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WE'VE HAD SOME VERY BLUSTERY AND SOGGY WEATHER recently with two stormy weekend's running. Below is a picture of damage caused by the first storm, Ciara. The tree on Mill Road, Redlingfield, took out fibreoptic cables and along with a fault in Occold this meant the village went back to the pre-fast broadband days for a week. I would like to thank UK Power Networks who quickly came out to inspect and and assure us it was safe and the locals who then got chainsawing and cleared the road double quick. I would also like to thank the Openreach engineers who braved the following weekends' storm Dennis going up in a cherry-picker in high winds to get Redlingfield back online.

Mike Ager



REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AT THE END OF MARCH.

■ **PLANNING: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED:** for plan for 7 poultry sheds on **land to the south of B1117 Horham** & 12 proposed poultry sheds on **land to the east of Woodlane Road, Southolt**. **GRANTED:** application to erect four poultry houses, store & offices (following demolition of six existing poultry houses), **Homefield Farm, Southolt Road, Athelington**. **REFUSED:** application to erect replacement dwelling including artist's studio at **Chapel Cottage, Chapel Lane, Horham**.

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Ciara & Dennis have last

THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF A harsh winter as we reach the middle of February and a couple of dry days allow some eager farmers to rev up and get going with the fertiliser spreaders. Though it has been very mild, the crops look in need of help after three months of waterlogged conditions. But just to remind us that few aconites don't make a spring, Ciara and Dennis blow in to remind us who has the last word.

RAINFALL RECORDS DATING back twenty five years demonstrate the extent of the heavy rainfall in October and November so when winter began with a dry week in December it was with some relief ... but the respite didn't last.

How many times do we hear it said that East Anglia has escaped lightly compared to counties further north, though that is scant consolation to

farmers with soils too wet to drill wheat or even harvest sugarbeet. In contrast, a shoot day on the sandlings near the Suffolk coast gave the guns very easy walking on light soils growing vegetables but a friend's Labrador, photographed in a in a two-foot deep gulley, provided stark evidence of serious soil erosion.

Farmers are now doing some soul-searching about soil management, especially on soils suited for root crops where the harvesting to meet deadlines comes at a heavy cost to soil structure.

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.

Dry December weather is often cold, and a thin layer of ice on the pond



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word

Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife

prevented the mallard from crossing to scavenge near the bird feeders, despite the ice-breaker attempts of a couple of paddling drakes. After a prolonged winter of pair-bonding, the male leaves the area and the female broods and rears the young in his absence ... hardly a shining example of paternal care.

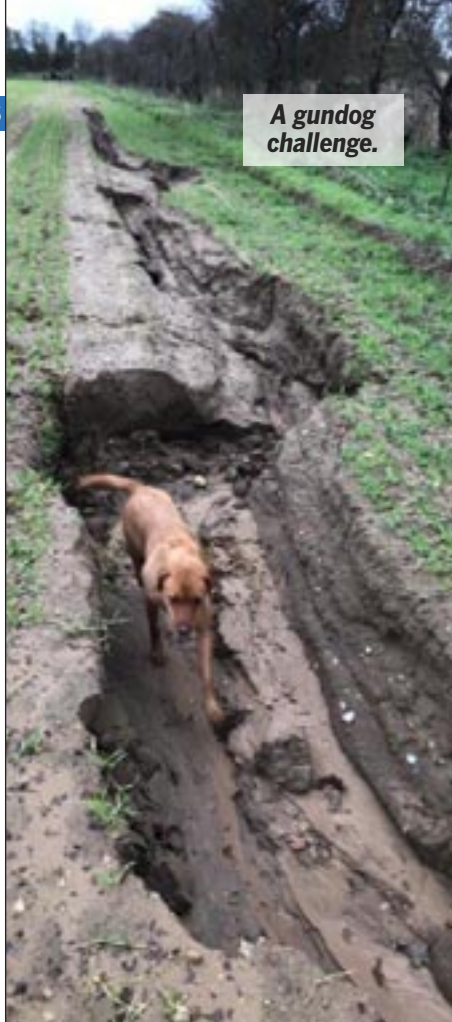
A visit to the North Norfolk coast in January, to see the huge skeins of geese over the Wash at low tide, surpassed expectations and the coastal road from Holt to Snettisham was a pleasure to drive ... just don't go in August.

With places to stop and stare on a near-deserted road not short of good pubs, Doc Goodge and I had plenty of chances to sort out the teal from the wigeon before the day's highlight at RSPB Titchwell.

He had seen this only once before and there it was again, a water rail and a first sighting for me. Truly secretive compared to its well-known cousin the moorhen, the water rail's useful long red bill can skewer anything from a shrimp to a small mammal and even a frog if it hops into range.

Continued over.

A gundog challenge.



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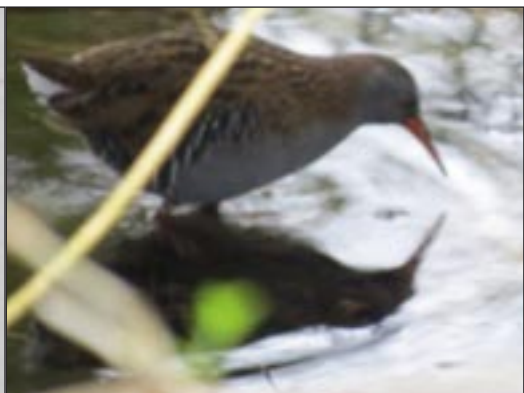
Back at home, a giant toad hopefully lived on when relocated by the barn restoration on Cranley road. Duncan and Zara now live where decades of Xmas turkeys were plucked and concrete breaking forced this primeval looking amphibian into the daylight.

AFTER A CHALLENGING winter, I am looking forward to a good summer of bird song and bumper crops, but the reality of weather events here pales to insignificance when

having a chat with a friend in Australia about the devastating bushfires. He has family in Ballarat, near Melbourne, where emergency water is stored in tanks the size of swimming pools and everybody lives ready to evacuate in two minutes flat. The horses are stabled close by, always ready to be loaded in the *float* (horse box) which is kept hitched up to the *jute* (pick-up). Their dogs are at their heels with a “go” case packed beside the door ready and waiting for the alarm. The commitment of the Australian



Wigeon in waiting & the secretive water rail (right).



