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MY Group, Fen Lane Farm, Watton Rd. Larling, Norfolk NR16 2AJ Tel: 01953 497177 Fax: 01953 497160 Email: info@mygroupea.co.uk Web: www.mygroupea.co.uk MY Group is a trading name of MY Boiler Services Ltd IMING IS EVERYTHING AND SIMON KNOTT, WHO RUNS THE excellent Suffolk and Norfolk churches websites, got it just right. He visited Redlingfield in June just after we'd cleared up the churchyard. His site says: "It was fully ten years since I had last cycled this way. Not much had changed, as you may imagine. The church is still marooned in its neat little graveyard, a hundred yards or so from the nearest road, and so I got off my bike and pushed it up the path – not from fear of meeting anyone coming the other way, I hasten to add, but because I wanted to savour the serenity of this enchanting place." I think he likes it. For more from Simon about Redlingfield church you can visit www.suffolkchurches.co.uk/redlingfield.html

Another bit of excellent timing saw Lesley Dolphin's dart conveniently hit Horham in the week before the Bygones Rally. Among those who got a chance to talk about the village on BBC Radio Suffolk were: David Spall, who is apparently getting to feel like a local after 42 years; Michael Critien from Dragon House, who got an on-air invite to come back as a sofa guest; Don Moyes, who chatted about ... the Bygones Rally; and James Mutton, who talked on his specialist subject the 95th Bomb Group and Red Feather Club.

SPORT- OF VARIOUS SORTS - SHOULD be on the agenda over the next few weeks. Redlingfield's rounders team have been challenged to a return match by Occold during our neighbour's 'fun evening' on Saturday September 4th. Hopefully, the Redlingfield Swingers will avenge last year's defeat on the Doorstep Green. And David Whatling has come up with a great *idea* – *a darts, pool and, maybe, carpet* bowls challenge between Horham and Redlingfield at Horham & Athelington *Community Centre. The details are to be* arranged. And to exercise our minds Eddie Hawes put forward the idea of a village quiz – sounds great to me.

WE'VE GOT ANOTHER packed issue and we've come up with a cunning way to ease the squeeze on space without adding to the number of pages we print – and have to try to force staples through. Instead of printing six pages plus of useful contacts every issue we'll. probably, starting in 2011, issue a one-off directory of contacts etc at the start of the year and just update any changes, as and when needed, in our quarterly magazine. I hope this solution will suit everyone.

**F**OR THE LAST FEW YEARS JANET AND I HAVE MADE SURE WE get to Suffolk ACRE's agm – someone we know always seems to land an award and we get to find out what's going on in the county. This year David Risk, Caroline's brother-in-law, from Brandeston landed a cup and we got to chat with high ups in the district, county and even diocese. Mid Suffolk chief exec Andrew Good had some excellent news. The part of the Local Development Framework, which classifies villages such as Redlingfield as countryside with no prospect of any development, is to be changed. *Mike Ager* 

• Our front page picture of Horham Bygones Country Rally is by Barry Hall.

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# **Details of crew unearthed**

FTER MUCH FRUITLESS searching to find surviving relatives to attend the unveiling of Redlingfield's memorial to the crew of the B-17 that crashed near Green Farm in 1943, relations of two of the airmen have been in touch thanks to the village's website.

Ralph Schimmel, a nephew of Sgt Charles E Phinney, from New York State found out about the memorial, landing on our website, while researching his uncle. His younger brother, an airline pilot and former military pilot, visited the crash site several years ago while in the UK. Marcia A Moyer, the niece of co-pilot 2nd Lt Warren Mansfield Franklin Strawn, also landed on our site.

Marcia's mother, 88-year-old Reynolda S Clegg, and two other siblings of 2nd Lt Strawn are still living, 97-year-old Martha M Scott and 85-year-old L B Strawn.

Thanks to Marcia we now have a wealth of material about her uncle and pictures of the crew.

It is hoped some of the relatives will

be able to visit the memorial to the Flying Fortress which crashed in the village on November 19th 1943 killing all ten crew in the near future.

Thanks to Marcia we now know that six of the crew were originally buried in a "group" grave in the US Military Cemetery in Brookwood, England. They were: 2nd Lt Strawn; S/Sgt Kenneth Cosby, tail gunner; S/Sgt Gordon V Sorenson, radio operator; S/Sgt Gail A Richmond Jr, top-turret, gunner/flight engineer; Sgt Phinney; and Sgt Julius W Torok, right waist gunner. They were returned to the US for burial in a veteran's cemetery in Indiana.

• After 28 years the Happy Circle Club run by Violet Allum in Horham has sadly closed. A look back at 28 happy and successful years next issue.



Front row, from left: 2nd Lt Kenneth B Rongstad, pilot; 2nd Lt Strawn; 2nd Lt Richard E Diete, navigator; 2nd Lt Joseph F Spicer, bombardier. Back row, from left: S/Sgt Richmond Jr, top-turret gunner/flight engineer; S/Sgt Sorensen, radio operator; Sgt Torok, right waist gunner; Sgt Phinney, ball turret gunner; Sgt Louis M Mirabel, left waist gunner; Sgt Aloysius L Godek; and S/Sgt Agnew R Eckert. S/Sgt Cosby and S/Sgt Richmond, who both died in the crash are not in the photo. S/Sgt Eckert and Sgt Godek were not in the crew at the time of the crash.

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This picture of 2nd Lt Strawn, sent to his mother, says on the back: "Don't worry, I'm not as scared as I look."

Letters from 2nd Lt Strawn to his family

in the States written just days before the crash tell of the crew's earlier ditching of their aircraft in the North Sea and of his leave to recuperate. He tells in a matter of fact way of how over the course of a mission all their B-17's engines failed, crew members passed out and came close to death and finally they ditched in the North Sea. He says: "We only floated about 10 hrs which is not at all bad."

And in a letter written on November 16 1943, three days before the fatal crash in Redlingfield, he writes of the

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The burial at New Albany, Indiana, Veteran's Cemetery of six crew members. The gentleman in the front row, far left, is Allen H M Strawn, father of 2nd Lt Strawn. The 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th women are believed to be the mothers of the six crew members. The 5th woman from the left is 2nd Lt Strawn's mother, the young woman beside her is Gordon Sorensen's wife, Daisy Odetta Sorensen.

seven days leave the crew were given to recuperate.

He ends the letter by talking about the first formal dance of the winter season in Southport, where there was a large Red Cross facility: "I took a very pretty little English girl to the dance ... She is the prettiest thing I've seen since I left the US I'm going to see her again some time."

The 95th BG Heritage Association in Horham is updating it's display on the crash and Redlingfield's website www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk also has much more new material about the crash including more pictures, more of the letters and many moving poems written by Lt Strawn's talented family.

> Many thanks to Marcia A Moyer, proud niece of 2nd Lt Strawn. Mike Ager

■ PLANNING APPLICATIONS: AWAITING DECISION: Kiln Farm, Cranley Road, Redlingfield - proposal to revise conversion of redundant barn to residential; . GRANTED: Land alongside A140, Ipswich Road, Eye - proposal to erect and operate two wind turbine generators (to a maximum tip height 130m), electricity transformer and temporary works compound, construction of access tracks, hard standings and temporary access alterations; **land adjacent to Lodge Farmhouse, The Street,** Horham - non-material amendments to planning permission.



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# **Arts & more in Wingfield**

INGFIELD BARNS HAS hosted a packed programme over the past year and is planning even more for the future.

Many events are of local interest, for

example: an exhibition by schools; photographs and paintings of the area; a Suffolk Coastal Decorated Deckchair exhibition; and films from the local archive.

The barns have also been the scene of 10 weddings and they also host private parties, both for adults and children (children's parties can have painting or pottery themes).

Music has been integral part of the



programme of events with classical, jazz, folk, celtic and indie concerts.

Art exhibitions are free and have included work by Suffolk artists in a wide variety of media. There is

painting, sculpture, collage, photography and more. There are also workshops in drawing and other arts.

