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**B**est wishes to the Brices whose hay and straw barn went up in flames leaving them without winter bedding or feed for their livestock. Over the period of the fire and damping down 20 fire crews attended from far and wide. Happily Simon and Alison, their children and their animals were unharmed. I wish them well.

*So much has gone on since our last issue that it almost seems unreal ... the only monarch I've ever known passed amid our Jubilee year celebrations and for the first time in my life we have a king. People are being hit by rising fuel and food prices which are leaving many worried about the future. There is help out there if you need it so ask. Ask your energy providers, ask your councils and councillors, ask the wonderful Citizens Advice Bureaus and just ask your friends. In this issue Janet (my much better half) lists many of the places you can get help if you need it. Please don't suffer in silence. I hope no-one in our villages is having to decide whether to heat or eat.*

**I**t is back to normal after autumn's bumper 56-page issue. This much more modest issue should fit through your letterboxes much easier. It's still got a lot in though so I hope you enjoy it as you get ready for the festive season.

*Mike Ager*

*Particular thanks to Rev Richard Court and Midge Gibbons for proofreading the magazine. Any errors are mine.*

## **Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year**

**Father Christmas hopes to visit Horham and Athelington on Christmas morning. Please contact Mother Christmas on 01379 384231 to arrange delivery.**

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# Sparrows stick close to their human friends

*Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

**T**HE HUMBLE HOUSE sparrow suffered when farmyards became tidier with the decline of stock-keeping. My father's farmyard had something of everything; cows and calves, sows and piglets and hens and turkeys and, as a result, starlings and sparrows in abundance.

Wild birds flew in and out, the weather inside the buildings reflected the weather outside and neither stock nor stockmen seemed to mind. Then along came bird-proofing, insulation and temperature control, quickly followed by biosecurity and grain

merchants who demanded that cereals had to be 98% perfect or penalties would be applied.

Life became tougher for the sparrow but it has always sought Man's company and can be found anywhere near where we are, in parks, gardens, farmyards and other buildings and houses, especially where kind people keep their bird feeders topped up. This year it has done well at Wash Farm and, in line with reports of sparrows elsewhere, the numbers of this very site-faithful old faithful have increased again. A convenient hole in the barn wall was well-used this year for two

broods in two months.

**Second brood success! A house sparrow attends the same hole in the barn wall but the first photo is in May and the second is in July.**



THE ROLE OF cats in our concern for wildlife has always been controversial as their stalking skills are notorious. We kept a cat for 17 years and every year it managed to hunt young water voles and proudly deposit them on the doorstep as though we would



**Dick Eaton with his bushwhacker.**



**The male sparrow hawk, the smaller of the two.**

appreciate the gift. Yet the vole population survived and they are still here.

The domestic moggy is always accused of being garden birds No 1 enemy, even ahead of the sparrowhawk, but the profusion of bird

feeders helps keep our garden bird numbers up to some degree.

There's no doubt that the increased numbers of our common birds of prey, the kestrel, sparrowhawk and buzzard, is because they have plentiful prey to prey on. You can include the barn owl in that list of successes and although its diet is mainly small mammals, its range is huge ... small birds, rabbits, moles, weasels, snakes, fish, insects and earthworms are all on the list. I remember cleaning out a barn owl box and finding the skeleton of a moorhen.

Rick Waters of Cranley reports he was greatly surprised when his cat presented him with a kestrel, which begs the question, how on earth does a cat catch a kestrel unawares? The story ended well as Rick released the kestrel unharmed.

SEPTEMBER 1ST DAWNS sunny and warm but some long-awaited rain on the forecast may signal a change to autumn after this record-breaking summer.

Dick Eaton with his bushwhacker arrived on the farm this morning because this also marks the opening of the hedge-cutting season for farmers, an end-of-breeding season date when nesting birds should have finished their second or even third broods if they are so inclined.

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And inclined they were in the case of Dick Eaton's swallows which managed FOUR broods in his porch this year.

This success came despite the attentions of his pet German Shepherd in the garden which made token efforts at swiping them as the adult swallows

swooped low under the porch to access the nest.

Dick's bushwhacker is on his 47 year-old Fendt tractor, (nearly as old as the driver), which, as well as keeping our hedges in order, clears the brambles from where the rabbit holes are hidden.

The autumn equinox, the day marking the end of summer, this year fell on September 23rd and the weather fell into



*The skylark in a favoured habitat of autumn stubble.*



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line accordingly with cool showers and rain. Cultivating and rolling ahead of the drill attracted numerous black-headed gulls as usual, this time including a very clumsy juvenile common gull. After seeing him land and trip a couple of times, his problem became obvious, he had only one leg. However, by the second day he had mastered the unlevel terrain and with a couple of hops was landing elegantly and feeding as eagerly as the rest.

A buzzard drifted in and the sky above the 20-hectare field, the size of 30 football pitches, for a few minutes was suddenly empty. Rolling after the drill to press the seed down also attracts the birds and on one field this gave me a photo of a well-camouflaged skylark in stubble; they obviously like the farmers' new trend of direct-drilling which leaves the stubble on top into the winter months.

My plan to join the Waveney Bird Club for a beach walk was thwarted when a telephone call the evening

before confirmed that some seabird carcasses had been seen. Bird flu is everywhere in East Anglia with an intense cluster around Attleborough and the future of free-range poultry is looking very grim until vaccination becomes accepted, and a vaccine is developed. Trials are underway in France where the problem is even worse and the total cull of all poultry in Europe this year is over 50 million head.

The resistance to vaccination is based on its detrimental effect on cross-border trade of chicks and eggs but that seems as misguided as China's efforts to control Covid by the lockdown of cities instead of vaccination. We are making token efforts to protect the turkey unit by spraying the concrete outside the sheds and scaring any wild ducks that want to roost on the restored pond ... though we did make an exception and welcomed a kingfisher that called in twice in September.

