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I'VE been learning lots of, what I think are, interesting bits and bobs lately. This is partly because Chris Stanford got me to do a display on Redlingfield during the wars for the village flower festival and partly because I've developed an unhealthy interest in other village magazines.

Being involved in this mag means I'm always looking at what other villages produce to discover any tips. This means I found out, from Stonham Aspal's mag, that what I thought were hummingbird-like bees are bee-flies – well I thought it was interesting.

For the flower festival I have only scraped the surface of village history and memories and would, over the summer – when maybe I'll have the time – like to talk to everyone who has memories of the village. We've been putting a lot up on the website so, if you've got internet access, look at

www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk and if not get in touch with me and I'll print out any pages you're interested in.

Also many thanks for the surprise presentation at the village cheese and wine thanking Janet and I, or me and Janet, for our work for the village. Now, I usually slope off when people start speechifying – and I either have a swift ciggie, get to the bar or, in extreme circumstances, find something useful to do – so it took a lot of prodding from Mrs Mike and Sue Chapman to keep me in place.

I was truly surprised and very grateful for the gifts. You didn't have to but we're very pleased you did.

Horham, meanwhile has been having almost too much excitement with a grenade, the 95th veterans visiting and the Bygones Rally coming – read all about it inside, as they say.

Mike Ager

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We'll only get a splash

THE MET OFFICE this week came out with a bold forecast for a great summer. Perhaps they agree with the old adage about the trees coming into leaf. "If the oak is before the ash, we will only get a splash", and this year the difference is very marked indeed.

DRIVING home across Cranley Green on May 1st, the car lights picked out a pair of eyes by the roadside. It was no fox this time, but a muntjac looking at me, sitting amidst a lot of broken mudflap, paralysed in the back and rear legs and a very sorry sight. I decided the best thing to do was to return with the .410 gun, a sad end for a fine buck deer. Sarah Buchanan, who works on the farm, and was previously licenced to cull deer, said he was a real old-stager by his rounded down horns

and worn-away tushes. (I learnt the proper name for the long pointed teeth). She looked very scornful when I admitted the thought of road-kill venison had crossed my mind.

TWO NEIGHBOURS have phoned this week to report sightings of half a dozen deer at either end of the village, probably red deer, though they had gone before I got a look. A lot of people are saying there are too many deer about nowadays.

THIS weather is perfect for the nesting season and the birds have gone bonkers. On Sunday morning, May 3rd, a friend was doing the Redgrave Fen dawn chorus and heard a cuckoo at daybreak. We have most of the common migrants around by now, the chiffchaff and blackcap, the house

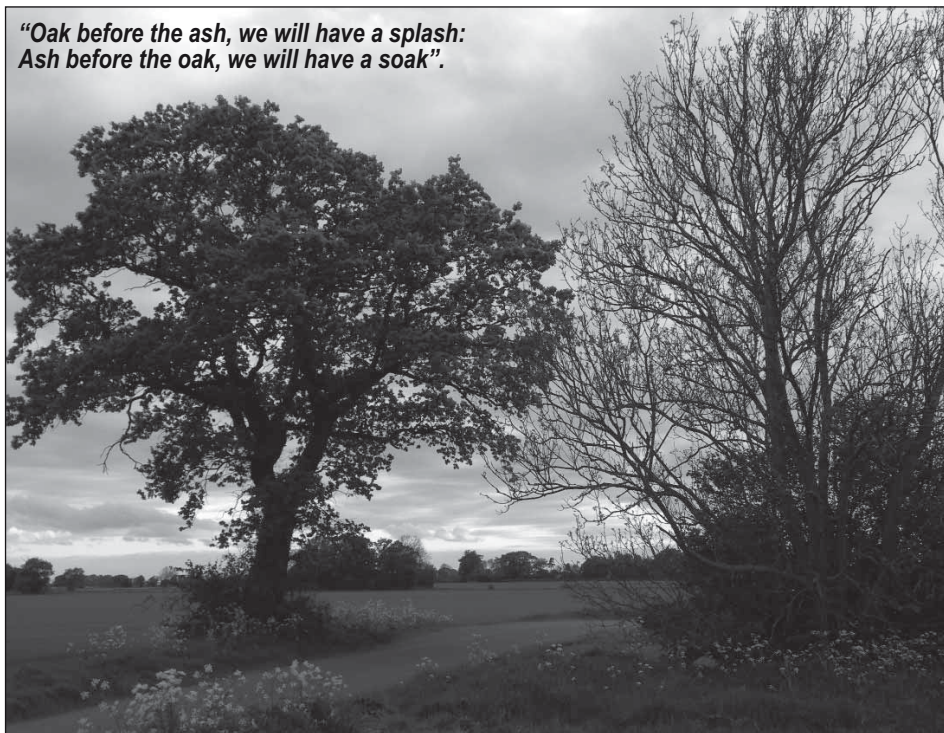
SUMMER: Saturday, June 13th, sees **Horham's** outdoor event fill the field opposite the church, not only with a fine view of St Mary's but also the opportunity to support the table at Daphne Harvey's tent. Please supply her with goods to sell, on the day, or telephone 384216. We are also planning to have a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 22nd August, in the Old School.

Athelington's Festival Day to celebrate St Peter is on Sunday, June 28th, with Morning Prayer at 11am, followed by a Lunch in the garden at Meadow Farm. Tickets are on sale from church officers. Monday 13th-Sunday 19th July is Open Churches Week 2009. St Peter's is usually kept locked, but will be open each day to visitors that week. Do come and take a closer look at its treasures, especially the carved wooden figures at the ends of the pews.

Redlingfield has summer outdoor events. The Church Council are most grateful to the Village Committee for an annual donation towards the cost of the maintenance of St Andrew's, and for keeping the churchyard tidy and attractive. A legacy from the estate of the late Joan Coe is a great encouragement for our task of ensuring the building is in the best of health.

David Streeter

***“Oak before the ash, we will have a splash:
Ash before the oak, we will have a soak”.***



martin, swallow and swift, and are hopeful the spotted flycatcher and turtle dove will return. Our first swallow always seems to use our yard as a resting stop before moving on further north, and it is not until later in the season that our “regular” arrives and lays claim to the rafter in the woodshed.

John Glover says the Tivetshall swifts are back under the tiles of his and his neighbours’ houses, last year they bred well and the numbers topped forty before migration got underway.

We have got two mallard broods of seven each. Mallard ducks seem to be very suspect on the mothering skills, but these two are making a better fist of it than usual.

