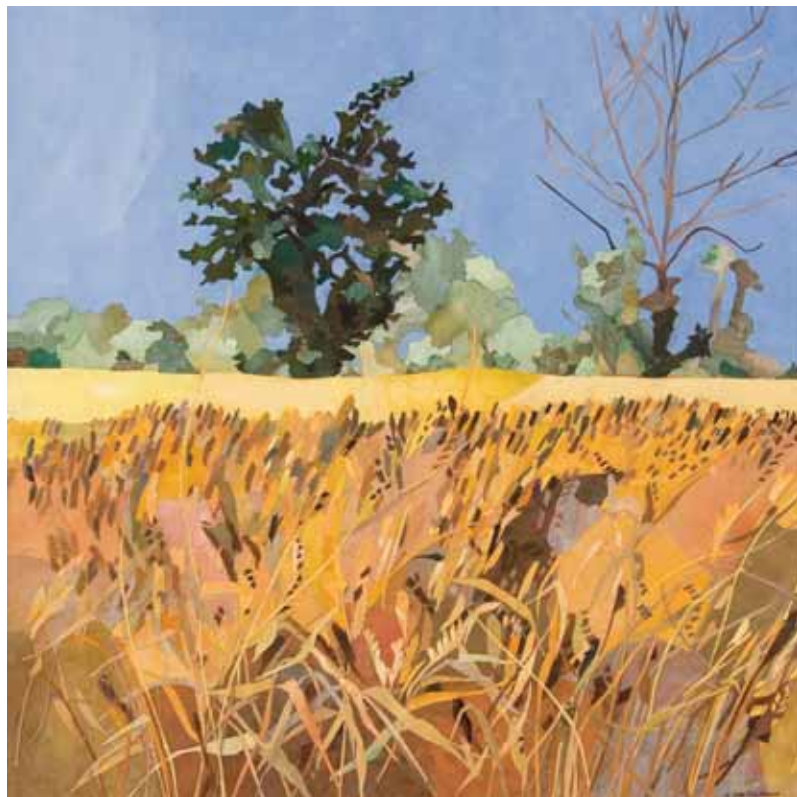


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IT IS ALWAYS STRANGE WHEN I start on a village magazine – I sit facing lots of blank pages wondering how I’m going to fill them. I really shouldn’t worry, as usual it is more a case of how to squeeze it all in.

There’s just so much happening in our villages and surrounds with the 95th Bomb Group, the Bygones Rally and a whole host of events in Horham, Redlingfield and Athelington.

But without the people who send in their contributions – not just those who keep me up to date with what is going on but regulars such as Trevor Edwards with Wash Farm Wildlife,

poet Manday Miller and now Neville Butcher with his musings it wouldn’t be much of a magazine. The one thing this trio has in common is that they’re from Redlingfield.

Now I’m sure there are writers and artists out there in Horham and Athelington who could spare a few minutes to pen a piece or paint a picture. So if you want to contribute please do – I’d be more than pleased to be snowed under with art and stories from some new contributors.

I hope you enjoy this issue and I’m already thinking about the next one – the deadline is Sunday August 14th.

THE ROYAL WEDDING SLIPPED PAST ME WITHOUT ANY FURORE but I know many others had a great day ... at Horham & Athelington Community Centre there was a big celebration that night and Michelle Ryland, James Pye and family from Redlingfield made a splash in the East Anglian Daily Times. For two days running they were featured thanks to their trek to London to line the route. By the time you read this they will have relocated to Beccles. I’m sure we wish them all the best.

Mike Ager

LOW ROAD, BETWEEN REDLINGFIELD AND DENHAM, WILL BE CLOSED to through traffic from June 15th to July 1st from 8am to 4.30pm each day.

■ **OPEN STUDIOS:** Artists’ studios across the county will be open to the public in June for the annual Suffolk Open Studios event. Artists in Southolt, Stradbroke and Laxfield are among those who will be opening their doors. Christine McKechnie (www.christinemckechnie.co.uk), a collage artist who uses water colour painted paper, of Cornerways in Southolt, is open on the weekends of June 4th-5th and 25th-26th (*many thanks to Christine for kind permission to use her Southolt Corn Field collage on the front-page of the magazine*). Water colour artist Mita Higton (www.artsumitra.co.uk) and husband Stephen (www.shigtonart.co.uk), who works in oil, pastel and water colour, at Castle Villa, Wilby Road, Stradbroke, will be open on June 11th-12th, 18th-19th and 25th-26th. Susie Joyce (<http://susiejoyce.com/>) – who works in a number of mediums and in 2D and 3D – is opening The Studio, Brooklands Barn, Mill Lane, Stradbroke on the 11th-12th and 25th-26th. Figurative painter, Elaine Nason, is opening her studio at Rose Cottage, Chattens Lane, Laxfield, on June 11th-12th, 18th-19th and 25th-26th (www.elaine-nason.co.uk). Painter Pippa Ball’s Pheasant Meadow Studio at 19 Jubilee Close, Laxfield, is open all four weekends in June. For more information about Suffolk Open Studios visit www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk or get a leaflet from a local information centre.

We're up a very dry creek

Trevor Edwards has his fingers crossed for a leaky June but his eyes are also on the skies for more unusual raptor sightings

FORGET THE WILDLIFE, what about life at Wash Farm. To repeat what I wrote last June, the fields are as parched as a dried-up Aussie lake-bed and it has been like this since early April. If it is not raining by the time you are reading this, we will be up a very dry creek with no need for paddles.

The spring sown crops are particularly stressed, which will resonate with every gardener, although reports say the harvesting of asparagus and strawberries is going well. My father used to say that it is only a bad farmer who always wants a rain, though if he had said that in the old Eye White Lion in a spring like this, a lynching might have followed. Mind you, like many of that generation who were masters of farming philosophy, he had an expression to suit any situation. There will always be a seed time and a harvest time, it's not so bad as 1976, and so on!

Peter Saunders had a brand new Combine, a John Deere 975 delivered to Horham airfield to start his barley harvest on July 4th, 1976. Fingers crossed for some good rains so that we avoid a new record for the earliest harvest ever. A leaky June keeps things in tune.

WALKING THE DOG IN A field near the house,

a frantic hen pheasant was chased into the rape crop in front of me by a cock bird, our garden resident, Long John, who crash-landed on top of her. Maybe what was going on was consensual but it was hard to tell. Perhaps it is time to start calling that crop by its Canadian name of Canola.

Rapeseed oil used to be exported to Europe for oil-lamps and in wartime it was found to have better lubrication properties than oil in naval and merchant steam engines. It is now being re-marketed as a specialist vegetable oil and is also helping to prolong the future of the combustion engine as bio-diesel.

