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 $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ xcitingly, we have Lactually got some events planned locally and even a couple of 'what's on' pages in this issue. They are actually 'what's probably on' pages vou can never be sure what's round the corner nowadays but I'm hopeful that we'll actually have a proper summer of fetes, shows. BBQs and the like this year. I'm up for my second jab in June and have actually been out and had a meal inside a restaurant so I'm eagerly anticipating the next relaxation of rules on the road back to normality. Here's hoping ...

The village mag is all Evelyn Adey's fault ... in the nicest possible way of course. She first came to me with the idea for a village magazine for Athelington, Horham and Redlingfield in 2007. By Spring 2008 we had printed our first issue. Now after more than 50 editions Evelyn would like to take a back seat and find someone to take over her part of the distribution of the mag. Four times a year (late Feb/early March, late May/early June, late Aug/early Sept and late Nov/early Dec) I dump around 175 copies of the mag at her Athelington home and she then portions out the copies to our lovely deliverers in Horham and Athelington. So we hope someone in either Athelington or Horham will be able to take on this role. If you are interested please contact Evelyn to find out more on evelyn.adey@btinternet.com or 01728 628428. Mike Ager

■ WALKING & CYCLING: Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have just launched a public consultation around cycling and walking Infrastructure. They hope this will give our residents and communities the opportunity to let them know about improvements they would like to see regarding their local walking and cycling routes and facilities. The consultation will help them to develop their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. To give them your views and for more information about the consultation visit https://baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is/ The consultation is open for two months.

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It needs 'a jolly good dose of looking at'

Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife

E MOVED FROM SNOW clearance in the winter to pond clearance in the spring thanks to the "pond meister" of Denham, Oli Knowland, who provided both the knowledge and the equipment to pump out the ponds before the digger excavated the rotted leaf and mud accumulation of 40 years.

The pond is now fitted with a piped airline to oxygenate the water so that improved water quality will encourage aquatic life and discourage the carpet of green algae. At least that is the idea, and it will give the horse pond of old a new lease of life.

Once refilled and edged with some water marigold, flag iris and blue-flowering pickerel, all it will need, to quote Alan Titchmarsh after his garden makeover, is a "jolly good dose of looking at". We live in hope. *continued on p4*



continued from p3 THE COMBINATION of the very wet winter and the cold dry spring caused some particularly late harvesting, but it was a big surprise to see the combining of maize in April in Wilby ... and it was snowing at the same time.

Further afield, the frosts were much more severe in the French vineyards where the early April temperatures were as cold as minus six degrees. The

consequence to the 2021 grape harvest looks serious, so with wine consumption higher due to lockdown and prices already rising, wine

drinkers could see a further hike in the household budget in the autumn.

To try to limit the damage, farmers lit overnight fires of hay and straw and



used paraffin heaters to raise early dawn temperatures. The famous estate of St Emilion and other wealthy wineries even employed low-flying helicopters to try to recirculate warm air downwards.

This resulted in very poor air quality, with towns and villages blanketed



equally in smog and hostility, the outcome being much more than the mere shrugging of Gallic shoulders. With the



unsociability of straw burning a distant memory in East Anglia this could only happen today in France.

THE DELAYED SPRING

seemed to upset us humans more than the birds, who resolutely press on with claiming territory, finding mates and nest building.

We were pleased to see a swallow in the yard on April 18th but his and our early enthusiasm was tempered as he had to wait till May before his mate arrived, by which time we harboured suspicions that he might have been left at the altar.

He looked quite travel-worn but in fairness he had travelled 6,000 miles

across two continents, probably via the Gibraltar land route, skirting the Mediterranean back to the same place on the telegraph wires near our woodshed. However, he soon smartened up and was looking glossy by the time his partner arrived.

Migration takes its toll with only 50% surviving the challenge, so to see the pair reunited in courtship flights with streaming tails is down to persistence and a large dollop of luck.

The understanding of migration has improved in leaps and bounds by tagging with geolocators and satellite tracking and in some species the innate skills involved are mindboggling. *continued on p6*



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For example, the Manx shearwaters wander the oceans on a global scale, breeding off the coast of Wales and crossing to South America. Flying down the west coast of Europe and Africa, crossing the Equator, they pick up the trade winds across the Atlantic to Brazil, 5000 miles in under a week. But though more modest in his range, down on the farm, David Moore is becoming a veteran of the skies himself. Working with flightless turkeys has not discouraged his love of flying and this week sees him enjoying glorious views of Norfolk from a microlight to add to his trips by helicopter, glider, gyrocopter and fixed-wing aeroplane. The last, he said, being his least favourite as it was



as straight-forward as driving a car, his most favoured being the microlight, which felt like hanging from a kite in a pushchair.

MARCH 19TH WAS a good day. Mike reported a huge flock of starlings, numbering a thousand plus, descending on the village, filling the trees, lining the wires and feeding on Peter's meadow.



I rang Steve Piostrowski, Suffolk's Mr Birder, who explained that they would be Baltic migrants resting briefly on the way back to breed, possibly in Lithuania, having overwintered in Ireland after arriving here in October. Many of my generation were encouraged to shoot sparrows and starlings which, in much more open untidy farmyards, helped themselves freely at feed troughs.

So, when the experts talk of declining starling numbers, they are referring to the resident population and not to the winter visitors which are plentiful. Steve recalled that murmurations in the past would have had up to half a million starlings in Walberswick and the days are long gone when thousands roosting in local woods would cover trees and undergrowth in limey droppings.

PEOPLE OFTEN SAY THAT AFTER the pandemic their appreciation of the sights and sounds of the countryside has changed and I would agree.

It is a pleasure of an early May morning to listen to the purring of a turtle dove through the bedroom window. Redlingfield has two turtle dove territories, Wash Farm and Hidcote Lodge and this year we have had the bonus of a special turtle dove food mix, supplied by Eliza Leat of the RSPB, who runs the organisation's Operation Turtle Dove (see centrespread for an article by Eliza).