Theatre performances have been held inside the barn and out in the garden. They have ranged from Red Riding Hood to A Midsummer Night's Dream. There have also been film shows, some from the East Anglian Archive.

As well as all this there have been

**ST JOHN'S DENHAM:** Building work has finally started on the repairs to St John's in Denham, and as a result monthly services have been abandoned in favour of a monthly bible study. Meetings will be in homes and gardens in Denham. The builders have removed the church roof, and found more rot than anticipated, and discovered that the west wall is more fragile than previously thought. ■ USAAF IN EAST ANGLIA: On Wednesday October 6th the WEA's Stradbroke Branch launches a six-week course on 'The Friendly Invasion' - USAAF In East Anglia. The weekly two-hour sessions are at Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre. They start at 2.15pm and the course costs £33. You can go along for the first week without any obligation to join. Contact the branch secretary on 01728 724746. ■ COFFEE QUIZ: The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project's Summer 2010 -Film Quiz is now available. You can get guiz papers from the caravan or from Mike Ager & Janet Norman-Philips for £1. The top prize in the quiz to raise funds for the caravan is £25 and the closing date for completed entries is November 1st. ■ MILL ROAD THEFT: On Friday June 25th five 8-foot square metal barriers were stolen from the entrance to a field in Mill Road, Redlingfield, at around 5pm. A maroon Vauxhall Frontera with a flatbed trailer was seen in the area, with a blonde female and a male. Call Sgt Jon Eaves on 01284 774100 reference ST/10/2107. **REDLINGFIELD FISH 'N' CHIPS:** It is hoped that there will be a fish and chip van at Redlingfield's final Pub on the Green of the year on Saturday September 25th. See leaflets and noticeboards for more details.

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happenings such as the hugely successful day of Classic Cars and Cream Teas. Since it is 'ours' – the site is now owned and maintained by Mid Suffolk Council (that means you and me!) – we are free to make suggestions for the future.

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The next programme will be on notice boards in our villages so keep an eye out. The business itself is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, it pays its way by hiring out the venue and from box office receipts. There is

an enthusiastic group of volunteers who help with a variety of jobs. Management is in the tireless hands of Lesley Jackson.

There is a café in the main barn and during performances there is a licensed bar. *Evelyn Adey* 

The upcoming programme of events at Wingfield Barns (the film shows are all introduced by East Anglian Film Archive's Stewart Orr, and start at 7.30pm. tickets are £5 or £4 for concessions):

**Friday September 3: The Magician's Box.** The life of Joseph Mechi and the pursuit of his dreams by Mad Dogs and Englishmen. 7.30pm, tickets £12. **Friday September 3 to Saturday September 18: Russell Coulson Exhibition.** Paintings and prints. Free admission, donations welcome.

Wednesday September 15th: A Passion for Churches film show. A film of John Betjeman guiding us around some of the finest churches in East Anglia will be the culmination of a programme with an ecclesiastical theme.

Wednesday October 20th: The Stanfield Horror film show. Murder and mayhem as the recorder of Norwich (amongst others) is murdered in Stanfield, near Wymondham.

**Thursday September 23: A Reason For Murder.** Gwyn Guy's new and exciting murder mystery play. 7.30pm.

**Wednesday November 17th: Zeppelins film show**. An account of the early Zeppelin raids on East Anglia during the First World War, this film also touches on the first air attack on Britain in 1915. There will be other supporting films on a similar theme.

Wednesday December 15th. East Anglian Christmases past film show. A seasonal and heart-warming collection of films.

For more information visit www.wingfieldbarns.com or phone 01379 384505.

### **Bygones rally celebrates**

THE SUN SHONE ON another record Horham Bygones Country Rally and the thousands of visitors. The car boot sale kicked off the day which ended with an evening of live music in the Community Centre.

There were approximately 100 tractors, 100 classic cars and commercial vehicles and a great line-up of stationary engines.

With the stallholders, attractions, military vehicles, two-wheeled entries, model boats and scale models of traction engines, there were nearly 400 exhibits.

There were plenty of old favourites on show. The Burma Mule Tribute was back for a second year, the everpopular Fire Service Preservation Group again showed their fire-fighting skills in demonstrations and in the working field Robbie the shire horse was joined by other working horses and a host of working tractors and



AN ABSEILING ABBOTT: Pat Abbott would like to thank the very generous people for sponsoring him to abseil down the 100ft Stradbroke church tower on June 26th, £363 was raised for St Andrew's Church Redlingfield.



farm machinery. Stradbroke's Fire Engine was also on display alongside the police's mobile major incident office where PCSO Steven Long and colleague demonstrated a speed gun and gave free gifts to youngsters.

The fairground rides, sweet stall and ice cream van proved popular with younger visitors. Gary Sutton of Redgrave came to the rescue when one caterer failed to show and stayed well into the night as rally-goers enjoyed the evening entertainment. Not only does the rally generate much needed funds for the Horham Community

Council it also offers charities, including the Royal British Legion, East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) and Parakeet Rescue, the chance to raise funds.

On Sunday, motorcycles, tractors and a steam car took part in a road run to raise funds for EACH, which netted more than  $\pounds1,100$  over the weekend.

After such a good year the Horham Bygones Rally Committee has now got to sit down and see what we can do to top it for 2011 –

### success

organising the sunshine is obviously top priority. The Horham Bygones Country Rally Committee would like to





thank everyone who helped make the event a success. For more of Barry Hall's pictures of the rally visit www.onesuffolk.co.uk/HorhamBygonesCountryRally/

The winning exhibits were: **Ray Woodrow Memorial Trophy for Best Tractor**, CASE 1931 - Arthur Stockdale (Arthur, who's CASE also won at the Suffolk Show, has since passed away - our condolences to his family); **Waterfield Trophy for Best Car**, 1935 Austin 16/6 Hertford - Keith Peck; **Horham Trophy for Best Commercial Vehicle**, Thames Trader Tannington Group - Richard Stammers; **Military Trophy for Best Military Vehicle**, AFS Austin Gipsy and trailer - Michael Mason; **Ray's Trophy for the Best Stationary Engine**, The Lister Blacksmith's drill - Gary Doy; **Rally Committee Trophy for Most Interesting Working Exhibit**, PEG threshing drum - Greg Aldridge; **Monica's Catering Trophy for Most Interesting Exhibit**, 1925 Vauxhall 14/40 and period caravan - David Lobb; **Stanford Trophy for Best Cycle, Auto Cycle or Motorcycle**, Matchless G12 CSR 1964 -Tom Wells. The judges were Jimmy & Andy Adcock, Martin Donnelly, Adam Cantrill, Gordon Heffer, Bob Moore, Brian Huggins & David Whatling.

#### Mike Ager

■ ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: The Stradbroke & District Branch raised £296.91 for The Poppy Appeal at the Horham Bygones Country Rally – thanks to all for their support. The branch had two stands, one with veteran members Ted Bootle and Albert Siggers, who's son David dressed in a WW1 uniform. The national Poppy Appeal total currently stands at £33 million and the Suffolk total is £595,264 – both are up 10 per cent on 2009. In Suffolk, the Legion has 7,601 members in 58 branches and there are 14 RBL clubs. In the past year, £179,502 was spent in Suffolk on service work and 810 cases requiring benevolent assistance were dealt with. The branch's welfare officers are Joyce Cooper of Lodge Farm, Horham, and John Graham of Woodlands Farm, Brundish. The branch meets on the first Thursday of each month at Laxfield King's Head (The Low House) starting at 11.30am with a guest speaker and then a two-course lunch for £6.50. You do not have to be exservice to join and subscription is £11 per year. Michael Burton, branch chairman

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■ **COFFEE IN REDLINGFIELD:** We are coming to the end of our third summer of visits by the Coffee Caravan to Redlingfield and have just two more sessions in the open air on Tuesday September 21st and Tuesday October 19th, both from 2pm until 4pm. We then go indoors for coffee mornings on the first Wednesday of the month. The first will be on November 3rd from 10am until noon at the home of Linda Hudson, Woodvale, where you can enjoy a hot drink and biscuits. The next will be on December 1st at the home of Jacqueline Love in Abbotts Meadow where there will be a festive atmosphere with sherry, mince pies and a free raffle. If you would like to host a coffee morning, please contact Jacqueline on 01379 678805. Please come and join us, you will be very welcome.

