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There has been a lot going on in our villages this summer despite the unseasonal, or seasonal it would now seem, sogginess.

In Redlingfield we've had a marriage, silver weddings, sadly funerals, and the annual BBQ. Horham has had its big Bygones Rally and Road Run and Athelington got in on the act with its flower festival.

Sometime in the next few weeks Redlingfield should go online with its own website at onesuffolk.co.uk and then, as the fete and flower festival season ends, it's the churches' charity bike ride. And then we're getting into harvest supper and lunch season – if the harvest ever gets finished that is.

Hopefully, you'll find this issue packed with useful bits and bobs. For

the first time we've got a bit of poetry. We look forward to receiving your submissions – stories, artwork, poems, whatever – it's up to you. As well as our regulars we've got articles on traditional Suffolk song and dance and even a piece on an electric sports car. We do try to provide a bit of variety.

In past issues I've thanked those who deliver and write for the mag but we shouldn't forget the advertisers. It is their hard-earned cash which pays for the paper, ink and staples. And hopefully, after our first year, we'll find there's some left over for the parishes.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy this issue and if you contact me by email my address is in the process of changing to mike@gn.apc.org *Mike Ager*

FRANCES KNIGHTS . . . Frances Clara Knights of The Knoll, Redlingfield, passed away in July aged 98. Born in Worlingworth, where her neice still lives, she moved to Redlingfield with husband Arthur, who was born in Hoxne, in the early 1950s when her house on the Knoll was built. Her husband passed away 19 years ago. Frances had been unwell for the past few years following a fall and a severe neck injury. Loved by her carers, she was an independent-minded woman who enjoyed gardening and her cats. There was a good turn out for the funeral and she will be missed, especially by Roberta Gooderham who started caring for her in 1984. Her funeral was at St Andrews Church, Redlingfield. Donations in memory of Frances were for the MS Society.

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Long-distance flyer

Writing in a very wet early August, this midsummer is very good for the runner beans and not much else. Hopefully, the garden birds have had some good first broods and this certainly applies to our house sparrows. They are very site specific and much reduced in recent years, but our numbers seem to have improved no end since the spring, as the young have fledged. Maybe our feeding station on the edge of the pond has helped. The sparrows help themselves all the time, and I have got over my disappointment of nothing more exotic taking a big share of the grub.

My highlight recently has been a common sandpiper, first sharing the pond with our five resident mallards

on July 9th, with its distinctive “flick and glide” flight and bopping movements, and then feeding on the lawn for 15 minutes on Sunday



morning, July 27th. The RSPB at Minsmere were unimpressed, saying that they had one too. Suffolk is en route for this small wader from breeding in the upland lakes and lochs, or even the Arctic, to its African wintering

grounds. Never mind, despite the name, I think they are pretty uncommon in Redlingfield. It was joined on the lawn by half a dozen regular species, one of which was the pied wagtail which seemed determined to compete in tail-wagging competitions. This sandpiper was an adult which had finished breeding and



WAVENEY SPRINGS ART TRAIL: The new Waveney Springs Art Collective is bridging the Suffolk-Norfolk border with an exhibition and art trail. The group of 21 artists, in an approximate 10-mile radius of Diss, are opening their studios and workshops on the weekends of

September 13-14 and 20-21. There will also be an exhibition at the Cittaslow Centre, Cobbs Yard, Diss, on September 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 from 10am to 4pm. Among the studios open for the art trail, which stretches from Great Moulton to Thornham Magna and from East Harling to Stradbroke, is that of Horham artist Helen Bartholomew of Wayside Cottage. She works in oil and collage and her work “ranges from figurative to abstract, traditional to the bizarre and all the degrees in between”. Leaflets detailing the studios open should be available from information and tourist centres as well as council offices.

stops over

it's a bit depressing to think that the migration is already under way.

The barn owl man, Reg Woodard, has been to check out the owl boxes and the news is very mixed with no successful barn owl occupation. One had a failed tawny owl nest, with old eggs and a baby chick carcass and the other had been commandeered by jackdaws. These had been very busy, with enough twigs and sticks in the nest to fill a small wheelbarrow, so hopefully they had something to show for their efforts. This was the box near Rookery Drive and the evidence suggests the barn owl pair we had seen, had moved to the straw barn at Rookery Farm. Herbert and Pauline Abbott have reported numerous sightings around a nest hole in the bales, so hopefully they were getting on with the business there.

Walking some fields at Denham on the 7th of August produced a good close-up of a buck roe deer. He looked surprisingly large considering the roe is the smallest British native deer. He bounded through some wheat with a good pair of "straight-up" antlers and a shiny foxy coat. The roe existed in England 400,000 years ago and was numerous until the 14th C. when it was declared unworthy of being hunted by noblemen and became fair game for everybody else. Numbers plummeted, and it did not recover until the forestry boom of the 18th.C. and the increase in game shooting and conservation.

Trevor Edwards

NEWS IN BRIEF

FUNDS RAISED: Thanks go to everyone in Horham and Athelington who collected, donated and gave their support to Christian Aid Week in May which raised £365.06 (including the gift aid tax refund), and to the stall at the Car Boot Sale on June 14, making £196.20 for St Mary's Church.

FOOD 'N' FRIENDS: Redlingfield's new Age Concern contact, Jacqueline Love, is planning to start a village Food 'n' Friends Club. She is looking for more volunteers to host meals or teas or to take people out. If you are interested contact her on 01379 678805 or email@davidlove.f9.co.uk

PARTY POSTPONED: Organisers have decided to postpone the *Party Of Four Villages* – Athelington, Horham, Redlingfield & Stradbroke – which was to have been held at Athelington Hall on September 6. Sadly they had not left enough time to prepare properly. They hope to have the party next summer, with a hog roast and barn dance. The date should be in our next issue.

FELIXSTOWE BY BUS: During the school summer holidays bus operator Fareline offers a day-trip route from Diss that links Redlingfield and other villages with Felixstowe. You've missed it for this year but watch out for it again next summer.

EYE CHURCH SHOP: The shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week, 11am-1pm. It is hoped people will visit to give feedback on the early-season items to help with Christmas ordering.

Horham and some of

Some years ago a local history group published details from the census returns for a group of parishes, including the villages of Horham, Hoxne, Laxfield, Stradbroke and Wilby.

Nesta Evans and **Norah Coleman** were two of the contributors to *People Poverty and Protest* which looked at migration to America, the poor laws, village occupations and education.

In 1841 civil registration started in the UK, with details of people's birthplaces, family details, place of residence and occupation.

This system of census has continued and evolved, providing information which can help us trace villagers and relatives. Every ten years a detailed survey takes place. The most recent results available to the public are for 1901. In 2011 the results for the 1911 census will become available to all.

Back in 1881 Horham had a population of 339 living within an area of 1,433 acres.

Edward Frere was the Rector and **Henry Plant** lived at the Red House. Mr **William Baldry** was the landlord at the Green Dragon and also worked as the village wheelwright. **Charles Bayles** was a blacksmith and Mrs **Mary Ann Beecroft** kept the village shop and was post mistress.

Mrs **Lucy Muttick** was the landlady at the Eight Bells and **George Clarke** was the village boot and shoe maker. Mr **Thomas Parke** was the farmer at Hall Farm and **Augustus Robert Roe**

was the miller, at the open trestle post mill. **Augustus Turner** also had a shop within the village and Mrs **Mary Ann Roe** was the mistress at the National School, which had been erected in 1857, for 90 children – the average attendance in 1883 was 63 pupils.

