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**R**EDLINGFIELD'S WEBSITE HAS been proving useful ... more families of the men who died in the Green Farm B-17 crash have been in touch – the brother of Gail Richmond and Linda Rongstad Shepherd, the niece of pilot Kenneth Rongstad. The site ([www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk)) has more details. It has also helped Allan and Susan Chapman get in touch with a long-lost cousin in the US who emailed the parish. And Christine Hale has contacted us looking for any information on people with the surnames Bean or Pipe. No sooner had that enquiry popped into Janet Norman-Philips' inbox than Alan Johnson turned up with a faded sampler made by 11-year-old Maryann Bean in Redlingfield in 1835 (this is now on our website). If you have any information on the families please contact us and we'll pass it on.

**THE LAST TIME HORHAM TOOK ON Redlingfield at pool and darts Horham edged it. On Wednesday March 9th, there's a return match at the community centre. Redlingfield will nominally be at home, providing the sandwiches etc. If you're interested in playing for Horham contact David Whatling. If you want to play for Redlingfield or are able to help with the catering contact me. Mike Ager**

● *The front page picture of a woodpecker is from Wikimedia Commons*

■ *IT'S GETTING A BUSY time of year with preparations for events in full swing – as well as the many things in Redlingfield I'm involved with – arrangements are well under way for the visit of our friends from the 95th Bomb Group in the US and Horham Bygones Country Rally, which already has new attractions lined up. Roll on summer I say.*

■ *THERE IS A LOT ABOUT closures in this issue – and sadly Eye Bookshop in Broad Street, run by Chris Mawson of Denham Street, has shut. He's moving his business online to [www.abebooks.co.uk](http://www.abebooks.co.uk) as Bowhill Books. I wish him all the best.*

■ *FROM THIS ISSUE ON unless otherwise stated all phone numbers have an 01379 prefix unless otherwise stated.*

■ *THE LISTS OF USEFUL numbers etc have now been separated out into a supplement we aim to produce once a year – we'll see how that goes.*

**If you would like to advertise or contribute to the magazine or have an event or organisation you would like featured contact: Evelyn Adey on [evelynadey@e1603.fsnet.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:mike@gn.apc.org) or 678835 at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU.**

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# After the winter's gone ...

*... Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife looks at a weird woodpecker, feisty ferrets and a very ambitious cat*

**T**HE ASHES CRICKET TOUR led to the exchange of many emails with old friend Simon in Canberra.

Years ago, he took his wife into a bar in the Outback for a beer and an Aussie pie. As they walked straight into an all-male booze-up, the barman warned his locals, "Mind your language, there's a duck on the pond."

That, hopefully, is the last word on ducks, but you can never tell with **Mallard**. One annually inspects the roof of our dilapidated stables for a risky nesting site, and there is the story of another using the window-box of a third-floor town flat every year. How daft is that?

AFTER SUCH A SAVAGE winter, it is obvious that hedgehogs, dormice and bats had the right idea when they invented hibernation. The dormouse loses half its bodyweight in the process. In a way, the dormouse with its bushy tail reminds me of a miniature grey squirrel, which is not very flattering, as I have heard the latter described very well as a rat in a cute outfit. The

pest raiding our birdfeeders came to a noisy end recently and I was pleased to see that its place on the fat-ball was quickly taken by a flurry of **Long-tailed tits**.

The coldest December for 100 years did serious damage to the East Anglian sugar-beet crop, with rotted beet left in the ground. The lime companies are seeing extra lime orders to compensate the souring effect. It must be sour enough to poison a toad, to quote Raymond Chandler, though he was talking about the LA smog.

THE VERY FIRST SIGN of the end of the freeze came on December 28th, with our **Great Spotted Woodpecker** drumming away on his favourite ash tree, telling the woodpecker world he was back in business in the usual place.

Willie of Worlingworth, the one with the Labradors, gave me a good woodpecker photo opportunity. Do the good folk there have any idea that their electricity supply is being sabotaged?

Here is a GSW seriously excavating the post to the power lines. With three such large holes, the post must be





**Worlingworth's electricity supply under attack, opposite, Steve, Rebecca and Katie with their ferrets and, below, cock pheasant 'Long John'.**

nearly hollow. Willie, by the way, is the only person I know who knows the Queen. He works his dogs on one of the Queen's shoots, which makes him a picker-up of birds by Royal Appointment.

On February 7th, it is tempting to anticipate the end of winter with the night-time temperature as mild as 12-13 degrees centigrade. The garden is getting very lively, the blue-tits seem bluer and the blackbirds seem blacker as everything hurtles about at high speed.



Although I have seen **Cock Pheasants** squaring up to each other on the farm, our garden resident, *Long John*, (he has a pretty silvery back) is very much a lone bird, content to strut across the lawn to scavenge under the bird-feeder on his own.

Today he looks as happy as a beetle in a rosebud, blissfully unaware that we have just casseroled two of his mates for lunch.

**STEVE THE FERRET MAN HAS** had excellent results this winter in the never-ending campaign against the rabbits. His girls, Rebecca and Katie, aged 11 and 8, are accomplished ferret-handlers and like to join Dad to manage *Fidget*, *Ginger*, *Snowy* and *Hopscotch* in a session which can net as many as a dozen rabbits.

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Steve says the colder winters have stopped the rabbits from surviving above ground in surface scrapes and driven them down the burrows. This has made the bolting by the ferrets much more successful. He has also witnessed some rare sights such as a set-to between his ferret and a **Stoat**, (which *Fidget* won before ferreting out five rabbits) and a rabbit bolting with a **Weasel** clinging to its back before succumbing to the attack.

Steve enjoyed another fascinating experience whilst ferreting in Caroline Risk's wood. He heard a **Buzzard** calling as it flew towards him in the wood, only to watch it seen off the premises by an aggressive **Sparrow-hawk** already above him in the trees, a real David and Goliath event. A shame really, because if the buzzard was looking for some new territory, it

would have been a change to have a local buzzard rather than yet another sparrow-hawk.

MIDGE GIBBONS REPORTS HER cat has killed a **Blue-tit**, ringed here at Wash Farm in January 2010 and we agreed that, as her garden and mine are both host to many of the same, we would avoid too much wailing and gnashing of teeth.

