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#### EDITORIAL

*THE LIGHT AT THE END OF* the tunnel feels like it could actually be the end of the tunnel rather than an oncoming express train for the first time in a long while, thanks to a variety of vaccines on the horizon. So, it is not all doom and gloom as we come to the end of this strangest of years and hope we can get back to some sort of normality in 2021 with all those village events we've missed out on in 2020. Roll on 2021 is what I say, although this year does seem to have flashed by. We've still got quite a long haul ahead of us but if we continue to be sensible and most importantly kind

we'll come out relatively unscathed on the other side. We are very lucky to live where we do with lovely countryside, good neighbours and great local businesses and workers such as milkmen (probably milk people now but that sounds kind of weird), posties, dustmen (refuse collectors?) etc. So let's follow Lance Corporal Jones' advice if not his headless chicken actions and keep a lid on all those Private Frazer's and their doom-laden predictions. We hope you manage to have a happy Christmas and wish you all the best for the new year.

Mike Ager



**A POLOGIES FOR THE LATE ARRIVAL OF THIS MAG. IT IS entirely down to me slacking off. I promise to do better in the future.** 

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# On a slippery slope towards winter

Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife

Now THAT AUTUMN IS ON a slippery slope into winter, harvest is just a happy memory and a better one than some of us had expected. Many thanks to our resident lay preacher Richard, a member of the Franciscan Order, for our Harvest Thanksgiving service this year. It was a great success and, with his relaxed presentation of recorded music, poetry and cartoons, something completely different.

### HARVEST IS A BLUR OF

activity and soon over. A horse-riding friend Sue List, who likes a gallop on the stubbles, regrets the tiny window of opportunity as one minute the fields are standing corn and the next minute are cultivated or drilled.

She is absolutely right, the fields are soon put back in production and funnily enough, in this current climate of controlling carbon emissions, maximum crop cover is all the trend these days.

This picture of a tiny leveret was taken on August 12th, only days after the field of wheat had been combined. It was separated from its mother by the rapeseed drill but some adroit manoeuvres of the following rib-rolls drove the two back together and they were soon reunited.

In August, barn owls were highly visible as they worked overtime to



locate their prey as the dry summer was detrimental to the vole population and food was scarce. The females struggled to reach breeding weight and we produced only two chicks from our two boxes and, even then, one of those got eaten by the other. Better news from the United States and it has nothing to do with Trump. continued on p4

continued from p3 IN NEW YORK, the Rockefeller Centre Xmas tree arrived after a three-day journey from somewhere "up country" with a stowaway in the branches, a diminutive sawwhet owl, one of America's tiniest



and even smaller than our Little Owl.

Apart from being crushed with nothing to eat or drink, he was fine, and with fluids and all the mice he could eat, Rocky was soon returned to the wild.

THE MEMORIES OF A LONG HOT summer are many this year, bees and butterflies flourished and Will and Sarah at Kiln Farm enjoyed a birdwatching first, a nightjar. Sitting outside one late summer evening, this unusual bird cut low across the patio on its feeding foray for nocturnal insects. The picture used here is from the British Trust of Ornithology. These fascinating migrants have remarkable eyesight for locating moths in near-darkness and a huge gape of a mouth for

scooping them up.

This was an unusual sighting for our part of Suffolk, as the nightjar is a summer visitor to our sandlings belt of dry heaths and mixed tree cover.

DICK EATON ON HIS HEDGEcutter sees some great sights and this year a first for him was a badger digging out a wasp's nest from a ditchside. Seeing a small animal rubbing its nose vigorously along the ground, what he first thought was a terrier dog turned into a badger rooting out a large wasp's nest from the bank



under the hedge. Obviously, the discomfort of multiple stings on the nose was well worth the effort and there were plenty of wasps to go round this year.

WITH SOME TREPIDATION, WE took a break after harvest and embarked on a road trip to Yorkshire via Derbyshire.

The south-west corner of the Peak District offers good walking country in The Roaches, an area of gritstone rocks favoured by climbers where we were treated to a display of three peregrine falcons hanging in the moorland wind. Stopping to bike to the Rutland Water Wildlife Trust on the way home, we learnt that it had been an excellent osprey season with 21 chicks reared successfully.

Although departed by early September, it was some compensation to see their unusual spoonbill, conventionally a migratory visitor from tropical Africa which now has adapted to overwinter in Poole Harbour. *continued on p6* 



Facing page: The sawwhet owl in New York. This page: A spoonbill and a nightjar.





