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THE GENEROSITY OF the people in this part of Suffolk is amazing. For example, at the recent Redlingfield Hog Roast the Guide Dogs for the Blind – including “Edward the blind guide dog” – raised more than £250. They could have stayed closer to home in Stowmarket at the carnival but instead they visited us and, apparently, we easily topped what they would have expected to collect in town. And people still snapped up village raffle tickets and cleaned out Joyce Leeder’s bottle stall. Pictured with Edward is Andrew Crisp and Graham Waspé with his new guide dog Opal. Among those at the event were Lt Col Brent



Vosseller and family. Lt Col Vosseller, is now back in the States after being based at RAF Lakenheath, from where he served in Afghanistan. He first came to the Redlingfield when he spoke at the unveiling of the memorial to the crew of the B-17 which crashed in the village during WW2.

Redlingfield’s website, which has a lot more about the Hog Roast and the recent village flower festival, has once again helped a relative from the US get in touch with a villager. Linda Hudson’s cousin in Iowa is now back in touch after finding her on our website at [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).

**SOME BITS SADLY DIDN’T MAKE IT INTO THIS ISSUE . . . I’M sitting on, not literally, Alan Johnson’s diary of a trip to the US with author and 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association chairman Ian Hawkins. I hope to have highlights of that ready for the next issue and a piece on gypsies and travellers. There should also be the first of a series of articles by Chris Mawson, until recently of Eye Book Shop. Despite the crush for space, we are still interested in finding writers willing to tackle gardening or cookery. If you are interested, please get in touch with myself or Evelyn. Mike Ager**

■ **HORHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The annual general meetings of the Horham and Athelington Community Council and the Horham Village Hall Trust were held on Tuesday July 12th. Margaret Streeter continues as chairman of H&ACC and David as chairman of HVHT. The community centre thrives because of the amazing amount of goodwill and camaraderie that exists in Horham; thank you, everybody. The Royal Wedding Celebration Party, The Bygones Rally, the helpers’ barbecue and William’s Christening Party were lovely events, all made possible by our small army of volunteers. We were very pleased to receive a cheque from Gordon Allum for £750, our share of the amount remaining in the Horham Eight Bells Tug-of-War account. This money will be used towards the maintenance of the Community Centre. The Harvest Lunch will be on Sunday October 2nd; details and tickets from Angela on 384625. Remember, remember Saturday November 5th! And our Christmas Dinner on Friday December 9th.

**Margaret Streeter**

# All's well - today at least

*Farmer Trevor Edwards puts the problems with our unseasonal weather behind him for the latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

**W**ORRYING ABOUT THE weather? Of course not. Now that the drought has changed into a typical cool, damp harvest, everything is normal again, but the memories live on.

It was a glorious June 4th and wriggling across the lawn in the hot midday sun came the biggest, fattest grass snake I have ever seen. The same week, a large crop of tadpoles in the horse pond seemed to disappear and I don't think it was a coincidence. It is a tough world for amphibians, as frogs and toads seem to be on the menu of most things that go looking for food in the countryside, including our own tawny and barn owls.

Our owl nest boxes have produced the best breeding season since we erected them four years ago. Box no.1 produced one new tawny owl, and Box no.2 a pair of strong barn owl chicks. The only exception was Box no.3, which failed again as usual. Absolutely nothing. I checked it twice and it was as empty as an Aberdeen street on Poppy Day. Location is everything so we will have to find a new site for that one this autumn.

MANY SCOTTISH FARMERS relocated to East Anglia in the Thirties and Forties and Hammy Knox, with his wife Jessie, was one of them.

The vicar told this lovely tale at his

funeral. He came to settle in Laxfield from Ayrshire, travelling by train, with his dairy cows on board. The train stopped at Newcastle, where Hammy took the opportunity to milk the herd and sell the milk to a local dairy. The train, of course, left on time, leaving Hammy well out of pocket as the crafty Geordie milkman had failed to pay. The vicar said it was a very rare example of an Englishman getting one over a Scotsman.

The mixed farming of those days has changed. Our grandfathers would have had a few chickens and turkeys, plus a few sows and cows, all on a few acres. Now we seem to have a large amount of one to the exclusion of the others. Diversification has come in other ways. Many farmers now have horse livery, farm trails and leisure, farm shops, farm gate sales and bed & breakfast.

It does make you wonder where all the milk, for example, is going to come from. Every other rural property has a hen coop in the garden for fresh eggs, but a house cow? Probably not.

EARLIER IN THE SUMMER, I arranged two visits to carry out a Breeding Bird Survey of Cretingham, an annual monitoring of both the resident and summer visitor populations in and around that village. I took Doc Goodge to help. A



***The stone curlews' decline has been arrested with farmers protecting nesting areas.***

Welshman, he left Luton to escape the car industry and came to Stradbroke to practice medicine. Nevertheless, a nice chap, sound as a pound, with great aural skills in birdsong.

After six years, we have spotted nothing to get a twitcher excited, just confirmation that Cretingham's population of chaffinches, house sparrows and so on, is doing very well, and that George Ralli's rookery is not diminishing.

**SOMETHING THAT IS ALSO** doing well, specifically on the Brecks, is the stone curlew – though not through any help from me and my old school mates. We loved the disgraced hobby of collecting birds' eggs and at school, at Culford, the star was Nobby Clarke. He was bold enough to go out of bounds, behind the lake at West Stow, to pilfer a stone curlew's egg for which the rest of us would have swapped half a collection.

After many years of struggle, the stone curlews' decline seems to have

been arrested and some sugar-beet farmers are now incorporating nest protection into their cultivations.

A DEFRA report, published on the 3rd of March this year, singles out The Brecks as a good example of modern agriculture and conservation working together.

Farmers, landowners and environmentalists have helped to maintain 33,000 acres of the Breckland Farmland Site of Special Scientific Interest, to provide the ideal habitat for the stone curlew.

**HERE AT WASH FARM,** A mature cherry tree, just outside the kitchen window, is a favourite early morning perch of many new broods, and provides good views whilst I make the first cup of tea. This morning it was full of great tits, ostensibly checking the bark over for titbits, though they were really being taught that a splendid array of bird feeders lies just over the fence.