In fact, just the opposite, as *Casper's* greatest catch was a hen pheasant, which it brought into the kitchen. The pheasant was then released unharmed at the backdoor from where it belted off to freedom, the reason for the lucky escape being *Casper* is minus half his teeth so was unable to finish the job off. Not enough teeth to gnash, you couldn't really make it up! Nevertheless, that sounds like some ambitious cat.

### ***Do you know the names of our Parish Councillors? Do you attend their meetings? Do you know who is chairman, or clerk or treasurer?***

All political parties are currently proclaiming their wish to enable local people to have more say in local issues. If this does indeed happen we need to know who is speaking for us so that they can represent our views. Democracy isn't simply about majority rule – it is about having an elected group to represent individual opinions.

The Parish Council which represents Horham and Athelington rarely has an election because it rarely has enough nominees to fill all the council places. In fact sometimes people have to be co-opted (or arm twisted?). Athelington has one councillor and Horham has six. Anyone can be nominated to stand for the Parish Council if they live in the villages or live within three miles of the village boundary.

Being a councillor is not an arduous task, there are not many meetings and it could enable you to have a real say in what happens in our villages. So, think about it; if enough people put their names forward we can have a lively and meaningful council to debate whatever changes government brings in

Nomination forms will be with the Parish Clerk, Angela Wilkins, after March 7th. They can also be downloaded from the Mid Suffolk web site. If anyone without a computer wants a download they are welcome to ask me to get a form for them.

***Evelyn Adey***





### HARDY VILLAGERS:

On Tuesday January 25th close to 20 hardy villagers congregated in the centre of Redlingfield for an extra visit from the Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project. Villagers braved the winter

weather for a short visit from the project's camper van. As well as the usual coffee, cakes and a chat a photographer from the Diss Express was there for a picture to go with a story about the project's revamped website ([www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk](http://www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk)). The Coffee Caravan will resume its regular Tuesday visits in April – see the what's on pages for details. *Photograph courtesy of the Diss Express ([www.dissexpress.co.uk](http://www.dissexpress.co.uk)).*

3.00PM. OUT THROUGH THE garden gate and on to the already icy ringing road where a careful tread is required. On this lovely still afternoon beyond the village the low sun turns tawny the broad scene.

Trudging along I see traces of snow hanging above the slowly re-freezing surfaces of ice on ice in the bottoms of ditches.

The guns on this late afternoon are out and still busy, one over towards Horham sounding more the weight of an artillery piece than a shotgun. Distantly, from Athelington way, comes the gentle sound of Sunday evening bells, the peals repeating and repeating in the quiet air.

Too soon it is time to turn for home as the air becomes cooler and the light goes. But, on turning, there



before me hangs a glorious sky like a copper cauldron, reflecting in its polished surface a large, pale setting disc of light. All partially veiled by a scatter of small smoke coloured clouds. From nearby farms the house dogs answer the yard dogs in the sharp, darkening air.

An out-early, unseen barn owl hoots softly not far off as it begins to go about its hungry hunting, its call as haunting as the sight of it would be in the fading light – if only I could catch it.

A taggle of calling rooks drops piece by piece into a copse of charred lace trees and high overhead a cold shiver of moon hangs like a chalked image on a dark blueboard.

But I need to step it out now if I am to get home before it is quite dark.

**Neville Butcher**

# Another friendly invasion

*... our American friends from the 95th are coming to Horham for their reunion tour sparking off a host of events in the area*

**M**EMBERS OF THE 95TH Bomb Group and their families will be visiting us from May 11th to 18th.

As well as special events to entertain our visitors from the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation – many of whom will be staying in your homes – there are big to appeal to everyone.

A big weekend of events will kick off on Saturday May 14th with Denham's 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum's 15th anniversary open day from 10am to 4pm. The new tea rooms will be open, and there will be military vehicles, period extras and dancing –

parking and admission is free. The museum is also open on Sunday along with many other attractions.

On Sunday May 15th in Horham, at the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association/Red Feather Club – the official UK museum of the 95th Bomb Group – new attractions are being unveiled as part of its Grand Open Day. The completely revamped museum and a new guard room home for the 1285th Military Police Company re-enactors should be top draws along with military vehicles, 1940s dancing, stalls and, it is hoped, a flypast. The Red Feather Club will be open 10am to 5pm.

## **THE QUIET TIME OF YEAR?**

*January & February are the quiet time of year!*

*The gray time of year, nothing happens time of year?*

*Life stops, takes a rest, to take stock time of year!*

*Not a get-up-and-go time of year but to doze-in-bed time of year?*

*But come the equinox! Life will hit the fan!*

*The exuberance of spring will bounce out of the gray time of year?*

*Life springs everywhere you will look no pause here at this time of year!*

*The air is full of song, a joyful pandemonium of life come March that time of year?*

*March is an apt name at this time of year, life marches on!*

*So soon the exuberant plants burst out of every nook & cranny?*

*The chaos of spring will have started to banish the quiet time of year!*

*By day & night life will never sleep but burst out on to the heat of summertime of year?*

*This is not a gray time of year but when nature takes a breather!*

*To look back at the year just gone and say boy what a year?*

*No pause for thought, no rest, just be ready for the rollercoaster of the year ahead!*

*Shambolic and scatter-brained year to come – may be I will be along for the ride?*

**Mandy Miller**

## **POETRY CORNER**





**Earl Joswick entertaining Air Cadets with his tales of life in the 95th at last year's Grand Open Day.**

Horham Church Tower will be open on Sunday, 10am-5pm, to enjoy the view. For those who want something different at the bases' former guardroom, now Denham Village Hall, there will be an art exhibition by Mark Chester, a stall from the Harleston Craft Club – and they will serve refreshments, cream teas, cakes and coffee, throughout the day.

Sadly there are fewer veterans every year and Staff Sgt Earl B Joswick, who laid a wreath at the unveiling of the B-17 memorial in Redlingfield and charmed everyone who met him on his visits to Horham in 2009 and 2010, passed away on December 21st aged 87. Earl was a truly charming man who survived being shot down and also shot as he parachuted to the ground before spending 14 months as a prisoner of war – enduring a forced march across Germany in the winter of 1944-45. He was hoping to return to Horham this year.