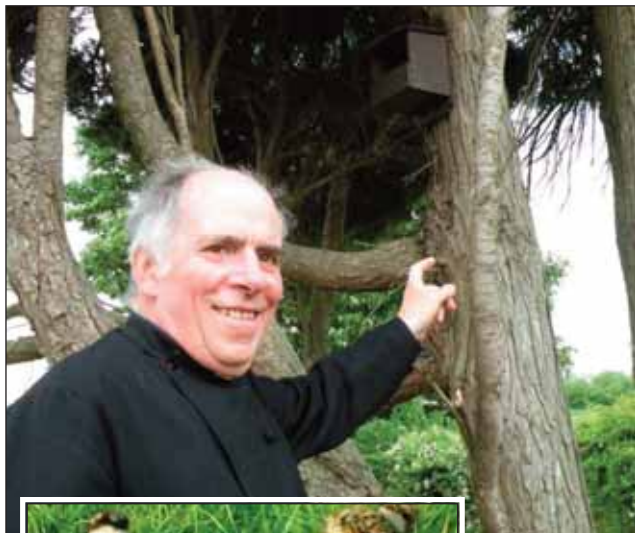
How's that for versatility.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT SPRING for Redlingfield raptors. The first is a harrier, which my wife Anita saw when walking the usual grass margin. She says Hen Harrier, I'm thinking Marsh Harrier but we are avoiding a show-down.

Paul Walker (aka the best rabbit shot for miles around), has reported seeing a Hobby which

The yellowhammer, is struggling at a national level but a regular sight in our locality.





The Rev. David Streeter shows the way. These beauties are lapwing chicks, found on Easter Monday on Anita's brother's farm near Diss.

can make a serious claim for supremacy of the air. Arriving later in the spring than some migrants, it is adept at picking off dragonflies for starters and then for main course will follow up with a small bird such as a swallow. This handsome falcon, with breathtaking skills, can take a bird in the air without skipping a wingbeat.

Cousin Alan of Snape, not far from where hobbies breed at Minsmere, has seen one in his garden, quietly devouring a swift. There should be limits on what this aerial executioner can catch.

The swift is a favourite of many with its flying displays and screaming calls

on a warm evening. Needing good numbers of insects at all times, the swift has remarkable skills to cope with bad weather. When a cold front threatens, even though still miles away, the swift flies to warmer, sunnier conditions. To cope with this the chicks have learnt to adapt. Used to erratic supplies of food, they lay down fat in good times and can cope with the days when the adults are away.

My first swift was at Flatford Mill on 1st May, (and a cuckoo!) and on May 10th the regular spotted flycatcher returned to

the garden. This leaves us to wait for the turtle dove. Like many migrants, these two have to cope with the perils of returning from Africa across Southern Europe.

Wildlife fans will not regret the closing this year of the world's most famous restaurant, El Bulli, near Barcelona. Voted the world's best for four years on the trot, the owner is now retiring, taking with him his signature dish of turtle dove served with a blackcurrant jus.

One, at least, has made it back locally, Doc Goodge has heard the trademark purring in Worlingworth.

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THE TURTLE DOVE LIKES VERY big hedges, which are not so common these days, whereas the spotted flycatcher has a penchant for churchyards. With this in mind, the Waveney Bird Club has hooked up with the Church, and the result is over 100 nesting boxes have been installed in Suffolk churchyards in time for the May arrivals.

The church of St. Andrews, Redlingfield, has a fascinating history as it is on the site of a 12th century Benedictine nunnery. A notorious prioress became the subject of a Bishop's Enquiry for her bad behaviour, failing to make Confession and then being found with the bailiff in "private places and sub heggerowes". She must have been defrocked more than once. A graveyard can be left overgrown whilst we in Redlingfield prefer the tidy, mown approach.

Whatever, with the very mature trees and hedges (for amorous clergy) and

plenty of open spaces, it should appeal to the spotted flycatcher.

LOTS OF DEER SIGHTINGS.

Russell the Builder, travelling to work in Easton, was following a car which struck and badly injured a muntjac. He was wondering what was in his toolbox to administer the "coup de grace" humanely when the next car stopped, and the driver, a vet, offered to finish the job with a fatal injection. This was opportune and much less messy but ruled out any chance of tasty road-kill venison. Furthermore, he saw eight or nine big handsome red deer at dusk the other night, which is lovely to report but they don't half make a mess traipsing through the winter barley.

APROPOS OF NOTHING IN particular, the mole wrench was invented in Newport, Gwent, Not a lot of people know that, as Michael Caine would say.

Wash Farm Wildlife, Trevor Edwards

■ **NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP:** A woodland working party in early March saw the removal of more than 1,000 tree guards, revealing a burgeoning forest, and Pound Lane Wood is finally beginning to live up to its name. The trees are now outstripping the grasses and the quince and apple trees are laden with developing fruits. However the recent dry weather and the sharp frost at the beginning of May are taking their toll and many of the trees show evidence of frost damage and lack of water. The wildflower meadow will be once again a sea of ox-eyed daisies, buttercups and red clover, a tribute to all the children who helped to strew the green hay when the meadow was first seeded. The pond continues to give concern as the water level remains low and a leak is suspected. The Friends of Pound Lane Wood and everyone from Denham, Horham and Athelington are invited to a barbecue at 4pm on June 4th, at the wood along the Redlingfield Road, a brief AGM will be followed by burgers, sausages and garden games, so come along and see how the woodland has grown. Contact Mike Reeves on 01379 668 179.

Horham helps orphans

A TEAM OF EIGHT PEOPLE from Horham Baptist Church, with a couple from Stoke Ash, spent two weeks in March renovating a residential children's home in Uganda.

The home, run by Cogwheel Trust International is at Namugongo in central Uganda. The 95 children range in age from babies to 18-year-olds and the majority have been orphaned by the death of their parents through malaria or HIV aids.

Cogwheel, through its sponsorship scheme and other giving, pays for the children's education in local schools, their health care and everyday needs.

The team from Horham repaired the home's rainwater collection systems by cleaning, repairing and waterproofing the underground collection tank. They also replaced the leaking guttering and downpipe connection to the tank and installed a new water pump. Walkways were concreted to make easier and cleaner access between the home's facilities. A soakaway was extended and the wooden end wall of the home's dining room was also replaced

The nine dormitory rooms were

redecorated and fitted with new curtain poles and curtains.

Generous donations of clothing and money enabled the team to take a large quantity of medicines and reading books to the home and to give all the children a set of new clothes. For information about Cogwheel visit www.cogwheeltrustinternational.org.uk



Little helpers in Uganda.

