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There's lots going on even as the village mag goes to press. Between it being proofread and delivered there will have been Horham & Athelington Parish Council's agm, when the chair is elected. The shiny new Be Well Barn in Redlingfield (see page 25) will have officially opened and the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association/Red Feather Club Museum will have hosted its first reunion since the Covid pandemic. There were due to be more than 50 guests from the US and Europe taking in the local sights and meeting old friends and making new ones. These events should all feature in our next issue.



There's no Police column from Community Engagement Officer PC Simon Green as he is off work ill. We wish him well and a swift recovery.

Particular thanks to all the deliverers & Midge Gibbons for proofreading the magazine. Any errors are mine. Mike Ager

■ **HELP WANTED:** New Redlingfield Village Meeting chair Adrian Smith wants volunteers to help at the Fun Village Dog Show and & Fayre on Saturday July 1st. If you can help contact Janet on 01379 678835 or pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk.

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Athelington, Horham & Redlingfield News was founded in 2008 by Evelyn Adey and Mike Ager.

With this issue you should be getting a village directory. I hope it will be of use, especially if you are new to our wonderful little corner of Suffolk. It's not a trade directory but more a guide to info and contacts for everything from refuse collection to local groups for youngsters. I spent ages compiling a list of dentists but since none I could find were taking new NHS patients it seemed rather pointless to list them all ... instead there's other hopefully useful info. If you belong to an organisation that I have missed please email or phone and I can get you in the next directory, village mag and/or online at www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk.

We've got a new addition to our wonderful roster of regular writers with horticulturalist Andrew Peters becoming our gardening writer. The late magazine co-founder Evelyn Adey spent years trying to find someone to take on the task. Now, at last, we have. I hope you enjoy his offerings alongside all the usual suspects. Many thanks to them all.

Finches are under threat but not from bird flu

Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife

AN EVENING MEETING AT the Waveney Bird Club with the British Trust for Ornithology outlined the damage being inflicted on the finch family by a disease called trichomonosis.

It is caused by a parasite infecting the back of the throat which results in serious mortality in greenfinches but now also afflicts chaffinches and bullfinches. It is also found in the dove family, from where it may have originated, and mortality can be severe after birds first become lethargic with puffed up feathers and laboured breathing.

I have missed the bullfinches in my garden this winter, a situation not

repeated at Hidcote Lodge thankfully, where Mike Ager enjoyed the company of a resident pair earlier in the year.


The same BTO speaker passed on the good news that bird flu has not been found in garden birds and although we now see the disease wane until next winter, the potential risk remains scarily high for our poultry industry. Bird flu also caused the loss of 11,000 pelicans on beaches in Peru, a photo of which sticks unhappily in the memory. By the way, trichomonosis is NOT to be confused with trichomoniasis, a disease which you will not have heard of but if you must you can Google it depending on your constitution.

The Marsh Harrier hunts low over reed beds in Minsmere and Cley. If you are lucky you may see a mid-air food pass as the male feeds his mate over her nest.



THE NORFOLK BROADS is a stronghold for the Marsh Harrier from where it acquired its local nickname of a Norfolk hawk.

It is similar in size to the buzzard which we now see everywhere, but numbers-wise the marsh harrier is at the opposite end of the scale. Virtually extinct in 1971, it became a great example of conservation



The red kite is a distinctive large and graceful raptor with a pronounced forked tail.



The Kestrel finds a perfect perch.

success between the farmers and wildlife groups when wetlands became protected, arable fields were adopted as nesting sites and numbers rose to 400 pairs, and though still rare its numbers are now significant.

Stuart Eastmead of Denham has told me of watching a red kite, which is still quite a rarity here, perched on an electric post cleverly holding its prey under a talon and pulling it to bits.

He also spoke of finding a dead buzzard which begs the question what is a buzzard's life span? Well, I was surprised to research it to find that three-quarters of juveniles die of hunger before reaching maturity at three years old. They then have an average span of about eight years which is not that long, so given all that, they are surprisingly successful now.

A HOVERING KESTREL WITH ITS exceptional eyesight can locate a mouse from 70 metres with pinpoint accuracy. This superb skill is the reason why they can safely hunt the confines of a motorway central reservation or hard shoulder.

My well-preserved stuffed kestrel was found dead when ploughing many years ago on the Athelington road field and I thought it was worth saving. I was pleased when the taxidermist said it was a fine example with no signs of damage from poisoning and ever since it has been proudly displayed on the dresser in the hall.

It was then that I learnt of something called ornithophobia from a good friend who was a bridesmaid at our wedding and who had a serious aversion to our feathered friends.

She will give the kestrel a wide berth whenever she visits.

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Ornithophobia was not a problem for ladies in the old days who wore feathers for fashion, an indulgence which caused the demise amongst others of the great crested grebe. Ironically, adult grebes will eat their own feathers and regurgitate them to their chicks to help remove tiny fish bones ... something to clear the palate sir?

WITH FIELD CORNERS AND environmental plots to manage there has been a resurgence in the sale of pasture toppers to farmers and we have recently acquired one. Our field margins have been established in some cases for 20 years and so encroaching hedgerows need to be controlled. You may have heard of big return-to-nature schemes called re-wilding but that is not for us, we look to farm for efficient food production with a nature-friendly approach.

SPRING WEATHER IS VERY fickle and none more so than this year when

the weather for February and March came the wrong way round. February was a very dry month and Spring since has been wet and cold. However, the natural world is well used to the mixed-up English weather and birds proceed accordingly. The plump early fledgling blackbird and adult were photographed at the same time as our house sparrows were still gathering nest material.

THE TURTLE DOVES ARE back. One arrived on May 1st at Hidcote Lodge and at Wash Farm it was May 5th. Our most iconic songbird the nightingale has been heard in Suffolk but my visit last week to one of its favourite haunts, the pub car park at Snape, went unrewarded. Doc Goodge of Worlingworth was very excited to hear a nightingale singing on the evening of May 10th and dashed out to the garden to see where it was..... only to be told by his wife Anna that she was playing a recording of the song in the next room on her computer.

Trevor Edwards



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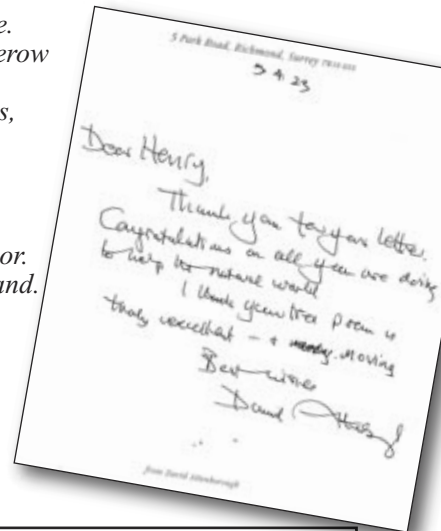
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Young Henry Colnet sent his poem Just a Tree to Sir David Attenborough who replied almost by return of post. Here are the letter and poem. See pages 6 & 7 for more Colnet Conservation news.