*Trevor Edwards*



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# Welcoming migrants to

**H**ELLO EVERYONE! WE'VE had a great time this Autumn; going for walks and litter picks, trying to catch the falling leaves and seeing the different migratory birds and the changing behaviours of our resident birds.

The Long-Tailed Tits titter to each other and flit from Oak to Oak, the Goldfinches gather in the tops of the Ash trees and chitter-chatter before flocking down to the feeders. We've also been watching the Redwing come in to roost in our hedges and the Fieldfare chuckling as they fly over the meadow.

The Winter birds really rely on the hedgerow berries and a lot of the migratory birds; the Redwing, Fieldfare and some Blackbirds that fly over from Scandinavia, mainly eat

these for the entire time that they are here.

We can help them by most importantly, not trimming our hedgerows too early or by too much, but also by saving windfall apples and pears and putting them out for them towards the end of the Winter, when there aren't many berries left. We can also put out high fat foods to help both them and our resident birds as the days and nights get colder.

Did you know, that even some of our resident birds often take part in a mini-migration?

This doesn't mean that they leave our country, but they may move a few (or many) miles in different directions to different places with food that they know will help them through the Winter, before they move back to breed in the Spring.

Back in April, we cleared and raked



*Dear reader,*

*I am writing to say that I have grown up disagreeing on how we are treating nature. How would you like to be treated like that by nature? Not everyone is treating nature badly but have a think if you are and what you could do better to support wildlife. Well, you are probably wondering how you can*

*do better to help nature in this situation. I will give you some ideas to help.*

*In Autumn try not to cut your hedges and if you really need to, just trim them slightly so you don't cut off many berries because, a lot of birds and animals need them to survive throughout the Winter. The best time to cut them*

*is in January and February because the birds have had a chance to eat the berries, but it is still before the nesting season.*

*Try to keep your grass long in some places so that animals can shelter or hibernate throughout the Autumn and the Winter. A hedgehog for example, needs long grass to hibernate and*



# Suffolk

an area next to our barn wall and sprinkled a box of wildflower seeds over it and watered it. The flowers started growing within a week and four weeks later they were attracting many different types of bees, wasps and other pollinators! The mix wasn't very expensive; £10 for a big box, but it is still flowering now and it is really pretty. There are still bees and hoverflies visiting the different flowers and it is lovely to see that it is making a difference this late in the year! We also had a few new species visit during the summer which we hadn't seen before; one of which was Ruby-Tailed Wasp and we couldn't believe how pretty it was!

*From Henry, Arthur & Edward, Colnet Conservation*



*without it, it will not survive the Winter.*

*Try to plant some bee friendly flowers for Spring, my favourite season!*

*Also try and get some bird food so that birds have extra help to survive throughout the Autumn and Winter.*

*Try and plant some trees so that they can absorb CO2 and produce*

*oxygen into the air and to also make some shelter and homes for animals.*

*Try to go for some litter picks this year around your local area and stop animals choking on it or getting stuck in it. Also try to get local farmers to leave some space for nature!*

*Then you can enjoy*

*seeing the animals that you have attracted to your garden and appreciate what you have done, and that wildlife needs to be saved and needs to be saved NOW!*

*Thank you and I hope you have attracted lots of animals and other wildlife and are enjoying watching them, from Arthur.*



**Volunteers take a well-earned break during the autumn tidy and the woods in autumn.**

# Autumn colour shining

**T**HE AUTUMN LEAVES ARE showing good colours this year after a very dry summer with no hard frosts to bring them down. Earlier, the blackberries were abundant and rose hips are providing a splash of scarlet in the hedgerows.

The meadow is looking bright green again after the long, dry summer browns and golds. We hope the yellow rattle continues to suppress the vigour of the grass there, allowing more wild meadow flowers to spread without competition. We plan no further

artificial enrichment of the flora, such as sowing wild flower seed or plug planting, as the meadow is being encouraged to develop naturally. Colonisation by plant species already growing nearby is the goal. Meadow flowers will bloom in spring and early summer and are left to set seed before the meadow is cut later in the summer and arisings removed as hay.

The traditional autumn tidy up of the woodland and hedges took place in late October. The brambles along the hedges and the sides of the rides were

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# through

cut back and overhanging branches trimmed. At the meadow edge of one woodland block we planted an oak sapling we had been gifted; hopefully it should do well there.

The undergrowth in the woods is dying back, as the trees grow and canopies begin to restrict the light coming through. The trees are competing with each other and the most vigorous growing taller, as a distinct hierarchy of dominance develops.

Our policy is to leave them to develop naturally as far as possible, as we are managing the woodland blocks to maximise habitat value.

Interventions such as thinning or singling the trees out would disrupt this valuable ‘thicket’ stage, beloved of nesting birds and insects. More thoughts on woodland thinning in the next bulletin!

Another day of work is planned for late November, to remove a fence in poor repair. This will increase the meadow area around the pond. As a



sign of strange times for nature, I saw dragonflies whilst we worked ...very late in the year. Pleasingly, water has returned to the pond and levels will have benefited further from the current rain.

As autumn leaves fall in earnest, could I suggest a corner of your garden be left “untidy”? Leaves, long grass and sticks provide a safe home for insects and small mammals. The result may look unkempt but this benefits the animals living there.

If you are interested in joining us and getting hands on experience of helping improve our local environment and enjoying outdoor activity, please contact our secretary Peny Conway on 07495875299.

***Peny Conway***





## Old School plans

**W**E HAD A mild and lovely autumn and life has been busy at the Old School. We hosted the Harvest lunch which was a busy and happy occasion; the coffee mornings and Sunday bar are also buzzing, the warm weather allowing us to enjoy the garden for longer than usual.

We are making plans for Christmas. If you are stuck for gifts ideas then do come and look at the crafts for sale. We have hand-

turned wooden goblets and bowls, beautiful handmade glass coasters and tree decorations, hand woven baskets, candle holders and much, much more. As well as the sale we have two Christmas raffles. Items are being added to both raffles but we can tempt you with a hamper, boxes of sweets and champagne in raffle one, and in raffle two you will find lots of beautiful handmade crafts. Tickets from The Old School during coffee mornings on

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# for Christmas

Wednesdays or from the bar on Sundays. We also have Christmas cards for sale.