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firefighters to help their communities was unwavering but they report increased anxiety from seeing firsthand the damage to the wildlife, when koalas died in agony and birds fell dead from the sky in their thousands.

EARLY FEBRUARY IS THE TIME of the Big Farmland Bird Count when farmers, especially those with environmental schemes, spend some time surveying wild bird populations in their fields.

It was pleasing to see plentiful fieldfares, meadow pipits and skylarks on the wheat which had been direct-drilled into the rape stubbles of last harvest, a technique meant to encourage the biodiversity of buglife in the top soil layer. These birds are all lovers of wide open spaces but a bonus was a large flock of chaffinches two dozen strong, some perched prettily on the old rape stalks and showing pink in the low winter sun.

Of course two buzzards were on the list and the count included our old foe the magpie. Now more numerous than ever, I was reminded of an unusual sight of last year when I saw four mobbing a sparrow-hawk.

I regretted no yellowhammers on the day but on Jan 13th I had seen a welcome sight of a large flock of them about 12-15 strong and nearby the grassy remains of a nest from last year. Nesting near the ground in the unkempt base of a hedge, yellowhammers benefit from very sparing use of the bushwhacker.

A reluctant toad sees the light.



GREY SQUIRRELS PROSPER IN these parts and they are beneficiaries of our bird feeding tables. However there is also good news for the red squirrel which has been ousted by the grey in northern areas. The pine marten has been reintroduced, the population is growing and they are very partial to tasty grey squirrels. Maybe hedgehogs would increase in numbers if a predator could be found to eat some badgers, the first of which has arrived at Wash Farm.

WE ARE NOT ALONE IN celebrating the old milestone of three score years and ten. The oldest bird in the world is an albatross named Wisdom, she is 69 years old and nests on the Midway Atoll, South Pacific, where she has produced 35 chicks over that time. If only she could talk because the beach where she breeds is now covered in plastic rubbish.

Trevor Edwards

Enduring the vandals

AT THE OLD SCHOOL Horham we have endured a campaign of vandalism including broken windows, a broken exterior light, locks jammed with nails and superglue and theft of parking signs.

This has, of course, been very disheartening for the community and all the volunteers who work hard to provide a pleasant and safe daytime venue for local people to meet. We are grateful to Suffolk Police for their support and help over several months and hope that we have seen an end to this unpleasantness.

Despite these problems we have remained open, have been heartened by support from the village, and are planning some interesting activities this year. Keep checking our Facebook page for more information!

There are places available in the Yoga Class on Monday afternoons (1.30-2.30pm). Increase your fitness and flexibility in a friendly group taught by the lovely Sylvia Gibbons from Stradbroke. Bring your own yoga mat if possible and pay weekly or per half term.

The book group meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month



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and conversation. Come and join us on Wednesday mornings (10.30am-noon).

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Volunteer to help haven

POUND LANE WOOD WAS set up in 2005-06 as a community woodland and leisure facility for all the villagers of Denham, Horham and Athelington.

However, the hope was that it would also become a wild life haven, and both of these ambitions have achieved fruition.

The woodland, because it is enclosed, has become a favourite venue for dog walkers, and the pond has become a favoured habitat for Great Crested Newts.

Beside the pond is a random heap of logs, set there to provide a home for hibernating wild life including newts

and the group would appreciate it if visitors to the woodland would leave these logs undisturbed.

Among the group's tasks for the coming season is to cut back and remove vegetation which is preventing access to Pound Lane, and in doing so, enhance the grassland element along the route of the RUPP (road used as a public path). Blackthorn in particular is now colonising a significant proportion of the green lane, shading out other plants and grasses.

Volunteers from all three villages will be welcome to assist with this task and a provisional date of Saturday 7th March is planned maybe extending to

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the 8th, subject to the weather conditions.

Do come to help with this work if you can but please wear suitable clothing and bring gloves. Posters confirming the date will be circulated, and refreshments provided.

Work will be undertaken with hand tools, although disposal of arisings will be by mechanical chopper. Once cleared the orchid population, already observed in the area, will be encouraged and regular maintenance can be undertaken in the future. This will be one of many working parties at the woodland and everyone is welcome to all our events.

This is a community woodland 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. To join the group please contact our Secretary Penny Conway on 01379 870 165.

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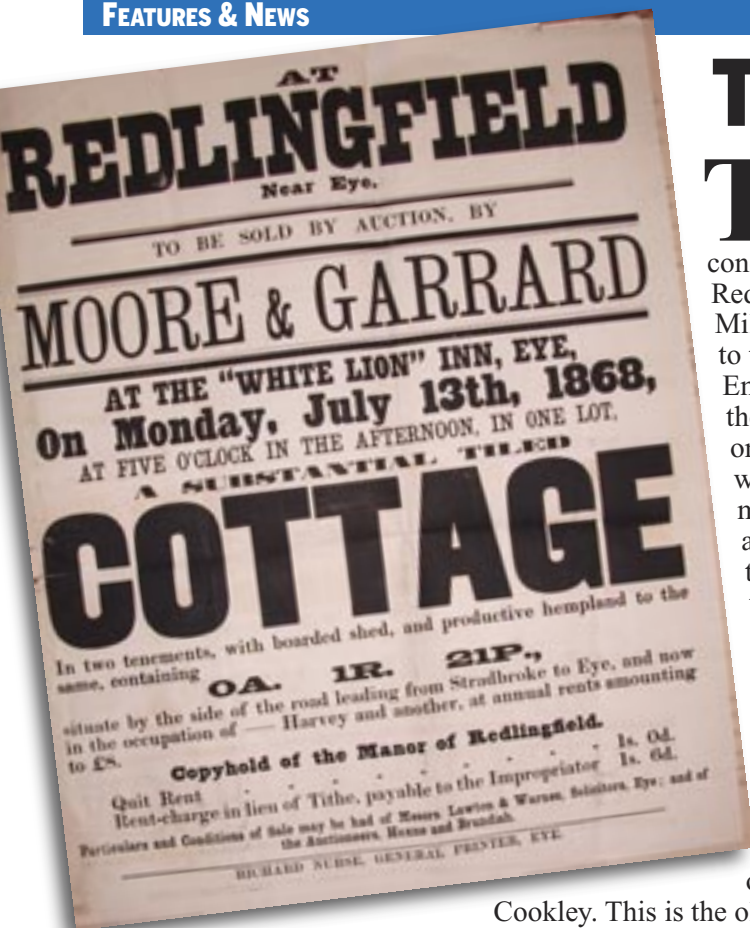


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The tale

THIS POSTER IS one of many documents concerning the property in Redlingfield now known as Mill Cottage which came to the present owners, Emma and Ben, when they bought the cottage on Occold Corner. They were kind enough to let me look at them. This is a very brief summary of the information held in these fascinating papers.