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The garden was staked out by a sparrowhawk for a week in July. The place went as quiet as a morgue for a day or two, as the sparrowhawk picked off various fledglings with consummate ease. This is a beautiful bird I have very mixed views about. I was thinking it was time to put the wind up the thing by getting the catapult out of the gun-cabinet, when it thankfully disappeared.

Another bird I have even less time for is the carrion crow. A shooting friend, Adrian (doesn't miss) Smith, who is Framlingham's newest and youngest butcher, notes another good reason for maintaining the old gamekeeper's skills which control the wrong-doers. He tells of watching a couple of crows dive-bombing the ground in a wheat field, only to find a young leveret being pecked to death, done in by the aerial onslaught. All part of nature's simple food chain.

On the bright side, now that the combining is done and the fields clear, you can see that the hare numbers are quite good again this year.

WALKING IS NOW BACK IN fashion, and Suffolk's footpaths are being used more and more.

No end of wives and girlfriends quickly don a tee-shirt or something pink to raise funds for a charity, and that includes this 21st century farmers' wife who needs a break from her frantic tractor-revving husband waiting for the rain to clear.

It's a shame that the deer do not stick to the footpaths. The growing deer numbers insist on making their own, and the trails are all too obvious from the combine cab.

However, I have enjoyed good sightings of red deer this summer, a female and pricket, which I now know is a young buck in its second year with curved, unbranched horns.

ANYWAY, TODAY THE SUN IS shining and all is well in the farmyard. Time for a drink, a toast to the combine driver, and long-suffering farmers' wives everywhere.

*Wash Farm Wildlife,  
Trevor Edwards*

**SCOUT CAMP:** 28 scouts, explorers and leaders of the 1st Fressingfield Scout Group, some pictured here, recently returned from their annual summer camp in Collard Bridge, near Barnstaple, North Devon. During the October half term the scouts will go on a 'bushcraft' camp and the explorers on a cycling expedition. If you are interested in joining the scouts in Fressingfield please contact Andrew on 07908 262623.





# On your bike for charity

*Cyclists are in the spotlight with annual charity bike rides, a trip to Paris for the RBL and a visit from the Tour of Britain*

**T**HE 30th SUFFOLK Historic Churches Bike Ride is on Saturday September 10th.

Launched in Suffolk in 1982 the event has now spread across the country (many counties now call it "Ride and Stride"). Riders (and walkers) register with the coordinator at their chosen church and the money they raise is shared equally between that church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Sponsor forms are available from Daphne Harvey in Horham (384216), Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428), and Joan Abbott, Redlingfield (678736). The event takes place from 9am-5pm.

IF YOU ARE STILL IN THE cycling mood after visiting the churches of Suffolk, on the next day – Sunday September 11th – St Elizabeth Hospice is holding a sponsored cycle ride.

There are three routes – 75 miles, 50 miles and 11.5 miles. All routes start and finish in the grounds of the Royal Hospital School in Holbrook.

This is the second On Your Bike event. Last year's inaugural event attracted 200 cyclists raising thousands of pounds.

Entry fees in advance are £15 for the longer

rides and £5 for the 11.5 mile circuit. Rides start between 9am and 10am. To register call 01473 723600, email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk).

**STRADBROKE & DISTRICT**  
Royal British Legion Branch's Simon Harrison is taking things a bit further with a 440km (approx 261 miles) cycle ride.

Simon, an estate agent from Eye is cycling from London to Paris as part of a bid to raise half a million pounds for the RBL. He will join around 300 other cyclists for the 16th Pedal to Paris ride, which starts in Greenwich, and finishes four days later with an escorted ride up the Champs Elysée to the Arc de Triomphe. He is hoping to raise £1,500. You can visit his JustGiving webpage via <http://nka.nu/37y>.

**ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th**  
Britain's biggest professional cycle race – the Tour of Britain – speeds through the area as part of the 200km stage between Bury St Edmunds and Sandringham.

Among the many Suffolk villages it will pass through are Debenham, Aspell, Rishangles, Thorndon and Eye. For more information visit [www.tourofbritain.com](http://www.tourofbritain.com).



# An enchanted domain in

**E**NOUGH OF TRAMPING around the highways and byways of the parish! Let's have an outing.

"You go down this narrow passage and when you come to a door, you ring the bell and wait."...Not as you might be thinking directions to get into a dodgy nightclub but the key to a collection of some of the most wonderful British paintings, drawings and sculpture created in the 20th Century and all brought together in a row of tiny cottages, tightly wedged between Castle Street & Northampton Street in the middle of Cambridge.

This treasure chest is Kettle's Yard and was first the home and later the gift to the University of Jim Ede, a great collector of slender means.

While he was the Curator of the Tate Gallery he constantly urged his employers to buy the best of British and European contemporary art at a

time when the artists were relatively unknown and while their work was relatively cheap. As his pleas fell upon deaf ears he took on the task himself and so with little money but a sure eye and an unerring instinct, as well as considerable charm (according to those who knew him), he was able, over many years, by means of cadging, begging, borrowing and cajoling, to amass this unique collection

Once you have rung the bell and gained entry you will be warmly greeted by a member of a chorus of mildly eccentric ladies of uncertain age who will welcome and then regale you with a short introduction to the house. After this you will be free to wander where you will over three floors packed with fine old furniture, paintings, drawings, ceramics, small pieces of sculpture, flowers, objects *trouve* and bookcases overflowing with volumes on art and poetry which you may sit at a table and leaf through at your leisure.

The original four cottages, condemned to be demolished, were bought by the ever optimistic Jim Ede, restored to a habitable state and later sensitively enlarged by the architect Sir





# a row of tiny cottages

Leslie Martin to create this home and gallery in a series of beautiful, serene spaces which still has the intimate atmosphere of a lovely home.

The work on display is as enchanting as the setting: David Jones, that Welsh wizard whose poetry was as mysterious as his visual work is represented by his exquisite watercolour drawings – all Celtic twilight where druids, bards and Roman legions are all loosely wreathed together in weird metamorphosis. Elizabeth Vellacotte's pale but compelling finely drawn trees and woods, Christopher Wood's early work (there is no late work as he died young) paintings of Breton fishermen and sailors dancing with the girls or with each other in little village squares on Bastille day or larking about with mermaids in the bluest grottoes you ever saw enthrall and delight.

