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*A reminder to everyone that Redlingfield church will be closed from March 14th to May 15th for repairs to the roof.*

**H**ere's a date for your diaries ... **Redlingfield is holding another fundraising Family Fun & Race Night at Horham Community Centre on the 9th April. Starts 7pm, tickets £5 for adults (children free). Mike Ager**

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■ **SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL:** The 2016 Suffolk Walking Festival kicks off on Saturday, 14th May and continues for three weeks until Sunday, 5th June. The 77 themed walks range from a gentle stroll of one mile, to a challenging 60 miles in 24 hours along Suffolk's glorious coast. Suffolk's Year of Walking also starts in May 2016 and runs for 12 months. There are three lots of challenge walks planned including The Mega Challenge – a 24-hour, 60-mile yomp from Lowestoft to Felixstowe. Other walks include: a 'prambling' walk for parents with prams; photography, birdwatching and pilates walks; a gentle stroll for sufferers of dementia and their carers; and the popular 'Horrible History For Families' in Ipswich. To view the full programme and book tickets, visit [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk). Brochures will be available from Suffolk tourist information centres.

**Karina Coghlin**

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# Warmer winters bring exotic visitor to Suffolk

*Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

**T**HE WINTER MONTHS were highlighted by daily sightings of a grey heron, which took up residence for many weeks at Wash Farm. If not standing knee-deep in the pond waiting for fish, it would perch for ages on the stable roof, or stand for hours in the adjoining wheat field.

The grey heron is not a fussy eater and will eat almost anything associated with the world of water. And much more sometimes, as one was caught on camera in Norfolk spearing a stoat, though this must go down as a rare dish; a combination of a very lucky photographer and a very unlucky stoat.

More often favouring small fish, it is happy nevertheless to add frogs or even moles to its daily menu. A mole working too near the surface is just what the heron wants as it betrays its whereabouts with a wriggle in the soil. The humble earthworm is 80 per cent protein and so, not surprisingly, makes a delicious snack for

many things along the food-chain, moles as well as gulls and buzzards. This is very nutritious fare indeed.

In comparison, farm stock is fed on rations of 20 per cent and our daily bread is made from wheat of 13 per cent protein.

REG WOODARD, THE TREE-

climbing nest recorder, recalls

climbing high to ring three young herons and how great care was required to pass them down to ground level from height in muslin bags on a long rope. They were scrawny

and skeletal,

all huge legs and beaks and not much else, and each chick was a real handful before being successfully ringed. Later

though, when returned to the high platform nest, each was very happy to continue scoffing its fish larder as though Reg wasn't there.

OUR RECENT WARM December, which also gave the Alpine skiing



*Hoopoe, our special visitor.*

**Young Grey Heron proves a real handful.**



world a very green Christmas, gave way to a frosty mid-January before becoming very mild again. The weekend of 23rd Jan was a full moon and very warm for the time of year and, accompanied by a robin calling in the garden hedge, my late-night dog walk needed no torchlight. The following morning saw more increased bird activity, three or four skylarks were showing over Wood Field and the whole place was revving up for spring.

Hold on a minute, it's only February, and as with daffodils flowering in December, nature has got a bit ahead of the game.

On the farm though, we eagerly await the arrival of spring as this year we have a new flock of turkeys commencing to lay, and also a new member of staff to welcome. At last old Pete has retired and emigrated to New Zealand and, to tell the truth, he was a bit of a daisy. Some days he came to work and some days he didn't.

**YOU CAN'T KEEP WILLIE OF Worlingworth out of the news.** On December 11th, he spotted a hoopoe in his drive, a rare event indeed.

Though very common in the warm, dry southern parts of Europe, it soon ruffled feathers in quiet old Suffolk and, when seen again in Southolt, the village became the twitchers' destination of choice. The hoopoe is actually more tame than many less exotic birds and this one spent a couple of days feeding on the local bowling green.

This spectacular bird confirms the trend to warmer winters as it is meant to overwinter in Africa. However, it is a much more welcome sign of warm winters than starting the lawn-mower on New Years' Eve, which I did this year for the first time ever.

The eye-catching hoopoe with an elegant bill is tougher than it looks as it can open a reinforced jaw deep in the ground to catch bugs and grubs as well as lizards. Though both adults have the same plumage, the local residents soon worked out that this was a male because a female would have asked the way and not got lost.

Mr Miller of Bush Green thinks the green-keeper of the bowls club should be worried. Can the damage to the perfect surface inflicted by the hoopoe be repaired in the spring? Recently, he recalls, strong-billed rooks threatened similar damage to Wortwell's bowling-green and had to be deterred by both fair means and foul. *Continued page 4*



## FEATURES & NEWS

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### THE GAME AND

Wildlife Conservation Trust has a busy programme in February and offers wild bird recognition courses throughout East Anglia. The Suffolk course was headed by Tim Schofield, who first advised me on conservation in 2000 and is always worth listening to.

The birds to concern us most in the winter are the tits and finches and our challenge is to provide more seeds in late winter. The bills, or mandibles, of finches are adapted for seed husking, and when it comes to mandibulation, the cleverest of all are greenfinches. They can unpeel a poisonous yew berry skin like a tin-opener to get at the kernel inside.

Sorting out the skylarks from the linnets from the meadow pipits was part of the subject matter and all this was training for the annual farm bird count, the farmers' equivalent of the Great Garden Birdwatch.

Doc Goodge, with his Welsh way



with words, describes his garden as a blizzard of birds, but the farm count we undertook was anything but. We were not helped by the damp windy weather and saw only Canada geese and fieldfare passing through with very few tits and finches. And no hoopoe.

### THE DECLINE IN HOUSE

sparrow numbers has stopped and now we have more of them on our garden bird-feeders. They obviously enjoy getting their grit requirements from the soft brick and mortar of the old workshop wall.