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continued from p5 RICHARD AND TRACEY Scoggins who lived for many years in the village at Kiln Farm, are both experienced divers and have an interesting dimension to their Scuba diving activities.

They are volunteers with the British Diving Marine Rescue and this summer were called to a distressed grey seal at Cove Hithe which they assessed as an undernourished juvenile needing rehabilitation in Norfolk. Wrapping it in towels mouth-first to avoid angry bites, they can look back with amusement now at the long footpath trek from beach to car park with a very unhappy 16kg prisoner.

THOUGH IT IS UNWISE TO drift into a political debate these days it is difficult to resist a poke at bumbling Boris, the reluctant Prime Minister, but he did get London bikes started years before Covid arrived on the scene. Now most towns are hurrying to get their bike lanes established as cycle shop sales register a rare bright spot in the



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world of retail. Whilst the lockeddown furloughed commercial world stayed at home, a cycle ride in Suffolk would reveal as many fellow cyclists as motorists on our quieter roads. Maybe the future after vaccination will see everyone taking more exercise after the restriction to sports, gyms and swimming pools in the short term.

... and finally, a view from Kenneth Williams. *Trevor Edwards* 



CHRISTMAS CHEER IN 1894 This article appeared in a local paper: "Every cottage fireside in Redlingfield was made bright and cheerful at Christmas through the generosity of Mr. R.H. Rump, of Eye, who presented a cwt. of coals to each. The coals were kindly carted from Eye free of cost and delivered by Mr. David Reeve, J.P. ..." Mr Rump was a banker living in Castle Street, Eye, until his death in 1930. David Reeve occupied Redlingfield Hall from 1867 to 1898.



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# Young Henry and Arthur are battling local litter

ELLO, WE ARE HENRY (aged 9) and Arthur (aged 6). We live in Athelington and love wildlife and taking care of the surrounding area as much as we can.

Just before the first lockdown, we bought some litter-pickers and we go out on lots of walks clearing up rubbish from the roadsides and hedgerows. It is quite good fun, seeing who can spot the next bit of litter, but



it is a shame that there is so much to collect.

We are really interested in the wildlife in our garden and a couple of weekends ago, we made a bird feeding station outside our kitchen window. Because they are so close, we can see the birds really well. We get lots of blue tits and great tits, and now a little coal tit has found the food too. Every now and again, a flock of long-tailed

tits arrive and they peck at the fat balls whilst chirping to each other.

Last weekend, we saw a barn owl hunting over the field opposite our house, so we carefully walked down the driveway to watch it a bit more closely. All of a sudden, it flew up over the hedgerow and right over our heads! It was so exciting and amazing to see. We were also lucky enough to see a little owl on our walk the other day which was really nice because we haven't seen one properly before.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about the wildlife that we have been watching and that you like our pictures. We are looking forward to writing some more about what we see over the winter months.

We hope you have a Happy Christmas, from Henry and Arthur. *Henry & Arthur* 



# Christmas past

T THE TIME OF writing none of us have any idea of how we will celebrate Christmas.

Very often the TV schedules at this time of year include Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, and in that tradition we at The Old School have been thinking about Christmases past as well as planning for the future. We have great memories of decorating our tree, sitting around our roaring fire with frost glistening

> on the windows, and enjoying a steaming glass of mulled wine with warm mince pies and Christmas cake. We are remembering the fun of our

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# and future ...

Christmas raffles, singing carols on bar nights and of opening when the roads were blocked with snow.

This year we will all miss that happy atmosphere but hopefully we will be able to gather together again in 2021 and look forward to many more Happy Old School Christmases!

Looking ahead we are planning a few new projects and those of you who were looking forward to taking part in the village stained glass project, and were so disappointed when it was cancelled, will be delighted to hear that Pip has spent some weeks planning for an alternative location for the glass panels that will be made based on your ideas and contributions. The community project is not lost!

Happy Christmas everyone, wishing us all a Covid free 2021 and hoping to see you all soon! *Horham and Athelington Village Hall Committee* 





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# A great place to go during

Pound LANE WOOD IS quietly slipping into autumn and is currently a tranquil place to walk or to let your children run outside. Now, as we find ourselves once again in lockdown, the wood offers a place to exercise and health benefits from being in a green space.

The wood is dedicated for public use and maintained by volunteers; anyone who would like to join us in working there is welcome to contact



us and get involved. Although of modest size at around a hectare, it offers developing scrub and woodland, meadow and wetland habitats, complimented by a burgeoning range of flora and fauna.