Although the skylarks are on the so-

called amber list, meaning their numbers are of concern, most people say that they are doing well locally. My environmental scheme on the farm includes “skylark plots”. These are bare plots in the middle of fields something like 4x4 or 4x6 meters in size, left undrilled in wheat crops.

The theory is the skylarks are happier to alight in these bare patches and walk into the crop to their nests, rather than dropping into the thick crop canopy from above. This was trialled by the RSPB and rolled out into a national scheme when it showed that skylark numbers did show some increase. So those bare patches you may see from the roadsides sometimes are not tractor driver mistakes!

***Wash Farm Wildlife
Trevor Edwards***

Ancient and modern...

THE New Reeding Woods Group AGM was held at the Red Feather Club on 25th April 2009. Group chairman David Mitchell reported on another successful year with the woodland at Pound Lane continuing to establish well.

Work parties have mulched the young trees with spent mushroom compost donated by the local mushroom farm and the smaller trees have now been given plastic shelters to help them overcome weed competition.

The pond continues to have a problem with algal bloom, but is otherwise becoming well established, and in the meadow cowslips, primroses and ox-eyed daisies are taking over. The group have plans to purchase a small tractor to add to their equipment, and have in the current year purchased a tipping trailer.

Adjacent to the Red Feather Club lies Redlingfield Wood and David led

a walk around the wood, explaining how it was managed. Older parts of the woodland date back to medieval times and some of the veteran trees are about 500 years old.

In other parts of the woodland there are trees that had only been planted about 40 years ago. Clearings in the woodland are rich in wildflowers – the rarer flowers growing there suggesting that these were the remnants of ancient meadows.

The walk left us all with an image of how Pound Lane Wood will develop over the coming years.

We were fortunate to have a beautiful spring evening for this walk and returned to the Red Feather Club for refreshments and to see the progress being made there to refurbish and re-establish the site.

Our thanks go to David and Sue Mitchell and to the Red Feather Club for their hospitality.

Michael Reeves

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: Since my last report the branch held its annual midday dinner at Stradbroke Community Centre. It was attended by 86 members and guests. The branch's midday meetings, on the first Thursday of every month, continue and are held at Laxfield King's Head (Low House). This year, to date, we have had some very interesting guest speakers:- Nick Thompson BEM from Stradbroke on the 1607 expedition to Virginia; Roger Plant from Harleston, who is the governor of Warren Point Prison; Major Rosemary Warne MBE DL on her duties as deputy Lieutenant in London; and Lieutenant General Sir Christopher Wallace KCB DL, who spoke about the history of the Victoria Cross. The branch will again be having a stand at this year's Horham Bygones Country Rally. Finally our annual branch coffee morning is to be held on Saturday July 11th at The Chantry in Stradbroke by kind invitation of our branch secretary Jeremy Higgins and his wife Anne, from 10am till noon. All are welcome to attend these forthcoming events.

Michael Burton, Branch Chairman





Big attractions at Horham Bygones Country Rally: above left, funfair rides for younger children; above right, the Burma Mules re-enactment group; and below, Robbie the shire horse.

A lot more than tractors

VINTAGE tractors, classic cars, military vehicles, historic motorbikes, shire horses and scale models of traction engines will be among the hundreds of exhibits at Horham Bygones Country Rally on Saturday June 13.

Military attractions include a first for Horham, the Burma Mule tribute – featuring working mules that commemorate the mule supply trains used by Britain's Chindit troops in Burma during WWII.

There will also be working displays of stationary engines, a chance to see vintage fire engines, fairground rides for smaller children, a car boot sale as well as trade and charity stalls.

Horham Rally committee member Julie Woodrow said: "There's something for everyone and there's a really friendly village atmosphere."

Not only does the event generate much needed funds for the Horham Community Council it also offers charities, including the Royal British Legion, East Anglian Children's

Hospice, Millennium Farm Trust and Parakeet Rescue, the chance to raise funds.

The rally, from 10am to 5pm, is on Horham & Athelington Recreation Field on the B1117 between Eye and Stradbroke. In the evening, in the community centre, there will be live country and western, 50s and 60s music from John Cliff Trio

with a licensed bar and food.

Rally and car boot admission: adults £4; concessions £2; family ticket £10; accompanied under 5s free. There is free parking with a dedicated disabled parking area. Website: www.horhambygones.co.uk

Mike Ager



Working for Fairtrade

HELLO again – I've been quiet for a while, but be assured I am working hard for Fairtrade!

I've been giving quite a few talks this spring – my favourite was at Diss Junior School, where I prepared a whole new talk, with games and props. I received a big envelope full of thank you cards and letters from the children, who really enjoyed the visit. I think they especially enjoyed holding a cocoa pod, and breaking it open to see the raw cocoa inside, and to get that fantastic chocolatey smell.

The shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am-1pm inside St Peter & St Paul's in Eye.

We want to open more often in July and August, when we see the most visitors – however, we will need more help to make this happen. Volunteers to open one morning a week – or perhaps just a few days during these months are very welcome to get in

touch. I hope we can get support to open five mornings a week, because now we have work ongoing to create the Abbey Room and toilets, it is important we are there to let visitors know what is happening in our beautiful Church.

Upcoming events at which we are taking a stall include: Finningham fete, Saturday June 6th, 2.30-5.30pm; Gislingham Arts/Crafts festival, Saturday & Sunday June 13th/14th, 10am-5pm; and Framlingham Market Saturday June 27th & July 4th.

We raised just over £2,200 in 2008/9 – a little above what we achieved in the previous year. We have yet to nominate a small international development organisation/charity for this sum – if anyone has any suggestions or information for us to consider, do let me know.

Contact 01379 384558 & invite a stall to your event.

Sue Watson

FLYING HIGH: If you are interested in aircraft the place to be on Sunday August 16th is the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum at Flixton where Diss and District Royal Air Forces Association are organising another event. A Spitfire and a Hurricane from the Battle of Britain Flight should be the star turns as they fly over the museum. Also taking part will be an Army Air Corps Apache helicopter from Wattisham and the search and rescue helicopter, which was the main attraction last year when RAFA's Salute to 90 Years of the RAF attracted an estimated 3,500 people. This is the 100th anniversary of the first flight from France to England and RAFA will try to give the event a French flavour. RAF Honington will be taking part with a static display and some musicians. The Air Training Corps will be represented by cadets from the area, including the Lowestoft ATC band. There will also be historic vehicles in addition to the many aircraft and other exhibits which are on show at the museum. Car parking and admission are free. Gates open at 11am and the action continues until 5pm. For more details visit www.onesuffolk.co.uk/DissandDistrictRAFA

Brian Ager





Set for summer dances

AFTER a Winter season of practising, Hoxon Hundred are looking forward to the 'performing' season and we have added new dances to our repertoire.