NOW, AS THE DUCK SAID TO HER tardy brood, "Hurry up, it's time to quack on." *Trevor Edwards*



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CONKER CLUB:

noticed a conker at school that had started to sprout and I asked the teacher if it would be ok to plant it in a pot in the greenhouse to see if it would grow. Soon. lots of children joined in and planted lots of sprouting conkers. We called it 'Conker Club' and just before Easter, we were all allowed to bring home our young trees. Mine is doing really well and will need repotting soon. Once it is big enough we will be planting it on the meadow. I have also been sowing wildflower seeds at school in an area that I have cleared with some friends. I'm really looking forward to seeing what insects visit the flowers. Henry

BUILD A HOME FOR NEWTS! It is really easy to build a home for newts. All you need to do is pile up some old bricks and rubble in a corner of the garden and cover it with earth. The newts will crawl between the gaps and use the area to hibernate! **Arthur**

This page: Henry & Arthur planting their bee-friendly wildflower seeds in the snow! Edward exploring a hollow oak tree. Facing page: Henry's painting of a Smooth Newt.

Colnet Conservation . . .

ELLO EVERYBODY! WE have been extremely busy with our Colnet Conservation work! Our notice board has been very popular and we are really pleased that so many people continue to stop and look at it and hope that you find it interesting. We even had some cyclists from Woodbridge stop to read it!

We have been doing a lot of bird watching and have Bullfinches and Spotted Flycatchers nesting in the back garden which is really exciting. The Spotted Flycatchers have started eating the live mealworms that we put out for our friendly Robin which is lovely to see.

Our ponds are also doing really well – the back pond has an amazing amount of plants in and looks like an underwater forest. We have seen frogs and toads in there and heard them croaking under the overhanging bramble.

We have lots of wild areas and the bees love the bramble hedges, but we have also planted some bee friendly



wildflowers which are just starting to grow. We are looking forward to seeing what they attract and will try and take some photos for our notice board.

We go on lots of local walks and often walk along the footpath alongside the ditch belonging to Athelington Hall. Since they have started setting some of their land aside for wildlife, we have seen Green Sandpiper, Wheatear and a Yellow Wagtail! It's fantastic that opportunities are being created for rarer species to move into the area and we are looking forward to seeing more.

Since returning to school after this last lockdown, we decided to try and walk home as much as possible. Mummy brings our youngest brother, Edward in the pushchair and we get to see lots of wildlife on the way back home. We have seen Roe Deer, Chinese Water Deer, Muntjac Deer, Hares, Kestrels, Buzzards and recently lots of Chiffchaffs and Whitethroats.

We have also noticed that the butterflies are starting to appear and have seen Orange Tips, Peacock, Brimstone and Painted Lady Butterflies. We have also worked out that as it is two miles home, we have so far walked 50 miles!

We hope you like our photos and pictures and look forward to letting you know what we've been up to in the next newsletter.

Henry & Arthur

It's wait and see for the

E CAN STILL not be sure of when we will be able to open our bar, or restart our cyber café. It may depend on the spread of a new variant of virus but it will be as soon as possible! We are hoping Sunday garden bar opening will restart soon, keep checking our Facebook page for updates.

The Old School has been deep cleaned ready for opening, new Covid cleaning rotas are in place and it was good to see the building open as a polling station for the local elections. All our volunteers have been vaccinated and are eager to see you all.

The new rules that we have to follow to keep everyone Covid safe may mean there will be changes to the way we do things but we know everyone will be happy to comply in order to be able to meet with each other again. Sadly we have had to remove our lovely chair cushions, as soft furnishings cannot be sanitised and whilst there is a threat from the virus it's possible we might ask you to bring your own cushions if you need extra padding.

We still seem to be dealing with lots of ifs and buts but the Old School Management Committee, Social Club Committee and volunteers can't wait to see you soon!

Horham & Athelington Village Hall Committee

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HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE: The Community Centre Trustees will be meeting face to

Centre Trustees will be meeting face to face to make arrangements to open up after 21st June. We can't wait to see the full barrels of ale and sparkling glasses of wine and gin and the familiar smiling faces both sides of the bar! Not forgetting crisps, chocolate and Fish and Chips - Hurrah! "Better to be safe than sorry," the early days of the re-opening may mean Members Only, and we will need to "exercise common sense". Date TBA. Renewed thanks to everyone who has been looking after the building and grounds for the last year, particularly pleased to see the Caravans..

All the best, Margaret Streeter on behalf of Horham Village Hall Trust Bar and Horham Community Council

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Wood group

HE DAYS ARE GETTING longer (though not warmer!) but spring is well underway at the wood. The ground is dryer now and the sun and showers have encouraged new growth. There will be plenty of work to do later in the season, when we are permitted to meet up again.

The pond has refilled after last summer's low levels and the snails are busy grazing on the pond weed. The cherry blossom looked glorious against the blue sky. Blackbirds and skylarks were in full voice in the sun on my last visit. Buzzards passed by overhead while Red Kites have been seen in Denham, so may in time venture to the wood too.

The meadow at the top of the wood has cowslips in bloom. Given time, these should spread to create a carpet of colour. A local wildflower meadow, older than our wood, is a carpet of cowslips – as can be seen

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is getting ready for action

in the photograph (thanks to David Flowerdew). Also in flower are meadow buttercups, wood forget-menots, dandelions, daisies and brooklime.

More than 90 per cent of traditional wildflower grassland has disappeared from southern England since the war. If you could spare a patch of your own garden to create a wildflower area, you will be rewarded by seeing it change with the seasons; developing over time, as the initial plants give way to others seeding in.

Wildlife will also benefit and be encouraged to visit. If you would like to try, then both the RSPB and RHS have good advice on how to do this (rhs.org.uk).

The woodland group has been inactive during this rather strange period of lock-down but, as the restrictions now seem to be easing and the days become warmer, we will get back into action – so watch this space!

If you are interested in joining us and getting hands on experience of helping improve the local environment whilst benefiting from being in the open air, then please contact our Secretary Peny Conway on 07495 875299 for further information.

Peny Conway New Reeding Woods Group



'Incendiarism' at Rookery Farm Redlingfield in 1844

HIS WAS A TIME OF hardship and discontent among farm workers throughout the country. Incendiarism, when labourers set light to farmer's property, was common and so this incident received attention from several newspapers in Suffolk and beyond, although there was no major damage.

David Jackson 14, was charged at Suffolk Assizes with maliciously setting fire to a barn at Rookery Farm which was in the occupation of Charles Cracknell.

David worked on the farm as did his father who had been employed there for about fourteen years. Young David lived in at Rookery farmhouse. His family were in Southolt.

On 3rd June 1844 David and a maidservant were the only people on



the premises. The boy had been fetching wood for the copper fire.

He told a policeman later that he took a hot coal which he placed against a post in the barn along with some bean straw. He went back an hour later and said he was glad to find that there had been no fire.