ON SATURDAY, July 2nd at 2.30pm at Horham Baptist Church there will be a Welcome Service for Montaz Ali (and his wife Naomi) to be our Pastor.

Montaz was born in Bangladesh into a Muslim family in 1973 but came to England when he was six and grew up in the midlands. In

1989 he became a Christian. After a number of years of active membership in his local church, alongside his work as an engineer, he trained for the ministry in Wales and in 2006 became a pastor at a Baptist Church in Tenterden, Kent. He met his wife, Naomi, at his local church in Dudley. Naomi has been a primary school teacher in Kent and is also a keen musician and teaches piano and violin. All are welcome to come and meet them as they start their ministry with us at Horham.

John Ladbrook

Blooming spring and lots

THE SNOWDROPS started it; they and the hazel catkins both out on the sharpest January morning, come-hithering any passing cold defying insect playing the pollination game, where they were soon joined by the aconites. And did there seem to be a lot more than in other years and in many more places?

True that the snowdrops locally were augmented by Linda and Steve planting extra in the verge by Linda's house. While these were yet blooming their number was added to by primroses, celandines and violets. The primroses confirm that some element



in the season is encouraging the flowers to both grow in unusual abundance and to have a longer flowering time than normally and further to appear in places where they are not often seen.

■ **STRADBROKE & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH:** I report the sad death of branch stalwart Graham Neale from Homersfield after a short illness. Graham was former branch chairman, secretary and assistant secretary during his service as a member of the branch. During recent years he had the job of arranging guest speakers for our monthly meetings and we send our sincere sympathy to his widow Evelyn and family. The branch was well represented at his funeral at Homersfield church. We have also lost another dedicated member John Albrow who lived in Stradbroke. Again we were well represented at his funeral at St Nicholas Church in Oakley. Our sympathy goes to his wife Sue and son Tony and family. Our annual dinner at Stradbroke Community Centre was attended by more than 80 members and guests and was very successful. Branch welfare officer Joyce Cooper from Horham raised £576.12 for the Poppy Appeal – she had 18 decorated Christmas trees around the area – and her father, Alan King from Thornham Parva, raised £100 by selling decorated Easter eggs for the county welfare fund. Member Simon Harrison from Brome is taking part in the annual Pedal to Paris event in September and all members will be receiving sponsorship forms. He hopes to raise £1,500 for the Legion and will be on our stand at the Horham Bygones Country Rally on June 11th – the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Royal British Legion. The annual branch coffee morning will be on Saturday July 9th at The Chantry in Stradbroke from 10am to noon by kind invitation of branch secretary Jeremy Higgins and his wife Anne.

Chairman, Michael Burton

of blooming dandelions

Primrose Hill has lived up to its name for the first time in years and the pale butter-coloured flowers, which first were seen with the snowdrops, are just about still with us as I write on the day of the Royal Wedding, side by side with such spring flowers as shirt buttons and ladies smocks. In this time the ever cheerful and reliable daffodils have been and are now gone.

The parade passes at a relentless pace. I have been away for just a few days and the changes that I now see in the whole display of hedgerow flowers is striking, with waist high banks of cow parsley all around us everywhere. As with many commonly found wild flowers, the popular name of cow parsley changes from one part of the country to another; in Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire it is “keck” while in South Essex it is amiably called “cow mumble”.

Whatever we call it, it is flowering now in wild abandon along hedges and field margins together with a profusion of blackthorn and the may blossom which is just coming out – a great white company paying its annual homage to the great White Goddess. Down at verge level the sheathes of the lords and ladies are splitting open in their ever so slightly naughty way revealing within the, dare I say, priapic flower, soon to stand proud among the hedgerows.

During all this frantic activity, the quiet place at the top of the village dedicated to the memory of the crew

of the crashed B-17 has had its own continuous show of both wild flowers and lovely cultivated spring flowers planted there as touching commemoration of the tragic event of nearly seventy years ago.

Walking along the roads reveals further signs of seasonal change i.e. the changing character of the litter to be found by our hedgerows and ditches.

In winter the discarded wrappers indicate good, heavy, warming stuff; pork pies, Cornish pasties and those little shallow, rectangular papier mache dishes which hold chips. Empty sandwich packets are also to be seen with fillings of winter weight. Now with the coming of spring your typical “tosser” turns to thoughts of a lighter diet. Everything is greening up including the contents of his [or her] sandwiches. There is now more salad and less meat except for chicken in various combinations which is with us always. How would we survive without those domesticated immigrants from South East Asia as staples to our diet? Drinks cartons and plastic bottles have also arrived with the warmer weather, bi-products of the petro-chemical industry, advertised to us as refreshing drinks.

Finally let me apologise to the bluebells, buttercups and all the other wild flowers not mentioned and at the risk of enraging all gardeners – Hasn’t it been a lovely year for dandelions?.

Neville Butcher

New bus links to launch

A NEW BUS SERVICE – THE Suffolk Links Hoxmere – is being launched at 7am on Monday June 20.

The service is available to anyone who wants to use it as long as the journey, or the part of the journey takes place within the area of operation which covers this part of

Suffolk. Customers need to call Halesworth Volunteer Centre on 01986 875600 between 10am and 1pm, Monday to Friday, to book a place on the 11-seat minibus vehicle, which will be accessible for disabled people.

Suffolk County Council is in the midst of installing a system which will allow telephone bookings for all

■ **SIR GARFIELD SOBERS:** Cricketing legend Sir Garfield Sobers (pictured in action in his heyday) will be in Bedfield on Friday June 24 to help Worlingworth Cricket Club celebrate its 30th anniversary and the official opening of its new pavilion. The gates will open at 5.30pm, there will be a junior coaching session at 6pm with the pavilion opening ceremony at 7pm. This will be followed by a hog roast and steel band. There will be photo and autograph opportunities with Sir Garfield Sobers. Sir Garfield Sobers is a true world cricket icon – one of the very best players ever to play the game. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Val Swallow for non members (tel 01728 628068, email v.swallow44@btinternet.com or at Ivy Cottage, Shop Street, Worlingworth, IP13 7HX). Club members, including 100 club members, contact Verity Mole (tel 01449 711002, email verity@boundaryfarm.wanadoo.co.uk or at Boundary Farm, Debenham Rd, Stonham Parva, IP14 5LD) Members (inc 100 club) & their families £12, non members £ 20, juniors (under 12) £5. The ground is at Greenlands, Earl Soham Road, Bedfield, IP13 7EF.