There are paintings of window sills by Winifred Nicholson crammed with geraniums or cyclamen where, between the flowers you can glimpse the sea or distant hills and everywhere are ranks of Alfred Wallis's naïve

paintings of fishing boats and clippers making heavy weather through boiling seas, all remembered from his boyhood in Cornwall and his days at sea, rendered in household paint on discarded pieces of packing case or cardboard, yet magical for all that.

These and many others – Ben Nicholson, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth etc. etc. are all here. And so it goes on, room after room.

Always after sating myself on these treasures I realise that the time has long past when I should have left or else I am thrown out in the most genteel way by the mildly eccentric ladies of uncertain age back into the everyday world beyond this enchanted domain.

I can't wait for my next fix!

If you would like to go there, Kettles Yard is open Tuesdays to Sundays from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Entry is free and if you have enjoyed yourself they would appreciate a small donation.

● *Kettles Yard, Castle St, Cambridge, CB3 0AQ (01223 748100 or mail@kettlesyard.com.ac.uk).*

*Neville Butcher*

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – plan to erect a 5KW wind turbine (height 15m to hub, 2.25m radius blades) at **Green Farm, Green Lane, Redlingfield. Granted** – 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 build a detached double bay garage/workshop at **The Old Forge, Worlingworth Road, Horham**; plan to build a double carport and single garage for the dwelling under construction at **Lodge Farm, The Street, Horham**; plan to extend existing dwelling to provide first floor bedroom, ground floor entrance hall and rear garden room at **Greenway Farm, Southolt Road, Athelington** (information from Mid Suffolk Council's website).

**PRE-SCHOOL:** St Edmund's Pre-School in Hoxne, which is run by a committee of parents, has vacancies for the autumn term for children aged from two years and up, and free government-funded sessions for three and four year olds. Phone on 07768 872135 to arrange a visit. The Little Treasures group, for parents and children from birth upwards, also meets on Wednesdays 10am-noon (term time). For more details visit [www.stedmunds-preschool.org.uk](http://www.stedmunds-preschool.org.uk). Pre-school children are pictured pond dipping.



# Brome tip is reopening

**B**ROME TIP IS REOPENING as Brome & Oakley Community Recycling Centre on Monday September 5th. Users will be charged £6 to dump rubbish that ends up in landfill but it will be free if your load is only recyclable goods.

Bolton Brothers will run the site, which was closed on July 31 due to Suffolk County Council cuts.

Opening hours will be 9am to 5pm during the week, and 10am to 4pm at weekends. Brome and Oakley Parish Council has agreed to lease the waste site from Suffolk County Council for £1 a year, and will rent it to Bolton Brothers for the same price.

There will be a six-month trial, during which time a group of local councillors will still have control over the terms of operation. However, they hope a long-term deal will materialise after that initial period.



Although the Brome dump is reopening Mid Suffolk District Council has asked us to publicise how to inform them about fly-tipping.

You should:

- Identify where the fly tip is ... parish, road/ditch, between any useful landmarks, e.g. 'Gateway by the oak tree under the pylon line on Road XYZ.'
- Type and size of the rubbish. e.g. three black bags, household rubbish, or pile of garden waste.
- When first noticed.
- Daytime phone contact, in case tip cannot be located.
- If possible, a photo for prosecution evidence – on a mobile phone would do – as a back-up for council officers.

You should contact the Mid Suffolk Environment Enforcement Officer

David Abbott on 01449 724941 or [david.abbott@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:david.abbott@midsuffolk.gov.uk) or contact the council on 01449 724500 with the information.

*Mike Ager*

# Booklet tells 95th tales

**T**HE 95TH BOMB GROUP Heritage Association has launched a booklet telling the history of the group with historic pictures and airmen's stories.

The association has drawn on its extensive archive of period material to produce the booklet which highlights many of the dramatic stories from the group's history – it was the first to bomb Berlin in daylight – and tells its story from its birth in the US during WW2 up to the present day restoration work at the Red Feather Club.

The association has restored the WW2 NCOs' social club – the Red Feather Club – which now houses the official UK museum of the bomb group and period function room the Blue Lounge.

The booklet, which is just £2.50, is available from the Red Feather Club at its regular open days on the last Sunday of every month during the summer (May to October inclusive, 10am-4pm) or when it is open for other events or educational visits.

The booklet is also available by mail order from: 95th Bomb Group Booklet, c/o Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, for £3.50 including postage and packing,

cheques payable to the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association.

Upcoming events at the Red Feather Club include a Wartime Dance on Saturday September 10th with a big band. 1940s civilian or allied military dress is welcomed at the event which starts at 7.30pm. There will be a bar and hot food.

Tickets are £10 per person

from 95th BGHA chairman James Mutton (01728 860930).

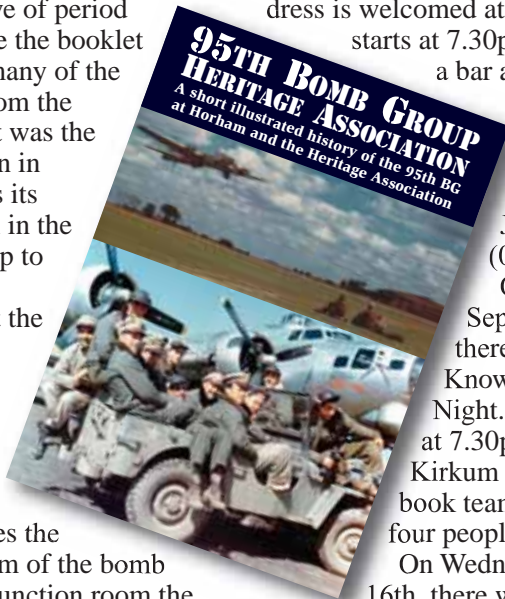
On Saturday September 24th there is a General Knowledge Quiz Night. The event starts at 7.30pm. Contact John Kirkum on 384559 to book team tables of up to four people (£5 per person).

On Wednesday November 16th, there will be a film show and talk by Malcolm

Osbourne on the 486th Bomb Group at Lavenham Airfield. Admission is £3 for members and £4 for non-members.