David said that on the previous Sunday he had a conversation about the fires all over the country with a man that he had met and then it came into his head to "fire" his master's barn. On 5th June John Cracknell, brother of Charles had pointed out blackened timbers and David was questioned by the police.

The Jury found David Jackson guilty but added a recommendation for mercy due to his age. The Judge stated that the boy had previously been of good character and that his master had spoken in his favour (although he had brought the prosecution). The sentence of the court was transportation for fifteen years but with a recommendation for the mercy of the Crown giving David the possibility of being sent to prison instead. Sadly mercy was not applied to this case.

On-line research brought up a departure document for the vessel *Marion* bound for Tasmania in September 1847. On board was a David Jackson convicted at Suffolk Assizes on 23rd July 1844. A more peaceful outlook at Rookery Farm this spring with a carpet of cowslips. Photo: Katie Abbott



This means that he would almost certainly have spent three years on a prison hulk in terrible conditions before his journey began.

The *Marion* arrived at Williamstown East on mainland Australia sometime in 1848. His occupation is given as shepherd/general servant.

These are the only references found for David, I am not sure if he was taken on to Tasmania. His family had moved to Redlingfield by 1851, his

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parents and one daughter were still in the village in 1881.

Another aspect of this case was the attitude of the Judge to John Cracknell who was deaf and dumb.

He had been brought to court but the Judge would not let him be sworn as he said: "It appeared that he was ignorant of the existence of a God".

Learning that John was married he remarked: "How anybody should have married such a person so ignorant of his God,

I certainly am at a loss to conjecture!"

At this time John Cracknell lived in part of the property we know as Mill Cottage with his wife Lucy, the daughter of Oliver Howes, village blacksmith.

They are listed here on the census for 1841 and 1851. In 1861 and 1871 they are recorded as farming at Mount Pleasant and in 81 occupying part of Hill Cottage. John died in 1883 and Lucy in 1899. *Linda Hudson*

■ **BRITISH LEGION:** 2021 will see the Centenary Celebrations of both the Legion and Stradbroke & District RBL. The first of these was on 15th May and the Branch celebration on the 14th July. To this end the Branch will be holding a short Service in Stradbroke Church at 3 pm on Sunday 18th July 2021. The Service will be conducted by the Branch Chaplain, the Revd Ron Orams. Every one is invited to this Service at the end of which a Cup of Tea and maybe a slice of Birthday Cake will be served. We will be inviting local and Legion guests but first and foremost it is the general public, who support the Legion so very well through the Poppy Appeal, that we would like to have with us.

Bernard C Mills, Chairman, Stradbroke & Dist RBL (01986 798414)

Planning for opening time

95TH BOMB GROUP

ell what a year 2020 has been with the outbreak of Covid 19 this meant that all ents for more than a year were carried out over the summer and, as always, the never- ending grass cutting. Archive work is starting to

events for more than a year would be cancelled, postponed and re-arranged. But in true 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association style the troops kept going and actually completed some pretty major tasks.

As always massive thanks go out to all committee members that worked hard to keep the Red Feather Club in good co condition and maintained to the high standard we all aim for.

Major projects like window painting

take place within those sacred walls to hopefully make research easier in the future.

There have been some artefact purchases to endeavour to bring what belongs and started its journey at Station 119 back home and these are or will be on display in due course. There is set to be a new POW display within the RFC to

complement the Missing Man wall. There was also some fantastic fundraising done by means of a charity walk from each of the 13th Combat



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wing bases (The Red Feather Club, Parham Airfield Museum and 100th BG Memorial Museum).

Looking forward to this year we are all hoping that some kind of normality will return but the new normal we feel is going to be different for a while. However, we as a committee and valued volunteers will endeavour to follow guidelines set out by the government and will open up the Red Feather Club for you once viable.

On this note I would like to thank all

our members for their continued support and hope you will all see us soon. A thank you to our volunteers for the continued hard work, support, ideas and commitment. And to the committee who although have not had many meetings due to regulations have all been busy planning and working behind closed doors.

Here's to having a beer stood at Brad's Bar soon.

Best wishes, chairman, Scott Bradley



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Operation Turtle Dove in

The sound of turtle doves purring, once a herald of summer in England, is sadly now very rare. In 2016 it was estimated that only 3,600 pairs remained, with a decline of 95 per cent between 1995 and 2018.

This shocking decline is due to food shortages on their breeding grounds reducing the number of nesting attempts turtle doves make, and unsustainable levels of hunting on migration. Birdlife International are making progress on the continent at reducing hunting pressures and there is a lot we can do here on their breeding grounds.

In the right conditions turtle doves can have three broods in one breeding season, that is six potential new turtle doves to help the population recover!

Whilst turtle dove numbers have declined in Suffolk, the good news is that they are still here and we know how to help them:

Supplementary food: This helps turtle doves get into to breeding

condition when they return from Africa in April, when few other seed sources are available. This must be done with care, not feeding seed in piles, or using hoppers but instead spreading the seed very thinly to prevent spreading parasites such as Trichomonas.

Foraging plots: Areas of lowgrowing seed rich plants such as clover, fumitory and birdsfoot trefoil, with plenty of bare ground so the turtle doves can access the seed, provide the best long-term solution to food shortages. Well-fed birds can have more nesting attempts and fledge more young. These foraging habitats also benefit pollinators and other seed and insect-eating birds.

Water: This is essential for turtle doves. Their seed diet doesn't contain much water and they feed their young a crop milk made from seeds. Ponds are great for all kinds of biodiversity; making sure they have a shallow sloping edge or perches to access the water, which help turtle doves.



Suffolk

Nesting habitat: Turtle doves tend to choose dense prickly large hedges and scrub to nest in. This helps protect the nest from predators and the weather as the nest is a very flimsy platform of twigs. Scrub might look unsightly to some, but it is excellent for many nesting birds and pollinators.

Redlingfield is in the Denham Turtle Dove Friendly Zone so there are turtle dove records for the past five years. These zones are areas where there are still good numbers of turtle doves present and Operation Turtle Dove is supporting local farmers and communities to help them thrive. We can't save these amazing birds by just looking after them on reserves, we need your help. Please: Record any turtle doves you hear or see. Knowing where turtle doves are helps us to focus our advisory work to have the biggest impact: www.bto.org/our-science/projects/ birdtrack.

