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IN BETWEEN producing our village mag and the Red Feather Club newsletter etc I have been trying to get out and interview locals who remember what the area was like in WW2. So far I've only been able to interview three but the experience has been really rewarding. David Johnson in Stradbroke raided his extensive store of memories and told me many tales I've not heard before as well as colouring in details of others I knew; Gladys Davey from Diss told me about the base's final days under the RAF; and Enid Wheeler nee Ward had some wonderful stories about the bonds formed between the Yanks and locals. The original impetus for recording these interviews came from the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation in the US. They plan to use the recordings in their exhibit at Pima Air & Space Museum in Arizona. It is hoped the tales of Suffolk youngsters will resonate with American children. I hope that in future magazines I will tell some of these tales about the friendly invasion and post excerpts on the Redlingfield website. I also hope to get out there soon and get to the other names on my long list of prospective interviewees.

PLANNING
permission has been granted to change the use of part of an arable field to community leisure and recreation area and construct vehicle access and parking between the Church and Doorstep Green in Redlingfield. This is the just one of the many steps in the long process of saving the village church and extending the Doorstep Green but it is great to be moving in the right direction. **Mike Ager**

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We aim to produce four issues a year, coming out at the end of February, May, August and November. The next issue - Winter 2015/16 - is due to be published at the end of November. The final deadline for all submissions is November 14th.

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Nesting birds are counting the cost of corvid capers

Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife

THE CROW, JAY AND magpie are known as corvids, and all are inveterate egg-stealers. Highly intelligent, they are described as birds-that-think-like-humans because they have the ability to plan and then solve problems by the use of tools.

It is certainly true that they can demonstrate our worst traits and will stoop to stealing and hoarding just as man does. But, it transpires, they also like to play, and YouTube has an entertaining clip of a hooded crow using a snowy roof as a ski-slope. But before anybody rushes to join their fan-club, all corvids and magpies in particular, raid gardens and hedgerows of eggs to feed themselves and their young.

With magpies visible everywhere this spring, we set out the Larsen trap in order to reduce the numbers. Baited with dog-food, this simple decoy trap lures the territorial magpie with unfailing success. I did not need any encouragement as John Glover of Tivetshall had seen four garden nests robbed by the end of April.

However, despite our efforts, a magpie made a healthy breakfast of a water-hen's nest, with not an egg being wasted. Correctly known as the moorhen, water-hens will flourish near any wet areas and have no connection

at all with moorland. Their name is a corruption of an old name, merehens, which was obviously based on their watery lifestyle.

IN TIVETSHALL, JUST NORTH OF Diss, John has one of the best local homes for nesting swifts due to the traditional style of his pantile roof. This favourable housing is found in Wangford too, which is where I saw a swift land at high speed on a wall below a nesting site to bring food to her young.

Swifts have tiny toes which mean they cannot perch, so when not at home their entire life is spent on the wing. Their scientific name, *Apus apus* means "no feet" in Greek, and maybe the Greek people feel that their whole nation has been cut off at the ankles.

ON A LATE JUNE MORNING, I joined Reg Woodard, one of Suffolk's





Left: Reg wades through woodland undergrowth on his way to nest recording. Facing page: Waterhen's Eggs confirmed by my 1954 "Observer's Book of Birds' eggs".

Two weeks after leaving the nest, all four were still hanging around the garden like lazy teenagers, waiting to be fed by over-worked parents. He was even more pleased when I told him that my "spotties" went on to raise a second brood.

veteran bird recorders as he checked up on three of his nests; a buzzard bringing off three young, a sparrow-hawk with three chicks and a kestrel just hatching too.

He started recording in 1952 with his first sparrow-hawk nest, and sixty years on, keeps fit by running eight-10 miles every Sunday. He is an expert tree climber and climbs up to heights of 30 feet to view nests of buzzard and sparrow-hawk.

A practical countryman, Reg recognises that our landscape has been changed by man but he wishes all farmers were more sparing of the bush-whacker. Long grasses, when allowed to seed, provide excellent habitats for many species of insect. He also maintains that some predator control is beneficial, especially of crows, and regrets attempts at irresponsible conservation such as artificial feeding sites for the red kite.

Apart from birds of prey, one of Reg's favourites is the spotted flycatcher and he was delighted to see the nest on the gable-end of Wash Farm which produced four fledglings.

THE BUZZARD IS

prospering and is now so familiar it will follow the farmers' plough in its quest for earthworms. Farmers are great fans of earthworms, and of the many species, the "*lumbricus terrestris*" is the biggest and best. Up to 8 inches long, it is the farmers' favourite due to its deep vertical tunnelling and ingestion of surface green material, both of which benefit our soil structure. Returning to the surface not only to eat and deposit worm casts, two can also be found locked together mating at night.

So if you are having a night-time prowling in the garden, look the other way. At least this essential activity is under cover of darkness and safe from buzzards.

I RECENTLY WATCHED A sparrow-hawk being shooed away from the house where house martins were busy nesting. The pair mobbed the hawk aggressively, squeaking loudly, and the white body and throat of both were evident as they succeeded in turning away the intruder.

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Left: Four young “spotties” nearly ready to fly. Below: An adult spotted flycatcher and two plump juveniles.