All of this requires careful management and intervention to ensure its potential is realised for all to enjoy. If you visit the wood and have enjoyed the space and contact with nature it allows, why not get

more involved?

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# lockdown

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Please use the opportunity to join in and help us and get hands-on experience of helping to improve the local environment at a time of climate crisis.

Contact our secretary for further information (Peny Conway 07495 875299). *Peny Conway New Reeding Woods Group* 





# **Census 2021 will mainly**

COUSEHOLDS across the country will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a oncein-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every 10 years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

This will be the first census run mainly online, though noncomputer users can still have a paper form to fill in.

Households will get a letter with a unique code allowing them to fill in the questionnaire on a computer, phone or tablet.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said. "This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes.

"That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

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Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years and kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk.

Tim Buttle, Census Engagement Manager East Suffolk

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Horham & Athelington: Horham & Athelington Parish Council has a list of volunteers who will collect shopping or medication and a trained psychologist who is available if anyone just wants a chat. Contact council chair Elizabeth Gibson-Harries on 01379 384680 for help or talk to one of your councillors. They are: Bill Craig: April & Jacques Groen; Paul Hambling; Jasen Jeffrey and Tom Wright. You can also contact the Clerk. Rod Caird. on 07785 331217 or horhamathelingtonclerk@gmail.com. **Redlingfield:** If you need help or know of anyone who needs help with shopping, prescriptions, or for a phone and chat etc contact Mike Ager & Janet Norman-Philips (Hidcote Lodge) 01379 678835 or pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk. If you have other problems with benefits, finances or oddjobs that need doing, or need any other help contact Mike & Jan. We will try to help or to find the people who can.

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# Your village needs your help

REDLINGFIELD IS ASKING for your help with a whole host of jobs that need doing. The three-quarter acre Doorstep Green which opened in July 2006 has been inspected and needs a number of repairs.

We also have a new piece of play equipment to go on the play area, aluminium farm gates to be used as guard rails on the the bridge to the new extension to the Doorstep Green and a new notice board for the centre of the village.

Allan Chapman is hoping to put up the new notice board but we need volunteers for the other jobs.

If you are handy and fit (I'm not) we have a lot of minor repairs and cleaning that needs doing as well as the larger jobs.

There are things that village committee has to do such as improve th signage to include emergency contact details and contact details for reporting maintenance issues.

VILLAGE NEEDS YOU



We have also been told to put up a sign with the basketball hoop warning that the equipment is not intended for children less than three-years old along with warnings against

climbing on the ramework or nets, hanging on the ring ind wearing ewellery. It will also heed to include a humber to call in case of accident.

• Cleaning: Algae, noss and bird lroppings need to be cleaned from the benches, play area urfaces (tarmac and the

### **POETRY: The Toughest Job** Manday Miller

Here is a job that many want but never get

Some do not want but get it Some may try to get it but never do Days you worry if you do the job well The nights you pace believing that life will be alright Sometimes it makes your blood boil as they have thrown the job away But this job is a blessing and an heartache What is this job ? The answer is simple It is being a parent



where possible a 12mm gap should be maintained on both sides or between the gate leafs.

• Fence: There are a number of loose posts around the fence which need to be reset and some that have rotted and need replacing. The fence itself is damaged in places and the affected sections need to be repaired or replaced.

Climbing frame and slide: The hedge needs to cut back to provide 1.50m of unobstructed ground behind the equipment. We need to replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers.
 Swings: The surface is lifting at the

edges and creating trip points and gaps which need to be repaired.

The village committee will pay for or provide any materials needed for the repairs and one day next year maybe even hold a meeting when finally more than six people

from different households will be allowed to meet. We also hope that by summer things will be back to normal and we can hold our usual full calendar of events on the Doorstep Green.

The full report is available on the Doorstep Green page on the Redlingfield village website (www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).

The Doorstep Green is for everyone in the village so if you can help with any of the little or larger jobs please get in touch with Mike or Jan (pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk or 01379 678835). *Mike Ager*  Pictures from Kings Farm Kennels and Louise, left, with Fen and Kelly with her husky Saskia.

# Kelly & Louise's dream

S ISTERS KELLY AND LOUISE have wanted to run a kennels together since they were little girls so when the chance came, they jumped at it.

When Kings Farm Kennels in Cranley became available, they both leapt at the chance, even though taking on a new business in the middle of a pandemic could be seen as a brave and risky thing to do. However, they did not want to miss the chance to fulfil their long-held dream.

