119:** Red Feather Club, details to be announced.

**SATURDAY JUNE 23**

**Fram Horticultural Society Early Summer Show:** United Free Church Hall, Framlingham, 10-11.30am.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 23 & 24**

**Americana Weekend:** Red Feather Club. **Saturday:** The Devils Cut Combo - back by popular demand with guest DJ Slimboy. **Sunday:** Americana Day.

**SUNDAY JUNE 24**

**DixieMix Jazz Band:** Helmingham Hall, 11am-6:30 pm. Gardens from 11am, BBQ & bar from noon, music 4-6.30pm. Adults £7, children:£3.50.

**FRIDAY JUNE 29**

**Mid-Summer Special Bar Meal Evening:** Horham CC.

**SATURDAY JUNE 30**

**Redlingfield Summer Fayre & BBQ:** Doorstep Green, 5pm-late.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 4**

**Coffee Caravan:** centre Redlingfield village, 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:** Summer 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,

# A busy year for Redlingfield

**A** RECENT REDLINGFIELD village committee meeting set the dates for this year's events.

Pubs on the Green, our monthly pop-up pubs, will this year run from April to October with events on Saturday 28th April, 26th May, 28th July, 25th August and 22nd September. The October date has yet to be set as has the date for a Race Night, which we also plan to hold in October.

The Summer Fayre & BBQ has moved to Saturday 30th June to miss harvest. It will start at 5pm with a bar and stalls then food from 6pm on.

We want to have as many traditional games and stalls as possible to keep youngsters (and others) entertained. So would anyone who has usable games in their shed, loft etc please dust them down ready for the fayre. Details after the Tuesday 24th April village committee meeting.

We will be sprucing up Redlingfield with the Village Litter Pick on the weekend of 24th & 25th March –

please co-ordinate with Janet or Mike.

We'll be cleaning, strimming and weeding the Doorstep Green from 6pm on Wednesday 18th April. All help is welcome.

And grab your strimmers and hedge cutters on Wednesday May 9th for the Church Yard Tidy.

Once the new Doorstep Green is opened we'll be looking to hold more events including a car boot sale.

Redlingfield Village Committee are: Drew & Katie Abbott, Graham Abbott, chairman Mike Ager, treasurer Jeanette Brierley, Sue & Allan Chapman, Will Edwards, Emma Hewitt, Chris & Midge Gibbons, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller, secretary Janet Norman-Philips, Lesley & Tony Rose-Freitas & Adrian Smith.

Please talk to them if you have any concerns or ideas.

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## ■ CHEESE & WINE:

Congratulations to Redlingfield PCC whose recent cheese and wine at Horham Community raised £780 in aid St Andrew's church improvement. It went so well that the next cheese and wine has already been booked for 16th February 2019.

■ **POTHoles:** You can report a pothole to Suffolk CC online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk). A map shows if a pothole has been reported. If you consider the problem you are reporting is an emergency you should phone 0345 606 6171 rather than use the online tool. Please report any not on the map.

## ■ DOORSTEP GREEN NEW

**LAND:** Fundraising – Tony's walk raised over £2,000! A pony and bike ride will be happening in spring when the weather is better. The bridge is part built – awaiting better weather – scheduled 19th March to continue/complete. Road and parking still needs to be put in. New hedge is in (thank you to everyone who slogged away at it). Fencing also has to go in. And put in the new drains.

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# Cratfield photo exhibition

**A**N EXHIBITION OF photography by four villagers from Cratfield will go on display in their village hall in late April.

Points of View, on Friday 27th April and Saturday 28th April features work by Chrissie Kitchen, Candy Blackham, Nick Eade and Geoff Moore.

Chrissie remembers the fascination of her father's dark room and his collection of cameras. "I remember the intrigue of family group lineups. We stood still while he would twist dials, run to the group, say cheese, and then wait – if you moved the whole photo went out of focus! Many moons on I take my digital camera, look around – point, click, done – a great pastime

which I enjoy immensely."