On Monday 12th December 'The Company of The Old School' will be holding their Christmas music session. The musicians will entertain with traditional Christmas songs and Carols. The more the merrier, so do come! Doors open at 7.30pm, the bar will be open and offer mulled wine as well as the usual beer, wine and spirits. Bring a plate of festive fare for a bring and share supper!

The Old School Bar will be open on Christmas Day from 12 noon to 3pm! We are hoping that many of you will come and raise a few

glasses to toast the happy day.

We have been successful in our application for funding from the Babergh/MidSuffolk Winter Warmth Fund to allow us to extend our opening hours on Wednesdays so that we can offer a warm hub/space during the cold months. We will be open on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 3pm and as usual we welcome everyone to come and enjoy the cosy, convivial coffee morning.

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# Horham CC looks ahead to

**T**HE AGMS FOR HORHAM Village Hall Trust and Horham and Athelington Community Council were held on 21st. September.

The Trustees of Horham Village Hall Trust and Horham and Athelington Community Council, are Paul Hambling (parish council), Neil Cartwright, Hav Wilkins, Steven Havers (Baptists), Karen Alderton (bookings) David Whatling (PCC) Rod Tyrell (licensee), Margaret Streeter.

Chairman of Horham Village Hall Trust is Tim Debenham; Sec/Treasurer is Margaret Streeter. Margaret is Chairman of Horham and Athelington Community Council; Vice Chairman, Hav Wilkins; Secretary/Treasurer

/Trustee of H &AC is Angela Wilkins.

Don and Wendy Moyes were thanked for all their help and continuing support, as they stepped back from being Trustees.

*I haven't seen Angela lately!*

*I thought that it is important to give the answer to that question. Some ten weeks ago Angela had a stroke leading to the paralysis of her left arm and leg. She spent seven weeks in hospital and her situation has improved so during the last three weeks she has been in Chantry Park rehabilitation centre where she is very gradually recovering movement in her left "side".*

*This is a very slow process but she continues to be active and minding all*

## Beer and Carols

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 7:15pm  
at Horham Community Centre

Come join us at the bar for a singsong to get you in the mood for Christmas!

## All-Age Carol Service & Nativity

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am  
with bacon butties served from 9:30am

## Christmas Eve Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm  
A candlelight carol service followed by festive treats

## Christmas Day Service

25<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am  
A short service filled with carols, stories and lots of fun for all the family!

*'I bring you good news of great joy for all the people.'*

Luke 2:10



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# some entertaining evenings

*her personal interests including her involvement with the Community Centre from her wheelchair!*

*She hopes to be back home around or just after Christmas depending on her progress.*

*She sends her good wishes to all of you. Hav*

Thanks to Ronda, Andy, Maryann, and Karen for organising the very successful Pie and Chips night. The Christmas Party is on Saturday, 17th. December, ticket only, cut off 3rd. December.

*Neil reports: Petanque "Watch this space" we're set to start the construction of the terrain; all the best things are worth waiting for.*

The next open mic. night is on Saturday 10th December.

Keep the second Saturday of the month free next year, in 2023 we may vary the evenings entertainment. Details will be on the notice boards.

Thanks to Rod, who keeps the "watering hole" well supplied. The entertainment, maintenance and ground staff, too numerous to mention by name. Seasons greetings to every one in Horham from Horham and Athelington Community Centre, and thank you for all your support over the year.

**Margaret Streeter, Horham Village Hall Trust and Horham and Athelington Community Council**



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**We hope to see  
you soon!**

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# Sponsored swim success

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£168 will be donated to The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) as this will pay to place a special 'tag', which is called a geolocator, on a Spotted

Flycatcher next Summer, before it migrates back to South Africa. The BTO will then be able to use the tracking information to learn more about it's migratory route and help them understand far more about how to help this amazing little bird, that has declined by 87% since 1970.



£232 will be donated to St. Peter's Church, Athelington, to help with costs of general maintenance. We really hope that this will help with the upkeep of our beautiful little church.

Thank you everyone for taking an interest in our updates and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**From Henry, Arthur & Edward Colnet  
Spotted Flycatcher  
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**Paige Pope**

#### MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR WASTE COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE:

	Usual Collection Date	Revised Collection Date	Change
<b>Refuse</b>	Monday 26 December	Wednesday 28 December	Two days later
	Tuesday 27 December	Thursday 29 December	Two days later
	Wednesday 28 December	Friday 30 December	Two days later
	Thursday 29 December	Saturday 31 December	Two days later
	Friday 30 December	Tuesday 3 January	Four days later
<b>Recycling</b>	Monday 2 January	Wednesday 4 January	Two days later
	Tuesday 3 January	Thursday 5 January	Two days later
	Wednesday 4 January	Friday 6 January	Two days later
	Thursday 5 January	Saturday 7 January	Two days later
	Friday 6 January	Monday 9 January	Three days later
<b>Refuse</b>	Monday 9 January	Tuesday 10 January	One day later
	Tuesday 10 January	Wednesday 11 January	One day later
	Wednesday 11 January	Thursday 12 January	One day later
	Thursday 12 January	Friday 13 January	One day later
	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January	One day later

From Monday 16th January 2023 refuse and recycling collections return to the normal schedule. Garden waste (brown bin) collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 23 December. There will be no garden waste collections during the weeks commencing 26 December 2022 and 2 January 2023. From Monday 9 January 2023, collections return to the normal garden waste collection schedule. Please refer to [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services) for more information.