Louise Farndale (28), who owns five dogs, has a two-year-old son Eddie and her partner, Tom Scoggins is a tree surgeon. He rents a barn at Kings Farm so was the first to find out that Sheila Havers was looking for new people to run Kings Farm Kennels. Louise, a graduate of Otley Agricultural College, had been looking for an opportunity to work with animals for some time. She studied animal management including livestock, equestrian, kennel and cattery management. She is also a qualified dog groomer and has a background in dog agility. When the kennels became available, she was

working in health care in Diss.

Kelly Morgan (35) has been a volunteer at a local husky rescue centre assisting with the rehoming of dogs – matching owners to the right dog, home checks, and on-going support for the families of the newly-adopted dogs.

Kelly has moved herself, partner Alex and 16-year-old son Dylan, along with husky Saskia, other dog Jess and cat Nalah all the way from Wiltshire to take on the kennels with her sister. Kelly and her family are all currently living on site in the caravan.

Despite the lockdown and the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, they have been able to open some of the time – offering day boarding and play as well as the more traditional overnight dog and cat boarding.

Kings Farm Kennels is licensed for 32

dogs and five cats. It is primarily for dog boarding but has space for a small number of cats, away from the dogs to cater for people who want to board both their dog and cat when they go away, though cats are accepted without a dog.

A large part of the business, built up at the kennels over the years, has been day boarding, for people out at work or who cannot be at home all day and want to have their dog kept entertained and looked after when they are not around. Suitable, assessed dogs, are allowed to play with each other under supervision. Kelly and Louise have also had some dog agility play equipment made so dogs can play with it and they also hire it out so dogs and their owners can play with it.

They hope to introduce dog training and basic obedience sessions in the future.

As a way of introducing themselves Kelly and Louise have run taster events and meet and greet socialisation parties so owners can get to know them and have some fun at the same time. Obviously, they are making sure that they are Covid secure, cleaning everything in sight, and socially distancing. Current Tier 2 restrictions mean that they are open.

So far, despite the restrictions, things seem to be going well and hopefully everything will be much better next year when we have the virus beaten. *Kings Farm Boarding Kennels & Cattery, Kings Farm, Cranley Road, EYE, IP23 7NX (01379 678883) kingsfarmkennels@gmail.com www.facebook.com/kingsfarmboarding kennels/* 

Janet Norman-Philips

# **Big plans for the future**

S RESIDENTS of Redlingfield know, our church is a gem, dating back to Anglo-Saxon times (it is recorded in the Domesday book) with later additions and improvements down the centuries.

Most recently its roof was completely repaired and restored in 2016. Now we want to make it possible to open the church up for community use as well as worship.

To do that we need to completely replace the floor, which is collapsing in places and ensure level access to the church, including opening up the north door which was blocked up probably in the 18th century.

We want to remove some or all of

the pews and replace them with chairs, so that the space is suitable for a range of uses. And we would like to install a servery, possibly with drainage or even piped water if feasible, and a toilet outside.

The diocesan authorities (who act like a planning authority for this historic Grade 2\* listed building) are sympathetic to our aims. But we need to demonstrate that the changes are really necessary.

That's where you come in!

We know Redlingfield residents support our plans from the survey that was undertaken in 2014.

But we need more specific evidence of the difference they would make to



# of Redlingfield's church

you. How would you use the church if we can make these changes? What activities could be encouraged if we had some community space in the village? What current activities have to take place elsewhere but could move to the church? Please let us know! *Revd Eleanor Goodison, eleanor.goodison@gmail.com or* 07876 143579

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS: It's

great that we have started to talk again about improving the church. Our Anglo-Saxon church has a long history. It's sad that it's now on the Heritage At Risk Register.

It was built before the Normans invaded in 1066, we were Radinghefelda at the time, it was then taken over by the nunnery in 1120 and wasn't given back to the village until 1536 when Henry the Eighth was King.

Beyond the urgently needed repairs, there are basics that are required for it to just work as a church for everyday use as well as weddings, celebrations and remembrances:

• **Toilets:** Whenever any events are held local neighbours are inundated with requests to use their loos, which is completely impractical.

• Access: Level access for buggies and wheelchairs.

• Electrics: Decent electrics with environmentally-friendly heating and lighting.

• **Kitchen:** We also need some kind of kitchen – especially if we want to use the building for community activities. Along with wi-fi and broadband.

We don't have any community buildings in Redlingfield, we rent space for meetings

and events in other villages.