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of all 95th veterans who passed away in 2010. **Mike Ager**

■ **CHRISTMAS CHEER:** Mother and Father Christmas would like to thank everyone in Horham and Athelington for their generous donations to EACH children's hospice. Father Christmas was very busy this year making approximately 50 deliveries. The total raised was £810 which makes just over £3,600 since 2003. Thanks also to Rod Tyrrell and Karen Alderton for running raffles on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. **Mother Christmas**

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – proposal to build a double carport and single garage for the new dwelling under construction at Lodge Farm, The Street, Horham. **Granted** – use of land for marquee to hold five events per year in 2011 and 2012. Marquee to be in-situ from May 28th to September 30th 2011 and May 19th to September 29th 2012 at Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington.

■ **ROYAL PARTY:** Celebrate the Royal Wedding at Horham Community Centre from 7.30pm. Tickets are just £1 to cover the entertainment costs. Please bring a plate of food to share or a raffle prize. Tickets from Karen Alderton (384754), Horham PO or Community Centre. **Karen Alderton**

■ **LADIES LUNCH:** On December 4th 14 ladies from Redlingfield enjoyed a carvery Christmas lunch at Thorndon Black Horse. It was a great start to the festive season. We are grateful to Joyce Leeder for the idea, David Love for driving some of the ladies to Thorndon, and the Black Horse for a lovely meal. We are going to do it again in April – phone Linda on 678984 for details. **Linda Hudson**

# Beyond the poppies and

**A**TENTION FOCUSES ON the fund-raising efforts of the Royal British Legion (RBL) on Remembrance Day every year. But once the parades are over and poppy wreaths laid, it is easy to forget that the work of the RBL goes on.

The Poppy Appeal raises millions each year – in 2010, its target was £36 million – to help the generation of servicemen and women and their dependents involved in Afghanistan. The potential number of beneficiaries who could qualify for support from the RBL is believed to be 9.5 million – it hopes to help the 500,000 who are thought to be in greatest need.

Joyce Cooper, of Horham, is a member of Stradbroke & District RBL together with her father, World War Two veteran Alan King. She uses her skills as a social worker, to work on a voluntary basis as a welfare officer for Suffolk RBL, visiting men and women who live in North Suffolk.

Last September, she was on a 'Poppy Travel Tour' of 'Operation Market Garden' with her father in Arnhem, Holland, and witnessed the finish of the Help for Heroes fund-raising cycle ride, she said: "It was quite distressing seeing so many young men, with so many limbs missing. They may be coping now, whilst they have their youth, but in time they will need more and more

help. So it is important people give generously for our war veterans both young and old."

To be eligible for RBL help you have to have served in the Armed Forces for at least seven days, or be the dependant of someone who has served. Help given is based on a confidential financial assessment, and assessment of need. She said: "I am

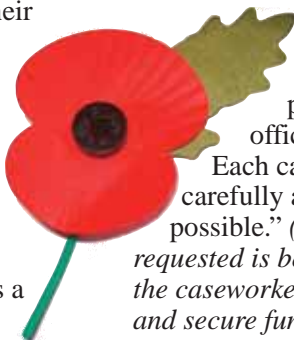
basically an information gatherer. This information is then passed on to our county office in Bury St Edmunds.

Each case is considered carefully and 'almonised' as far as possible." (*Where assistance requested is beyond any grant limit, the caseworker will work to identify and secure funds from other sources*).

She added: "As an RBL case worker, I visit both men and women, ex-service personnel and their widows or widowers. Clients can range in age from their early 20s to late 90s. I see World War Two veterans, Northern Ireland veterans to recent Bosnian, Falklands and Far East veterans."

The services offered range from benefits and money advice, to household goods, food, clothing, funeral costs, mobility aids, as well as holiday breaks, visitor's schemes and retirement homes.

The RBL has also committed funding over ten years towards running four recovery centres, one of which will be at Colchester. Built by



# parades with the RBL

Help for Heroes and operated jointly by the RBL and the MOD, they will provide rehabilitation and assistance to injured soldiers.

Over Christmas the branch introduced a new fund-raising initiative – black Christmas trees covered in red lights and poppies in shops and public places around the area. The trees raised almost £600 (*A longer version of this feature originally appeared in the Diss Express*). **Joyce Cooper**

**STRADBROKE AND DISTRICT**  
Branch of the Royal British Legion's annual dinner is on Friday March 18th. Please apply to Jeremy Higgins at The Chantry, Queen St, Stradbroke, Eye, Suffolk IP21 5HG for tickets, which cost £15. The event is in Stradbroke Community Centre noon for a 12.30pm start. The ticket price includes wine on the table plus waitress service. The guest speakers

will be Dr Daniel Poulter MP and John Farmer, the national chairman of the RBL Applications for tickets must be made no later than Friday March 11th with payment. Cheques payable to Stradbroke RBL. **Jeremy Higgins**

**BRANCH CHAPLAIN REV DAVID**  
Streeter spoke about 'war poems' at the branch's February meeting. Branch secretary Jeremy Higgins reported on the recent Suffolk County RBL annual conference at Needham Market Community Centre. He returned with the county small branch runner-up efficiency and progress certificate, which had been presented by county president Air Vice-Marshal Bill Rimmer. Joyce Cooper agreed to take over as branch standard bearer when Ian Bushnell moves from the area. David Streeter is to arrange future guest speakers due to the illness of branch assistant secretary Graham Neale. **Chairman, Michael Burton**

■ **RAFA DAY:** Diss and District Royal Air Forces Association's Hogmanay party at Thorpe Abbots Village Hall was a sell-out. Organised by branch chairman and treasurer, Herbert and Julie Websdell, it raised £400. This will go towards the Wings Appeal, which funds RAFA charity work. In 2011 the main event will be RAFA Day at the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum, Flixton, on August 14th – when aircrew and groundcrew who served in World War Two will be special guests. The branch will also take part in Armed Forces Day in Diss on June 25th and be at the Harleston Festival on August 29th. Collections will be made at a number of venues during the year, culminating with Wings Appeal Week from September 12th to 18th. Last year the branch raised £9,104. The branch is also sending parcels to members of 15 Squadron RAF Honington, who are serving in Afghanistan. Anyone who wishes to contribute can contact secretary Brian Ager (640337). For more information visit [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/DissandDistrictRAFA](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/DissandDistrictRAFA) where you can also discover the help which can be provided by welfare officer John Blagden. **Brian Ager**

# Cutting back on our 'Big

**I** promised I'd write about the cuts being made to public services. There are a lot of issues involved, many are really about political ideologies as well as what services we want and are prepared to pay for.