George Whatling was the village carrier to Ipswich on Thursdays, by pony and cart. Other villagers were also employed within the parish and the surrounding villages. Travelling any distance was a difficult process and the nearest railway station was at Eye – five miles away.

At random I have selected a group of villagers from the parish listed in the 1881 census returns; you can obtain further details from the British Census on the internet.

Mary Ann Beecroft was born at Horham in 1824. She was a widow by the time of the census and her son **Charles** aged 25 farmed 25 acres, employing one man. They both lived at the post office and village shop.

Augustus Roe, the miller, had been born at Horham in 1853 and worked the mill with **William Smith** [1841] who had been born at Laxfield. His wife **Mary Ann Roe** was employed as the school mistress and had been born in 1858 in Lincs.

Augustus was the son of **Robert Roe** and his wife **Mary Ann Button**. Many of you will remember old Mrs Roe, who lived in a bungalow near to the church, her husband was the miller

its villagers from 1881



at Horham. The post mill had an open trestle and stood on brick piers; it was first recorded in 1750 and was demolished in 1934, being one of the last working mills in Suffolk.

Thomas Parke farmed 148 acres with six men. He had been born in 1847 at Eye and was married to **Rebecca** [1849] a native of Banham in Norfolk. **Edward Gaymer Parke** their son was born at Brome in 1872 and took his grandfather's surname as a second christian name. Parkes Farm still exists in Brome Street.

Rebecca was the daughter of cider maker **William Gaymer** and his wife **Rebecca Page**. Thomas and Rebecca also had a son **William** and two daughters **Mary Alice** and **Katherine**. **Emma Abblet** [1857] of Wingfield

and **Emma Musk** [1860] of Stradbroke were employed as servants within the household and lived in.

Stephen Sparrow, aged 65, was an agricultural labourer and widower who lived with his sons **Albert** aged 18 and **Arthur**, 16. Many other villagers are recorded within the 1881 census and with a little bit of detective work connections can be made.

I have included a sketch of Horham Church this time and will conclude my articles with a piece on Athelington and a sketch. Any ideas are welcomed for the visual and written elements.

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Stephen Govier



FLOWER POWER: Athelington church's Flower Festival was a great success. The church was packed with splendid flowers arranged by a team led by Deborah Hutton of Church Farm. We are lucky to have such a well-known professional flower arranger in the village. More than £1,000 was raised towards the cost of repairing the tower. A big thank you to all who helped and to all our supporters. *Evelyn Adey*

Woods rise from weeds

The work-party day planned by the New Reeding Woods Group dawned sunny and warm, so there was no excuse for rolling over and going back to sleep.

Soon after nine a motley crew armed with strimmers, hedgecutters, a tractor and wheelbarrows assembled at the gate, and work started. The initial plan to skim the accumulated mat of algae from the pond had to be abandoned when newts and leeches were found.

Next the roadside hedge came under scrutiny, and was trimmed. The strimmers then went into action clearing the long grass from around the young trees, which were then mulched with hay. Slowly from the tall thistles and waving grasses, a flourishing oak, ash, maple, rose and dogwood forest emerged.

The day was hot and the task enormous as we had planted hundreds of trees in the woodland, and less than half were exposed during the day. However, further work parties will be

organised over the summer, and in August a group of Scouts from Hayes were due to join us again to help complete the job for this year.

The grassy rides were trimmed again and our chainsaw-toting chairman carved the huge tree trunk, at the edge of the meadow, into seating. Now visitors can sit and contemplate the view of the church or the meadow in the middle of their walk.

We were thrilled to find that so many varied forms of wildlife had taken up residence, but seeing a barn owl, swooping low over the wood, completed our day.

Our annual open day on September 20 will see the erection of the information board, the burial of the time capsule, and a barbecue. Our "friends" will be invited to sign the graffiti board, a permanent reminder of the support they have given this project. More details are available from the secretary on 668179.

Michael Reeves

Not so Silly Suffolk ...

One thing I failed to mention in the last edition was the term “Silly Suffolk”. In case anyone is in doubt this should be Seeley (meaning “holy”) Suffolk. So I will adjust my halo and continue.

Here is the start of what we would call a dicksh’nee:

Abroad – Anywhere more than a few miles away.

Airywiggle – An earwig.

Backus – Scullery – situated at the back of the house.

Backus boy – The odd-job lad who worked in the backus at a big house.

Beastlings – The first milk drawn after a cow has calved.

Beavers – A 4pm snack for farmworkers in the field. Also feed for horses.

Betty – A female ass.

Bibble – Eat like a duck searching for food in water.

Bishy Barnabee – A ladybird. Some say this derives from a Bishop Barnaby who wore orange and black.

Botty – Having a high opinion of one’s self. Big-headed.

Bor – A friendly form of address for men or boys. As in “Hello bor. Hint sin you fer a long time.”

Brawtch – A bent hazel twig used to secure a rod which holds thatch in place.

Chates – Left-over food.

Clung – Dried up and inedible. Used to describe fruit and vegetables which have gone off.

Dag – A fine mist, fog or dew.

Deeve – Dive or dip.

Dicky – A male ass.

Diddling – If someone asks “How are you diddling?” don’t be upset. They

want to know how are you getting on.

Doddy or Doody – Short. Often used as a nickname for small people.

Dodman or Hodman or Hodmadod – A snail

Doke – A shallow hole or dent.

Dop – To courtsey.

Dullar – A noise – particularly an unpleasant one.

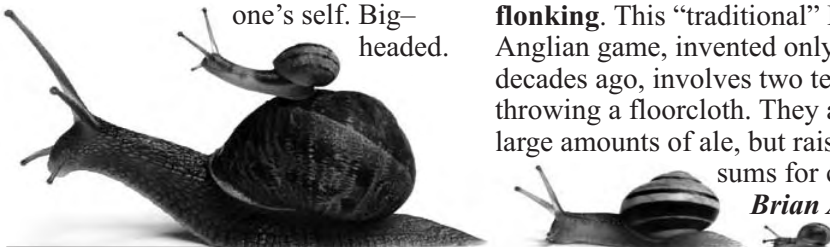
Dussant – Dare not.

Dwile – A floor cloth.

Which leads neatly to **dwile flonking**. This “traditional” East Anglian game, invented only a few decades ago, involves two teams throwing a floorcloth. They also drink large amounts of ale, but raise large sums for charity.

Brian Ager

Last issue I suggested Shakespeare probably wrote “He can’t tell a hawk from a harnser”, but a reader came up with another (more likely) theory. He said Shakespeare could have written “He can’t tell a hawk from a handsaw”. A hawk, he pointed out, can mean a plasterer’s board. I shooder thought o’ that!



Get on yer bike for our

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to phone up my brothers, friends and colleagues and ask them for sponsorship to help support some little old church that they have never seen!

Yes, it's time for the Historic Churches Trust Ride – Saturday, September 13 – and once again Jeanette and I will be doing our utmost to squeeze every last drop of sponsorship money from people by visiting as many churches as possible.

Last year we managed a new personal best of 42 but, like last year, we would like to beat the previous year's number.

This year we will probably be riding it on individual bikes having done it on our tandem in 2006. The tandem was great fun but doesn't really lend itself well to being dragged up some of the smaller church paths. A shame



really, as the tandem usually gives you a talking point with the church volunteers and it was great to meet so many other 'tandemists'.

I think we would probably manage to sign-in at more churches if we didn't keep finding such good pubs to have lunch at! A quick snack can turn into a nice, restful lounge in the sun if the weather is on our side.

