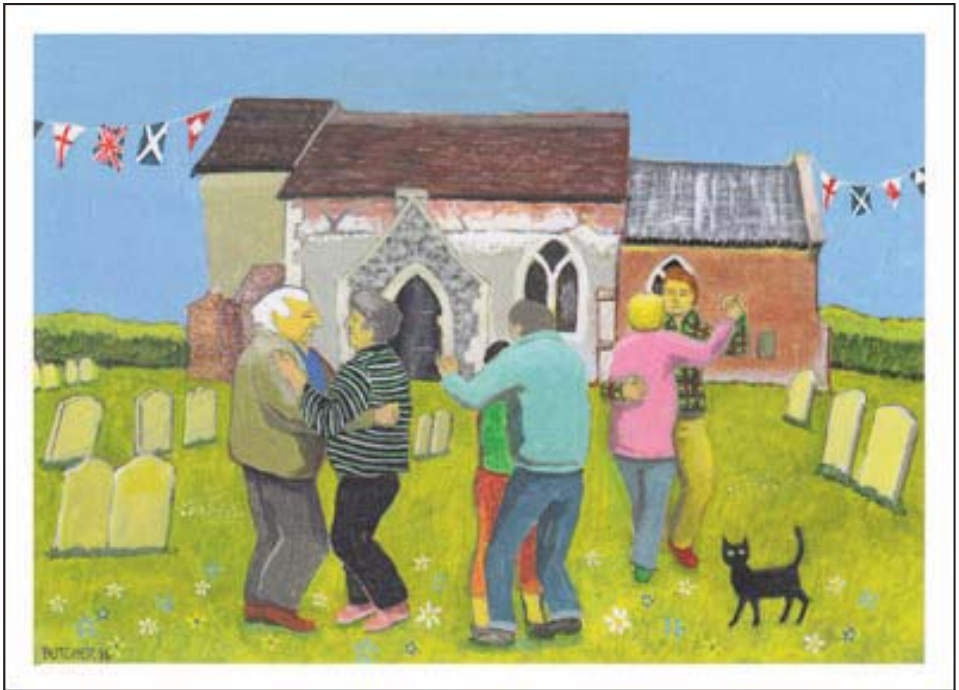


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AUTUMN SEEMS TO HAVE SWEEPED IN early with a blast of Arctic air heralding the end of the harvest. However, we've had a magnificent summer with a host of great local events and great weather. It also seems to have been a bumper time for wildlife. We've had two swallows' nests in our cartlodge, seen the return of greenfinches to our garden and our hedgehog population is now up to three. Sometimes our garden seems awash with birds, bees, and butterflies. The first four pages of this issue are pretty much devoted to local wildlife with Trevor's Wash Farm article and an update on our ill hedgehog. It seems a particularly packed issue. I had trouble squeezing everything in. Anyway I hope you enjoy it and have a great autumn.

THERE ARE NEW PLANS to give Suffolk some gypsy and traveller short-stay sites. At the moment Suffolk doesn't have a single short-stay site. Norfolk has some and has found they have stopped most unauthorised encampments. So it seems sensible to have a few well-run, fully-regulated, legal sites in the county. The nearest proposed ones are off the A140 and off the A143. Suffolk County Council is currently looking for people's views on the plans.

DESPITE THE UPGRADES TO OCCOLD AND EYE EXCHANGES, Redlingfield will miss out on Fast Broadband unless we are included in the next contract!! So please lobby Guy McGregor & Suffolk County Council leader Mark Bee email: Mark.Bee@suffolk.gov.uk

Mike Ager

Front page picture: Neville Butcher (see page 10).

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Bumper year for the birds

Spotted flycatcher is the only regular missing from Wash Farm

IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER GOOD summer for the birds and Wash Farm has come up trumps with thrushes, turtledoves and robins this year. Juveniles of all sorts are flitting about and, with lots of new house sparrows chattering away, the garden is as jolly as a Japanese subway. Sadly, we had no returning spotted flycatchers, the first time for many years that they had failed to turn up.

Walking round the paddock, I could hear noisy wrens in a large blackthorn bush and when I investigated, three young'uns were sitting in a messy old woodpigeons nest. It must have been a good source of grubs and insects. Adult wrens are particularly partial to beetles and as we have had huge numbers of black beetles, the wren world must be very happy.

July 6th, and the garden is peppered with juvenile robins. Some birds skulk and hide to do their feather-growing and moulting, but not cock robin. He's on show and rather proud of his peppery condition as his red breast

colours up. In contrast, the blackbird is a recluse in late summer. The moulting of the blackbird hampers his flying skills as he tends to have a full body make-over, and he becomes an easier sparrow hawk target. People sometimes ask where have all their blackbirds disappeared to, but they are just hiding away till the new feathers grow.

In the first week of July, I saw an extraordinary high-rise flight of sparrow-hawk over Denham. It became a speck in the sky to the naked eye before setting an angled glide on fixed wings which took it for miles and miles into the distance. I have seen a sparrow-hawk at great altitude before, but what caught my eye was a great big gap in its tail feathers through the binoculars. Moulting the odd flight feather had no effect on this superb flying display.

A WALKING WEEKEND IN THE lovely Surrey hills gave us far views of the South Downs, but not too much ornithological activity. In fact, there was more bird talk at Lords in the Sri Lankan cricket match. Good old Henry Blofeld was commenting on the blackness of crows, the wandering ways of cormorants and the slowness of pigeons, almost forgetting that cricket was the main event. One day, Blowers will be so distracted he will miss a wicket. My harvest job of baling straw means I can listen to Test





***This page:
Sarah Colnet
introduces
young Henry
to his first
kestrel and
Sarah with a
fab five young
kestrels.
Facing page:
A chaffinch
mural in
Brixton.***

Match Special as well as watch the world go by.

On one occasion this year, I spent half a day with a juvenile kestrel for company. It dived into the straw swathe on a vain swoop and provided good entertainment as it struggled to escape from a foot and a half of very loose straw. This minor mishap was followed by a long rest when it perched on the top of a trailer-load of bales quietly assessing the situation. Young kestrels can be remarkably unfazed by first encounters with people, and one has been known to perch on a broken-down combine as the mechanic fiddled away on the repair work beneath.

Kestrels, though reduced in number, are locally successful, not least in Sarah Colnet's garden in Athelington where her kestrel box has produced a fine brood of five juveniles this year.

Sarah has kept a diary from early



April, when the female was seen in the box, to late June, when five were successfully ringed before leaving the box. Her diary records the male bringing food to a nearby tree, and instead of making off, he takes over the nest to incubate and turn the eggs, whilst she eats. What a useful bloke to have around. The female eats the eggshells which combines a diet supplement with tidy housekeeping.

Now it is August, and the young have flown but not dispersed and still roost in the Colnet's "nature reserve" garden.

