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***I CAN'T SAY I ENJOYED THE DROUGHT. RATHER THAN THE LONG hot days I'd expected it was a rather soggy experience. The rain even caused the Grand Open Day at the Red Feather Club to be cancelled, as there was nowhere for the public to park. However, that didn't put a dampener on the annual reunion as you can see in our centre-spread. I just hope that the rain doesn't disrupt any more of our villages' events.***

OUR VILLAGES HAVE BEEN IN THE media spotlight recently with Radio Suffolk's Lesley Dolphin hitting both Horham and Redlingfield with her "dart" – and happily coinciding with other goings on. The first Coffee Caravan visit of the year to Redlingfield came with Sky TV cameras and, despite a downpour, more than 20 braved the weather, or squeezed into the caravan,



for the visit. Sky Information TV's Caravan FinderTV was featuring the Coffee Caravan in a section on unusual uses for caravans. PCSO Steven Long, pictured being interviewed, popped in to hand out goodies and slow traffic with SID (a Speed Indicator Display) in the centre of the village. And the SKY TV visit prompted Radio Suffolk's Dolphin's Dart to land on Redlingfield the next day so that her afternoon programme included reminiscences from villagers as well as a chat with the Coffee Caravan's Ann Osborn. The dart landed on Horham next and 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association chairman James Mutton was a "sofa guest" with Lesley Dolphin the week before this year's reunion visit to Horham by WW2 veterans. And Lesley also popped in to Redlingfield to interview the twinkling veteran Ben Roujansky for an upcoming radio feature on WW2. And if you think we're clogging up the airwaves already, Don Moyes'll soon be out there plugging the Bygones Rally.

***Mike Ager***

● *Front page picture of Redlingfield this summer by Janet Norman-Philips.* ●

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# Time to get out the waders

*Trevor Edwards dons his wellies for his latest soggy slice of Wash Farm Wildlife and finds pests everywhere he goes ...*

**T**HE MODEST MOORHEN IS not much in the news, a wallpaper bird which everybody sees but nobody takes much notice of. Or even likes. My views were formed many years ago when my father railed against waterhens, as he called them, and used to shoot them because they had the habit of drowning new ducklings. He also used to say the eggs were delicious when scrambled, not that anyone would be in a position to comment nowadays.

Rick at Cranley Green noted this year that his moorhens built their nest eight inches above the depleted water-level in his moat in April, and guess what? The water has now risen to that nest height in May. Maybe it is time to feed such information to the weather forecasting computer.

The Knowlands of Denham, with a great kitchen view of their pond, enjoyed watching the best fight of the spring mating season. Two moorhens fought for four hours to win the female's favours, an epic battle, both on land and water, which at one time threatened to involve a grey squirrel passing by.

EARLY MAY IS A good time for walking the winter-sown

wheat crops, a farmer gets an idea of how well or badly he has done with the crops and there is still time to top up with a bit of extra fertiliser if needed. I thought wellingtons would be essential this year but waders would have been even better. The tramlines were boggy indeed.

At Denham, I enjoyed watching four skylarks competing for airspace in one ten-acre field, all soaring and singing in competition to produce a great spectacle.

All gardeners hate slugs as much as farmers, and this year it is too wet in the waterlogged ground even for the slugs. So they have climbed a foot up the wheat plants in order to continue their grazing in relative comfort. Such a slug population doesn't bode well for next autumn's seed in the ground.

CARRION CROWS ARE everywhere as fewer people now follow the example of gamekeepers with their control measures.

I am usually out-manoeuvred in my attempts at shooting or trapping them, and I had first-hand experience of their Jekyll and Hyde character on the A14 last week. Sitting in the BP station with a coffee and a packet of crisps, a very tame crow perched within a metre of the window of the labrador-carrier and







*A little grebe.*

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viewed from the new Bittern Hide. The nesting plans of the iconic avocet have been washed out and the May birdsong is very muted.