Our usual route takes us from Redlingfield to Eye then across the



95TH BOMB GROUP HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (HORHAM): Committee members have been very busy since the big open day in May, with many new visitors (both British & American). The icing on the cake for the people of Horham, was the flypast of the B17 *Liberty Belle* (pictured) over the airfield – the first time one has flown over there for 60 years. It was flown from the US to Duxford by Don Brooks and his crew. Don's father was stationed at Parham during WW2. Don and his wife visited the Red Feather Club the day after the flypast. **Frank Sherman**

churches

A140 to bag the Thornhams. Back across the A140 heading for Earl Soham, but collecting many more churches on the way. Then as far south as Monewden before heading for Framlingham and Saxtead. Then, head for Stradbroke collecting churches as we go and finally Horham, Athelington and home to Redlingfield for a chat and a cup of tea with all the nice volunteers. Thanks to Hazel Abbott for stuffing me full of tea and cakes at the end! Last year was our longest trip at 60 miles and the food and drink was very welcome.

So why do it? Well, I'm not really very religious but I do it not for any deeply held religious views but because I find churches to be wonderful pieces of architecture and the ride encourages me to visit some beautiful examples. I feel that that is reason enough to support a good cause and let's face it, a small congregation like that in Redlingfield can use all the financial help it can get.

So, if you feel like having a go why not contact any of the people involved in your village and help support your church. If you're not able to ride then why not find out who is riding in your village and sponsor them.

Sponsorship forms are available from: Evelyn Adey, Athelington, 01728 628428; Daphne Harvey, Horham, 01379 384216; Joan Abbott, Redlingfield, 01379 678736; and Bingy Hindle, Denham, 01379 668646.

Stuart Brierley

NEWS IN BRIEF

FAIRTRADE ON THE MOVE: Eye Church Fairtrade Shop will be appearing at: Palgrave Country day, 10am-5pm, Saturday, September 6; Greenpeace Fair, 11am onwards, Sunday, September 7; & Finningham craft fair, noon-4pm, Saturday, September 27. There will not be a Big Fair Trade Day at Wetheringsett Manor this year. The shop will, however, be at Eye Green Fair on Saturday, November 8; Gislingham Playgroup winter sale on Saturday November 15 – and is planning a Big Fair Trade Afternoon at Coddendam Church. Sue Watson, 01379 384558.

SAFE AND SECURE: Free home security upgrades are being offered to homeowners and private tenants in Mid Suffolk who are 60 or over, receive income related benefit or are disabled. Security measures include: doorlocks, chains and viewers; window locks; and smoke detectors. The scheme does not cover UPVC windows and doors. For more information phone 0844 800 0101.

ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN: A course on 20th Century Architecture and Design is being offered by Stradbroke & Laxfield Branch of the Workers Education Authority at Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road. You can attend the first lecture on Wednesday, September 24, at 2.30pm free. The 10-week course costs £43.

CANCELLED: The folk evening on Saturday, September 27, at Thorndon Village Hall has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Keeping tradition alive

Following Mike Ager's article on traditional music in the Redlingfield area I thought readers might like to know that far from being just a memory this kind of music-making still flourishes locally.

And, importantly, it continues to be made by local people whose fathers and grandfathers sang, played or stepdanced. You won't find any folkie beards or rainbow jumpers at our get togethers. So if you fancy seeing the real thing, carry on reading.

The most important pub locally for traditional music continues to be the Worlingworth Swan. I first played there nearly twenty years ago in the company of melodeon players Font Whatling and Bruce Wright and regulars such as George Clements, Peter Boon and Freddy Hamlin etc, all now sadly departed. Then as now you could buy

almost anything in that pub – a set of harness, a horse, a pony or lurcher pup. Most Sundays you would, and still do, find a collection of pony and traps tied up outside and the smell of cigars and pipe tobacco in the air.

Saturdays we played till the early hours with Font crowning the evening by playing his button accordion and stepdancing on a tray from behind the bar. Visitors such as Tom Smith, Cyril Barber and Tony Harvey sang or gave us a tune.

And when the Worlingworth Horse Fair was on you could rely on the travellers to give you a song.

Nothing much has changed at the Swan. These days you will find stepdancers Percy and Doreen West, Lennie Whiting and Billy Heffer there on a regular basis, with music provided by Ray Hubbard, Reg



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH DENHAM: While we wait for grant applications to English Heritage to be considered, every effort must be made to raise money for the building fund. The Musical Evening in April when Ray Hubbard and friends hosted an evening of traditional country music and East Anglian stepdancing raised a significant sum. The church council appreciates the support of everyone who attended, and is now hoping that future fundraising events will be as successful. The Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride takes place this year on September 13 (see story), and we are urging all cyclists in Denham to support the village church by participating. You will get a good day out, see some interesting churches, and raise money for a good cause. Sponsor forms are available from Bingy Hindle on 01379 668 646. **Margaret Reeves**

with song and dance

Reader, Mike and June Crisp and me – Steve Matthews. Many other performers come to sing, dance or play, too many to name such is the pub's reputation.

This year the pub held, for the second year running, the Steve Monk Memorial Stepdance Competition. At least 300 people attended and watched stepdancers from all over the area compete for the Steve Monk and Font Whatling trophies.

The tradition continues and gathers strength. If you would like to witness it come to the Swan in the evening on the second Friday of the month in the summer or Sunday lunchtime in autumn and winter. Please call the pub for more details (01728 628267).

Another local, The Queens Head in Stradbroke is holding a traditional

music day on September 28.

This day-long event will feature many of the above performers and also Rig-A-Jig-Jig (a Norfolk-based quartet performing tunes from north Norfolk), Little Diamond Trio and the Suffolk Punch Concert Party featuring local horseman, musician and singer Ray Hubbard and friends.

Traditional music has a long and noble history in Suffolk – the fact that it has survived is remarkable. Many young performers are now getting involved, the only way it will keep going. We are lucky to have it on our doorstep in such strength. Long may it continue.

Steve Matthews

Pictures: This page - Steve Matthews & Ray Hubbard playing at The Swan, Worlingworth. Previous page - Lenny Whiting dancing at The Black Swan, Thorndon.



Songs of hope

A choir of orphaned and needy children from Africa will be singing at Horham Baptist Church on Friday, September 19.

Since 1984, the African Children's Choir has worked to bridge cultural gaps and highlight the plight of children in Africa. The money they raise supports schools throughout sub-Saharan Africa – in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, Sudan and South Africa – and has provided scholarships for many thousands of children.

The choir is comprised of children aged from seven to eleven. Each child has lost one or both parents to poverty or disease.

The African Children's Choir performs throughout the world "bringing hope and joy to everyone they meet while shining the spotlight on the plight of children in Africa". There are currently three choirs on tour; a Canadian tour with children from Uganda, a US tour with children also from Uganda and a UK tour with children from Nkomazi, South Africa, a region that is being devastated by AIDS.

Tickets for the event, which starts at 7.30pm, are £6 from John Smith (01728 628 573).

See www.africanchildrenschoir.com for more information on the choir.



MANY THANKS . . . The organ at St Mary's Church, Horham, has been greatly improved after its restoration, and we are most grateful to all those who worked hard in the churchyard, cutting and clearing the grass, and weeding and laying a new gravel path. Many thanks also to Gladys Huggins and to Harry and Poppy Keeble who have retired after many years cleaning inside the church, and to Vicky Bloomfield and Gail Marsh who are now in the team. I am very grateful for all the cards, prayers and good wishes that I received while in hospital in May, which greatly helped my recovery. On Monday, September 22, I celebrate the 40th Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood with a Flower Festival and Exhibition of **Colour, Of Mission and Priesthood** in Stradbroke Church, on Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 20, 21 & 22, with a Service of Re-Dedication and Thanksgiving on Sunday at 6.30pm and a Festival Holy Communion on Monday at 7.30pm.