■ MP'S SUŔGERIES: If you would like to book a surgery time with our new MP Dan Poulter, please get in contact with Diane Smith on 01728 685148 or diane@centralsuffolk.co.uk. Surgeries, to discuss problems and issues etc, are: September 10th, Debenham; September 11th, Bramford; October 1st, Eye; October 9th, Ipswich; October 22nd, Wickham Market; October 23rd, Kesgrave; November 12th, Mendlesham; November 13th, Claydon; and December 4th, Ipswich.

## **Video plea for clemency**

ILLAGERS IN HORHAM have recorded an unusual video request to Texas Governor Rick Perry, seeking clemency for a British grandmother on death row.

The video asks him to spare the life of Linda Carty in honour of historic wartime links and friendship

Human rights lawyer and director of legal action charity Reprieve, Clive Stafford Smith OBE spoke at a meeting at the Old School at the end of May about his work and, in particular, about Carty, who is facing execution in Texas. Governor Perry visited Horham in 2000.

Led by Rev David Streeter, the video asked Governor Perry to reconsider the case of Carty who was convicted of planning a murder following what Reprieve say was a flawed trial. The US Supreme Court recently refused to hear her case despite an approach from the UK government.

In the video, Horham residents express concerns that her conviction and death sentence are unreliable. Linda's court-appointed defence lawyer has sent more prisoners to death row than any other in the US.

Reprieve's director Clive Stafford Smith said: "The people of Horham have great affection and respect for the USA, which makes this video request rather moving to watch.

"Linda Carty is now in a desperate situation, protesting her innocence and yet facing imminent execution. Linda ... will be grateful for this show of support and compassion."

You can see the video on Reprieve's website (www.reprieve.org.uk) or at YouTube. *Mike Ager* 

# It's the 'Rose of the Year'

ORHAM TOOK A SLICE OF the glory at Hampton Court flower show with the 'Rose of the Year'.

John Kirkum of The Street is a director of John Woods Nurseries at Wickham Market. They took a newlybred rose from Kordes Roses in Germany and, after extensive trialling and testing, launched the rose at the Hampton Court show where they also won a gold medal. The 'Rose of the Year' – *Joie de Vivre* – is pink with cream tones and is repeat flowering.

The nursery also designed a garden for the Chelsea Show, it was built with the Capel Manor Horticultural College and won a gold medal. After the show,



the garden was moved to the National Gardens Centre at Capel Manor in Enfield and is now open to the public.

So it has been a great year for John and his colleagues and the rose, under the Mattocks Roses brand, will be on sale at garden centres in the autumn. *Evelvn Adev* 

■ **FARM BLAZE:** Nearly 300 pigs died in a fire at Poplar Hill Farm in Benningham Green, between Redlingfield and Occold early on the morning of Wednesday June 16th. Appliances from Eye, Debenham, Stradbroke, Woodbridge, Diss, Leiston and Framlingham attended. Our sympathies to farmers Simon and Alison Brice. A fire investigation determined that the fire had been started by an electrical fault in the shed's wet feeding system.

■ **THEATRE TOUR:** The Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds is taking Michael Frayn's comedy The Two Of Us on tour across Suffolk and Cambridgeshire from September 1st to October 9th. It will be at Syleham and Wingfield Village hall on Tuesday October 5th. For tickets, further details and full tour dates please call the Theatre Royal box office on 01284 769505 or visit www.theatreroyal.org

■ PUT A SMILE ON YOUR MUG! The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is back on Friday September 24th. Keep an eye on village notice boards for news of events to help Macmillan Cancer Support. To hold a coffee morning for Macmillan, register by calling 0845 602 1246 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee.

■ OCCOLD MARKET: A Saturday morning (9.30am to 11.30am) market has been launched at Occold Village Hall. Free stalls are available to individuals and local organisations but not traders (01379 678844 or villagehall@occold.com)

**SECONDHAND FURNITURE:** Donations of good quality furniture are needed to resell and raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice. Van drivers collect from your home Mondays to Saturdays. If you would like to donate call 01473 744080.

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■ WORKING TOGETHER: Mid Suffolk District Council already work closely with Babergh District Council and they are now looking for more ways to save money without affecting services too badly. They are considering merging both councils into one organisation and halving the number of councillors. The proposals are available on their website www.midsuffolk.gov.uk. If anyone has any views or questions they should contact Mid Suffolk or their parish councils.

SEASONAL FLU JABS: Fressingfield & Stradbroke doctors' surgeries have walk-in clinics for those eligible for flu vaccinations. They are at Fressingfield on: Tuesday October 12th & 18th, 9am-11 am & 2pm-3.30pm; and on Friday October 15th & 22nd, 9am-11am & 4pm-5.30pm. And at Stradbroke on: Monday October 11th & 18th, 9am-11am & 4pm-5.30pm; and on Wednesday October 13th & 20th, 9-11am.
 ST PETER'S ATHELINGTON: On June 27th St Peter's celebrated its Patronal festival. After the morning service 70 people had lunch at Meadow Farm. Keith and Mary Hawes had created a beautiful setting in their lovely garden. Sheila Leeks and Julia Ankrah made a splendid three-course meal and the sun shone. The church gained more than £600.

**HORHAM COFFEE CARAVAN:** The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project should be coming to Horham soon. Watch out for leaflets and posters.

# **Offering books & more**

ANY THANKS TO everyone who gave us secondhand books for the Eye Church Shop following my appeal in June – we now have a fabulous selection

I am still looking for child-size coat hangers – Father Andrew's Mum is knitting for us so we can stock a range of hand-made baby cardigans and we need the little hangers to display them. If anyone else likes knitting and would donate hats, scarves etc for the winter for children or adults then please do so – we can certainly sell them.

If you have the urge to help do get in touch. If you have time available come to the Church Porch and look at the calendar – days without names in the boxes are available – but do make sure that you get in touch with me if you haven't volunteered before – you need to know what you are doing, and we will make sure someone meets you at the Church and talks you through everything.

If you find that the shop isn't open for any reason – I'm sorry when that happens, but with me expecting the baby at the end of August I think we will have odd days where this is bound to occur – do come back again if you can – and we will keep the honesty stall in the main body of the Church as well-stocked as we dare.

The fairtrade clothes are selling well at the moment with trousers at  $\pounds$ 14.95, and lots of t-shirts at reduced prices – we stock sizes from 10 to 18. *Sue Watson (01379 384558)* 

# Wild flower show blooms

N THE SUMMER OF 2005 the New Reedings Wood Group were the proud recipients of the East Anglian Daily Times Wildflower Award.

This prize anticipated the planting of a wildflower meadow, as the group had only just purchased the land which is now the community woodland along the Redlingfield Road, called "Pound Lane Wood".

This summer the project has come to fruition, as the wild flower display has been breathtaking.

The project involved covering the proposed meadow area with depleted soil, ploughing, rock picking and rolling the area to achieve a fine tilth, and spreading green hay from local meadows and church yards, ensuring that the seed sown had a local



provenance. The prolonged cold winter and recent warm weather have combined to give a fantastic display this year, with plentiful primroses and cowslips in the spring, and an amazing display of vetch, clover and ox-eyed daisies through the early summer.

This year the group are proud to be able to donate their green hay, when it is harvested, to other potential wildflower meadows in the area. *Michael Reeves* 

#### If you would like to advertise or contribute to the magazine or have an event or organisation you would like featured please contact: Evelyn Adey on evelynadey@e1603.fsnet.co.uk or 01728 628428 at Ivy House Barn, Southolt Road, Athelington, IP21 5EL; or Mike Ager on mike@gn.apc.org or 01379 678835 at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU.