*Trevor Edwards*

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■ **EYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FUND:** The fund wants to give away some money ... If you're at school or a student aged 25 or under there may be things that you need for your studies but can't quite afford. The Eye Grammar School Fund is here to help! It's a Trust set up to provide grants of money to young people and educational organisations in the locality. Grants are not large – usually up to £200 – but they may make all the difference. The Trustees meet quarterly, usually in October, January, April and July to consider applications and award grants. Applications must come from students or organisations serving people under 25 who live in the parishes of Eye, Athelington, Bedfield or Horham. The grants are intended to help with expenses not provided for by the Local Education Authority. They might include the costs of purchasing books, clothing, tools and instruments, course fees for educational purposes, or preparation to enter a trade or occupation. For more information please contact the Clerk to the Trustees on 870170 or email [sara.muldoon@icloud.com](mailto:sara.muldoon@icloud.com).

# Splendid isolation does not seem a very realistic option

**I**N CONVERSATION WITH friends about Europe I said “but we share a common culture with Europe” this was met with derision. I therefore started to wonder how to define culture, clearly the word means different things to different people.

It could refer to quite small attributes suggesting that people in Horham are of a different culture to those in Stradbroke or that Norfolk and Suffolk people have different cultures. We may argue with our neighbours about small things and valiantly try to win football matches but I think we know how we share more ways of living and thinking than we differ.

Alternatively culture could refer to much wider ways of looking at the world. As children, most of us are taught something about ancient Greek and Roman civilisations, we know that democracy was founded in Greece and that Romans instituted a legal framework. We know that Rome ruled not only ourselves but much of the continent as well. It is easy to ignore the fact that many Roman works remain in the form of roads, place names, various buildings and most important of all as the foundation of our own legal system. All this is true

right across much of Europe.

As well as ancient common experiences we have on-going modern interests in common. We listen to music composed by people from across Europe. The Eurovision Song Contest may be a bit of a joke but we can relate to all the songs in a familiar way. However much we may like Asian, African or Chinese music we relate to it as something different, new, interesting but not familiar.

The same is true for art and literature, our galleries are largely full of European artists. We may enjoy and learn from those outside Europe but they need translation.

Maybe one day the whole world will be united into one culture but it is not there yet.

From the beginning of the European Union I have been irritated by the emphasis on money, business, jobs; all these are of great importance but are not, by themselves, a useful foundation for a relationship. In a globalized world, splendid isolation does not seem a realistic option, we are Europeans, geographically and culturally, we need to sort out the problems, not run from them.

*Evelyn Adey*

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■ **HORHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The bonfire and fireworks event planned for November 5th is being put under threat by people fly tipping inappropriate and dangerous materials on the site. Please could people stop. Please can people using the bottle and paper banks at the centre also not drive on the grass.

# Two rows of Beans in the

**T**WO ROWS OF beans in Redlingfield churchyard. This is how Eddie Coe described the graves of the BEAN family when he asked me to see what I could find out about them. There are six gravestones – Thomas Bean, his two wives and three children from his first marriage.

THEODOSIA (first wife of Thomas) was the first to be buried. She died in 1830 aged only 31. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Pipe baptised in Horham on 23rd July 1799. She married Thomas, also in Horham on October 16th 1823. They had four children: Mary Ann born in Horham 1824 then Betsy 1827, Walter 1828 and Thomas 1830 all born in Redlingfield.

THOMAS born about 1799 (I am not sure where) lies beside Theodosia. He was a wheelwright and is named as the owner and occupier of a wheelwright's shop on the 1839 tithe apportionments for Redlingfield. It stood at the end of Low Road where the old school is now. There were two wheelwright's premises in the village at this time, the other owned and occupied by Robert Bolton was where Woodvale stands today. Thomas married Sarah Pipe in 1846. He died aged 50 in April 1849 in Redlingfield

WALTER, baptised Redlingfield January 1828, is buried beside his father. He too died in April 1849 aged



21 in Eye.

SARAH the second wife of Thomas died aged 76 in 1883. Her grave is next to Walter's. According to the 1851 Census she was born in Wilby about 1807. Her parents were Jerimiah and Sarah Pipe so she wasn't a sister of Theodosia – perhaps a cousin? She was in the house of Thomas Bean in 1841 as Sarah Pipe and there are two children, both Pipes. She was described as a spinster when she married Thomas in December 1846. Then in 1851 after the death of her husband she was the head of the household which included Thomas, son of Theodosia. There were four other children all with the surname Bean. Only the baptism of the last born has Thomas recorded as the father.

The others were recorded as the children of Sarah Pipe and were born before the marriage. The 1851 Census also notes that she was being kept by the parish. 1861 and 71 censuses show



# churchyard

Sarah as a charwoman alone in the house in 1861; in 1871 she had two grandchildren with her. In 1881 she was “formerly charwoman” aged 74.

BETSY was baptised in September 1828. The 1851 Census tells us that she was housekeeper for her grandfather John Pipe in Horham, a retired farmer of 86. In 1861 she was a cook in Halesworth, 1871 a cook in Dedham and in 1881 housekeeper for her nephew Thomas Beecroft, an unmarried grocer in Eyke. She died in Eyke in March 1883.

THOMAS jnr. was born 1830 in Redlingfield but not baptised until 1832. He was a wheelwright aged 21 in 1851 living in his stepmother’s house. By 1861 he had a wife, Emma and was a carpenter living in Eagle Street, Norwich.

He had moved to Diss by 1871 with Emma and two children and remained there through 1881 and 91 as a carpenter. In 1901 we find him a widower, retired carpenter, aged 71 and an inmate of Hartismere Workhouse in Eye, perhaps due to illness rather than poverty. He died on the 13th April 1902.

MARY ANN born 1824 also a child of Thomas and Theodosia is not buried with her parents but in Horham. She married Charles Beecroft in 1846. They ran the grocer’s and Post Office in Horham. Mary Ann continued after Charles died in 1868 and was still there in 1891. She died in 1895. *Linda Hudson*

■ **COFFEE MORNINGS:** The final Redlingfield coffee morning for this winter is on Wednesday 2nd March at the home of Chris and Midge Gibbons at Rush Meadow from 10am until noon. There will be a free raffle. A big thank you to all who have attended a coffee morning this winter along with the hosts, Hazel for cakes and Garry from the Coffee Caravan. Their support is appreciated and, it is hoped, the meetings help to maintain the friendly aspects of the village. The Coffee Caravan will visit the middle of the village on the first Wednesday of the month, 10am until noon, from April to October.