■ **TRADITIONAL EVENING:** A traditional music, songs, stepdancing & jig doll evening concert is being held at Debenham Community Hall, Gracechurch Street on Saturday October 15th. The entertainment includes The East Anglian Stepdancers (with Percy West & friends), Reg Reader & friends (traditional music & songs), Steven Bayfield (a little bit of humour known as the boy Will from over the hill), Peter Coe (traditional music & songs) and Sue Coe (Appalachian stepdancer). Tickets for £10 are available now and you are advised to purchase early to avoid disappointment. For tickets contact Doreen on 01379 644960 (there will be no tickets for sale on the door). Doors will open 5.30pm and the event starts at 7pm. There will be a bar and raffle. Hot dogs and bacon rolls available.

in June

Suffolk Links services to be accessible from 8am-6pm Monday-Friday.

The service aims to link people to local bus services travelling through the area.

A full list of parishes and towns served by Suffolk Links Hoxmere is written below.

The parishes covered are Aspell, Ashfield-Cum-Thorpe, Ashfield Green, Athelington, Bedfield, Bedingfield, Blacksmiths Green, Brundish, Brundish Street, Creetingham, Dennington, Earl Soham, Horham, Huntingfield, Kenton, Laxfield, Monk Soham, Occold, Redlingfield, Rishangles, Saxtead, Saxtead Green, Southolt, Stradbroke, Tannington, Thorndon, Wilby and Worlingworth.

The service will also take people to fixed points (bus stops or prominent public facilities – such as doctors' surgeries) within Framlingham, Debenham, Eye and Halesworth. However, it cannot take people from one part of any of these towns to another.

The service will operate from 7am to 7pm from Monday through Saturday.

It will not be replacing the Borderhoppa or High Suffolk Community Transport services.

For the latest High Suffolk Community Transport timetables you can visit the transport pages on www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk or contact Mike Ager (the timetables were included in a recent Redlingfield-only newsletter).

Mike Ager

■ **HORHAM HOG ROAST:** It will be first-come-first-served for the 100 £5 tickets on sale for a Hog Roast Night at Horham & Athelington Community Centre on Friday, July 1st. The hog roast is in addition to the ever-popular Friday Fish 'n' Chip nights. The community centre is open from 8pm and all those coming to the Hog Roast should either bring salad or a raffle prize. Ticket available from Karen Alderton, Horham Post Office and the community centre.

■ **ATHELINGTON FESTIVAL:** St Peter's Church in Athelington is celebrating its Patronal Festival on Sunday June 26th. There is a service at 11.30am followed by lunch at Meadow Farm. Lunch tickets are £10 from Mary Hawes (01728 628608).

■ **SUMMER LUNCH:** Friends of All Saints Stradbroke's Summer Lunch is at Frythe Barn on Saturday, July 16th. Tickets are £20 from Stradbroke PO.

■ **WINGFIELD BARN:** The tea shop, terrace, gift shop and exhibitions at Wingfield Barns are open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm. For events see our what's on pages.

■ **ON YOUR BIKE:** Following the success of last year's inaugural On Your Bike! fundraising cycle challenge for Suffolk charity St Elizabeth Hospice, a second will take place on Sunday, September 18th. It will start and finish at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, near Ipswich. You can choose from a 75, 50 or 11.5 mile routes. You can register online at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk. For more information call 01473 723600.

■ **BUSINESS CRIME SEMINAR:** A business crime seminar has been organised for Friday June 24th from 10 am to 4.15 pm at the Athenaeum on Angel Hill in Bury St Edmunds. The event is free to attend and full details are on the Mid Suffolk North SNT home page (www.safersuffolk.org.uk). There will be various speakers including MP David Ruffley, as well as trading standards and other local business officials. There will also be security company stands including DNA marking companies Smartwater, Selecta DNA and Red Web. Other companies include Securitas with Chubb, Anglian Alarms and Ultra Secure Direct. Autoglass will be in attendance and offering free vehicle window etching.

Insects are for eating ...

THE WORLD POPULATION continues to grow at a great rate and the United Nations strives to avoid a global famine. Protein becomes scarce as the cost of animal feed soars. Forests are cut down to make space to grow more livestock feed and to plant crops for energy production. Deforestation adds to our carbon footprint.

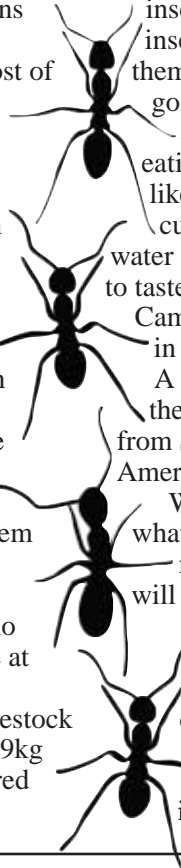
The artist, Angela Palmer, has written about the value of insect protein. Insects have always been a major source of protein in many cultures and today more than a 1,000 species of insect are eaten by 2.5 billion people.

Insects are high in protein, low in cholesterol and rearing them requires little energy. You can grow thousands of crickets in a shoebox with no fertilisers and no forest clearance. They reproduce at a great rate and produce only a fraction of the gas emitted by livestock farming. They can generate 6kg-9kg of meat per 10kg of feed compared with 1kg for beef. This is partly

because they are cold blooded.

So, how do you go about cooking insects? Many Mexican dishes use insects and we can learn from them. Ants eggs are said to be as good as caviar and surely eating ants eggs is little different to eating fish eggs. Eating a prawn is like eating a lizard. Female leaf cutter ants are soaked in salt water and then roasted, they are said to taste like pork scratchings. In Cambodia baked tarantula is cooked in a clay pot to remove its hair. A café in Bristol has insects on the menu; the insects are imported from South Africa and South America.

We are advised not to try whatever we find in the garden but maybe cooking entrepreneurs will find a way to make British insects delicious. The Dutch government is already investing in research and no doubt some farming entrepreneurs will make a fortune from rearing insects. *Evelyn Adey*



Flowers and much more

IF YOU LOVE FLOWERS AND gardens the weekend June 18th and 19th should be a real treat.

Over the weekend Redlingfield will be holding a flower festival at St Andrews church and a handful of gardens will be open around the village. On both Saturday and Sunday the gardens and church will be open from 11am to 5pm. On Sunday there will be a church service at 6.30pm.

As well as flowers, the church and grounds will be filled with paintings, displays on village history, craft stalls and demonstrations. There will also be book and plant sales, bric-a-brac, refreshments and music (on Sunday 2-4pm there will be a string quartet playing). All proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church (for information see www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).

And if that isn't enough that weekend also sees a stunning four-acre wildflower meadow open in neighbouring Worlingworth (pictured) and 23 gardens will be open in Fressingfield.