The award-winning Red Feather Club houses only 95th Bomb Group items such as uniforms, photographs and memorabilia. Membership of the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association is £8 a year. The 95th BGHA website is [www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com).

**Mike Ager**



■ **BOOST FOR CHURCH:** Athelington St Peter celebrated its patronal festival with a most enjoyable lunch at Meadow Farm. Mary Hawes arranged the event; Keith arranged the garden and their children took charge of the kitchen and wine bar. We are extremely grateful for all the help with cooking, clearing, donating raffle prizes and most of all for ensuring that it was a lovely day. We raised £656 for church funds.

**St Peter's PCC**

■ **HORHAM ON TV:** Horham rally is famous again as Sky have recently shown the 2011 version on channel 203 on 'Vintage Country Ways'. Whether for good or not, myself and Gary Woodrow, did the introduction to the episode. I think it went OK. I put the blame on Her Majesty the Queen for causing us all these years of working on the rally as it was her Jubilee in 2002, that started it all.

**Don Moyes**

■ **MORRIS DANCERS:** Hoxon Hundred practice in St Edmunds Hall in Hoxne every Wednesday evening until mid April. If you wish to join the group go along on September 14th at 8pm. If you would like to have a chat with someone first please ring Ron Ross on 643563. During the summer the group dances out at events and pubs throughout the area.

**Jan Robinson**

■ **BONFIRE NIGHT:** Horham fireworks display and bonfire is on Saturday November 5th at the community centre. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm with fireworks at 7pm. There will also be hot food and a bar. Entry is £4 for adults and £2 for children. Free entry for children under school age.

**Don Moyes**

# From your

**T**HE REFERENDUM ASKING whether we wanted to change the voting system resulted in a clear 'No' and this prompted me to think about leadership, democracy and what it all means. We seem to like to appoint leaders and then let them get on with it. This may work well and allows the electorate to lazily ignore the difficulties of government, while blaming it for any problems. It may not work well; the leader may be increasingly inclined to hang on to power and even exceed it

Of course problems with powerful leaders happen in any organisation (we have seen some of this in the recent mess of News International). A chairman who stays for many years often allows himself to believe that no one else could or would do the job. In power, people forget that no one is irreplaceable, however great they are; if they are not there someone always emerges. The arrogance of too much power leads the powerful to start cutting corners and then they are on the slippery slope, leading to troubles like the MP's expenses scandal or too close a relationship with media or business.

The best safeguard is for people to take responsibility and the alternative voting system does require people to think beyond a bare 'Yes' or 'No'. It also requires government to share, think and sometimes compromise.

Companies, especially global ones, should be run by boards, not families;

# Foreign Correspondent

countries should be run with as broad a consensus as possible, (and proportional representation leads to a broader consensus than first past the post), not dictators. Most important of all is our free and diverse press. If all the news was from one company or from government we would be in a

sorry state indeed. So, I salute democracy, not because it's perfect but because it's the best arrangement we've got so far; without the voice of the free public and free press our government would not have dared to stand up to Murdoch.

*Evelyn Adey*

**IN THE SWIM:** A quartet of local ladies took to the water recently for the British Gas Great Eastern Swim at Alton Water reservoir near Ipswich. The four, who all swim at the Swim-Fit sessions at Stradbroke Swim and Fitness Centre, are: Linda Kerry of Redlingfield; Teresa Debenham of Horham; Jan Brown from Cratfield; and Carolyn Hatton from Thornham Magna. Teresa, Jan and Carolyn, one of the coaches at Stradbroke Swim and Fitness Centre, were taking part in the event for the first time. Carolyn completed the mile in 36 minutes and has raised more than £50 so far for Macmillan Cancer Support while Teresa, who decided to compete in the swim as a challenge alongside Linda as they have both reached 50, has raised £455 for The Big C Centre at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Teresa, Jan and Linda completed the mile-long course in 48 minutes.



■ **NOT ONLINE & LARGE PRINT:** I've noticed that increasingly stories feature only web addresses as a way of getting extra information and I realise this must be more than a bit annoying for those who aren't online but would like to know more. So if you see a story that has only a web address and you'd like the information from that site but haven't got a helpful friend or relative who'll get it for you please get in touch with me (678835 or at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield). I'll do my best to get it to you. Also if you, or someone you know, finds it difficult to read the magazine I will happily print off a large print version.

*Mike Ager*



# Help for blind in Suffolk

**A** FRIEND IN ATHELINGTON has recently begun to lose some of her sight.

The East Suffolk Association for the Blind has been tremendously helpful. They have given her various gadgets, such as equipment to listen to news or other stories, electronic scales that speak the weight so she can cook cakes and things.

They also provide on call support. Maybe someone will consider doing a coffee morning for them, or donating from other fund raisers.

ESAB is a registered charity which has been in existence for 97 years and during this time has supported thousands of local visually impaired

people. Currently it supports more than 1,350 people.

If you would like to speak with one of ESAB's community workers, please phone Peter, who covers this area, on 01449 616162 or contact the central office, which is manned Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm, on 01473 611011. If you would like to know more about the charity visit [www.esab.org.uk](http://www.esab.org.uk).

ESAB is holding a 1940s-themed Big Band Charity Dinner Dance at the Orwell Hotel in Felixstowe on Saturday September 17th.

Contact the main office or [elly@esab.org.uk](mailto:elly@esab.org.uk) if you would like further information about the dance.

*Evelyn Adey*

■ **BLANKET SAFETY:** Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service and Suffolk County Council's Trading Standards are working together to reduce the number of fires that are caused by unsafe electric blankets. If you have an electric blanket that has not been tested for three or more years, book your free five minute test now by telephoning 01473 260588. Testing is offered on Monday September 5th at Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Ipswich; Tuesday September 6th at Bury St Edmunds Fire Station, Parkway; Wednesday September 7th at Lowestoft Fire Station, Stradbroke Road; and Wednesday September 14th at Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Ipswich.

■ **DRAGON BOAT RACE & FAMILY DAY:** A World War Two flypast will be the highlight of a fundraising family day and dragon boat race in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice at Alton Water, Stutton, on Sunday September 25th. The event is free to spectators but there is a small car park charge. Dragon Boat crews must sign up in advance. The Dragon Boat Race and family day is supported by BBC Radio Suffolk. All proceeds will go to help the Hospice. For more details call 01473 723600. or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk).