*Jaqueline Love*

■ **CHRISTMAS THANKS:** Father and Mother Christmas would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to EACH at Christmas. Father Christmas had a great morning and arrived home in time for lunch! A total of £580 was raised for the children’s hospice. Our thanks to all who donated and all being well we hope to see everyone again next Christmas.

*Mother Christmas*

■ **DOORSTEP GREEN:** Redlingfield Doorstep Green has been awarded an £800 grant from councillor Elizabeth Gibson Harries’ locality budget. The grant is for the new section of the Doorstep Green to help towards the purchase of native hedging/trees, tree guards, fencing, wildflower and grass/meadow seeds etc. Many thanks to Liz.

*Janet Norman-Philips*

■ **POPPY APPEAL:** The house-to-house collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Horham and Athelington raised £305. Many thanks to my helpers Melva Huggins, Violet Allum and Elizabeth Hall.

*Janet Fisk*

### ■ BROME RECYCLING CENTRE:

Brome Recycling Centre is currently closed for reorganisation. Mid Suffolk Council is looking into options for the future re-opening of the site. Until then, residents wishing to dispose of household waste and/or recyclables can take it to the free recycling centres at Stowmarket or at Morningthorpe (north of Long Stratton). See the new Village Directory for details. In the meantime people must not leave items in front of the closed gate as this would be considered fly-tipping, which carries substantial penalties. Mid Suffolk Council would like to remind you there are a number of CCTV cameras operating in the area.

*David Burn*

### REDLINGFIELD PARISH MEETING:

Solutions to flooding in the village at Tudor Rose (Carousel as was) are being investigated with the help of the village committee. A new dog poo bin should soon be installed just inside the gate of the Doorstep Green. A defibrillator has been received and we plan to place it in the phonebox if we can reach an agreement with current charity which owns it. Otherwise the location will be on the Doorstep Green.

*Janet Norman-Philips, Clerk*

■ **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Chris Gibbons would like to see if anyone else would like to take over the role of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Redlingfield so he is looking for a volunteer. You can contact him at christophergibbons@btinternet.com or 678169.

*Chris Gibbons*

■ **POLICE CHANGE:** Our new Community Police Officer is PC Will Wright. He will be based at Eye Police Station with a PCSO.

## FEATURES & NEWS

# Great start

**W**E ARE NEARLY INTO the second half of Spring term already – time flies when you're having fun, which is certainly what children are doing at school!

It has been a great start to our new year at Wilby Primary School. All the hard work fundraising and support from our parents and community have enabled the enrichment of our outdoors learning space. All pupils will benefit from our new "trim-trail", which was installed at the end of January (see picture). We have all had a go on the trail, but are really looking forward to an improvement in the weather so we can explore, climb, work as a team, create, imagine and thoroughly enjoy our new outdoor play equipment.

We celebrated Pancake Day this week by having a pancake race (not on the trim trail), which proved to be lots of fun!

On Friday 29th January, children from Beech class were fortunate enough to see the Watoto Children's Choir at Stradbroke High School – a highly-talented and inspirational group of orphans from Uganda, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

We have many exciting things planned for the rest of this term too. Book Week starts on 29th February and World Book Day will be celebrated with a visit from author Peony Lewis and the 'Lion Learners' and their amazing animals. Pupils will

# to the year

get the opportunity to use their book tokens at the book fair held after school that week.

Years 2 to 4 will be going to Thorpe Woodlands in March. Set in the beautiful surroundings of Thetford Forest, Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre offers a range of adventurous and educational outdoor activities for primary school-aged children.

Music remains an important part of life at Wilby – Year 5 and 6 are preparing to take part in the Celebration of School's Music at Snape Maltings Concert Hall on 14th March along with six other schools. Historically, this has proved to be a fantastic event and we expect the same this year!

Oak Class are also out for a day in March, to see the Gruffalo's Child at the Norwich Playhouse theatre. This has fantastic reviews, so we know the



children will have a great time and use it for learning when back at school.

'Tea and Toys' is a toddler group which is run at the School every Thursday morning, 9am-10.30am, in term-time. It is free and open to anyone with children aged up to five. Please come along and join in the fun – you would be made most welcome!

If you have any queries regarding the school please contact the headteacher, Mrs Coleman, for more information on 384708.

**■ NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP:** The mature trees along Pound Lane present stark silhouettes against the steely winter sky, but at least the rain has stopped. In the woodland the grassy paths and rides are saturated and squelching noises accompany every step. The rain has filled the pond to an acceptable level, though the water looks muddy. The trees have grown tall over the last year, some now over eight feet in height, and many of the oaks still hold their leaves, brown and rustling in the cold wind that blows across the fields. No sign of life anywhere until you look closely, here there are still bright hips on the rambling roses, and shiny blackberries on the privet. Closer inspection reveals swelling buds on many of the trees and trailing catkins on the birches and hazels. The muddy trail of foot and paw prints indicate that, though silent on our visit, this is a well-used amenity, enjoyed by many in the villages of Denham, Horham and Athelington. This woodland is always open, child and dog friendly and flourishing. Visit it soon! Contact Mike Reeves on 01379 668 179 for more details.

**Mike Reeves**

## WHAT'S ON

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29-SUNDAY, MARCH 13**  
**Fairtrade fortnight.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

**Redlingfield coffee morning:** Chris & Midge Gibbons, Rush Meadow, 10am-noon. Includes a free raffle.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3**

**Stradbroke Cinema:** The Martian (12A), Stradbroke CC, 7.30pm/doors 7pm.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

**Family Quiz Night:** Stradbroke High School, 7.30pm. 07771 838957.

**Curry Night:** Horham CC. Sign up in advance in the centre or shop.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4-SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

**Redlingfield Village Litter Pick.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

**Race night:** Worlingworth CC, 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

**Quiz:** Old School Horham, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 include food. To raise funds for Redlingfield church. Details Chris Stanford 01728 628474.