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AFTER THE COMBINE HAS BEEN round the farm, hares, skylarks and grey partridge are all evident in the cleared fields. And chaffinches feature in Brixton, where I saw a superb six-foot pavement mural on a mid-harvest trip to London. The main reason was a visit to the ballet to see Romeo and Juliet with the daughters-in-law. Although it was a huge Covent Garden sell-out with a throng of hundreds, I didn't see a single farmer I knew.

MY FIRST VISIT TO MINSMERE

this year was the evening of the Waveney Bird Club meeting in the East Hide, watching the scrape for roosting waders and gulls. All the club's big scopes were there, though not everyone saw the magpie suicide and the bee-wolf wasp.

The latter, a slim long-bodied member of the wasp family, was a female and she was busy digging a hole by the path to the shoreline. (The male is useless and doesn't do anything after choosing his ground and acquiring his mate.) Having excavated a tunnel in the sand, this solitary wasp lays an egg, collects half-a-dozen honey bees by means of a paralysing sting, then buries them with the egg to feed the larva after hatching, and seals the chamber up. With the new family's larder in place, the job is done. Once

extremely rare, this brilliantly-named wasp is flourishing and can be found collecting nectar when not storing food for its larvae's future.

As for the magpie, I had joked with Steve Piotrowski about the numerous magpies around the Visitor's Centre, saying the RSPB could do with a Larsen trap to thin them out. On my way back, I scared a magpie scavenging under the café tables and it flew straight into the plate-glass window and dropped dead on the deck. Honest m'lord, that's the truth.

ON AUGUST 7TH, RAIN

interrupts the wheat harvest, and the muck spreading season is declared open. Moving well-rotted cattle muck from clamp to field can disturb a wasps' nest or two and this year was no exception. These were not solitary bee-wolfs, but your usual angry-as-hell sort and scores of them, so thank goodness for sealed windows on the tractor cabs.

THE NORWICH TO LONDON

train came to a halt due to a collision with a pigeon. Not again, you might well say. Surely any train could cope with that. However, this pigeon dislodged the power connection, which is called the pantograph; not a lot of people know that, as Michael Caine would say. *Trevor Edwards*

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE BBQ: The BBQ on the Doorstep Green was a great success with the bar having to re-stock twice and the barbecue and church ladies' desserts doing roaring business. It was great to see so many families enjoying the Doorstep Green. Many thanks to all who helped sell tickets, set up, clear up and during the afternoon and night. *Andrew Abbott, Redlingfield Village Meeting, chairman*

Hedgehog Hilda returns

IF YOU READ JANET'S PIECE in the last issue you'll know we took a sickly hedgehog from our garden to Anna Hunter's Waveney Valley Hogspital near Harleston.

Well, Hilda, as Anna christened her – when you're caring for as many hogs as her you need to name them so you can keep track – is now back in our wildlife-friendly garden munching all the food we put out for her nightly and enjoying a new hedgehog box.

She's been joined in our garden by a small young hog and another larger one, although Hilda now dwarfs both of them thanks to the excellent Hogspital care.

She was in a terrible state when we took her in. She had been badly burned (it's worth checking bonfires before setting them alight), had mange, was terribly malnourished and her snorting, which we had thought was a good sign, meant she wasn't breathing properly.

It was only when we saw her wobbling around during the day that we actually realised she was ill – as a rule of thumb if you see a hog in the daytime they're in trouble. Happily she seems to be settling back in well.

However, Hilda isn't the only creature my wife has rescued in the last few months. Coming home through Eye she had to screech to a halt to avoid running over a young tawny owl. She was actually in town so she couldn't find anywhere sensible to deposit the youngster beside the road so she brought it home and started phoning around to find someone happy to look after it. The

Suffolk Owl Sanctuary at Stonham Barns were delighted to save the youngster who was covered in mites.

Owing to a large influx of orphans Waveney Valley Hogspital was at the time of writing at capacity and was unable to take on any more hogs. If

you have found a hog in need of care visit www.hedgehog-rescue.org.uk/ or contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 to find a suitable carer in your area.

Waveney Valley Hogspital:
www.hogspital.co.uk,
info@hogspital.co.uk, 07813 967136
 or 07912 674844. The Suffolk Owl
 Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, Stonham
 Aspal, IP14 6AT: www.owl-help.org.uk, 08456 807 897,
info@owl-help.org.uk. **Mike Ager**



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courtesy of
Calle Eklund.**

Some driverless cars and

LISTENING TO descriptions of driverless cars I was reminded of a book I was given in 1945. It was published in America and written by John Neil as a continuation of the stories of Oz written by L. Frank Baum.

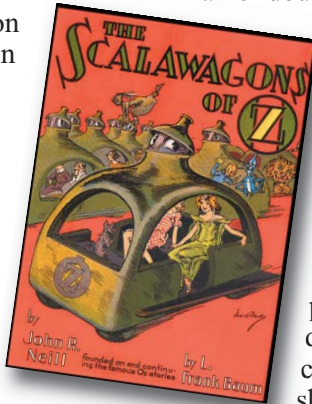
Called *The Scalawagons of Oz* it is the story of driverless cars, the Scalawagons, invented by the Wizard for the people of Oz. These vehicles are kept in order by regular thumps from a leather hammer which fills them with sense. Their fuel tanks are filled by Peli-cans which also fly around looking after them. The cars can fly by

extending their running boards to act as wings.

The scalawagons seemed to be only just in the control of their owners and I rather doubt that modern, driverless

cars will be fully controlled by their owners either. I am barely in control of my current car, I can't turn off the irritating bell that rings when I neglect my seat belt or the light which tells me I am skidding, which is positively dangerous since it distracts me just when I am concentrating on managing a skid!

How many of us will understand how driverless cars operate? Will we trust them?



FRESSINGFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL: The 10th Fressingfield Music Festival between Tuesday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 27th at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church aims to offer a vibrant line up. On Tuesday world-renowned violinist Tasmin Little returns to open the festival with pieces by Beethoven, Arvo Pärt, Kreisler and others. She will be accompanied by acclaimed pianist John Lenehan. On Wednesday festival favourite, concert pianist Meng Yang Pan, returns to perform works by Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Strauss. On Thursday there is a festival debut for the Choir of Norwich Cathedral, whose repertoire will include classic English works by Byrd, Purcell, Parry and Vaughan Williams. On Friday Brian Dee, one of the world's leading jazz musicians, will perform with a selection of friends. On Saturday baroque ensemble Badinage bring the festival to a close with Handel's Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Bach's F Major harpsichord concerto, and works by Vivaldi, Albinoni and Telemann. Concerts start at 7.30pm (doors 6.45pm). Refreshments are available before concerts and during intervals. Tickets for Tasmin Little's concert cost £20 in advance or £25 at the door; all other concerts are £14 in advance or £15 at the door, subject to availability. Season Tickets for all five concerts at £60 are available from 586459, www.fressingfieldmusic.com and Fressingfield Stores.

other stories

I expect the young will cope as they are so used to wondrous technology but I am pretty sure that I will see them as potential delinquents liable to take off at any moment.