JUST A TREE

*In the Year of 1650, I was planted by a Jay. It covered me with moss and then it hopped away.
Then in Spring I started to grow under the canopy, of many enormous oak trees, much bigger than me.
It took me years to grow so tall, but I became majestic.
I spread my branches far and wide, my bark grew gnarled and thick.
Overtime, the many trees that had been all around, either fell in thunderstorms or were cut down to the ground.
Some of us were allowed to stay and that included me.
The farmer planted in-between us. I was now a hedgerow tree.
The hedge was used for nests and food, it grew thorns, fruit and blossom.
Every year it grew thicker, with scrubby grasses at the bottom.
When the farmer didn't use his horses any more, the hedgerow just got in his way and was taken to the floor.
Proud, but alone in the field I stood, upon the open land.
Then one day came a man with a hard hat and a clipboard in his hand.
"This one's got to go," he said, "it's completely in the way."
He sprayed a big red cross on me, and then he walked away.
by **Henry Colnet***



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Very busy young bees at Colnet Conservation

Hello Everyone! We have been very busy bees once again! We've had a lovely spring so far, watching all of our trees come in to leaf and seeing our wildflowers appearing and attracting the early bees. Many of our nestboxes have families in, which it is lovely to see after all our hard work repairing them! We decided to write our news slightly differently this time, as we've done lots of things together, but also have separate news to write about. We hope you enjoy reading about it.

From Henry and Arthur

IN MARCH, I FOUND OUT about an exciting opportunity to join the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Youth Board. The Board is a team of 12 volunteers, aged between 11 and 24 and they are chosen to represent the young people of Suffolk and their fight to save nature. I worked really hard on my application and included the newsletter articles, my poem, 'Just a Tree,' information about our notice board, and many other examples of how I do my very best to help our local wildlife. I was very excited to be asked for an interview at their Head Office, which went really well and after a tour of the office, I was offered a place on the Board!

I have already been to our first meeting at Foxburrow Farm and last weekend, met with the other Youth Board members and the Trust's Young Wardens at Kiln Meadow in Ipswich. We spent the afternoon making a large stag beetle habitat out of logs, clay and sand. It was lots of fun but also really important to help the protected stag beetles. Stag beetles can actually live up to seven years and spend most of this time as a larva underground,



creating tunnels through the rotting wood they feed on. The females lay up to 30 eggs in dead wood or nearby soil.

As a SWT Ambassador, I will be involved in projects, events, campaigning and meetings and other exciting opportunities which I will enjoy updating you about.

I also wrote to Sir David Attenborough, to tell him my exciting news and included my poem, 'Just a Tree'. Just three days later I received a lovely reply! I am delighted that such an important person has read my poem and am pleased that he knows I am doing my best to save our wildlife (see page 5).

From Henry

FROM ARTHUR:

Whilst Henry was at Kiln Meadow, we went to Wolves Wood RSPB nature reserve. It is one of seven ancient woodland areas that used to cover East Anglia and is near Hadleigh. We spent the afternoon exploring the different trees which included some magnificent hornbeam, oak and silver birch. The woodland has many different birds, including nightingales and although we weren't lucky enough to hear one, we did hear and see a garden warbler which was very exciting as we hadn't seen one before. There were many different ponds and the ground was very boggy so it was lots of fun stomping in the mud with Edward! The pathway is about one mile long and the woods cover 280 acres. The reason it is so boggy is that it sits on a plateau, and the boulder clay ensures the soil does not drain very well. This is why it was not turned into farmland. Earlier in Spring, Henry and I felt very proud to present Athelington Church with our sponsor money, with the £232 going towards the fabric fund. The British Trust for Ornithology were also very appreciative of our donation for the geo-locator for the Spotted Flycatcher. We have had one spotted flycatcher in our garden so far, but we haven't heard any turtle doves which is very disappointing as we have our supplementary food waiting for them. This year, we were also very disappointed to find that our toad and frog population has really declined. In March, we usually enjoy putting our wellies and coats on and going on a night-time walk looking for male toads sitting on the driveway, waiting for the passing females. We used to get lots of frogs croaking in the ponds too and I remember having to help Daddy in the garden moving all of the baby toads and frogs out of the way so that he could cut the grass! This year we have seen three toads and heard frogs croaking once, which is really worrying and will also have an impact on other wildlife, such as grass snakes as there won't be any food here for them. It shows just how important it is to have wildlife corridors as well as suitable habitat areas. If wildlife cannot move from one area to another, along hedgerows and long grass verges, it will gradually be unable to survive.



Work of founder David

THE WET SPRING HAS filled the pond and the trees and meadow are bursting forth. Last year I was writing about the dry period that we were having. So far this year has been wetter and hopefully the plants that were stressed by the dry conditions last year will have a chance to recover. As we move forward can I ask for dogs to be kept out of the pond so that the newts can breed in peace.

We have left the woods alone for the last few months but will be working on tidying up the area around the pond by removing the old fence in the next month. This will increase the meadow area and also make the mowing easier.

Sadly one of our members died recently. David Flowerdew founded this group exactly 20 years ago and was the driving force behind creating Pound Lane community woodland. David was among the very first volunteer Tree Wardens to come forward and energy and enthusiasm for nature and his understanding of rural life were extraordinary. Together with our current chairman, David Mitchell, he created the first district-wide Veteran Tree Survey ... long before the Tree Council, Ancient Tree Forum or Woodland Trust became interested in the subject. They trained other volunteers and conducted a thorough



ancient tree survey of the Denham parish. The records he made are lodged now with the Suffolk Biological Records Office.

In 2003, David looked for people interested in creating community woodland for the three parishes of Horham, Denham and Athelington. He'd been inspired by a local environmental charity, Greenlight Trust and doggedly followed through until it came to pass.

He recruited just the right people...they cajoled and lobbied everyone they could think of. David organised forestry demo's at village fetes; evening talks at community centres; even tugs of war to raise funds. No electronic communication then of course; instead, he so

Flowerdew remembered



David Flowerdew unveiling the Pound Lane Wood sign and cutting hay in 2007.

extensively ‘bombed’ local residents with flyers that, in the end, people dreaded him appearing on his bike at the end of their drives!

After 2.5 years of continual effort, David succeeded ... a local farmer, Peter Havers, offered a one-hectare plot against Pound Lane, an ancient green pathway. A single item from the Group minutes of August 2005 reads: “The land is now ours”. That was just the start of the journey! After the celebrations, years of work followed getting the woodland established. It’s a long story but enough to say that David and his team raised funds through donations from every conceivable source. This bought fencing, gates and posts; wheelbarrows, hay rakes and forks;

hedge and brush cutters; gazebo and waders; a tractor, a trailer and a meadow cutter.

Armed with these and volunteer labour, the land was fenced. A pond dug and a wild-flower meadow established from green hay David cut from local churchyards – culminating in an award in 2005 from East Anglian Daily Times.