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They were in no danger themselves thanks to their acrobatic flight and they enjoyed the game of chicken.

On the subject of predation, bumble bees (as well as hedgehogs) are eaten by badgers, and the damage done by Brock the badger, with his booming population, is a problem that won't go away.

Our roadside cow parsley is booming too, especially with Suffolk highways spending less on the verge cutting. However another roadside weed is here to stay, Alexander, which has spread from Wangford from whence it came in Roman times. Reg Woodard, who likes us farmers to be sparing with the bushwhacker, might sympathise if we whack that one down.

COME EARLY JUNE AND IT WAS time to check on ear emergence of winter wheat in a couple of fields locally known as “Starvelarks”. Both

fields are on sloping land where over centuries, good topsoil has been weathered from the upper slope and left at the bottom.

The fields are a real challenge to cropping, hence the nickname going back generations. Years ago before drainage, liming and artificial fertiliser were current, the land was so poor it wouldn't grow a thing. But this year the wheat is excellent, two skylarks are singing above, and a huge family of 11 long-tailed tits are trailing through the adjoining hedges. The fields called Starvelarks belie their name in modern times.

SADLY AFTER TWO OVER-excitably years, Kip, who thinks he is still a puppy, has been to the vets to have his tackle off. The practice nurse interviewed me at some length before agreeing to the procedure, saying they don't do this willy-nilly. What a perfect expression. **Trevor Edwards**

A major threat to ash trees

THE WOODED AREA AT Pound Lane Wood is planted mainly with native British trees; these are trees thought to have emigrated here naturally after the last ice age and altogether there are 32 different species. The third most common is the Ash, *Fraxinus excelsior*, and today it still dominates many British woodlands.

Pound Lane bridleway, which marks our woodland's east boundary, includes a stand of ancient ash trees. Each autumn, since the wood was planted, seeds from these old trees have germinated in our woodland and now a generation of tall ash saplings has almost taken over the area.

New Reeding Woods Group have not thinned these out as they knew this would occur naturally over time but now a new fungus called *Chalara fraxinea* is threatening them all (the scientific name recently changed to *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* but this doesn't seem to have caught on!).

This fungus first causes trees to lose

their leaves prematurely and then tree canopies die back. This fungus quickly kills young trees while older ones seem to have a greater resistance - though it is thought eventually they too will die. Chalara or "Ash Die-Back", is spread by wind and the movement of diseased plants and it is likely that here in the UK we will lose between 60 per cent and 90 per cent of our ash trees - as has already happened in parts of Europe.

We have to hope that science and natural resistance will protect at least some of our native ash trees as they provide a perfect habitat for many different wildlife species, including wild flowers, insects, birds and beetles. They are also of course an iconic element of our landscape.

There are many other tree species established at Pound Lane Wood, so although the disease may decimate the ash it will not destroy the woodland. Go along to this community woodland to enjoy the ash while you can!

For more details contact Mike Reeves on 01379 668179.

David Mitchell



■ **AUTUMN PLANT FAIR:** Helmingham Hall is hosting its annual autumn plant heritage event on Sunday September 13th (10am-4pm). Adult tickets are £7, which includes entry to the Hall's Grade 1 Listed Gardens. Children go free. There are free bulbs for first 800 visitors, specialist nurseries, National Plant Collections, plant doctor and workshops, live music and entertainment, local food and drink and rare and unusual plants. See www.suffolkplantheritage.com and www.helmingham.com.

Help us to save a fairtrade

WHILE I WAS WORKING my way through all the end of term activities that four children need things for and transport to, a letter from Traidcraft dropped on the mat. It was important and I need to share it with you.

Have you ever gone to a shop, or other business or attraction and got there to find it had closed? I know I have, and I'm usually disappointed and wonder why I didn't know it was closing. Well – this is the chance to help prevent this happening to Traidcraft plc – a pioneering fairtrade

company that does most of the development work involved in the fairtrade movement.

Over my 15 years of Fairtrading I have witnessed the change from Fairtrade being a 'niche' sector, to the supermarkets picking up established fairtrade

companies and co-operatives and bringing them to you and stocking them on their shelves. This has of course been positive for those established operations - however, we need to keep developing and assisting new fairtrade companies to help them bring their products to the market - the



■ **HORHAM OPENING:** Revd David Streeter, retired Rector and past Chairman of Horham Village Hall Trust, is pictured cutting the tape at the impromptu official opening of the Horham and Athelington Community Centre's re-surfaced car park on Friday, July 31. Assembled company enjoyed a glass or two of bubbly and a barbecue and thanked Gary Waterfield and his men, who were present, for doing such an excellent job, and thanked all those who have enabled us to pay the £17,544.00 cost; Horham Community Council and Horham Village Hall Trust have dipped into their "rainy day" funds to provide Horham with this smart safe new car park.

Margaret Streeter
(chairman Horham and
Athelington Community Council)



pioneer

fairtrade job is not done and trade injustice is just as much a scandal as it was 35 years ago, when Traidcraft was established.

The problem is that Traidcraft's sales are in their fourth year of decline – and their losses cannot be sustained indefinitely. To prevent what will be a catastrophe for the future of fairtrade I need to convince you to come to Eye Church shop and buy your Traidcraft tea, coffee, dried fruit and nuts, chocolate, sugar etc so that I can place fresh, encouraging orders from Traidcraft and play my part in revitalising this important company.