1801 - Edmund Furnish bought the building then called Godfreys and Mansers "lately erected" and ten acres of land from Samuel Fuller "late of Stonham" but then of Cookley. This is the oldest document in the

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of one Redlingfield home



Mill Cottage in Redlingfield.

Mansers, was sold to William Muttick (so spelled).

1929 -

William died intestate and in 1931 his wife Harriet also died leaving John Armstrong, solicitor and E.A. Onyons as executors.

set so we can say that the building goes back to at least that year.

1814 - Oliver Howes, local blacksmith, paid £130 for “two tenements known as Godfreys and Mansers” plus ten acres of land to Mr. Edmund Furnish, Yeoman of Worlingworth.

1818 - Richard Rodwell purchased the building from Oliver Howes for £90 to be paid at £4. 10s per year! By **1841** it seems that £82 had been paid. In 1861 George Howes, son of Oliver, finalised the sale with Richard Rodwell’s executors on payment of the outstanding balance.

1868 - At the auction advertised by the poster the cottage in two tenements was bought by Edgar Chenery, solicitor and landed proprietor, of Eye for £68 from the executors of Richard Rodwell of Debenham.

1886 - After the death of Rebecca Ann Chenery, widow of Edgar, the property which was still known as Godfreys and

It seems that both gentlemen died before completing the administration of the estate.

1976 - Declaration of Gladys Mitson, daughter of William Muttick regarding ownership and boundaries of the property and Letters of Administration granted to her. In November Caroline and Peter Bailey bought the property now referred to as Mill House.

1981 - Declaration by William Muttick’s son that his father was the person referred to as William Muttick in 1886 and that the property had been owned by his family from 1886 to 1976.

1983 - Sale of what is referred to as Mill Cottage by the Baileys to Dennis and Margaret Smith.

1984 - Plans for an extension were approved.

2011 - Sale particulars were drawn up by Clarke & Simpson. *Linda Hudson*

Norfolk & Suffolk artists'

ARTISTS' STUDIOS ACROSS Norfolk and Suffolk will be opening their doors to the public again this year in May and June.

Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios is from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 7th June and Suffolk Open Studios runs throughout the weekends in June.

Harleston & Waveney Art Trail Open Studios sees studios open Saturday 16th May to Saturday 23rd May.

Rosemary Elliott will be working as artist in residence in Wingfield Barns' Studio 4 (11am-6pm) every day including Bank Holiday Monday throughout the Harleston & Waveney



Art Trail Open Studios this year.

There will be a retrospective exhibition of her paintings and prints including her latest contemporary landscapes (pictured opposite). She will be working every day in the studio giving visitors a chance to see her



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studios open to visitors

work in progress. There will be a large guide map on display showing all the artists studios from Bungay to Brockdish enabling visitors to plan their journeys.

During the Open Studios weekends visitors are able to have a look behind the scenes and see the artists in action. There are also hubs and trails that can make it easier to see many artists in one day.

Suffolk Open Studios' printed directory should be available in



various locations around the county from April – you should be able to find them in libraries, schools, shops and tourist information offices.

Information on all three events will be available online closer to their starting dates.

● Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios www.nnopenstudios.org.uk

● Suffolk Open Studios www.suffolkopenstudios.org

● Harleston & Waveney Art Trail Open Studios www.hwat.org.uk



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The 2019 Fun Dog Show on Redlingfield Doorstep Green.



New events joining old

REDLINGFIELD is going to be even busier than usual this year with the church adding a couple of new events to the line up for 2020.

The year kicked off in February with a successful Cheese and Wine to raise funds in aid of St Andrews Church improvements at Horham Community Centre.

Also in aid of the church there will be a Car Boot Sale on Redlingfield Doorstep Green on Sunday April 19 starting at 10am. The Doorstep Green Bar will be open 11am-1pm. Car boot entry £5 per car. Another new event organised by the Parochial Church Council is a Scarecrow Walk, BBQ and stalls on Sunday August 30 including a church service at 11.15am. Doorstep Green bar open noon to 4pm. More details to come closer to the day.

Two events are back again in 2020 after their successful debuts last year with a Fun Dog Show on Sunday June 21 and a Produce Show on Sunday September 13.

The dog show will offer prizes for

best rescue, best puppy, waggiest tail, best handler, scruffiest dog, best veteran and best bitch and dog. It should be fun for all the family and the Doorstep Green's pop-up pub will be open 11am-3pm.

The Produce Show, also on the Doorstep Green and to raise funds for church improvements, should again prove a hit. It is followed by an open-air Harvest Festival service. The Doorstep Green's pop-up pub will be open 11am-3pm. These event in aid of St Andrews are organised by Alison Smith (07817 207462).

A quiz is also planned in November (date to be set).

The village committee will be holding Pubs on the Green on Saturdays May 30, June 20, August 15, September 12 and October 12, 6pm till midnight, as well as opening our pop-up pub for other events. The May pop-up pub will have a VE Day theme and the August one a VJ Day theme. On Saturday July 4 our Summer Fayre & Village BBQ, from 5pm onwards, will have an American



favourites

theme. £6 ticket for three BBQ items.

It's not all fun and games though we would like people to get out and about in the village on Saturday and Sunday March 14 and 15 for the annual village litter pick. Please can people co-ordinate with Janet Norman-Philips and wash any village signs you can (direction and speed limits etc).

On Wednesdays April 8 and 15 we'll be holding joint tidy ups on the Doorstep Green and Church Yard from 6pm onwards both days. We also hope to install a new play cube and rubber matting on the Doorstep Green.

The Village Meeting would like to invite residents to the annual AGM on Wednesday May 20 at Horham Community Centre from 8pm.