■ **MIND BODY AND SPIRIT DAY:** The 95th BG Hospital Museum in Denham is hosting spiritual medium Wayne Mchugh for a whole day of clairvoyance and spirit guidance on Saturday September 24th. There will be a licensed bar and BBQ. Entry is free during the day but the clairvoyance night is £7 in advance or £8.50 on day.



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**Redlingfield Ladies Lunch:** Fressingfield Swan. Contact Linda on 678984.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**10th Traditional Music Day** in association with East Anglian Traditional Music Trust: Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, 11am-11pm (01449 612229).

**Hoxne Flower Show:** Village Hall, 2pm.

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**Suffolk Wildlife Trust Photography Competition Exhibition:** Redgrave & Lopham Fen Visitor Centre, Low Common Road, South Lopham. 10am-5pm. Admission free.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**Village Voices:** Hoxne church 7.30pm. Celebrate the Hoxne village choir's first anniversary. Contact Mary O'Herlihy-Nixon on 668785.

**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.

**THURSDAY, SEPT 8-SUNDAY, SEPT 11**

**Heritage Open Days:** Annual and national event which gives the public free access to many buildings of historic interest that may not otherwise be open to them. Contact the Mid Suffolk TIC at the Museum of East Anglian Life (01449 676800, [tic@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:tic@midsuffolk.gov.uk) or visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**Suffolk Churches Bike Ride:** See page 5.

**Wartime Dance:** Red Feather Club. See page 9.

**Last Night of the Proms:** The Gislingham Silver Band at Hoxne Church, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £9 each, 740821.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**St Elizabeth Hospice sponsored cycle ride:** See page 5.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13-MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**Royal Academy Alumni Exhibition:**

Wingfield Barns, Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm and Sun, 11am-4pm. Free admission. Work by the region's ex-students of the Royal Academy with many famous names from around the county.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**Chick Flick - Educating Rita:** Wingfield Barns, film starts 8pm, bar open 7pm. Chocolate and a glass of wine for £10 (or 4 for £30 if pre-booked).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Ray Hubbard & Friends' Old Suffolk Entertainment:** Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30 pm. Details 384642. Proceeds in aid of church funds

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**Tour Of Britain:** See page 5.

**Jumble Sale:** Worlingworth Community Centre, 10am-noon. Admission free. In aid of church funds.

**Hoxne Music Festival Quiz Night:** Hoxne Village Hall, 7pm-10pm.

**SATURDAY, SEPT 17 & SUNDAY, SEPT 18**

**Suffolk Wildlife Trust Secondhand Book Sale:** Redgrave & Lopham Fen Visitor Centre, Low Common Road, South Lopham. 10am-5pm. Admission £1 (donation).

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**NCCPG Plant Sale:** Helmingham Hall, 10.30am-4pm. See page 21.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**Rebecca Lyne's Life Drawing Class:** Wingfield Barns, 9.30am-3.30pm, £30 per session.

**Harvest Supper:** Denham Village Hall.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

**Coffee Caravan:** Redlingfield, 2pm-4pm. Wednesday, September 21-Tuesday Stradbroke Flower Festival: Stradbroke Church. See page 21.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. £5.50 entrance on the door. Bar and ice-creams. Film TBA.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**A Norfolk Night and more! with Pat Nearney & Danny Platten:** Thorndon Village Hall, bar open 7pm for 8pm start. Tickets in advance £5 from Graham 678676 or Brenda 678178.

**General Knowledge Quiz Night:** Red Feather Club. See page 9.

**A mind body and spirit day:** 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum. See page 12.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Car boot & fun day:** Hoxne playing field. In aid of St Edmund's Pre-School.

**Dragon boat race & family day:** Alton Water, Stutton, in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. See page 12.

**The Ristov Quartet:** Wingfield Barns, 3.30pm. Tickets £10. International, award-winning musicians.

### 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.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Fressingfield Music Festival:** See page 21.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**Film4All - Pirates of the Caribbean 4:** Wingfield Barns, film starts 8pm, bar open 7pm. £8 (or 4 for £30 if pre-booked).

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** see press & village notice boards.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Harry The Piano:** Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm. Tickets £10. 'The best pianist in the world,' according to Jonathan Ross.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

**Traditional music, songs, stepdancing & jig doll concert:** Debenham Community Hall. Doors open 5.30pm and event starts at 7pm. Tickets for £10 are available now and you are advised to purchase early. For tickets contact Doreen on 01379 644960 (there will be no tickets for sale on the door).

**Redlingfield Harvest Supper:** Horham & Athelington Community Centre.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Apple Day & Autumn Plant Sale:** Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Redgrave & Lopham Fen. Apple identification, plant & fruit tree stalls, produce, demonstrations, crafts & free family games. 10am-4pm. Adults £3, Children £2. 688333 or redgrave.centre@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

**Artichoke Collection of Clothes Sale:** Stradbroke Community. 10am-2pm. 50p entrance includes cup of tea or coffee. Further details 384642. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

**Cabaret Evening:** Thorndon Village Hall.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. £5.50 entrance on the door. Bar and ice-creams. Film to be announced.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Quiz:** Stradbroke Community Centre. £3 per person. Teams of 4. Further details 384642. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Horham fireworks & bonfire:** Horham Community Centre. See page 10.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**Redlingfield Village Quiz:** Horham Old School, from 7pm. Tickets on the door. £5 per person.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**Film show & talk:** Red Feather Club. See page 9.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. £5.50 entrance on the door. Bar and ice-creams. Film to be announced.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**Open Space Theatre present The Blue Angel:** Hoxne Village Hall 7pm- 10.30pm.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**Friends of Hoxne Church Quiz:** Hoxne Village Hall, 7pm.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**Family History on the Web:** Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke CC, entry £2.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. £5.50 entrance on the door. Bar and ice-creams. Film TBA.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**Christmas Concert:** Thorndon Church.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**Evening with M. R. James & his 'Stories of the Imagination' :** Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group, 7.30pm, Stradbroke Community Centre, entry £2.