**Eye Bach Choir in Concert:** Eye Parish Church, 7.30 pm. Reserved seating £15; unreserved £12. Tickets: Eye Pharmacy; 871272; or tickets@eyebachchoir.co.uk.

**1940s dance:** Red Feather Club, 7.30pm 'til late. With in-house big band Skyliner & DJ Andy C. Tickets £12.

**Emaline Delapaix:** The Bank, Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets £8/£10.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

**Charley's Aunt by Roughcast Theatre:** Wingfield Barns. See [www.roughcast.co.uk](http://www.roughcast.co.uk). Tickets £9/£7 from 586745.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

**Stradbroke Cinema:** A Walk in the Woods (15), Stradbroke CC, 7.30pm/doors 7pm.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

**Fish & Chips:** Horham CC. Sign up in advance in the centre or shop.

**Eyes Write proudly presents... 'Inspector Prickle & the case of the village murder:** The Bank, Eye, 7.30pm/doors 7pm. Tickets £10/£12. Interactive whodunnit.

**Cinema at Eye:** Brooklyn (12A), Eye CC, 7.30pm/doors 7pm, £5.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

**History Alive!** Eye Town Hall. Children's party' with story-telling, games & some refreshment. 2pm till 4.30pm. Tickets £2 in advance, £2.50 on day – for primary school children who must be accompanied (adults free entry with tea & coffee available). Bookings Simon Hooton 871494.

**Charley's Aunt by Roughcast Theatre:** St Michael's Rooms, Framlingham, 7.30pm. See March 13.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

**Maia:** The Bank, Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets £8/£10.

**Charley's Aunt by Roughcast Theatre:** St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne. See March 13.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1**

**Barmy Bar Meals:** Horham CC. Sign up in the bar.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

**Quiz Night:** Red Feather Club, from 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 per person, including hot food (vegetarian option available). For details contact 854587.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

**Spring Wedding Fair:** Wingfield Barns, 10am-3pm.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**

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

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Song of the Sea (PG), Stradbroke CC, 3pm/doors 2.30pm.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

**Family Fun Evening & Race Night:** Horham CC, 7pm. Following the resounding success of last year's event Redlingfield Village Committee will be holding a second race night. Tickets from Village Committee, adults £5 (kids free).  
**Kevin Pearce:** The Bank, Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets £8/£10.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

**Fish & Chips:** Horham CC. Sign up in advance in the centre or shop.

**Cinema at Eye:** The Lady in the Van (12A), Eye CC, 7.30pm/doors 7pm, £5.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 15 & 16**

**Stuff of Dreams Theatre:** The Bank, Eye.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

**Stradbroke Cinema:** The Lady in the Van, Stradbroke CC, 7.30pm/doors 7pm.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

**Queen's 90th Birthday party:** Horham CC, 7pm for 7.30pm. Three-course meal, entertainment & fun. Tickets £8 members, £10 guests from Karen or Clare. An old-fashioned street party, only indoors. Bring a photo of yourself as a child for people to guess who's who.

**Lend-Lease DJ Jamboree:** Red Feather Club. Dance to help raise funds for the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation's new exhibit in Arizona. Tickets £10. 7.30pm 'til late.

**Sheringham Shantymen:** Stradhroke High School, 7.30pm. Celebrate the 90th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. See story.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

**Bar Meals:** Horham CC. Sign up in bar.

**Mark Lotterman with support: Jules**

**Talbot:** The Bank, Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets £8/£9.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**

**Kids Carpet Rock Show:** The Bank, Eye. Two performance, doors 4pm & 6pm. Tickets, child £5, adult £7, family (2 adults & 2 children) £20.

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

**Fish & Chips:** Horham CC. Sign up in advance in the centre or shop.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

**Russell Joslin:** The Bank, Eye, 8pm/doors 7.15pm. Tickets £8/£9.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14-SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**Suffolk Walking Festival:** see story.

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

**Horham Village Fête:** An old-fashioned village fête.

**A Little Light Baroque:** Eye Bach Choir, Eye Town Hall, 7.30 pm.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

**Doorstep Green Tidy:** Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm.

**Redlingfield Parish Meeting AGM:** Horham CC, 8pm.

**The Bank Eye:** The Bank, 2 Castle Street, Eye, IP23 7AN, 873495 & [www.thebankeye.org](http://www.thebankeye.org).

**Diss Corn Hall:** Corn Hall, St Nicholas Street, Diss. Box Office: 652241 & [boxoffice@disscornhall.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@disscornhall.co.uk). Full programme at [www.disscornhall.co.uk](http://www.disscornhall.co.uk); **Framlingham:** [www.framlingham.com](http://www.framlingham.com). **Helmingham Hall:** 01473 890799, [events@helmingham.com](mailto:events@helmingham.com), [www.helmingham.com](http://www.helmingham.com). **Horham & Athelington Community Centre:** Karen, 384754 & Clare, 388878, **Hoxne Cinema:** 7.30pm, Hoxne Village Hall, St Edmund's Hall, Goldbrook, Hoxne, bar, popcorn & choc-ices available before & in the interval. Admission: £3.50. Further info/booking: 668060 or [www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk). **Midsuffolk Showgrounds & Stonham Barns:** Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT, <http://stonham-barns.co.uk>. **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station, Wetheringsett nr Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 5PW, [www.mslr.org.uk](http://www.mslr.org.uk), general enquiries 01449 766899. The MSLR is open on Sundays & Bank Holidays from the beginning of May until the end of Sept. **Museum of East Anglian Life,** Stowmarket, 01449 612229, [enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk). **Redlingfield,** 678835, [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk), [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk). **Stradbroke Cinema:** Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Admission £5.50. Bar open, ice-creams on sale in the interval. **Suffolk Owl Sanctuary,** Stonham Barns, 08456 807897, [info@owl-help.org.uk](mailto:info@owl-help.org.uk), [www.owl-help.org.uk](http://www.owl-help.org.uk). **Wingfield Barns,** 384505, [enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com](mailto:enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com), [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com), tickets also available from [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) **95th Bomb Group Heritage Association/Red Feather Club,** [www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com), 01728 860930 or [jamesmutton@suffolkonline.net](mailto:jamesmutton@suffolkonline.net)