Our busy Wednesday practises begin in St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne at 7.30pm and, of course, as would be expected of a Morris side the evening ends in the pub. We cannot fit everything into the Wednesday night practices and various other nights are put aside for those who sing, perform rapper, and dance Appalachian, or play instruments either for the dancers or in the Hoxon Ceilidh Band.

With all this going on we still managed to find time to fit in three winter events.

Hoxon have built up quite a Boxing Day following and this year we moved to a new location for our Christmas celebrations, the Kings Head at Brockdish (pictured above left).

Our second big event this Winter held on January 31st was the Hoxon ceilidh. The venue was again St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne. An excellent evening, well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Our annual Ale at Stradbroke Community Centre on March 7th (pictured above right) was well attended by members of six or seven Cotswold sides.

Wednesday pub dance outs this summer are (8pm unless otherwise stated): June 3rd, Black Swan, Homersfield; June 10th, Gissing Crown, Gissing; June 17th, Cock Inn, Fair Green, Diss; June 24th, Scole Nursing Home (7.30pm) & Cherry Tree, Yaxley (8.15ish); July 1st, De La Pole Arms, Wingfield; July 8th, Kings Head, Brockdish; July 15th, Duke William, Metfield; July 22nd, Low House, Laxfield.

Summer events: June 5-7th, Southwell Festival, Notts; June 21st, Diss Carnival; June 26-28th Aldeburgh/Southwold area; June 28th, Low House, Laxfield, lunchtime dancing with guest sides; July 10th, Ely Festival; July 19th, Ipswich Town tour with Barley Brigg; July 24th-August 1st Hoxon in France

If you are interested in joining Hoxon Hundred as a dancer or musician please contact Ron Ross on 0179 64563.

Jan Robinson

'Sunday-go-to-meeting'

Most men who lived in the country used to have just one set of smart clothes. They would be put on to go to church and taken off immediately on arriving back home. They were called "Sunday best", although they would also see the light of day for christenings, weddings and funerals.

But I remember as a child being puzzled by someone talking about their "Best-Sunday-go-to-meeting-suit". It resulted in the inevitable question: "What does that mean Mum?" She carefully explained that some non-conformists did not have services – they called them "meetings". This of course prompted a much more difficult question from me: "Mum, what's a non-conformist?" It was the sort of question-and-answer session that any parent will have faced.

A lot of Suffolk people took great pride in their non-conformity and were willing to have long debates or arguments on the subject.

My grandfather, who was Church of England, but hardly ever left his own cottage and garden because he was blind, was visited by a Plymouth

Brethren, who had a meeting hall just up the road from where he lived in Cotton.

My aunt listened in trepidation outside the door of the living room as voices were raised. When the other man had left she said to my grandfather: "I won't let that man come in again. He was upsetting you."

"Don't you dare", said my grandfather. "I really enjoyed that."

I suppose "non-conformism" is a round-about way to return to my Suffolk dickshunery with the letter "N".

Nannocking: Wasting time or fooling around instead of working – in "Them young fules are nannocking about 'stead of gettin on wi' things."

Native: Birthplace. I could say "My native is Burgate."

Nettus: Neathouse – cowshed. I know about a nettus because that is where my father milked the cows.

Noonings: The midday meal for farm-workers.

Nuttery: Hazel bushes – a logical name since nuts grew on them.

Ont: Won't. "That mawther ont tek any notice of what I say."

Ort: Nought, nil, zero.

MPS EXPENSES: Thinking about the row over MPs' expenses I wondered how thinking people could act so thoughtlessly. Most of them are honest so why behave as they have? I wondered whether part of the reason is that by insisting on party discipline above all else the political party system dilutes the sense of personal responsibility. MPs are then encouraged to follow the system without giving it real thought. Loyalty and discipline are positive values but not at the expense of personal responsibility. Too many of our social structures are tied up by similar rules.

Evelyn Adey



Paigle: Cowslip.

Pamment: A square tile of brick used for flooring in some Suffolk houses, especially the dairy and backus.

Pample: Walk carelessly over something. “Don’t you pample all over that garden. Oi’ve jist dug it”.

Pightle: A small area of land – big enough to keep a pig. I had an uncle who lived in a street called The Pightle in Haverhill – but he kept rabbits.

Pingle: Push food around ones plate rather than eat it. “No wonder she’s s’tin. She just pingle.”

Podge: Fat

Pork Cheese: Called pork brawn in some parts. You make it by boiling up the pig’s head and perhaps other odd bits. It was a way of using all the pig after it had been taken from the pightle and slaughtered.

Puggle or pug out: To wash clothes carelessly. “She just puggle all her things in a pail. She never put em in the copper and boil em.”

Push: A blister or boil.

Thas all oi ken think of at the moment. So I’ll say: “Fair ye well tergether. Keep a troshin.”

Brian Ager

NEWS IN BRIEF

FESTIVAL LUNCH: St Peter’s Church, Athelington, is holding a Festival Lunch at Meadow Farm on Sunday, June 28th at 12.30pm, after the 11am service in the church. Tickets £8 adults, £4 children. Available from Mary Hawes 01738 628304 or Evelyn Adey 01728 628428. Proceeds to St Peter’s.

REMEMBER TO VOTE: There are county council and European elections on June 4th with voting at Horham Old School. County council candidates are: Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, Lib-Dem; Alan Brown, Labour; and Guy McGregor, Conservative. In the European elections there are candidates from the three major parties – Conservative, Labour & Lib-Dem – as well as the Green Party, UKIP, Christian Party, English Democrats Party, Jury Team, No2EU: Yes To Democracy, Libertas, United Kingdom First, BNP, Animals Count and a lone Independent standing. The county council elections are first past the post while it is proportional representation in the European elections, which are for the whole of the East of England.

HOUSING HELP: A new Suffolk-wide housing support service has been launched. If you are over 16, can claim benefits, have housing related needs and require short-term assistance in keeping your accommodation or avoiding homelessness contact the new Support & Advice Project (SNAP). SNAP was launched by six organisations including Family Action and Ipswich Housing Action Group. Tel: 01473 742690 Email: admin@snappartnership.org

Planning for future of

REDLINGFIELD Village Meeting's recent AGM and special meeting was a great success with 30 villagers – that's around a third of the population – making the trip to Horham & Athelington Community Centre. A record turnout!