In childhood art classes and books on artists were important to Candy and it was a great privilege to visit the great art galleries of Europe later in life. Photography became important three years ago and now she is working hard at the challenges of Photoshop and the Camera Club! Current projects are Canary Wharf in London, Parish Churches, and plants and gardens.

Geoff picked up his camera a few years ago, having previously enjoyed making videos. These days he records his travels in Africa where he loves seeing animals in their natural environment, and the countryside in Suffolk. The trees and the brilliance of

■ **REDLINGFIELD BROADBAND:** We have some good news and some bad news about broadband. The good news is that the green box that is due to bring broadband to Redlingfield has been installed and is being tested as I write this. It should be fully operational by the end of March. The bad news is that it will not provide broadband to anyone on Mill Road, Occold Road or Eye Road (Cranley Green Road). Apparently, because the Suffolk Broadband project and BT decided to install it in the middle of the village and not where the line from Occold enters Redlingfield only half the village will have access to faster broadband. People on the Knoll, Church Road, Green Lane and Low Road – ie those on that side of the green box will be able to access fast broadband. We have written to ask what they plan to do about fixing this – though as far as I am aware they don't plan to do anything more for Redlingfield. The County Council person in charge of the Suffolk Broadband project is councillor Jane Storey (jane.storey@suffolk.gov.uk), our County Councillor is Guy McGregor (guy.mcgregor@suffolk.gov.uk), the BT/Openreach person is Bob Pugh (bob.rlg.pugh@openreach.co.uk) and his boss is Meral Bence (meral.bence@openreach.co.uk). MP Dan Poulter (daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk) is also a keen supporter of rolling out broadband to rural areas. And neighbouring MP Matt Hancock (matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk) has just taken over responsibility for the broadband rollout project at the national level. I'm sure that all of these people would be pleased to hear from you with any views you might have about the delivery of broadband to Redlingfield.

**Janet Norman-Philips**





**Geoff Moore's Leopard in Tree and: Candy Blackham's Blue, white & black.**



the colours in sunsets have a particular fascination for Geoff but he also enjoys those little quirky details which we all love to find!

It was his membership of the International Ranger Federation and its work in protecting and conserving wildlife and the environment which prompted Nick to pick up a camera. Now, both in Suffolk and abroad, he challenges himself to "catch the moment" in a single shot.

The exhibition at Cratfield Village Hall in Manse Lane opens on Friday 27th April, 6pm-8pm, with a pay bar and nice nibbles and is open on Saturday 28th April, 10.30am-5pm, with tea and delicious cakes.

Donations invited for Halesworth Dementia Carers & Prostate Cancer UK. Info from 07879 425 617 or [candyblackham@gmail.com](mailto:candyblackham@gmail.com).

**Candy Blackham**

■ **A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU:** Father and Mother Christmas would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) at Christmas Father Christmas and his Elf had a great morning. £370 was raised for EACH. Many thanks to all who donated and special thanks to the Christmas Elf for his help this year. **Mother Christmas**

■ **QUIZ NIGHT:** Redlingfield PCC is holding a quiz night at Horham Community Centre on Saturday 7th April, 7pm for 7.30pm. £5 per person, teams of four. **Lesley Ann Freitas**

■ **POPPY APPEAL:** The 1917 house to house collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Horham and Athelington raised £380. Many thanks to my helpers Melva Huggins, Violet Allum and Elizabeth Hall. **Janet Fisk**

■ **VILLAGE FETE & CAR BOOT:** Horham Church will be having a stall at the fete and car boot on Saturday 2nd June and is looking for donations of cakes, produce, bric-a-brac and plants. **Daphne Harvey**



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**A POLICING PERSPECTIVE ... MODERN POLICING**



MY RELATIONSHIP WITH policing started more than 10 years ago as a Special Constable working in my home town.

The contrast between today and then is vast. Even in my short career I have seen changes that make our service unrecognisable.