Take part in the National Turtle Dove Census 2021– there is still time to sign up, you have until the 20th of June to complete the first of two surveys. https://national-turtle-dove-surveyrspb.hub.arcgis.com/

Support and encourage more people in your area to get involved in turtle dove conservation. We are setting up more volunteering opportunities to help this species so please do get in touch if you would be able to commit some time to helping these amazing birds.

> Eliza Leat, Conservation advisor for Turtle Doves, Suffolk eliza.leat@rspb.org.uk https://operationturtledove.org/

Facing page: Turtle doves. This page: Turtle dove foraging habitat, low-growing seed-rich plants with bare ground between. Photos RSPB

WHAT'S PROBABLY ON

Monday 31 May-Friday 5 June Redlingfield

litter pick Get out and give the village a clean-up. On Saturday June 5th meet up in the centre of the village for a rubbish ramble with other villagers starting 10am.

Every weekend in June Suffolk Open Studios (see story).

Wednesday 2 June Redlingfield Coffee Caravan triangle in the centre of the village, 10am-noon. Subsequent visits may be on Doorstep Green.

Friday 4 June Charity Open Gardens for The Blossom Appeal Helmingham Hall Gardens, 11am-4.30pm Tickets £7 adult & £3.50 child, with all proceeds going to the appeal.

Sunday 6 June Middy in the War Years Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Garden Celebration Day Wingfield Barns 10.30am-4pm.

Wednseday 9 June Redlingfield Churchyard Tidy from 6pm. Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 June Open Air

Country Music Event Stonham Barns, 12pm-6pm each day. 1 day £15, 2 days £25. Children under 16 free with adult.

Sundays 13, 20 & 27 June Steam Railway Day Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Thursday 17 & Wednesday 23 June *Midsummer Nights* Helmingham Hall Gardens, 11am-9pm Adults £7, children 8-15 £3.50, under 7s free.

Monday 21 June Suffolk Day.

Friday 25 June The Seventh Train play by Jackie Carreira Eye, Town Hall, 8.15pm. The Bank Eye presents the winner of the Kenneth Branagh Award for New Drama. Tickets £10.

- Saturday & Sunday 26 & 27 June History Alive Stonham Barns, 10am-4pm. Adults £10, under 12s free.
- Sunday 27 June Music in the Gardens with Jax & Co Helmingham Hall Gardens,

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Wednesday 30 June Redlingfield Doorstep Green Tidy, from 6pm.

Saturday 3rd July Redlingfield Doorstep Green Tidy, 10am-12 noon & 2pm-4pm.

Sunday 4 July Land-Rover Day (Series 1, 2, 3 & 4) Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Wednesday 7 July Redlingfield Coffee Caravan, 10am-noon.

Thursdays 8 & 15 July Midsummer Nights Helmingham Hall Gardens, 11am-9pm. Adults £7, children 8-15 £3.50, under 7s free.

Friday 9 July & Friday 27 August Charity Open Gardens for The Blossom Appeal Helmingham Hall Gardens, 11am-4.30pm. Adults £7, child £3.50, proceeds to appeal.

Saturday 10 July Redlingfield Pub on the Green Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight. Opening Celebration The Bank Eye.

Sundays 11, 18 July Steam Railway Day Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Sunday 11 July Car Boot Sale Redlingfield Doorstep Green. Proceeds to St Andrews Church. Open to public from 11am.

Sunday 18 July Music in the Gardens with DixieMix Jazz Band Helmingham Hall Gardens, 11am-7.30pm. Advance only, adults £8, children (5 -15) £4, under 5s free.

Saturday & Sunday July 24 & 25 July The Great British Food Festival Helmingham Hall Gardens, 10am-5pm. In advance adults £9.90 (£12.50 on day), children £4.50 (£5.50). Family ticket available.

Sunday 25 July Norfolk & Suffolk Narrow Gauge Modellers' Club Mid-Suffolk Light Railway. Saturday 31 July to Sunday 5 September International Mini Print Exhibition 2021 Wingfield Barns open Wednesdays to Sundays 11am-4pm.

Sunday 1 August The Festival of Classic & Sports Cars Helmingham Hall Gardens, 10am-5pm. Adults £10, children 5-15 £5, under 5s free. Family ticket available.

Sundays 1, 8 & 15 August Steam Railway Day Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Wednesday 4 August Redlingfield Coffee Caravan, 10am-noon.

Saturday 7 August Redlingfield Summer Fayre & BBQ Doorstep Green, 5pm-midnight.

Saturday 21 August Redlingfield Pub on the Green Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

Sunday 22 August Steam Railway Day & Steam Punk Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Sunday & Monday 29 & 30 August Model Mania & Hornby Collectors Club Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Wednesday 1 September Redlingfield Coffee Caravan, 10am-noon.

Saturday & Sunday 4 & 5 September Country Railway Gala Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Sunday 5 September Redlingfield Dog Show Doorstep Green.

Saturday & Sunday 4-5 & 11-12th September The Harleston and Waveney Art Trail Rosemary Elliott retrospective Wingfield Barns 11am-6pm.

Sunday 11 September Annual Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

Saturday 18 September Redlingfield Pub on the Green Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

Sunday 3 October Redlingfield Produce Show. Please check that events are going ahead before setting out.

• The Bank Eye www.thebankeye.org • Helmingham Hall Gardens www.helmingham.com

- Mid-Suffolk Light Railway www.mslr.org.uk Tickets for events to 20th June pre-booked only.
- Redlingfield www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk Stonham Barns www.stonhambarns.co.uk
- Wingfield Barns www.wingfieldbarns.com

Open Studios are back

Suffolk

rtists, galleries and makers around Suffolk will be opening their doors to the public over the four weekends of June as part of Suffolk Open Studios.

During the Open Studios weekends visitors are able to have a look behind

the scenes and see the artists in action. There is an array of artists who specialise in

ceramics, painting, glass, jewellery, woodwork, abstract, mixed media and much more

There are also hubs and trails that can make it easier to see many artists in one day. The directory is available online at www.suffolkopenstudios.org.

Studios will be open each weekend in June, and with Suffolk being a vast county the organisers have developed an App this year to help you discover artists. All artists will be featured in the App, which will be available in Google and Apple stores.