David Streater

Thinking aloud again ...

The boundary commission has now published its proposal for Suffolk; it suggests two unitary authorities, one for Ipswich, Felixstowe and surrounding area and one for the rest of Suffolk.

The proposal for a single unitary authority for the whole county is also a possibility. In either case Lowestoft would be joined to Yarmouth, outside the Suffolk authority.

It is not clear what the cost would be of supporting a unitary authority in our rural, relatively impoverished part of Suffolk.

Many in Lowestoft and Yarmouth are not happy about being forced together; there has always been rivalry between the towns, partly stemming

from the historic competition between their fishing fleets. Since the demise of fishing Lowestoft has had problems and needs help to regenerate; just pushing it away seems unnecessarily thoughtless.

It would be better to spend money on updating the north of the A12 and building a larger bridge over the

Waveney. It would also help to have a fast train to Ipswich.

Improved infrastructure would attract business.

Lowestoft may not seem of immediate importance to us but it is our nearest large seaside town and does have a lovely, sandy beach.

Have your say before the consultation period ends on September 26th. You can comment on the boundary commission website, www.boundarycommittee.org.uk (the map shows Suffolk's current district councils).

Evelyn Adey



SUSTAINABILITY . . . We hear the word more and more often, it seems to have become synonymous with all that is good and virtuous. It just means something that can be held up, that persists etc. When attached to housing or villages it sounds mildly insulting, after all Suffolk has gone on being for thousands of years, through good and bad times, rich and poor times. Suffolk is clearly able to adapt when it needs to and remain staunchly unchanging when it doesn't need to change. One way in which villages have always operated is in building new houses for its own young, or old when necessary. This is the organic way that villages develop and it has proved successful, it works. I hope our planning officers will not be in too much of a hurry to do the government's bidding. Governments change, Suffolk stays.

Evelyn Adey

It doesn't have to cost

It is possible to have fun whilst being environmentally responsible...no, seriously!

What if you could have a two-seater sports car that has the road-holding of a Lotus Elise, the performance of a Ferrari supercar and the exhaust emissions of milkfloat (actually, it doesn't even have an exhaust but you get the general idea).

Well, it is a reality. No, seriously! It's called the Tesla Roadster and it is built right here in East Anglia.

OK, so the Tesla company is actually based in California but the cars are built at Lotus' site at Hethel, near Wymondham. The car is purely electric and does not use hybrid technology (which uses a petrol engine assisted by electric motors).

It is based on a modified Lotus chassis and has a large, sophisticated battery and the rear wheels driven by a powerful electric motor.

The body is made of carbon fibre.

When you step off the throttle to cruise, and during braking, the motor turns into a generator to put charge back into the battery and help increase the range.

Why am I so interested? Well, I work for Tesla as a Test Engineer and can often be found driving them around my local villages enjoying the fact that I can have fun after work without polluting the immediate atmosphere. And what's more, I can say that I am doing test and validation work at the same time because the best way to develop cars for a customer is to drive one like a customer.

OK, so maybe that is pushing it a bit far, I am really just having fun, but it is a good way to test cars.

So, why would a sports car fan be interested in an electric car? Maybe because it does 0 to 60mph in 3.9 seconds and goes on to do 125mph.

Even better, is that it does 220 miles from a single charge and using a bit of maths that is the equivalent of approximately 256mpg (US gallon, not Imperial gallon).



the earth!

It has one gear and you can drive it fast like a sports car or tootle sedately around town as it is happy to do both equally well.

However, I have to be careful when driving through towns because the car is virtually silent and it is very easy to have people walk out on you because they didn't here you coming.

So, why would a non sports car fan be interested? Maybe because Tesla want to make more cars, but this time for the family or commuter.

The next vehicle planned (and already progressing well) is a four-door family saloon which will be ready by 2010. The technology found in the Roadster may soon find its way in to other cars driven by all sorts of people and this will go a long way to helping reduce vehicle emissions.

I understand that the electricity has to come from somewhere and that the source is not always that environmentally friendly. However, when you balance the production of electricity versus the cost to the environment of refining oil into petrol/diesel and then burning it inefficiently in an engine you soon realise that there is some sense in having electric cars. It is not the sole future of transportation but it is certainly part of it. If you spot one on the driveway and want to know more just give me a knock ... I'll gladly talk about it (probably until you are bored!), I might even take you out for a demonstration!

Stuart Brierley

RUBY AND HER HORSES: Tales of Suffolk before WWI and during the agricultural depression of the 1930s are coming to Occold Village Hall on Saturday, October 11. Ruby And Her Horses is a true-life narrative told by Neil Lanham from stories that were told to him by his Mother Ruby. It was, Ruby said, a time when "if you did not have anything you were lucky because you had not the worry of it for sooner or later you would loose it. A time when it was driving honest to goodness and hard-working farmers shanny and they were being turned out of their homes and sleeping under hedges". The production is supported by a presentation of Ruby's own photographs, digitally-enhanced for the big screen, and each story is followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard in his nutbrown East Suffolk voice. Everything you hear on the night will come straight out of the oral tradition, nothing has been taken from books. Tickets £3.50 from Di Noller 01379 678198. Price includes tea & biscuits. Proceeds to Occold's New Village Hall Fund.



"The two men held the audience spellbound for two hours and Ruby was brought alive with stories producing bouts of laughter and feelings of sadness in equal amounts" - EADT review of Ruby And Her Horses. Sept 2007.

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VILLAGE BBQ: The event raised more than £820 with 124 tickets sold – however many more than that enjoyed a great evening out. This splendid effort was, in no small part, thanks to Drew & Katie Abbott who made a great landlord and landlady and served superb Adnams from the Worlingworth Swan. Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare the Doorstep Green or worked on the night to make it another great evening. Next year we may go for some extra dates, opening the bar on more summer evenings.

HIGHWAYS/SPEEDING: The highways department are planning a visit to look for solutions to the problems caused by speeding in the middle of the village. The problems caused by a raised mains cover on Occold Corner are also being addressed.

HARVEST SUPPER: Tickets for the Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 18, are to be kept at £10 with a maximum of 80 going on sale. They will be available from Katie & Drew Abbott, Sue & Allan Chapman, Mike & Jan & Joyce Saunders. Sherry on arrival will be free. The entertainment is by a duo – Intrique. Every effort will be made to get the music started quickly after the meal has ended. You can hear Intrique at www.norwichartists.co.uk/audiopages/soloduo/audio_intrique.html Helpers are needed at Horham Community Centre to get things ready from 10am on that morning.

COFFEE CARAVAN: 25 people attended the August 19 visit of the Coffee Caravan on a windy Tuesday morning. There were also a representatives of Mid Suffolk Council and Age Concern. The caravan has a Co-op share number – 290880 – for those who want to donate their dividend. The next visit is on Wednesday, September 3, 2pm-4pm.

REDLINGFIELD ONLINE: Free hosting from onesuffolk, Janet Norman-Philips volunteering as webmaster and the fact we have loads of info collected for the village mag mean we will soon have our own website at www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk the parish email address will be pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

PLANNING: There has been an application to install an external staircase and roof lights to make a first floor art studio in the existing garage at Eastern Barn, Abbotts Meadow. The parish is not consulted on this type of application.