I will be displaying the traidcraft catalogues in the Church – please pick one up – and share it with friends. Make a group order, either by bringing your list to the shop, or call me – or if it works better for you just call Traidcraft and order direct.

Many independent fairtrade shops up and down the country have had to close because they just couldn't stay in business. We are so lucky, and so grateful to be able to use the Church porch space to keep bringing Traidcraft products into Eye – but we need you to support us to make it all possible. Please try to help us prevent another service being lost here.

Let's do this together!

Sue Watson

For details call me, Sue Watson, on 01728 627834. Eye Church Shop opens Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11am-1pm.

■ SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: The

sponsored bike ride on Saturday September 13th from 9am to 5pm helps raise much needed funds for our churches. Keeping them open costs more each year and we very much need the funds so please get involved. Your church needs riders/walkers, recorders and of course sponsors. It is an excellent chance to have fun, get fit and raise money for your local church. If you are not able to cycle or walk, then could you be one of the recorders. Most of the churches have rotas so please speak to your local organiser. Sponsorship forms will be delivered to the 'regulars' but if



this is a new venture to you then please contact your local organiser and they will give you a form and route details. 50 per

cent goes to your local church, 50 per cent goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust which has already helped to keep several of our local churches open. Your local organisers: Evelyn Adey, Athelington, 01728 628428, evelyn.adey@btinternet.com; and Joan Abbott, Redlingfield, 6678736. Daphne Harvey will no longer be the organiser for Horham although she is doing her stint in the church. She wrote: "For many years I have been most privileged to have collected sponsorship from so many kind and generous Horham residents, plus enjoying the bike ride itself, but this year I am unable to take part and would ask that your support is given instead please (or continued to be given) to young Jake, Abbie and Ella Hawes.

■ **NEW WHIST GROUP:** A new whist group is starting in Bedingfield. The first meeting will be on Friday September 18th, 7.15pm-10pm at Bedingfield Village Hall, opposite Bedingfield Church. It is £3 per person and both beginners and experienced players are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. Contact: Margaret Scott 01728 627905 (Bedingfield) or Maureen Flannery 01728 628094 (Southolt).

■ **HORHAM CAR BOOT SALE:** On Saturday 5th September there will be a "late risers" car boot on the Community Centre Meadow in aid of Community Centre funds. It starts at 10am for sellers and 11am for buyers. There will be a bar and refreshments. Ring Karen on 384754 or 07775 672220. Pitches are £5 pre-booked, £6 on the day. Horham church will have a stall at this event and would be grateful for donations of items to sell and your support on the day.

■ **STRADBROKE HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL:** The event, on Sunday September 13th (10am-4pm), has once again been match funded by Barclays Bank to the tune of £2,000 and sponsored by W H Browns Estate Agents. After the success of last year's event, the organisers hope to offer more "Top Gear" classic and performance cars and bikes, 50-plus art and craft stalls, live music, aircraft fly-past, bouncy castles, Lazer Blast, huge fairground rides and lots of food, drink and ice cream. Entry is the same as last year at £3 for all adults with 16 and under free. With a wet weather plan in place using the schools' large halls, it should be a great day out come rain or shine.

**Nigel Brown chairman of
the Friends Stradbroke High School**



Concert was

ON A LOVELY JULY Sunday afternoon Nina Weaver treated us to a concert in St Mary's Church in Horham. Nina and four friends make up The Windbags and they played a range of recorders from the tiny sopranissimo to a large bass instrument. They also played a clarinet. They were joined by the Shelfanger Singers, Nina is also a part of this choir.

The programme consisted of shortish pieces, many folk songs, some well-known, many unusual. The Windbags began with four folk songs some of which had the haunting sadness so often found in folk music.

This was followed by a reading of a poem by Jen Larner which led into the "Fenland Suite" by Colin Hand. This music is in five short parts and seemed to describe the fens in different moods; one in cold wind, one freezing winter, one soft and summery, one evening and one felt as if describing silence. Music describing silence might sound



rare treat of song & music

nonsense but that is how it sounded to me. The Shelfanger singers then sang unaccompanied folk songs with enthusiasm and tunefulness.

The Windbags completed the first half with some barbershop songs including “(Won’t You Come Home) Bill Bailey”.

During the interval the large audience and the performers were treated to heaps of delicious scones, buns and cakes.

After the interval we heard two pieces for clarinet and piano, “Summer” from the “Victorian Kitchen” Garden by Paul Reade and a “Song Without Words” by Mendelssohn. The Windbags followed with nursery rhymes and the

Shelfangers then sang the “Eriskay Love Lilt”, accompanied by Pam Ross on the harp and then “Strawberry Fair”. The Windbags played “Ashokan Farewell”, Jen Lerner read “Rambling Rose” and finally the Windbags played a Beethoven Trio.

The concert ended with the Shelfangers singing “Keep You In Peace”. To loud applause we heard, and joined in with, the “Teddy Bears’ Picnic”. The whole event was most impressive and a great treat to have music as it seems a rather rare event in the villages. I guess that with so much music on radio and internet people making their own music is indeed a rare event. I hope we have more of it.