Some artists may be opening their studios and some artists may just have

an online presence – you can see them all in the App and find which ones are closest to you. Some artists are opening by appointment only so please check. Many artists are also selling their work online and if you want to

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of East Anglia (www.rosemaryelliott.co.uk). There will be a guide map on display showing all the artists' studios from Bungay to Brockdish enabling visitors to plan their journeys. Dog walkers and cyclists are most welcome on site and parking is free in Low Road, adjacent to the Barns. Accessible parking is also available on site. The Harleston and Waveney Art Trail Collective is a mutually supportive group of professional artists living and working in the Waveney Valley. The exhibition is open from 11am to 6pm. See www.hwot.org.uk **Rosemary Elliott**

support them, then just view their profile which will give you a link to their website, facebook and Instagram pages if they have them.

Four Suffolk artists will be showing their collective works together at Wingfield Barns as part of the Suffolk Open Studios 2021 series. Diana Kearsley (loose painting style, bridging gap between representation and abstract in strong colour), Sheila Volpe (mixed media nudes and impressionist semi abstract land and cityscapes), Bobbie Watchorn (sculptures mostly of animals and ceramic stoneware) and Issy Coe (landscapes in watercolours, oils, pastels and mixed media) will be exhibiting in Gallery 1 each weekend throughout June (11am to 5pm).

Locally there are three other artists taking part Debbie Phillips (paintings made from different mediums) in Occold, Christine McKechnie (watercolour painted cut paper collages) in Southolt and Sue Clarke (paintings, mainly in oils, of trees, flowers and animal portraits) in Wingfield.

The Art Around Framlingham Trail takes place on the final weekend in June (26th & 27th) and takes in eight, artists in and near to the historic market town of Framlingham, with its unique shops, pubs and medieval castle.

In Dennington, find the studiogallery of mixed-media artist Lorette Roberts and in Earl Soham: flamework glass by Clare Gaylard and textiles and mixed-media by Maria Clarke-Wilson. In Pettaugh there is stained-glass by Louise Ferrier and towards Framlingham there is the metalsculpture of Spadge Hopkins.

In Framlingham itself are the paintings of Verity Watkins, in Wickham Market there are painting by Sara McLaughlin and in Sweffling Printroom studio-gallery.

Favourite sporting reads

WHEN I STARTED writing this, five days before the deadline, having scrapped my football-based article as not fit for purpose and too bitter, it was meant to be about sport in general.

Pick my ten favourite reads and explain why in a few words. When I looked at my top ten it was cricket and football so that's what it became.



Henry Winter -Fifty Years Of Hurt: Any one who follows the England football team knows what this is about. It goes back to 1966 when England last hosted the World Cup.

Subsequently they won it and the clock started ticking on the long wait for it to happen again. It is interesting that the author, a newspaper journalist, seems genuinely to like, and be supportive of, the players who have tried and failed to repeat this success. **David Lloyd - Start The Car, The World According To Bumble:** This gay makes me smile as a cricket

This guy makes me smile as a cricket commentator and there are plenty of funny stories about his career as a player and coach for Lancashire and England, first-class umpire and as a commentator. It shows that sport should be more about the passion of playing than the financial reward. **Colin Schindler - Manchester United Ruined My Life:** I read this a while ago and it echoes my dilemma as an Ipswich Town fan now, supporting a club falling well short of their local rivals all the time. This was written about being a Manchester City fanatic before Arab money made them competitive. City had a small level of success winning the league in 1968 but United took all the glory by winning the European Cup a few days later. Simon Hughes - A Lot Of Hard Yakka: One of many books by this former Middlesex and Durham player. They are all a good read for cricket fans. Hughes played throughout the 1980s and this book tells about the trials and tribulations of being a jobbing County cricketer. 'Yakka' is an Australian term for work and it shows that being a professional sportsman is not the easy life many people think.



John Motson -Motty: John was a football commentator for over forty years from the early 1970s and this shows how somebody could get into the sporting environment with a

professional knowledge of their subject. His career was helped by being at Hereford United for an early 1970s FA Cup replay where they beat Newcastle United. What was expected to be a minute on the mid-week BBC show *Sportsnight* became a major story. It went from there.

Harry Thompson - Penguins Stopped Play: An excellent 2006 book by a BBC producer who worked on *Have I Got News For You* and *The* *Kumars At Number 42*. He ran a team called the Captain Scott XI and they travelled around Britain and the World playing friendly cricket. I also experienced the same problems getting teams to play as I had a Sunday XI skipper role at Eye and District at the time. Sadly Harry Thompson had died of cancer aged just 45 in November 2005 before the book was published.



Brian Scovell – Football Gentry, The Cobbold Brothers: I've read a lot of Ipswich Town books and this is the one I've chosen as I believe most of the problems the club has

endured since the 1980s have come from the change in the club ownership structure. There are many stories in here that Ipswich fans were brought up on and they were a very eccentric aristocratic family. The club has only briefly threatened to get back to the late 1970s and early 1980s hiatus once since these 'character's' passed on. Their loyalty, an acceptance their role was not to be involved in the way the team played, and ability to drink alcohol shines through.

Marcus Trescothick - Coming Back To Me: This autobiography by the Somerset and England opening batsman is more about his mental health battles than the sport of cricket. It seems one incident where a close relative had trouble whilst he was touring with England and the pleading of his wife not to leave again played on his mind. This led to anxiety issues and a need to protect his family. We expect our sportsman to always perform at their best for us particularly at international level. This shows there is a human being needing to function behind every individual.

Jamie Vardy - From Nowhere, My Story: This is two stories in one. Mostly it is about an individual footballer, rejected by Sheffield Wednesday, who goes through non-League at three clubs to the Premiership at Leicester City and England caps. It also tells of his part in the amazing 5,000 to1 Leicester City Premier League victory in 2016, a fairy story in itself. This gives all players and fans hope.



Miles Jupp - Fibber In The Heat: Written by a comedian and actor who claims to be BBC Scotland's cricket correspondent and blags a job reporting on

England's tour of India for the *Western News*. It seems the kind of adventure I would have loved to have had myself. Although it doesn't go smoothly. The authorities don't always allow him the access and entries he needs to do the job but he gets it done. Being employed to watch and write about sport must be the best job ever.

Doing book reports was never my thing but books are personal to the individual. You take out what you can, or in my case, what you want. I have always been a non-fiction reader and if you write about individuals or aspects of sport I'm interested in, I'm keen to read it. Ian Crane

School is more 'normal'

E ARE SO DELIGHTED to have all of our pupils back in school and really, life is beginning to feel much more 'normal'.

We still have our pupil 'bubbles' with staggered arrival times, lunch and break times so that our class bubbles are kept separate and increased hand washing/hand-sanitising and all of this is just a normal part of every- day life now.