The wildflower meadow at Barton Grange in Water Lane, Worlingworth, will be open – before it is cut for hay – between 10am and 5pm on both



days. Admission, which is £2 per adult, includes coffee or tea.

Ploughman's lunches priced £3.50 will be served between noon and 2pm. There will also be a children's trail, competitions and other stalls. Proceeds will go to St. Mary's Church Worlingworth Restoration Fund and The Psoriasis Association (see www.wildflowermeadow.org)

Fressingfield's gardens will also be open from 10am to 5pm. Entrance to the 23 gardens is by programme. They cost £4 per adult and cover both days.

There will also be a market place with nearly 20 stalls, a decorated church, Festival Food, Children's Trail and ice cream. Proceeds will go to local children and youth groups (see www.onesuffolk.co.uk/FressingfieldPC).

Mike Ager

■ **THE COOPERS:** Brian Cooper and Joyce Cooper will move a step closer to moving to the Norfolk coast when a lifetime of farm machinery and much more goes under hammer on Saturday July 2nd at 10.30am at Lodge Farm, Horham. The star of the auction is an extremely rare David Brown VTK1 116 threshing tractor with a winch and pulley. The VTK1 116, of which only 85 were made, was originally designed as an aircraft tug. The tractor was first registered in 1946 by his uncle Herbert Hawes, who had a threshing business in Stradbroke. The tractor was last used to winch a tractor out of a ditch in 1978 and was restored by Peter Fisk.

Bigger, better Bygones

HORHAM BYGONES Country Rally looks as if it is going to be bigger and better than ever this year.

And it hopes to have two new big draws – if the Suffolk Punch foal recently born to Kim Cobbold and Greg Aldridge is fit to travel it should be joining Robbie and other four-legged Bygone regulars.

And alongside the ever-present Royal British Legion stand it is hoped Fork Rent's spectacular Union Jack JCB digger (pictured here) will be raising cash for Help For Heroes.

Originally started in 2002 as a one-off to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee the rally has gone from strength to strength and become an annual feature. The event – on Saturday June 11th from 10am until 5pm – regularly attracts 100 historic tractors. The tractors and other farm machinery join historic military vehicles, stationary engines, cars and motorcycles as well as working horses, mules from the Burma Mules Tribute, demonstrations of crafts from New Reeding Woods Group and working fire engines from the Fire Service Preservation Group



show their fire-fighting skills in demonstrations throughout the day and in the working field Robbie the shire horse will be joined by some four-legged friends and a host of working tractors.

As well as being a big draw for anyone who wants to see old farm machinery and horses in action it is also big fun day for all the family as there should be fairground rides for smaller children and a variety of stalls.

Last year more than 3,000 visitors flocked into the village.

Not only does the event generate much needed funds for the Horham Community Council it also offers

charities, including the Royal British Legion and East Anglian Children's Hospice, the opportunity to attend, free of charge, in order to promote their organisations and raise funds.

Horham Bygones Country Rally is on Horham & Athelington Recreation Field. Admission: adults £4, concessions £2, family ticket £10, accompanied under 5s free.

There will be free parking with a dedicated disabled parking area.

Visit www.horhambygones.co.uk for more information.

Mike Ager

■ **MORRIS AND MORE:** Hoxon Hundred morris dancers and musicians will be dancing out at pubs around the area as always on Wednesday nights this summer and have added Redlingfield Hog Roast on Saturday, July 16th, to their busy calendar of events which includes Diss Carnival on Sunday, June 19th.

YOUR LOCAL POLICE



HELLO EVERYONE, FINALLY WE HAVE the pleasure of the warm Summer weather drawing us out into our gardens to do those little jobs we have been putting off, but whilst you're out and about consider your outbuildings such as sheds, garages, greenhouses and barns.

Keep Burglars Out of Outbuildings:

People living and working in Mid Suffolk are being urged to keep their outbuildings secure, as £60,000 worth of items has been stolen from garages, sheds and workshops across the district since the clocks went forward.

Between March 29th and April 28th, 29 outbuildings were entered or broken into in Mid Suffolk, with eleven left unlocked or open, inviting thieves in. Items stolen include lawnmowers, bicycles, tools, clothing, food and electrical equipment.

Mid Suffolk Safer Neighbourhood Team Inspector Tristan Pepper said: "As the evenings get lighter and the weather improves, criminals can take advantage of us spending more time outdoors, leaving outbuildings open or not putting away that expensive item.

"Once you've removed the lawnmower, tools or barbecue you're using, lock the shed or garage behind you. Never leave items of value unattended in your garden, and don't leave them on display through a window either. Mesh or bars can be fixed on shed and garage windows to conceal your property and deter

criminals from breaking in.

"Keep vehicles in secure garages where available, or parked in an open, well lit area. Keep hedges and shrubs cut back and fences, gates and walls in good repair. Make sure items such as bicycles, ladders and motorised vehicles that can be locked, are locked. Lock smaller items in cabinets and always keep keys safe and out of sight. Houses, sheds and garages can also be alarmed at a small cost, and CCTV and lighting can also deter thieves.

"I would also urge people to security mark items – equipment such as UV pens or Smart Water can be purchased to do this. Take photos of any valuable items. These pictures could help trace them in the event that they are stolen."

If you would like some crime prevention advice please contact Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500 or email midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Mid Suffolk North Safer

Neighbourhood Team: If you are interested in knowing what your local policing Team have been doing then why not take a look at www.suffolk.police.uk/ and look for the Safer Neighbourhood site within, this will give you lots of crime prevention advice and also show you pictures of your local policing Team.

PC 1330 Amy Yeldham, Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team
(midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or 01473 613 500)

■ **VIEW EAST ANGLIAN HOUSES:** East Anglia's Invitation to View, which allows you to visit private houses and gardens by appointment, now lists 54 properties in four counties. You can get a brochure and more information from local information centres or www.invitationtoview.co.uk.

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



THE PAST FEW MONTHS have been very busy with the vote on the possible merger of Mid Suffolk and Babergh and the election of

Councillors. I am delighted to be returned for the Hoxne Ward and thank you to all those that turned out to vote. Whatever your decision it is important to vote and to make your councillors accountable to you and your villages.

The main issue on the doorstep was the closure of the Waste Recycling Depot at Brome and I am delighted to say that the County Council have agreed to extend the date for the proposed closure until the end of July to give all concerned a chance to come up with a lasting solution. The District Council have made a decision to keep the services in this area, so are working with local groups and the County for the best way forward.

Central Government has indicated that they will allow district and county councils to take greater part in making decisions for communities and I look

forward to being able to take quick and sensible decisions on planning, the environment and services for the elderly that make sense to our rural life.