Locally, the Brome recycling centre will go, as will the Customer Services Direct (CSD) centres in Eye and Stowmarket.

People wanting to pay their rent or council tax can use at the Post Office in Eye and Elizabeth Gibson-Harries has got CSD to agree to come to Eye twice a month.

The CSD service is a partnership between BT, Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. It was created to make it easier for people to contact the councils and to save money by joining up services.

However I was reading the other day that CSD is costing £100 million more than anticipated and isn't delivering the promised savings.

That kind of news makes me concerned about the County Councils idea of "everything" being outsourced to a combination of volunteers and charities and private firms. I worry about how practical it is.

Regarding the Big Society, it's hardly a new idea. Charities and community organisations use lots of volunteers so can deliver help to people or do things more cheaply than a local authority might. However, due to the cuts, voluntary groups in the UK will lose around £5 billion pounds of funding they currently get. I can't see how that is going to help matters or promote the Big Society.

■ **NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP:** The recent cold weather has had the tree planters of Denham, Horham and Athelington snuggled in front of their fires rather than striding across the community woodland, but this time of year is a good time to take a long view of woodlands in Britain. There are only 32 species of broad-leaved trees that are native to Britain, including many that are the most common in English woodlands. The quintessential English tree is undoubtedly the oak, but our woodlands are also notable for ash, willow, lime, maple and beech. The English oak was held sacred by Druids in Celtic Britain, and has been revered since then. Its timber is hard, requiring iron tools to fell it, but its use for house and ship building led to it being protected by law in Elizabethan times and the extensive planting of Royal Forests. Many ancient trees survive in our local area and are regularly monitored. As well as its obvious uses as a timber, which include ship building, cruck frames for houses, panelling, and furniture, the oak has also been used for tanning leather and making barrels. Acorns were once of prime importance as animal feed, and some were even ground up to make coffee. An oak tree provides a habitat for many animals and insects, including woodpeckers, butterflies, gall-wasps and squirrels, rightfully earning it the title King of British trees. **Michael Reeves**

# Society'

I can't help thinking that while the bankers are sharing out their billions of pounds of bonuses (including those banks owned by the taxpayer) and the taxman lets tax dodgers off, such as Vodafone who owe £6 billion, we'll all be watching our public services disappear and fighting to keep services such as Paddock House open and a library in Eye.

We'll have fewer police, less public transport, less opportunities for youngsters and older people will struggle to get the care they need.

We have an ageing population and people are living longer so the pressures on services are just going to keep growing.

In East Anglia 28 per cent of people are employed in delivering public services.

Over the next four years council budgets are being cut by 25%. As the bulk of council spending is on staff, they will be shedding those staff to reduce costs.

That could easily double the number of unemployed locally and that will make very life hard for everyone.

The government deficit today is massive, only exceeded by the deficit we had at the end of World War Two. We were much poorer then as a Nation but that's when we created the NHS, invested in our schools and industry and built homes for Heroes.

So what is so different now?

*Janet Norman-Philips*

■ **SPRING CLEAN FORTNIGHT:** The 2011 event will run from March 26th to April 10th. However, Mid Suffolk District Council will provide assistance at any time during the year. If you would like to join in you can become a Litter Pick Volunteer. The council can supply starter kits comprising a hi-vis waistcoat, litter-picking stick and gloves. To register contact Sarah Carter, Environmental Services Officer, on 01449 724946.

■ **STRADBROKE JAZZ FESTIVAL:**

The event, with headliner Kenny Ball, is back on Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 6th, 7th & 8th, in Stradbroke Community Centre. Advance tickets are £10 for Friday night, £12 for all day Saturday, £12 for all day Sunday, and £25 for all three days. Enquiries 384975 or [info@stradjazz.net](mailto:info@stradjazz.net).

■ **CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE:** The largest bereavement care charity in the UK is in urgent need of people to train as bereavement support workers and to help with fundraising, administration, PR, etc. If you have the time and commitment to become involved contact Mrs Robin Meares for further information on 01245 233518 or [suffolk@cruse.org.uk](mailto:suffolk@cruse.org.uk).

■ **INTER VILLAGE GAMES:**

Stradbroke is hosting the inter village games at the end of July. Pre-events start on Saturday July 16th and the final sports day will be on Sunday July 24th coinciding with the village fete.

■ **CHIMNEY FIRE:** Firefighters used rods and a stirrup pump to extinguish a chimney fire at Thorpe Hall Cottages, Hall Lane, Horham, over Christmas (*source EADT*).

# A fortnight of fairtrade

**B**y the time you read this I will be well and truly stuck into Fairtrade Fortnight (February 28th-March 13th) so here's a quick reminder of what is going on ...

On Saturday March 5th we are at Gislingham Village Hall (10am-3pm) with a fairtrade sale alongside the regular secondhand book sale. On the same Saturday I am in the corridor entrance of the Co-op in Framlingham alongside others on their fairtrade town committee (due to the commitment of others, I can be in two places at once!). In the Church Shop in Eye, we will have two fairtrade coffee mornings on Wednesday March 2nd and 9th – this will be our 'Big Brew' – a Traidcraft development fundraising initiative.

Thank you to those folks who take the time to run stalls of fairtrade goods at their own events. All the help they give is appreciated. If you know of any community events we are not involved with, where promoting fairtrade would be possible, let me know.

I'd also like to thank the folks who

brought in books, kitchen things and children's coat hangers last year for the Church Shop. Can I put out an appeal this year for: more good condition kitchen items – plates/pots and so on; more books – but not children's ones at present thanks; and plastic plant pots – the smaller ones preferably. You can put these in the box in the church porch.

We are selling Eileen's jams, chutneys and marmalades – Eileen is taking a break but we can guarantee stocks throughout this coming year.

Sadly, my Mum died at the end of 2010, and the shop remained closed until 24th January. She'd lived in Diss for a while (1999-2002), and had been very proud of the shops I've worked on (Thornham and at Eye Church).