### ■ PLANNING:

**AWAITING DECISION:** 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. **Land opposite Wheatcrofts, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX** (No:DC/22/05501); Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/01457 - Biodiversity Enhancement Layout, Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design Scheme. **The Old Rectory, Stradbroke Road, Horham, IP21 5DY** (No: DC/22/05664); Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/01460 - Sample Panel, Render, Windows and Doors and Eaves to Barn. **The Old Rectory, Stradbroke Road, Horham, IP21 5DY** (No: DC/22/05639).

**GRANTED:** Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for erection of a 18m x 12m area to play petanque, **Horham & Athelington Community Centre, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX** (No: DC/22/02430); application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/21/02359 - door to garage changed to smaller single door in plant room, standing seam zinc roof changed to steel. **Land at Horham Road, Athelington** (No: DC/22/05372); application for a Non Material Amendment relating to DC/22/01457 - walled garden, including potting shed, to be mirrored across a SE-NW axis **The Old Rectory, Stradbroke Road, Horham, IP21 5DY** (No: DC/22/03916).

**REFUSED:** application to erect one dwelling on land east of **Athelington Road, Horham, IP21 5EH** (No: DC/22/03701).

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***This photo: Visitors on The Greatest Generations Foundation tour at the Red Feather Club: Right: Alan Johnson chats to one of the tour group.***



# Big year for Horham's Red

**I**T HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC year for the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association. There have been dances at full capacity and sell out nights for everyone. Including guest bands, big bands and guest DJs. These have often been paired with open days. These have featured military vehicle groups, classic car runs and our own Americana Day.

We have also seen the continued support for tours associated with Masters of the Air run by National World War II Museum in New Orleans and featuring Don Miller. Don's book Masters of the Air is the basis for Stephen Spielberg and Tom Hanks' upcoming Apple TV+ series of the same name.

The tours see us hosting 20 to 40

American visitors each trip with entertainment and food provided.

This allows guests who all have an interest or connection to the Eighth Air Force or the 95th Bomb Group to tour around our museum and enjoy a beer at the famous Brads bar in the Red Feather Club.

We have also seen a large number of private visitors from USA including many family members of those who served at Horham with the 95th. This has resulted in us acquiring some fabulous new items and photos for our archives and museum and allowed us to form bonds and friendships with families across the Atlantic.

We have also hosted several local

## THE 95TH BGHA COMMITTEE

Chair Scott Bradley; vice-chair Linda Woodward; secretary Beverly Abbott; bar and PX Robin Satwick; grounds maintenance Alan Johnson; building maintenance Reg Bradley; museum exhibits Ray Howlett; archivist Sophie Green ; & treasurer John Kirkum.

● The Red Feather Club Museum is operated and maintained entirely by volunteers, if you think you can spare some time to help visit [www.95thbg-horham](http://www.95thbg-horham).

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all at the Red Feather Club for all the work you did hosting Redlingfield's October dance. £900 was raised for Redlingfield's Doorstep Green.

**Mike Ager**





*Above: Alan Johnson taking Dillan & Summer for trip in his jeep (Dillan is the grandson of 95th BG gunner Bud Porter). This photo: The Red Feather Club's Beverley Abbott & Linda Woodward with Linda Thieles (centre) from the The National Museum Of The Mighty Eighth Air Force in Georgia.*

# Feather Club

groups to the Red Feather Club on evenings and day trips where we share the history and knowledge of the 95th Bomb Group within the local area.

The year has seen continued maintenance on the buildings and grounds and plans have been talked about for the future. The museum has seen a re-refresh and continues to be archived. There has also been a start made on the archive room where pictures and document are being catalogued. This will include better storage and protection.

All this would not have been possible without the help of volunteers for events to general maintenance and help where needed. For this myself and the committee are very grateful and we thank you.

*Chairman, Scott Bradley*



## RED FEATHER CLUB EVENTS 2023

- April** **Saturday 1:** Magpie film screening and evening entertainment.  
**Saturday 22:** Dance with Sister Suzie.  
**Sunday 30:** First open day of 2023.
- May** **Thursday 25-Wednesday 31:** 95th BG reunion tour.
- June** **Saturday 10:** Dance - Snetterton fundraiser.  
**Saturday 24:** Dance with Memphis Lee and The Creepers.

- July** **Sunday 25:** Open day, 10am-4pm.  
**Aug** **Sunday 30:** Open day, 10am-4pm.  
**Sept** **Sunday 27:** Open day, 10am-4pm.  
**Saturday 23:** Dance with The Hot House Combo.  
**Sunday 24:** Open day, 10am-4pm.  
**Oct** **Sunday 29:** Final open day of the year followed by the AGM.
- On Friday December 2nd 2022 there will be a carol service at the Red Feather Club.





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## WHAT'S ON

### To Sunday 18 December

**Illuminated Garden Trail:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, (not Mon or Tues).

### Friday 2 December

**Christmas on the Hill:** from 4.30pm.

Lantern procession, shops open, music, entertainment, food and Father Christmas 5pm-9pm on Framlingham Market Hill.

**Christmas Late Night Shopping in Eye & Christmas Lights Switch On.**

### Friday 2 December-Monday 2 January

**Christmas Tree Festival:** 10am-4pm daily, St Michael's Church, Framlingham. Special preview Friday 2nd Dec 5-9pm with mulled cider. Free. Donations towards maintenance of the Grade 1 listed church.

### Saturday 3 December

**Craft Fair:** 10am-3pm, Stradbroke Community Centre.

**Diss Christmas Lights Switch-On:** 3-6pm. Town Centre-Market Place and Mere's Mouth.

**Light up Worlingworth and Santa Tractor run:** From 5.30pm.

### Saturday & Sunday 3 & 4 December

**Christmas Fair:** 10am-3pm, Wingfield Barns.

**Church Windows:** 11am-3pm, St Andrews church Redlingfield.

### Saturdays & Sundays 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18 December

**Santa Specials:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

### Wednesday 7 December

**Redlingfield Coffee Morning:** 10am-noon. All welcome. Midge Gibbons is hosting at Rush Meadow, Woodlane Road, IP23 7QY.