David was always keen to promote local ‘ownership’. He organised some plants from

Castleden Trees, a nearby

nursery supporting the project; others were grown from seeds gathered by local schoolchildren and germinated at Hoxne School. Children and parents, locals and Group members created the wood...nature’s done the rest, with a little help!

Slowly, over the years, Pound Lane Wood became established in the community. It’s a place to sit and think, or let boisterous dogs off leads without them running away. We have parishioners’ ashes beneath the trees and memorial plantings. Girl guides survey flowers and insects, we hold bar-b-q’s there for our AGMs – watching chef coping with David’s vegetarian sausages. All the while, the wood and its wildlife keep quietly growing.

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David relinquished chairmanship of the woodland group due to failing health and many original members have moved on over the years, or sadly passed away. We've been lucky in recruiting new members, so the future is bright.

I should like to end with some comments about the wood from the community. David wanted a weatherproof notice board so we could keep folk informed of events and work parties. He suggested we included a notebook and a pencil so any wildlife sightings could be recorded ... a resounding success. Every year we gather the scribbles. But of course, human nature being what it is, these are not always just about wildlife. Here are just three, showing how

Pound Lane Wood is so valued:

● December 25th – *just seen a man in a red coat with loads of reindeer by the pond.*

● March 4th 2023 – **Ali 13 and Libby 13. Best friends for life!**

● Undated, anonymous – *aren't we lucky to have this place?*

Indeed we are; and lucky to have had David Flowerdew to bring it to fruition. Thank you David – we are indebted. We will be honouring his memory and are considering the best way to do this and will let you know when we do.

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Big success for

THE QUIZ ON 29TH OF APRIL AT Horham and Athelington Community Centre entertained and questioned in quizmaster John Kirkum's usual style. It was great to see 16 teams made up from Horham, Athelington, Stradbroke, Worlingworth, Wingfield and Redlingfield, and we very much enjoyed the extra special "Light Supper" rolls. £120 was raised for funds.

"The Big Help Out Monday" was very successful with more than 20 people pitching in to help with maintenance tasks that get put off, clearing the sheds and store, cleaning the swings, cutting overgrown hedges, washing the bus shelter etc. The Sausage Sizzle and the cakes went down a treat. "Tim's Scrap" raised an amazing £582.60. Thank you to all who



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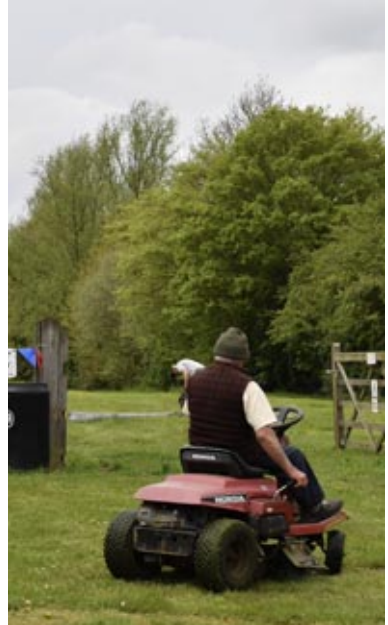
contributed in any way.

Open Mic night was on Saturday, 13th May, for those who were not watching Eurovision. We are look forward to Wheels on Wednesday, first Wednesday in June, July and August. From 5.30pm tea/coffee available, bar open later, time to be confirmed.

Petanque is on hold at the present time, the number of people expressing an interest is not justifying the expense of installing a "Rink".

Our Bar is open every Wednesday and Friday evening also second Saturday of the month. Renewed thanks to all our volunteers, old and new.

Margaret Streeter, on behalf of Horham Village Hall Trust & Horham and Athelington Community Council



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CORONATION PLUS

Coronation was the highlight

THE HIGHLIGHT of this year so far at Horham Old School has been our celebration of Coronation weekend. On Saturday 6th May we took advantage of the TV licence amnesty to show the live coverage of the Coronation throughout the day on our big screen. On Sunday 7th

May we hosted a big, bring and share, neighbourhood Coronation lunch. The Old School was bedecked with bunting and the tables were laden with all sorts of wonderful offerings which we all enjoyed. The sun shone and we were all able to enjoy lunch in the garden, share some of the

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This photo by Andy Black. Pip cutting the cake by John McCracken.

delicious cake and excellent coffee and tea on offer. The traditional music sessions continue on the second Monday evening of each month, the bar is open to members from 7.30pm during these

delicious Coronation fruitcake (kindly donated by Joyce and Brian Cooper and decorated by Pip), and listen to the Church bells ringing for the new King.

The Old School bar is open on Sundays, from

Midday to 6ish, and in the warmer weather do come and enjoy a pint, or something shorter, with good company in the garden. Coffee morning continues on Wednesdays from 10.30am to Midday with

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CROWNING GLORY:

There were Corgis amongst the church flowers with new Crowns all around awaiting residents and visitors to Athelington to celebrate the King's Coronation beginning with a family church service followed by a breakfast fit for a King at Church Farm. We sincerely thank local businesses, visitors and residents who supported Athelington's celebrations.

Edmund Hawes



IN THE NEWS:

Horham was on the TV and in papers in May thanks to CCTV footage which showed, as the Daily Mail put it: "the 'frightening' moment two storage workers battled with devastating winds as they are blown across their work yard while trying to dodge flying pieces of furniture." It showed Filing Fortress manager, Stuart McBurney fall to his knees and cling to the ground while his colleague held onto heavy furniture.

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HI I'M ANDREW, WE MOVED to this glorious county of Suffolk two years ago and reside in Redlingfield.

I have been a gardener for 41 years, undertaking a horticultural apprenticeship on a local authority, just like Alan Titchmarsh, gaining City & Guilds of Horticulture and pesticide/weedkiller qualifications. For 22 years I was employed as a Head Gardener, but took the plunge eight years ago to go it alone and set up my own business. My son has recently come onboard as my apprentice and is hoping to take over the family business, when I retire at 90! He is going to have a long wait!

Summer is just around the corner and everything in the garden should be actively growing. I hope you're not like me and put off weekly lawn mowing to fortnightly. This can create the need for double cutting lawns, firstly setting the lawn mower to a high

setting, then a lower setting on the mower for the second cut, hence the term double cutting. This just avoids the lawn clippings clogging the mower's shoot, before going to the grassbox and a gradual reduction in height, not a shock cut.

No matter how tempted you are to cut your lawn as low as possible, try to avoid it as this can encourage yellowing and fungal disease at this time of year. Also, if you can wait and cut in the afternoon, this is best as it allows heavy, morning dew to dry out.