● **Contacts for events:** **Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group:** 01728 8605511 or [julie.kerseystradfhg@live.com](mailto:julie.kerseystradfhg@live.com); **Redlingfield:** [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk), 678835 or [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk). **Wingfield Barns:** 384505, [enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com](mailto:enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com), or [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://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](mailto:villagehall@occold.com)

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

# Cheeky old Occoldians ask ‘

**B**ACK IN THE SUMMER OF 1889 the villagers of Occold and Redlingfield were at loggerheads over the hosting of that year’s district flower show – with public meetings and much mudslinging in the local press.

According to a lengthy article in the Ipswich Journal of Friday June 21st 1889 the society which ran the district flower show had, until then, been a happy band. It “was inaugurated some four years ago by about 60 working men of Occold meeting at the Bottles Inn, who there and then agreed to subscribe one shilling each for the purpose of holding an annual show of their allotment and garden produce. The inhabitants of Rishangles and Redlingfield were smitten with the idea, and by invitation affiliated themselves with Occold. A year or so later Bedingfield also came in, and the four parishes have jogged along harmoniously together ever since, the result being four highly-successful exhibitions, three of which have been held at Occold and one at Bedingfield.”

However, in 1889 the villagers of Bedingfield, which was due to hold the event declined and Occold “never dreaming that little Redlingfield had ambitions” stepped forward to host it. Redlingfield had other ideas but “Occold in effect replied:

‘You! I wonder what next.’ The Occoldians blood was now fairly up and they loudly protested against the show being held at what they rather disrespectfully termed an out-of-the-way, insignificant place.”

A vote at the committee meeting went to Occold but one “gentleman had voted who was not then entitled”. The meeting adjourned with the vote a stalemate. “At the adjourned meeting, Redlingfield, which has evidently ‘an old parliamentary band’ in its midst, managed, by having issued a ‘five-lined whip’ in Bedingfield and Rishangles, to muster a force strong enough to carry the day.”

The good villagers of Occold were so upset that a public meeting “was held at Occold Board Schoolroom to protest against the show being held at Redlingfield ... There was a rather large attendance, which included several women, and the question was freely discussed. Some sarcastically asked, ‘Where is Redlingfield?’ ... The meeting was absolutely unanimous in protesting against Redlingfield ever even thinking of having the show there, holding strongly that it must result in financial ruin to the Society.”

In the end a resolution was passed stating they unanimously protested against the decision “to hold the



# 'Where is Redlingfield?'

forthcoming show at Redlingfield, and we also declare it to be our intention not to exhibit in any shape or form at a show held at Redlingfield."

But it seems the protest was in vain as the Ipswich Journal of Friday August 2nd 1889 reports on the "Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Show at Redlingfield".

"The exhibition was held there on Tuesday, and, although those who argue that Redlingfield is too 'one-cornered' for a show of the kind, have truth on their side, it cannot be denied that once there, the spot upon which the show was held (by the kind permission of Mr. David Reeve, of Redlingfield Hall) proved a most suitable one for the purpose in every respect, being a picturesque, secluded and 'historical meadow,' and the most strenuous opponent of the show being held at Redlingfield will not deny that the parishioners made splendid efforts to justify their claims to have the honour ... what's more, favoured by perfect weather, they thoroughly succeeded, 'Don't forget Redlingfield!' has met the eye at every turn during the last few days and certainly those who visited the show there on Tuesday are not very likely to forget the place for some time to come.

"Of triumphal arches, bunting and

mottoes there was an abundance ... The mottoes, which had evidently been 'thought out,' included the following: – 'Welcome for Occold,' 'A Fair Field and no Favour,' 'Unity, Peace, and Concord,' 'Success to our Show,' &c ... As regards, the show itself, it was an all-round excellent one, and, in respect to quantity and quality, quite equal to former occasions."

"Stocks's fair was close at hand; the Eye Volunteer band performed a choice selection of music; there were various other amusements, and the affair was a very enjoyable and successful one.

"Should anybody ask, 'Where is Redlingfield?' Trifel Muttock will tell them it is where it was at least 800 years ago (when a Benedictine nunnery was founded there), and where it will remain for another 800 years ... Quite up to six o'clock the cry was, 'Still they come,' and if one turned his eyes towards Stocks's roundabout he involuntarily ejaculated, 'And there they go.'"

Despite the call for a boycott the paper's long list of results – covering everything from the donkey race to best gardens and allotments – show that many from Occold took part.

● Many thanks to Linda Hudson for the Ipswich Journal stories, which you can see at [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).



**Despite thunder and rain this year's Redlingfield Flower Festival and Open Gardens, pictured here, was voted a success by organisers Linda Hudson and Jacqueline Love, raising more than £800 for St Andrews church. For more information and pictures visit Redlingfield's website.**



# Knit hats for our troops

**W**OULD ANY OF YOU like to knit a woollen hat for our troops.

If so please get in touch with Joyce Cooper in Horham or Mike Ager in Redlingfield for the Royal British Legion knitting pattern and the address to send any completed hats.

Only 100% pure wool is allowed for these hats due to fire/accident risk whilst troops are on patrol. Other wools stick to the skin.

The wool band has to be handed in along with the completed hats (any leftover wool can also be handed in as this will go towards knitting other hats) so the troops will know what the hats are made from.

The colour of the wool is also important. Colours such as black, grey, sandy, dark green, beige (or similar colours) are suitable. Bright colours are not suitable as they would make the troops obvious targets.



*Joyce Cooper*

STRADBROKE & DISTRICT Royal British Legion Branch continues to be active thanks to some very dedicated officers and members.

At Horham Bygones Country Rally the branch had two stands and collected £240.08 for the Poppy Appeal. £184 was collected for the Suffolk County Benevolent Fund at Brian and Joyce Cooper's farm machinery sale by John Graham, Joyce Cooper, Albert Siggers, Alan King and Tom Moore.

Member Simon Harrison has so far collected £750 in sponsorship money for the RBL's Pedal to Paris cycle ride this month (see page 5).

A very enjoyable annual coffee morning was held in good weather at The Chantry in Stradbroke and hosted by our branch secretary Jeremy Higgins and his wife Anne. £299 was raised for branch funds. Many thanks to all who have supported us in these events.