**Redlingfield & Occold WI:** Christmas Meal.

### Friday 9 December

**Christina At Christmas:** Suffolk Soprano Christina Johnston concert St Michael's Church, Framlingham, in support of Castle Community Rooms. Tickets £12 from Leo's Deli & Eventbright.

### Friday & Saturday 9 & 10 December

**Aladdin the Panto:** Friday 7.30pm &

Saturday 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Eye Community Centre. Adult £10, concessions £9., child £8 (age 5-11). Family ticket £30. Tickets at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/dove-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dove-players).

### Saturday 10 December

**Worlingworth Christmas Fair:** 2-6pm.

**GreenMatthews' Midwinter Revels:** 7.30pm, Wingfield Barns. Tickets £15/£12.

**Open Mic Night:** Horham CC.

### Monday 12 December

**Christmas music session:** 7.30pm, Horham Old School.

### Tuesday 13 December

**Diss Town Mayor's Carol Concert:** 7pm, St Mary's Church, Diss. Tickets from Diss Town Council Offices. £5 adult, £2 child. Proceeds Marie Curie and Cancer Research UK.

### Wednesday 14 December

**Christmas Mosaic Workshop:** 9.30am-12.30pm, Wingfield Barns. Tickets £35.

**Beer & Carols:** singing from 7.30pm, Horham Community Centre. Organised by Horham Community Centre and Horham Baptist Church.

### Thursday 15 December

**Stradbroke Cinema - Top Gun Maverick (12A):** 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre.

### Friday 16 December

**Merrie Olde Christmas with Chanter's Jigge:** 7.30pm, Wingfield Barns. Tickets £12 include seasonal refreshments.

### Saturday 17 December

**Christmas Party:** Horham CC.

**Christmas Concert:** 7pm, Framlingham College Chapel, Phoenix Singers will perform Schubert's Mass in G and Puccini's Messa di

Gloria. Tickets £15.

### Sunday 18 December

**Midwynter Murder:** 4pm & 7.30pm, Made2Measure Theatre Co presents Wingfield Barns' own Christmas whodunit. £12 adult, £8 child.

### Sunday 1 January

**New Year's Day Steam & Light:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

### Wednesday 4 January

**Redlingfield Coffee Morning:** 10am-noon. Please let Linda Hudson know if you would like to host.

### Thursday 19 January

**Stradbroke Cinema - Mrs Harris goes to Paris (PG):** 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre.

### Friday 27 January

**Eye Cinema - Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG):** 7.30pm, Eye Community Centre.

### Wednesday 1 February

**Redlingfield Coffee Morning:** 10am-noon. Cath & Rob Scott are hosting at Bright Thinken, Church Road, IP23 7QS.

### Wednesday 8 February

**Redlingfield Village Committee Meeting:** 8pm, to set dates for 2023.

### Thursday 16 February

**Stradbroke Cinema - Emily (15):** 7.30 pm, Stradbroke Community Centre.

### Friday 24 February

**Eye Cinema - Where the Crawdads Sing (PG-13):** 7.30pm, Eye Community Centre.

### Wednesday 1 March

**Redlingfield Coffee Morning:** 10am-noon. Janet & Mike are hosting at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, IP23 7QU.

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## FEATURES & NEWS

### ■ SURVIVING WINTER:

It looks like it's going to be a challenging few months. What with inflation pushing up prices and energy costs, even though they are capped, still much higher than they have been, it's a worrying time.

You need to know that there is help available as well as useful advice.

If you are struggling to pay the bills and thinking that you are going to have to choose between heating your home or feeding yourself or one of your pets. Don't suffer in silence, talk to someone or contact one of the helplines.

**HEATING & ENERGY COSTS:** The Suffolk Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Appeal hopes to raise at least £300,000 this year to distribute to households in Suffolk that need help heating their homes and keeping warm as well as eating properly this winter. The Ipswich

Citizens Advice Bureau is distributing the grants. You can ring them on 01473 298634 (answerphone) or email [survivingwinter@ipswichcab.org.uk](mailto:survivingwinter@ipswichcab.org.uk). You can download the application form from [www.citizensadviceipswich.org.uk/surviving-winter](http://www.citizensadviceipswich.org.uk/surviving-winter). If you want to talk to someone from Citizens Advice you can call them on 0808 278 7868, Monday to Friday, 9am till 5pm.

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### **DONATE TO THE SURVIVING WINTER**

**APPEAL:** And finally, if you are fortunate enough to not need support or help this winter, please consider donating to the Suffolk Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Appeal, they need as many people as possible to donate

whatever they can. Website [www.suffolkcf.org.uk](http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk). Donate online at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/costofliving](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/costofliving) or by phone on 01473 602602 or at any branch of the Suffolk Building Society and don't forget to include Gift-Aid if you are eligible.

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### ■ **PEDAL TO THE PALACE:**

The ambitious Pedal to the Palace by five brave souls as part of Redlingfield's Jubilee celebrations hit its £5,000 total with £3,000 raised in sponsorship and an anonymous £2,000 donation topping it up to reach its target. The funds will be split between the Doorstep Green and St Andrews church.