Having assimilated these new routines, we already know that some of them, such as increased hygiene and staggered lunch-times will be retained as part of the structure of the school day moving forwards because they work well.

However, there are lots of things that we do miss, and we are very much looking forward to the time when the 'bubbles' are gone so that we can all enjoy Collective Worship etc together as a school again . The good news is that as restrictions have begun to lift, we have been able to start going on trips to outdoor venues and we have even planned a back-to-normal Sports Day for after June 21st (fingers crossed) and an upper KS2 musical performance. Owl Class enjoyed a whole day den building at Charlotte's Wood and every Class has a day of adventurous activities booked at Thorpe woodlands in June/July.

We will be welcoming the childrens author Sophie Green into school this month. Sophie was a pupil at Wilby School and she's really excited about leading writing workshops back on very familiar territory.

Also this month, we have been reinvigorating our links with Hartismere Place and Y4,5 and 6 have enjoyed creating 'helpful hands' and connecting with the residents via Zoom. As soon as we are able we will visit the home and enjoy some face to

■ PLANNING: AWAITING DECISION: Plan to construction a new access to Mill Farm, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU (Application. No: DC/21/02567); plan to demolish existing agricultural barn and erect a one-and-a-half storey dwelling on land east of Horham Road, Athelington and change of use from agricultural land (No: DC/21/02359); details submitted, following Outline Approval DC/17/04943 Town and Country Planning, on the appearance, layout and scale for the erection of seven dwellings and new vehicular access on land south east of Dragon House, Worlingworth Road, Horham (No: DC/21/01338).

GRANTED: Plan to convert agricultural building to form annex for elderly relatives at **Bridge House, Church Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QS** (Application. No: DC/20/05907); plan to erect a rear garden room at **Horham Post Office Stores, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX** (No: DC/21/01438).

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



face visits reading playing games with the residents again.

We have managed to keep strong links with St Mary's Church

throughout lockdown.

As soon as the children had returned to school we took them down one class at a time to do some learning about the Eucharist, christening, confirmation and communion in the Church of England, led by Reverend Burrell.

Through a live Zoom link we were then able to meet with Pastor Adam Blowes who helped us to understand more about the role of communion in the Baptist Church and why they have adult baptism.

This month the children will be attending St Mary's in their bubbles to celebrate Pentecost and the Holy Trinity.

The children have created some beautiful art work about the Trinity which will be displayed in church. *Mrs Wiseman (Headteacher)*



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REDLINFIELD AGM

44TH AGM OF REDLINGFIELD PARISH MEETING VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2021:

RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mike Ager told the meeting: don't need to tell you that last year was strange. We all lived through it. Redlingfield only managed to have two Pubs on the Green and a couple of Coffee Caravan visits between lockdowns so we missed out on a host of social and fundraising gatherings. We did, however, come through for those in need. When we asked for volunteers to help with shopping, prescriptions, oddjobs and just combatting loneliness we had ten times more volunteers than requests for help. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped out with everything from small acts of kindness to bigger projects. Not only have villagers stepped up but also the local traders and deliverers. I would particularly like to thank Scott, our regular postman. Not only does his smile brighten the day, but he's also gone above and beyond helping villagers. One big success was our Bags of Cheer project which brightened up a particularly bleak May for Redlingfield and surrounds. We had grants

from Suffolk Community Foundation. Mid Suffolk District Council, Redlingfield church, the Coffee Morning and Redlingfield parish council, as well as donations from individual villagers and businesses. More recently, thanks go to Sue and Allan Chapman for putting up our new noticeboard and Will Kerry for sorting out the insert. After four years in the chair - one over the recommended three – I'm stepping down but will be happy to continue to help out as and when I can as a



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committee member. Thank you to everyone who has helped with events, projects and just making Redlingfield a great place to live over the last few years. Along with many of you, I really look forward to our first Pub on the Green.

ACTING TREASURER'S REPORT:

Janet Norman-Philips told the meeting: The pandemic meant that funds fell from $\pounds 6,422$ to $\pounds 5,561$ over the year. This was down $\pounds 861$ over the year as there was little income but the same standing costs. We aim to keep funds at $\pounds 6,000$.

■ VILLAGE COMMITTEE: Existing committee members Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Mike Ager, Helen Cook, Susan Chapman, Allan Chapman, Will Edwards, Lesley & Tony Rose Freitas, Emma Hewitt, Pat Kelly, Manday Miller, Janet Norman-Philips and Adrian Smith were re-elected and Maria Ford was elected on to the committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Maria Ford

was voted on as treasurer unopposed (replacing acting treasurer Janet Norman Philips); **Janet Norman-Philips** was reelected as secretary/clerk; **Ian Winter CBE** was voted on as chairman unopposed (replacing Mike Ager). See article by Ian on pages 30-31.

Neighbourhood Watch REPORT: Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Adrian Smith is looking to find an app to alert villagers to anything going on.

MEETINGS: lan hoped to start holding committee meetings more frequently including a working meeting and a more general informal meeting mid-year.

■ For events see what's on pages or visit www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk which also has a fuller minute of the meeting.



INTRODUCTION: I am delighted to have been elected as the County Council's representative for Hoxne and Eye Division.

I have been a Town Councillor on Eye Town Council for four years and a District Councillor representing Eye, Occold and Redlingfield for two years.

In those roles I have developed a very good working relationship with Mid Suffolk District Council to bring about a number of improvements and plans in these areas. I am also Chair of the Eye Neighbourhood Development Plan which, I am delighted to confirm, has recently been adopted by the people of Eye in the referendum which took place on 6th May 2021.

I recognize that there is much work to do in the division and welcome the opportunity to meet as many residents as possible to discuss your concerns and your hopes and aspirations for the communities in which you live. My contact details are given below, and you can always contact me through your individual parish clerks.

Whilst each village/town may have differing needs, I am aware that there are issues and concerns common to all the towns and villages within this area of Suffolk.

I have a strong belief in community selfmanagement and I am keen to improve and increase local involvement and wider consultation. Some issues I am optimistic that we can solve together, some are more complex and will need time and a concerted effort to address.

I also recognize that some issues may require a change of approach on all sides, but together I hope that we can move forward in a positive and collaborative spirit to bring about the changes that may be necessary, whilst preserving all that is good about the vibrant communities that form the Hoxne and Eye Division.