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## **Seasonal celebrations**

HERE ARE MANY SPECIAL services for thanksgiving and remembrance coming up, and Harvest Festivals in each village include a social time together.

At Athelington on September 26th, tea will be provided in the church after the service; Stradbroke's Harvest Supper is on Friday October 1st; Horham's Harvest Lunch on Sunday the 3rd; and Redlingfield's Supper on Saturday the 9th. In Stradbroke on Sunday October 31st, we will meet in church at 11am, and the lunch afterwards in the Community Centre.

Redlingfield Church is dedicated to St Andrew and his day is November 30th, but we will meet in celebration a week earlier, on Sunday 21st at 4pm, followed by tea.

It is to Athelington that we go for the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 28th at 4.30pm, with seasonal refreshments after.

Please watch out for posters giving details of all these events, and Beetle

Drives in Stradbroke on Thursday September 2nd and October 28th and Tuesday November 16th in the Community Centre from 7.30pm.

Christian Aid Week raised £251.71 in Horham and £37 in Athelington (plus £34.16 Gift Aid). The car boot stall at Horham Bygones Country Rally on June 12th brought in £269.32 for church funds, and £3 for the Fabric Fund.

There's a coffeee morning for St Mary's Church on Saturday August 28th at 10.30 am in the Old School.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride is on Saturday September 11th from 9am to 5pm. Sponsorship forms are available from: Daphne Harvey, Horham (01379 384216); Evelyn Adey, Athelington, (01728 628428); Joan Abbott, Redlingfield (01379 678736); and Bingy Hindle, Denham (01379 668646. Do share in this energetic way to raise money for your parish church.

With all good wishes, David Streeter

**MORRIS DANCERS:** Hoxon Hundred are holding a taster evening on Wednesday September 22nd in St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne at 8pm. A warm welcome awaits you, so if you would like to learn more about Morris dancing and give the various traditions a try, put the date in your diary. Musicians are always welcomed. If you



want to chat with someone before coming along ring Ron on 01379 643563. He will be happy to answer your queries.

- **HARVEST SUPPER:** We hope to book a professional disco for the Harvest Supper on Saturday October 9th, at Horham Community Centre. See news extras, village website, village noticeboards or committee members for more details.
- **SPEEDING:** A speed indicator display (SID), the smiley face sign that shows motorists' speed, or a speed detection radar, both of which monitor speeds and collect data, will be deployed in Mill Road/Church Road to monitor the problem of speeding in the village, thanks to David Love. And Denham Parish Council has invited us to join them and other local councils in buying a speedgun. We said we might depending on the cost. We would also need volunteers to train to use it.
- **BBQs & Pub On The GREEN:** Many thanks to Andrew & Katie Abbott, Graham & Lesley Abbott, Jeanette & Stuart Brierley, Allan & Sue Chapman, Billy Crisp, Linda Hudson, Russell & Linda Kerry, Manday & Glen Miller, Stephen Ling, Pat Kelly, Sue Toll, Joyce Saunders & Liam & Stephanie for their work making a success of the *two* village BBQs the second mini-BBQ was Billy & Glen's idea and our monthly pub evenings on the Doorstep Green. It was also great to see new MP Daniel Poulter, Suffolk County Chairman, Eddie Allcock, and County Councillor, Guy MacGregor at the main BBQ. And many thanks to Andy Andrews who brought a coachload from Occold.
- **VILLAGE SIGN:** The village sign has been taken down by Steve Toll to be sandblasted and re-painted. Sadly the post and brick base also need work done to them and we hope to start on that in the next few weeks.
- PARISH PLAN: We hope to have the results available very soon.
- COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting is Tuesday September 7th, 8pm.
- **COMMITTEE:** chairman Janet Norman-Philips (Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, 01379 678835). Email: pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk Website: www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

#### Janet Norman-Philips

BIRTH AND BEYOND: The Complementary Medicine Centre (CMC) in Eye is holding an Open Day, 'To Birth and Beyond' on Saturday September 18th, 10am-4pm. If you are planning a baby, pregnant, about to give birth, are a parent or carer for babies and young children, the event at CMC at the Gilchrist Unit next to Hartismere Hospital in Eye is for you. As well as talks and workshops, health therapists will be on hand to give advice. The Gilchrist Midwifery Team, NCT, a local doula and a Montessori nursery representative will also be there. Proceeds will go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. For information, contact the CMC on 01379 870707, info@compmed.co.uk or visit their website www.compmed.co.uk. Booking essential.
 EXHIBITION AND ART TRAIL: Members of the Waveney Springs art group will open their studios for the weekends of the 11th & 12th and 18th & 19th of September. The studios which span the Waveney within 10 miles of Diss will be open 10am-5pm and there will be an exhibition in the Stables Gallery in Diss (11am-4pm, Mon-Sat) throughout September. The 25 open studios stretch from Coney Weston to Weybread. For information visit waveneysprings.co.uk/ or look out for the leaflets.

#### COLUMNS

#### YOUR LOCAL POLICE



ALTHOUGH THE NIGHTS are drawing in please remember to secure garden equipment and sheds after use to combat the theft of lawn mowers

and garden tools. Shed alarms can also be purchased from your local Police station to help improve security.

We have also seen an increase in the theft of scrap metal from outbuildings, so please be vigilant. Speed checks will continue in the villages over the coming months.

Since the last report there has been the theft of fencing from a field. If you have any information please contact Suffolk Police on 01473 613500.

We have a property photographing scheme which allows householders to have items of value in their homes photographed and recorded on a CD. The scheme is run by the Mid Suffolk Crime Prevention Panel and details are available from the Crime Reduction Officer on 01473 383410.

The Police have a Community Intelligence Hotline where information can be left regarding local offences. The number is 01284 774029. You can leave your details or be anonymous, but please help us to make your community even safer.

I would also like to remind all of you who have yet to sign up to Police Direct of the value of doing so. All you need to do is to register for free and you will receive either an email or text message informing you of any incidents in your area. To sign up call 01473 613997. I wish you all a safe and pleasant autumn.

PC Tim Green, Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team

#### YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



IT HAS BEEN A BUSY start. At the top of my agenda in Westminster has been increasing the awareness of the new Government towards issues

affecting rural communities. In particular, I have been pushing the case for Hartismere hospital to be re-opened, a campaign that was first started by my predecessor, Sir Michael Lord.

Community hospitals such as Hartismere are a vital amenity for rural communities, in line with the Government's plans to hand the responsibility for local healthcare to GPs. Following from this, I asked Andrew Lansley, Secretary of State for Health, about the hospital. His response was very encouraging; he agreed that healthcare must be responsive to the needs of local communities and that we should better value our community hospitals.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Redlingfield Village BBQ, where I was able to meet locals, as well as discussing a number of important issues. I have also enjoyed visits to the Mendham Fete, Stradbroke Village Country Fair, Rendham Fete, and the Framlingham Horse Show, where I saw first-hand how such events can maintain and improve community cohesion and pride in our rural areas.

Over this summer period, whilst others enjoy their holidays I shall be working as a doctor so that I am better able to keep up with the latest developments in healthcare. This summer will also provide a chance for me to hold regular advice bureaus for local residents and to continue to champion the needs of rural communities (see story).

Dr Dan Poulter, MP

#### YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



I HAVE JUST COME BACK from a few days away in Scotland and it was interesting to read the local newspapers and see the local

news on TV.

As we all know (at considerable expense) Scotland has a Parliament Building and a body responsible not just for Scots' Law but also for education, transport and health.

One in four people are employed in public service, which despite considerable funding, is delivering poor health care and declining standards in basic education.

The amount of unemployment (especially among the young) is terrifyingly high.

But a real debate is now taking place in Scotland as to what level of services can be afforded.

It is obvious to all that cuts in public spending will have to take place but where: reintroduction of tolls on bridges; reduction in eligibility for free public transport; introduction of University Tuition Fees; or ending the commitment to prevent Council Tax rises.