It is not often that you hear a good word for the rabbit but

shared a packet of Hula Hoops with me. Devious and adept they might be, but in close up they are very ugly indeed. A skilled predator and an opportunist feeder, this old crow must have eaten a weeks' supply of salt in one pit stop.

Talking of predators, Joan Collins has the last word on the subject. She said: "Life is a predator, you should consume it before it consumes you". And she should know.

Willie of Worlingworth interrupted a crow making off with his empty bird feeder and provoked the thief into dropping it. He then refilled it and replaced it, only for the crow to steal it again. He is still looking for it, more furious than ever as it now contains 40 pence worth of peanuts.

THE RSPB MINSMERE WEBSITE tells of the serious nest losses of many waders that breed in the marshes. The pumps failed to manage the levels of the reserve due to the excessive spring rainfall this year, and widescale flooding resulted.

An early morning visit on May 14th confirmed the gloom, despite the enjoyment of a long nightingale encounter and a lengthy bittern flight

Heather, the walk leader that morning, confirmed that rabbit grazing is important to Minsmere in maintaining birding habitat. The rabbits are positively encouraged! The shelduck uses old burrows for nesting sites which means the female has no need for camouflage and so is as beautifully coloured as the male. All quite unusual in the duck and drake world.

On a brighter note, at least one water bird has done well. The papers report how a coot coped with the adversity when her nest was swept 200 yards downstream. She swam to where it was lodged anew, hopped aboard and completed the hatching of her brood without further mishap.

I HAVE ADDED TO THE problems of a pair of dunnocks in the garden, after they thought they had chosen well in nesting low in a small ornamental conifer.

Trying to get the grass cut in a very wet week, and rushing about in approaching darkness, I clouted the bush with the lawnmower. A very upset dunnock made a sharp exit and I thought she must abandon her four bright blue eggs.

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To make matters worse, an adjacent yucca pot suffered serious collateral damage as well. However, dunnocks are made of stern stuff, she did not desert, and the first egg hatched on May 15th.

A FEW YEARS AGO, THE parishioners of Southolt used some funds from a village charity to restore the large pond on the edge of their common. It has turned into a fine conservation success and supports mallard, moorhen, herons and, more interestingly, a pair of little grebe.

These have secretive ways, always diving out of sight but sometimes giving themselves away with a curious trilling call, or whinny, when courting. As the heron eats their young, they will have to look out. The whole area

is also real barn owl country and I was not disappointed there on my evening in the sun.

I have one barn owl sitting on eggs, but my other box has been hijacked by the rat in a cute outfit. On opening the box, a family of four grey squirrels, an adult and three young, hurtled over my left shoulder. It's time to raise the stakes.

THE VILLAGE HAS JUST HELD A memorial celebration of the 95th Bomb Group plane crash. Apropos World War 2, Eddie Coe gave me a little book on entertaining eavesdropping. Overheard in the blackout on the way to the shelters, a voice says: "Hurry up, Grandpa." He replies: "Just getting my false teeth." "No need, they're dropping bombs, not sandwiches." **Trevor Edwards**

■ **SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS:** This year's Suffolk Open Studios kicks off with a Showcase Exhibition from May 26th to June 5th at Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, (off the A14 at junction 45) from 11am to 5pm daily. During June, studios across Suffolk are open every weekend and locally six artists are taking part. Collage artist Christine McKechnie ([www.christinemckechnie.co.uk](http://www.christinemckechnie.co.uk)) is opening her studio at Cornerways in Southolt opposite Church Green on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th. She uses water colour-painted paper, which is cut, applied, and layered to produce pictures, mostly of her garden and the East Anglian landscape. Emma Jayne Robertson's sculptural ceramics will be on display at The Old School House, Church Lane, Kenton, on the 23rd and 24th ([www.emmajayneceramics.co.uk](http://www.emmajayneceramics.co.uk)). That weekend George Hunt will be showing his experimental abstract and landscape painting in acrylic, oils, pastel, collage and mixed media at Knott's Berry, 17 Ashton Road, Eye. Three Stradbroke artists are opening their studios. Susie Joyce (<http://susiejoyce.com>), who paints and sculpts, is open on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th at The Studio, Brooklands Barn, Mill Lane. Stephen and Mita Higton's studio at Castle Villa, Wilby Road, is open on the 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th. Stephen ([www.shigtonart.co.uk](http://www.shigtonart.co.uk)) paints atmospheric coastal and rural scenes in watercolour, pastel and oil. Mita ([www.artsumitra.co.uk](http://www.artsumitra.co.uk)) paints landscapes, seascapes and portraits, using watercolours in a loose, impressionistic style. Further details at [www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk) or from the Suffolk Open Studios booklet.