Treatments for lawns can be applied now with feed, weed and mosskillers put down in mini gradual form. These are extremely effective, but not pet or bird-friendly and the ferrous sulphate in the moss killer can stain paths and patios with rust stains once wet. So it is best to sweep it back onto the lawn if possible and try to pick a dry day before undertaking. If rain is forecast within a couple of days wash the

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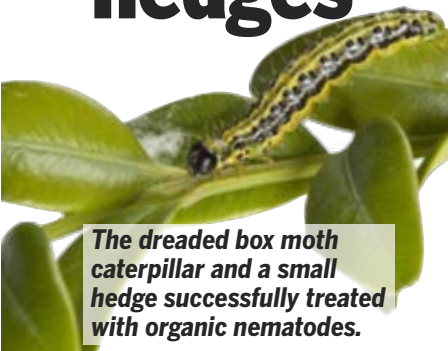
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hedges



The dreaded box moth caterpillar and a small hedge successfully treated with organic nematodes.



treatment in. Do not cut the lawn for seven to 10 days after treatment and do not use the clippings for composting for about six cuts.

This brings me on to a troublesome pest that we seem to be avoiding in our wonderful county, the dreaded box moth caterpillar. This has been devastating Buxus hedging and topiary across the country, particularly in London and Essex. It was first reported in the UK in 2007 and in home gardens in 2011. If you spot caterpillars or moths in Suffolk please undertake the RHS survey online, so they can track activity in the UK.

The caterpillar eggs are laid on the underside of Buxus leaves and hatch to feed on the leaves, creating webbing and causing the plants to look like dead stems, feeding on every green leaf in sight.

You can aid the birds by picking the pesky critters off by hand if practical but may have to undertake a spraying programme to safeguard Buxus hedging or topiary if you have it on a large scale. There are organic and inorganic treatments on the market from organic nematodes, that are

microscopic worms that enter and kill the host through an orifice, to inorganic systemic insecticides, bug clear ultra, that remain active in the plants sap stream and leaves for a couple of weeks without affecting the plant, but will kill pests that feed on the leaves. Unfortunately, the latter are not pet or bird friendly so I tend to go down the nematode root!

Pictured is a small Buxus hedge I have been maintaining in Great Burstead, in Essex for several years. This has been successfully treated from April to October every year with organic nematodes.

Roses should be coming into their own and should have had a spraying programme of blackspot, mildew, rust spray undertaken from April if necessary. There should be large buds, waiting to burst into flower and I always provide a second feed from June onwards either in liquid or small granular form. A personal favourite is organic seaweed in liquid form, which you can get from most DIY stores, online or garden centres.

***Happy gardening everyone,
Andrew Peters***

Rescuing dogs from dire

An emergency funding appeal has been issued by Suffolk Animal Rescue to help them cope with taking on the Pride dogs on top of all their existing cats and dogs needing help and support. Below is the story from Jayne at Suffolk Animal Rescue. Please help them if you are able to. Janet Norman-Philips.

SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE heard about the sudden closure of Pride Rescue in Eye. The owner was imprisoned for fraud leaving a kennel full of dogs in dire straits with very uncertain futures. Thankfully this was brought to Suffolk Animal Rescue's attention, as news travels fast in the rescue world, and being local we were the best placed rescue to respond.

Our kennel girls promptly went over to see what was going on. Sadly, the place was in chaos, filthy kennels, volunteers who had no clue about the dogs' needs or

how to properly see to their needs, quite apart from the horror of dead dogs decomposed in the refuse bin.

Our Jasmine and Emma wasted no time cleaning the place up and making assessments of the dogs still stuck in the kennels. The Police and the RSPCA were in attendance and were happy with what the girls achieved and that the dogs' welfare was being sorted.

After much discussion we decided to move the dogs out, for their safety and the safety of my girls.

A chat room was quickly set up among trusted rescues up and down the country to begin to find safety for the dogs as we got them out. Several found places quite quickly and our Jasmine did a couple of very long trips up North getting three of the dogs to safe havens.

Having no kennels of our own, frantic phone calls were made to secure emergency boarding for the remaining dogs, a costly but essential move.



straits at Pride Rescue

The dogs are now safe and being properly vetted and cared for until their happy endings can be found. More dogs then hit the radar, two dogs that the Pride Rescue



owner had previously dumped in Thetford forest, that were then picked up by the dog warden and found themselves in pound kennels, with very little time until their put to sleep date.

Again we appealed for help and found a secure space for one of the boys, the one remaining now safely in our care.

Quite apart from the horrors of Pride, the dog world is currently in chaos. We have never had so many daily calls from owners wanting to re-home dogs, some bought off Facebook and many bought off Gumtree and other unsavoury selling sites. Sadly, we just cannot help them all.

On top of this it is kitten season again, so the cats are not faring any better. Pregnant cats coming in weekly and again too many kittens being born. Plus tom cats arriving with nasty injuries from fighting for the feline ladies they come across. Most of the boys are testing positive for FIV and are in need of indoor homes.

If only people would neuter their cats!

It is a really bad time for our much loved pets at the moment, cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs are all suffering, and there is just not enough space to help them all.

See www.suffolkanimalrescue.org.uk to donate or for details. Email: suffolkar@hotmail.com
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Jayne Roberts



Rescued Pride dogs: inset, Benny; bottom from left: Athena, Callie and Snowball; right from top Max and Beau.



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Saturday 3 June

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: 6-11pm.

Laxfield Market: 9.30am-noon.

Saturday & Sunday 3 & 4

Wingfield Open Gardens.:

opengardens.co.uk.

Sunday 4 June

Steam Railway Day: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway (MSLR).

Wednesday 7 June

Coffee Caravan: 10am-noon, Redlingfield.

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Outing.

Wheels on Wednesday: Horham, 5.30pm.

Friday 9 June

The Black Feathers: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, £15.

Saturday 10 June

Dabble Day - Redlingfield and Occold WI:

10am-3pm, Occold Village Hall, crafts.

Bof! Workshop and Dance: Wingfield Barns.

Dance: Fundraiser. Red Feather Club.

Laxfield Church Summer Fête: 2-4pm, The Villa.

Hoxne Summer Fair: 2-5pm, Abbey Farm.

Stuff and Folly: Short comedy radio plays & sketches. Advance £10 on door £12. The Bank Arts Centre Eye, 7pm.

Sunday 11 June

Eye Town Mayor Making Ceremony.

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 June

Eye Open Gardens.

Bedfield Open Gardens:

opengardens.co.uk. **Sunday 11 June**

Steam Railway Day: Mid-Suff Light Railway.

Saturday 17 June

Wilby Summer Fair.

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 June

Fressingfield Garden Festival: Scarecrow trail, flower festival, country living market, food & bar. opengardens.co.uk.

Sunday 18 June

Steam Railway Day: Mid-Suff Light Railway.

Wednesday 21 June

Suffolk Day.

Friday 23 June

Summer concert: Brundish church, the Tim Kliphuis Trio & friends, 7.30pm.
 Tickets & info timgillers1@gmail.com.
Chanter's Jigge: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, £12.

Saturday 24 June

Dance with Memphis Lee and The Creepers: Red Feather Club.

Sunday 25 June

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

Saturday 1 July

Fun Village Dog Show & Redlingfield Fayre: Doorstep Green, 10am until late.
 Dog Show contact Alison 07817 207462.
 Details on www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk
 Joint event: Redlingfield Village Committee & St Andrew's Church.