There have been many suggestions for what we could use the church for, including: lunch clubs; mother and baby/toddler groups; quizzes; village meetings; a computer club; a leaning venue (computers, history, art, wildlife etc); art groups; music groups; yoga/zumba/belly dancing; book clubs; concerts; village fundraising events; youth groups; coffee mornings; somewhere different groups can get together and explore their common interests, from wildlife to history to architecture. As well as lots of one-off events, shows and fairs.

Having a building with good facilities could provide more income for the church and would make it more attractive.

We could even do our bit for the planet by creating a more wildlife and environmentally friendly churchyard and sow a new meadow on the nearby doorstep green. Create homes for bats and swifts and insects. Maybe even solar panels.

Redlingfield is a lively village. Covid has us all worried and hunkered down but sometime next year we can start getting back to normality and doing the important stuff. Janet Norman-Philips, Redlingfield Parish Clerk, 01379 678835 pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

## **Virtual Christmas market**



Christmas cards to support Athelington St Peters Church available from Colin Palmer (0773 689 4078) for £5 for five.

UR CHURCHES are staying Covid-secure this year with a virtual Christmas Market. Items can be ordered and picked up direct from the donor. Proceeds will go to the church of the donor's choice in the Hoxne Benefice Churches – Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield.

Look out for the flyers with a host of homemade goods, crafts and gifts to buy in aid of our churches. And if you would like to be added to our mailing list to stay up to date, please e-mail hoxnebeneficeoffice@gm ail.com.

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To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Alternatively call 101 for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 in emergencies, or if an immediate police response is required.



# activity report it to 999

committing crime.

If you see or hear suspicious behaviour, don't dismiss it. If the incident has just occurred or you think suspects are still in the area, report it using 999.

Try and take a note of the appearance of any individuals, especially their clothing, physical build and accent. If a vehicle is involved, the best information is the registration number, or the vehicle make, colour and model.

Never put yourself in harms' way to obtain these details though and don't make it obvious what you're doing.

For more about suspicious activity and how to recognise it, see our 'First Principle' crime reduction page on the Suffolk Constabulary website at www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crimeprevention-z

Preventing crime is the first of nine principles set out by Sir Robert Peel in 1829 when he established the modern day police force. That first principle forms the basis for the crime prevention advice that has been provided by the police at www.suffolk.police.uk/advice.



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# More than a question of

Ye been trying to write things for the magazine now since early 2018. Apart from the first couple of articles I know they have not been too village orientated. Like all writers I am looking for a niche. Something I can write about that won't upset any readers and be deemed decent enough to be published. The problem is I have little imagination, what I write is what I think even if I word it badly and don't get my point across too well.

Going through the subjects:

• Politics for me is a non-starter for anyone with left field views in rural Suffolk.

• We haven't got a fashion correspondent and it amused me to think the most unfashionable person in the village (if not the county) could do that role.

• Art, literature and nature are all the same in that I suffer an amazing lack

of knowledge particularly the former.
Science is too academic and technology needs a practicality and level of comprehension I don't have.

• Pop music from the mid 1970's to early 1990's is too low brow and classical music is well, you know... Sorry I dozed off there.

• Television is something I know about and I think it must be a great job being paid to watch TV and write about it. Still my choice of TV is acquired taste.

• Films are good but I don't watch enough to write about them and as my nephew said of my DVD collection it is a 'bit girly'.

I am therefore looking for a subject and the editor suggested it in a pub on the green discussion. The editor was right it has to be sport so here goes. Or there it doesn't really.

When we got the go ahead for a this

### **MY TOP TEN SPORTS**

**1. CRICKET** – played it and enjoyed my summer weekends from around 1980 to early 2000s, still in awe of people who do it well.

2. DARTS - said it before - pure sport unlikely to be decided by an official.

**3. FOOTBALL** – things relating to the way the game is officiated and Ipswich Town's situation have to improve for this to get back to Number One.

**4. BOWLS** – try to play it, enjoy it in a sense but don't seem to get any better.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL – can't explain it, (sorry Mum and Dad.)

**6. SPEEDWAY** – why did Sky Sports stop showing the World Championship Grand Prix's?

**7. TENNIS** – used to watch the Grand Slams and is probably the one sport improved by the advent of technology.

**8. TABLE TENNIS** – thought I could play when I was young until I tried to play competitively – found I couldn't.

9. ICE HOCKEY – if they played it near me I would go.

10. SNOOKER - was a fan and I'll still watch some of the big matches.

## sport

magazine the editor asked for upbeat articles. A check of the dictionary told me that wasn't my natural style as my inspiration comes from things that annoy me. I half read what I had written which confirmed it didn't fit the required mood so I hit delete and started again. Hey I'm 56, I can change, so I made it simple.