The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project will be returning this year on the first Wednesday of the month from April to October inclusive (10am-noon). Also note the Coffee Morning at Mike and Jan's Hidcote Lodge home has moved to Wednesday March 11 as power will be off on March 4.

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REDLINGFIELD EVENTS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 NEW DATE:

Coffe Morning Hidcote Lodge.

Saturday & Sunday March 14 & 15:

Redlingfield Village Litter Pick.

Wednesdays April 8 & 15:

Redlingfield Doorstep Green & Church Yard Tidy.

Sunday April 19: Car boot & BBQ:
Starts 10am.

Wednesday May 20: Redlingfield AGM.

Saturday May 30: Pub on Green.

Wednesday June 17: Redlingfield Village Committee Meeting.

Saturday June 20: Pub on Green.

Sunday June 21: Fun Dog Show.

Saturday July 4: Summer Fayre & Village BBQ.

Saturday August 15: Pub on Green.

Sunday August 30: Scarecrow Walk & BBQ.

Saturday September 12: Pub on Green.

Sunday September 13: Produce show.

Saturday October 10: Pub on Green.

1st Wednesdays of month (April to October): Coffee Caravan, centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

Breaking out the beer for

ON MAY 8TH 1945 THE Allies accepted Germany's unconditional surrender and the war in Europe was over. The men of the 95th Bomb Group, stationed at Horham airfield, were quick to break

out the beer and celebrate the end of hostilities as the pictures opposite show.

However, other members of the 95th celebrated

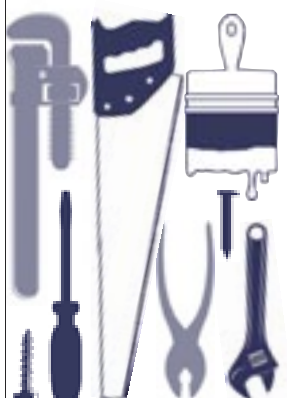
wherever they were. Ted Lucey, radio technician, with the 336th Squadron, said: "Victory in Europe, or VE-Day, found me at Elveden Hall, Third Air Division headquarters, celebrating with the party to end all parties. It was held in the stable yard and garden ... which in all its centuries had never witnessed its equal."

Flt Surgeon Dr Jack McKittrick was celebrating his birthday and had been to a lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons when he found himself "in the middle of history in London on VE night."

He was in a theatre in Leicester Square when he "heard all this commotion and went outside. The



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VE-Day

streets were so packed with people it took me two hours to get to Piccadilly Circus. British Tommys and GIs were packed together in and on taxis, buses, and firetrucks.

"That night I couldn't buy a drink in London. Everything was free. I was at the Dorchester Hotel and we all listened to Winston Churchill's speech; it was the most exciting night I've ever seen. They lighted all the lights for the first time in six years; big department stores, Piccadilly Circus, Oxford Street, Houses of Parliament were all shining bright.

"One thing I will always remember was the quiet-spoken Englishman who said to me on that joyous night, 'Thank you Yank we couldn't have done it without you ...'"

The locals in Horham also celebrated, David Johnson, who at the time lived in Horham Post Office said: "My biggest recollection of VE-Day... was that Horham Dragon was full up. I was allowed into the corridor, which goes into the pub itself, but not allowed into the pub. I went home and Mother said, 'David you haven't been drinking'... and I said, 'Mum. I had a Shandy'. She said, 'You did not!' And I said, 'I did.' Mother wasn't happy!"

Pictures and information courtesy of the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association who operate and manage The Red Feather Club museum.





A great year

THE RED Feather Club is set for another big year with events and visits planned for the whole of the 2020 season.

There are the usual public open days on the last Sunday of the month from April to October 910am-4pm) and visits by tour groups, veterans, 95th families, youth and school groups and local organisations planned.

It is hoped that one of the open days will also see the staging of a play about the friendly invasion.

The RFC swings into 2020 on Saturday March 28th with a dance featuring the

Horham debut of The Native Oysters Band. "Formed originally as a community street band for the Whitstable Oyster Festival parade, the Native Oysters have evolved to become a funky, electrifying experience with tight, powerful horn arrangements and creamy, soulful vocals ...".

That night guest London DJ Tequila Mockingbird will also be spinning swing. Admission is £12.

On Saturday June 27th Hawaiian dance returns with the welcome return of the The Devil's Cut Combo and guest DJ Texas Tommy. The



*From left & top to bottom:
Skyliner, The Devil's Cut Combo
& The Native Oysters Band*

ahead for 95th

Devil's Cut Combo "stand out not only due to their effortless style and authenticity, which drive an infectious beat of hot early 50's R'nB, Rockin' Blues and Boogie Woogie, but also by the delivery of their exceptional original material".

The following day is the increasingly popular Americana Day – a celebration of all things American.

Saturday September 26th sees the welcome return of the 200th Mission dance and the 95th's very own big band Skyliner. The nine-

piece "are the Premier 1940s band in East Anglia and the Home Counties".



The historic Red Feather Club, operated and managed by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, is in a former NCOs' club and exclusively houses memorabilia relating to the 95th Bomb Group.

For dance tickets call 07788 966 640 or email andy.av8@hotmail.com for details. Also see www.95thbg-horham.com.

Red Feather Club Museum, Coldhams Hill, Denham, IP21 5DG.

RED FEATHER CLUB EVENTS

Saturday March 28: Dance The Native Oysters Band & DJ Tequila Mockingbird. £12. 7.30pm.

Sunday April 26: Open Day Including classic car club visit.

Sunday May 31: Open Day.

Saturday June 27: Dance Hawaiian night with The Devil Cuts Combo & DJ Texas Tommy.

Sunday June 28: Americana Day, 10am-4pm.

Sunday July 26: Open Day.

Sunday August 30: Open Day.

Saturday September 26: Dance Big band Skyliner.

Sunday September 27: Open Day.

Sunday October 25: Open Day. & AGM Final open day of year with stalls, vehicles etc 10am-4pm, AGM 5pm.

Thursday November 19: Wreath Laying Redlingfield Memorial, 8.30am.

Wednesday December 9: Carol Service with Salvation Army Band, 7pm.

WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29

Archive film night: Horham Community Centre, 7.15 for 7.45pm.

TUESDAY MARCH 3

Horham & Athelington Parish Council meeting.