Sunday 2 July

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

Wednesday 5 July

Coffee Caravan: 10am-noon, Redlingfield.
Redlingfield & Occold WI: 7.30pm, Occold Village Hall. Suffolk Lacemakers with Nicky Hoewener.
Wheels on Wednesday: Horham, 5.30pm.

Friday 7 July

Jackie and the Beans Talk: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, £10.

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July

Open Gardens Worlingworth & Southolt: 10am-5pm. Songs of Praise, Sunday 6pm.

Sunday 9 July

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

Thursday-Sunday 13-16 July

Country Music Festival: Debenham.

Sunday 16 July

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

Sunday 23 July

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

Sunday 30 July

Red Feather Club Open Day: 10am-4pm.
Steam Railway Day: MSLR.
Music in the Gardens with Swing Machine Big Band: 11am-7.30pm, Helmingham Hall, adults £10, children (5-15 years old) £5, under 5s free.

Wednesday 2 August

Coffee Caravan: 10am-noon, Redlingfield.
Redlingfield & Occold WI: 7.30pm, Occold Village Hall.
Wheels on Wednesday: Horham, 5.30pm.

Sunday 6 August

Wingfield Barns Summer Fete: noon-4pm.
Steam Railway Day: MSLR.
The Festival of Classic & Sports Cars: 10am-5pm, Helmingham Hall, adults £10, children (5-15 years old) £5, under 5s free, Family (2 adults, 2 children) £25.

Sunday 13 August

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.

Wednesday 16 August

Knight and Spiers: Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, £18.

Sunday 20 August

Steam Railway Day: MSLR.
Music in the Gardens with Jax & Co: 10am-4pm, Helmingham Hall, adults £10, children (5-15 years old) £5, under 5s free.

Sunday & Monday 27 & 28 August

Model Mania: MSLR.

Saturday 2 September

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: 6-11pm.

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- Bank Arts Centre www.thebankeye.org ● Helmingham Hall Gardens www.helmingham.com
 ● Mid-Suffolk Light Railway www.mslr.org.uk ● Redlingfield www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk
 ● Stonham Barns www.stonhambarns.co.uk ● Suffolk Owl Sanctuary www.owl-help.org.uk
 ● Stradbroke Cinema Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm.
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BE WELL IN REDLINGFIELD: A new eco-conscious health and fitness centre was due to officially open in Redlingfield at the end of May. It was born from an idea conceived and created by Will and Sarah Edwards. Founded on their interest in staying fit and healthy whilst reducing our environmental impact, Be Well Barn's vision is to lead the way in carbon-neutral health and wellness activities. In our home village of Redlingfield, Be Well Barn offers a perfect destination for those wanting gym sessions, one-off classes and wellness treatments. It features The Suffolk Jungle Room Cafe run by Tony and Sam, who offer a wealth of fresh, healthy breakfasts and lunches as well as coffee and cakes for guests to enjoy. Sarah and Will Edwards both began their careers as physiotherapists with a personal interest in fitness alongside mental health and well-being. Be Well Barn's Open Day on Saturday 13th May saw more than 500 visitors. To find out more you can follow Be Well Barn on Instagram and Facebook or visit www.bewellbarn.co.uk. Classes start from £8 a class and membership packages start from £45 per month. Be Well Barn is on Church Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QP.



Smiles from some of the Be Well Barn team. Founders Will and Sarah Edwards 2nd & 3rd from left back row.

FUN VILLAGE DOG SHOW & REDLINGFIELD FAYRE

**Redlingfield Doorstep Green
Saturday 1st July 10am until late**

For Dog Show contact Alison 07817 207462

Details will be available on www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

Joint event: Redlingfield Village Committee & St Andrew's Church



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REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING AGM:

From the meeting on 17th May at Horham & Athelington Community Centre...

● **New Chair:** Adrian Smith was unanimously elected chair. He thanked Midge Gibbons for all her work as previous chair and Janet Norman-Philips and Mike Ager for their hard work. Adrian said he will try to get more people involved in village events and the village committee. He said more volunteers, in particular, were needed for the Fun Village Dog Show & Redlingfield Fayre on Saturday 1 July.

● **Secretary/clerk & treasurer:** Janet Norman-Philips was re-elected secretary and elected acting treasurer.

● **Redlingfield Doorstep Green:** It was agreed to start a ring-fenced Doorstep Green Fund to attract grants and funding for repairs and improvements to the

Doorstep Green. Remedial work should see the parking area ready for use soon.

● **Household Support Grants:** Suffolk Community Foundation was thanked for providing a second round of hardship grants in September/October 2022 of £7,000 to assist households in need. Assistance was provided to fourteen households comprising 34 individuals.

● **Neighbourhood Watch:** Adrian Smith suggested setting up a round robin phone scheme to inform villagers of any suspicious activity etc and asked for feedback on this idea. He has also looked at apps to do this.

● **District Councillor:** Our new Green Party councillor Lucy Elkin attended answering questions about Mid Suffolk District Council and telling the meeting about community grants and help available for those suffering in the cost of

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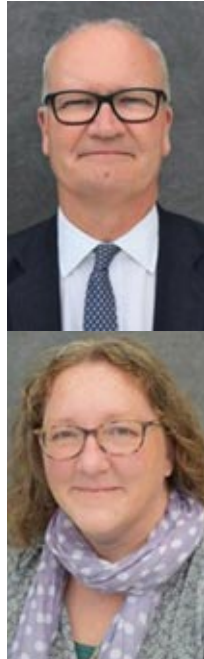
living crisis (see www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits/cost-of-living-support). She also thanked previous district councillor Peter Gould and all those involved with Redlingfield Parish Meeting, for all their hard work.

● **Redlingfield Village**

Committee: Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Susan Chapman, Allan Chapman, Will Edwards, Lesley Rose, Emma Hewitt, Manday Miller and Adrian Smith were all re-elected.

● Full minutes www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk & on noticeboard.

Clerk, Janet Norman-Philips,
pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk,
01379 678835.



LOCAL ELECTIONS: Mid Suffolk District Council: Matthew Hicks (Conservative) was elected to Hoxne & Worlingworth Ward covering Athelington, Bedfield, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Monk Soham, Southolt & Worlingworth. The Old Rectory, Athelington, IP21 5EJ, 01728 628176, 07824 474741, matthew.hicks@midsuffolk.gov.uk. Lucy Elkin (Green Party) was elected to Eye Ward covering Eye, Occold & Redlingfield. The Firs Mill Road, Occold, IP23 7PN. 07928 512 590, lucy.elkin@midsuffolk.gov.uk.
Horham & Athelington Parish Council: Council re-elected unopposed.