## WHAT'S ON

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### SATURDAY, MAY 28

**Redlingfield Pub on the Green:** Doorstep Green, 6pm till midnight.

**Reg Meuross:** The Bank, Eye.

### MONDAY, MAY 30

**Worlingworth Car treasure hunt:**

Worlingworth CC, 1pm. £10 per car, £50 prize for the winning car.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3

**Curry Night:** Horham CC. Sign up in advance in the centre.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

**Redlingfield village committee meeting:**

Mill Farm, 8pm.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**Late Risers' Car Boot Sale:** Horham CC. Gate opens 10am for 11am start. Pitch £5 in advance, £6 on the day. Book with Karen.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 11 & 12

**Eye Open Gardens 2016.**

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

**Churchyard Tidy:** Redlingfield Church, 6pm.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

**Fish & Chips:** Horham CC. Sign up in advance in the centre or shop.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**Redlingfield Pub on the Green:** Doorstep Green, 6pm till midnight.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 25

**Car Treasure Hunt:** Horham CC, 3pm start. Followed by BBQ. Details from Karen or Clare.

**Worlingworth Village fete:** 2pm-5pm.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 25 & 26

**Stradbroke Festifull:** Playing Field, Wilby Road, 8am-5pm.

### SATURDAY, JULY 2

**1950s dance:** Red Feather Club. Dance with band Big Swifty & top London DJ Pat Da Kat. Tickets £10. 7.30pm 'til late.

**MONDAYS: MONDAYS: Coffee & Chat:** Horham Baptist Church hall. 10am. No charge.

Everyone welcome - especially you! Alan Hawes, 388330. **Ballroom dancing:** St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm-9.30pm (for adults). Sandra Hartley, 01728 723887.

**TUESDAYS: T PLUS:** Community Café with stalls, All Saint's Church, Thorndon every Tues, 10am-noon. **Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178. **Zumba:** Horham & Athelington Community Centre, 7pm-8pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563 534086. **Debenham Historical Society:** Regular lectures at Room 31, Debenham High School, 7.30pm, £3 per lecture, including a soft drink in the interval. Enquiries: Clive Cook 01728-861754. Non-members welcome to see what's on.

**WEDNESDAYS: Coffee mornings & cyber cafe,** every Wed, 10.30am-noon at Horham Old School. **Redlingfield & Occold WI,** 1st Wed of the month at 7.45pm, in Occold Village Hall. **Hoxon Hundred:** Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practices. Ron Ross, 643563. **Eye Country Market,** every Wed 10am-11am, Eye Town Hall (closed Jan). **Social mornings:** Horham Old School. 10.30am each Wed tea, coffee, cake, crafts, a chat and good company. Info from Christine (384168) or Pip (384370). Admission free - small charge for refreshments. Wingfield barns Midweek Movies : alternate Weds 7.30pm screening £5. For info 384505 or email enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com

**THURSDAYS: Zumba:** Worlingworth Community Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563534086. Over 50s Belly Dance Class: Occold Village Hall, 11am-noon, £30 for 6 weeks 27 Feb till 3 April.

**FRIDAYS: Bingo:** Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 384642. Worlingworth Swan, live music, last Fri evening of month.

**SATURDAYS: Occold Market & Car Boot:** Occold Village and Village Hall, 9.30am-noon, last Sat of the month from March to November.

**SUNDAYS: Public open days:** Red Feather/95th Bomb Group Heritage Association & 95th BG Hospital Museum last Sun of month May-October inclusive,

# Celebrate with Shantymen

**S**TRADBROKE & DISTRICT Branch of the Royal British Legion are inviting you to join them on Saturday 23rd April to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with a performance by the Sheringham Shantymen (pictured).

Tickets to the performance, at 7.30pm at Stradhroke High School, are £7 each and are available from Horham PO, Rolfe Butchers in Stradbroke, Stradbroke Library and Laxfield PO or by post with an SAE to: J. Baker, Poppies, Church Street, Stradbroke IP21 SHS. Cheques are payable to Stradbroke & District Branch Royal British Legion. Refreshments are included. For more information ring 07775 665733. Proceeds go to RBL Charity Funds.

The branch's annual Christmas carols and lunch was at Laxfield

King's Head in December. Branch officers and members also attended Rev David Streeter's memorial service at St Mary's in Horham. David was branch treasurer, chaplain and secretary and will be much missed.

The guest speaker at the February branch meeting at the King's Head was Alwyn "Ollie" Burton who played

football for Norwich City, Newcastle United and Wales (he won 10 caps). He brought a Welsh schoolboy cap and other memorabilia.

During the meeting branch treasurer and secretary Bernard Mills

reported on the Suffolk County RBL's conference at Needham Market, which he attended as branch delegate.

The guest speaker at the next branch meeting on Thursday 10th March will be former national chairman of the RBL, John Farmer CBE. The venue is yet to be confirmed. The annual branch dinner is on 1st April.

**Chairman, Michael Burton**



**NEXT ISSUE: the full exciting story of Veronica's return to Horham Church.**

## **PAUSE by Manday Miller**

*The village has a pause  
Life has a pause, it ebbs and flows,  
Wildlife divides up the garden – each  
having its own space,  
A day can last a lifetime a year can pass  
quickly in a blink of an eye,  
Yes, my village has a time of its own,*

*Sun rises in a different spot but not at  
Christmas,  
The sun sails across the sky, the moon  
glides on by,*

*My village life has a pause all of its own,  
The seasons ebb and flow,  
Each taking turns to delight and annoy.*



*The Red Feather Club (left) and 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum.*

# Air museums rekindle link

**T**HE RED FEATHER CLUB AND two other local museums have rekindled a link from WW2 to commemorate the men of the 13th Combat Wing.