There was overwhelming support for the idea of creating our own Parish Plan and to find out if we needed our own local "affordable housing" scheme. So it was decided to go ahead and produce a Parish Plan and also undertake a Housing Needs Survey.

The experts from Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Acre, who came along to tell us about it, were very knowledgeable but used a lot of jargon when they spoke, so I promised that I would try to explain what the real advantages are and what's actually involved:-
From the village committee's point of



view the biggest advantage of having a Parish Plan is that it gives us access to money for the village. These days, unless you already have a Parish Plan, it's almost impossible to get grants or funding for projects, for example grants for more play equipment on the Doorstep Green or money for traffic calming measures to reduce speeding in the village. Also, once complete, the Parish Plan can be used by us to get our voices and views heard and listened to (at least some of the time) by central and local Government when they make decisions that affect us all.

Every person and business in Redlingfield will be asked to fill in a questionnaire to identify what's important to them about the village that needs to be kept and preserved and what needs to change or be improved. There will also be a range of questions about local services, facilities, housing, the environment,

CALLING CARAVANERS: The 'Coffee Caravan' is looking for volunteers to help it reach rural Suffolk villages. The Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project, a charity which takes a wealth of information – along with tea, coffee and cakes – to villages across the county is looking for people to tow their two-berth caravan. Project Manager, Ann Osborn, said: "No regular commitment is required, just whatever you can offer. Even one day a year would help. Full training is given, expenses are paid, there's delicious cake while you work and we get out and see villages all over the county." The caravan operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between April and October taking information about local and national agencies and organisations out in to Suffolk and giving villagers an chance to meet and chat with neighbours and the friendly volunteers over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits or a slice of cake. Its monthly visits to Redlingfield (see what's on) have proved extremely popular with villagers. If you drive a vehicle suitable for towing a two-berth caravan and are willing to help out contact Ann or Penny Martin on 01379 855338 or coffee.caravan@btinternet.com

Redlingfield

employment and business opportunities etc which we can use to lobby for improvements. The questionnaires will be anonymous. Local groups, such as the Women's Institute and churches, will also be asked for their input and ideas. The results will be fed back to the village along with further village meetings for people to decide what they want the Parish Plan to say and what actions they want the village committee to take to bring about whatever improvements people want.

The Housing Needs Survey will ask everyone who lives in the village and their immediate family, along with anyone who works in the village, about their current housing situation and their future housing needs. This will help us find out if there is any lack of housing and if there is, whether what's needed is starter homes for young people, family homes or specially-adapted bungalows for people who are elderly or disabled etc. The survey will be confidential.

Basically this means every villager will get a chance to say what the real issues for Redlingfield are and in the end we will produce a plan for our future that we have all agreed on.

Janet Norman-Philips

NEWS IN BRIEF

HISTORY HELP NEEDED: Local author Stephen Govier is putting together a book which will include brief histories of Athelington, Horham, Redlingfield, Stradbroke and Denham. If villagers have memories and photos of these parishes you can get in touch with him at Maynards, Hoxne, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5AH. Tel: 01379 668532.

POLICE SURVEY: With your magazine most of you will have a confidential survey from Suffolk Police asking you views on policing in the area. If you could take the time to fill them in and return them Suffolk Police would be very grateful.

FELIXSTOWE BY BUS: Farelina is again running its summer Stuston-Felixstowe service via Redlingfield. The service, on Mondays from July 27th to August 24th (except Bank Holidays) also runs on Thursday September 3rd. Fares from Redlingfield are: adult day return to Felixstowe £7.50 (under 14s £5.40); adult day return to Woodbridge £4.80 (under 14s £2.40); or free with a concessionary travel pass. For more info call Traveline on 0870 6082608.

CREDIT CRUNCH: A Suffolk website is offering help with the credit crunch – www.onesuffolk.co.uk/creditcrunchsuffolk offers advice on money problems, benefits, energy and housing

SUMMER'S HERE!

*We have had the mad crescendo of
Spring,
A time when all life is in a frenzy to be
first!
Summer days are languid and calm,
The nights are hot & short, too long for*

POETRY CORNER

*a cool breeze,
The sun makes all look shiny & bright!
Flowers have an intense hue and bloom
for this time of year.*
YES SUMMER'S HERE

Manday Miller

Home Guard's secrets

BRIAN Dade, digging in Pippa's garden, comes across a rusty lump of metal which is identified as a hand grenade. When I heard about this, one thought came into my mind, "Home Guard."

In another existence, researching home life in Northern Ireland during the Second World War, the Home Guard figured prominently. Some of the people who were directly involved told me the story of a secret army within the Home Guard. If the country was invaded this secret unit would become resistance fighters.

To facilitate their clandestine acts of sabotage and other resistance activities supply dumps were laid down in secret places. Arms, explosives, Molotov cocktails, food, money, maps etc. Everyone involved was sworn to secrecy, not to breathe a word to anyone, not even family.

In Northern Ireland, already full of secret armies and armed units of all

sorts of persuasions, the whole idea was thought to be crazy and nobody took it seriously. They were quite happy to talk to me about it.

The "Mainland" was different I was told. There it was taken more seriously, they said.

So, Pippa's hand grenade started a train of thought. I realized that I knew almost nothing of the Home Guard activities here in Horham. I would like to learn more. If Pippa had one grenade should there have been more and other things also? Were those responsible mortified to find a huge American air base built right on top of their so secret dump? Or was some careless part-time soldier disciplined for losing the platoon's one and only precious grenade while on some night patrol? That is assuming that night patrols and road blocks were undertaken in the same way as they were in Northern Ireland.

There they even acted as the Enemy

SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS: More than 100 artists will open their studios for members of the public to visit during Suffolk Open Studios in June. Locally, artists in Horham, Cranley, Southolt, Eye, Laxfield and Yoxford are opening up their studios. On the weekends of June 6th/7th and 13th/14th collage artist Christine McKechnie will open her studio at Cornerways, Southolt. On June 13th/14th and 20th/21st painters Helen Bartholomew at Wayside Cottage, Horham, and Hilary Bartholomew (art pictured) of 27 Cranley Hill, will both open their doors. On June 13th/14th Cynthia May of Dove Yard, Tacon Close, Eye, will be open for visitors. Figurative painter Elaine Nason of Rose Cottage, Chattens Lane, Laxfield, and sculptor Jenny Goater at the Yoxford Gallery opposite the Griffin Pub in the centre of Yoxford will be open all four weekends in June. Studios are open 11am to 5pm at weekends. Directories are available in libraries, tourist information centres at www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk or Tel 01449 613077.