There are so many sports to enjoy we cannot possibly follow them all. I've been in quizzes where my knowledge on anything with horses or rhythmic gymnastics has been exposed as poor and I've heard 'I thought you knew about sport' from team mates. My reply is if I let you down on football, cricket or darts I deserve the criticism, but not on such things as Moto GP or handball.

So here are my top ten and bottom

### **MY BOTTOM FIVE SPORTS**

## **1. FORMULA ONE** – don't understand the hype around it.

**2. DRESSAGE** – horse dancing, how do you know who does best?

**3. ICE DANCING** – I'm the only person in the UK who doesn't understand why Torvill and Dean were better than the rest. **4. GYMNASTICS** – admire the skills of these young people but as with dressage and ice dancing who knows how they separate first from last.

**5. BASEBALL\*** – probably not glorified rounders but I don't see the skill.

\* Included instead of horse racing (flat not steeplechasing) – already included one horse based sport and I know a lot of people who live for their equine creatures.



five lists of sports. The orders may change with time but the sports don't change their position too radically.

Sport means a lot to me. Probably because I had only a limited ability in most I tried, and have never been 'athletic', endeared it ever more.

Still I'll keep losing more bowls games than I win, and look back at a cricket career at Eye and District that should have been better, but won't regret a moment. For myself and many others sport improves the quality of my otherwise very mundane existence. *Ian Crane* 



# **Getting used to the new**

ESPITE BEING BACK IN lockdown it really is business as usual at Wilby school.

We are getting used to our separate break times and lunchtimes and finding ways to use technology to engage the



whole school community in a variety of interactive events.

From parents workshops, to performances and assemblies – there isn't really anything that we can't do. We just need to be creative and step outside our comfort zones. It's already becoming the new normal and we are sure that many of the new ways of organising the school day and



# school days ....

communicating with others will be retained well after Covid-19 has gone.

By following our risk assessments we have also been able to welcome visitors in to school to work with the children. In October the Red House in Aldeburgh provided the children with an amazing session focussing on Stone Age music and this month Jaya Dance worked with all age groups producing Bollywood and Bhangra dance sequences.

Christmas is definitely not cancelled either! The Stage-ed theatre company will be bringing the pantomime to Wilby, with each 'bubble' of children able to watch their own live performance.

Father Christmas will be visiting us via Zoom and ensuring that the presents are delivered to school in advance so that they are Covid safe. Christmas parties and meals will also go ahead – we are just adapting them a little to make sure that they are safe for everyone, but it doesn't mean that they won't be fun!

Our carol service and KS1 Christmas play will be shared by Zoom. The children are getting used to seeing themselves on screen and our parents are brilliant at logging on to give their support.

But it's not all about us! The wonderful parents and children at Wilby have been busy thinking about and collecting for others. **Our Harvest Festival** Food Bank was incredibly well supported by parents and their generous donations for the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and the East Anglia's Children's Hospices have really supported these charities at a time when it is very difficult for them to organise their usual fund-raising events.

It's great being in school– the children are as full of energy and enthusiasm as ever. Our focus has been on



providing exciting and engaging lessons and it's great to see them so happy in school. We are grateful that the emphasis is on keeping primary schools open – long may it last!

Roisin Wiseman, Headteacher Wilby CEVC Primary School, 01379 384708 or www.wilbyprimary.org.uk

# Very different year for the

HIS HAS BEEN A year like no other the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association has experienced in its long history. Taking the decision to remain closed to ensure the safety of our volunteers and visitors was a very hard one to make.

At the Red Feather Club museum we pride ourselves in being able to offer our visitors a friendly, relaxed and informative visit where one can soak up the atmosphere and browse at one's own pace. The restrictions the pandemic brought and the changes needed to visit would have greatly reduced the visitor experience.

Strict Covid restrictions meant it was not possible to hold the physical AGM

### PLANNING:

**GRANTED:** plan to erect a dwelling (following demolition of agricultural building) at Mill Farm, Mill Road, Redlingfield (Ref DC/20/03940); plan to erect of two-storey extension with glazed link extension and erection of boundary wall at Malsters, **Chapel Lane, Horham** (DC/20/02438); plan to erect garden studio (following) demolition of existing) and replacing windows and roof to rear conservatory at Highbanks, Athelington Road, Horham (DC/20/03831); plan to erect an outbuilding/annexed accommodation (following demolition of existing) at **The** Homestead, The Street, Horham (DC/20/04757 & DC/20/04758); application for change of use of land to residential curtilage and construction of new vehicular access to highway to provide dedicated access to dwellinghouse (currently under construction via implemented planning approval DC/18/02811) at Burder House, Worlingworth Road, Horham (DC/20/04767).