The problem is even greater because the Scot Nats (who control the Scottish Executive) have made no attempt to address the Budget crisis in 2010-2011.

The contrast with Suffolk is startling. We have made a start in the current years and because we used our money wisely our roads are generally in much better condition than the ones in Scotland.

But the views of the lochs and mountains are unbeatable (if you can put up with the midges).

Guy McGregor, County Councillor – Hoxne & Eye Division

#### YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



WE HAVE HAD SOME wonderful community events so far this summer and I know there are more to come. That is what

living in a village or rural community is all about and in this fine weather it is so easy to get to know new people or those you don't see so often.

I am sure everyone knows now that there are cuts coming both at county and district level and our job at Mid Suffolk is to see where they can be made with the least difficulty. At least 20 per cent of our budget has gone and there is more to come so we are sharing services with the possibility of merging with Babergh District Council. There are already savings being made by sharing officers and services, I am working hard to help protect as many of the rural amenities I can.

The Government wants more voluntary input but I know that many people are working and have family commitments which leaves very little free time, and we already do what we can for our community in so many ways.

Ipswich and Hartismere hospitals are about to announce better news for the county so I hope that it is not all bad news for our part of Suffolk.

We are also working with the Police to address the speeding issues in the villages. I have heard that they have a dedicated team now to monitor traffic speed in the villages but I am convinced that we need prosecutions to tell the offenders we mean business. Happy Holidays.

Élizabeth Gibson-Harries, District Councillor – Hoxne Ward Member

#### WHAT'S ON

#### Mondays

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

#### TUESDAYS

**Improver line dance class:** Coronation Hall, Wilby. 9.30am-11.30am. Rose, 01379 870346.

**Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. Brenda Hunt, 01379 678178.

**T-Plus:** Coffee, cakes, stalls, 10am-noon, All Saints, Thorndon. 01379 879759.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Improver/intermediate line dance class: Wortham Community Centre. 7.30pm–9.30pm. Rose, 01379 870346. Hoxon Hundred: Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practises. Ron Ross, 01379 643563.

Little Treasure's Baby & Toddler Group: St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 10am-12pm, term time. 07910 8331949.

#### FRIDAYS

**Bingo:** Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 01379 384642.

#### FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS

**Traditional music:** Worlingworth Swan, 2nd Fri evening of month in summer. Sunday lunch in autumn & winter.

#### SATURDAYS

Occold Market: Occold Village Hall, 9.30am-11.30am, weekly. 01379 678844 or villagehall@occold.com (see story). Artisan Craft and Produce Market: -Hoxne Village Hall, 10am-2pm. Second Saturday of the month.

#### SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

**Open days:** 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association open on last weekend of the month May-October (inclusive) 10am-4pm.

#### SUNDAYS

#### 95th BG Hospital Museum: May-

October (inclusive) on last Sunday in the month. 10am-5pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 & MONDAY, AUGUST 30 Eye Show & Country Fair: Palgrave

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Redlingfield & Occold WI: Open Meeting -Cookery Night with Freddie from Fredericks Fine Foods. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm. Horham & Athelington Community Council AGM: Horham.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Hoxne Garden & Social Club Flower & Produce Show: St Edmunds Hall. Starts 2pm. Admission 50p under 16s free.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 East Anglian Falconry Fair: The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, 10am-5pm. Adults £6.50, seniors £5, juniors aged 4-14 £4, family groups (five) £20, under 4s free. Family fun evening: 5.30pm till dark, Occold playing field - rounders, cricket, bowls. Take drink and a picnic and join in. Hot dogs and burgers on sale.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride: (see story)

**Glenn Miller Anniversary Dance:** The Blue Lounge, Red Feather Club, Horham. 7.30pm till late. Tickets £10 (01728 860930)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 95th BG Hospital Museum: Grand Open Day, Denham (see advert).

Harvest Barn Dance: Thorndon.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 Helmingham Hall Autumn Plant Fair: 10.30am-4pm. Plant sale held in partnership with Suffolk Plant Heritage. £6 entry includes admission to Hall Gardens.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 2pm-4pm. TUESDAY, SEPTEMPER 21 TO SATURDAY 25

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 TO SATURDAY 25 Fressingfield Music Festival: Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Fressingfield. Concerts start at 7.30pm. Tickets from £12 to £17 on door. Tickets from 01379 586459 or at Fressingfield Stores. **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TUESDAY. OCTOBER 19** Roman Polanski's The Ghost: Stradbroke Community Centre. Doors & bar open 7pm. Film 7.30pm. Tickets on door £5.50. FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER 24 Macmillan Coffee Morning: Take part in the world's biggest coffee morning & help raise money for charity (see story). SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 **Redlingfield Pub on the Green:** Doorstep Green 6pm-midnight. **Quiz Night:** Red Feather Club, Horham. To be confirmed. **TUESDAY. SEPTEMBER 28** Centre. The Victorian Way of Death: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. £2 (01728 860551). FRIDAY. OCTOBER 1 Meurte, Mystere Et Mutilation: Red Lion, Debenham. A tragi-comedy staged by Eyeswrite. 8pm. Tickets £8 & £6 Centre. concessions. Tickets etc: 01379 873536 or eyeswrite@aagh.fsnet.co.uk WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 Redlingfield & Occold WI: Garden Talk. Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm. SATURDAY. OCTOBER 9 Redlingfield Harvest Supper: Horham Community Centre. See village notice boards & leaflets. Italian evening: Occold Village Hall, 7pm till late. 4-course meal, £ 12.50 per person. Tickets 01379 678198 or 678160. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 Mustard Theatre Company presenting Natural Causes: St Edmunds Hall. Hoxne. A black comedy from the writer of Rising Damp. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £8. Tickets 01473 622723 or visit www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk SATURDAY. OCTOBER 16 Occold Harvest Supper: Village Hall. Meurte, Mystere Et Mutilation: Wingfield Barns. (See listing for Oct 1). Tickets

01379 384505.

Coffee Caravan Redlingfield: 2pm-4pm. The History of Diss: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. £2. **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21** Cinema In Stradbroke: Stradbroke Community Centre, Film to be announced. Doors and bar open 7pm. Film 7.30pm. Tickets on door £5.50. SATURDAY. OCTOBER 23 Denham Harvest Supper. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 Harvest Supper: Stradbroke Community WEDNESDAY. NOVEMBER 3 Redlingfield Coffee Morning: 10amnoon, Woodvale. Redlingfield & Occold WI: AGM, Fay Dinkley, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall. SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 13 Craft Fair: Stradbroke Community Cabaret Evening: Thorndon Village Hall. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18 Cinema In Stradbroke: Stradbroke Community Centre. Film to be announced. Doors and bar open 7pm. Film 7.30pm. Tickets on door £5.50. **TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 23 Research Evening:** Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. £2. FRIDAY. NOVEMBER 26 Elvis Night: Thorndon Village Hall. SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 27 Christmas fairs: Fressingfield School & Sancroft Hall. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 **Redlingfield Coffee Morning:** 1 Abbotts Meadow, 10am-noon, **Redlingfield & Occold WI:** Christmas at home Mary Ann Bartlett, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 Christmas Coffee Morning: The Chantry, Oueen Street, Stradbroke.

# A ringing success for barn owls

N LATE MAY. HEADING HOME from Acle. I chose to take the scenic L route rather than the main roads, and this led me across the marshes at Reedham Ferry. A very upset oystercatcher was dive-bombing the lane from a telegraph post, and was infuriated by my parking the truck. A pair may have suffered a casualty crossing the road, as one agitated adult had a solitary chick and the other, making a wilder piping call than usual, was on a "search and rescue" mission, probably to no avail.

A HIGHLIGHT ON JULY 30TH SAW two heavyweights of the Waveney Bird Club, Steve Piotrowski and Chris McIntyre, come to ring our second barn owl success. I had been granted the heady status of 'monitor', a title which escaped me at school, which meant I could open

the box and check the progress during the season. After the male lazily drifted off his branch outside the box, we found the female was caring for only one owlet from the five eggs I had counted in June, so not a great success rate.