The historic Red Feather Club museum in Horham is linking up with the 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum in Thorpe Abbots and Parham Airfield Museum. The museums commemorate the 95th, 100th and 390th Bomb Groups who flew together on missions as part of the 13th Combat Wing, who's headquarters were at Horham Airfield.

The groups who run the museums are launching a 13th CBW Heritage Trail with events planned for Eye, Diss and Framlingham.

You can visit all three museums on the

last Sunday of the month from April to October.

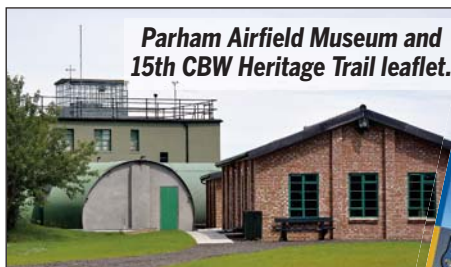
The Red Feather Club also has a busy year of events planned. It kicks off on Saturday March 12th with a 1940s dance with the Red Feather Club's in-house big band Skyliner and DJ Andy C. From 7.30pm 'til late, tickets are £12 each. You can pay by cheque (send SAE to Sam Rodgers, 1 Furze Green, Harleston Road, Rushall, IP21 4RT – cheques payable to 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association) or by PayPal (email [enquiries@95thbg-horham.com](mailto:enquiries@95thbg-horham.com) and you will be sent an invoice).

On Saturday April 2nd there's a fun general quiz night from 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 per person, on the door, including hot food (vegetarian option

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■ **PLANNING: To BE DECIDED** - plan to erect two agricultural sheds in connection with the breeding and storage of feed and bedding of Golden Guernsey Goats, **Little Meadow Farm, Stradbroke Road, Horham.** **GRANTED** - retrospective application for the addition of 2 no ledged and braced doors to the front elevation of the cart lodge and also for the addition of two windows, **The Granary, Lodge Farm, The Street, Horham;** application to erect a two storey side extension (following demolition of existing single storey side extension and front porch) and a detached double garage and install ground mounted photovoltaic solar panel array at **Frances Cottage, Athelington Road, Horham;** application for the provision of external storage area in association with supply, maintenance and refurbishment of wind turbines at **Horham Business Park, Horham Road, Hoxne.** Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council' ([www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk)).

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Parham Airfield Museum and 15th CBW Heritage Trail leaflet.



# from WW2

available). For details contact 01379 854587. Bar open. On Saturday April 23rd there will be a special Lend-Lease DJ Jamboree to help raise funds for the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation's new exhibit in Arizona from 7.30pm 'til late. Tickets are £10.

July sees a big weekend with a dance and the third Americana Day. On Saturday July 2nd there is a 1950s dance from 7.30pm 'til late with band Big Swifty and top London DJ Pat Da Kat making their Horham debuts. Tickets are

£10. On Sunday July 3rd, Americana Day, from 10am to 4pm, is a fun family day celebrating all things American. The free event, which includes admission to the museum commemorating the 95th Bomb Group, will offer living history groups, classic American cars, hot rods and military vehicles on display.

On Saturday September 24th the 200th mission dance features Skyliner and DJ Big John's Special. It is from 7.30pm 'til late with tickets £12. Saturday October 22nd sees the annual Help for Heroes dance also from 7.30pm 'til late.

Regular Red Feather Club public open days are the last Sunday of the month from April to October, 10am-4pm.

For details of prices, times, ticket availability etc for dances and other Red Feather Club events visit [www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com).

*Mike Ager*



The 13th Combat Wing, 95th Bomb Group, 100th BG and 390th BG crests.

■ **REDLINGFIELD PARISH MEETING:** Dates were set for all of this year's events at a recent committee meeting: **village litter-pick**, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 4th, 5th & 6th March (please let Mike or Jan know where you plan to clear); **Family Fun Evening & Race Night**, Saturday 9th April, Horham Community Centre; **Doorstep Green Tidy**, 6pm, Wednesday 25th May, followed by the **Village AGM**, at Horham CC, 8pm; the **Pubs On The Green** will be on Saturday 28th May, 18th June, 6th August, 10th September & 1st October, all are 6pm till midnight; **village committee meeting**, Tuesday 7th June; **churchyard clear-up**, 6 pm Wednesday 15th June; **Summer Fayre and BBQ**, Saturday 9th July, 3pm to midnight.

*Janet Norman-Philips, Clerk*

### **By David Green in the East Anglian Daily Times:**

More than 200 people packed a village church for a service in memory of one of Suffolk's most colourful clerics.

David Streeter, former rector of Stradbroke, Horham, Athelington and Redlingfield, died in October last year at the age of 73 – three years after he retired following 50 years in the priesthood.

His widow, Margaret, said she was “amazed” by the number of people who had turned up for a memorial service held this week in Horham Church and conducted by lay elder, Laurence Weaver.

“We had to bring in many extra chairs and had people sitting in all areas of the church, including the porch,” she said.

At the end of the service Mrs Streeter handed each member of the congregation a sprig of rosemary in remembrance of her husband.

Mr Streeter's younger brother, Paddy, said David had loved Stradbroke and the neighbouring villages and had a real bond with local people. They had regarded him with great warmth, he said.

“What is certain is that every one of us, as long as we live, will remember him as a fine, genuine Christian man. We are all the better for knowing him,” he added.

Deeply compassionate but considered eccentric and sometimes awkward in manner, David Streeter was most widely known for his colourful clothing, his love of the Royal Family and his “dare-devil” exploits in abseiling down Stradbroke church tower to raise funds.



Educated at Harrow School, he went on to study at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Queen's College Birmingham.

His first job as a clergyman was as curate at first Saffron Walden and then Shrub End, Colchester.