FRIDAY MARCH 6

Fish & Chips: Horham CC.

SATURDAY MARCH 7

Concert - Chris Wood: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £14.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11

Redlingfield Coffee Morning: Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road 10am-noon.

FRIDAY MARCH 13

Hoxne Film Night - Judy: Hoxne Village Hall, bar 7pm, film 7.30pm.

SATURDAY MARCH 14

Jumble Sale: Worlingworth Community Centre, 10am-noon.

Top Night Out: Debenham Sports & Leisure Centre, live music from Chelsea Francis & dance floor fillers, 7pm. £8 in advance (01728 861101), £10 on door.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 14 & 15

Redlingfield Village Litter Pick: Please can you also wash village signs (direction & speed limits etc).

THURSDAY MARCH 19

Stradbroke Cinema - Good Liar: Stradbroke CC.

FRIDAY MARCH 20

Bar Meals: Horham CC.

SATURDAY MARCH 21

St Patrick's Celebration: Thorndon Village Hall, 6 for 6.30pm till late. £20 from 678551 or 678676.

Concert - Miranda Sykes: The Bank Arts Centre, Eye, 8:00 pm, £10/£12.

SATURDAY MARCH 28

Country Music Night - Bill Conlon: Debenham S&LC, 7pm.

Dance: Red Feather Club. The Native Oysters Band & DJ Tequila Mockingbird. £12. 7.30pm.

SUNDAY MARCH 29

Daffodil Open Garden: The Old Coach House, The Street, Brockdish, IP21 4JY. Adults £3 children free with adult. Two acres plus of woodland & gardens leading down to the river Waveney.

Concert - Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £14, £12 conc.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

FRIDAY APRIL 3

Fish & Chips: Horham CC.

WEDNESDAYS APRIL 8 & 15

Redlingfield Doorstep Green & Church Yard Tidy: 6pm onwards both evenings at venues.

FRIDAY APRIL 10

A View From the Bridge: Arthur Miller's play performed by Open Space Theatre Company. Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, £12, £9.50 conc.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 12 & 13

Easter Steam Up: Mid Suffolk Light railway (MSLR).

THURSDAY APRIL 16

Stradbroke Cinema - Official Secrets: Stradbroke CC.

SATURDAY APRIL 18

Charity Dance: Horham Community Centre, in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice & MacMillan's 'I'm Braving the Shave'. Bar & raffle. £6 from Karen 07775672220.

Stradbroke Cricket Club Race Night: Stradbroke Community Centre, 7-10pm.

Hands Across the Sea Workshop & Concert programme: Wingfield Barns

11am-11pm. Instrumental, social dance & song workshops from Ireland & England, lunchtime music session, showcase & concert. Workshops £12, concert £15, event ticket (to inc 2 workshops) £35.

SUNDAY APRIL 19

Car boot & BBQ: Redlingfield Doorstep Green in aid of St Andrews Church improvements. Starts 10am. Doorstep Green Bar open 11am-1pm. £5 per car.

SATURDAY APRIL 25

Country Music Night - Mickey Page: Debenham S&LC, 7pm.

SUNDAY APRIL 26

Open Day: Red Feather Club. Including classic car club visit. 10am-4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

Concert - The Rheingans Sisters: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £15.

FRIDAY MAY 1

Concert - Christina Martin with Dale Murray Wonderful Lie Tour: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. £12.

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

FRIDAY MAY 8

VE Day Swing Dance: The Glenn Hurst Music Big Band, Museum of East Anglian Life. Adults, advance £10, door £12; children, advance £4, door £8; conc, advance £8, door £10.

VE Day Celebration: MSLR.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 9 & 10

Middy in the War Years: MSLR.

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

Redlingfield Village Meeting AGM: Horham CC, 8pm.

SUNDAY MAY 24

Spring Plant Fair with Artisan Market: Helmingham Hall, 10am-4pm. Admission inc entry to gardens £8, children free.

Country Music Night - Dave Sherriff: Debenham S&LC, 7pm.

SUNDAY & MONDAY MAY 24 & 25

Steam & Diesel: MSLR.

■ VENUES etc:

The Bank Arts Centre - Eye: The Bank, 2 Castle Street, Eye, IP23 7AN, 873495 & www.thebankeye.org. Debenham Sports & Leisure Centre, Gracechurch St, IP14 6BL, www.debenhamsportsandleisure.co.uk, 01728 861101. **Framlingham:**

www.framlingham.com. **Helmingham Hall:** 01473 890799, events@helmingham.com, www.helmingham.com. **Horham & Athelington Community Centre:** Karen, 384754.

Hoxne Film Nights: bar 7pm, film 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.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. **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, www.wegottickets.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

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MAY 27 & 28

Suffolk Show.

SATURDAY MAY 30

Pub on Green: Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm till midnight. Theme VE Day 75 years ago.

SUNDAY MAY 31

Open Day: Red Feather Club. 10am-4pm.

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

THROUGHOUT JUNE

Suffolk Open Studios: Artists' studios open throughout the month.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

SATURDAY JUNE 6

Stowblues Festival: The Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket. Line-up tba. Super Early Bird (until March 31) £10; Early Bird (May 31) £12; standard

£15.

SUNDAY JUNE 7

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

Keith James The Music of Yusuf -

Cat Stevens: The Bank Arts Centre Eye, 7.30 pm. £12 in advance, £15 on door.

SATURDAY JUNE 13

Horham Bygones Rally: Horham CC.

SUNDAY JUNE 14

Road Run: Horham CC.

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 13 & 14

Eye Open Gardens: £5 per person, ticket covers both days, children under 16 go free. More than 25 gardens open. Town hall has vintage teas & a large number of stalls - tombola, plants & crafts, garden paraphernalia & a bric-a-brac.



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■ HORHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

EVENTS: The Community Centre will be hosting a special charity dance on Saturday 18th April to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice. Entry is £6 for the dance, which runs from 7.30pm until late. Karen Alderton will be having her head shaved for MacMillan's Brave the Shave if she reached her £500 donations target. A Justgiving page is being set up and donations can also go straight to Karen. As well as the regular Friday fish and chip and bar meal nights the community centre has a big weekend planned for June with its Bygones Rally on Saturday 13th and a road run the following day. Its annual car boot sale is on Saturday 11th July.