***Alison Smith***

### ■ **HAZEL ABBOTT:**

Redlingfield's Hazel Abbott was pipped for BBC Suffolk's Make a Difference Award for all her volunteering work at the awards evening

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at Trinity Park in Ipswich. Ipswich teenager Roma Manteiga Nicholson took the volunteering award. The musician has given £17,500 raised from her music to local charities, such as Ipswich Winter Night Shelter. **Mike Ager**

■ **SHCT RIDE + STRIDE:** The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride in September saw cyclists from St Marys in Horham and St Andrews in Redlingfield taking part. Phillip Leeder and Adrian Gooderham raised just over £600 on behalf of St Andrews. Daniel Streeter

and David and Michael Whatling made £280 for St Mary's. Both Parochial Church Councils would like to thank the volunteers, sponsors and particularly the riders. **Daphne Harvey & Ben Hewitt**

■ **WEEKEND EVENTS:** On Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December Redlingfield's St Andrews church will have its windows decorated on the theme "Highlight of my Year". Proceeds to St Andrew's Church. Also that weekend there is a Christmas Fair at Wingfield Barns, 10am to 3pm each

day. It will offer more than 40 stalls, including one raising funds for Wingfield Church. Food and carol singing, Sunday afternoon. **Virginia Skoyles**

■ **VILLAGE DIRECTORY:** We haven't produced a village directory for Athelington, Horham & Redlingfield since 2018. We were just getting ready to put a new one together and the world wobbled with Covid. I'm hoping to produce one to go out with our spring mag so if you have details about groups etc you think should be included get in touch. **Mike Ager**



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# Letters from Redlingfield

**W**E RECENTLY RECEIVED digital copies of a bundle of letters and transcriptions from David Jackson in America which had been written between 1837 and 1844 mainly by his 3x great-grandmother Mary Jackson, a resident of Redlingfield to her son William Jackson who had emigrated to America in about 1835-36. These letters give an interesting insight into the life and conditions for the farm workers at that time.

After a bit of searching on the Internet we discovered that in fact Mary Jackson together with her husband and family had already been to Canada and had a daughter Ann born in Toronto in 1821. It would seem likely that her husband had died in Canada and so she had brought the family back home to Redlingfield. Her eldest son William had married Martha Pulford in Redlingfield in 1829 and then taken his wife and four children to America in about 1835.

Her second son Charles went with his brother but came back again to Redlingfield in November 1836. One letter tells us that he got shipwrecked near Plymouth on the way home and had to pawn his coat in order to pay his fare back to Redlingfield. The letters also suggest that he came home to find his sweetheart Susan Boon who he married in about 1837. Other letters say that he is happy working for Mr Platfoot at Hill Farm and is allowed to keep a cow for his own use, however "his heart is still in America". His

fourth child was born in Redlingfield in 1846, but by 1850 the American census shows him to have a small farm in Illinois which was nowhere near his brother William in Westmoreland, New York.

The letters describe general life in Redlingfield, listing who had died who had married and who was in prison. At one point William's grandfather Charles had broken his leg on the way to collect his wages (at the age of about 84!) and had to leave Redlingfield for a while to stay with his son David in Southolt. He was later able to return to the same house in Redlingfield. Research shows that despite his badly broken leg he didn't die until 1847 at the age of 91 leaving a widow Mary who died at the age of 92 in 1851.

There were other letters in the bundle that had been written by the Whittons, who lived in Lilac Cottage as it is known today, to their two sons. One of these mentions them learning the trade of boot making in America saying, "if you had been at home, you would not have the chance to learn a trade". And from David Pulford the brother of William Jackson's wife and one from a young Harriot Fellingham whose parents had left her behind in Redlingfield as maidservant to Robert Bolton the wheelwright. One letter tells of snow that lay seven feet deep against Mr Bean's shop. This was one of the two wheelwright premises in the village situated very close to the site of the old school.



# to America

David Pulford wrote “Mary and John would come (to America) but the parish will not send them as the expense would be too much”. He also tells of burying “our poor weak boy John” and “my wife was delivered of another son last week, she is very finely but the child a poor thing, we think it will not live long”. In January 1840 Mary says that the price of letters is being dropped to 8d coming to her and 1s going out to William. A letter dated March 1841 tells of Rookery farmhouse being “quite pulled down and a new one built”. There was also news of several deaths in the Cracknell family.

Some of these letters described how terrible the conditions were in England with the rich having everything and the poor having nothing. They seemed to think that the parish should pay for them to go to America because it was not possible for people to save enough money to pay their own fare.

William Jackson did in fact improve his prospects in America and made enough money on his farm to be able to pay for his two sons to go to law school. Something that would not have happened if he had stayed in Redlingfield. His younger brother Charles did not prosper quite so well and although on the 1850 Illinois census he was listed as a farmer, by the 1860 census he was a labourer. A previous article featured young David Jackson who tried to set light to a barn at Rookery Farm in 1844. He was William's cousin.

Research for this piece was carried out by Stephen Ling. Contact me at [l.hudson479@btinternet.com](mailto:l.hudson479@btinternet.com) if you would like to receive a copy of the transcribed letters to read in full. They are also at [www.redlingfield.onesuffolk.net](http://www.redlingfield.onesuffolk.net).

*Linda Hudson*

## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

### ■ REDLINGFIELD & OCCOLD

**WI:** This November our group celebrated it's Centenary Anniversary – 100 years of the WI in this area! The group originally started in Redlingfield and then Occold joined some years later. At the moment we have no members from Redlingfield and would like to invite any ladies to come and join us. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month in Occold Village Hall at 7.30pm. The one exception will be our January meeting which will be on Wednesday 11th January 2023. We usually organise a group outing in June and have a variety of speakers booked for the year including Dr Geoffrey Kay: The Pre Raphaelite brotherhood (11th January); Walking Suffolk Churches (1st February); and Michelle Attrill: British Sign Language (1st March) If you would like more information please contact our President Carol Peters on 01379678597, or just come along to a meeting. We look forward to welcoming you.

*Gill Chapman*

# Youngsters get involved in charity work

**A**S WE APPROACH the end of another lovely, busy term at Wilby Primary School it's great to look back all of the things that we have been doing.

This term we have been involved in lots of charity work of one kind or another. We began at the start of October by organising a 'Miles make marathons' event on the weekend of the London Marathon. By walking or running in this sponsored event, the children raised more than £450 for the charity Sport in Mind.

We have also collected for the Eye

Food bank, and for Children in Need Day dressing in

crazy mismatched clothes also helped us to remember that we should celebrate and enjoy our differences.

This term our Year 6 pupils completed their Bikeability training and our Junior Road Safety Officers led assemblies and a poster competition about bike safety and the importance of being 'Bright and be(ing) seen'.