However, the birding "pros" were not disappointed, and the juvenile was certainly a good 'un, weighing in at 390gms, a bit more even than the twoyear-old mother, which we ringed as well. The first feathers were showing under the ball of fluff and it was 41-days old.

Although I was mainly the observer with the camera, I did complete the actual ringing, and hopefully GC61815 and GC61816 will prosper for years to come. The omens are good if the larder was anything to go by, the box contained six or seven voles and mice, so the male had certainly been bringing home the bacon.

#### **POETRY CORNER**

#### **AUGUST IS HERE!**

- August is here, harvest time is here! August is so soon already over, half the year gone! A month named after an emperor so loved and remembered each vear? A month where hard work is called for to get the harvest in!
- Trust the weather's been kind this year? Trust this year is a good one, return for a year's hard work!
- Always a time of long days and short nights? A time to work hard for a just reward! Time to see nature's gifts in all their splendour! Bird song, flowers, the majesty of a big sky? The cosmos laid out all the stars are seen! Yes. August is a month to get the harvest in?

Mandav Miller

THE SAME DAY, CAROLINE from Redlingfield Hall rang in great excitement, she had seen what she thought was an *otter*, at close quarters hoofing across her lawn. Screams to Julian had produced only a slow response, so the second opinion she wanted was not forthcoming. But no doubt about it, at three-foot long, it reminded her of a wolverine from her Aussie memories and was headed for supper in the pond in her paddock. Next evening, there was a repeat performance across her back lawn. and Julian this time managed a good video recording in the dusk. The

comparison with wolverine was very apt, as both are members of the weasel family. The otter is quick over land as well as in water, with webbed toes and a sleek streamlined body. With large lungs, a single breath will keep the otter under water for three or four minutes, time

enough to swim up to a quarter of a mile. So that should make fishing in a Suffolk pond an absolute doddle. Maybe this one has a base on the River Dove and has decided to do some exploring.

WE ENTERTAINED SOME VISITORS from Perth, Australia, over the last weekend of July, who had emigrated from Suffolk 20 years ago. They enjoyed the prancing and dancing of a stoat on the lawn one morning and asked what it was. The answer came from my godson in Norfolk, who had taught me that "a weasel is weasily recognised whereas a stoat is stotally different".

WE ALL KNOW OF THE IMPRESSIVE migrations of many birds such as the swallow, but I was surprised by the travelling efforts of the humble *blackbird*. our most common thrush. One was ringed in Bungay in January by Steve Piotrowski. It was *recovered*, which is a birding-word



The barn ow and an angry oystercatcher.

meaning *found dead*, in April, nearly 1,000km away back home in Sweden. It is a huge distance to travel. What tough luck indeed to fly all that way, pause for breath to wipe a fevered brow with a battered wingtip, and then be squashed by a Volvo.

#### ONE VERY EARLY SUNDAY

morning, July 11th, a great view from the bedroom window of a fine plump **bullfinch** feeding on honeysuckle seeds, was marred by an equally good view of a grey squirrel helping himself to the bird feeders. It would have been an easy, safe shot, albeit only a few yards from the bedside. Next time, the question will be whether to wake Anita from her slumbers to tell her what's going on, or to let her find out the hard way. Perish the thought.

PS: A BIG THANK-YOU TO THE firemen of Eye and Stradbroke, who attended my combine fire on Sunday July 11th. Their response was very rapid indeed and their experience in combine harvester fires saved the day.

Wash Farm Wildlife, Trevor Edwards

#### IN MEMORIAM

MALCOLM FONTAINE COSBURN: Mac, as he liked to be known, was born in Cornwall the only son of Walter and Mavis and was raised on his grandfather's farm near Wadebridge. It was there he developed a passion for angling and he would walk miles to find a good stretch of river to fish for trout and salmon. Whenever he went back to Cornwall he would include a fishing trip. His other interests as a young man were motorcycles and cars and he loved playing cricket and football. Mac started his working life in an auctioneers and estate agents where his father was a director. But that wasn't for him and soon he was doing what he loved, engineering. He was proud of his work on Rolls-Royce engines. As his company diversified he became involved in plastic moulding, which brought him to East Anglia. But Mac's health deteriorated and he could no longer work the long hours. He had a heart bypass 12 years ago, which gave him some quality of life. He married Brenda in 1965 and has two sons, Gavin and Darren, and grandsons Ethan, Matthew and Daniel. Mac passed on May 18th, suddenly at home in Redlingfield, aged 65. The Cosburn family would like to express their gratitude for kindness and sympathy shown in thought and deed, and for attending Mac's funeral service. Mike Ager

**MARGARET LAURA CHAMBERS:** Known as Maggie by many, she was born in Horham, the daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Baldwin. There were eight in the family, three sons and five girls. Maggie, who has one son named Robert, lived in the Tannington area after she married. She came back to live in St Mary's Close, Horham, six years ago. She was a member of Horham Chapel and the Happy Circle Club. She loved meeting people and visited her neighbours when she was well. In her younger days Maggie was on her bicycle going out to



was well. In her younger days Maggie was on her bicycle going out to work at Mr and Mrs W. Havers at the Beeches, Cranley Green, when the B-17 crashed in Redlingfield. She was so pleased to see the memorial a few weeks before she passed away. She will be missed in the village of Horham and the area. Maggie was 88 when she passed away at Ipswich Hospice on July 7th and she was buried near her late husband, Ted Chambers, at Horham Church on July 16th. This is in memory of Maggie from Robert and the family. **Kath Chapman** 

**JOYCE MARY MUTTOCK:** The funeral of Joyce Muttock, mother of Richard and Angela, who died in hospital on July 12th aged 88, was held on July 20th at Redlingfield Church to which she made a notable contribution by helping to organise the first flower festival nearly fifty years ago, and donations in her memory for the church amounted to £261. Married to Percy Muttock in 1940, she took a hardworking part in his haulage business, and did the books for local farmers. A keen member of the Women's Institute, meetings were held at her home, Mill Cottage, until the branch moved to Occold. After Percy died, she moved back to Eye, but always came to Redlingfield to see the flower festivals. Loving wife of the late Percy and a dear mum to Richard and Angie and a dearly loved granny and great granny.

David Streeter

#### SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES (HORHAM):

**Mondays to Fridays:** Bus Service 482 by Nightingale of Beccles (except Bank Holidays) Horham church 7.12 10.12 12.12 14.32 17.25

Diss Bus Station 7.47 10.47 12.47 15.07 18.00

Diss Bus Station 9.10 11.10 13.30 16.25 18.05

Horham church 9.45 11.45 14.05 17.00 18.40

**FRIDAYS:** Fareline Bus & Coach's 475 Wingfield-Stradbroke-Hoxne-Diss service leaves Horham from opposite the church at 9.52am arriving at Diss Bus Station at 10.32am. The return bus leaves Diss Bus Station at 1pm arriving at Horham at 1.35pm. Full timetable in bus shelter opposite church.

**HIGH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (REDLINGFIELD):** There are once-a-week return minibus services from Redlingfield to Diss and Stowmarket.

**Diss-Fridays:** The Worlingworth-Bedfield-Redlingfield-Eye-Diss service picks up from The Knoll at 9.42am arriving at Diss Bus Station at 10.07am. It returns from Diss Bus Station at 12.20pm arriving at Redlingfield at 12.45pm.

**STOWMARKET-THURSDAYS:** The Redlingfield-Worlingworth-Debenham-Stowmarket service leaves from The Knoll at 8.55am arriving at Stowmarket Market Place, Argos Store, at 10am. It leaves Stowmarket at 1.10pm arriving in Redlingfield at 2.15pm.