The Horham Home Guard (pictured) were, back row: Oscar Reeve, Arthur Hawes, Lennie Baldwin, Jack Warne, John Hawes, Ernie Elliston and Ted Johnson; middle row: Fred Botwright, Harry Borrett, Russell Whatling, Bob Reeve, Albert Smith, Joe Baldwin, Bob Baldry and David Mayhew; front row: Teddy Chambers, Lennie Harvey, Fred Chambers, Col Rolfe, Capt Taylor, Albert Borrett and Weary Whatling. This picture hangs in pride of place in both Horham & Athelington Community Centre and Horham Old School. Three members still live in Horham.

in training very “green” American troops supposed to be training for an invasion of Germany [they actually ended up invading North Africa]. The Americans were careless with their live ammunition so the Home Guard, who always carried 100 rounds of live ammunition, loaded up and fired back, fairly accurately, much to the consternation of the Americans. Henceforth there were no more live ammunition exercises!

Were there similar activities here?

Derrick Gibson-Harries



The Redlingfield Home Guard (pictured) were, left to right: back row, Eric Lister, Will Bartram, Arthur Lister (see the Great War), Hully Rose, Harold Tydeman, Alfred Coe; middle row, Frank Lister, Raymond Lister, Frank Whatling, Maurice Lister, Victor Gooderham, John Abbott; front row, Alan Bartram, Geoffrey Edwards, Arthur Poll, Henry Maybury and Ted Coe. Relatives of many of the Home Guard still live in Redlingfield.

Stephen Hanson Scorer, born December 22nd 1917 in Bear Park County Durham, one of five children born to Amelia and Hunter Scorer, on leaving school he worked for a builder, before following his father and two older brothers working in the coal mine at Horden, County Durham. He later joined the army at the start of the Second World War, where he served with the Eighth Army Desert Rats, in El Alamein, Libya, Torbruk and finally Tripoli. He was injured in a bomb blast in the desert and spent time in hospital recovering from shrapnel wounds. Some shrapnel, which was imbedded at the bottom of his lung, could not be removed. When fit to return to active service he was sent to join the Royal Horse Artillery Regiment, with his brother Jack. At the end of the war, he was stationed at Glenham in Suffolk, where he met his wife Olive Whatling, she was in the NAAFI. They married at St Mary's Church Horden on May 21st 1945. When he was demobbed he went to work in Fleet, Hampshire, with his brother Jack. After their daughter Brenda was born in 1947, Olive's mother was taken ill and they moved to Frances Cottage, Horham, to look after her. After her death they stayed to look after Olive's brothers Billy & Nathan. Steve went to work for Major Ashby at Athelington Hall. Their son Stephen was born in 1952. When Major Ashby sold up, Steve went to work for Victor Hawes on the "War Agg", working on different farms in the area. His last job was with Suffolk County Council, working on the roads. His wife Olive passed away on May 27th 1981 aged 57. After her death Steve went back to his roots in Horden, where he stayed for about twenty years before returning to Horham to live in St Marys Close. He passed away on March 2nd 2009 aged 91.



Mrs Gladys Huggins, March 1st 1926-March 11th 2009. Gladys Beanland was born in Salford Manchester on March 1st 1926. Her father died when she was only ten. She grew up in Manchester with her mother and elder brother. When the war came Gladys joined the Land Army and was sent to Suffolk, to Post Office Farm, Denham where she met George Huggins. They were married in January 1946 and moved to The Lodge, Horham, then they moved to Moat Farm Cottage, Horham. George died in 1993 but Gladys continued to live there until her death. Gladys was a member of Horham and Athelington WI and was president when it was disbanded in the mid-nineties. She loved to spend time in her garden where she grew many of the flowers that she decorated the church with. The church was a

big part of her life. She rarely missed a service unless she was ill. She enjoyed the flower festivals and would spend hours doing her pedestal arrangements. Dancing was her other favourite pastime, spending Saturday nights at Wilby and holidays at Pontins, Kessingland. Being a member of the Happy Circle gave her great pleasure too as she looked forward to playing scrabble. She leaves a son, a daughter, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Your District Councillor reports



WHILE we await the decision of the Secretary of State regarding the Unitary bid for Suffolk and the possible demise

of Mid Suffolk District Council we are still holding meetings and doing business.

As you will have heard Mid Suffolk has been voted the best part of England to live in for quality of life and longevity, we hope we have played our part in that.

There is a new government review being carried out by the Audit Commission called the Comprehensive Area Assessment. The aim is to deliver a vibrant and prosperous society for Suffolk. We hope this will deliver better funding for our health services and housing and economic future.

The NHS Suffolk are consulting at present on out-of-hours services for doctors and dentists. This will be a totally new service when run out – not the extra hours that are planned for local doctors surgeries.

Hartismere Hospital is moving to the next stage where potential developers will be sought as the business plan is agreed by the Strategic Health Authority. Later in the summer there will be a chance to view specific plans for the Hartismere site as we begin to identify the services and treatments that will be housed there. I am very excited at the prospect.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries,
District Councillor, 01379 384680

Your Community Police Officer reports



NOW that we are into summer and the evenings are lighter, please remember to secure garden equipment and sheds after use. This time of year thefts of

lawn mowers and garden tools often increase. 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 from outbuildings, so please be vigilant.

I visited the Coffee Caravan in Redlingfield in April and was pleased to meet many of you and discuss community issues. Hope to see you there again soon. Speed checks have also been conducted in the villages and we will continue to do so over the coming months.

Since my last report there have been no crimes in the area, which is pleasing to note.

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

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

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

I wish you all a safe and pleasant summer.

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

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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. Brenda Hunt, 01379 678178.

WEDNESDAYS

Improver/intermediate line dance class: Wortham Community Centre. 7.30pm-9.30pm. Rose, 01379 870346.

Hoxon Hundred: Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practises. Ron Ross, 01379 643563.

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

Bereavement Support Group: Eye Volunteer Centre, start 3pm - June 26, July 24, Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11 & Jan 8, 2010.

FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS

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

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum: Open May-October on the last Sunday in the month. 10am-5pm or by appointment.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Suffolk County Council Local & European Parliament Elections: Voting at Horham Old School.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Horham Bygones Rally: See Page 5.

Eye Open Gardens: 20 gardens open, afternoon teas, art and pottery exhibitions. 1.30pm-5pm. Admission £4, children free. Tickets at Town Hall on the day.