He was rector at Rayne in the Chelmsford Diocese from 1973 till 1979 and then vicar of Higham's Park, near Walthamstow, until 1982 when he moved to Stradbroke. He served as rural dean of Hoxne from 1991 to 2000.

During more than 30 years in Stradbroke he dabbled in amateur drama and was a great fan of Gilbert and Sullivan musicals.

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***There were sixteen members of David's family at the memorial service - including his three surviving brothers – John, Andy and Paddy. Nina Weaver played the organ, the Benefice choir sang an anthem and the congregation sang two harvest hymns (loudly). The ashes were interred by Rev Michael Womack in Horham Churchyard before the “do” at Horham Community Centre. A collection raised £634.45 in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.***



**Excerpts from the eulogy by David's brother Paddy**

“ David was born on 21st August 1942 ... There were three older brothers, aged 7, 5 and 4. Our father, a farmer, besides running the farm and also rushing around making sure the neighbouring old-fashioned farmers were boosting production was on Command of the local Home Guard – indeed *Dad's Army*...

[At prep school David] ... was a scholar from the start and his great rival to be top of the form was Richard May, later the British Judge at the International War trials at The Hague. He made friends easily. He was always good at work, not so good at games ... in the 50s there was a terrible polio epidemic. David was about 10 when he went down with it, mercifully his attack was relatively mild, but things caught up with him later ...

The next stop was a Harrow Scholarship ... David got much out of Harrow, he made friends, – he acted as Quince in the Shakespeare plays where the sons of both Rex Harrison and Stanley Holloway were also in the cast. Although no athlete he manly played in the football and rugby games.

The next stop was Pembroke College, Cambridge. He enjoyed Pembroke more than anywhere else. He started as a classicist and then changed to theology. At Harrow it was clear that he was heading to the Church, although teaching was considered. He would have been a disastrous teacher.

He saved our parents quite a lot of money by winning a scholarship so they helped pay for a round-the-world trip ... He travelled from monastery to monastery. While on this trip he picked

up malaria and one other more mysterious bug. These stayed with him for the rest of his life ... At the age of 25 he was ordained. He was appointed the curate at Saffron Walden, then he moved [to] Shrub End, Colchester.

David met Margaret while on holiday at Frinton. I'm not sure if David was a saint or not, but Margaret deserves a sainthood for putting up with him. What a marvellous wife to a challenging man. I won't list all his eccentricities. We would be here till midnight ...

I would like to touch on David's character:

**His Mildness** - David was like the dormouse in *Alice in Wonderland*. But he should never be underestimated.

**Charity** - ... He set up a Charitable Settlement over 40 years ago. **Courage** - .... At the start of his training he had a terrible stutter but he overcame it. He took on youth work in Stradbroke, when virtually no other clergyman in Suffolk would touch it. He was contemptuous of current paranoia and innocently and obviously drove young people around from the youth club in his car ...

**Humour** - David had a great sense of humour. I shall miss his hearty laugh. He was to write his memoirs. If he had the same retirement years that many of us will enjoy he may have done so....

What a bond there was between David and Stradbroke, and Stradbroke and David. He loved the village and the neighbouring hamlets.

What is certain is that ever one of us, as long as we live, will remember him as a fine, genuine, Christian man. We are all the better for knowing him.

# The trees say we're in for a

**A** COOL BUT DRY AND quiet day towards the end of January – just right for pollarding the young ash trees along the boundary of my garden. I say they are young only because they are fairly small – up to the tops of their knobbly heads they are around two metres tall and the trunk of the largest is only about 30cm or a foot in circumference.

Their size belies their age. When we first came here to live they were mere saplings which I proceeded to thin out with the probable intention of getting rid of them altogether. That is until I saw an avenue of short pollarded trees leading up to a lovely Romanesque chapel high up in the Pyrenees and was so taken with them that I thought I would try my luck growing them at home. These same saplings are now trees and the pollarding keeps them ever young – could this be the reason that (so far) they show no signs of the dreaded ash die-back?

The shooting poles from the heads have a remarkable annual growth – as much as three to three and a half metres and when cut are useful around the garden as poles for plant supports or materials to make low hurdles which I have used as temporary wind breaks to protect young plants.

Despite the annual pruning the heads seem to get a little higher each year (or is it me getting shorter) so that now the time has come for more drastic measures and I have bravely decided not only to cut the poles off but also the heads. I shall leave the tops of the

beheaded trees at about my own eye-level. This tough, not to say merciless treatment won't harm the trees (fingers crossed) and should, if anything, prolong their life. Apparently ash trees live for about 150 years but, if pollarded regularly, can live for much longer.

Most hardwood/broadleaf trees can be successfully pollarded and traditionally have been. Commonly these have included willow, elm (when we had them) and oak. Locally, in Redlingfield there is a line of old pollarded oaks on the road leading out towards Wash Farm. In the past pollards were used to denote boundaries here in Britain as well as throughout the Low Countries, Germany and what are now called the Baltic States. They commonly appear in the landscape in Bruegel and Rembrandt which shows that they do go back a bit.

Apart from their use as boundary markers, poplars were not big favourites with Landlords as in Law the tenant could have the annual crop of shoots for his own use while the Landlord was left with the unproductive trunk or “bolling”. In his book “The History of the Countryside”, Oliver Rackham quotes Roger Harlackden lord of Earls Colne from 1611 “went to Samuell berners ground and ther we found 60 upright timbertrees at ye least yt had been girt (made into pollards) within 2 or 3 year all about 20 years growth some a fadem (6ft) about and many as big as a

# soak again

mans middle". By 1615 he was so incensed by this sort of thing that he dispossessed a tenant "for cropping and girting 2 or 3 upright timber trees and selling the bollingers".

It is a pity that I won't be in a position to make any further use of my ash "crop" than already mentioned as the wood has a remarkable range of uses. It is very strong yet resilient and therefore ideal for its traditional employment as tool handles as well as for frames for carts and carriages; similar to the way in which it was used for the structural, external frame on that post-war favourite, the Morris Traveller. This car, I should explain for our younger listeners, was a doll's garage version of the much bigger, more ponderous, American station waggon in which, say, Katherine Hepburn would drive Spencer Tracy off to the train station of a morning. I always coveted one but could never afford it when they were around.