Evelyn Adey

The Windbags Recorder Ensemble, joined by The Shelfanger Singers, played and sang a of variety music from classical to folk and pop, to a very appreciative audience. We had refreshments of home-made cakes, Pimms and tea in the interval. £202 was raised for the church fabric fund through voluntary contributions. A huge thanks to all who made this possible – musicians, singers cake makers, helpers and of course the audience who made it such an enjoyable occasion.

Nina Weaver

WHAT'S ON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Coffee Caravan: 10am-noon, centre of Redlingfield. The Coffee Caravan will be joined by Age UK Suffolk giving information & advice.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Eyes Write present 'An Evening with Robin Franklin': The Bank, Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets: £7.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Horham Car Boot Sale: The Community Centre Meadow 10am, 11am buyers (see story).

RBL Concert: Stradbroke High School, 7.30 pm-10pm (see story).

Pub on the Green: 6pm-midnight, Redlingfield Doorstep Green.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Walk with a Fork: Helmingham Hall.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Medieval Graffiti: St Michael's Church, Framlingham, 7.30pm. Entry at the door £6 [or £5 for members of FOSM.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Learn to weave: Carley's Yard, Framlingham, 10.30am-4.30pm. £55 everything supplied & your loom warped ready for you to start weaving. Bookings: cherrie55uk@yahoo.co.uk or 07577828666.

THURSDAY, SEPT 10-TUESDAY, SEPT 15

95th Bomb Group Horham reunion: Red Feather Club. Sun Sept 13: Members' Day at RFC, 10am-4pm, & wreath laying in Horham village followed by church service, 10.30am.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Hoxne Film Night: Woman in Gold (12).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Cycle Ride: see story.

Tony Winn Singing in the Bath: Dove Cottage (next to the church) in Debenham. A selection of quirky & humorous songs & poems. Special guest Tilly Dalglish. Tickets £9 plus booking fee from www.liveatthecottage.co.uk or £10 on the door.

Sunday, September 13

Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair: 10am-4pm, Helmingham Hall (see story).

Stradbroke High School CARNival: 10am-4pm (see story).

Fram Go-Carts: Racing all afternoon in Fram College grounds. Free to spectators. Presented by 1st Deben Scouts.

Ipswich Gilbert And Sullivan Society invites you to come & sing HMS

Pinafore: Wingfield Barns, rehearsal from 7pm, performance 8pm. Tickets £8. Join in or just watch.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Stradbroke Cinema: at Stradbroke Community Centre "Woman in Gold" rated 12A. 7pm for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50.

SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 19

Elvis tribute night: Worlingworth Community Centre, 7.30pm. Tickets, £10 to include supper, available from Annie on 628017 & Rosemary on 628493. Early booking essential.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Redlingfield Village Lunch: 1pm at the Sir Alfred Munnings Hotel, Mendham. Contact Linda for details (678984).

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Worlingworth Community Centre, 10am. Any donations – cake or raffle prizes contact Valerie on 01728 628068.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Occold Autumn Fayre: 9.30am-noon, Occold Village Hall. Proceeds to Suffolk Animal Rescue.

Jumble sale: Worlingworth Community Centre, 10am.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Public Open Day: Red Feather Club. With a vintage softball match & Waveney & District Preservation Society rally with working agricultural engines & bygones, 10am-4pm.

Harvest lunch: Horham Community Centre, 12.30pm, a 3-course meal following the Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church. Tickets from Angela 384625.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1-MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
Eye Arts Guild Exhibition at The Bank:
Mixed exhibition.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
The Klaxxon Club: Live music, The Bank,
Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Free.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Pumpkin judging: Horham Community
Centre with tea & cakes, 3pm. Prize for
the heaviest pumpkin.
Live music: Horham Community Centre,
an evening of dancing with Georgia Pine,
8pm. Come as a cowboy or a country
yokel. Tickets to include a barbecue or
hog roast (TBC), £8 for members, £10 for
non-members, from Karen or Clare.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
Coffee Caravan: 10am-noon,
Redlingfield.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
Hoxne Film Night: Far From The Madding
Crowd (12).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
Pub on the Green: 6pm-midnight,
Redlingfield Doorstep Green.
Worlingworth Harvest supper: £10.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 & 11
**Suffolk Robin Hood Game & Country
Show.**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 & 17
Ghost Hunt: 95th Bomb Group Hospital
Museum.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Charity Ceilidh: Folk band Inertia Reel &
2-course meal, Debenham Leisure
Centre. Tickets £15 in advance only from
events@highsuffolkrotary.org & 01728
685 522. All proceeds to charities
supported by Rotary Club of High Suffolk.

Aviation talk: Horham & Athelington
Community Centre. Expert Clive Stevens
will talk about the area & WW2.

The Swing Museum: Live music, The
Bank, Eye.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
FADS: A hilarious farce at Fram College
Theatre

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
Archive Film Night: Red Feather Club.
95th BGHA members £4, non-members
£5 on the door, free entry for
accompanied children under 16.