We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest



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festival service in church and then a thought-provoking Remembrance Day service in school – both of which were very well attended by parents and other members of the community.

You are warmly invited to join us for our Christmas Service at 2pm on December 16th at St Mary's Church, Wilby. We have lots of other festive activities planned too including class parties, a sing-along afternoon for all members of the school community (with festive snacks) and all of the children are off to see either a festive play (EYFS and KS1) or the

pantomime in Ipswich ... Oh yes we are!

Our Friends of Wilby School have been very active this term with a number of fundraising activities planned including a brilliant Disco Night and a Christmas Fair which will be held at 3.30pm in the Village hall on Thursday 8th December. Please do come and join us.

The staff and pupils of Wilby primary School wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful start to the New Year to follow.

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# An individual's FA Cup

I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE FA Cup. If I'm honest it was more enjoyable pre 1990s, before the Premier League dominance, but the early rounds are still one of the highlights of my sporting year.

Sad man that I am I've always copied down the draw as it was made, and dutifully crossed out sides from the 'either ors' as they get eliminated. I still find I have the same excitement as Ipswich Town enter the competition each year, even if sadly for the last dozen years or so it is just to find who will knock them out.

From the First Round in early November to the Fifth Round draw in late January the competition has me absorbed. Unfortunately the last twenty years or so has seen very few years when the competition's last four has not been dominated by the Premier League elite. Great for armchair Manchester United or Liverpool fans but not exactly the 'dream factory' an idealist like me would want.

I can barely remember Manchester City beating Leicester City 1-0 in the 1969 final when I was four. In those days the FA Cup Final was about the only time you saw club football live on your TV. Throughout the 1970s these things developed and the FA Cup became a good part of my life. I have vivid memories of watching all the finals of that decade.

I remember seeing Arsenal beat Liverpool in 1971 and Leeds United beating Arsenal

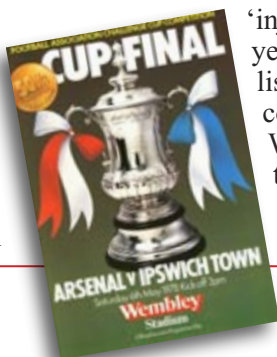
the following year. In 1973 there was Montgomery's double save for Second Division Sunderland as they beat Leeds with Porterfield's goal, and then a major part of my football and life education in 1975.

I'd watched Cup Finals not believing my club Ipswich Town would ever be in one. I was ten when borderline decisions by Clive 'The Book' Thomas decreed it was West Ham United who won the semi-final replay 2-1 and went on to play Fulham at Wembley.

I was crestfallen and it took a long time to realise that this was a valuable lesson in life. You have no control on things outside your own actions or decisions in life. I cannot stop any perceived injustice happening outside my own sphere of influence, so you just have to trust the systems in place that limit the chance of bad outcomes.

Still the 1976 Final had another great underdog story when Bobby Stokes scored for Second Division Southampton to beat Manchester United. Incidentally that also stopped Ipswich Town from being in Europe for the only time in a decade from 1973 to 1983.

Three years after my awakening that there is such a thing as 'injustice in football' the 13-year-old me was in the garden listening to a Radio Orwell commentary as Ipswich beat West Bromwich Albion 3-1 to get to the 1978 Final against Arsenal. Rather like England winning the





# memories

World Cup in 1966, I know there are people who don't want to hear that Ipswich won the FA Cup with a Roger Osbourne goal, so I will move on.

The next year there was an amazing finish when Alan Sunderland scored a late winner for Arsenal after Manchester United had scored two late goals to get back to 2-2. Before I knew it in 1981, I was at Villa Park for another semi final watching Ipswich Town outmuscled by Manchester City and losing to Paul Power's extra time free-kick. City went on to lose to a Ricky Villa goal in the Final replay against Tottenham Hotspur.

For me the seventies was the decade for the FA Cup. Coventry City and Wimbledon won FA Cups in the late 1980s and after that I suppose only Wigan Athletic has been the romantic underdog winner since then. Portsmouth and Leicester City have broken the monotony of the elite dominance but for me the early rounds have become the real FA Cup since say 1988 when Liverpool were beaten by the 'Crazy Gang'.

There have been a couple of emotional semi finals in 1989 and 1992 I was relieved Everton and Sunderland won through, but nowadays I'm just relieved to see Ipswich get past Bracknell Town and pleased that Kings Lynn have had a great result at Doncaster Rovers. I'll be more interested in the FA Cup up until the end of January rather than in May.

I was an idealistic dreamer as a child, now I live in the real world. **Ian Crane**

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### **Top Tips to reduce the chances of your heating oil being stolen:**

- Keep your tank in a well overlooked position – this will ensure thieves are more likely to be seen.
- If your tank is close to your house make sure that it can be seen from your windows – this coupled with lighting will make it less of a target.
- Security lights can help deter potential thieves. Low level 'dusk 'til dawn' lights

positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.

- Enclosing your tank in a building which can be secured is better still. However, it is important not to overlook the importance of ventilation; advice should be sought from your oil company.
- If you have a gate keep it closed and locked when you are out.
- Make sure your perimeter fence is in good condition and is not easy to climb. Consider the use of trellis on top of any rear fencing to increase height.
- Invest in a good quality lock. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves usually come equipped with.
- Invest in an approved tank alarm.
- Check your oil gauges regularly to alert you to any potential thefts and help investigations by narrowing crime times down. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor levels which can be read inside the house.

**LIVE CHAT:** Suffolk Constabulary has introduced an online service to allow members of the public to contact police via its website ([www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)) regarding non-emergency matters. Live Chat is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and provides an alternative way for people to communicate directly with officers in real time, without the need to speak on the phone. Whilst Live Chat is not a reporting tool, users can contact police with non-urgent enquiries such as requesting updates to an existing reported crime and asking for advice or support to anything police-related.

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### LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION?