I know that there are some new faces in the parish councils and meetings, welcome to you all and I hope you will find the meetings fruitful and rewarding. Everyone has a valid voice and often the best and newest ideas are the ones we are looking for.

The District has money available to parishes for innovative plans and ideas and through your parish plans you may discover the need for something that might change the life of the village.

Apart from the disastrous lack of rain in our part of the country we have had a glorious spring, the daffs and now the roses are repaying us for the ghastly winter of 2010/2011. All thoughts of flooding and potholes are put aside for the moment and I hope the new drainage works in Low Road Redlingfield will be of great benefit when we do get rain at last.

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

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF the past few months has been the annual reunion at the Red Feather Club in Horham.

We were all reminded about the great sacrifices made by a previous generation to defeat the unspeakable Nazi regime that held Europe as a prisoner from 1939 to 1940.

The new memorial at the base has been brilliantly executed. It was fitting that the unveiling was done by the three returning veterans who had served in

1944-45 at Horham. It is a reminder to us all that in this uncertain world British and American forces are joined together in fighting an equally vicious enemy who hides behind women and sends out young children to be suicide bombers.

Our shared experience of the past conflicts against evil should make us as determined to defeat the current evil as our fathers and grandfathers were in the Second World War.

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

YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



AS AN NHS HOSPITAL doctor and an MP, I am very proud of the hard work of the dedicated staff and volunteers at St Elizabeth

Hospice in Ipswich. St Elizabeth provides care and support for patients with terminal and progressive illnesses such as cancer and heart disease. The outreach service offered also provides a lifeline for people and families with long-term illnesses in rural communities.

Last Saturday, I was delighted to present long service awards to some of the 800-strong volunteers at St Elizabeth, and to see the new £1.7 million refurbishment of the in-patient unit which is nearing completion. Having raised the issue of hospice care in Parliament earlier this year, and recently participated for the second year in a row, in the Kesgrave 5K Fun Run, which helps to raise money for the hospice, it was a great pleasure to present the awards.

The work of the volunteers at the hospice makes a real and tangible difference to people's lives every day and I am very proud of the commitment and hard work of the volunteers. Local hospices have a crucial role to play in delivering healthcare services, by providing support to individuals and their

families in the difficult circumstances of terminal illness. Helping to support 'a good death' and providing dignity in dying is so very important, and that is why the work of St Elizabeth is so vital.

It was a pleasure for me to visit the Stradbroke and District Branch of the Royal British Legion for lunch at the Stradbroke Community Centre. The Royal British Legion provides an invaluable service all year round to support serving and ex-servicemen and women and their families. The RBL has been helping people for 90 years, and although their needs have changed over that time the need for the work provided by its members, both locally and nationally, remains as vital as ever. The importance of the Royal British Legion is reinforced every day with British troops engaged in overseas conflicts in Afghanistan and Libya. I was delighted to talk with Branch Secretary Jeremy Higgins and other members about the importance of restoring the Military Covenant amongst other issues. I fully support the work of the RBL, and will continue to assist members of the branch to help them raise as much funding as possible to support their laudable work.

Dr Dan Poulter, MP - for more information see www.danielpoulter.com

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – plan to build a double carport and single garage for the dwelling under construction at **Lodge Farm, The Street, Horham**; plan to erect a 5KW wind turbine (height 15m to hub, 2.25m radius blades) at **Green Farm, Green Lane, Redlingfield**; plan to change use of buildings to assembly and parts storage of solar PV systems and wind turbines at **Denham site, Horham Road, Hoxne**; plan to extend existing dwelling to provide first floor bedroom, ground floor entrance hall and rear garden room at **Greenway Farm, Southolt Road, Athelington. Refused** – plan to install an air source heat pump at **7 Manor Park, Horham** (information from Mid Suffolk Council's website). **Granted** – plan to build two-bay cartlodge at front of dwelling **Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield**;



Veterans return for 95th cel

Fliers past, present and future gathered in Horham to commemorate and celebrate the men and achievements of the 95th Bomb Group as part of the annual reunion tour.

On Friday evening, a trio of WW2 veterans from the US, unveiled a memorial to the bomb group at the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association-run Red Feather Club in Horham, which is the official UK museum of the bomb group. The veterans – S/Sgt Ray B Waters a tail gunner, Lt Herbert Wilkov a

navigator and S/Sgt Benjamin Roujansky a radio operator – were joined by RAF Lakenheath Wing Chaplain Lt Col Bruce A Arnold and a F15E Strike Eagle pilot, Lt Col Brent R Vosseller, recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan, for the emotional dedication of the memorial.

The veterans were part of a 20-plus reunion tour of Americans organised by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association and the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation in the US.

On Friday, the new-look museum,

This picture, one of many in the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association's amazing archive, shows the Horham Home Guard after they had "invaded" Horham Airfield. Also many thanks to Alan Johnson who has managed to name all but two of our local lads.

Oscar	?	Bob	Bob	David	Ted	Albert	Fred	John	Weary
Reeve	Pitt	Baldry	Reeve	Mayhew	Chambers	Smith	Chambers	Hawes	Whatling
Arthur	Joe	Harry	Jack	Ted	Albert	Ernie	Henry	Fred	
Hawes	Baldwin	Borrett	Warne	Johnson	Borrett	Elliston	Chapman	Hambling	





Celebrations

which features only 95th Bomb Group items, was unveiled to the visitors who presented the association with a “missing man flag” to commemorate all those lost. Along with additional displays of clothing and equipment, the revamped museum includes recently acquired audio visual displays showing rare wartime colour footage of the B-17s flying in formation, the Flying Fortresses over both Stradbroke & Horham, the Horham airbase itself, some famous and unknown airmen on the base and footage of London during the war.

On Saturday it was the turn of the 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum in Denham to hold its Open Day. Its new tea room was unveiled with a tea dance and that night there was a 1940s dance in the Red Feather Club’s Blue Room.

On Sunday, approximately 2,000 people visited the Red Feather Club for its Grand Open Day with military vehicles, re-enactors including the mules of the Burma Chindit group, ’40s dancing and an aerobatics display by a WW2 “Jumpin Jacques” – a P-51 Mustang. Among the visitors were a group of bikers who rode down from



The award-winning Air Cadets from 1070 (Diss) Squadron presented the colours – the Stars and Stripes, their own standard and the 95th banner – to the veterans on Saturday followed by speeches from among others Benjamin Roujansky and Lt Col Vosseller. The veterans

also opened an authentic guardroom at the Red Feather Club – including cell – built by 1285th Military Police re-enactors who have made the club their home. At nearby Denham Village Hall – the former base guard room – there was an exhibition by renowned wildlife artist Mark Chester and that evening at St Mary’s church at Horham, there was a special evening service, with an address by Lt Col Arnold.