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, **Hoxne Cinema:** 7.30pm, Hoxne Village Hall, St Edmund's Hall, Goldbrook,
Hoxne, bar, popcorn & choc-ices available before & in the interval. Admission: £3.50.
Further info/booking: 668060 or www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk. **Midsuffolk Showgrounds &
Stonham Barns:** Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT,
<http://stonham-barns.co.uk>. **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station, Wetheringsett
nr Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 5PW, www.mslr.org.uk, general enquiries 01449 766899. The
MSLR is open on Sundays & Bank Holidays from the beginning of May until the end of
Sept. **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 **95th Bomb Group Heritage
Association/Red Feather Club,** www.95thbg-horham.com, 01728 860930 or
jamesmutton@suffolkonline.net

WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Help For Heroes Jump Jive 'n' Wail

Dance: Red Feather Club. Tickets £6 on the door.

Rock'n'Roll Night: Occold.

Annual Digger Turnbull General

Knowledge Quiz: Worlingworth

Community Centre.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Public Open Day: Red Feather Club. Last Public Open Day of the year, 10am-4pm.

WEDNESDAY, SUNDAY 28

95th Bomb Group Heritage Association

AGM: Red Feather Club.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Occold Halloween Fayre: 9.30am-noon, Occold Village Hall. Proceeds to Suffolk Animal Rescue.

Children's Halloween party: Horham Community Centre, 5pm-6.30pm. Wear your scariest costume & creep along for food & games. Tickets £3 from Karen or Clare.

Halloween Hoot! Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Free scrap metal skips: Stradbroke High School Car Park, 8am-midday.

Southolt supports Macmillan: lunch 11.30am. Contact Maureen on 01728 628094.

Bonfire night with fireworks: Horham Community Centre will be open for drinks & hot dogs. Details nearer the time from Donny.

Worlingworth fireworks night.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Hoxne Film Night: Suite Francaise.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Redlingfield Swing Dance: 7.30pm, The Red Feather Club, Horham. Swing Dance at The Red Feather Club with DJs to raise money for repairs to Redlingfield church. DJs AndyAV8 & The Baker Boy. Tickets £8, contact Mike Ager, Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, mike@gn.apc.org & 01379 678835.

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-8pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563 534086. **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 to see what's on.

WEDNESDAYS: Coffee mornings, every Wed, 10.30am-noon at Horham Old School.

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. 10.30am each Wed 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 May-October inclusive,

VE and VJ days concert

STRADBROKE AND DISTRICT Branch of the Royal British Legion is hosting a concert at Stradbroke High School to commemorate Victory in Europe/Victory in Japan (70 years on).

They will be hosting a current Sea Side Summer Show full of song, humour and comedy, titled - Relief the Relief, sub titled - Happy Days Are Here Again. The event from 7.30pm to 10pm on Saturday 5th September will feature Nigel Boy Syer & Olly Day, the Colchester Pipes and Drums and special guest Maria Willis. There will be refreshments and a draw.

Tickets are discounted at £5 each from Horham Post Office and Rolfes Butchers Stradbroke and by post with sae to: J Baker. Poppies, Church St, Stradbroke IP21 5HS (cheques payable to: Stradbroke & District

Branch Royal British Legion).

Helping out that evening will be the Royal British Legion Bikers and Diss Air Cadets (1070 Squadron). I do hope it will be well supported and an enjoyable evening will be had by all.

Instead of the usual guest speaker at our July meeting Ken Rowbottom the new Suffolk county vice chairman from Fressingfield branch spoke about the recent national RBL conference at Southport. Suffolk won the Maurice Cup as the best county for what is a record number of times.

The next branch meeting on Thursday 10th September at the usual Laxfield King's Head starting at 11.30am. The guest speaker will be Lt Col Chris Taylor from Shipdham in Norfolk. He will talk about The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Michael Burton

■ **STRADBROKE CINEMA:** Stradbroke Cinema at The Community Centre has a new "Cinema Gang", headed by Karen Lynch and with seven films showing between September and December, the coming months will be busy. Thursday evening showings will include "Elsa & Fred", "The Water Diviner" and in December "Mr Holmes". In addition, there will be two Friday evening showings of "Amy" and "Timbuktu" and, especially for younger viewers, "Cinderella" showing as a matinee during the half-term holidays where dressing up will be part of the fun!

We are trying hard to provide films for all but to continue, we need viewers! Please support us and come along. The bar is open in the interval and ice creams will be on sale too! Thursday, September 17th sees "Woman in Gold" rated 12A coming to the screen, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50. Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis including a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt. With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others. A lovely film with some wonderful shots of Vienna.

Margaret Streeter

Big weekend celebrates everything American

THE RED FEATHER CLUB in Horham had a great fourth of July weekend celebrating everything American with its second Americana Day on Sunday and hosting a dance with a difference on Saturday night.

There have been many dance nights but this was the first with a live 1950s style band performing. Playing at the Glastonbury music festival only the week before, the 95th welcomed, to yet another sold out dance, the Hot Tin Roofs, quite an appropriate name for a band playing in the tin-roofed blue room!

The band had travelled miles to perform at the club, one member took more than seven-and-a-half hours to reach the venue before they had to leave at the end of the evening to do it all again the next day in Weston-Super-Mare! Lula D the lead vocalist said: "We had a great time

and were made to feel very welcome."

It was a great night with lots of new faces, who plan to return, and even 95th BG themed cocktails – 50 Cals, Wild Blue Yonders and B-17s.