Owl Night: Stonham Barns. A variety of owls - including native species - fly as the sun sets. All proceeds go to The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary for the care & rehabilitation of injured wild owls and other birds of prey. Doors open 6.30pm, Flying Display 7pm. 01449 711425 or info@owlbarn.co.uk

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Horham Bygones Road Run.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 13 & 14

Wortham Open Gardens: Over 25 gardens open noon- 6pm each day. Artist's studios also open. Tickets £3 per day (£5 for 2 days) available on the day from Wortham Village Hall. Children 12 & under free).

The Suffolk Villages Charity Bike Ride: Choose from 20k, 40k or 80k routes. 0845 833511, bikeride@stowlions.org.uk or www.stowlions.org.uk

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Coffee Caravan: Redlingfield 10am-noon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Eye & Stradbroke Family History Group: Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. "They're Not There!": Using Census Indexes. £2. 01728 860551.

Sunday, June 28

St Peter's Church, Athelington, Festival Lunch at Meadow Farm: See story.

Pigs Might Fly! Wattisfield Village Hall. Fly your fluffy pig (or any other soft toy) with a parachute! Piggy medics will be in attendance! 2-5pm. 50p per soft toy. Linda, 01359 251696 or brambleyhedge@btinternet.com

Gardens Open in Stradbroke: Coffee being served at the Rectory, cream teas in one garden. 11am-6pm. £2 per person. All proceeds to All Saints Church Fund. 01379 384642

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Redlingfield & Occold WI: An outside event. Details to be arranged.

Redlingfield Doorstep Green Tidy Up: from 6pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Redlingfield Village BBQ, Doorstep Green: See parish news.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Pub on the Green: Redlingfield Doorstep Green. Get-together with licensed bar.

MONDAY-SUNDAY JULY 13-19

Open Churches: many churches that are usual locked will be open.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Coffee Caravan: Redlingfield 2pm-4pm.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Eye & Stradbroke Family History

Group: Stradbroke Community Centre, 7.30pm. Wills & Probate Inventories for Local & Family Historians. £2. Julie Kersey, 01728 860551.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Redlingfield & Occold WI: Occold Village Hall, 7.45pm. Mrs Angela Pratt. DNA and all that!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Owl Night: Stonham Barns. A variety of owls - including native species - fly as the sun sets. All proceeds go to The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary for the care & rehabilitation of injured wild owls and other birds of prey. Doors open 6.30pm, Flying Display 7pm. 01449 711425 or info@owlbarn.co.uk

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Diss and District branch of RAFA - Salute to the RAF: Flixton near Bungay. See page 4.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Coffee Caravan: Redlingfield 10am-noon.

WINGFIELD BARNs: The June/July programme has lots going on. From June 4 to July 12 there is an exhibition of photographs taken by Lee Miller of friends such as Picasso and Henry Moore who regularly visited her home. Antony Penrose, son of Lee Miller, gives two talks on June 4. Mini Prints International show returns to Wingfield and runs from June 5 to July 12. On June 14 Wingfield welcomes Amici, a chamber choir well-known throughout East Anglia. There is also open-air Shakespeare and a Royal Photographic Society exhibition (a first in East Anglia). The full programme is available at Horham PO, local libraries and www.wingfieldbarns.com

David Mason entertaining children at Wingfield Barns' Open Weekend.



More than a grand day out for the 95th

THE 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association held its Grand Open Day on Sunday, May 17th, at the Red Feather Club at Horham Airfield. To coincide with this year's Open Day some 102 guests visited from the US and Holland – 10 veterans from the 95th Bomb Group based at Horham and nine veterans of the 390th BG based at Parham, and their families stayed with locals and in hotels to enjoy a five-day programme of tours arranged by the association.

Visits were made to Parham Airfield Museum, Framlingham Castle, there was a banquet at Framlingham College, a visit to Bury St Edmunds, Sandringham House and Thorpe Abbots Airfield Museum. Some 350 people enjoyed a 1940s dance at the Red Feather Club in Horham with music from the 20-piece Super Swing Band in the newly-completed Blue Lounge, a 96ft by 24ft Nissen hut complete with fireplaces, all rebuilt from photographs taken during WW2.

The building was completed in just 10 months to celebrate the arrival of the US reunion party. It was rebuilt by volunteers with funding from Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk County Council and ongoing fundraising by the association giving the former NCOs' (non



commissioned officers) club a function room and much needed space for the museum.

The Grand Open Day was the most successful and well attended to date with some 1,500 to 2,000 visitors – many staying locally and others camping over from the 1940s dance on the Saturday evening, to see a USAF Guard of Honor and an address by a KC-135 tanker pilot from Mildenhall to the visiting veterans, There were WW2 military vehicles, re-

enactors representing a US field hospital with operating theatre, airborne troops complete with a D-Day French farm diorama and US Army Air Forces in original flight clothing.

Many stallholders from other airfield museums and the Mid Suffolk Light Railway (Middy) all had a successful day fundraising, other stallholders sold aviation books, paintings, postcards and memorabilia.

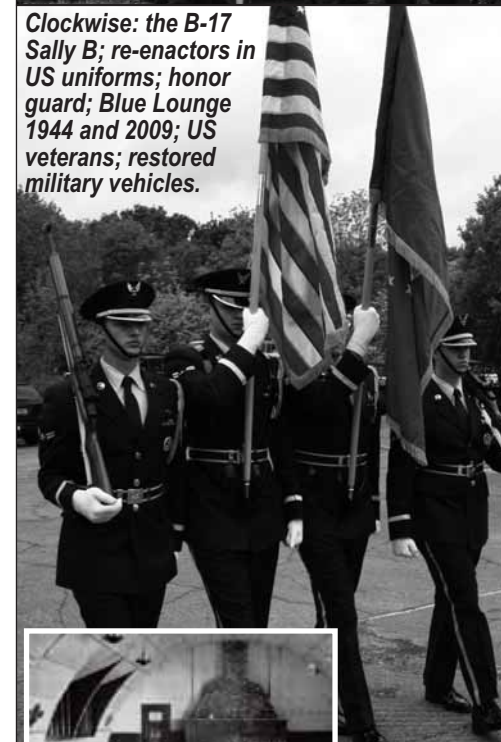
A flypast of the UK's only airworthy Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress based at Duxford, the Sally B, was a magnificent sight for more than 1,000 people gathered at the main runway. It completed more than eight circuits of the airfield. A collection was held on the runway to help pay for the flypast, which was planned and paid for by the heritage association as this reunion would probably be the last time so many veterans and their families will return to their former base. Sadly the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight were unable to give a flypast this year.

On behalf of our team, I want to thank you all – our visitors and host families – for all your support, donations and help in making this a historic reunion and open day.