Peter Gould, Peter.Gould@suffolk.gov.uk

REDLINFIELD PARISH MEETING

SERVING REDLINGFIELD: As newly elected Chair of the Redlingfield Parish Meeting (RPM for short) I am grateful to Mike Ager for setting aside some space for me to introduce myself.

But before doing that I want to record my thanks to Mike as the previous Chair. Much beyond that he has (and I am pleased that he will continue) provided unfailing support as a committee member and a previous stint as Chair. It is great to still have Mike on board with the magazine and supporting many other activities.



though during the pandemic I was asked to work with the Department of Health and Social Care leading a programme related to covid activity and care homes.

This drew on my background as a senior civil servant and a former director of childrens and adults' social services.

Even before moving to Redlingfield I was aware of the village's great reputation and its good relationships in the surrounding area. It is now a real pleasure and privilege to be a more formal part of a very rich and successful community.

After five years in Diss Jacqui and I moved to Redlingfield in November 2019. I am mostly retired,



Much has been done here in Redlingfield to further good community development and engagement and I think this provides a very firm foundation for the future. Perhaps unsurprisingly there is still a great deal of ambition for the future and even in the last three weeks since becoming chair many people have contacted me with practical ideas for activities. Others are also already engaged, as they have been for many vears, in a summer programme – balanced of course by the continuing impact of Covid-19 requirements. What is so pleasing is that there is no desire to slow down.

Being relatively new to the village, there are many people that I have not met and I hope to remedy that in the summer round of activities, starting with the Coffee Caravan in Redlingfield on 2nd June.

It was clear from our AGM that the single biggest activity is the next stage of development at Doorstep Green. It is vital that this is done in partnership with the

30 Summer 2021

Redlingfield Parish Meeting

PCC and meetings are already in the diary to discuss this.

To get things moving, especially as we come out of lock-down, I want to establish a small working group (a task group) to help review, plan and deliver these developments. This must include engagement, consultation and listening, though it must also mean action (getting stuff done).

The first step is to review all the existing information/plans (including the survey from 2010) so that nothing is forgotten or lost. But this will need updating and those new to the village and surrounding area (like me) may have some additional ideas or views. While I could go on about how exciting, important and vital it is to get involved, let me cut to the chase: this is what I am asking for: • If you want to be part of the task group tell me as soon as possible or have a conversation with me about it.

• Tell me your ideas about the Doorstep Green and what developments you think are the most important to do (some people have already spoken to me about this).

• If you have ideas about opportunities for funding/fund raising or good contacts to follow up, let's have a discussion.

• If you know someone who you think could help with the working group ask them to talk to me.

My phone number is 07963144128 or 01379 678494. My email is ianjwinter@gmail.com Ian Winter CBE

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CATS have been stolen in Stradbroke. Lowestoft, Stuston and Carlton Colville.

Vehicles targeted include Renault Twingo vans, Ford Transit vans, a Range Rover and a Honda CRV.

For crime reduction advice about how to reduce the chances of your own CAT being stolen, go to the Suffolk Constabulary website (www.suffolk.police.uk) and search for the 'First Principle' crime reduction page.

If you see anybody acting suspiciously around a vehicle, particularly if they are underneath it. dial 999.

If you would like to see what a catalytic converter looks like and/or understand why they are stolen, come along to one of our forthcoming street meets where we have a demonstration catalytic converter. Dates are posted to the Halesworth Police facebook page. You don't need a facebook account to view the page.

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Simon Green PC 187. **Community Engagement** Officer, Halesworth Locality, Halesworth Police Station

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FINAL REPORT: I am sure that you have, by now, you know that ClIr Peter Gould has been elected as the new Suffolk County Councillor for the Hoxne & Eye

Division.

As the Conservative Party Candidate, Peter secured 1,467 votes, as an Independent I secured 806 votes, the Lib Dems secured 623 and Labour secured 363 votes. There was a 42.9% turnout of an Electorate of 7,583.

I take this opportunity of thanking all who voted and an especial thanks to those who voted for me.

I first was elected to Suffolk County Council at a bye election in its first term, over 40 years ago. There have been immense changes over the years and many improvements.

Years ago, it was a trunk telephone call, via an operator, to speak to anyone in Ipswich. These days via Zoom we can both speak and see people at almost any place in the world.

For me the biggest improvement has been the provision of Post 11 education. At Eye, Hartismere High School, now provides the highest provision of Secondary Education, not only in Suffolk, but probably in the whole of Eastern England. As a former Governor of the School and the leading campaigner for the school I am proud of the efforts of all the staff and the Securing of 6th Form Provision and an extensive Sports Hall and other facilities.

Covering Redlingfield is the brand-new Library in Eye and the enhanced Library facilities in Stradbroke.

Both these sites add to the quality of life and the Family Centre provides much appreciated support for families not only in Eye but also as outreach to Redlingfield.

Although there is much less direct employment in the village the community has come together to provide leisure opportunities for residents. From the Locality Budget I was pleased to support.

I repeat that it has been a wonderful privilege to represent Redlingfield and its residents on Suffolk County Council and I wish all of you, and ClIr Peter Gould, best wishes and good fortune in the future.

And finally, my thanks to Mike Ager and Janet Norman-Phillips for their work and their support for my work.

Thank you.

Guy McGregor, Time House, Church Walk, 19 Low Street, Hoxne, Eye

■ BUSINESS GRANTS: A number of Government business support grants are available and open for applications. The most recent grants are for a significant amount of funding and could provide a real boost to businesses are they get back on their feet as lockdown restrictions are lifted. These include Government Restart Grants, Discretionary Restart Grants and Back to Business Grant. To find out more visit www.babergh.gov.uk/business/business-rates/grant-funding-schemes/ or contact Mid Suffolk Council's Economic Development Team or on discretionarybusinessgrant@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or 01473 296444.

■ HOXNE & EYE WARD OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: Peter Gould (Conservative Part) 1,467, Guy McGregor (Independent) 806, Timothy Glenton (Liberal Democrats) 623, Paul Anderson (Labour Party) 363. Peter Gould is also Mid Suffolk district councillor for Eye (which includes Redlingfield).

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CHURCH NEWS

REJOICING AND LAMENTING

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS WE HOPE that we will be able to meet indoors, gather in groups of up to 30 outdoors, attend events and even possibly go on holiday.

If Covid-19 infections remain low and we can keep new variants at bay, there will be much to rejoice about. And we will indeed be rejoicing and giving thanks to God in our churches and with events over the summer.

At the same time, we remember all we have lost over the last 15 months, most painfully those who have died.