Karen Alderton (07775672220)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

Redlingfield Village Committee

Meeting: Hidcote Lodge.

SATURDAY JUNE 20

Pub on Green: Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm till midnight.

SUNDAY JUNE 21

Sufflok Day.

Fun Dog Show: Redlingfield Doorstep Green in aid of St Andrews Church improvements. Alison Smith (07817 207462). Pop-up pub 11am-3pm.

Steam Railway Day & Father's Day: MSLR.

SATURDAY JUNE 27

Country Music Night - Kenny Paul: Debenham S&LC, 7pm.

Dance: Red Feather Club. Hawaiian night with The Devil Cuts Combo & DJ Texas Tommy.

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

Americana Day: Red Feather Club. 10am-4pm.

Steam Railway Day & East Anglian Practical Classics: MSLR.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 27 & 28

Country Fair: Heveningham Hall, 10am-5pm.

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

THURSDAY JULY 2-SUNDAY JULY 5

24th Festival of Beer & Brewing: The Museum of East Anglian Life. Adults £3; Festival ticket £6. Free entry on Sunday (limited selection of beer).

SATURDAY JULY 4

Redlingfield Summer Fayre &

Village BBQ: Redlingfield Doorstep Green, (USA theme) 5pm onwards with Pub on Green. BBQ £6 ticket for three items.

■ **REGULAR EVENTS:**

MONDAYS: Coffee & Chat: Horham Baptist Church hall. 10am. No charge. Everyone welcome. Alan Hawes, 388330. **Yoga Class:** Horham Old School, 1.30-2.30pm.

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. Enquiries: Clive Cook 01728-861754. Non-members welcome to see what's on. **Book group:** 1st Tues afternoons, Horham Old School.

Traditional music group: evenings Horham Old School.

WEDNESDAYS: Coffee mornings & cyber cafe, every Wed, 10.30am-noon, 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. Morris dancers & musicians practise on Weds from beginning of Sept to end of April at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.15pm-10pm. Bunny Nash 608733, www.hoxonhundred.co.uk, p-d.crowe@live.co.uk. **Accordion & 'Old Time' Music Group:** monthly, Debenham S&LC, 12pm, £3 per person for sandwiches & chips served at 12.30pm (optional). 01728 861101 for next date.

FRIDAYS: Bingo: Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 384642. **Open Mic Night:** Last Fri of month, Debenham Sports & Leisure Centre, 7.30pm-10.30pm. **Quiz Night:** 2nd Fri of month. Debenham S&LC, 7pm to start 7.30pm. £5 per person. Teams of 4-6 only.

SATURDAYS: Laxfield Produce, Craft & Flea Market: 9.30am-noon, 1st Sat of month.

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

Road safety is a growing

REDLINGFIELD PARISH Meeting is becoming increasingly concerned by the amount of traffic going through the village and the rising number of collisions and incidents on local roads.

In the four years from 2015 to 2018 there were just four vehicle collisions on roads in and around Redlingfield – two single vehicle collisions and two two-vehicle collisions, all with minor or no injuries.

In 2019 there were six collisions in and around Redlingfield including a one vehicle collision when a car left

the road and crashed into a tree in Cranley Green in September and caught fire leaving the driver with potentially life-changing injuries. He

was flown to Ipswich Hospital by air ambulance. In February 2019 a woman was airlifted to Addenbrooke's Hospital after a crash between a light goods vehicle and a car at the

junction of the B1077 and Cranley Green Road.

In January this year the Redlingfield to Eye road has already been closed twice more because of incidents. One on Sunday January 5th saw a car hit a



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concern

tree on Cranley Road and catch alight.

We are not sure what, if anything we can do, but the rising number of incidents on local roads is very concerning and we aim to look into what can be done.

This rise in the number of collisions is especially concerning as there is likely to be a significant increase in HGV traffic in the near future. Large chicken units are proposed throughout the area to service the needs of the new factory on Eye Airfield.

Mike Ager

Data from a Freedom of Information request to Suffolk Constabulary and from Diss Express, Diss Mercury and East Anglian Daily Times.

■ HORHAM & ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:

The next meeting, on Tuesday March 3rd, will discuss HGV use of local roads, especially in relation to the developing chicken production business in the area. County councillor Guy McGregor will be invited to the meeting. The council was due to have purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in February thanks to financial help from district councillor Matthew Hicks and councillor McGregor. It was agreed after discussion to hold the precept at its current level of £3,000. The spending budget was approved at a level of £4,000.

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SUFFOLK RESIDENTS ARE being urged to dispose of their waste safely to protect the countryside as part of a new fly-tipping campaign.

Last year in Suffolk there were 3,496 incidents of fly-tipping reported to councils which costs taxpayers and landowners hundreds of thousands of pounds to clear. Incidents ranged from a few bags of household waste left on street corners up to tipper loads of industrial waste left in the countryside.

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of rubbish. It is punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and the possibility of an

unlimited fine on conviction.

The SCRAP fly-tipping campaign is aimed at residents and businesses whose waste is sometimes fly-tipped by unlicensed operators. It reminds people they should only allow licensed waste carriers to take waste away for them.

You can check they are licensed by either asking to see their Waste Carrier Licence or by looking up the company, either on the Environment Agency website or by telephoning 03708 506506.

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- Refuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away.
- Ask what will happen to your waste.
- Paperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt.

For more information about fly-tipping and legal ways to get rid of unwanted items, please see the Suffolk Recycling website.

To report any fly-tipping incident contact Mid Suffolk District Council on 0300 123 4000 (option 7) or online at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk. Report it online

Fly-tipping can seriously pollute watercourses and contaminate land, can endanger human health, wildlife and livestock., is unsightly, spoiling our communities and the quality of life for local residents, is seen as a major problem by over three quarters of landowners and affects 67% of farmers, undermines legitimate businesses and encourages others to dump more waste.



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WILBY SCHOOL achieved 2nd in the Suffolk Primary School Progress tables for 2018-19.

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Just before the Christmas holidays we were visited by two Ofsted inspectors who conducted a two-day Section 5 inspection. The outcomes

were extremely positive ...
Behaviour and Attitudes - Outstanding.
Personal development - Outstanding.
Leadership and Management - Outstanding.
Quality of Education - Good.
EYFS Provision - Good.