- **FELIXSTOWE ETC:** During Summer Fareline's Diss-Eye-Framlingham-Woodbridge-Felixstowe service (route 170) calls at Redlingfield.
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTACTS:** Bus timetables: 01473 265097; download: www.suffolkonboard.com; order online: www.csduk.com/csd/forms. Home-to-school transport: 0845 6066067; timetables: www.suffolkonboard.com. Bus route & service enquiries: 0845 6066067. Traveline: 0871 2002233 & www.traveline.info.
- **DIAL-A-RIDE MINIBUS (ATHELINGTON, HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD):** The Borderhoppa, which has a capacity of one to 16 people and offers disabled access, is available Mon-Fri, 8.30am- 5pm. Bookings are taken Mon-Fri, 8.30am-3.30pm, 48 hours in advance. Tel: 01379 854800. Email: borderhoppa@redmoon.me.uk
- **KICKSTART:** Kickstart is a moped loan scheme that could help you get a job or training place by loaning you a moped. Email Suffolk ACRE at kickstart@suffolkacre.org.uk, visit www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/transport/kickstart or phone 01473 242500,
- LIBRARIES: Suffolk residents may join both Suffolk and Norfolk public libraries. Eye: Buckshorn Lane, Eye, IP23 7AZ. Tel: 01379 870515. Open: Tues 9.30am-1pm; Wed 9.30pm-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm; Thurs 2pm-5.30pm; Fri 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-7pm; Sat 9.30am-1pm; Sun 10am-3pm.

**STRADBROKE:** Court House, Queens Street, Stradbroke, IP21 5HG. Tel: 01379 384768. Open: Tues 2.30pm-5pm & 5.30pm-7.30pm; Thurs 10am-1pm & 2.30pm-5pm; Fri 2.30pm-5pm; Sat 10am-12.30pm; Sunday 10am-3pm.

**Diss:** Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD. Tel: 01379 642609. Open: Mon 9am-5pm; Tues 9am-1pm; Wed 9am-7.30pm; Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-7.30pm; Sat 9am-1pm.

**MOBILE LIBRARY (HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD):** The Mobile Library visits on alternate Thursdays - Sept 2, 16 & 30; Oct 14 & 28; Nov 11 & 25. It stops at The Knoll, Redlingfield, 11.40am-11.50am and Horham Church, noon-12.10pm. To contact the mobile library, phone 07736 007604. Alternatively, you can telephone the office 9am-noon, Mon-Fri, on 07872 676698 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

**EYE CHURCH SHOP:** Open Monday & Wednesday 11am-1pm and Fridays 11am-3pm.

#### **GROUPS & CLUBS ETC**

- **HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** (opposite the church): Membership £10 for a family living at one address, (2 adults and children up to 16 years), £5 for a single adult, £3 for a junior 16/18 years (age must be proven). Membership fees run from Jan 1-Dec 31. Membership forms are available from the bar staff, or Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Community Centre club nights and opening hours: Wed, Fri, and Sat, 8pm-11pm (admission may be restricted when a private function is being held). Further information on membership or events from Angela Wilkins. Hall bookings via Karen Alderton on 01379 384754. Chairman Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, 01379 384363. Personal Licence Holder Rod Tyrrell, 01379 388285.
- HORHAM OLD SCHOOL & SOCIAL CLUB (next to church): Membership £5 per year, and the Club is open from 8pm till late on Tues and Fri. Chairman Keith Hawes, Meadow Farm, Athelington, Eye, 01728 628608. Secretary Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke. Hall Bookings via Pip Florance, 01379 384370, Laburnum Cottage, The Street, Horham. Personal License Holder Keith Hawes.
- **REDLINGFIELD & OCCOLD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** Meetings in Occold on the first Wed of every month except January when they are on the second Wed. President Caroline Miller, 01379 678871. Information on meetings on What's On pages of this magazine and at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RedlingfieldPC/WomensInstitute/
- **New Reeding Woods Group, Pound Lane Wood**, Redlingfield Road, Horham: Join a working party, or become a "Friend" by calling Mike Reeves on 01379 668179. This is community woodland, held in trust for all the villagers of Denham, Horham and Athelington.
- **95TH BOMB GROUP HERITAGE ASSOCIATION/RED FEATHER CLUB:** Horham Airfield, IP21 5DG (see what's on for open days & events). Annual membership £8. Frank Sherman, 01379 678471 Email: frank.sherman@btinternet.com Web: www.95thbg-horham.com
- 95тн Вомв Group Hospital Museum, Shingle Hill, Denham, IP21 5EU (see what's on for open days & events). Tel: 01379 870514. Email: tony@albrow.org Web: www.hexpek.co.uk/95thbghm/index.htm
- **RoyaL BRITISH LEGION STRADBROKE AND DISTRICT BRANCH:** The branch meet at The King's Head, Laxfield (Low House), starting 11.30am on the first Thurs of the month for a meeting with speaker and lunch. Hon Sec Jeremy Higgins, 01379 384300. The branch are happy to welcome new members and to provide welfare support where appropriate.
- **EYE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION:** The branch meet at Tacon Close Community Room in Eye for social events, with guest speakers and to raise funds on the third Monday in Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct and Dec at 7.15pm. All women welcome. The Secretary, Mrs C Elliott, 01379 644981.
- **Royal Air Forces Association Diss and District RAFA Branch** (covers this area): Meetings second Monday of each month at Diss Town Football Club, Brewers Green Lane. Details from Brian Ager secretary 01379 640337 (email ager.brian@googlemail.com). Website: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/DissandDistrictRAFA.
- **THE EYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FUND:** This trust fund provides grants to young people and educational organisations serving those under 25 who live in Eye, Athelington, Bedfield and Horham. Special grants are available to cover expenses not met by the local education authority. For application form write to: Mrs L Bernard, Clerk to the Eye Grammar School Fund, 2 Lowgate Street, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7AS, or 01379 870787.

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- Age Concern RedLingField Representative: Jacqueline Love, Western Barn, Abbotts Meadow, Redlingfield. 01379 678805, email@davidlove.f9.co.uk Age Concern website www.ageconcern.org.uk/
- **SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE:** 5 Cherry Tree Lane, Debenham, Suffolk, IP14 6QT. Has rescued cats, dogs, rabbits and other small animals seeking new homes. 01728 860937, suffolkar@hotmail.com Website www.suffolkanimalrescue.org
- **SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY STRADBROKE & EYE GROUP:** Meetings Stradbroke Community Centre on the last Tues of the month at 7.30pm (entry £2). 01728 860551, Website: www.suffolkfhs.co.uk
- **THE EYE & DISTRICT MEMBERS GROUP OF THE SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST:** Works to raise funds and promote awareness of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Regular monthly evening meetings are at Mellis Village Hall. Tim Craven, 01379 668383. Website: www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk/
- **Hoxon Hundred:** Morris dancers and musicians practice on Wednesdays through autumn and winter at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne at 7.30pm. Ron Ross, 01379 643563, hoxon@btinternet.com Web: www.hoxonhundred.co.uk
- **DENHAM VILLAGE HALL:** Charges for hiring the hall range from £35 for all-day hires by nonresidents to £7 for residents' children's parties. Electricity, which includes most of the heating, is extra, paid by a 50p and £1 slot meter in the kitchen. Bookings can be made with Tina Chenery (01379 870797). Hall management committee chairman: Mr D. Reynolds (01379 668797); secretary: Rose McMahon (01379 870346).
- **FRAMLINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB:** Meets at the Conservative Club Mon at 7 pm to play duplicate bridge. All players welcome single players get a game. Improvers Class on Wed 1-4 pm.
- **Occold Preschool:** For children from 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 5 years. Sessions Mon-Fri, including a lunch club. Linda Jay at Occold Pre School, Occold Village Hall, Occold, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7PL, 07790 605219, occoldpreschoolemail@googlemail.com
- **JUNGLE CUBS AND JUNGLE GIANTS:** For children 1 to 11 years at The Gymnasium, Kerrison, Thorndon. Includes out of school and holiday clubs. Open Mon-Fri, 7.30am-6pm. Whitney McMaster or Louise Austin 07834 483893.
- **EVE YOUTH CLUB:** For 13-18 year olds on Tues and Wed 7.30-9pm at the Eye Youth Centre opposite the Church. Jonathan Pooley, 01379 870173 or 01379 870928.
- **FIRST Eye Guides:** For girls aged 10 upwards. Eye Primary School on Tues 7-8.30pm. Wendy Spencer, 01379871125, or Sue White, 01379 870036.
- 1st Eye Scout Group (INCORPORATING BEAVERS, CUBS & Scouts): All groups meet at the Scout Hut, Wellington Road, Eye. Group Scout Leader is Tim Passmore 07970 544362 or contact Joan Norman, 01379 890432 or joan\_norman69@hotmail.com
   BEAVERS: For 6 to 8 year olds - boys and girls. Wed 5.30-7pm. Karen Ruth, 01379 873544.
   CUBS: For 8 to 10½ year olds. Fri 6-7.30pm. Sue Wood, 01379 669233.
   Scouts: For 10½ to 14 year olds. Tues 7.30-9pm. Kate Broad, 01449 673472.
- **VOLUNTEER CENTRE MID-SUFFOLK:** There are usually up to 550 volunteering opportunities on offer within 200 voluntary organisations in Mid Suffolk. These include driving community vehicles, visiting and befriending and getting involved in community projects. The Centre at 5 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, IP14 2AS, is open Mon to Fri 9am-2pm. Tel: 01449 612486. Email: volunteer.centre@optua.org.uk Web www.do-it.org.uk or www.optua.org.uk
- **Eye & District Volunteer Centre:** You can get practical help or volunteer at 20 Broad Street, Eye, IP23 7AF. Open: Mon 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm; Wed 10.30am-12.30pm; Fri 10.30am-3.30pm. Tel: 01379 871200.