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■ **REDLINGFIELD & OCCOLD WI:** We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month in Occold Village Hall at 7.30pm. In March, Stephen Amer gave us an interesting talk about his work at Voice cCloud, as well as some exercises to improve our singing. Voice cCloud is an arts organisation which is committed to promoting the role and positive impact of the creative arts and music across society. They work within health and care settings, as well as heritage and digital environments. We enjoyed songs such as *Que Sera*

Sera and *Da Do Ron Ron*; and we even tried singing in Welsh as a call and repeat exercise. In April, our member Julia Lindon shared her proposal for a refill business. Julia has been concerned about the environment since childhood. She feels that the current state of the debate around environmental damage and climate change can be overwhelming. This led her to consider what she could change and influence; and her proposal is to support the local area with refills via a doorstep delivery or market stall/other base. Members had a very

interesting discussion around the proposal. We discussed types of products, eg whether consumables would be included as well as cleaning products and toiletries. If you want to find out more contact Julia on j.lindon@outlook.com. In May, members discussed the national Resolution: clean rivers for people and wildlife. After a good discussion, the resolution was passed and our vote will now be sent to National WI. The resolution will be debated again at the National AGM at the end of May; after agreement, the WI will



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focus on the issue of clean rivers for people and wildlife in our campaigns. Three of our members will be attending the AGM in Cardiff. Members have also enjoyed some local walks and two members went on a lino cutting course run by the WI in April. We are looking forward to summer events, particularly our outing on 7th June when we are planning to visit Peter Beale's Rose garden for afternoon tea. Our July meeting is a talk from Nicky Hoewener about the history of the Suffolk Lacemakers and August is our members' evening for our '100 things' Scrapbook

marking our Centennial year. On Saturday 10th June the Suffolk East Federation are holding a "Dabble Day", hosted by our group at the Village Hall, 10am-3pm. Soup & roll lunch will be available, cost for the day £5. WI members and groups from the surrounding locality are invited to attend to take part in and have a go at a variety of craft activities. These will include experiencing whittling, sugar craft, hand-formed pottery to name a few. In September we will also be celebrating the National WI Day by hosting an afternoon tea in

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

the hall for our members and other local groups. If you or anyone you know lives in Redlingfield and would like to come along please contact Carol. If you would like more information about our activities please contact our President, Carol Peters on 01379 678597, or just come along to a meeting. We look forward to welcoming you.

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WE ARE COMING TO THE end of another busy year at Wilby School. The school is thriving, we continue to achieve high levels in progress and attainment and our pupils' numbers are increasing. In September we will be back up to four teacher-led classes with pupil numbers at just under 100.

This year we welcomed Helen Evans onto the staff and in September, our Post Graduate student Mrs Karen Maurice will take over responsibility for our 'new' EYFS class as a newly-qualified teacher. Our congratulations go to her for all of her hard work this year!

Our Friends of School group has been very active this year organising a number of fundraising activities including a super Easter Egg Hunt for the children. This term our main event is the Summer Fair on Saturday June 17th, which the Wilby community are warmly welcomed to join us.

Our Easter service was held in school, children recreated the last supper and also shared a presentation about the true meaning of Easter. They

also shared some wonderful art work.

This month the children dressed up in red white and blue to celebrate the King's Coronation. They also took part in a picnic lunch and have created art work, miniature gardens and produced films about King Charles including his charity work and passion for nature. Their work was displayed as part of the Wilby Village Coronation celebrations.

In the Spring Term Kingfisher Class put on a brilliant play all about the Romans and this term Owl Class will be performing their end-of-year play in July. Also in terms of musical performances, in June we will be holding our annual 'Music for a summer's Evening' which we hope will raise funds for the Hope Orphanage in Kenya.

The summer term is packed full of exciting days out including trips to Whitlingham Adventure in the Broads, Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre, Southwold, London and the Year 5/6 residential trip to The Horstead Centre.

We have welcomed a number of visitors into school as well including Sam Oldfield from the waste management department of Suffolk County Council. Children have applied to become 'eco-warrior' waste-management leads in school. Our newly-appointed eco-warriors will be continuing to work with Sam across this and the next school year as they share their passion for saving our planet.



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This term our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have also been awarded the Junior Road Safety Officers Award for their work across the school year.

Looking ahead, we have begun to explore the possibility of joining a multi academy trust (MAT) in order to further support the development of our teachers and expand opportunities for the children. I have been mentoring and training the headteachers and teachers in the Tilian MAT this year and it has given me and the governing body the opportunity to see how this trust is well matched to our school ethos and aims. At present we are continuing to take part in the due diligence process in order to ensure that should we join the trust our key non negotiables will be met. These include:

- Retaining our own head teacher
- Retaining our own unique curriculum, school uniform, badge and motto
- Retaining our Christian ethos/strong moral education
- Retaining and not sharing our teachers or TAs
- Retaining our own local governing body
- Retaining management of our own finances

In short, we wish to retain our individuality, whilst benefitting from the development opportunities and support for our school community that MAT membership can bring.

We are already excited about the new year ahead for Wilby School and have high hopes for its continued success in providing an excellent education for all of our pupils.

Headteacher Roisin Wiseman

Scenes from Kingfisher Class' play about the Romans.



“THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF ROLAND LANCELOT

“A shocking tragedy was enacted at Horham on Monday evening when in the absence of his parents, Stanley Roe, aged 12 years, said he should put his brother aged 4 years to bed and told him that if he didn’t lie quietly he would shoot him. He then took up a gun, which he states he did not know was loaded, and the weapon went off, blowing the younger boy’s head almost completely from the body. The father of the lad is a miller and merchant, and the sad affair happened when Mr and Mrs Roe were returning home from Eye market. A correspondent to the contemporary states that the occurrence seems to have been purely the result of an accident. Mr Fred Roe is the occupier of a windmill and dwelling house beside the high road from Eye to Stradbroke, and has a family of seven children, the eldest of whom is fifteen years of age. On Monday both Mr and Mrs Roe went to Eye market as usual but the woman who is generally left in charge was detained elsewhere by the

illness of a relative. Mr W. Baldry, farmer and carpenter, Mr Roe’s brother-in-law, lives close by, and it was thought that the children could be safely left. In the corner of one of the sitting rooms Mr Roe had placed a double-barrel breech loading gun. He used the weapon last week and was particularly careful to leave it unloaded. Unfortunately however, the elder boys knew where the cartridges were kept and loading one barrel they took the gun to William Smith, the man employed at the mill and asked him to go out into the garden to shoot a blackbird. When Smith went outside the bird had flown, and later on he told the boys to take the gun indoors again as he would not have it in the mill. The gun was taken indoors and place in the corner. Then the children had tea, and shortly before six o’clock Clement and Stanley Roe, the elder boys ordered the youngsters off to bed. The youngest but one named Roland Lancelot Thomas Roe, who would have been four years of age next month, made some demur about going. The dispute was all in good temper, it appears, and in the same spirit Stanley Roe aged twelve, put his hand on the gun and threatened to shoot his brother. He did not actually take the weapon up, but simply slanted it down. To his horror, however the gun went off immediately, the trigger or hammer it is supposed striking against the chair. The muzzle was on a level with the head of little Roland, and the back part of his skull was blown clean off, the wall of the room being bespattered with blood and brains. Stanley Roe picked the dead