On the Sunday the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association opened its doors to its second Americana event. Despite a complete change of weather spirits were not dampened. The museum was bursting at the seams with visitors old and new including British WW2 Normandy D-Day veteran Alan King. Amongst the many stalls there were DJs and re-enactment groups who should all get a big thank you for giving their time for free.

The Red Feather Club is no stranger to American visitors, frequently hosting veterans' families but in May the 95th





Above: The Hot Tin Roofs at the July 4th dance. Right: Americana Day. Below: The Masters of the Air tour visit with from left: a warm Red Feather Club welcome; dance class; and in-house band Skyliner.

BGHA had the honour of welcoming American guests on the prestigious The Masters of the Air tour organised by The National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

The tour visited the Imperial War Museum London, Bletchley Park, Duxford, Madingley, Parham, Thorpe Abbots, Horham and Rougham.

They were welcomed to the Red Feather Club by volunteers, resident band Skyliner played while dancers performed to the guests' delight and many of the American visitors took part in a swing dance lesson.

Report: Andy Garner. Pictures: Paul Cook, Mike Ager, Robert Cator & Phil Samponaro.



There's no Red Ling but we

“**R**eddingfield – population, one hundred souls.” That is what the Rev. David Streeter said to us twenty years ago when we first arrived here to live.

Not only small but pretty ancient as well. We are in the Domesday Book (1086) as Radinghefelda and my copy of a dictionary of place names tells me that the name means “The field of Raedel’s or Raedla’s people” (it always claims that any name place is somebody or other’s people). Interestingly it also points out that Raedel is found for the name of a “moneyer” so somebody in these parts must at some time have had some money! “field” at the end of the name puts it firmly in the North European or

Saxon camp rather than the Latin or Mediterranean camp as a name. I always like Jonathan Meade’s division of Europe into the wine drinking South and the beer drinking North – or, if you like, the difference between, say, Leonardo da Vinci’s Last Supper and Peter Breughel’s rustics enjoying themselves at a village wedding feast (plenty of beer there). Most of the time I see myself as firmly in the Northern camp but on some dreary February afternoon, when it is growing dark and a sharp east wind is blowing,

I can find my allegiance wavering and recalling the golden light and warmth of an afternoon in, say, Barcelona, I could just murder a beakerful of the warm South.

■ **ST PETER’S DAY:** Athelington celebrated St Peter’s Day with a jolly morning prayer followed by lunch at Meadow Farm as guests of Mary and Keith Hawes and their family. We are very grateful for all the help in preparation and on the day. We were given lots of raffle prizes including dog food from Skinners and a gift token from Diss Garden Centre. Most of all we thank all the people who came and bought lots of raffle tickets. The rain did not bother us, the food was good, the garden lovely and Mary and Keith great hosts. We added £1,124 to church funds so, a great day! *Evelyn Adey*

■ **FESTIVAL CANCELLED:** Fressingfield Music Festival committee has decided to cancel the 2015 festival as artistic director, Paul Carroll, has been advised for health reasons to reduce the increasing pressures on his workload. Over the past 10 years the festival has raised more than £30,000 for the St Peter and St Paul’s Church bell restoration and, more recently, towards the organ restoration.

■ **APPEAL FOR HELP:** St Elizabeth Hospice is appealing for donations of furniture to sell in its shops across East Suffolk. The charity has a van and team of volunteer drivers who will pick up good quality items from your home, Monday to Saturday. Donations of sofas, table, chairs, wardrobes and cabinets are all welcome and will be resold in the hospice’s dedicated furniture shops in Holywells Road and Foxhall Road, Ipswich, and Bury Street, Stowmarket. If you would like to donate furniture, do not drop it off at the shop, please call 0845 259 0319.

are still looking good . . .

Back to the subject of Redlingfield; here's another quote for you.

"Redlingfield:- Flat farmland, Nunnery now in rather bedraggled farm (sorry Caroline!); infirmary or dormitory in use as barn. Prioress set bad example 1427, confessed she went alone with a bailiff sub heggerowes. Church has red brick chancel and brick shows through nave plaster. Stump of a tower with gabled roof, contains village stocks. Well carved headstones." I am glad that the headstones at least met with approval!

That was our entry in the Shell Guide to Suffolk compiled by Norman Scarfe in 1960 ! Despite this less than glowing write up I have to say that these County guides – sponsored by the Shell Oil co., no doubt with an eye to encouraging touring by car and thereby increasing fuel sales, were generally a delightful, informative series of guide books. They were published from the mid 1930s through to the mid 1960s with a break only during the second world war and were a breath of fresh air being much more professional than earlier guides. They were also very attractive, having a contemporary approach to the layout of their pages and to letter design. In addition they were illustrated with plenty of beautiful, black and white grainy photographs shot by artists of the calibre of Paul Nash who wrote as

well as illustrating the volume on Dorset. Many photographs in the Suffolk edition were taken by John Piper, others by the perhaps less well-known Edwin Smith who was a photographer of great sensitivity.