When a villain filled the scalawagons with the wrong fuel they behaved as if drunk and went flying and crashing off into the distance. It took several chapters and adventures to rescue them with magic help.

I often hear younger people saying how much freer they are than previous generations. It makes me sad to think how they have been brain washed into thinking that operating a tablet is freedom. How can we be free if we are not in control? Freedom was about reading a map instead of listening to satnav, choosing a route and driving yourself in your preferred style without the intrusion of hidden cameras.

A final Oz story from the RHS magazine; Scientists have found that changing the colour of oil seed rape flowers can help deter pests. They changed the flowers to red or blue by using food colouring on the roots and the plants were less attractive to pollen beetles. I have always felt that I was living in Oz when surrounded by yellow rape flowers, just think how Oz-like the fields will be when some are Yellow, some Red and some Blue!

Is the explanation of the crazy, out of control world we live in that actually we are in Oz, a virtual world with no reality at all.

Evelyn Adey

■ **STRADJAZZ:** The 14th Stradbroke Real Ale & Jazz Festival will be at Stradbroke Community Centre on Saturday & Sunday, September 27th & 28th. On Saturday the acts are Anglia All Star Jazz Band, Barry Palser's Savoy Jazz, Spike Botterill and Nicola Farnon. Sunday sees John Petters Swing Band, Sean Moyses and his one man Banjo show and Bob Kerr's Whoopee Band. It will raise funds for MacMillan Nurses. Info & tickets from Stradbroke Library, www.stradjazz.net, info@stradjazz.net, 0750 7802360 or 07585 959402. Single day tickets £20, weekend tickets £30.

■ **WW1 EXHIBITION:** A small WW1 exhibition is being staged at the Old Hospital Museum, Shingle Hill, Denham to commemorate locals who served at home and abroad. There are tributes to a Victoria Cross winner and one of the UK's first policewomen. Admission is free but donations are welcome. The museum, privately owned by Val & Tony Albrow, is open on the last Sunday of the month from May until October, 10am to 5pm.

Linda Flowerdew

■ **REMEMBERING WW1:** A centenary service to commemorate the start of WW1 was held at St Mary's in Horham on August 3rd. The WW1 memorial was honoured with medals, poppies, candles and a large framed "Certificate of Honourable Service", held by Ted Harvey, in honour of his father's military service. On the Monday the church was open all day with reverential music, WW1 songs and bible readings. At 10pm four beacons were lit at the top of the church tower facing the points of the compass and extinguished at 11pm to honour all those involved in WW1.

Lawrence Weaver

Its iconic, legendary and

MY WIFE'S ANCIENT edition of the Concise Oxford English Dictionary states that an adjective is "a noun and is the name of an attribute, added to the name of a thing to describe the thing more fully".

This all sounds rather dry and unexciting but believe me, in my experience the world of adjectives is a hazardous place, littered as it is with well concealed booby traps for the unwary. So much so that some writers will go to enormous lengths to avoid them – Elmore Leonard who knew a thing or two about style was very parsimonious with them in his work.

The kind of thing I mean, which seems to be quite common in much current writing is where adjectives and nouns meet and almost contradict each other, or at least make uncomfortable partnerships. For example "groundbreaking rooflights" – from an advertisement; or "stunning beams" – from a restaurant review in a local free magazine. See what I'm on about?

The careless selection of an adjective which is too broadly descriptive and does not pin down its noun sufficiently is another fairly

common problem. For example; does the phrase "a striking actor" mean a member of Equity manning the picket line; an actor who is on strike, or does it perhaps mean one who hits other people on stage (or even, people offstage); or does it mean an actor who, for whatever reason stands out from the others on stage? Although this last is the most likely, we could be wrong. This kind of uncertainty or ambiguity is something which can be used to comic effect or else used by headline writers to prepare an image of what follows which is much more interesting than the humdrum actuality.

As with most things in life, adjectives are subject to the dictates of fashion – where these waves of popular usage begin is, I guess, untraceable but they are nevertheless very strong.

There was a time when anything you could think of, no matter how mundane, would be described as *ICONIC*. This seems to be giving ground, at last to newer favourites such as *STUNNING* (usually applied to anything mildly interesting), *FABLED* (quite recent this one but with a growing following) and of course

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE: The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride is on Saturday September 13th from 9am to 5pm. So get on your bikes to help your local churches and remember you can also walk between churches instead. The money raised by visiting as many churches as possible is split 50:50 between the church you pick and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Local organisers are: Daphne Harvey, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428); and Joan Abbott, Redlingfield (678736). For more info about the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust visit <http://shctc.org.uk/>.

stunning

LEGENDARY; a hot favourite at the moment. I saw a leaflet the other day announcing a “Legendary Knitwear Sale” – just what kind of life do you lead to think that knitwear could ever be legendary? Meanwhile a tearoom in a department store sells cheese scones which are very nice but apparently to describe them in the menu as “very nice” is not enough, they are written up as legendary. Now, I like cheese scones as much as the next man, but I feel that this is not much help to me in making a choice because it doesn't say whether they are legendary in a good or bad way. They could be so disgusting that irate customers have felt it their duty to bring it to the attention of the general public. And if legends have not been created around them how does that square with the Trades Description Act?

But perhaps I am being altogether too negative about this – who knows, perhaps there is a legend about these scones – perhaps they have been prepared to the very same recipe as the cakes that the Great King Alfred is supposed (in legend) to have burned.

Adjectives are not alone in being misused; any part of our grammar is vulnerable to abuse and mishandling as a casual glance over any of my deliberations is likely to reveal. Word order, splitting of infinitives, the over generous use of adverbs etc. are all vulnerable to attack. ADVERBS, don't get me started on ADVERBS he said IRRITABLY!

Neville Butcher

■ **STRADISPHERE:** New for 2014 is family-friendly open-air music festival on Stradbroke Community Centre playing fields on September 5th & 6th. There will be food, bouncy castles, face painting and a bar. Bands will include Bootleg Boss – “the UK's best tribute to Bruce Springsteen” and The Kings of Leon experience – “the closest thing you will get to the real sound”. It is in aid of Help for Heroes and Stradbroke Village. Tickets from the Queens head, Stradbroke library, Laxfield Oak and www.stradisphere.co.uk/, Friday £8; Saturday £18; weekend £25. Under 16s go free as do accompanied under 14s

■ **FATHER'S DAY:** The father's day service at St Mary's Church Horham on June 15th was attended by various dancers who were in the village as part of Hoxon Hundred's weekend of dance at Horham recreation ground. The hymns were accompanied by the sounds of clog dancing, accordions, violins, drums and the church organ.