On Tuesday, before a farewell hog roast, a wreath was laid on the memorial to the crew of B-17G 42-31123 in Redlingfield.

Mike Ager

Pictured top, from left: Diss Air Cadets present the colours; the veterans visit the guard room; dancing at the Red Feather Club; the vets talk to Lt Col Vosseller; and left, vets and bikers.

Cromer in Norfolk to present the association with a cheque for £120.

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING: The 34th Annual General Meeting of Redlingfield Village Meeting at Horham & Athelington Community Centre on Wednesday May 11th was largely uneventful with treasurer Jeanette Brierley, secretary Mike Ager and chairman Janet Norman-Philips all re-elected. The village committee membership of Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Mike Ager, Jeanette Brierley, Susan Chapman, Allan Chapman, Chris Gibbons, Linda Hudson, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller, Janet Norman-Philips & Stephen Toll were all also re-elected. Susan Toll who had earlier resigned due to pressure of work was thanked for her contributions. Mid Suffolk District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and Rev David Streeter both reported to the meeting. Elizabeth Gibson-Harries updated the meeting on the progress at Hartismere Hospital, which should be completed in October. The meeting said that all the work that had gone into saving Hartismere was appreciated. Pre-empting the treasurer's report Janet said the village usually makes enough to cover expenditure but in 2010 we only made £750. So any donation to the church will be decided later in the year.

Committee: chairman – Janet Norman-Philips, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk or 678835. Website: www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk **Janet Norman-Philips**

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL: The first meeting of the newly formed parish council took place recently and the first item on the agenda was to discuss the two vacancies which occurred at the uncontested election which will be filled by co-option. Hav Wilkins was re-elected chairman, Keith Hawes as vice-chairman. Councillors are John Bloomfield, Peter Brown and Lawrence Weaver. We were pleased to learn that the waste recycling centre at Brome has had a reprieve until end of July. Both the County and District Councils are in discussion on the best solution to keep the centre open. We were delighted to welcome Colin French from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service as our guest speaker who gave an informative power point presentation on the work of this very vital service. **Angela Wilkins**

THOMAS FREDERICK HAVERS: Known as 'Uncle Tom' by many he was peacefully taken on March 20th, aged 85. Born in 1925 in Occold, the youngest of a family of seven. He left school at 15 and spent a short time in the RAF. With his brother Jack he took over King Farm when his father retired. In 1951, he married Helen from Stradbroke in Horham Baptist Church. Helen was late because the 2pm train at Horham Station held her up. In the next few years two sons were born and in 1956 Tom, Jack and their father bought Athelington Hall and Tom and Helen moved in. A third son arrived and in the 1970s he sowed a meadow so that young people's Christian groups could camp at the hall, which was a great success. He retired at the age of 65 and started to travel the world visiting Australia ten times. A service of thanksgiving for Tom's life was held at Horham Baptist Church, on Friday, April 1st. Devoted husband of Helen, father to Peter, Steven and Christine, Chris and Sheila, dear grandad of Jonathan and Victoria, David and Hannah and Amy, Rebekah and Matthew, Tom and Ruth, James and Matthew and great grandad of Dylan. In memory of Uncle Tom and his lovely smile. **Peter Havers**



SATURDAY, MAY 14TH–SUNDAY, JUNE 5

South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival:

Guided walks, in a variety of locations, to suit all tastes and capabilities. For more information visit southandheartofsuffolk.org.uk or phone 01449 676800.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Outing to Banham Zoo: Redlingfield and Occold WI.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1–THURSDAY, JUNE 2

The Suffolk Show: Trinity Park, Ipswich.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

The Friends of Pound Lane Wood: BBQ & AGM. See pg 4.

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: 6pm.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Luncheon Club: noon-3pm, Occold Village Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Redlingfield Committee Meeting: 8pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Redlingfield Churchyard clear-up: 6pm.

Chick Flick Night 'Amelie': Wingfield Barns, 8pm, with chocolate and a glass of wine for £10, (4 tickets for £30).

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Horham Bygones Country Rally:

Volunteers wanted – if you can help call Don Moyes, 07894 903829. See pg 12.

Eye Bach Choir Summer Concert: Eye Parish Church. Includes first public performance of a new work by Jonathan Rutherford, written for the Choir. 7.30pm. Tickets £12 (reserved), £10 (unreserved). from Eye Pharmacy, at door or from 01728 747371.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14–SATURDAY, JULY 9

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Hoxne School Summer Fair:-2.30pm on at Hoxne playing field & pavilion.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Evening BBQ: Stradbroke Wine Society.
Open Gardens: Syleham.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 18 & 19

Redlingfield Open Gardens & Flower Festival:

See pg 11.

Fressingfield Garden Festival: See pg 11.

Barton Grange Wild Flower Meadow & Gardens: See pg 11.

The Helmingham Food & Drink festival: Helmingham Hall. See inside back.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Luncheon Club: 12-3pm, Occold Village Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21–SUNDAY, JULY 3

Village Craft Exhibition: Wingfield Barns.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Film4All 'True Grit': Wingfield Barns, tickets £8 (4 for £30).

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Roughcast Theatre Company Presents

Comedy of Errors: Stradbroke

Community Centre, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 & £5 (under 18s). Box Office Enquiries 01379 586745.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Business crime seminar: See pg 10.

Cricket Club Pavilion Opening by Sir

Gary Sobers: from 5:30pm Worlingworth Cricket Club. See pg 8.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Occold Summer Fete: Occold Village Hall & playing field.

Wingfield Village Fete: Wingfield Barns.

Hoxne Parish Church Fete: from 2pm at Hoxne playing field & pavilion.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Church Lunch: Athelington. See pg 9.

Stradbroke Gardens Open: 2-6pm, entrance by programme from Church.

Hoffmeister Ensemble chamber music: Wingfield Barns, 3pm, tickets £10.

Hoxne Open Gardens.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

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

WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Summer Sizzler Fete: Sir Robert Hitcham School, Debenham.

Horham Hog Roast: See pg 9.

Roughcast Theatre Company Presents Comedy of Errors: Hoxne Swan Garden, 7.30pm. Comedy of Errors see June 23.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: 6pm.

Wartime Dance: The Red Feather Club. Horham, starting 7.30pm. DJs will provide 1940s music. 1940s civilian or allied military dress welcomed. Bar & hot food. Tickets £7 per person from James Mutton (01728 860930).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13-MONDAY, JULY 18

Country Music Festival: Debenham Leisure Centre. Full weekend £26, Thurs, Fri or Sun nights £4, Sat or Sun 'day' £6, Sat night £7.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Nickie Hoewenwer 'The History of Lace Making': Redlingfield and Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

MONDAY, JULY 11-SUNDAY, JULY 24

Jennie Barfield: Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Exhibition of collages. Admission free.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Stradbroke Summer Lunch: Friends of the Church. See pg 9.