*Branch Chairman,  
Michael Burton*

■ **REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING & DOORSTEP GREEN:** This month sees the final Pub on the Green of the year on Saturday September 3rd. Again they've been a great success getting people together for a drink and occasionally a burger. Many thanks to all those who've worked hard to make these and other events a success and continue to look after the Doorstep Green. The hog roast was also a great success despite a downpour in the middle of the evening – the marquees provided by Rod Tyrell and Russell Kerry saved the evening. The next big event for the village will be the Harvest Supper on Saturday October 15th. At our next committee meeting on Tuesday September 6th the details of the Harvest Supper will be decided.

*Janet Norman-Philips, committee chairman*  
([pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk) or 678835, [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk))



## YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE need more MPs in Parliament who have worked in the real world. Before becoming an MP, I worked as a full-time

NHS hospital doctor, often spending more than 100 hours a week looking after patients. As a doctor, I look after people of all different ages, cultures and backgrounds. Like politics, medicine is a public service, and it has prepared me well for being a hard-working local MP.

I don't really do holidays. So, this summer, alongside my work as your MP, I have returned to work for our NHS. Returning to the hospital wards has helped to remind me of the reasons that I became an MP in the first place.

As a frontline NHS hospital doctor, I see the consequences of violent crime, the need to better support the growing numbers of elderly and frail in our communities, the results of alcohol and drug abuse, as well as supporting women through pregnancy and childbirth. I see the very best and the worst of human nature, and that helps motivate the work that I do as your MP.

I recently held a meeting at Whitehouse Farm in Mendlesham to discuss the problems faced by local egg farmers. I shall be looking to hold a debate in Parliament in September and asking the Government to put pressure at the European level, to ensure that there is a level playing field.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received at the Redlingfield Summer BBQ, and I look forward to coming again next year.

**Dr Dan Poulter, MP - for more information see [www.danielpoulter.com](http://www.danielpoulter.com)**

## YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



**THE PROPOSED MERGER between Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils was not accepted in the local poll, but we have agreed to**

**integrate as many services as possible. There is still £2.8 million of savings to be made and Mid Suffolk have trimmed their sails over the last few years. Now we are looking at ways to cut costs without diminishing our high quality services.**

**Meanwhile, the Localism Bill is working its way through Parliament. It will potentially change the relationship between County, District and Parish Councils in that more say will be given to parishes in the development and administration of the villages. We don't know the final details but hope to be able to explain them come the autumn.**

**The Brome Recycling Centre is due to reopen on the 5th of September, which is great news. Brome and Oakley Parish are taking the lead with the contractor and a small charge will be levied. A group of local representatives, of which I am one, will support the Parish Council.**

**You may have seen the ongoing work on Hartismere Hospital, the inside has been gutted and work goes on to deliver a first-class medical centre. Due to extra work having to be done on the structure, we now have a completion date of mid February 2012. There will be an opportunity for you to see round the new facility before the official opening and we will notify you all in good time. I am sure you are as happy as I am to see facilities restored to Eye in what will now officially become Hartismere Health Centre.**

*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.

Elsewhere in the newsletter are details about the Household Waste Site at Brome and the new Demand Responsive Travel (DRT) Service for the three villages. The new arrangements at Brome are designed to reduce costs to council taxpayers at the same time as providing a service to householders for the disposal of refuse that the District Council is unable to deal with.

The new bus service for the area will enable residents to be picked up from their homes for journeys to shops, banks and doctors and to be taken home again, the fares are comparable with stage services and the same concessionary fares apply. Notice of intention to travel is required (at least 24 hours) but everything else is taken care of. This new service is proving popular elsewhere in Suffolk and I am sure it will be successful here in High Suffolk.

I am engaged in discussions with local interested parties to secure the future of libraries at Debenham, Stradbroke and Eye. There will be changes in the service but there is no need for it to be less effective. There will be more information in the next issue.

I have recently returned from a holiday in the Highlands of Scotland. The weather was fantastic but the visit set

me thinking. Back in 1707 the English and Scottish Parliaments were abolished and the Union of the Crowns was consolidated and one legislature established. So began the most successful union of two countries in history. An empire was established and re-established and hard work made both countries the richest in the world. On the way the tyranny of France then Germany and finally the Soviet Union was defeated. With all this behind and a confidence of a great future what would seem to be the issue.

Corruption in the Labour Party and the indifference of the Tory (Conservative & Unionist) Party has turned many to what is perceived as a more attractive future – a separation of Scotland from England from with Alex Salmond as modern-day George Washington (or Éamon de Valera). Well the strategic argument for Great Britain being one nation may not be so persuasive but I must say I would feel happier if the RAF were based at Lossiemouth as well as Marham for the better defence of Norfolk, Suffolk and London as well as Edinburgh.

So to repeat the call “Wake up England” the Union benefits the English as well as the Scots (and the Welsh and the citizens of Northern Ireland) and in uncertain world we should all stick together.

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

■ **SUFFOLK LINKS HOXNE AREA:** The new bus service, as reported in our last issue, operates from 7am to 7pm, Mondays to Saturdays. The bus will take you to Debenham, Eye, Framlingham, the railway station at Halesworth or villages in the area. Connections can be made for onwards travel to places further afield such as Ipswich, Lowestoft or Norwich. To book a journey call 01986 875600 up to a week before you wish to travel. The booking service is open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. For more information visit [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com).