Lawrence Weaver

■ **THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all those involved in or who supported the Garage Sale in Horham in May and St Mary's car boot stall in June. The garage sale raised £219.51 and the car boot stall brought in £331.34, including the sale of Roly Copping's plants – to whom we owe special thanks.

Daphne Harvey

■ **PRAYER SERVICE:** St Mary's Church in Horham held a prayer service on July 27th where members of the congregation each read out a prayer or a poem of their choice and spent some time in silent reflection for the current troubles of the world.

Lawrence Weaver

Big church and Doorstep

REDLINGFIELD has some big plans for such a little village. As well as saving our historic Anglo Saxon church – which is mentioned in the Domesday Book – we also hope to expand the Doorstep Green and give the church a new lease of life.

We will be making a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund so we can not only repair and preserve St Andrew's but also provide more facilities so it can better serve the community now and in the future. These will include toilets, a kitchen, sustainable heating and lighting and secure and safe access from the village.

We also hope to enlarge and improve the Doorstep Green – the three-quarter acre site close to the centre of the village. Opened in July 2006, it is a play, recreation and wildlife area that the whole village helped design and create over a three-year period with funding and help from a number of organisations and individuals.

Repairing and improving the church is expected to cost approximately £150,000 while it is hoped around £80,000 will be spent on enlarging and improving the Doorstep Green.

A survey of all villagers revealed overwhelming support for extending



*Picture of Redlingfield church
courtesy Simon Knott
www.suffolkchurches.co.uk*

the Doorstep Green and improving the church to meet the needs of the village.

There are lots of improvements people want for the Doorstep Green including extending it to reach the church and it is hoped some land can be purchased in the near future.

We currently have only a couple of items of play equipment and nothing for teenagers or toddlers. The wildflower meadow and wildlife area is too small and we need more space and facilities for sport, ball games and sport and fitness equipment

Parish clerk, Janet Norman-Philips said: "The church would be right next door to an enlarged Doorstep Green – so bringing the two projects together makes so much sense."

"Our beautiful little church has been around for almost a thousand years but it is in a sorry state, the roof needs

Green plans

major work, we have damp problems and the electricians are in urgent need of repair.

“We simply have to save it but we want to do so much more with it so that the people living here in a thousand years’ time can still enjoy it.”

She added: “When creating the Doorstep Green we didn’t think deeply enough about future growth – we didn’t realise how popular it was going to be and we made it far, far too small.

“It’s not going to be easy or quick but if we all pull together we believe we can achieve it.

A recent architect’s report said that the church was considered a rare example of its kind.

Fund raising efforts have started with events planned for next year including a 1940s dance at the Red Feather Club in neighbouring Horham which will go towards the church fund.

Village artist Neville Butcher has also donated postcards of his picture of dancers in front of Redlingfield church to help save the historic building (see the front page). The postcards are £1.50 each (every penny goes to save the church) from David & Jacqueline Love at Western Barn, Abbotts Meadow, Redlingfield, 01379 678805 or email@davidlove.f9.co.uk.

There are two more Pubs on the Green on the Doorstep Green this year on Saturday September 13th and Saturday October when the bar is open from 6pm to midnight so come along for a drink and chat.

Mike Ager

■ **ADVICE ONLINE:** Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau has launched a new website. The site is easier for clients to navigate and find the advice they need to solve their problem or to find out how to get in touch with the service. It has a fresh look and provides more information about CAB and the services it offers. Take a look at the site www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk and let Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau know what you think. Remember to visit regularly as it will be featuring articles promoting events and updating the locals on their work. *Hannah Barton*

■ **STRADBROKE WEA:** A History of Crime and Criminal Justice in East Anglia (1750-1950) is the title of a new WEA course at Stradbroke Community Centre. It looks at the changing nature of criminality in the eastern counties, examining economic, social and environmental factors that gave rise to crime. The tutor is Mark Mower and the course starts on Wednesday, September 24th (2.15pm-4.15pm). All are welcome at the first meeting before committing to the course. The fee is £45.50 for seven weeks. There is disabled access and a hearing Loop. Info: 01728 724746.

■ **COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The refurbishment of Horham Community Centre will soon be complete and we will have a welcoming, attractive, well-appointed venue! *Clare Webb*

■ **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** Thank you to the collectors and contributors who raised £371.32 in Horham and £45.80 in Athelington (plus £49.12 Gift Aid) in Christian Aid Week. *Daphne Harvey*



Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team, PCSO 3172 Steven Long & PC 878 Jacqui Thomas, Eye Police Station, Mid-Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team, The Lodge, Castleton Way, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7BH. Phone 101, email Midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HEATING OIL SAFE FROM THIEVES

ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 7TH, LOCAL officers will be at Denham Village hall from 7:30pm onwards to demonstrate security measures for heating oil tanks.

Obviously the security of the tank is step one in the prevention of theft. Some people advise not to lock the tank inlets as criminals may just drill a hole in the tank wall to extract the oil thus damaging the tank. However, we believe that this is bad advice as locks are like anything one purchases, the higher the cost usually the better the lock and many cannot be cut or forced open. If the tank is damaged by theft or attempted theft such damage is usually covered by building and contents insurance.

Obviously appropriate security will keep one's insurance premiums down.

Consider screening your tank with fencing or hedges; close and secure any perimeter gates; and try to restrict vehicle access in the vicinity of your tank.

If it is safe to do so, perhaps you could park your own vehicles in close proximity to make it more awkward for a thief to steal the oil.

Check your home insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for any loss of oil and/or damage or contamination which may occur as a result of crime.

Many oil tanks are of non-standard construction, some plastic, and some metal. Any security measures that directly affect the tank or pipe work should be carried out in consultation with your heating oil tank supplier.

Consider installing a tank alarm/security device (consult your tank supplier). 'Watchman' also produce an alarmed version of their 'Sonic' monitor.

Regularly check your fuel levels, consider installing a sensor that is monitored from inside the home (such as a 'Watchman Sonic' Monitor). Ensure that you see the driver put the ticket in the meter or if you are not at home ensure you know what was in the tank prior to the delivery and then, as soon as you can, check what is in the tank after the delivery. Report any discrepancy immediately to the supplier. If they refuse to investigate get in touch with Trading Standards and the Police.

KEITH COOPER (MAY 31 1952-JUNE 10 2014): On Friday June 20th at Seven Hills Crematorium in Ipswich the funeral of Keith Cooper was held. It was attended by family, friends and students. Keith was a very popular lecturer and had many devoted students of the "visual arts". Keith had been suffering from cancer for some time and spent his last few weeks at St Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich where he was able to receive visits from family and friends. He leaves behind his wife Christine and his two daughters and their children. The service was a happy and uplifting occasion.