Starting full time in Ipswich, it was fast-paced, action-packed and great fun. I relied on my colleagues, everyone looked after everyone else. We shared a building with some inspirational leaders.


After Ipswich I was posted to a nearby town, a smaller team, a smaller building but still a family. Then, "The Change" happened. The policing model changed,

funding changed, staff numbers changed and moral changed.

Still, we got on with it. We made it work. Some officers struggled but we pulled together. Then came my big change into community policing, "The Beat Officer".

Posted rurally to an area that had previously received an excellent service and now I was to fill a gap where there was once a team. I was soon saying "no" more often than yes.

Then came the name drops, PC Eaves. Knowing Sergeant Eaves (as he is now), he is the epitome of a community officer. I have not met an officer with more focus and drive to make the community a better place, but he too had, had to modernise. I learnt an immense amount



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from Sgt Eaves and these are skills I now draw upon to fulfil my role.

I was recently told that the profile of local policing is dwindling and we were invisible, the good work that Sergeant Eaves had done was fading away. In response I didn't disagree but reiterated we are doing our best with less.

We have higher demand than ever before, less resources, less funding and more complex crime.

We are not the same service but we are a modern service, we are honest and transparent.

You may think we are invisible, but we are more accessible than ever. We have online reporting, we have dedicated email addresses for local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, we have yellow phones outside stations, we have 101 and 999, we have Freedom of Information and we still have PCSOs!

We have to focus our efforts on the "bigger picture", incidents that cause the most harm, protect the most vulnerable, impact the widest community and make Suffolk a safe place to live, work, travel and invest.

**Written by PC 1856 Dan Peck – Eye Safer Neighbourhood Team  
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**ELIZABETH GIBSON-HARRIES, YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**



NOW THAT WE ARE MORE settled with Suffolk County Council in Ipswich, meetings and parish business is gathering speed.

I can't say I am overjoyed at trying to get into Ipswich for 9am meetings in the winter but we do pass a Starbucks on the way!

The planning department are still a few officers short but are recruiting widely. They are trying to streamline applications with the Pre App and details on the website showing the papers an applicant has to have done in the timescale. I aim to get a Ward-wide meeting with a senior officer in the spring to answer any pressing questions on the process.

I am also hoping to get a few other "rural" members together to press the planners for "the right homes in the right places".

Building is inevitable even on greenfield, agricultural and out of village envelope.

The issue of the infrastructure is one we are concerned about, not only schools and doctors but also roads, sewage and

water. Broadband is also counted as infrastructure.

In the villages we need to keep our young and elderly together when they want to be, to look after their children and then to look after us. We are all more healthy in our own communities and homes.

Mid Suffolk is still a sovereign council, Babergh have not decided whether they want to join with us or not. We are recycling more waste thanks to you but there is still a lot we can do for the environment taking care of our surroundings.

Happily, potholes are not my problem I am sure Cllr McGregor would love to hear from you if you see any!

The water table is very high after all the rain we have had this winter so could farmers keep the ditches clear to prevent flooding.

I try to attend as many Parish Council meetings as I can. Your Parish Council or Meeting is your voice in the community so do try to attend one now and again, who knows what you might learn.

Roll on spring.

**Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, Chairman, Mid Suffolk District Council  
Councillor for Hoxne Ward (384680 or 07766 224390)**

■ **CHURCH IN RUNNING FOR PRIZE:** Redlingfield might be even more famous than it is already (if such a thing were possible)! The wonderful work of the roof restoration has been entered for the John Betjeman Prize, this is an annual award made by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Britain and celebrates excellence in the repair of places of worship of all denominations in England and Wales. Importantly, the award is always made to the building rather than to an individual, so this is a chance for a whole community to celebrate. Here's hoping, but firstly the church has been entered, a copy of our submission is in the church porch for anyone who'd like to look at it, and it is well worth a look for the pictures of how the roof used to be and the extent of restoration that was needed. Something made possible by the hard work of so many people in and connected to Redlingfield.