The report contained a number of highly encouraging observations including:

- Staff go the extra mile to provide exciting and enriching experiences for all the pupils and set high expectations for all.
- Leaders' relentless ambition and drive ensure that all pupils learn well and develop pupils personal



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A whole school photo - taken of the children to say hello to friends at Mogonjet Primary school when sending them the money raised for a water tank

development exceptionally.

● Pupils are caring and respectful of one another. Their exemplary behaviour makes the school a welcoming and happy community.

Last term our school council organised a sponsored silence and through this and pupils raising their own funds through their own sponsored events more than £600 was raised to buy a water tank for our link school, Mogonjet Primary School, in Kenya.

This term they are thinking about the environment and have begun their action plan by improving paper recycling and finding ways to minimise waste in the school.

This term Owl Class are learning about the Victorians – thinking about the impact of the industrial revolution on everyday life. Their trip to Christchurch Mansion will focus on Victorian every-day life and how this was changed by many of the inventions discovered during the industrial revolution.

Kingfisher Class are off to Lopham Fen for the day being ‘young geographers’ and Wren Class are

going to the Museum of East Anglian Life in Stowmarket to find out more about how farming and country life has changed

In January we were joined by a company called iSing POP.

iSingPOP are a Christian organisation who help to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of pupils and their place in the community.

The children learnt a number of specially written songs, which support our school values as well as the children’s learning in a range of subjects including Music, RE and Citizenship.

Both performances on Friday 24th January had a professional feel about them partly due to the high quality lighting and sound systems used but also because, as usual, our children sang their hearts out and sounded wonderful.

Our thanks go to St Mary’s Church for making iSingPOP possible; it was a great way to unite school, church and community. We loved it!

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

The last carnivore and

I USED TO HAVE A SILLY dream that in a few years time I would be the last person in England still trying to walk into a shop and buy something with cash. It would be something I would proud to be known as a dinosaur over that. It seems though, that before that happens, there is more chance of being the last carnivore. Everywhere you turn, unless you are in a butcher's shop, it seems you are being chided for liking meat.

Vegetarians have always been prominent in society. The thought of eating animals fills some people with horror. Things have changed dramatically in the vegetarians and vegans favour recently. Instead of it being an ethical issue their publicists and philosophers have made it an ecological one. Vegetarian and vegan views have been making massive inroads into accepted society for the last few decades.

Certain 'facts' I have read recently are used to push this neo-ecological message:

- Since 1970 there are 30% more cows, 100% more pigs and 500% more chickens in the world. There are 1.5 billion cows, 2 billion pigs and 20 billion chickens.
- Each cow produces enough methane gas a year to equate to 600 litres of petrol burning.
- A third of the World's available crop land grows food for livestock.
- Four times the number of people in the UK are claiming to follow a vegan lifestyle now than in 2014.

Positive aspects of livestock rearing such as soil enhancement are overlooked. Vegetarianism isn't just an ethical lifestyle it's now seen as an ecological lifestyle. Being a meat eater is allegedly ruining the planet and the gaseous excretion of cows are a major factor. Making it the bovine villain of global warming is a bit much.



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An English judge has said that 'ethical veganism' is something on a par with religion as far as protection in law in our country is concerned. A vegan can't be discriminated against and has to be accommodated and their opinions included in issues. Not many philosophies or lifestyles have that protection in law.

I'm not a scientist so my opinion is just that on global warming and climate change. Historically CFCs were the bad guys for the ozone layer problems of the 1980s and they were used in refrigeration. Perhaps if this was a problem in the current climate meat eaters would be blamed for keeping processed meat or sausage rolls from going off.

Acid rain was another environmental problem they talked of in those days and caused a lot of erosion. Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) was going to wipe us out. It was grossly exaggerated as an epidemic. Now in the current climate though they are saying there could be a more virulent second wave after thirty years.

Every now and then surveys come out to say red, or processed, meat gives you serious diseases. They didn't say which of the numerous types of dementia my corned beef sandwich

increased the chances of though. People know smoking is potentially bad for your health but it is a lifestyle choice that only the individual, and those close to them, has to make. So is eating meat.

Greggs do vegan sausage rolls and steak bakes and people manipulate plant product to look like meat dishes.

How long will it be before farms are all arable and people are reading history books saying how strange it was that humans ate meat?

Looking after the planet and the push for

vegetarianism are different things in reality. If you keep pushing the health qualities of vegetarian or vegan diets it's an argument that might win more credence than blaming a cow passing wind for our woes. The titles of the documentaries in early 2020 on the topic are clever - 'Apocalypse Cow' (Wouldn't that have been a great name for a late Seventies punk band?) and 'How to Steal Pigs and Influence People'. These programmes though are ethical opinion and barely legal work of activists and in the end are even more polarising?

I leave you with one thought. Who is going to be the person telling a cow they are to blame for any ecological disasters affecting our planet? – they are big, powerful and mean looking. Good luck with that!

Ian Crane



DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP



AT THE TIME OF WRITING, I think it fair to say that winter has been relatively kind to us, in that we've not experienced much in the way of snow and ice. The days are becoming noticeably longer and the countryside is already seeming to show some early signs of coming back to life. The longer, brighter days are certainly welcome, particularly for those who perhaps are elderly or more isolated, living in the more rural parts of the county.

However, one of the things that makes me particularly proud to represent this area of the country is that we are so lucky here in Suffolk to have such a strong sense of community spirit and inclusion.

I especially enjoy meeting so many

dedicated volunteers and visitors at the regular coffee mornings and social events that take place throughout Central Suffolk and North Ipswich. Community events such as these provide a vital lifeline for those living in a rural county such as Suffolk, bringing together like-minded friends and ensuring that local communities stay connected and in touch with one another.

Suffolk people are warm, friendly and caring and I've witnessed first-hand the kindness of our volunteers who run the many community wellbeing cafes and initiatives across the area. There are a growing number of community cafes and wellbeing initiatives, such as mental health cafes and dementia friends sessions, across the county and there is



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good evidence that facilities such as these can boost mental health and wellbeing, as well as providing a vital opportunity for carers to benefit from peer support and access helpful support information, if required.