The series was the brainchild of John Betjeman; years later to become the

Poet Laureate and whose television

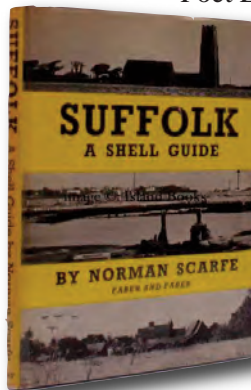
programmes of the 70s and 80s on forgotten or neglected architectural gems will be remembered by many. In one of his jaunts, always where possible by rail, he looked with great approval on Diss apart from when alighting on the station platform and looking round, he wondered where the town

was! This was in the days before Diss had spread from Mere Street towards and now beyond the railway station.

The gazeteer pages of the Suffolk Guide, being in alphabetical order, begin with Acton, which is defined as dividing Lavenham from Melford and end with Yoxford, which it claims is known in its locality as "the garden of Suffolk" - a bit better than our niggardly entry.

However I am happy to tell you that the mere name of our village can offer an attractive prospect to some. A visiting friend arrived fully expecting that we would be living in an idyllic spot surrounded by glowing fields of Red Ling. We are not. But I would not change a thing!

Neville Butcher



Ready for return after a

SUMMER HOLIDAYS are upon us and so all the staff and children at Wilby School are enjoying the break with thoughts of school far from their minds. The summer term whizzed past in a flurry of activity with almost too many events to mention – but we will give it a good go!

The weather was very kind to us this year which meant we were able to have an open air concert for the “Music for a Summer’s Evening” event where the children gave group and solo performances playing brass instruments, piano, cello and singing. Other talented musicians also joined in for the evening – we are very lucky to have so much musical talent around us. The weather also supported the school for sports day (see picture



above) and the School Fayre which was a lovely (and hot) event thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Willow Class treated us to two wonderful performances of their play “Timelord” in June and all classes have enjoyed showcasing their work in assemblies for parents – some truly amazing work has been shown. This

■ **PLANNING: TO BE DECIDED** - application to reconstruct and convert grade II listed barn and side wings to form new dwelling with the creation of new private access route to east of farm buildings, installation of foul drainage package treatment plant, parking area and associated landscaping at **Athelington Hall, Athelington; Road, Athelington**. **GRANTED** - a plan change the use of part of arable field to community/leisure and recreation area and construct vehicle access and parking between the **Church & Doorstep Green, Church Road, Redlingfield**; a plan to erect a replacement livestock unit at **Thickthorn Piggeries, Thickthorn Farm, Worlingworth Road, Horham**; a plan to retain a broadband dish link at **Horham Business Park** including a 20m telescopic mast, triangular foundation 2.8 metres on all sides and 0.5 metre diameter dish. **REFUSED** - application to use airfield concrete for outside storage, with associated fencing and bunding, **Horham Business Park, Horham Road, Hoxne**.

Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council' (www.midsuffolk.gov.uk).

busy summer

has ranged from showing how particular books have inspired work in class to performing poetry that the children have written.

To finish the school year in style all the children spent the last day of term on school trips. The younger children spent the day at the treehouse adventure “Bewilderwood” outside Norwich and the older children spent the day enjoying children’s workshops at the music festival “Latitude” at Henham Park, Southwold.

Mrs Marsh, our nursery teacher has left to explore pastures new and we send her every good wish for the future. The year six children have also now left for their next adventure at high school. Before leaving they enjoyed a residential trip to an activity centre in the Peak District, treated us to their memories of their time at Wilby School at the leavers’ service and then let their hair down at the leavers’ party in the school marquees! We wish them all every success.

School reopens at the start of September when everyone is looking forward to welcoming the children back for another year of learning, challenge and fun! The “Tea and Toys” group, run at the school for children between 0-5 years old and their parents, will start again on 10th September, running every Thursday morning, 9am-10.30am in term time.

If you have queries regarding the school contact the Headteacher, Mrs Coleman, on 384708. *Kim Palmer*

■ **REDLINGFIELD HOG ROAST:** Many thanks to all those who helped make Redlingfield’s Summer Fayre and Hog Roast a great success. Special thanks to Simon and Alison Brice who donated the pig, Suffolk 'n' Good Hog Roast, Joyce Saunders, who as always sold the majority of tickets, all those who donated raffle prizes and helped out on the day and night, cooking, bartending and selling raffle tickets. Thank you also to the church and Redlingfield Strawberries whose stalls provided wonderful sweets, ice cream cakes etc. Last of many thanks to all who helped with the big clear up the next day.

Andrew Abbott

■ **CYCLING GRANT:** Communities, groups, schools and businesses across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being urged to apply for grant funding to promote a cycling event in their area. Grants of up to £500 are available to help support events or activities that involve cycling and will be held before the end of March 2016. For more information about the fund, how to apply and to receive an application form, contact Jo Beever, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils’ Grants Officer, on 01449 724654 or Josephine.Beever@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

■ **COFFEE CARAVAN’S GOLDEN BLESSING:** Villagers in Redlingfield gathered at the Rural Coffee Caravan’s July visit for something more than the usual cakes and a chat. David and Jacqueline Love chose the Coffee Caravan as venue for a golden wedding blessing ceremony led by Canon Sally Fogden. The Wednesday 2nd September 10am-noon visit to the triangle in the centre of Redlingfield will be joined by Age UK Suffolk giving information and advice.

CHURCH

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. Other enquiries: Daphne Harvey, St Mary, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, St Peter, Athelington (01728 628428) Hazel Abbott, St Andrew, Redlingfield (678217). A monthly benefice newsletter is available in the back of the churches. For your email copy email hoxnebenefice@gmail.com.