We have made donations recently totalling £1,500 to the parish church (from sales from the church shop side) and £1,935 to Tree Aid – for a project growing mangoes and Shea nuts in Northern Ghana.

*Sue Watson (384558)*

**AUDREY TROLLOPE:** The funeral was held at Horham on Wednesday February 2nd of Audrey Trollope, the youngest of the four children of the Rev Ernest Soden, Rector of Horham and Athelington, 1900-1944, and his wife, Amy. During the War, she worked in London for the Special Operations Executive – known as "Churchill's Secret Army" – and Colonel Buckmaster, decoding, in Baker Street. Her son and daughter, Serena and Simon, lived at The Rectory, with their grandparents, and children in the village would call out their names when they heard the church bells chimed three times, again and again, as they often are now on Sunday mornings. Audrey had a colourful and entertaining life, and died at the age of 100 on 23rd January 2011. Her family signed their names in the new Visitors' Book in the church, including her granddaughter, the Duchess of Norfolk.

**David Streeter**



**REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING:** The dates for this year's events in the village were set at the village committee meeting at Hidcote Lodge on Tuesday February 15th. They are: **Village litter pick** – Sunday March 6th; **Darts & Pool challenge** – Redlingfield vs Horham at Horham Community Centre – Wednesday March 9th; **Cheese & Wine** – Saturday April 16th at Horham Community Centre, tickets, £10, from Katie & Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Susan & Allan Chapman, Joyce Saunders, Linda Hudson, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller & Mike & Jan; **AGM** – Wednesday May 11th at Horham Community Centre; **Pubs on the Green** – Saturdays May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th & Sept 3rd (the June, July & August events will have mini BBQs thanks to Billy Crisp & Glenn Miller); **Village committee meetings** – Tuesday June 7th & Tuesday September 6th; **Churchyard clear-up** – Wednesday June 8th (6-8pm); **Open Gardens** – Saturday June 18th; **Summer BBQ (Hog Roast)** – Saturday July 16th; **Harvest Supper** – Saturday October 15th at Horham Community Centre; **Doorstep Green tidy up** – people to co-ordinate as & when they have time.

**Flooding Meeting:** Work has started alongside Low Road following the meeting on February 4th at Horham Community Centre with landowners, villagers and local authorities. However, it was noted that pipes under the road near The Knoll are blocked again and that both the pipes there and under Green Lane/Horham Road near the Old School are too narrow to cope with water flow.

**Village Sign:** Allan Chapman is organising the refurbishment of the sign's base. The sign, which has been repainted by Steve Toll, needs to be reattached.

**Doorstep Green:** Steve Toll has kindly donated lights for the Doorstep Green – Andrew Abbott to install lights, he will ask for whatever help is needed.

**Parish Plan:** Results of the parish plan to be unveiled at the agm – however, Jan reported that the current government may replace 'parish plans' with 'neighbourhood plans'. The details were due in October but have not been released by Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

**Wind turbine:** Graham Abbott is investigating using a 15m (approx 49 feet) wind turbine on his farm. The meeting welcomed this move towards greener energy.

**Speeding:** Our Safer Neighbourhood Team may operate speed traps in the village after measuring traffic numbers and speeds on Mill Road.

**Committee:** chairman - Janet Norman-Philips (Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, 678835). Email: [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk) Web: [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk)

**Janet Norman-Philips**

**HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** It is clear that people look forward to the monthly fish & chip nights at the community centre with ever-increasing numbers attending. Our November 19th evening took on a special theme as a Pudsey Bear fund-raising event for Children in Need raising £200. The Membership fish & chip evening on February 4th enjoyed a bumper evening with more than 80 diners enjoying a meal and the opportunity to join or renew their membership. The Annual Christmas Dinner on December 3rd was catered for by Bakewell Catering providing three courses with coffee and mints in a very special atmosphere for a most enjoyable evening dancing to Blitz and chatting with friends.

**Angela Wilkins**

## **YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR**



**AS THIS GOES TO PRESS** Suffolk County Council will be consulting on the future of the County's Library Service.

It can not be denied that cost plays its part in the decision to look at library provision in Suffolk. Indeed with the prospect of a reduction in revenue income of £1 for every £4 that SCC now spends over the next four years then every service SCC provides must be reviewed.

For us the particular concern is the future of Stradbroke and Eye Libraries. Both these have strong local support and this has been demonstrated. The next step is for everyone who uses or values these libraries to say so as part of their response to the consultation. There will be no change in the provision before March 31st 2012 and so we have a year to work up our plans for the future.

SCC has committed as a minimum: IT support; professional support for staff; and support for buying books etc.

Among the ideas which are worth considering if we want to keep a library presence in the division would be: combining with the libraries at the two high schools; combining the libraries with enhanced facilities at new sites; setting up friends groups to support the work in the libraries; securing sponsorship from local businesses; and securing contributions from Town & Parish Councils as part of the local rate.

What we must not do is to say "we like things as we are and we insist that SCC carries on the arrangements as before". I intend to be part of the groups who are working up ideas and I welcome your contributions.

**Guy McGregor, County Councillor – Hoxne & Eye Division**

## **YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**



**LIFE AT MID SUFFOLK**

**District Council is in the midst of many changes. The proposed merger with Babergh District Council is a lengthy**

**process and, as with any two established groups, there are difficulties in combining offices and ways of working. However, in the end we all realise that it is the only sensible way ahead, not only to save money but to enhance purchasing power and delete waste.**

**Problems have been compounded by the swift and deep cuts being made by Suffolk County Council and the need of the district to keep as many services as possible intact. One instance is the closure of the Eye Customer Service Direct Office. Two other councillors and I called this issue back in for discussion and have won the right for the District Office to visit Eye twice a month (dates to be advertised).**

**We are engaged in the fight to retain the re-cycling centre at Brome. If we lose our nearest centre will be Stowmarket. I fear few people will travel that far with the result that fly-tipping will increase.**

**A very positive meeting was held recently to try to resolve the flooding in Low Road Redlingfield. Various agencies were represented and a fair amount of good will should result in the management of flood water that has caused so much trouble this winter.**

**Parish councils and meetings are meeting together to see how we can respond to the Government's Big Society. Villages are good at working together but there may be more we can do and that will be explored in further meetings.**

*Elizabeth Gibson-Harries,  
District Councillor – Hoxne Ward*

## YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



THE PROPOSED REFORMS TO the NHS being debated at the moment are so important that I want to devote the whole of my column to them. These reforms have great significance for everyone in this country and, as a doctor with years of experience in the NHS, I would like to share my views on this.