Mike Ager, 01379 678835.

BOB RICHES . . . Redlingfield recently lost one of it's stalwarts. Derek Robert 'Bob' Riches slipped away in the comfort of his Cheddar home on August 11, aged 93. As a long-term resident of Redlingfield he contributed a lot to the village. An East Anglian to the core his energy and enthusiasm led to diverse interests. Aviation, weather, agricultural machinery and much more came under an incisive scrutiny with an objectivity no doubt honed by his POW experience. A comment on rainfall and out would come his diary and there was the history of rainfall in our area, seemingly going back to the flood. A good friend and neighbour Bob started Redlingfield Neighbourhood Watch. He always took special care to involve newcomers in the village. Bob loved life and loved Suffolk. He gave 100 per cent and will be sorely missed. There is a remembrance service at St Andrews Church, Redlingfield, on Friday, August 29, at 2pm. Donations, if desired, for the Royal British Legion may be sent to C.V. Gower and Son, Funeral Directors, The Square, Winscombe, North Somerset BS25 1BS. Thoughts go to Bob's wife, Joan and children, Charles and Jane.

Chris Gibbons

PLANNING: We have received planning consents for the applications mentioned in the previous newsletter for the goat rearing sheds on the Horham/Stradbroke road.

ONE SUFFOLK: The Parish Council has made representations to the Boundary Commission supporting the "One Suffolk" proposal bringing all council operations under one roof. We believe this would enhance the services provided in Suffolk and make it easier for parishes and residents alike to contact the appropriate departments. Other proposals for a unitary Ipswich and Felixstowe, and further up the coast Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth, will only fragment services to the public.

HEDGEROWS: We are very concerned about the overgrown hedgerows alongside carriageways and pedestrian footways in and around the village. The Parish Council would like to remind householders and landowners alike of their responsibility regarding hedge maintenance on their property, particularly where hedges encroach onto the footways and sightlines for road users. We often receive comments about near misses due to poor vision where hedges are overgrown, and commercial vehicles suffer broken wing mirrors. The Highways Department of Suffolk County Council do their very best but many carriageway hedges are the responsibility of landowners and really do need a good "short back and sides".

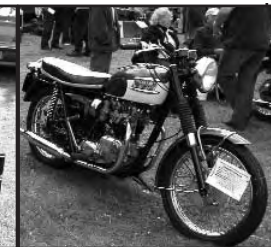
BUS SERVICE: We understand that our bus service to Diss (482) has funding for two years. County Councillor Guy McGregor made a considerable effort fighting for this to continue. It is essential that it is used to justify the service continuing when funding ceases. With the high cost of fuel (plus the maintenance of a vehicle) it is worth considering this for shopping trips to Diss and beyond. The service is quite frequent and fits quite well with those wishing to work in Diss. It really is a case of "use it or lose it".

HORHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE: Fish and chip nights have become a roaring success and continue on more or less a monthly basis. To find out when the next one is look for notices in Horham PO and the Community Centre where you can also order your meal. They have become pleasant social events where you can end the working week relaxing, have a chat and enjoy a drink from the bar while the resident cook provides your meal freshly cooked.

Angela Wilkins - Clerk 01379 384625



The 1st Fressingfield Scouts recently returned from tackling High Peak in Derbyshire. This follows on from a two-day hike around North Norfolk (pictured) earlier in the year. The troop, which meets on Fridays from 7.15pm in Goodwin Hall, New Street, Fressingfield, is open to boys and girls aged 10 to 14. Contact Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne on 07908 262623 or andrew.aaldersdunthorne@talk21.com



Rally good time in Horham

Once again the weather was kind to the Horham Bygones Rally, with Saturday starting in bright sunshine. The day was marred by a couple of isolated showers.

The main showground was a little 'spongy' due to the rain over the previous weeks and vehicles did cause some ruts.

This year's entries were of an extremely high standard with Greg Aldridge's working PEG Drum proving very popular. Luckily the Fire Service Preservation Group were not needed to extinguish any real fires this year but they managed, admirably, with the demonstration blazes.

The absence of the large fair brought a more tranquil atmosphere with the tuneful country melodies of Tony Western echoing across the showground. The small fairground organ played merrily on the middle field in front of the model boating pond.

The working scale model traction engines astounded everybody with their ability to pull passengers on the uneven ground.



Once again Robbie, resplendently turned out, it must take David Hardyman hours of preparation, pitted his horse power against tractors on the working field. The stationary engines were again very popular with younger, and older, children. This year saw a fine display of bygones and

saws from Malcolm Collyer.

The day concluded with entertainment from 'Hammy' Hamilton in Horham & Athelington Community Centre.

The rally raised more than £3,300 for the Community Council. The Sunday Road Run and fund-raising on their stall on Saturday raised more than £1,000 for EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice).

Martin Donnelly



2008 EXHIBIT WINNERS: Ray Woodrow Memorial Trophy - Best Tractor: David Brown, Mr R Smith. Waterfield Trophy - Best Car, Motorcycle or Cycle: 1924 Rover 8 (NR 3921), Mr Mills. Horham Trophy - Best Commercial Vehicle: 1935 Dodge Dropside (GV 3176), Mr C A Kerridge. Military Trophy - Best Military Vehicle: 1943 Ford Jeep GPW (NSJ 220), Mr Alan Johnson. Ray's Trophy - Best Stationary Engine: 1926 Fairbank-Morse 'Z' 2HP, Mr Paul Mace. Rally Committee Trophy - Most Interesting Working Exhibit: 2 ins. Scale Traction Engine, Mr Ivan Whurr. Monica's Catering Trophy - Most Interesting Exhibit: International PEG Drum, Mr. Greg Aldridge. Stanford Trophy - Best Cycle, Auto Cycle or Motorcycle: 1965 Triumph T120 (FKJ 51C), Mr Allan Clarke.

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Live folk music: Queen's Head, Stradbroke, 1pm-7pm. 01379 384384.

Belly Dancing: Horham Community Centre, 7.45pm-9pm. Pip Florance, 01379 384370, Margaret Streeter, 01379 384363.

Bingo: Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. All the usual bingo features, accumulating jackpot & refreshments. Next sessions: Sept 2, 16 & 30, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18, Dec 2 & 16. Brenda Hunt, 01379 678178.

The Stradbroke Group of the Suffolk Family History Society: Stradbroke Community Centre, 4th Tues of month. 7pm for 7.30pm. Julie Kersey, 01728 860551.

WEDNESDAYS

Hoxon Hundred: Morris dancers & musicians practice, St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm-9.30pm (from Sept 24). Ron Ross, 01379 643563.

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Occold Village Hall, 8pm, 1st Wed of the month.

THURSDAYS

Happy Circle Club: Horham Community Centre, 2nd & 4th Thurs at 2pm-4.30pm (summer) & 1.30-4pm (winter).

FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS

Traditional music: Worlingworth Swan, 2nd Friday evening of the month in summer. Sunday lunchtimes in autumn & winter. 01728 628267.

SUNDAYS

Open Days at the Red Feather Club Museum: August 31, September 7 & 28, October 5 & 26. Horham Airfield, 10am-4pm admission free.