**Revd Michael Womack**



## THE REVEREND REFLECTS ... ON A TIME FOR HOLY FOOLS



FOR MANY PEOPLE, SPRING is their favourite season. It's a time of growth, of new energy and new hope. Farmers and gardeners alike are looking forward to the season ahead and seeing the green blades appearing. Birds and animals are more active. Courting couples are making wedding plans.

New growth comes at a cost, though (and not just the financial cost of those weddings!). The germinating seed is broken; the tender shoot has to force its way through the earth, sometimes bending out of shape as it does so. Parent birds have to work their feathers off to feed their chicks. There is an investment to be made in new planting and new hopes of all kinds.

The church's year recognises this. First the season of Lent, which began on 14 February this year, offers the opportunity

to grow through costly self-discipline, prayer and generosity to others. Then comes the intensity of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, as we attend closely to the events of the costly last few days leading up to the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, followed by the outburst of joy and energy as we celebrate his resurrection to new life on Easter Day.

Appropriately enough, Easter is on 1 April this year, All Fools' Day, for "the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God". Let's embrace the chance to be Holy Fools this Easter! The celebrations will continue all through April until Ascension Day and Pentecost in May. Whatever you invest in new hopes and plans this Spring, I pray that the emotional and spiritual cost may be more than recompensed by new life in its fullness.

**Revd Eleanor Goodison, Associate Priest**

**Revd Michael Womack is rector of the Hoxne Benefice**

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### ■ PLANNING:

**TO BE DECIDED:** outline application for up to seven dwellings opposite **Manor Park and fronting Worlingworth Road, Horham**; ; change of use from annexe to separate dwelling, **Rose Farm; Athelington Road Horham**.

**GRANTED:** plan to erect a two-storey side and rear extension and detached garage, **Frances Cottage, Athelington Road, Horham**; plan to erect rear extension, loft conversion with dormer roof extension, front porch and new three-bay cart lodge with room over, **Old Rectory, Horham Road, Athelington**; plan to convert garage to form additional living accommodation, **Firethorn, The Street, Horham**.

**WITHDRAWN:** plan to convert single storey building and extend one-and-a-half storeys to create 3-bedroom dwelling, **The Homestead, The Street, Horham**.

Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council  
(<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>).

## CHURCH & INFORMATION

### ■ CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES:

**MARCH 4 Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Redlingfield** 9.30am HC\*.

**MARCH 11 Mothering Sunday**  
**Horham** 11.15am Mothering  
Sunday Service.

**MARCH 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Athelington** 9.30am HC\*.

**MARCH 25 Palm Sunday**  
**Redlingfield** 10am MP+;  
**Horham** 11.15am FS.

**MARCH 30 Good Friday**  
**Horham** Passion Accounts and  
silent prayer 7pm on.

**APRIL 1 Easter Day**  
**Redlingfield** 9.30am HC.

**APRIL 8 Horham** 9.30am BCP\*.

**APRIL 15 Athelington** 9.30am HC\*.

**APRIL 22 Redlingfield** 10am MP;  
**Horham** 11.15am FS.

**APRIL 29 Athelington** 11.15am Benefice  
Communion \* and +.

**MAY 6 Rogation Sunday**  
**Redlingfield** 9.30am HC+.

**MAY 13 Sunday after Ascension**  
**Horham** 9.30am BCP.

**MAY 20 Pentecost**  
**Athelington** 9.30am HC+.

**MAY 27 Trinity Sunday**  
**Redlingfield** 10am MP;  
**Horham** 11.15am FS\*.

HC = Holy Communion, FC = Family Communion, FS = Family Service, MP = Morning  
Prayer, BCP = Book of Common Prayer  
\* with Rev Michael + with Rev Eleanor

**Woman's World Day of Prayer: Friday 2nd March at Horham Baptist Church, 2pm.**

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