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body up in his arms and carried it outside, along the side of the house, and lying it down there, called loudly for Smith. “Oh Smith” he called out “come and do something for the little boy, there is something the matter with him. Can you make him well? Shall I be hung?” Smith and Mr Baldry ran to the spot, and the latter carried the child indoors. He also discharged the sad duty of binding up the child’s head, and removing the traces of the accident. A message was sent to the Rectory, and Miss Frere rode on her bicycle to Stradbroke and procured the attendance of Dr. Frere, while William Smith, getting a ride towards Eye, met Mr and Mrs Roe on the road and informed them of the sad occurrence. Mrs Roe was overcome with grief on

hearing of the ending of the bright little fellow, who had implored her before she left home to bring him back a present from market. An inquest on the body was held on Thursday afternoon before Mr C. W. Chasterton, Esq., coroner. The Jury returned a verdict of “Accidental death,” but added as a rider that it was regrettable that William Smith gave the gun back to the boy loaded. They also felt it was exceedingly careless of Mr Roe to have left the gun and ammunition about where the boys could get it, especially bearing in mind the parents were away from the house. The Coroner said that he entirely concurred with the remarks of the jury, and he thought Mr Roe would acknowledge that he had been very careless.” **Linda Hudson**



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ALL THIS LAST FOOTBALL season people were telling me it would be different as this Ipswich Town team was made of better stuff. I wanted to believe them but experience told me it wouldn't come easy. Until the job was done I wasn't going to believe. That way I wouldn't get hurt as a football fan again.

That is my default in life. Never expect nice things to happen. If you can control it try to make it happen, but expect nothing until it is there, and then don't believe it will last.

Sometimes you want something so much that when it continually fails to happen it becomes hard to believe it ever will. Highs in life last a short time, the lows can linger.

The 2022-23 Ipswich Town FC season was ultimately different though despite a problem that has bugged the club for 20 years. We weren't getting the decisions, penalties that didn't go our way and too many soft, or simply erroneous, decisions were costing us.

A dreadful call gave Barnsley a free-kick and disallowed a Harness goal that would have given Town a two-goal lead. It was important when they equalised and it cost us two points. Plymouth Argyle's equaliser at Home Park was from a much more obvious foul on one of our players in the build-up. Then Sheffield Wednesday's late equaliser at Hillsborough was seen to be marginally offside on TV that night

but the linesman lost his nerve in the partisan atmosphere.

What happened with the referee allegedly adding time for goal celebrations over the six minutes, he said, at Charlton Athletic, allowing them two goals for a 4-4 draw, was a sick joke (except it cost us two more points so not funny). A penalty that gave Lincoln City a point at Sincil Bank was really poor. Then a defeat at Oxford United was even more confusing.

After a game Ipswich lost to a late goal in the fog a bizarre story started up. With the score at 1-1 with just over a quarter of an hour left, and the mist really bad, the discussion to call the game off was had. It carried on because both clubs claimed the referee said it be ended as a 1-1 draw if he called it off and both sides needed to go for a win. Both clubs said they wanted a postponement but agreed to play on because of this.

A few days later the English Football League said the game would have been replayed. PGMOL (Referees Association) said their referee never said what both managers thought he did. That is curious. I guess it is like the incident where the linesman appeared to elbow Liverpool's Andy Robertson at Anfield as they left the pitch at half-time. Nothing wrong to be seen in the officials action.

We can add to that the misfortune of



late deflected equalisers at home to Fleetwood and Plymouth Argyle, and the officials seeing a red card offence against Sheffield Wednesday but not the offender

(the retrospective three-match ban may have hurt 'The Owls' later, but it didn't for the remaining seventy minutes of the game at Portman Road).

As points were dropped in mid-season, it looked to me with thirty games played that Ipswich Town were having their promotion challenge majorly disrupted. I was looking at the teams pushing for the Play-Offs and not the automatic places that Sheffield Wednesday and Plymouth Argyle looked in control of.

Then something amazing happened.

Regardless of all that went before Ipswich Town won thirteen and drew three. A team that seemed adverse to success for two decades re-invented themselves.

The away wins at Bolton Wanderers, Derby County, Peterborough United and Barnsley were particularly impressive. It helped that Sheffield Wednesday wobbled, five games without a win, including a scarcely believable 1-0 loss at bottom club Forest Green Rovers. Ipswich Town got second place and kept it. Plymouth Argyle consistently kept going but when Exeter City were beaten 6-0 in the penultimate game, Ipswich Town were promoted to the Championship.

We reverted to kind on the last day

drawing 2-2 at Fleetwood and finishing second on 98 points with 101 goals and a plus 66 goal difference. Impressive numbers indeed. We only lost four of forty-six games, at home to Lincoln City and the away games at Plymouth Argyle, Wycombe Wanderers and in the fog at Oxford United.

I saw one match all season, Accrington Stanley at home in March, a 3-0 win. I hope to see more next season. It was also noticeable to me that until late in the last game at Fleetwood we had no problems with the officials in those last sixteen games.

If anyone is interpreting the story I'm giving out as Ipswich Town got promoted despite the officials, I have to say we got the decisions in those last few matches.

We got penalties when we were 2-0 and 3-0 up and one we desperately needed late-on when it looked like we'd undone all our good work by being held at home by Port Vale.

For Sheffield Wednesday I have some sympathy. 96 points and still in the Play-Offs is tough. For balance I remember a really poor penalty decision that cost them two points at Oxford United during the stumble that allowed Ipswich back in.

As an Ipswich Town fan I know it was only Division One but they are now at a level most fair minded people would see as proper.

If it wasn't for the return of the nightmare that is the East Anglian 'Old Farm' derbies, Ipswich Town haven't won one since 2009, I would be really happy.

Ian Crane

FEATURES & NEWS

■ **SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS:** Suffolk Open Studios holds an annual event every June, with artists and makers across the county dusting off their overalls, hanging their artworks and opening their doors for you to explore. Free printed directories are available from libraries, shops and galleries or online at www.suffolkopenstudios.org where you can also sign up to their newsletters, download their app and follow them on social media. Studios are open on specific weekends throughout the month and there are artists taking part nearby in Eye, Thorndon and Laxfield.

■ **DOORSTEP GREEN:** I would like to remind everyone that the Doorstep Green includes both the original Doorstep Green and the newer two-acre extension, the field between the original Doorstep Green and the Church path, which includes a small parking area. Dog poo should be picked up in both areas. There is a dog poo bin beside the 'new' bridge.