Suffolk Primary Care Trust is a good example of why reform is needed. It is a very large and very expensive organisation that has a very difficult task: to look after the health needs of nearly three quarters of a million people, some living in very urban areas and some in the most rural parts of our country.

Suffolk PCT negotiated the out-of-hours contract for GPs which has provided such a bad deal for Suffolk. Outside ordinary office hours at one time there were as few as two GPs looking after the whole of Suffolk. Under the new plans, GP out-of-hours services will be decided by local GPs. At the foundation of these proposals is the intention to bring local NHS services as close to the people they serve as possible. This can only be a good thing for the people of Suffolk.

The other major service that will be better protected are the community hospitals that are so vital to healthcare in a rural county like ours. Much-loved community hospitals such as Hartismere and Aldeburgh have been under threat of closure for years by an NHS bureaucracy that believes big is beautiful and small is insignificant. But as a result of the Government's NHS reforms our community hospitals will have a much brighter future (for more information visit [www.danielpoulter.com](http://www.danielpoulter.com))

**Dr Dan Poulter, MP**

## YOUR LOCAL POLICE



HELLO EVERYONE, I hope you have all recovered from winter and are looking forward to the nights drawing out.

The police and crime-fighting charity, Crimestoppers, have unveiled a list of the ten 'Most Wanted' people sought in connection with distraction burglaries.

The campaign will also warn the public to be careful about who they let into their homes. Distraction burglars trick their way in to the homes of the elderly and vulnerable, by pretending to be an official or by asking for assistance.

More information on the campaign can be found on the Crimestoppers website. Pictures of the ten 'Most Wanted' can be seen at [//wanted.crimestoppers-uk.org/](http://wanted.crimestoppers-uk.org/)

**Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team's (SNT) current priorities are:**

- 1. Crime prevention with regards to scrap metal thefts.**
- 2. Oil theft prevention work at business and domestic properties.**

If you see suspicious vehicles or persons in your area don't hesitate give your Safer Neighbourhood Team a call – you may help solve a crime.

If you have any information contact the SNT at Eye Police Station on 01473 613 500 or [midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) or you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and give information anonymously if you wish.

PC 1330 Amy Yeldham, Mid Suffolk North SNT (01473 613 500)

# A fun-lover & leg-puller

**F**OR THOSE NOT ABLE TO attend Michael's funeral and those who did not know him well we have tried to put a few words together for the record ...

Michael was a boy of the sixties, a leg-puller and fun-lover but most of all a hard worker and an eternal optimist. Coupled with this he had a very determined attitude expressed by a habit that if something did not go right he would take a deep breath, expand his chest, clench his fists and jump round in a sharp circle. It went right the next time.

Born in the midst of war to Kate and Fred Hambling, youngest of nine children, he grew up at Chapel Farm, part of a very close-knit and caring family. It was a time of great shortages of most basic commodities and equipment so make do and mend and improvise were the way forward, lessons he learned well from his father and older siblings.

Things were changing in agriculture; the demise of the horse and the arrival of machines to do all sorts of tasks meant that the fifties were exciting times and Michael quickly adapted to new ways. His enthusiasm for the new machines coupled with his abilities learned at home soon brought him to the attention of larger landowners. From then on he did not look back.

During this time his love of dance and music enticed him to start a village youth club. It was very successful but was soon closed because the village elders were not ready for the sixties and did not approve. Despite this setback Michael pressed on with life from tractor to lorry driving. He started his own pig-keeping enterprise to occupy him in the evenings after he finished work.

By the mid sixties he met the love of his life, Valerie, whom he always referred to affectionately as 'mummy'. They married in 1967 and set up house in a mobile home on the family farm

Soon, Michael was self employed with his own tractor and combine; he worked in various villages for many farmers. His

jovial side survived and if asked his name, 'M.K.C. Hambling Ltd' was the quick reply, often prefaced by 'the great' or 'the famous'. The business prospered and Michael always said 'yes' to any work offered, he wouldn't see

anybody in a muddle if he could help.

When Michael and Valerie moved to Frogs Hall in Wilby their life was completed with the arrival of their son, Nick. Michael was very proud of Nick and passed on much of his knowledge.

## Hundreds pay tribute despite pouring rain

**WILBY:** Family 'overwhelmed' by turn-out for farmer's funeral

By David Dixon

At least 1000 people turned out to pay tribute to a man who had been a local hero for many years.

The village church in Wilby, East Angles, was packed with people who came to pay tribute to a man who had been a local hero for many years.

The funeral of Michael Hambling, 68, was held at 11am on Sunday.

Michael was a well-known figure in the village and his death was a great loss to the community.

He was a hard worker and a great family man.

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LEFT: MICHAEL Hambling, who was 68, was an excellent player.

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*Michael and Valerie Hambling and, inset, the East Anglian Daily Times article on his funeral.*

people to tell you a story involving Michael. Here is one I can tell you: whilst driving down a country lane with a large tractor and trailer a woman coming the other way ended up with two wheels on the bank and two wheels on the hedge. Neither stopped. When they next met, before the lady could say anything Michael quickly said 'My, I didn't realise you were such a good driver, there isn't a man in the village who could have got round me. I have to admit I didn't see you till you had

passed me'. The reply was 'I don't expect you did, you were standing up looking over the hedge'.

Well, in his words, 'I've gotta go'. We will all miss you boy, but some of us, for one reason or another, won't realise how much till we're in a muddle ... God bless.

There were things which Nick did that Michael was not always certain about at first but later he would admit that 'the boy was right, but don't tell him so'.