Open Days at the 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum: August 31, September 28, October 26. Horham Airfield, 10am-5pm or by appointment.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Charity Ride Out: Beaconsfield Arms, Occold - Triangle Motorcycle Club. Lunchtime.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project: Redlingfield. 2pm-4pm.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-14

Annual Art Exhibition & Sale: Eye Parish Church, Wed -Sat 10am-8pm, Sun: 1pm-7pm. Admission free, catalogue £1. Preview by invitation only Tues evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride: 10am-6pm. (see pages 8 & 9).

Fall Play - Autumn Festival of new short plays: Fressingfield Archbishop Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield. 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Adults £5, concessions £4. Bookings 01986 781721.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPT 13-14 & 20-21

Art Trail: Studios & workshops open, 11am-5pm (see page 2).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Vintage Farm Machinery Working Day: 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum, Shingle Hill, Denham. 10am-5pm. Parking & admission free (see advert).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The Bucket List (2007, 12A): Stradbroke Cinema, Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Bar - ice creams in the interval! Entrance £5.50. A shamelessly old-fashioned crowd-pleaser.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

African Children's Choir: Horham Baptist Church, 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6 from John Smith 01728 628 573 (see page 12).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

New Reeding Woods Group Autumn Open Day (see page 6).

Summer Ball: Athelington Hall, Friends of Occold School. Sam Warnes, 01728 627966.

SATURDAY-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-22

Stradbroke Flower Festival &

Exhibition: Stradbroke Church, open each day, 10am- 6pm. Service of Re-Dedication & Thanksgiving on Sunday, 6.30 pm, Festival Holy Communion on Monday, 7.30 pm (see page 12).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Annual Thorndon Fete: Black Horse Inn from 12 noon. Live music, Leek Club judging, real ales, games etc. Charles Coulson, 01379 678331.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-27

4th Fressingfield Music Festival:

Concerts start 7.30pm. Tickets available from mid August at Fressingfield Stores & 01379 586269 & 01379 586537.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26-28

The "Queen" Presents ... : Marquee at the Queen's Head, Stradbroke. Comedy, rock 'n' roll, folk music & barn dance. Tickets, 01379 384384 (see advert).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Quiz: Red Feather Club, Horham Airfield, 7.30pm. Frank Sherman, 01379 678471.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Car Boot Sale: Hoxne Playing Field, Heckfield Green. Open to public 8am.

Harvest Lunch: Thorndon Village Hall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Denham Harvest Supper: Denham Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm, sherry on arrival, three-course meal & coffee. Entertainer Rick Hallam. BYO drinks (soft drinks available). Raffle. Tickets £6 from Pam (01379 871590) or Rose (01379 870346).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Horham Harvest Festival: Service at St Mary's 11.15 am. Harvest lunch in the Community Centre at 12.30 pm. Tickets are on sale at Horham Shop at £5.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Film Show: Red Feather Club, Horham Airfield, 7.30pm. 01379 678471.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

Ruby & Her Horses: Occold Village Hall.

A true life narrative in song & story set against the hardships of the agricultural depression. Tickets Diane Stephenson, 01379 678647 (see page 15).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Salute to the Royal Air Force: Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum at Flixton, 11am to 5pm. Entrance free (see page 24).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Redlingfield Harvest Supper: Horham & Athelington Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Katie & Drew Abbott, Sue & Allan Chapman, Mike & Jan (01379 678835) & Joyce Saunders. Only 80 on sale. Sherry on arrival, Entertainment by duo Intrigue.

Occold Harvest Supper: WI fundraising event, Occold Village Hall.

Cabaret Evening: Thorndon Village Hall, 7pm. Set course evening meal, professional cabaret acts including host, comedian, singers. Richard Lummis, 01379 678209.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

General Knowledge Quiz: Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road. In aid of Stradbroke Church. Teams of 4. 7.30pm. £3 per person including refreshments.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Eye Green Fair: Eye Town Hall, 10am - 4pm. Stalls from green groups, crafts & charities, music & refreshments - local, home made & Fair Trade. Admission by donation - whatever you can afford.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

St Edmund's Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Fundraising Dance: Thorndon Village Hall, 8pm. In aid of Thorndon Church refurbishment programme.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Concert: Thorndon Church.

Your County Councillor reports



THE Local Government Review is taking a considerable amount of time, both of members and officers of the local authorities.

No one expected the

committee's proposals, which were: remove Lowestoft and parishes surrounding the town from Suffolk and place in an enlarged Norfolk unitary and for the remainder of Suffolk a unitary or an enlarged Ipswich (which would include Felixstowe, the Shotley Peninsula and Claydon) and the rest of Suffolk.

Unitary authorities are the norm in Wales and Scotland and a good part of England. They deliver all local authority services from waste collection to trading standards along with highways and education.

It is the view of Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council that a countywide unitary is the best outcome. Early indications are that there would be annual savings of £100 per household. Anything other than unitary Suffolk would mean the end of the Fire & Rescue Service as a local government service as a new board would have to be set up together with an authority with additional costs of around £500,000 a year. If Lowestoft goes then there are serious questions around the viability of the Suffolk Police Authority. I do urge that you read the leaflets about the proposals and make your views known to The Boundary Commission.

On another note the bus service from Stradbroke through Horham, Denham, Hoxne and Eye to Diss could do with more passengers. This is an excellent service promoted by Suffolk County Council. Diss Railway Station road layout is being changed to enable buses to turn in front of the booking office.

Guy McGregor, 01379 668434

Your Community Police Officer reports



NOW that we are into the late summer months, please remember to secure garden equipment and sheds after use. This

is the time of year that thefts of lawn mowers and garden tools often increases. Shed alarms can be purchased from your local Police station to help improve security. We have also seen an increase in the theft of scrap metal recently, please ensure this type of item is secured away if of value.

Since my last report there have been two crimes in the area, the theft of disco lights and a snow machine from a shed in Horham and items stolen from a roadside stall in Redlingfield.

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

The Police have a Community Intelligence Hotline where information can be left regarding local offences. The number is 01284 774029. You can leave your details or be anonymous, but please help us to make your community even safer. I would like to remind all of you the value of signing up to Police Direct. Register for free and you will receive either an email or text message informing you of any incidents in your area. To sign up call 01473 613997.

**PC Tim Green, Mid Suffolk
North Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Your District Councillor reports



THERE have been some rather unnerving changes at the Brome Recycling Centre, skips were moved to a rather "jaunty" angle that made it difficult for some motorists to back onto them, some people were sent away to prevent parking on the Eye Road and others reported being stopped from walking from cars with bags, all in the name of Health and Safety. Suffolk County Council have acted to put the skips back where they belong and to try to solve the waiting problem, I do hope you will find the excellent recycling effort more user-friendly.

As you may have read in the local press the Hartismere Locality meetings are reporting slow but meaningful progress. We hope to be able to run open days for the public in September-October with drawings of how the new buildings might look and a chance to talk to some of the people most closely connected to this exciting development. Praise must be given to those who kept the "flame" alive in the early days. Without them we wouldn't be where we are today.

Mid Suffolk District Council are hoping to hear the decision on Snoasis in September. It is hoped to bring more jobs and visitors to the area.

Online planning applications have run into teething troubles not least because more people that were expected took up the option, but applications should be back on track now.

I am anxious to hear from anyone who would like to bring a District Council issue up and would be particularly pleased to hear from the elderly and those in need of care as we are trying to make this area very special in the care of our elderly in their own homes. This last request relates to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for better weather for both the harvest in the fields and the gardens.

Elizabeth Gibson Harries, 01379 384680

POETRY CORNER

There is a village just south
of Nelson's County as the
crow flies in Suffolk – just
before the land flattens out the
land is a bit lumpy and bumpy?
Where sparrows in a hedge will
argue and talk noisily they are a
collection of cousins, aunts and
uncles, parents and children
who live on mass!