#### FARMERS MARKETS, Advice, Information & Churches

- FARMERS' MARKETS ETC: STOWMARKET, Marketplace, first Fri of the month, 9.30am-1pm. RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL, second Sat of the month, 9am-1pm. STRADBROKE BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE, first Sat of the month, term time only, 9am-1pm. DISS, Marketplace, second Sat of the month, 9am-1pm. THORNDON, first Sun of the month 10am-4pm, Thorndon Tea Rooms, Kerrison Conference Centre. EYE COUNTRY MARKET: The Town Hall Wed, 10am-11am.
- CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX: Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ and www.adviceguide.org.uk DISS, THETFORD & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:

Diss: Shelfanger Road, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4EH Tel: 01379 651333 (Diss); 01842 764860 - welfare rights and money advice Thetford. Fax: 01379 640530 & 01842 750986. Email: advice@disscab.cabnet.org.uk Open: 10am-3pm Mon (drop in & telephone advice); 10am-3pm Tues (telephone advice only); 10am-3pm Wed (drop in & telephone advice) & 4pm-6pm (appointments & telephone advice); 10am-3pm Thurs & Fri (drop in & phone advice). Other Services at Diss: Lunchtime Tues local solicitors - by appointment only. By appointment Independent Financial Adviser.

**HARLESTON:** Information Centre, 8 Exchange Street. Open: 10am-noon Wed & Fri. **Eye:** Customer Services Direct, Cross Street. Open: 10am-noon Thurs.

**MID-SUFFOLK CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: STOWMARKET:** 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1EZ. Tel: 01449 676060 & 01449 676280. Fax: 01449 675634 - ring before faxing. Open: 9.30am-3.30pm Mon; 9.30am-3.30pm Tues; 9.30am-3.30pm Wed for telephone advice only; 9.30am-6.30pm Thurs; 9.30am-12.30pm Fri.

- **INFORMATION CENTRES: EVE SERVICE CENTRE:** 6 Cross Street, Eye, IP23 7AB. Open: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. A partnership between Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. **HARLESTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE:** 8 Exchange Street, Harleston. Open: Mon-Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm; Sat, 10am-1pm. Offers information covering this area.
- **Occold Baptist Church,** The Street, Occold. Church Secretary: Paul Harvey (01379 678764) paul\_harvey@btinternet.com Deacon: Phillip Leeder (01379 678962). Friends & Neighbours: Pauline Harvey (01379 678764).
- **SUNDAYS:** Services are at 10.45am and 6pm. The evening service is followed by refreshments and a chat. Every first Sun after the evening service at 7pm there is supper and you are very welcome to join us. **THURSDAYS:** Bible study with opportunity for discussion at 7.30pm. On the last Thurs of each month Occold Baptists join with Diss Baptist Church, Denmark Hill, Diss, at 7:30pm. Second Thurs at Rishangles Baptist Church at 7.30pm. **WEDNESDAYS:** Friends & Neighbours for ladies, second Wed of each month at 7.30pm. A guest demonstrates a craft or speaks about their work or travels.
- HORHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, Chapel Lane. Secretary, John Ladbrook, Potash Farm, Fingal Street, Worlingworth, IP13 7PD. Tel: 01728 628670. Web: www.horhambaptistchurch.org
  MAIN MEETINGS: Sunday: 10.45am morning worship and Sunday school, family service second Sunday in month, communion quarterly. 2pm afternoon worship, communion first Sunday in month. For UNDER 18s: crèche (0-3); Sunday school (3-15); Megamix (5-11); Horhamania (11-16+); Brownies; Holiday Club (3-11); Familytime (all ages); youth house groups. Local OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Horhamania (11-16+); Brownies; Holiday Club (3-11); parents & toddlers; Female Focus; seniors' meals.

**GROVE EVANGELICAL CHURCH:** Occold Village Hall, grove@grace-ea.org.uk **SUNDAY SERVICES:** 10:45am inc Sunday School & 3pm. **Mondays:** Ladies Evening -informal Bible study and activities 7.30pm. **GROVE YOUTH CLUB:** Alternate Fridays 9-11 years 7.30-9pm & 12 plus 9-10pm. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND:** ALL SAINTS, Stradbroke, Church St; **St Andrew, Redlingfield**, Church Road; **St Peter, Athelington; St Mary, Horham**, The Street. Rev David Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, IP21 5HU, Tel: 01379 384869. Email:

davidstreeter@suffolkonline.net. Website: info on church services is available at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RedlingfieldPC/Church/

SERVICES (Holy Communion unless stated. Check times on church/village notice board): September 5: Athelington, Benefice Communion, 10am. Sept 12: Horham, 9am; Redlingfield, 10am. Sept 19: Athelington, 10am; Horham, Morning Prayer, 11.15am. Sept 26: Stradbroke, 9am; Redlingfield, Morning Prayer, 10 am; Athelington, Harvest Festival 4pm.

**October 3:** Harvest Festivals - Horham 11.15am; Redlingfield 6.30pm. **Oct 10:** Horham, 9am; Athelington,10am. **Oct 17:** Horham, 9am; Redllingfield, 10am. **Oct 24:** Athelington; 9am; Horham, Morning Prayer, 11.15am. **Oct 31:** All Saints Sunday at Stradbroke, Benefice Communion 11am.

**November 7:** Athelington, Benefice Communion, 10am. **Nov 14:** Remembrance Day Services - Redlingfield, 9.45am; Stradbroke, 10.50am; Horham, 3pm. **Nov 21:** Stradbroke, 8am; Redlingfield, St Andrew's-Tide Service, 4pm. **Nov 27:** Stradbroke, 8am; Athelington, Advent Carol Service, 4.30pm.

Most Holy TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, High Road, Diss. Parish Priest - Father Simon Blakesley, Diocesan Tribunal Office, 21 Upgate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH. 07946 390060, HolyTrinityDiss@aol.com Web: http://holytrinitydiss.tripod.com (no www.). Sunday Mass: 9.30am (sung); 10.30am at Quidenham (sung); 11.30am; 6pm. Holy Days: 8am at Quidenham; 10am; 8pm. WEEKDAY MASS: Mon 10am; Tues 8am; Wed 10am; Fri 10am; Sat 10am. Morning Prayer 20 minutes before Mass on weekdays. SATURDAYS: Rosary prayed 9.40am. Confessions 10.30am -10.45am or at call.

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