Throughout all this he pursued his love of country music and dancing with a teenager's zest. At dance venues and in many other places you will find many

● *It could never be said that Michael was obsequious or even deferential but, in his dealings with customers and friends alike, he unfailingly observed propriety of address by always referring to them as Mister or Mrs. And then, lest they interpreted this as a form of subservience, he somehow contrived to get the surname slightly wrong or, in my case, "Mr Er-um, whatever you call yourself ..." Far from being a put down, it was an endearment that only Litl'un could get away with. Even when his combine exploded and burnt out, a terrifying event, he regained composure by saying, "That looks expensive, Mr Er-um ... I hope you're well insured." It was quite impossible ever to be cross with Michael. He didn't do cross; just cheerful and that lovely, mischievous light he spread. I grieve that it has been put out – or has it? JB*

● **Michael Hambling died suddenly at home on Friday December 17th aged 67 years. His funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Wilby, was on Friday, January 7th. He was the much-loved husband of Val, special dad to Nick and his partner Claire, dear brother of Julia, Rene, Kenny and Willy and the late Dennis, Freddie, Tini and Tommy and a good friend to many.**



## WHAT'S ON

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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28-SUNDAY, MARCH 13

**Fairtrade fortnight:** (see p12).

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

**Redlingfield Coffee Morning:** Redmill, Mill Road, 10am-noon. Free raffle & quiz.

**Quiz Night:** Redlingfield & Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

**Sig and Serv's Story Book:** Wingfield Barns, 8pm. Play for adults only! Bar opens 7pm. Tickets £8/£6 concessions.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

**John Paul Ekins:** Wingfield Barns, 3pm. Music for the piano. Tickets £10.

**Redlingfield litter pick.**

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

**Big Brew:** Stradbroke Church (see p21).

**All You Can Eat Pancakes:** Eye Bowls Club, 6.30pm. £5 adults, £3 children (up to 11). Pancake tossing & raffle.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

**Redlingfield vs Horham darts & pool:** Horham Community Centre, 8pm.

**Chick Flick Night 'The Holiday':** Wingfield Barns, 8pm. All tickets £10 (4 for £30) inc film, wine & chocolates.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

**An Evening with Tony Penrose:** Wingfield Barns, 6.30pm. Tickets £10.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

**Films of East Anglia:** Horham Community Centre. Open from 7.30pm, films start 8pm, entrance £3.50, concessions £2.50.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

**Coffee morning:** Horham Community Centre, 10am-noon.

**Annual Dinner:** Stradbroke & District Branch RBL (see p8 & 9).

**Concert:** Worlingworth church, 7pm.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

**Eye Bach Choir Concert:** Eye Parish Church, 7.30pm. £12 (reserved) & £10 (unreserved) from Eye Pharmacy, 01728 747371 or on door.

**Wartime Dance:** The Red Feather Club, Horham - SOLD OUT.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

**Life & Death in a Victorian Gaol:** Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre, entrance £2.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**'Another Year':** Stradbroke Cinema, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm. Entrance £5.50.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**St Patrick's Night:** Thorndon Village Hall.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**Quiz Nite:** Occold Village Hall.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

**Open Garden:** The Olde Coach House, The Street, Brockdish, 10am-4pm. Teas & refreshments. £2. No dogs.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

**Owl Treat on Mother's Day:** The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns, 10am-4.30pm. Adults £6.50, seniors £5, kids over 4 £4, family £20 (08456 807897).

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5-WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

**Disabled Photographers' Society Show:** Suffolk Monochrome Group Exhibition: Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Admission free.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

**'What's in a Painting?':** Redlingfield & Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**Swimathon 2011:** Stradbroke Pool, 2-5pm, for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**Chick Flick Night 'The Duchess':** Wingfield Barns, 8pm. All tickets £10 (4 for £30) inc film, wine & chocolates.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16 AT HORHAM

**Redlingfield Cheese & Wine:** Horham Community Centre, 8pm (see p13).

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

**'The King's Speech':** Stradbroke Cinema, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Entrance £5.50.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

**'Music for Passiontide' Concert:**  
Worlingworth Church, 7pm.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22-MONDAY, APRIL 25**

**All About Owls Eggcellent Easter Fun:**  
The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham  
Barns, 10am-4.30pm. Adults £6.50,  
seniors £5, kids over 4 £4, family £20.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

**Life & Times of Mrs Beeton:** Eye &  
Stradbroke Family History Group,  
7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre,  
entrance £2.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28-MONDAY, MAY 2**

**Stradbroke Art Exhibition & Sale:** 10am  
-6pm (admission 50p). *Preview Wed  
April 27, 7-9pm* (tickets £6 from  
Stradbroke PO or on door).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

**Royal Wedding Screening:** Wingfield  
Barns, admission free.

**Royal Wedding party:** Horham  
Community Centre (see p7).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

**Plant Stall:** Friends of All Saints Church,  
Stradbroke, Church Path, morning.

**Russian Choir:** Stradbroke Community  
Centre (see p21).

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**Pantomime Cinderella:** Wingfield Barns,  
3pm, tickets £6.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

**Resolutions Meeting:** Redlingfield and  
Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

**National Referendum & Local Elections.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 6-SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**Stradbroke Jazz Festival:** Stradbroke  
Community Centre (see p11).

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

**Jumble sale:** Denham Village Hall.

**Redlingfield Pub on the Green:** 6pm.

**Meal and 'Cabaret':** Occold Village Hall.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10-SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**Stradbroke Youth Group Photographic  
Exhibition:** Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat  
10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Free.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10-SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**Carved in Oak:** Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat  
10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Free.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

**Redlingfield AGM:** Horham Community  
Centre, 8pm (see story).

**Up Out O' the Sea':** Syleham &  
Wingfield Village Hall, 7.30pm. £8 or  
£6.50 concessions (384362).

**Chick Flick Night 'Truly, Madly, Deeply':**  
Wingfield Barns, 8pm. All tickets £10 (4  
for £30) inc film, wine and chocolates.

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

**In Conversation with Rory McGrath:**  
Wingfield Barns, 6.30pm.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14-SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**95th Bomb Group Events:** events in  
Horham, Denham & Stradbroke (see p6,  
7 & back).

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**Crow's Hall Country Fayre:** Crow's Hall,  
Debenham, 1pm-6pm. Traditional  
country fayre with attractions for all the  
family. Admission £2, plus £1 to go  
around garden. Under 16s free.

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

**Coffee Caravan:** centre of Redlingfield,  
2pm-4pm.

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**

**Life & Fashion in Victorian & Edwardian  
Times:** Eye & Stradbroke Family History  
Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community  
Centre, entry £2. Agm at 7pm.