## YOUR LOCAL POLICE

### MID SUFFOLK NORTH SAFER

**Neighbourhood Team are tackling bogus callers with a campaign called "Knock Knock". But the police and their partner agencies need your help.**

**So what can you do? Have you ever talked about home security with your relatives, neighbour or someone whom you know who could be vulnerable to this despicable crime? If not, now is the time to do it.**

**Areas to cover include: making sure there is a door chain fitted and used; making sure the back door is locked before going to the front door; ensuring doors and windows are locked even if the person is only popping out for a minute; checking the identification of people calling at the front door; and not keeping large amounts of money at home.**

**The most common tricks used to get into peoples homes are: claiming to be from the water board, charity, council or police; asking to use the toilet or phone; claiming to have lost a ball in the garden; or offering to do work, such as gardening or building work.**

**If there is any doubt or concerns about a caller at the door then call the police on 999. To join a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme phone Suffolk Police on 01473 613500 and ask to speak with your local Community Watch Liaison Officer**

**Please remember the victims of these crimes are mainly the elderly and vulnerable.**

*PCSO 3172 Steven Long & PC 878 Jacqui Thomas, Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team (01473 613500 or [midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk))*

### ■ FRESSINGFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL:

The seventh annual festival is from Tuesday September 27th to Saturday October 1st. On the 27th, the headline concert will be the music of Mozart, Ravel and Beethoven performed by the Chilingirian String Quartet. On the 28th, Timothy End will be giving a piano recital. On Thursday the 29th, Vox Cantare perform choral music by Purcell, Elgar, Vaughan Williams. On the 30th, Elaine Delmar and the Brian Dee Trio offer an evening of jazz. The closing concert, on Saturday, will be by the Commonwealth Soloists Octet, performing, amongst other works, Bach's second Brandenburg Concerto in a unique arrangement. All concerts start at 7.30pm at the parish church of St Peter and St Paul. The cost is £10 in advance or £12 on the door, with the exception of the Tuesday September 27th concert which is £15 in advance and £17 on the door. Tickets are available from 586459 and Fressingfield Stores. Visit [www.fressingfieldmusic.com](http://www.fressingfieldmusic.com) or [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/FressingfieldPC](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/FressingfieldPC).

**■ SUFFOLK PLANT HERITAGE:** Plant lovers are invited to bring their plant problems and apple queries to the autumn plant fair at Helmingham Hall on Sunday September 18th. This is the 11th year the popular plant sale will be held at Helmingham Hall Gardens in partnership with Suffolk Plant Heritage (formerly NCCPG). Plant Doctors and Apple Detectives will be on duty during the day for visitors to bring plant problems and gardening queries. Specialist nurseries will also be selling a wide range of unusual and popular plants. Entry to the plant sale is £6 and includes admission to Helmingham Hall Gardens.

## CHURCH

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**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):

**Sept: 4 Redlingfield**, Benefice Communion, 10am.

**11 Horham**, 9am; **Athelington**, 10am.

**18 Stradbroke**, 9am; **Redlingfield**, Morning Prayer, 10am; **Athelington**, Harvest Festival, 4pm.

**25 Stradbroke**, 10am, Songs of Praise, 6.30pm; **Horham**, Morning Prayer, 11.15am.

**Oct: 2** Harvest Festivals, **Horham**, 11.15am & **Redlingfield**, 6.30pm.

**9 Horham**, 9am; **Athelington**, 10am.

**16 Horham**, 9am; **Redlingfield**, 10am.

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

**30** All Saints Sunday at Stradbroke, Benefice Communion, 10am.

**Nov 6 Horham**, Benefice Communion, 11.15am.

**13** Remembrance Day Services - **Redlingfield**, 9.45am; **Stradbroke**, 10.50am; **Horham**, 3pm.

**20 Redlingfield**, 10am; **Horham**, Morning Prayer, 11.15am.

**27** Stradbroke, 9am; **Athelington**, Advent Carol Service, 4.30pm.

**THE RECTOR:** This calendar invites you not only to attend your own parish church, but also the other three in our benefice, which will be a great benefit both to you and to me! And you can do that too on Saturday September 10th, by taking part in the SHCT Bike Ride from 9am to 5pm. Sponsorship forms are available from Daphne Harvey, Horham (384216), Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428), and Joan Abbott, Redlingfield (678736). And you and the church will benefit from the exercise and from the pleasure of visitors being welcomed.

**HARVEST FESTIVALS** start at Athelington on September 18th, with tea in the church afterwards. The Harvest Lunch in the Community Centre follows the Horham Service (384625 for tickets), and Redlingfield's Harvest Supper is later in October.

**THE FLOWER FESTIVAL** in Stradbroke Church begins at 7.30pm on Wednesday September 21st with an Organ Recital and Songs, and continues until 6pm on Tuesday the 27th, opening every day at 10am, with an evening programme – at 7.30pm, on Friday, A Slide Show of our travels to Australia; Saturday, 7pm, Young Stradbroke Musicians; Sunday, Songs of Praise at 6.30pm; and Monday, at 7.30pm, Holy Communion with hymns, a sermon and a visiting choir!

**THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** is at Athelington at 4.30pm on Sunday November 27th with seasonal refreshments afterwards.

**QUIZ**, Saturday November 12th, at the Old School, Horham, at 7.30 pm. Teams of Four. Raffle, Bar Open, Refreshments. For Redlingfield Church.

**HORHAM NEWS:** The Tower Open Day raised £51.10, and Christian Aid Week brought in £316.29 from Horham and £30.90 in Athelington (+£38.33 Gift Aid). The total raised by the Hoxne Hundred Group was £2,278. The stall at the Bygones Rally made £247.05 for church funds, and £13 for the Fabric Fund. On Sunday July 31st William John Oliver, son of Ian Hutson and Tanya Alderton, was baptised at St Mary's Church.

*With all good wishes, David Streeter*

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**WHAT DO YOU MEAN ITS SUMMER?****POETRY CORNER**

*Well you would never believe it's summer as it's more like Autumn than summer!*

*The wildlife have no idea what's going on?*

*One day it's hot & sunny then it's cold & very wet!*

*The nights are no different - one night is too hot, the next is an extra duvet?*

*The grain harvest may miss this year as the ears are so full dry spring!*

*One day washing dries very quick, the next day no chance?*

*You plan a day out, take a chance, fancy a gamble, summer's always been so!*

*Hence Flaming June far too hot or far too cold & wet?*

*Weather men will say it's El Niño that makes summer like it is in Mexico!*

*Then can we blame the Aztecs for our rotten summers - may be not?*

*Old fisher men will say it's the tides & the moon!*

*Old farmers will say its not enough - swallows come north this year?*

*But whatever the reason summer's been bad this year!*

*I think it gave Spring a miss and went in to Summer & Autumn?*

**Manday Miller**

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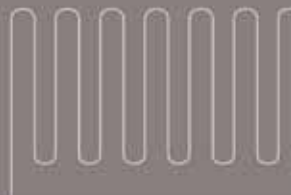
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