We are also aware of the challenges still to come. Many continue to suffer the physical and mental effects of the virus and the lockdown and many are facing financial anxiety and uncertainty. There is much cause for lament as well as rejoicing.

The psalms express every human emotion through the whole spectrum from lament to rejoicing. From the



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desolation of Psalm 22, which Jesus quoted on the cross: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' to the consolation and reassurance of Psalm 147: 'The Lord... heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds' and the final outpouring of praise in Psalm 150: 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia' – all shades of feeling are covered. The psalms demonstrate that we can bring everything to God.

Over the next few months, our churches aim to offer opportunities both to rejoice and to lament, as we come to terms with our experience of the pandemic. Some of our services which have been on Zoom will move into church, but we will retain some services online for those who are not ready or able to attend church in person. Please check details near the time where appropriate.

■ PLEASE NOTE: Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be away from the afternoon of 13th June to 18th June, inclusive. If you need a priest urgently during this week, please contact Revd Richard Court: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

■ SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: We are planning summer art workshops for children and young people aged 7-12 or 13-18. If you or members of your family would like to join in, please let Revd Eleanor know. The aim is to create works of art which will be used at special services over the holidays.

■ **BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Our new regular Bible Study group meets once a fortnight at 7.30 pm on a Monday evening via Zoom. We will be meeting on 14th and 28th June and 12th and 26th July. Sessions last no more than one hour. We are following the theme of 'peace' in our Bible readings. Each session is self-contained so you can join in any session and you do not have to attend regularly. You do not need to be a regular churchgoer to join in either. Why not log on and find out more? If you would like the Zoom link, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor.

PRIVATE PRAYER: Horham and Redlingfield churches are now open all week for private prayer. Athelington church is open on request.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Planned regular church services in June, July and August. Some services in church are also live streamed or uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

Every Saturday & Sunday: CW Morning Prayer at 8am on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

Every Friday: Compline at 6pm on **Zoom**. For a Zoom invitation, please e-mail eleanor.goodison@gmail.com.

Sunday 7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent: 11am **Zoom** Eucharist; 4pm Messy Church on **facebook.com/HoxneMC**.

Sunday 6th June 1st Sunday after Trinity: 11am CW Holy Communion, **Wingfield**; 4pm Messy Church outdoors in **Syleham churchyard**.

Sunday 13th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity: 9.30am CW Holy Communion, **Redlingfield**; 9.30am Café Church on **Zoom**.

Sunday 20th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity: 11.15am BCP Holy Communion, Horham; 6pm Evensong on **Zoom**.

Sunday 27th June 4th Sunday after Trinity: 11am CW Holy Communion, Denham (Birth of John the Baptist – Patronal Festival); 4pm All Age service: Animal Service outdoors in Horham churchyard.

Sunday 4th July 5th Sunday after Trinity: 11am CW Holy Communion, **Athelington** (Peter and Paul – Patronal Festival); 4pm Messy Church in **Syleham village hall** (venue tbc). 9.30am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield; 9.30am Café Church, Hoxne/Zoom (tbc)

Sunday 18th July 7th Sunday after Trinity: 11.15am BCP Holy Communion, **Horham**; 6pm Evensong, **Wingfield/Zoom** (tbc).

Sunday 25th July James the Apostle: 11am CW Holy Communion, **Denham**; 4pm All Age service on **Zoom**.

Sunday 1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity: 11am CW Holy Communion, **Wingfield;** 4pm Messy Church.

Sunday 8th August 10th Sunday after Trinity: 9.30am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield; 9.30am Café Church, Hoxne/Zoom.

Sunday 15th August Blessed Virgin Mary: 11.15 am BCP Holy Communion, Horham (Patronal Festival); 6pm Evensong, Wingfield/Zoom.

Sunday 22nd August 12th Sunday after Trinity: 11am CW Holy Communion, **Denham;** 4pm All-Age service, **Zoom**.

Sunday 29th August 13th Sunday after Trinity: 11am Benefice service, **Athelington**.

Sunday 11th July 6th Sunday after Trinity:

■ IF YOU NEED HELP OR JUST WANT TO CHAT, PLEASE CONTACT US:

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WE ARE RIGHTLY PROUD OF the contribution that Suffolk is making to deliver clean and green energy as we have become a magnet for

renewable energy production. Suffolk offers one of driest climates in England with longer hours of daily sunshine and miles of coastline, so it is seen as the perfect location for solar energy and, of course, offshore wind.

Most of us will recognise and celebrate the benefits that renewable energy can bring, including much needed jobs for local people, as well as helping us to achieve our net zero carbon emission targets. However, these large-scale energy projects cannot continue to be brought about in a piecemeal fashion without consideration for the potential consequences to our local communities.

With increasing numbers of planning applications for solar parks in our area, the time has come for our councils to plan more strategically for larger local energy projects. Rather than viewing each planning application for solar energy individually, we need a more joined up approach.

Our local councils must work together to develop a strategic plan for the development of solar power in Suffolk. Whilst we should support appropriatelysited solar parks (preferably on brownfield sites), there is also an imperative for council planners to balance green energy production against the need to protect the countryside, which makes Suffolk an attractive place to live.

Undoubtedly Suffolk will continue to grow as an energy hub, so it is essential that future development is sited in the right locations.

Since becoming the MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, I have worked hard to support local communities fight inappropriate developments. In the energy sector, I helped to see off the mid-Suffolk straw burning power station plans and worked alongside Tim Yeo (the former MP for South Suffolk) to ensure power lines were installed underground throughout the beautiful Fynn Valley.

Recently, we have seen proposals coming forward for a number of new solar parks near Bramford and concerning plans to install overhead power pylons between Bramford and Twinstead, which would be a blight to our landscape.

My view is that new power lines should, wherever possible, always be underground, and ideally, put offshore in the sea bed. So, I am currently working with other MPs to make the case to the National Grid.

However, solar parks are a local planning matter and as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, there is both an opportunity and a need for our local councils to work together to deliver a strategic local energy plan for Suffolk. If we get it right, there is a tremendous opportunity to grow more green jobs, support our local economy, protect the countryside, and to move swiftly towards a zero-carbon society.

Dr Dan Poulter, MP, I hold regular constituency advice surgeries to help people who have problems. If you think that I may be able to help you, contact 01728 685148, or email me via www.drdanielpoulter.com. For more information please visit www.drdanielpoulter.com

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