Lawrence Weaver

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4-THURSDAY, SEPT-11

95th Bomb Group Reunion: The Red Feather Club welcomes US visitors.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4-SUNDAY, SEPT 28

Portrait: exhibition at The Bank Eye.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

Stradisphere: Family-friendly open-air music festival on Stradbroke Community Centre playing fields. Friday £8, Saturday £18, weekend £25. Under 16s go free as do accompanied under 14s (see story).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Wreath laying: 95th Bomb Group veterans & American visitors will lay a wreath at the Redlingfield B-17 memorial during a jeep tour (time to be arranged).

A Village Affair: family fun day, noon-4pm, Debenham Leisure Centre field & the community hall.

An evening of Live Jazz with Colin

Bowden & Friends: Tawny's Barn, Aspell 7pm for 7.30 pm. Contact wattsdebenham@aol.com or 01728 860255. Tickets £10.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Wreath laying: 95th Bomb Group veterans & American visitors will lay a wreath at the memorial in Horham followed by a service of commemoration at St Mary's Church at 11.15am.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

Eye Heritage Weekend: 10am-4pm. Featuring a pop up museum in the Town Hall, also castle walks & guided tours.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride: (see story).

CARNival: Stradbroke High School, 10am-4pm, www.stradbrokehigh.co.uk/events/carnival-at-stradbroke-high.

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: Doorstep Green, 6pm to late.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair: Helmingham Hall.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Redlingfield Village Lunch: 1pm at the Queen's Head, Eye Contact Linda 678984.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The Monuments Men - Stradbroke Cinema: 7pm for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Traditional Music & Song Evening:

Horham Old School, 7.30pm. Special guests Tin River plus local musicians, real ale bar, raffle. £5 entry, £4 to Old School members or in advance 384207 or judy@shivs.co.uk.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

An evening with Charlie Haylock – an

eccentric look at Suffolk; Horham Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £8 members, £10 non-members, to include cheese & wine. Contact Karen 384754 or Clare 388878.

Andrew Burke in Concert: 7.30pm, Wingfield Barns. All tickets £8. A selection of music from the classical to the contemporary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Horham Village Hall Trust & Horham & Athelington Community Council AGM:

Horham Community Centre, 7.30pm

TUESDAY-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-27

10th annual Fressingfield Music Festival: (see story).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

1940s & 1950s : The Red Feather Club, Horham, 7.30pm until late. Advance tickets £7. S.A.E to James Mutton, Fox Rock, Eye Road, Kenton, Stowmarket. Suffolk. IP14 6JJ. Cheques payable to: 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association.

Book launch: 10am-1pm, launch of *Worlingworth's Fallen 1914-18*, by village author Geoffrey Robinson (see story).

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

Stradjazz: The 14th Stradbroke Real Ale & Jazz Festival, Stradbroke Community Centre, to raise funds for MacMillan Nurses (see story).

WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Harvest lunch: Horham Community Centre, 12.30pm. 3-course lunch & coffee, bar, raffle. Adults £6, children £3. Contact Angela (384625) to book your place (before Thursday September 25).

A Celebration of Rural Life: Midsuffolk Showgrounds.

Heroes by Gerald Sibleyras: 4pm, Wingfield Barns. Mere Players' gentle comedy about three Great War veterans who plan their escape from a retirement home in 1959. All tickets £8.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1-SUNDAY, OCT 12

Eye Arts Guild: exhibition at The Bank Eye.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Eye Autumn Craft Fair.

The Klaxxon Club: original music & collaborative performance at The Bank Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm, tickets £2.

Megson: 7.30pm, Wingfield Barns. Stu & Debbie Hanna return to the Barns after their fabulous concert last May.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Grand Auction of Promises with Supper: Stradbroke.

Irish Evening: Occold.

Jimmy Livingstone: The Bank Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm.

Worlingworth Harvest Supper: 7.30pm.

Eyeswrite present A Sting in the Tale: 7.30pm, Wingfield Barns. Four plays & monologues that will have you looking over your shoulder. Tickets £8, concessions £6.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Oil tank security: Local police officers will be at Denham Village hall from 7.30pm onwards to demonstrate security measures for heating oil tanks.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Food hygiene training: Horham Community Centre. £50 per person (normally £75). Contact Clare on 388878.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Redlingfield Pub on the Green; Doorstep Green, 6pm to late.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 & 12

Suffolk Robin Hood Game & Country Show: Trinity Park, Ipswich.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Labor Day - Stradbroke Cinema: 7pm for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16-SUNDAY, NOV 2

MEMORY: exhibition at The Bank Eye.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Flopsical! 7.30pm, Wingfield Barns. A madcap extravaganza celebrating the great musical flops. With Helen McDermott & Adrian Wright. Tickets £10.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Swing Museum: The Bank Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets £10/£8.

General Knowledge Quiz Night: The Red Feather Club, Horham, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 per person on the door & include food. If you would like to book a table contact Gary on 853554.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Green Fair: Eye Town Hall, 9.30am-3pm (see story).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Halloween Hoot: Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Children's Halloween Disco: Worlingworth Community centre.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween Steam 'n Scream: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

Halloween: Horham Community Centre, for children (earlier) & adults (later). For details contact Karen 384754.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Owls For Heroes Day: Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6-SUNDAY, NOV 30

CONFLICT: exhibition at The Bank Eye.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Bonfire & Fireworks: Horham Community Centre, 6pm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Clamber up the Crucifix: The Bank Eye.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Worlingworth Local History Group:
7.30pm, The Swan,, The Real Lark Rise.
Non-members welcome. £3 entrance.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Love Punch - Stradbroke Cinema: 7pm
for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Wetheringsett Xmas Fayre: Mid-Suffolk
Light Railway.

Bedfield Christmas Bazaar.

SAT & SUN, Nov 29 & 30 & Dec 6 & 7

Christmas With The Owls: Suffolk Owl
Sanctuary.

The Bank Eye: The Bank, 2 Castle Street, Eye, IP23 7AN, 873495 & www.thebankeye.org/.
Diss Corn Hall: Corn Hall, St Nicholas Street, Diss. Box Office: 652241 & boxoffice@disscornhall.co.uk. Full programme at www.disscornhall.co.uk ; **Framlingham:** www.framlingham.com. **Helmingham Hall:** 01473 890799, events@helmingham.com, www.helmingham.com. **Horham & Athelington Community Centre:** Karen, 384754; Clare, 388878; & Kerina, 669376, **Hoxne Cinema:** Tickets from Jenny Knights 668060, Hoxne PO & Stores, or via www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk. **Midsuffolk Showgrounds:** Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT, www.midandwestsuffolkshow.co.uk. **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station, Wetheringsett nr Stowmarket, Suffolk Suffolk IP14 5PW, www.mslr.org.uk, general enquiries Keith Froom 01449 672670 or keith.froom@ftinternet.co.uk. **Museum of East Anglian Life,** Stowmarket, 01449 612229, enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk. **Redlingfield,** 678835, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk. **Stradbroke Cinema:** Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Admission £5.50. Bar open, ice-creams on sale in the interval. **Suffolk Owl Sanctuary,** Stonham Barns, 08456 807897, info@owl-help.org.uk, www.owl-help.org.uk. **Wingfield Barns,** 384505, enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, www.wingfieldbarns.com, tickets also available from www.wegotickets.com

MONDAYS: Ballroom dancing: St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm-9.30pm (for adults). Sandra Hartley, 01728 723887.