James Mutton, Chairman, 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association



Clockwise: the B-17 Sally B; re-enactors in US uniforms; honor guard; Blue Lounge 1944 and 2009; US veterans; restored military vehicles.



horham & athelington parish council/redlingfield village meeting

HORHAM:

SINCE our last report there has been much activity and preparations for coming events in our villages. The Bygones Rally committee has been very busy to be ready for the 13th/14th June. It is heartening to see such a big, well-organised event for such a small village down to a determined team of volunteers.

Our American friends returned to "Blighty" for a further reunion on 14th May. It is sad that so many of the 95th Bomb Group personnel have passed on but the strength of friendship continues to grow across the "Pond". During their stay, a comprehensive programme of visits and events was arranged by the "Friends of the 95th". A reminder of the conflict which occurred only recently; starting with some preparatory cultivation in a garden and turning into an emergency situation involving the bomb disposal unit (see page 25).

Our popular Fish and Chips evenings continue on a monthly basis at the Community Centre and will carry on throughout the summer months. Pre-booking is essential – booking forms at either Horham Post Office or Community Centre.

Angela Wilkins - Clerk 01379 384625

REDLINGFIELD:

THANK YOU: Thank you to **Andrew Howlett** who has resigned from the village committee due to pressure of work – he was particularly appreciated for his willingness to get his hands dirty with unglamorous hard work behind the scenes. Thank you to **PC Tim Green & PCSO Steven Long** who have both recently visited the Coffee Caravan in Redlingfield and made good use of the speed gun in the centre of the village. Thank you to everyone who broke their backs on the Wednesday evening to get the churchyard ready for the village's flower festival and to all those who made the event such a success raising £1,015 (see page 26 and www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk). And finally, many thanks to everyone from Jan & Mike for the wonderful presentation at the village cheese & wine.

VILLAGE BBQ: The BBQ on the Doorstep Green is on Saturday, July 4, food from 7.30pm and bar from 6pm. Ticket prices have been pegged at £6, the same as last year. Tickets entitle you to three portions from the BBQ but you don't need a ticket if you just want to come along and enjoy the evening. We plan to have the bar open on Saturday, July 11; Saturday, August 29; and Saturday, September, 19. You can get BBQ tickets from: Andrew & Katie Abbott; Graham & Leslie Abbott; Joyce Saunders; Russell & Linda Kerry; Manday Miller; or contact Mike & Jan (see contact details below).

ST ANDREW'S: The church has been given a cash boost thanks to a generous £10,000 bequest from the late Joan Coe. The village committee voted give the church £500 this year.

PLANNING: We are happy to report that the Brices have finally won approval to build a farmhouse on their farm on the Occold Road.

HIGHWAYS: The highways department have, hopefully, made the centre of Redlingfield safer with large chevron signs showing drivers how sharp the bend really is and patched up Occold Road and Rookery Lane.

PARISH PLAN/HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: We've started the process of getting our Parish Plan and Housing Needs Survey under way and hope you will all join in (see page 10).

REDLINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL/REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING: chairman, Janet Norman-Philips, Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU. Tel: 01379 678835.

Members: minutes secretary/clerk - Mike Ager; treasurer - Jeanette Brierley; committee members - Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Allan Chapman, Susan Chapman, Edith Coe, Chris Gibbons, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller, Stephen Toll & Sue Toll. Email: pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk Web: www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES (HORHAM):

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS: Bus Service 482 operated by Simonds Monday-Friday

Horham Church	7.22	10.02	12.07	14.07	17.07
Diss Bus Station	7.55	10.35	12.40	14.40	17.37
Diss Bus Station	9.20	11.25	13.25	14.45	16.25 17.55
Horham Church	9.53	11.58	13.58	15.18	16.58 18.28
Stradbroke Church	9.57	12.03	14.03	15.23	17.02 18.32

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.

Full timetable in bus shelter opposite church.

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

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

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

FELIXSTOWE ETC: During Summer Farelina's Diss - Eye - Framlingham - Woodbridge - Felixstowe service (route 170) calls in Redlingfield.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONTACTS:

Bus timetables: ; 01473 265097; download www.suffolkonboard.com; order online: www.csduk.com/csd/forms. Home-to school transport: 0845 6066067; timetables www.suffolkonboard.com. Bus route & service enquiries: 0845 6066067.

Public transport information (Traveline): 0871 2002233; ww.traveline.info.

DIAL-A-RIDE MINIBUS (ATHELINGTON, HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD): The Borderhoppa, which has a capacity of one to 16 people and offers disabled access, is available Mon to Fri from 8.30am to 5pm. Bookings are taken Mon to Fri from 8.30am to 3.30pm 48 hours in advance. Tel: 01379 854800. Email: borderhoppa@redmoon.me.uk

KICKSTART: Kickstart is a moped loan scheme that could help you get a job or training place by loaning you a moped to get from your home to work or college, and home again. The scheme is run by Suffolk ACRE. Tel: 01473 242500, email kickstart@suffolkacre.org.uk or visit www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/transport/kickstart

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

EYE: Buckshorn Lane, Eye, IP23 7AZ. Tel: 01379 870515. Open: Tues 9.30am-1pm; Wed 9.30pm-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm; Thurs 2pm-5.30pm; Fri 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-7pm; Sat 9.30am-1pm; Sun 10am-3pm.

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

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

MOBILE LIBRARY (HORHAM & REDLINGFIELD): The Mobile Library visits Redlingfield and Horham on alternate Thursdays June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23; August 6 & 20; September 3 & 17; October 1, 15 & 29; November 12 & 26). It stops at The Knoll, Redlingfield, 11.40am-11.50am and Horham Church, noon-12.10pm. To contact the mobile library, phone 07736 007604. Alternatively, you can telephone the office between 9am and noon, Mon-Fri, on 07872 676698 or email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

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 Jan 1-Dec 31. Membership forms are available from the bar staff, or Angela Wilkins on 01379 384625. Community Centre club nights and opening hours: Wed, Fri, and Sat, 8pm-11pm (admission may be restricted when a private function is being held). Further information on membership or events from Angela Wilkins. Hall bookings 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 Tues and Fri. 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.

REDLINGFIELD & OCCOLD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Meetings in Occold Primary School on the first Wed of every month except January when they are on the second Wed. Tel: President Caroline Miller, 01379 678871. Information on meetings on What's On pages of this magazine and at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/RedlingfieldPC/WomensInstitute/

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

HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB: Meets 2nd and 4th Thurs 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. Tel: Violet Allum, 01379 388107.