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

this year. However, the committee has changed with a new chairman and others stepping down or changing roles.

I'd like to thank you all for your help (both supporters and volunteers) in the past three years making the club once again a place folks want to visit. As our visitor base changes the museum will need to evolve to meet their needs. I'm sure the new committee will be able to meet that challenge.

I have stepped down as chair of the committee. When I

became chair in 2017 there had been a period of unrest within the





# **Red Feather Club museum**

organisation mainly due to the committee structure remaining static.

A maximum three-year-term as chair is recognised as good practice in voluntary organisations. I strongly believe that change is good, and others should be given the chance to bring in new ideas.

In 2017 we introduced a smaller committee structure where the elected members have specific roles and responsibilities. Despite this unusual year the committee are looking forward to planning new events for 2021.

The Covid pandemic has highlighted the social makeup of many voluntary organisations, a high percentage of volunteers who are in the vulnerable category. To continue to run and keep the museum in its excellent condition needs the next generation of volunteers with many different skills.

The committee is now: chair Scott Bradley; vice-chair Linda Woodward; secretary Beverly Abbott; treasurer John Kirkum; committee members (bar and PX) Robin Satwick; (grounds maintenance) Alan Johnson; (building maintenance) Reg Bradley; (museum exhibits) Ray Howlett; and (IT and new technology) Alan Roper.

Behind the scenes the many jobs that are required for the upkeep of the Red Feather Club Museum continue, observing the current social distancing advice. The grounds, buildings and museum exhibits are regularly checked and any maintenance required carried out. Earlier in the year a wireless network was installed in the Museum buildings giving Internet access. This is the first step that is needed for the future introduction of technology that will enhance the way exhibits are displayed, providing visitors with more information.

For example, the use of QR codes. These images can be scanned using a mobile phone and link to information such as photos, video and sound bites. These two images give a taster of what is possible, please scan them and hear Robert Capen and Charles Gallagher tell you some of their experiences during their time at the base.

Alan Roper



### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### ONE KIND WORD CAN WARM THREE WINTER MONTHS: This Japanese

proverb may be very relevant this winter, as in spite of the hope offered by a vaccine, Covid 19 restrictions seem likely to be in force in one way or another throughout the coldest and darkest time of the year.

As we hunker down and turn up the heating, it's more important than ever to remember those who may be isolated, anxious or depressed either about the threat of the virus itself or its economic and other side-effects. We all need to look out for each other at this time, even if we can't meet face to face. There is help available, from our village neighbour schemes, our local churches and from specific funds for anyone who is suffering financial hardship.

If you want to talk about anything, or just to talk about nothing in particular, please do get in touch.

I would like to thank all those who have sent kind messages of support following my licensing by Bishop Mike on 4th October as SSM interim Priest in Charge of the benefice of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield. I look forward to my



Revd Eleanor Goodison Associate Priest, Hoxne Benefice (07876 143579).

ministry among you for the next two years and will be doing my very best to keep our churches at the heart of our communities. We have lots of plans for the future, and they are not all on hold during the pandemic.

Over the next few months we hope to be able to hold public worship services, but if they become subject to government restrictions we aim to build on our current online services and events. We are planning several virtual celebrations over Christmas, in particular our Virtual Christmas Market. Look out for our list of home-made goodies, ranging from Christmas puddings to Christmas-themed facemasks, crafts to preserves – all available to pick up at your convenience. And keep a space in your diary for our Zoom event at 11am on Saturday 12th December with festive cheer, a fun guiz and maybe a visit from Father Christmas! For a Zoom invitation, please contact me – you don't need your own Zoom account. With every good wish for a very Happy Christmas when it comes.

■ RIDE + STRIDE: The annual fundraising event for Suffolk's church buildings went ahead on Saturday 12 September and the sponsorship money from hundreds of cyclists, walkers, runners and church volunteers, the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust are pleased to announce, far exceeds last year's total. So far, with more money still coming in, sponsorship has raised £150,000, exceeding last year's £128,223. The money is plit between the SHCT and the churches the riders or walkers represent. Daphne Harvey offered grateful thanks to all who supported the event for St Mary's in Horham – both sponsors and cyclists (Anna Cartwright, Alice Halik, Robert & Dominique Goodin, Daniel Streeter, and David & Michael Whatling). Together they raised £261. Redlingfield raised what is probably a record £555. On behalf of St Andrews Redlingfield Alison Smith would like the thanks the sponsors and riders – Beverly el Shaboury, the Smiths family, Rev Richard Court and Phillip Leeder, who raised an astounding around £320 with his ride.