*The blackbird will sing for the joy
love and territory a joy to hear
both near and far the robin will
sing to proclaim the above two?*

*The silent and swift swallows the
ever so swift swift fly amazing
stunts they fly as small prey
flies by – never crash or land
they fly so effortlessly by one of
nature's wonders?*

*And at dawn and dusk the silent
hunter flies for it is the owl a
rare sight to see if you are up in
the night a hoot you hear for
the moon is his sun for him to
see by!*

*The villagers so friendly and
warm would like more cottages
for the place to grow but the
council don't want it – well the
place was here BEFORE 1066
they don't want it to last after
2066?*

*In this part of East Anglia where
the land is lumpy and bumpy
are lots of little villages and a
soft breeze the clouds drift
effortlessly by the villagers are
warm and friendly by and by!*

Mandy Miller



Get in step with Morris

Hoxon Hundred are a lively and keen group of Morris dancers and musicians. We practice through the winter months in St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne on a Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30pm. If you are looking for a new interest, a social circle in which, if you wish, you can also involve your families, or just simply wish to keep fit we may suit you.

Throughout the winter we run ceilidhs, and attend Ales (dances with other groups). In the summer you may find us dancing at your local pub or fete, in your local carnival or maybe for your club event. Every year we have a holiday together, usually in England but this year we visited and entertained in Germany (pictured). We also go to folk festivals to dance.

Under the broad heading of “Morris” we dance clog dances (similar to tap dancing), garland and North West – also danced in clogs. We also have a Cotswold side who dance in soft shoes, a rapper (flexible sword) team, a singing group and a ceilidh band. There’s plenty of choice and you are not expected to do everything.

Wednesday, September 24, will be our first practice so please come along and have a go or, if you want to see what is involved, you can just watch.

If you can’t make the 24th we will be pleased to see you on any Wednesday evening.

If you need any more details, or wish to book us for a local event, or are considering having a ceilidh, please contact Ron Ross on 01379 643563.

Jan Robinson

RAF CELEBRATION: The Diss and District Royal Air Forces Association event to mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the RAF will take place at the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum at Flixton near Bungay and not in Diss as originally planned. “Salute to the Royal Air Force” is on October 12 from 11am to 5pm. Events include fly pasts by a Mustang, Stearman and Sea King Helicopter and possibly more – weather permitting. The band from RAF Honington will play and there will be marching displays by the Air Training Corps and an ATC band. And there is plenty to see in the museum buildings and grounds, including a large number of aircraft. The good news for a family outing is that admission is FREE.

Brian Ager

SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES (HORHAM):

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS: Goldline Coaches' 482 Framlingham-Laxfield-Stradbroke-Diss service, which is sponsored by Suffolk County Council, calls at Horham. The service from Framlingham stops opposite the church at 07.54am, 1.54pm, 5.54pm calling at Denham, Hoxne and Diss and at 9.54am calling at Denham, Hoxne and Eye. Buses from Diss stop at Horham Church 2.47pm, 4.47pm and 6.47pm on their way to Framlingham. The service from Eye reaches Horham at 12.47pm.

FRIDAYS: Farelina Bus & Coach's 475 Wingfield-Stradbroke-Hoxne-Diss service leaves Horham from opposite the church at 9.52am arriving at Diss Bus Station at 10.32am. The return bus leaves Diss Bus Station at 1pm arriving at Horham at 1.35pm. For detailed timetables visit www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk/index.html

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

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

STOWMARKET: Thursdays' Redlingfield-Worlingworth-Debenham-Stowmarket service leaves from The Knoll at 8.55am arriving at Stowmarket Market Place, Argos Store, at 10am. It leaves Stowmarket at 1.10pm arriving in Redlingfield at 2.15pm. For more information visit www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk/community.html

DIAL-A-RIDE MINIBUS (ATHELINGTON, HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD): The Borderhoppa, which has a capacity of one to 16 people and offers disabled access, serves a large area approximately centred on Diss. The service is available Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm and bookings are taken Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 3.30pm 48 hours in advance. You are advised of fares at the time of booking. Telephone: 01379 854800. Email: borderhoppa@redmoon.me.uk

SUFFOLK CAR SHARE.COM: This scheme was launched last year by Suffolk A.C.R.E. (Action with Communities in Rural England) in partnership with the county council and chamber of commerce. It gives people the chance to offer or seek lifts on www.SuffolkCarShare.com

NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP, POUND LANE WOOD, Redlingfield Road, Horham: join a working party, or become a "Friend" by calling Mike Reeves on 01379 668179. This is community woodland, held in trust for all the villagers of Denham, Horham and Athelington.

REDLINGFIELD & OCCOLD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Meetings in Occold Primary School on the first Wednesday of every month except January when they are on the second Wednesday. Contact Chris Hewitson, 01379 678020.

SUFFOLK ANIMAL RESCUE: 5 Cherry Tree Lane, Debenham, Suffolk, IP14 6QT. Has rescued cats, dogs, rabbits and other small animals seeking new homes. Tel: 01728 860937. Email: suffolkar@hotmail.com Web: www.suffolkanimalrescue.org

THE EYE & DISTRICT MEMBERS GROUP OF THE SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST: Works to raise funds and promote awareness of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in Eye and surrounds. Regular monthly evening meetings are at Mellis Village Hall. For details contact Tim Craven on 01379 668383 or visit the trust's website at www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk/

HOXON HUNDRED: Morris dancers and musicians practice on Wednesdays through Autumn and Winter at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne at 7.30pm. For information contact their bagman Ron Ross on 01379 643563. Web: www.hoxonhundred.co.uk email hoxon@btinternet.com (see what's on and story).

HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (opposite the church):

Membership is £10 for a family living at one address, (2 adults and children up to 16 years), £5 for a single adult, £3 for a junior 16/18 years (age must be proven). Membership fees run from January 1-December 31. Membership forms are available from the bar staff, or from Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Community Centre club nights and opening hours: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8pm-11pm (admission may be restricted when a private function is being held). Further information on membership or Community Council events is available from Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Hall bookings can only be made via Karen Alderton on 01379 384754. Chairman - Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, 01379 384363. Personal Licence Holder - Rod Tyrrell, 01379 388285.

HORHAM OLD SCHOOL AND SOCIAL CLUB (next to the church):

Membership is £5 per year, and the Club is open from 8pm till late on Tuesdays and Fridays. Chairman - Keith Hawes, Meadow Farm, Athelington, Eye, IP21 5EJ. Tel: 01728 628608. Secretary - Margaret Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, IP21 5HU. Hall Bookings - Pip Florance, Tel: 01379 384370, Laburnum Cottage, The Street, Horham, IP21 5DX. Personal License Holder - Keith Hawes.

95TH BOMB GROUP HERITAGE ASSOCIATION/RED FEATHER CLUB, Horham Airfield, IP21 5DG (see what's on for open days & events). Web: www.95thbg-horham.com Annual membership £5. Contact Frank Sherman on 01379 678471 or frank.sherman@btinternet.com

95TH BOMB GROUP HOSPITAL MUSEUM: Shingle Hill, Denham, IP21 5EU. Open May -October on the last Sunday in the month, 10am-5pm or by appointment. Tel: 01379 870514. Email: tony@albrow.org Web: www.hexpek.co.uk/95thbg-hm/index.htm

HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at the Horham Community Centre. 2pm-4.30pm in summer and 1.30-4pm in winter. Members play scrabble and card games. They have a birthday tea in May and go out for lunch twice a year. Contact Violet Allum, 01379 388107.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: STRADBROKE AND DISTRICT RBL BRANCH meet at The Kings Head, Laxfield (Low House), at 11.30am on the first thursday of each month for a meeting with speaker and lunch afterwards. Contact Jeremy Higgins, Hon Secretary, 01379 384300.