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

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

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

EYE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION: The branch meet at Tacon Close Community Room in Eye for social events, with guest speakers and to raise funds on the third Monday in Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct and Dec at 7.15pm. All women welcome. Tel: The Secretary, Mrs C Elliott, 01379 644981.

ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION - DISS AND DISTRICT RAFA BRANCH: The branch meet on the first Monday of the month at the Grasmere Club in Diss. Tel: membership secretary, Gordon Johnson, 01379 642101. Tel: secretary, Brian Ager, 01379 640337. Email: ager.brian@googlemail.com Web: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/DissandDistrictRAFA

THE EYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FUND: This trust fund provides grants to young people and educational organisations serving those under 25 who live in Eye, Athelington, Bedfield and Horham. Special grants are available to cover expenses not met by the local education authority. For an application form write to: Mrs L Bernard, Clerk to the Eye Grammar School Fund, 2 Lowgate Street, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7AS, or telephone 01379 870787.

AGE CONCERN - REDLINGFIELD REPRESENTATIVE: Jacqueline Love, Western Barn, Abbotts Meadow, Redlingfield. Tel: 01379 678805. Email: email@davidlove.f9.co.uk Age Concern website <http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/>

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

SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - STRADBROKE & EYE GROUP: The group is for people researching their family history. The local group meets at Stradbroke Community Centre on the last Tuesday of the month. You don't need to be a member to go to meetings, which start at 7.30pm (entry £2). Tel: 01728 860551. Email: secretarystradbroke.sfhg@ntlworld.com Web: www.suffolkfhs.co.uk

THE EYE & DISTRICT MEMBERS GROUP OF THE SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST: The group work to raise funds and promote awareness of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in Eye and surrounds. Regular monthly evening meetings are at Mellis Village Hall. Tel: Tim Craven, 01379 668383. Web: 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. Tel: Ron Ross, 01379 643563. Email hoxon@btinternet.com Web: www.hoxonhundred.co.uk

DENHAM VILLAGE HALL: Charges for hiring the hall range from £35 for all-day hires by non-residents to £7 for residents' children's parties. Electricity, which includes most of the heating, is extra, paid by a 50p and £1 slot meter in the kitchen. Bookings can be made with Tina Chenery (01379 870797). Hall management committee chairman: Mr D. Reynolds (668797); secretary: Rose McMahon (870346).

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. The Centre at 5 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket, IP14 2AS, is open Mon to Fri 9am-2pm. Tel: 01449 612486. Email: volunteer.centre@optua.org.uk Web www.do-it.org.uk or www.optua.org.uk

EYE & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE: You can get practical help or volunteer at 20 Broad Street, Eye, IP23 7AF. Open: Mon 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm; Wed 10.30am-12.30pm; Fri 10.30am-3.30pm. Tel: 01379 871200.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX: Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/ and www.adviceguide.org.uk

DISS, THETFORD & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU:

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

HARLESTON: Information Centre, 8 Exchange Street. Open: 10am-noon Wed & Fri.

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PLANNING: APPROVED: Poplar Hall Farm, Benningham Green, Occold: Proposal to build agricultural workers dwelling. **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. **Hill Farmhouse, Redlingfield Road, Horham:** Proposal to change use from dwelling to a bed & breakfast. **Hall Farm Meadow, Stradbroke Road, Horham:** Proposal to change of use of land to touring caravan and camping site, erection of toilet, storage and reception building, construction of internal roadway and alterations to existing vehicular access.

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

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SERVICES (Holy Communion unless stated otherwise):

- June** **7** **Horham**, 9am, **Athelington**, 10am.
 14 **Horham**, Benefice Communion, 11.15am.
 21 **Redlingfield**, 10am, **Horham**, Morning Prayer 11.15am.
 28 **Stradbroke**, 8am, **Athelington**, Festival Morning Prayer 11am.
- July** **5** **Horham**, 9am, **Stradbroke**, 10am.
 12 **Redlingfield**, Benefice Communion, 10am.
 19 **Horham**, 9am, **Athelington**, 10am.
 26 **Redlingfield**, 10am, **Horham**, Morning Prayer 11.15am.
- Aug** **2** **Horham**, 9am, **Athelington**, 10am.
 9 **Stradbroke**, Benefice Communion, 10am.
 16 **Horham**, 9am, **Redlingfield**, 10am.
 23 **Athelington**, 10am, **Horham**, Morning Prayer 11.15am.
 30 **Horham**, 9am, **Stradbroke**, 10am.

(Always check Service Times on your church/village notice board).

BOMB SQUAD: It was a bit too exciting in Horham on Saturday April 11 thanks to Brian Dade. He unearthed an unexploded grenade with a mechanical digger when uprooting a tree stump in Pip Florance's garden in The Street. Officers from Suffolk police called the army bomb disposal unit from Colchester and, as you can see from the photos, the village was flooded with police. Villagers watched as the crew from the Royal Logistics Corps moved the grenade to a nearby field where there was more space to safely carry out a controlled explosion. The land where the grenade was found was previously part of RAF Horham and it is also thought the area may have been used by the Home Guard. If Brian had known there was a grenade under the tree stump, he says, he could have saved himself a lot of work.



FLOWER POWER:

Redlingfield's three-day flower festival raised £1,0105 for St Andrew's Church thanks to the efforts of the flower arrangers, helpers, organisers, those who tidied the churchyard and, in particular, to Hazel and Pauline Abbott. Eddie and Edith Coe would

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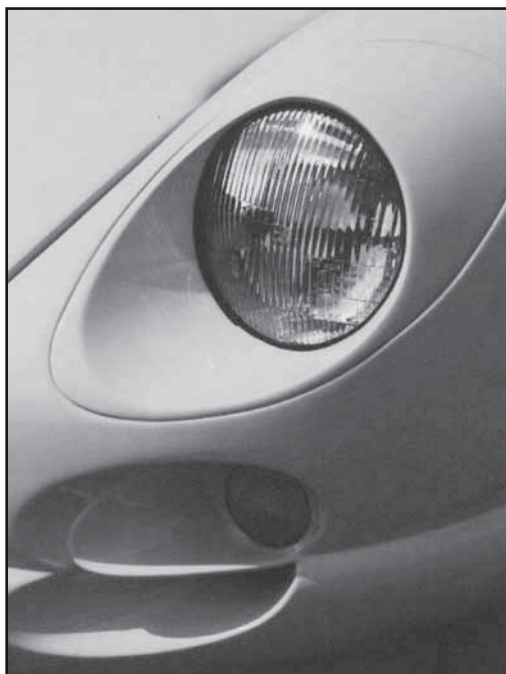
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