These same qualities of strength with resilience have been appreciated since ancient times. Ancient Roman infantrymen were issued each with two "pilums" (pilae?) in their kit which were ash poles which were driven into the ground to form, with others, a palisade wherever the legion set up camp. This is the wood that according



to Homer, the invincible Achilles chose for his spears. Going back even further, to Nordic mythology the universe was supported, fed and watered by Yggdrasil, the tree of life or the world tree which was a giant ash tree under whose boughs the gods met.

At a more mundane level, but one which affects me directly, is the superiority of ash as a fuel for heating. There is a traditional rhyme which lists at some length the pros and cons of various woods for burning but finishes with what you might call a glowing endorsement for the ash tree.

*But ash logs, all smooth and grey  
Burn them green or old;  
Buy up all that comes your way;  
They're worth their weight in gold.  
(No honestly I didn't make that up!).*

There is also much that could be said of the qualities of ash as effective folk medicine but let's end with this:-

*Ash before oak; in for a soak,  
Oak before ash; in for a splash.*

I don't think I have ever seen oak before ash; so I suppose that, once again we are in for a soak!

**Neville Butcher**

### ***THE RECTOR REFLECTS ... EASTER ... IT'S A FIX!***



THE ARCHBISHOP OF Canterbury is a skilled politician; not my opinion but that of a comment piece on *The Guardian* website after his recent gathering of Archbishops. I don't think it was meant to be taken as a compliment!

Justin Welby had assembled the Archbishops of the Anglican Community to discuss various things. Many predicted this would be the end of the worldwide Anglican community so the fact that he kept most of them in the room for most of the time (only one walk-out) is no doubt tribute to his political skills.

Perhaps not surprisingly, very little was actually agreed. Maybe hoping to distract attention from this, Welby announced that he was seeking agreement to fix the date of Easter. I'm sure he knows that legislation was passed to fix the date of

Easter as the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in April way back in the 1930s. Nothing has happened since.

But the root of Easter is the Jewish festival of Passover, which in turn is determined by the phases of the moon. At a time when there is so much emphasis on inter-faith relations it seems a case of taking the eye off the ball for him to want to detach Christianity from its Jewish core.

But what of us who aren't that bothered by church politics, or even regard it as a distraction? For my part, I like Easter moving around, it helps me to remember that the divine has a habit of breaking through when it likes and can make any day magical; that we can't write God in the diary, This year is a leap year and includes that magical day- 29th February when tradition has it that women can propose, and that is a date that's fixed!

***Michael Womack (hoxnebenefice@gmail.com or 388889)***

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**Redlingfield:** Services will usually be: 9.30am Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month; and 10am Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday of the month.

**Horham:** Services will usually be: 9.30am Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month; and 11.15am Family Service on the fourth Sunday of the month.

**Athelington:** Services will usually be: 9.30am Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month.

**All of Lent:** Mondays: Feb 15-March 21, 7.45am - breakfast & 8.30am-9m prayers, continental breakfast and Celtic prayer at the Rectory in Wingfield. Fridays: Feb 19-March 18, 6pm, Compline in Wingfield Church.

**John Davy** died on the 14th February. He was churchwarden at St Peter's for many years, only stopping last summer. He looked after the church and churchyard beautifully, never making a fuss or noise about anything. We miss his help very much. More next issue.

***Evelyn Adey***

## ***YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR***



2016-2017 IS SHAPING UP to be challenging. The Government requires every council to play its part in growth. This means more

houses. Although we do need more homes of every kind we want to preserve what is best in our villages.

Growth can be good and exciting. New young people to revitalise our communities and support our local shops and businesses. With new homes comes better infrastructure.

I am keen that each village discusses their needs and possibilities and works with the planners, rather than wait to hear what they have in mind for us.

There will be plans for the villages to see and engage in later in the spring. Those plans will take account of the size of communities and their rural nature. You will hear the term “cluster”, this

means several small villages will be taken together with the largest and nearest community that has sustainable services.

We are proud of the rural nature of this part of Suffolk, it has long been so, and there are ways of growing to make it more alive and vital for the future without losing what we live here for.

It is tempting to look a year or so ahead but we must have a vision for Suffolk for more years than that. Sensitive planning in a measured way is what we are working for at Mid Suffolk. Adding better broadband and mobile phone signals is essential along with plans for water and sewerage improvement.

It is important we look at the bigger picture for Suffolk rather than isolating communities, I am available to answer questions, if needed, but at the moment we are waiting for draft plans so that we can all see what a bright future looks like.

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

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### **Holy Week Services throughout the benefice:**

**March 20, Palm Sunday:** 8.30am, Hoxne, Communion, Rev Michael; 9.30am, Athelington, Communion, Canon Andrew; 10am, Wingfield, Family Service; 10am, Syleham, Village Praise, Rev Michael; 11.15am, Hoxne, Family Service, Canon Andrew; 11.15am Horham, Family Service.

**March 24, Maundy Thursday:** 7.30pm, Denham, Taize Communion and stripping of the altar, Rev Michael.

**March 25, Good Friday:** 9.30am Hoxne, putting out the light; noon, Wingfield, meditation and hymns; 7pm, Horham, The Easter gospels.

**March 27, Easter Day:** 7.45am, Monks Hall, Syleham, stations of the resurrection & Easter morning feast, bible readings, meditation and prayer followed by a breakfast fit for a high feast day! Rev Michael; 9.30am, Syleham, BCP Communion, Rev Michael; 10am, Wingfield, Family Service; 11.15am, Denham, Family Communion, Rev Michael; 11.15am, Hoxne, Family Service & Holy Communion, Canon Andrew.

**Notices: December 17th 2015 -** Memorial service for Robert William Elliott 86.

**February 9th 2016 -** Memorial service & burial of ashes for David James Streeter 73.

**Redlingfield church will be closed from March 14 to May 15 for repairs.**

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