- Sept 6** **Redlingfield** 9.30am HC; Wingfield 10am MP; Hoxne 11.15am HC; **Redlingfield** 1.30pm Baptism, Edwards; Syleham 4pm Messy Church.
- Sept 8 (Tues)** Denham 7.30pm Benefice Communion.
- Sept 13** **Horham** 10.30am Service for 95th Bomb Group; Wingfield 11am HC; Hoxne 11.15am MP.
- Sept 20** **Athelington** 9.30am HC; Syleham 10am Village Praise; Wingfield 10am FS; Hoxne 11.15am Community Service
- Sept 27** Syleham 9.30am HC; Hoxne 10am FS; **Redlingfield** 10am MP; **Horham** 11.15 Harvest FS; Denham 11.15 Harvest FS; Wingfield 6.30pm Harvest Evensong.
- Oct 4** **Redlingfield** 9.30am HC; Wingfield 10am MP; Hoxne 11.15am Harvest Festival Service followed by HC; Syleham 4pm Messy Church.
- Oct 11** **Horham** 9.30am HC; Wingfield 11am HC; Hoxne 11.15am MP.
- Oct 13 (Tues)** Denham 7.30pm Benefice Communion.
- Oct 18** **Athelington** 9.30am HC; Hoxne 8.30am HC; Wingfield 10am FS; Hoxne 11.15am Community Service; Syleham 3pm Harvest Festival followed by tea.
- Oct 25** Syleham 9.30am HC; Hoxne 10am FS; **Redlingfield** with **Athelington** 11am Harvest Morning Prayer; Denham 11.15am FS; Wingfield 6.30pm Evensong.
- Oct 31** Hoxne 4pm Commemoration of the departed.
- Nov 1 (All Saints' Day)** **Redlingfield** 9.30am HC; Wingfield 10am MP; Hoxne 11.15am HC; Syleham 4pm Messy Church.
- Nov 8 (Remembrance Sunday)** Syleham 9.15am, Wingfield 9.45am, **Redlingfield** 10.30 am, & Denham 11.15am all have Act of Remembrance. Hoxne 10.45am and **Horham** 3 pm, both Remembrance Service.
- Nov 10 (Tues)** Denham 7.30 pm, Benefice Communion.
- Nov 15** Hoxne 8.30am HC; **Athelington** 9.30am HC; Syleham 10am Village Praise; Wingfield 10am FS; Hoxne 11.15am Friends' service.
- Nov 20 (Fri)** Hoxne 6pm Benefice Evensong, Feast of St Edmund.
- Nov 22** Syleham 9.30am HC; Hoxne 10am FS; **Redlingfield** 10am MP Wingfield 10am MP; **Horham** 11.15am FS; Denham 11.15am FS.
- Nov 29 Wingfield 11.15am Benefice Communion; **Athelington** 4.30pm Benefice Advent Carols.

(HC = Holy Communion; MP = Morning Prayer; FS = Family Service.)

■ **REVD MICHAEL WOMACK:** As you have possibly heard by now, Revd Michael is on long-term sick leave, with a stress-related illness, for four months, which will take us up to the end of November. During this time, as rural dean, I act as your incumbent. However, obviously with my own parishes, I cannot take over all that needs to be done, so Revd Canon Andrew Vessey will be covering most of the services of Holy Communion, along with a few others. I am hoping that most of the non-Eucharistic services will be taken by lay elders. Andrew and I will take the weddings between us and Andrew is the first point of contact for funerals. As usual, any administrative queries should go to Virginia who will be working at the rectory in Stradbroke on Mondays, but you can phone or email her at home at other times. Revd Susan Loxton – 388439; Revd Canon Andrew Vessey – 588389; administrator - Virginia Skoyles 586708. Churchwardens: Athelington, St Peter: Evelyn Adey, 01728 628428 & John Davy, 742878; Horham, St Mary: David Spall, 384239 & Daphne Harvey, 384216; and Redlingfield, St Andrew: Hazel Abbott, 678217.

Revd Susan Loxton

■ **HOXNE BENEFICE NATIVITY:** We will be gathering at Nora's Yard, Denham on Christmas Eve, for our first live action Nativity Service. The animals are ready but the humans will need help with their wardrobe. We are looking for help – all abilities welcome. Materials supplied. You can take these away to make up, or we are hoping to hold get-together sewing sessions to pool ideas and talents. Do join in this exciting new project. Contact Barbara 870500, cobowner@gmail.com or Sue Roberts 668602.

■ **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** Thank you to the collectors and contributors who raised £290.18 in Horham and £17 in Athelington (plus £33.60 Gift Aid) in Christian Aid Week.

■ **JUNE CAR BOOT:** Despite the rain Horham church raised £203.20 from sales of produce at the June 13th car boot in Horham and on Sunday June 14th plus the proceeds of the sales of Roly's plants – these donations are most appreciated – at Horham Post Office during June.

Daphne Harvey

■ **CHURCH REGISTER:** Marriage of Jonathon Havers and Sophie Hale at Athelington church on June 16th. Burial of Joan Roper aged 80 years at Horham on June 12th.



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