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	Usual Collection Date	Revised Collection Date	Change
Recycling	Monday 21st December	Monday 21st December	No change
	Tuesday 22nd December	Tuesday 22nd December	No change
	Wednesday 23rd December	Wednesday 23rd December	No change
	Thursday 24th December	Thursday 24th December	No change
	Friday 25th December	Monday 28th December	Three days later
Refuse	Monday 28th December	Tuesday 29th December	One day later
	Tuesday 29th December	Wednesday 30th December	One day later
	Wednesday 30th December	Thursday 31st December	One day later
	Thursday 31st December	Saturday 2nd January	Two days later
	Friday 1st January	Monday 4th January	Three days later
Recycling	Monday 4th January	Tuesday 5th January	One day later
	Tuesday 5th January	Wednesday 6th January	One day later
	Wednesday 6th January	Thursday 7th January	One day later
	Thursday 7th January	Friday 8th January	One day later
	Friday 8th January	Saturday 9th January	One day later

From Monday 11th January 2021 refuse and recycling collections return to the normal schedule. Please note: There will be no garden waste (brown bin) collections during the weeks commencing 21st and 28th December 2020. Please refer to the garden waste collection schedule at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am on collection day.

The 2021 schedule is avalable at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk & www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Planned church services in December (subject to change in the light of government restrictions).

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

**Sunday 6th December** 2nd Sunday of Advent: 9.30 am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield; 4pm Messy Christingle, Wingfield.

**Sunday 13th December** 3rd Sunday of Advent: 9.30 am Café Church on Zoom with carols; 11.15 am BCP Communion, Horham **Tuesday 22nd December:** 4pm Benefice Carol Service, Wingfield.

**Thursday 24th December** Christmas Eve: 3pm Nativity Parade through Hoxne (if the weather is inclement, the parade will be replaced with Nativity scenes in the church as part of the Christingle service); 4pm Christingle service, Hoxne; 11.30 pm Midnight Mass, Horham – places must be reserved in advance.

Friday 25th December Christmas Day: 9.30am Family Communion, Redlingfield.

Sunday 27th December: 11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion, Denham

**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).



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### COLUMNS DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP



AS I SIT TO WRITE THIS article, the Prime Minister has once more addressed the nation and we find ourselves in a second period of national

lockdown.

As I write, infection rates in Suffolk remain relatively low, but the rest of the country is seeing a large growth both in terms of numbers of people infected and hospital admissions; even low incidence areas like Suffolk will face challenges with capacity in our NHS.

It is a very difficult balancing act for the Government between protecting life and protecting the economy and on balance, I agree that, even here in Suffolk, a temporary nationwide lockdown makes sense.

It is vital that throughout lockdown, we protect jobs and our local economy, and a strong support package has been put in place by the Government for businesses and individuals. Locally, the **Suffolk Support and Advice Line** has been set up to help with financial and employment advice – 0800 068 3131. In addition, the **Home But Not Alone** free phoneline has also been reactivated, supporting the most vulnerable in our communities and support is available via 0800 876 6926. Both lines are staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

This will undoubtedly be a very different Christmas for all of us and this year, more than ever, we must remember those in our NHS and emergency services who work around the clock to keep people safe and cared for and to ensure help is at hand when needed. I will certainly be spending some of my Christmas break working as a doctor in the NHS, looking after those who are vulnerable.

But of course it's not just those working in hospitals who work on Christmas Day, the list is endless, with so many working right across the festive season to ensure that services continue day and night – carers visiting the elderly and vulnerable in our communities, highways teams, ambulance staff and paramedics, firefighters and police officers, to name but a few.

And then there is the army of hardworking public-sector staff, working behind the scenes, to keep everything running smoothly.

Collectively they ensure that our communities are safe and functioning over the festive period, so this Christmas, please spare a thought for all those working tirelessly on our behalf, often in challenging circumstances, yet remaining committed to delivering services compassionately and professionally, despite knowing their loved ones are waiting at home to enjoy Christmas with them after a lengthy shift.

I would therefore like to pay special tribute to all our dedicated and hardworking workforce here in Suffolk, thank you for all you do at Christmas, and all year round.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very peaceful Christmas.

**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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