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

**Russian Choir Concert:** Stradbroke  
Church (see p23).

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

**Outing to Banham Zoo:** Redlingfield and  
Occold WI.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

**Redlingfield Pub on the Green:** 6pm.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**

**Redlingfield Committee Meeting:** 8pm.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

**Chick Flick Night 'Amelie':** Wingfield  
Barns, 8pm. Details as May 11.

**Redlingfield Churchyard clear-up:** 6pm.

## WHAT'S ON

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**Horham Bygones Country Rally:** Vintage vehicles, stalls & working exhibits, from 10am. Volunteers wanted – if you can help call Don Moyes, 07894 903829.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 14-SATURDAY, JULY 9

**Dick Wolsey Exhibition:** Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Admission free.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**Evening BBQ:** Stradbroke Wine Society.  
**Redlingfield Open Gardens.**

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 18 -19

**Fressingfield Garden Festival.**  
**Redlingfield Open Gardens & Flower Festival:** details to be announced.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 25

**Occold Summer Fete:** Village hall & field.  
**Wingfield Village Fete.**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

**Church Lunch:** Athelington.  
**Hoffmeister Ensemble chamber music:** Wingfield Barns, 3pm, tickets £10.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

**World War I Casualties:** Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre, entry £2.

### FRIDAY, JULY 1

**Summer Sizzler Fete:** Sir Robert Hitcham School, Debenham.

### SATURDAY, JULY 2

**Redlingfield Pub on the Green:** 6pm.  
**Wartime Dance:** The Red Feather Club. Horham. Tickets £10 (01728 860930).

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● See page 23 for events at **Helmingham Hall**. Contacts for events:

**Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group:** 01728 8605511 or

julie.kerseystradfhg@live.com; **Redlingfield:** 678835,

pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk or www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk. **Wingfield**

**Barns:** 384505, enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, or www.wingfieldbarns.com

**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, 870346. **Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178. **T-Plus:** Coffee, cakes, stalls, 10am-noon, All Saints, Thorndon. 879759. **Monterey Line Dance improvers class:** Occold Village Hall, 7.45-9.10pm, £4 (651773).

#### WEDNESDAYS: Improver/intermediate line dance class:

Wortham Community Centre. 7.30pm-9.30pm. Rose, 870346. **Hoxon Hundred:** Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practises. Ron Ross, 643563.

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

#### THURSDAYS: Worlingworth Village Hall: Low impact Keep Fit and coffee:

10am-noon (Val Swallow 01728 628068); **Choir:** 6.30pm-7.30pm (Val Swallow 01728 628068); **Aerobics – Hi-Lo Impact:** 8pm-9pm (Sarah Foster 07884 186849). **Hoxne Garden Club:** 3rd Thurs St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm

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

#### FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS: Traditional music:

Worlingworth Swan, 2nd Fri evening of month in summer. Sun lunch in autumn & winter.

#### SATURDAYS: Artisan Craft and Produce

**Market:** Hoxne Village Hall, 10am-2pm. Second Sat of the month.

**SUNDAYS: Open days:** Red Feather Club & 95th BG Hospital Museum last Sun of month May-Oct,

■ Before Lent, “The Big Brew” on Shrove Tuesday March 8th in Stradbroke Church, from 3-5pm invites you to enjoy tea and home-made scones, biscuits and cakes and honey, to raise money in aid of Traidcraft for their support of honey producers in Africa and South America. A delicious way to “create a buzz” in the developing world. Come to see and to buy from the Traidcraft stall and catalogues.

■ This year, 2011, The Authorised Version of the Bible, also known as The King James Version, achieves its 400th Anniversary. There will be an exhibition and flower festival in Stradbroke in September. Earlier in the year, in Lent on five Thursday mornings, beginning on March 17th until April 14th, a service will be held at Jennifer Chetwynd’s house, The Old Byre, New Street, Stradbroke, at 10am, followed by coffee & bible study. For more details, please telephone 384069, and to say if you are coming.

■ The Royal Wedding will be celebrated at Stradbroke, during the art exhibition, on Friday, April 29th, from 10am to 6pm, and at Redlingfield on the Sunday morning, May 1st, at 10am, with cake and champagne. We look forward to seeing you all on those two days.

■ The Russian Choir, The Hermitage Ensemble, will be with us again on Saturday April 30th to sing hymns and folk songs, a capella, at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, as the church will be filled by the art exhibition. Tickets are £10 from me, or the Post Office.

***With all good wishes, David Streeter***

**Church of England Services:** All Saints, Stradbroke, Church St; St Andrew, Redlingfield, Church Road; St Peter, Athelington; St Mary, Horham, Services (Holy Communion unless stated. Check times on church/village notice board):

**March: 4, Horham,** Women’s World Day of Prayer Service, 2pm – How Many Loaves Have You? Prepared by the Christian Women of Chile. Speaker is Rev. Jan Fowler from Worlingworth. All Welcome.

**6, Athelington,** Benefice Communion, 10am.

**9, Stradbroke,** Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, 10am.

**13, Horham,** 10am; **Stradbroke,** Family Service, 10am.

**20, Redlingfield,** 10am.

**27, Athelington,** 10am; **Horham,** Morning Prayer, 11.15am.

**April: 3,** Mothering Sunday, **Redlingfield,** Morning Prayer, 10am; **Horham,** Family Service, 11.15am.

**10, Horham,** Benefice Communion, 11.15am.

**17, Palm Sunday, Athelington,** 10am; **Horham,** Family Service, 11.15am.

**21, Maundy Thursday, Stradbroke,** 7.30pm.

**22, Good Friday, Stradbroke,** Passion readings, 2pm; **Horham,** Evensong, 7.30pm.

**24, Easter Sunday, Stradbroke,** 8am & 11.15am; **Horham,** 9am; **Redlingfield,** 10am; **Athelington,** Evensong, 6.30pm.

**May 1, Redlingfield,** Benefice Communion, 10am (& Royal Wedding Celebrations).

**8, Stradbroke,** 8am, & Concert of New Orleans Gospel Music, 11.15am.

**15, Athelington,** 10am; **Horham,** Evensong 6pm.

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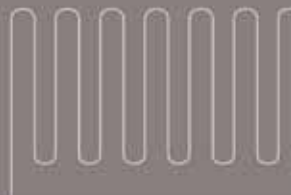
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