TUESDAYS: T PLUS: Community Café with stalls, All Saint's Church, Thorndon every Tues, 10am-noon. **Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178. **Zumba:** Horham & Athelington Community Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563534086. **Debenham Historical Society:** Regular lectures at Room 31, Debenham High School, 7.30pm, £3 per lecture, including a soft drink in the interval. Enquiries: Clive Cook 01728-861754. Non-members welcome see what's on.

WEDNESDAYS: Redlingfield & Occold WI, 1st Wed of the month at, 7.45pm, in Occold Village Hall. **Hoxon Hundred:** Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practices. Ron Ross, 643563. Eye Country Market, every Wed 10am-11am, Eye Town Hall (closed Jan). **Social mornings:** Horham Old School from September 17th. 10.30am each week - tea, coffee, cake, crafts, a chat and good company. Info from Christine (384168) or Pip (384370). Admission free - small charge for refreshments.

THURSDAYS: Zumba: Worlingworth Community Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563534086. Over 50s Belly Dance Class: Occold Village Hall, 11am-noon, £30 for 6 weeks 27 Feb till 3 April.

FRIDAYS: Bingo: Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 384642. Worlingworth Swan, live music, last Fri evening of month.

SATURDAYS: Occold Market & Car Boot: Occold Village and Village Hall, 9.30am-noon, last Sat of the month from March to November.

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

American success story

THE FIRST AMERICANA DAY at the Red Feather Club in Horham proved a major success.

Despite the wet July weather, hundreds flocked to Horham to experience the delights of American heritage and the legacy of the airmen who were based there in the 1940s.

Members of the Rangers Re-Enactment group teamed up with the 95th's resident re-enactors Liberation '44 to create a Deep South display complete with vintage John Deere tractor, moonshine making equipment and a tune or two on the banjo.

There were plenty of vintage vehicles including some American 'muscle cars along with a range of stalls offering all things 1940s.

Organiser and 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association committee member Scott Bradley said: "It was great to organise such a successful event and I'm thankful to everyone who helped and to all our visitors. It's with their help that we can keep the history alive."

THE RED FEATHER CLUB WAS proud to be one of only a handful of UK venues to stage a play about WW2 by a group of visiting American youngsters this July.

The 13 to 17-year-olds from the Northwest School, Seattle, Washington (home of the Boeing B-17) were accompanied by three faculty members. On the morning before the performance the youngsters and teachers spent three hours in the Red Feather Club museum so they could incorporate incidents and characters from the 95th Bomb Group's history and stories of villagers and evacuees into the play *Crates of Thunder*.



THE RED FEATHER CLUB IS holding a 1940s & 1950s Dance on Saturday September 27th. Advance tickets only – £7. Cheques payable to 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association. Send a S.A.E to James Mutton, Fox Rock, Eye Road, Kenton, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 6JJ.



***This page:
Americana Day
& organiser
Scott Bradley.
Facing page:
The play *Crates
of Thunder*.
Pictures: Jon
Wilson & Linda
Woodward.***



There will be a general knowledge quiz night on Saturday October 18th. Tickets are £5 per person on the door and include food. Teams of four are preferred and if you would like to book a table contact Gary Lamoureux on 01379 853554.

The Red Feather Club's remaining public open days in 2014 are on Sunday September 28th and Sunday October 26th. Entry is free and the museum and complex of buildings are open from 10am to 4pm. During the September open day there will be a vintage softball match and at the October open day there will be stalls and WW2 vintage vehicles.

In September the 95th BGHA will be hosting more than 30 American visitors, including two veterans, for a week-long reunion.

**Carmel Hannant, Paul Cook
& Mike Ager**

■ **WORLINGWORTH'S FALLEN 1914-1918:** A new book is being published about the 20 servicemen of Worlingworth, who gave their lives for their country in WW1. Geoffrey Robinson has compiled biographies of the 20 men who until were just names on their parish war memorial. The men's lives are dealt with in the context of the major actions in which they fought, from the Somme, Ypres and Arras to Cairo and Mesopotamia. Priced £9.99, it will be available at Worlingworth Community Centre on Saturday, September 27th, 10am until 1pm.

■ **GREEN FAIR:** There will be a Green Fair at Eye Town Hall on Saturday October 25th from 9.30am till 3 pm. The Fairtrade stall will be there alongside others promoting 'Green' causes. For a stall contact 01449 711742 or john@suffolkgreenparty.org.uk. **Sue Watson**

■ **PLANNING: To BE DECIDED** - plan to erect an extension to the existing house containing a living room, bathroom and storage loft at **Malsters, Chapel Lane, Horham**; plan to erect a detached two-storey dwelling and new vehicular access at **The Old Eight Bells, The Street, Horham**; application to use land for siting marquee for events at **Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington. REFUSED** - application to change of the use to paddock and erection of stables with storage at **Dove House, The Street, Horham. GRANTED** - plan to remove cement render, replace with lime render, add a window, reinstate attic window, repair and replace barge boards and soffits to south elevation and install a freestanding boiler at **Grove Farm, Southolt Road, Athelington**; application to install and operate a 49.75kW ground mounted solar PV system at **Lodge Farm, The Street, Horham**; plan to erect a one-and-a-half-storey side extension (following the demolition of existing single storey side extension, garage and car port) at **Oakdene, Church Road, Redlingfield.**

Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council' (<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/>).

Grants for local students

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH when students return to school and college and are thinking about what books and equipment they might need during the coming year.

There may be things that you need but you can't quite afford. The Eye Grammar School Fund is here to help! It's a Trust set up to provide grants of money to young people and educational organisations in the locality. Grants are not large – usually up to £200 – but they may make all the difference.

The Trustees meet quarterly, in October, January, April and July to consider applications and award grants. Applications must come from

students or organisations serving people under 25 who live in the parishes of Eye, Athelington, Bedfield or Horham. The grants are intended to help with expenses not provided for by the Local Education Authority. They might include the costs of purchasing books, clothing, tools and instruments, course fees for educational purposes, or preparation to enter a trade or occupation.