Janet Norman-Philips

■ **WEDDING DRESS FESTIVAL:** St Mary's Church Worlingworth are planning a Wedding Dress Festival on the weekend of September 9 & 10 and would like to display, in the church, as many wedding dresses or outfits as possible to showcase a history of wedding attire from people within our community. We are also on the lookout for dress forms on which to display the dresses. So if you have any of the above we would like to hear from you! Please contact Diana on 01728 628077 or dianartotten@gmail.com



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■ **PLANNING:**

AWAITING DECISION: Application for a lawful development certificate for re-roofing of existing bungalow, replacing existing rotten cedar wooden shingles with man-made blue/black slates, **The Cedars, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX** (DC/23/02309).

GRANTED: Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/18/04801 and appeal APP/W3520/W/19/3230783 dated 05/12/2019. Submission of Details for Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale for Erection of up to two detached dwellings with garages on **land opposite Wheatcrofts, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX** (No:DC/22/05501).

REFUSED: Application -to construction of one house (retention of); conversion of building to an annex ancillary to the main dwelling (retention of), **Brick Kiln Farm, Worlingworth Road, Athelington, IP21 5EP** (DC/23/01473).

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

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SUMMERTIME

Spring is a time to sow seeds, in the hope and confidence that they will grow and flourish over the summer months, nurtured by the warming earth and some gentle (we hope!) rain and sunshine.

The weather has warmed up and, suddenly, the sun is out and we are into summer! If you have been missing out on your vitamin D for the last few months, now is the time to be outside and soak up some rays (with due regard to sun protection, of course) – it really will lift your mood. If you have solar panels on your house, you will be finding they are generating quite a lot of electricity at the moment.

It all helps us to feel a bit more optimistic.

At the same time, we hear that temperatures are rocketing far above

what is pleasant or even safe in countries as far apart as Spain and Vietnam. I know how environmentally conscious most of you are. Yet it's worth reminding ourselves regularly that when we read in the book of Genesis that God gave men and women "dominion" over every living thing on the earth, that came with the responsibility to take care of every living thing and of the earth itself.

A good way to remind ourselves is to celebrate and enjoy the natural world. Our churches will be doing that with an animal service at Horham Community Centre at 4pm on Sunday 9th July. Do come along and bring your animals!

Plus at 6pm on Tuesday 1st August Hoxne church will hold its usual Lammas service in aid of the Addington Fund celebrating the first loaf from the first of the harvest ("Lammas" is a contraction of "Loaf Mass"), followed by a hog roast.

Whatever we are doing this summer, let's give thanks to God for the natural world and for placing us in this particularly beautiful part of it.

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■ MICHAEL WHATLING: RIP Michael who did so much for the village, as a craftsman, tea-maker and general "good sort". David and family wish to thank all those

who attended Michael's funeral and sent cards and donations, so far totalling £1586.79 to benefit St. Elizabeth Hospice and St Mary's Church, Horham. Please accept this as the only, but most sincere, acknowledgement. On Friday, 31st March, 2023 at 7.30pm the Quarter Peel was rung. Several came and "listened up" sitting outside the community centre.



CHURCH SERVICES: Planned church services in June, July & August.

Online Services: Every Saturday & Sunday: CW Morning Prayer at 8am on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch; **Every Friday:** Compline at 6pm on Zoom. For a Zoom invitation, e-mail eleanor.goodison@gmail.com. Some services in church are also live streamed or uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion, Athelington;
11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield;
4pm Messy Church, Syleham Village Hall.

Sunday 11th June

First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield; 9.30am Café Church, Hoxne.

Sunday 18th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne;
11.15am BCP Holy Communion, Horham;
6pm Evensong, Wingfield.

Sunday 25th June

Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Syleham;
11am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne
(No All Age service because clergy
absent).

Sunday 2nd July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion and
Patronal Festival, Athelington;
11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield;
4pm Messy Church, Syleham Village Hall.

Sunday 9th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion,
Redlingfield; 9.30am Café Church, Hoxne;
4pm Animal Service, Horham Community
Centre .

Sunday 16th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne;
11.15am BCP Holy Communion, Horham;
6pm Evensong, Wingfield.

Sunday 23rd July

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Syleham;
11am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne.

Sunday 30th July

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11am Benefice Holy Service, Syleham;
4pm All Age service, Hoxne.

Tuesday 1st August

6pm Lammas Service, Hoxne.

Sunday 6th August

The Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30am Holy Communion, Athelington;
11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield;
4pm Messy Church, Syleham Village Hall.

Sunday 13th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield;
9.30am Café Church, Hoxne.

Sunday 20th August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11.15am Benefice Holy Communion,
Horham.

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost

11am Benefice Holy Communion, Hoxne.

Abbreviations: BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship.

■ **ENQUIRIES:** Daphne Harvey, St Mary, Horham (384216) or David Spall (384239);
Colin Palmer, St Peter, Athelington (01728 628747); Hazel Abbott, St Andrew,
Redlingfield (678217).



As many of our children and grandchildren enter the summer exam term, it provides an opportunity to reflect upon what skills and qualifications are now needed for young people entering the world of work.

The Prime Minister recently announced that in future, all children will need to study maths until age 18. Although compulsory maths until the age of 18 does not, initially, feel very attractive, I believe we can change perceptions of the subject. Applying maths skills in the real world is essential in all walks of life and offers an increase in self-confidence that will serve our children well throughout their lives.

As a regular visitor to schools across our area, I am proud of the hard work that goes into supporting our children. During a recent visit to Kesgrave High School, I was asked some excellent questions by a student around encouraging young women to take up Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths (STEM) qualifications and retaining that talent for lifelong careers in Suffolk.

It has become clear to me that our young people care deeply about achieving net zero, and I am pleased that along with sixth forms, we have a wide range of educational settings here that offer these qualifications, such as Suffolk New and Suffolk Rural. Our schools and colleges have strong relationships with local businesses and are already seeking opportunities for our young people with Sizewell C.

Suffolk's Energy Coast is internationally recognised as excellent in producing and

delivering sustainable, clean energy solutions, offering great careers and underpinning economic growth in Suffolk and across the UK. We have one of the driest climates in England with longer hours of daily sunshine and miles of coastline, so it is seen as the perfect location for solar and offshore wind.

I have reservations about the proposals for Sizewell C, but until we can find better ways of storing the electricity produced by renewable sources, nuclear power remains an important form of electricity production. We are all striving to be more environmentally-conscious and nuclear energy is carbon neutral and reduces reliance on fossil fuels.

Maths underpins achievement in all STEM subjects which are key to supporting the growth in jobs in Suffolk's energy industry. Thanks to Suffolk's leading role in the nuclear and renewables sector, our young people can play their part in building a brighter, greener future, but let's not forget that maths is useful in all walks of life. Young people will one day need to manage household budgets, understand mobile phone contracts and arrange mortgages. These skills are workplace transferable, and we must not fail our children when it comes to confidence in maths both for their own lives and in safeguarding a strong economic future for the country.

I am incredibly proud of everything we have to offer young people, here in Suffolk. I couldn't think of a better place to live and work, and I wish all our students all the very best for their exams and hopefully some outstanding results to come.

Dr Dan Poulter, MP, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich
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