Christmas is coming! Advent began on 27th November with a visit to Hoxne church from Martin Seeley, our diocesan Bishop, to lead our worship and dedicate our new chapel of St Edmund. Celebrations then continued with our Advent carol service at Athelington church in the afternoon. We have lots more Advent and Christmas events coming up – see the full programme of services and items on the facing page for details.

We are joining in with the Suffolk-wide initiative Inspiring Angels all through Advent and Christmas. Angels are a symbol of love, of presence, pointing the way to the moment it all changed, when God came in the person of Jesus to be with us in the world, to share in love and



pain alongside us. Angels appeared to tell us about the birth of a baby in a manger. Angels sang, bursting with joy, to some shepherds, and told them, "Go and see!"

There are going to be angels all over our churches and, we hope, all over our villages, large and small, made from plywood, card, paper, knitted, painted and decorated. Look out for them! There will also be angel-related activities, including at our next Club Create event on Tuesday 20th December 2 to 4pm at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Contact me if your child aged 7-12 would be interested in joining in.

Maybe you will be inspired to be an angel yourself, by donating to a food bank, cooking for people, making a charity shop donation or another small act of kindness each day during Advent. We can all be messengers of good news!

Whatever inspires you this Advent, I wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas when it comes and a safe and fruitful New Year.

■ **LOOKING AHEAD TO A BIG WEEKEND:** Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Officer, invites you to the BIG Weekend – a weekend of craziness, worship, games and friendship all focused around learning more about living as a Christian in the 21st century. Organised by a team of experienced youth workers from around Suffolk it offers young people the opportunity to come together and make new friends. The age range is from school years 7-13. Whilst it is Christian in ethos and focus you don't have to call yourself a Christian to attend and have fun! Contact Revd Eleanor for further details. The BIG Weekend is from 6pm Friday 14th April 2023 to 4pm on Sunday 16th at Sizewell Hall, Sizewell, Leiston IP16.

**Revd Eleanor Goodison**

■ **HONORARY CANON:** Revd Eleanor Goodison has been appointed an Honorary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral. She was installed during Evensong on Sunday 20th November, for the Feast of St Edmund.

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



**CHURCH SERVICES:** Planned church services in December, January and February.

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

**Sunday 4th December**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

9.30am BCP Holy Communion, Hoxne;  
11am CW Holy Communion, Wingfield;  
3pm Messy Church, Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall.

**Sunday 11th December**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

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

**Sunday 18th December**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Hoxne;  
4pm Carol Service, Horham.

**Tuesday 20th December**  
6pm Carol Service, Denham.

**Thursday 22nd December**  
6pm Carol Service, Redlingfield.

**Friday 23rd December**  
5.30pm Crib Service, Athelington.

**Saturday 24th December**  
**Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib Service, Wingfield;  
11.30 m Midnight Service, Horham.

**Sunday 25th December**  
**Christmas Day**

9.30am CW Holy Communion, Redlingfield;  
11am CW Holy Communion, Denham.

**Sunday 1st January**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**  
11am Benefice Holy Communion, Denham.

**Sunday 8th January**  
**Epiphany**

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

4pm Messy Christingle, Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall.

**Sunday 15th January**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

11.15am BCP Holy Communion, Horham;  
6pm Evensong, Zoom.

**Sunday 22nd January**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

11am CW Holy Communion, Denham;  
4pm All Age service, Hoxne.

**Sunday 29th January**  
**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
11am Benefice Holy Communion, Horham.

**Sunday 5th February**  
**Third Sunday before Lent**

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

**Sunday 12th February**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

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

**Sunday 19th February**  
**Sunday next before Lent**

11.15am BCP Holy Communion, Horham;  
6pm Evensong, Zoom.

**Wednesday 22nd February**  
**Ash Wednesday**

Service to be confirmed.

**Sunday 26th February**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

Morning services to be confirmed.  
4pm All Age service, Hoxne.

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



Whilst I am pleased that we are now moving forward with our new Prime Minister, during these recent weeks and months, it has been more important than ever for me to focus on the issues which matter to us locally here in Suffolk. That's why I was delighted to recently welcome to Parliament a delegation of farmers and food producers from Fram Farmers.

Following a tour of Parliament, I was pleased to host a meeting with Fram Farmers where I heard first-hand about the challenges facing Suffolk's farmers and food producers. Although it's fair to say that the discussions focused generally on agricultural policy and potential changes on the horizon, more detailed conversations were also had around the financial challenges affecting farmers and food producers, and indeed all businesses here in Suffolk, including the rising cost of fertiliser, as a result of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and rising costs of energy and fuel.

We are all proud of Suffolk's farmers who produce food to the highest standards. I have always believed in the importance of UK farmers having a fair and level playing field with farmers from other countries, especially in areas such as animal welfare standards, food labelling and quality of grain entering the food chain. In all of these areas, our own farmers are world class.

Whilst I regularly visit farms and food producers across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, it was great to also be able to welcome some of them to Parliament. It is vital that our Government policies are fit for purpose and it's important to hear the impact that any changes will have on the ground for our local food producers.

I will always do my very best to support Suffolk's farmers and food producers and I will continue to speak with Ministers to make sure that their voices are heard in Parliament.

The effects of the ongoing Avian Influenza outbreak Suffolk are of significant concern and this is why I have been pressing Government Ministers to better support this important sector. It is essential that the Government continue to consider the impact that these issues have on our farmers, food producers, retailers and ultimately the consumer.

Agriculture, food and drink remain central to our local economy with more than one in seven jobs in Suffolk having some link to food production. We really are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful farmers and food producers on our doorstep and in the run up to Christmas, like you, I will be supporting them by buying local produce and gifts.

As always, if you have any issues which I can help with at one of my local advice bureaux, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office via [www.drdanielpoulter.com](http://www.drdanielpoulter.com)

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■ **JUBILEE MUGS:** If you live in Redlingfield and your children have yet to receive their Jubilee mugs please get in touch with Janet Norman-Philips as we have some left to distribute. Contact her on 01379 678835 or at [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).


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