If you would like an application form or to discuss matters further, contact the Clerk to the Trustees on 870170 or email sara.muldoon@icloud.com

Sara Muldoon

SEASONAL FLU CLINICS: Fressingfield and Stradbroke doctors' surgeries are offering walk-in flu clinics in October. Clinics at Fressingfield are on Tuesday October 7th & 14th, 9am-11am & 2pm-3.30 pm & Friday October 10th & 17th, 9am-11am & 4pm-5.30 pm. Clinics at Stradbroke are on Monday October 6th & 13th, 9am-11am & 4pm-5.30pm & Wednesday October 8th & 15th 9am-11am. Patients are eligible for a jab if they: have asthma or a chronic respiratory disease, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, a weak immune system/Immunosuppression, a history of stroke, TIA, Multiple Sclerosis or a disease of the central nervous system; are diabetic, over 65 or are 65 prior to the March 31st 2015 or pregnant. Additional flu clinics for eligible children under 17 and all 2, 5 & 4-year-olds will be held and letters sent to the parents during September asking them to book appointments.

MESSY CHURCH: A new approach to church for all ages is coming to the area in September. Messy Church aims to offer fun and friendship with a Biblical theme, creative activities and games, a celebration with story and song and a scrumptious tea. Messy Church will be on the first Sunday every month, starting September 7th from 4pm for about an hour at Syleham Village Hall, IP21 4LT. It is free and for everyone. You can come as families or on your own, but children must bring an adult!



Mary Lewis

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



AFTER LONG DELAYS WORK has started on the care home at Hartismere Hospital. It is hoped that it will be finished in the spring of 2015. There will be 60 private beds but the NHS will purchase ten as they do at Paddock House at present. When the new Care UK home is finished Paddock House will be closed.

It is still on the cards that the three hospitals in our area will run services in Hartismere to for the local population.

The Health Scrutiny Board of Suffolk County Council are looking at the NHS plans to enhance the 111 service for urgent but not emergency cases. This was instigated to take pressure off the ambulance service and hospitals' A&E Departments but the public are not using it either as they are unaware of it or do not trust it. If we are to make the A&E departments work we must use 111 or the out-of-hours services.

Havebury Housing Partnership has been awarded £8m to build more than 400 new affordable homes across Suffolk. 65 of these will be in the Mid

Suffolk area. There is great demand for affordable housing in this area and the statistics show that as of August the number of registered applicants for affordable housing in Mid Suffolk is 920. We hope that some of these much needed homes will be in our area.

We are receiving a lot of calls in about confirmation letters sent out as part of the newly-implemented Individual Electoral Registration process. IER has been implemented throughout the UK in response to legislation so all councils are carrying out the same process. The wording in the letters and forms that were sent to electors has been dictated by government, as has the entire process.

Approximately 90 per cent of the electors registered in Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been carried forward to the new register so do not have to re-register. These electors have all been sent letters stating they do not have to do anything, but telling them that their name and address will be on the Open Register [which is sold on] unless they tell us not to include them. If you wish to be taken off the open register contact MSDC.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, District Councillor – Hoxne Ward

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: Stradbroke & District Branch of the Royal British Legion continues to be active with a membership of 74 who come from a wide area. Monthly meetings are at Laxfield King's Head (the Low House). July's guest speaker was retired police inspector Horace Bunton from Diss who spoke about his career in the force. By kind invitation of the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Lord Tollemache, and the Dean and Chapter of St Edmundsbury Cathedral branch standard bearer and welfare officer, Joyce Cooper, her father, branch member Alan King, and myself attended a service of choral evensong and commemoration of the centenary WW1. Twenty-six RBL standards were on parade. Congratulations to member Doug Crooks and his wife Irene from Laxfield on celebrating their platinum (70 years) wedding anniversary. Doug, at 93 is our oldest member, and served as a major with the famous Gurkhas. The next branch meeting is on September 11th at 11.30am. ***Michel Burton, branch chairman***

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



BY THE TIME YOU READ this the Contractors will be on site behind Hartismere Hospital, having started work on building the replacement

for Paddock House, the care home in Eye.

Paddock House enjoys much loyal support from this area, not least because of the dedication of the staff, but the building has become told and difficult and expensive to run.

The new building will not only more than double the residential accommodation but also provide additional care especially in the area of dementia care.

This new building is part of the programme by Suffolk County Council, in conjunction with Care UK, to improve

care home facilities throughout Suffolk. We have seen new care homes opened in Mildenhall and Ipswich. I anticipate that the building will be available and open in about twelve months.

Planning permission was granted for the care home by Mid Suffolk District Council earlier this year but there seemed to be a hold up in starting work because the land was owned by the NHS. I made representations to county councillor Alan Murray (who has the portfolio for adult care) about the perceived delays and due to his intervention the log jam has now been broken.

I am confident that the new Paddock House will provide much needed care for our community for year to come. By the way what should its name be?

Guy McGregor

Suffolk County Council Member for the Hoxne & Eye Division

Telephone: 668434 (evenings); 870339 (daytime)

MINDFULNESS BUS: Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust are joining up with Norfolk and Suffolk mobile libraries services to visit rural villages. Staff from NSFT will be travelling on mobile library bus routes across Suffolk, covering the more rural parts of the counties where people perhaps find it difficult to find out about and access mental health services. Staff will be travelling with the mobile libraries during September. They will be answering questions, handing out information and directing people to helpful organisations across all areas of mental health, but with a strong focus on dementia as September is Dementia Awareness Month. The Mindfulness Bus will be visiting Redlingfield and Horham with the mobile library on Thursday September 25th. The mobile library visits Redlingfield and Horham on Thursday September 25th, October 23th, November 20th and December 18th. The mobile library stops in the centre of Redlingfield between 12.25pm and 12.35pm and at St Mary's Horham between 1.45pm and 2.10pm. For more information on the Mindfulness Bus visit www.nsft.nhs.uk/mindfulnessbus/ and for more information on the mobile library service visit the Suffolk Libraries website at <http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries/>.

Gemma Johnston

DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP, REPORTS BACK



I WAS DELIGHTED TO ATTEND this year's Suffolk show at Trinity Park. With the recent exceptionally heavy rain in the run up there were doubts

whether it would be able to take place. However, due to the outstanding work of all those involved, the eagerly-awaited event was able to go ahead. I must thank everyone whose efforts ensured the show went on. I was particularly pleased to see younger children were able to attend free making for a great day out for the family.

This year's show was marked by the attendance of Prince Harry and it was a great pleasure to hear him speak about our great county in such a positive way.

Suffolk's farmers and food producers rightly have a reputation, both nationally and internationally, for their excellent produce. Their presence not only boosts our local economy but provides many valuable jobs and apprenticeships. The show gives me the opportunity to show my support and backing to them.

Agriculture plays an enormous role in Suffolk life, not just as an economic activity but maintaining and preserving

the very environment in which we all live and work. As agriculture has embraced modern technology and farming methods we must ensure that we support them and this is one of the many reasons why I campaigned to improve Broadband in Suffolk. In conjunction with my fellow Suffolk MPs and county councillors I was pleased to play a leading role in securing £12 million of government funding for super-fast broadband.