Many of these cafes and drop-in centres operate from existing community hubs, such as libraries, community halls or church rooms but the concept is simple; a willing band of welcoming volunteers offering a warm welcome, tea, coffee and biscuits or homemade cake, and the chance for people to come together for a friendly chat. The cafes are used by all

age groups and many offer the chance to learn new crafts or skills as well.

At a recent meeting with Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, I was pleased to learn that they are taking a proactive view about investing in community resources, such as these, to boost mental health and wellbeing in our county.

Although attitudes and behaviour are slowly changing towards mental ill health, there is still much more to be done and I will continue to do all that I can to fight for more money and better mental health services here in Suffolk.

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of the Exchequer and at a time when our local authorities are setting the budget for next year and the level of Council Tax for Suffolk Council Taxpayers. Perhaps we can now settle down.

From Suffolk CC the news is that there will be an increase of 2% to try and meet the increasing cost of the provision of Adult Social Services with an additional 1.8% to meet the cost pressures on other services. The Settlement from Central Government was slightly better than first anticipated and this combined with a growth in collection scope has slightly eased the budgetary pressure.

Suffolk CC support for our Framlingham-Horham-Eye-Diss service has, unfortunately, ended. However, there now seems to be an appreciation from Central Government about the importance of local bus services and there is a possibility of more revenue support for rural services. I am still pressing the Transport Team to look again about an extension of the Ipswich-

Framlingham Service through to Horham, Eye and Diss.

Post 16 Home/School Transport Provision is currently out for consultation. It seems extraordinary to me that parents are expected to ensure that their children attend for education post-16 but there is no statutory requirement to provide transport for them. Now Suffolk charges for a transport place for those who live more than three miles away (but a pickup point can be up to two miles).

Some really good news has been the conclusion by OFSTED that Suffolk County Council's Children Service is "Outstanding" and in addition Suffolk County Council's Fire & Rescue Service is among the best in the country and provides good value for money (as identified by a recent government inspection).

There has been increasing concerns about the increase in HGV movements in the area. Consequently, Suffolk CC has set up a Working Group to investigate this matter. I have already submitted the work from Eye Town Council, and I hope that residents through their Parish Meeting/Council will make representations.

Guy McGregor Suffolk County Council Member for the Hoxne & Eye Division

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■ **HIGH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY BUS:** Timetables are available on the bus or from Gerry Garwood (01728 685415) and John Ridgwell (01728 627181) and the new website combus.org.uk. The organisation is looking for new volunteer drivers. If you can help please contact Gerry Garwood.

■ **HIGH SUFFOLK TABLETOP GAMING GROUP:** A new club should be coming to Worlingworth Community Centre this year for people who enjoy board games, role playing games, Warhammer, wargaming or trading card games. Gaming enthusiasts of all ages are invited to join this new club. Contact hstgaminggroup@gmail.com.

THE REVEREND REFLECTS ... AN OLD ADVENTURE?



THE ARCHBISHOP OF Canterbury has described life after Brexit as a 'new adventure'.

My initial reaction was that this was sloppy language, that any adventure is new. An adventure is defined by Merriam-Webster as, 'an undertaking usually involving danger and unknown risks', and doesn't unknown imply new?

But then I turned things around and wondered what an 'old adventure' would look like, and realised that the Archbishop had highlighted a profound truth.

Arguably the best adventures are the ones you live to tell the story about (for my own part writing off a car in Chile or nearly flying into a mountain in Tanzania are adventures). And why do we tell stories?

To literary critics such as T. R. Wright, 'the telling of stories which clearly fulfils basic human needs, is involved in the way we make sense of ourselves and of the world, whether in history, myth or fiction'.

Myth has become a much maligned

world in a world which disapproves of truth that can't be demonstrated in a laboratory. But just as we make sense of ourselves and of the world through scientific research, we also do it through stories. Any many of life's experiences are best stored in stories and the old adventures become myths. The more enduring the story, the more 'mythic' it becomes because it proves itself best for making sense of our own experience. It is within the myth we find a place for our own story, and as such the myth is an old adventure.

For the Christian, the foundation of our faith; the best myth and old adventure is the one of Jesus and God's interaction with creation as told in the Bible. It is within this story, that we find our own story and start to make sense of life's experiences.

As Mary and I move onto our next adventure, and you stay here for the adventure to come to you, may we all embark on the old adventure with hope and expectancy of tales to tell!

Revd Michael Womack is rector of the Hoxne Benefice
(hoxnebenefice@gmail.com or 388889).

■ **FINAL SERVICE FOR REVD MICHAEL:** On Sunday March 29 Rev Michael' Womack will be holding his final service in the benefice. It is a Benefice Holy Communion at Wingfield Church, 11.15am. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch in Wingfield Barns.

■ **FATHER & MOTHER CHRISTMAS:** Father and Mother Christmas would like to thank everyone who donated to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) at Christmas. A total of £400 was raised. Father Christmas would like to thank the Christmas Elf for his help is delivering the presents on Christmas Day. Many thanks.

Janet Fisk

■ **THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with shopping and other chores and visited during my recuperation from my recent operation. Thank you everyone.

Hazel Abbott

CHURCH & INFORMATION

■ CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES etc:

- MAR 1** 9.30am, HC, **Redlingfield.**
8 9.30am, BCP HC, **Horham.**
15 9.30am, HC, **Athelington.**
22 Mothering Sunday 10am, MP, **Redlingfield;** 11.15am Mothering Sunday Service, **Horham.**
29 11.15am, Benefice Communion, **Wingfield,** Rev Michael's last service.
- APRIL 5 Palm Sunday** 9.30am, HC, **Redlingfield.**
9 Maundy Thursday 7pm, Stripping of the Altar, **Horham.**
12 Easter Day 9.30am, BCP HC, **Horham.**
19 9.30am, HC, **Athelington**
26 10am, Chatty Church, **Redlingfield;** 6.30pm, Benefice BCP Evensong, **Wingfield.**
- MAY 3** 9.30am, HC, **Redlingfield.**
10 9.30am, BCP HC, **Horham.**
17 Rogation 9.30am, HC, **Athelington.**
21 Ascension Day Deanery Communion tba
24 Sunday after Ascension 10am, Chatty Church, **Redlingfield.**
31 Pentecost 11.15am, Benefice Communion, **Syleham.**

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

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