Caribbean Evening: Thorndon Village Hall.

Redlingfield Summer BBQ (Hog Roast): from 6pm with Guide Dogs for the Blind stand.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

Coffee Caravan: Redlingfield, 2pm-4pm.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Summer Outing: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group visit to the I Remember When Bygone Collection at Sweffiing. Visit start at 7pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 28-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

International Mini Prints 2011: Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Admission free.

THURSDAY, JULY 28-SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Life Drawing Exhibition: Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Admission free.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Suffolk Dog Day: Helmingham Hall. See inside back.

Stradbroke Village Show.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

'Our First Responders': Redlingfield and Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Stradbroke Garage Sale.

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: 6pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Festival of Classic and Sports Cars: Helmingham Hall. See inside back.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

Coffee Caravan: Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 26-29

Eye Parish Church Art Exhibition: 10am-8pm except Sunday, which is 1pm-8pm. Admission free. For details contact awillobee@btinternet.com.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

Harleston Festival.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Redlingfield Pub on the Green: 6pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Redlingfield committee meeting: 8pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Stuart Garrod (equine dentist) 'My Life with these Nags': Redlingfield and Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Suffolk Churches Bike Ride: See pg 9.

Wartime Dance: The Red Feather Club, Horham, starting 7.30pm. Big band. 1940s civilian or allied military dress welcomed. Bar & hot food. Tickets £10 per person (01728 860930).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NCCPG Plant Sale: Helmingham Hall. See inside back.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Coffee Caravan: Redlingfield, 2pm-4pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

What shall we do with our bastard, orphan, delinquent, pauper and abandoned children?: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre, entry £2.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Harvest Supper: Denham Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

'Surprise Eve' (by the committee): Redlingfield and Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

WI Harvest Supper: 7.30pm. Occold Village Hall, Redlingfield and Occold WI.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Redlingfield Harvest Supper: Horham & Athelington Community Centre.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cabaret Evening: Thorndon Village Hall.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

The Victorian Magic Lantern: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre, entry £2.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Traditional music, songs, stepdancing & jig doll concert: See pg 8.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

AGM Cheese & Wine with speaker 'Art Safari' by Ann Bartlett: Redlingfield and Occold WI, 7.45pm, Occold Village Hall.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Family History on the Web: Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre,

● See inside back page for details of events at **Helmingham Hall**. Contacts for events: **Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group:** 01728 8605511 or julie.kerseystradhg@live.com; **Redlingfield:** pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, 678835 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:

Worham 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.

Occold Market: every 3rd Sat of the month 9:30am-noon, Occold Village Hall. Barry or Pat Woods, 678 844, villagehall@occold.com

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

CHURCH

THE RECTOR: The Service of Thanksgiving at Horham Church ended a great day there on Sunday, May 15th, when more than 90 visitors found the seventy steps up the tower gave them a fine view of the WW2 airfield. The Preacher was the Wing Chaplain at RAF Lakenheath, USAF Lt Col Bruce A Arnold and Lucy Kirkum read a Poem called "Flying Fortress" by David J Allen. The hot, dry weather has brought the ox-eye daisies out already, but we are praying for rain (at night!) in preparation for Harvest and the Festival. The Horham Bygones Rally on Saturday, June 11th, brings a request from Daphne Harvey (tel: 384216) for goods and produce to sell from her table for Horham Church, and there's a Coffee Morning on Saturday, August 27th, in the Old School. Schedules for the Stradbroke Village Show on July 30th are at the Post Office, and before that day, on Sunday, June 26th, gardens are open there from 11am to 6pm. That same Sunday, Athelington's Patronal Festival has a Service in St Peter's Church at 11.30 am, followed by a Summer Lunch in the garden at Meadow Farm. Tickets are £10 for adults, and £5 for under 12s from Evelyn Adey, (01728 628428) or Mary Hawes, (01728 628608). Redlingfield have a Festival Weekend in the Church and the Village on Saturday and Sunday June 18th and 19th. My Birthday this year is on Sunday, 21st August, and you are invited to tea in the Rectory Garden from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The Sponsored Bike Ride is on Saturday, 10th September, from 9am to 5pm. Sponsorship forms are available from Daphne Harvey in Horham, Evelyn Adey, Athelington, and Joan Abbott, Redlingfield (678736).

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):

June: 2 Stradbroke, Ascension Day, 7.30pm

5 Stradbroke, Benefice Communion 9am

12 Horham, 9am, **Redlingfield**, 10am

19 Athelington, 10am, **Horham**, Morning Prayer 11.15am,

Redlingfield, Flower Festival, 10am-5pm, Songs of Praise 6.30pm

26 Stradbroke, 8am, **Athelington**, Morning Prayer 11.30am

July: 3 **Horham**, Benefice Communion 11.15am

10 Horham, 9am, **Redlingfield**, 10am

17 Athelington, 10am

24 Redlingfield, Morning Prayer 10am, **Horham**, Morning Prayer 11.15am

31 Stradbroke, 8am, **Horham**, Family Service and Baptism, 11.15am

Aug: 7 **Athelington**, Benefice Communion 10.00am

14 Horham, 9am, **Redlingfield**, 10am

21 Horham, 9am, **Athelington**, 10am

28 Stradbroke, 9am, **Redlingfield**, Morning Prayer 10am,

Horham, Morning Prayer 11.15am

THE QUIET TIME OF YEAR?

POETRY CORNER

We have had the heady exuberance of spring ending in a crescendo of life bursting
out in one mad riot of colour and sound,
Heading non-stop to be first to bring new life into the world,
Days lengthen and an easy warmth arrives – clouds and rain hurry past no time to
linger!

Summer is just around the corner – the languid days, steamy nights, the heat
pervades around,
Salad days arrive with ease like comfortable slippers we slide into,
Long-distance travellers arrive on our shores welcomed as old friends a joy to see!

Short nights, long days, lots to do, no time to see nature's gifts for all to share,
Life takes a pause before the golden gifts to come,
A light that's bright to show all flaws but also intense beauty as the days roll by!

The air has a scent all of its own no perfume can match,
Life a colour and depth no artist can truly match,
Summer winds up, slows down, all in one space of time, all must be done soon
before autumn arrives!

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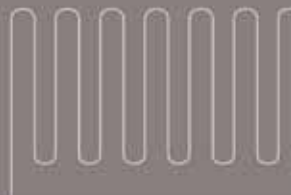
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