EYE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION: The group meets at the Tacon Close Community Room in Eye for social events, with guest speakers and to raise funds. Meetings are on the third Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 7.15pm. All women welcome. For details contact The Secretary, Mrs C Elliott on 01379 644981.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION: DISS AND DISTRICT RAFA BRANCH (covers this area). Meetings usually first Monday of the month at the Grasmere Club in Diss. Details from:

Brian Ager, secretary, 01379 640337 or ager.brian@googlegmail.com or Gordon Johnson, membership secretary, 01379 642101.

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - STRADBROKE & EYE GROUP: If you are thinking about researching your family history the society may be for you. The local group meets at the Community Centre, Wilby Road, Stradbroke on the last Tuesday of the month. You don't need to be a member to go to meetings, which start at 7.30pm with entry fee of £2. To learn more about the society visit www.suffolkfhs.co.uk or write to the Membership Secretary, SFHS, 60 Oldfield Road, Ipswich, IP8 3SE. You can contact the branch on 01728 860551 or at secretarystradbroke.sfhg@ntlworld.com

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LIBRARIES: Suffolk residents may join both Suffolk and Norfolk public libraries.

EYE - Buckshorn Lane, Eye, IP23 7AZ. Tel: 01379 870515. Open: Tuesdays 9.30am-1pm; Wednesdays 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm; Thursdays 2pm-5.30pm; Fridays 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-7pm; Saturdays 9.30am-1pm; Sundays 10am-3pm.

STRADBROKE - Court House, Queens Street, Stradbroke, IP21 5HG. Tel: 01379 384768. Open: Tuesdays 2.30pm-5pm & 5.30pm-7.30pm; Thursdays 10am-1pm & 2.30pm-5pm; Fridays 2.30pm-5pm; Saturdays 10am-12.30pm; Sunday 10am-3pm.

DISS - Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD. Tel: 01379 642609. Mondays 9am-5pm; Tuesdays 9am-1pm; Wednesdays 9am-7.30pm; Thursdays 9am-5pm; Fridays 9am-7.30pm; Saturdays 9am-1pm.

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

HARLESTON - Information Centre, 8 Exchange Street, 10am-noon Wednesdays & Fridays.

EYE - Customer Services Direct, Cross Street, 10am-noon Thursdays.

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STOWMARKET - 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1EZ - 9.30am-3.30pm Mondays & Tuesdays, 9.30am-6.30pm; Thursdays & 9.30am-12.30pm. Tel: 01449 676060 & 01449 676280. Fax: 01449 675634 - ring before faxing.

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HARLESTON COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE: 8 Exchange Street, Harleston, open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-3.30pm; Saturday, 10am-1pm. Offers information covering this area.

FARMERS' MARKETS:

STOWMARKET, Marketplace, first Friday of the month, 9.30am-1pm. **RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL**, second Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm. **STRADBROKE BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE**, first Saturday of the month, term time only, 9am-1pm. **DISS**, Marketplace, second Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm.

EYE CHURCH FAIRTRADE SHOP: Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week, 11am-1pm, Eye Church.

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VOLUNTEER CENTRE MID-SUFFOLK: There are usually up to 550 volunteering opportunities on offer within 200 voluntary organisations in Mid Suffolk. These include driving community vehicles, gardening, conservation, shopping, visiting and befriending, helping in the offices of voluntary organisations and getting involved in community projects and events. The Centre at 5 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, IP14 2AS is open Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 2pm. There is always an answer-phone on to take messages (01449 612486) or you can email volunteer.centre@optua.org.uk web www.do-it.org.uk or www.optua.org.uk

OCCOLD BAPTIST CHURCH, The Street, Occold.

Church Secretary: Paul Harvey (01379 678764) Email: paul_harvey@btinternet.com

Deacon: Phillip Leeder (01379 678962). Friends & Neighbours: Pauline Harvey (01379 678764).

SUNDAYS: Services are at 10.45am and 6pm. The evening service is followed by refreshments and chat. Every first Sunday after the evening service at 7pm there is supper and you are very welcome to join with us.

THURSDAYS: Bible study with opportunity for discussion. The meeting is also an important time to pray for the village and surrounding area, national and international events, for the sick and those in need, and for one another at 7.30pm. On the last Thursday of each month Occold Baptists join with Diss Baptist Church, Denmark Hill, Diss, at 7.30pm. Second Thursday at Rishangles Baptist Church at 7.30pm.

FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS: For ladies, second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. A guest is invited to demonstrate a craft or speak about their work or travels.

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LOCAL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Horhamania (11-16+); Brownies; Holiday Club (3-11); parents & toddlers; Female Focus; seniors' meals.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 9.30am (sung); 10.30am at Quidenham (sung); 11.30am; 6pm.

Holydays: 8am at Quidenham; 10am; 8pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday 10am; Tuesday 8am; Wednesday 10am; Friday 10am; Saturday 10am. Morning Prayer is said 20 minutes before Mass on weekdays.

SATURDAY MORNINGS: The Rosary is prayed at 9.40am. Confessions are heard on Saturdays between 10.30am and 10.45am or at call.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

ALL SAINTS, Stradbroke, Church St; **ST ANDREW**, REDLINGFIELD, Church Road; **ST PETER**, **ATHELINGTON**; **ST MARY**, **HORHAM**, The Street. Rev David Streeter, The Rectory, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke, IP21 5HU, Tel: 01379 384869. Email: davidstreeter@suffolkonline.net.

SERVICES (Holy Communion unless stated otherwise):

SEP 7, Horham, 9am; Redlingfield, 10am.

14, Athelington, Benefice Communion, 10am.

21, **Stradbroke Flower Festival, 8am**; Festival Service 6.30pm.

22, Festival Holy Communion, 7.30pm.

28, Redlingfield, Morning Prayer; 10am; Horham, Morning Prayer, 11.15am.

OCT 5, Horham, Harvest Festival, Family Service, 11.15am;

Redlingfield, Harvest Festival Evensong, 6.30pm.

12, Athelington, Harvest Festival Evensong, 4pm.

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

26, Redlingfield, 10am; Horham, Morning Prayer, 11.15am.

Nov 2, Athelington, 10am; Horham, Family Service and Baptism, 11.15 am.

9, **Remembrance Sunday Services** at Redlingfield, 10am; at Stradbroke, 11am; at Horham, 3pm.

16, Redlingfield, Benefice Communion, 10am.

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

30, **Advent Carol Service**, Athelington, 4.30pm.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST; Denham

SEPT 28, harvest service at 3pm - Rev Peter Schwire.

planning

TO BE DECIDED: Meadow Land to south of farm drive Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington: Proposal to use land for six holiday lodges with ancillary construction of approach drive, hard standing and drainage plant. **Eastern Barn, 3 Abbots Meadow, Redlingfield:** Proposal to install external staircase and roof lights to form proposed first floor art studio space in existing garage, for domestic use only.

GRANTED: Rose Cottage, The Street, Horham: Proposal to erect front porch. **Little Meadow Farm, Stradbroke Road, Horham:** Proposal to erect goat rearing and dairying building.

(Information from Mid Suffolk Council's website)

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