Of course not only is Suffolk known for its high-quality food and drink but for its beautiful countryside and diverse wildlife. The highly-acclaimed BBC series, *Spring Watch*, was broadcast from RSPB Minsmere this year. At the show I was lucky enough to have the time to visit the busy Suffolk Wildlife Trust stand. It was gratifying to see so many young people obviously enjoying themselves as they completed the hedgehog trail, pond dipped or helped build the bug hotel.

I must congratulate everybody who played a part in this year's show; it has been a great success and an outstanding advert for our vibrant county. I, of course, look forward to attending again next year.

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

BUS SERVICE CHANGES: Changes to Scheduled Bus Service 482 Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Hols): leaves Diss bus station 9.10am arrives Horham Church 9.41am; leaves Diss bus station 1.30pm arrives Horham Church 2.11pm; leaves Diss bus station 4.30pm arrives Horham Church 5.01pm; leaves Horham Church 10.54am arrives Diss bus station 11.35am; leaves Horham Church 3.24pm arrives Diss bus station 3.55pm; leaves Horham Church 6.14pm arrives Diss bus station 6.45pm. The service is operated by Galloway Coaches (01449 766323).

THE RECTOR REFLECTS ... REMEMBER, REMEMBER



OR PERHAPS THAT SHOULD be The Rector Remembers; autumn is a reflective season, a time for sitting and remembering. November in particular, sees a lot of remembering and I mean more deeply than in the children's rhyme about the fifth of November. Nationally we have Remembrance Sunday on the 9th of November with numerous services in our local churches alongside national commemorations. This year will carry greater poignancy with the centenary of the commencement of World War One.

At the other end of the scale as it were, is the gathering at the Redlingfield memorial at 08:30 on 19th November when our thoughts are focussed entirely on the crew of one plane lost at the beginning of one mission during the Second World War. Staying with the 95th Bomber Group it is our honour to host a commemorative service for them at Horham on the morning of the 7th September.

Our remembering is still more focussed and personal on the 1st November when we remember All Souls and those we

have lost who were such an important part of our lives. Repeating the service of last year there will be a service in Hoxne church at 4pm on the Saturday afternoon; it will be a very gentle service with well-known hymns and a cup of tea with some cake afterwards.

Grief has no regard for time or parish boundaries and everyone is very welcome to attend regardless of when or where you suffered loss. If you don't want to come but would still like someone remembered in that service, please let me know and I will make sure that their name is read out.

With all these acts of remembrance scheduled through the autumn you might well think that remembering is embedded in our national consciousness; it is salutary to think that in the 1970s commentators were predicting the end of Remembrance, before that in the 1930s there was extensive debate about what it all 'meant', lots of which sounds very familiar to a contemporary reader. One thing that was agreed upon though was that it did matter, and surely this year more than ever we need to make sure that we really do... remember, remember.

Michael Womack (hoxnebenefice@gmail.com or 388889)

■ **HORHAM OLD SCHOOL:** The annual general meeting of Horham and Athelington Village Hall, The Old School, was held on Wednesday June 18th. The accounts were presented and annual return prepared for the Charity Commission; the trustees are Daphne Harvey, David and Margaret Streeter, Keith Hawes, Pip Florance, Judy Andrews and David Mitchell. The renewal of our lease has taken much longer than anticipated, but we are poised to go ahead with getting estimates for work and grants to continue the work of restoration, in particular the Victorian windows. The bar is open on Tuesday and Friday evenings 8.30pm. New for Autumn 2014, starting on Wednesday September 17th you can join us on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am each week for tea, coffee, cake, crafts, a chat and good company. See you there! For more info, contact Christine on 384168 or Pip 384370. Admission is free - there's a small charge for refreshments.

Margaret Streeter

C of E: Rev Michael Womack is rector of the Hoxne Benefice serving Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield - St Andrew's House, Vicarage Road, Wingfield, IP21 5RB, 388889 or hoxnebenefice@gmail.com. Other enquiries to: Daphne Harvey, St Mary, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, St Peter, Athelington (01728 628428) Hazel Abbott, St Andrew, Redlingfield (678217).

Sept 7 - Redlingfield, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, MP; **Horham**, 10.45am, 95th Bomb Group wreath laying followed at 11.15am service of commemoration; Hoxne, 11.15am, HC; Syleham, 4pm, Messy Church.

Sept 14 - Horham, 9.30am, BCP HC; Wingfield, 11am, HC; Hoxne, 11.15am, BCP Mattins.

Sept 21 - Hoxne, 8.30am, BCP HC; **Athelington**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, FS; Syleham, 11.15am, Harvest Festival; Horham, 11.15am, FS; **Redlingfield**, 6pm, Harvest Festival.

Sept 28 - Redlingfield, 9.30am, MP; Syleham, 9.30am, HC; Hoxne, 10am, FS; Denham, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, Harvest Festival; Wingfield, 6.30pm, Harvest Festival.

Oct 5 - Redlingfield, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, MP; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, HC & Baptism; Syleham, 4pm, Messy Church.

Oct 12 - Horham, 9.30am, BCP HC; Wingfield, 11am, HC; Hoxne, 11.15am, BCP Mattins; Denham, 3pm, Harvest Songs of Praise.

Oct 19 - Hoxne, 8.30am, BCP HC; **Athelington**, 9.30am, Harvest Festival; Wingfield, 10am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, Harvest Festival; Syleham, 11.15am, BCP Mattins; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS.

Oct 26 - Redlingfield, 9.30am, MP; Syleham, 9.30am, HC; Hoxne, 10am, FS; Denham, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, FS; Wingfield, 6.30pm, BCP Evensong.

Nov 2 - Redlingfield, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, MP; Horham, 11.15am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, HC; Syleham, 4pm, Messy Church.

Nov 9 - Wingfield, 9.15am, HC; Wingfield, 9.45am, Remembrance; Denham, 9.30am, Remembrance; **Redlingfield**, 10.45am, Remembrance; Hoxne, 10.45am, Remembrance; **Horham**, 3pm, Remembrance; Syleham, 3pm, Remembrance including dedication of new war memorial.

Nov 16 - Hoxne, 8.30am, BCP HC; **Athelington**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, Songs of Praise; Syleham, 11.15am, BCP Mattins; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS.

Nov 23 - Redlingfield, 9.30am, MP; Syleham, 9.30am, HC; Hoxne, 10am, FS; Wingfield, 10am, BCP Mattins; Denham, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, FS.

Nov 30 - Redlingfield, 11.15am, Benefice Eucharist; **Athelington**, 4pm, Benefice Carols.

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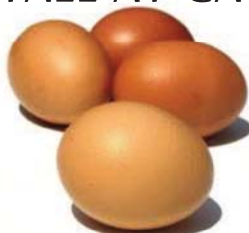
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