# First Responders fill gap

**O**UR PRIMARY ambulance service is provided by the two ambulances stationed at Diss. If they are out on a call or traffic is heavy it may be some time before they can respond to a call. Waiting for an ambulance is a very anxious time.

Volunteer First Responders are local and can respond very quickly. They are trained in emergency care and can be invaluable in helping, reassuring and generally taking care of what may be a frightening situation while waiting for the ambulance

Modern medicine has evolved into a model in which GPs are rarely available for emergencies and much of the hands-on-work is done by nurses, paramedics etc. I guess this saves a lot of money since doctors now earn good salaries, far more than the 'workers'!

In common with most people I have found nurses, carers, paramedics and others to be very well trained and perfectly well able to do many of the jobs which used to be done by doctors – they should probably be better paid.

Difficulties may arise when the paramedic does not feel qualified to make decisions and is bound to send the patient to hospital even though the patient's GP might feel able to treat



the patient at home.

Unnecessary hospital visits are disruptive for patients and expensive for taxpayers.

It has been suggested that governments are in thrall to a 'CEO fallacy' which states that because a CEO has run a large business successfully he is qualified to run a government department. In fact departments such as the NHS or Education are not a bit like businesses. A business has a defined product which it aims to sell and so to make money. Neither education nor health has a defined product, they deal with individuals with diverse needs and they deal with them one by one, not as a statistic.

These professions are thus much more complicated than a business and CEOs put in as managers often find themselves overwhelmed.

Nor are government departments charged with making money. They have a duty to spend taxpayers' money carefully but they do not make money.

Never mind, we are where we are and we need First Responders. If you would like to find out more, what the training entails etc, and are interested in offering help to people in need ring Ian Buckley on 07775 438376.

*Evelyn Adey*

**SPEED CAMERAS SAVE LIVES:** Which is why I think the one at the A140/Broome turn needs to be turned back on. I was almost wiped out there a couple of weeks ago by a speeding Jag. It's been turned off to save money. A false economy, the financial cost of a serious accident runs into tens of thousands, not to mention the devastation to friends and families of losing a loved one.

**Janet Norman-Philips**

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■ **MURKEY MURDER:** Act One is taking light-hearted mystery “Murder at Murkey Manor” to four venues, On Thursday June 14th it will be at Debenham Primary School (01728 860996) in aid of Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School. On Friday June 15th it will be at Crowfield Village Hall (01728 861450) in aid of the Village Hall. On Saturday June 16th it will be at Earl Soham Village Hall (01728 685346) in aid of the Village Hall. On Friday June 22nd it will be at St Edmund’s Hall, Hoxne (870028) in aid of St Edmund’s Pre-School. Performances are at 7.30pm with a bar (except Debenham). Tickets £10 (inc ploughman’s supper).

■ **1362 FESTIVAL:** Wingfield is celebrating 650 years of church and college from Saturday June 9th to Saturday June 16th. The event kicks off with a two-day academic symposium, ‘Purgatory and The Dukes of Suffolk’ (tickets & enquiries 384505 or enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com). On Saturday June 9th the Amici Choir sing with Roger Golder on the organ at St Andrew’s Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £8. On Tuesday June 12th there is ‘Heraldry: The Wingfields & the De La Poles’ with Bob Elliott at St Andrews Church at 7pm. Tickets £2 (384505). On Thursday June 14th there is an evening with Susan Curran, author of the biography of William De La Pole at Wingfield Barns at 6.30pm. Tickets £5. The finale is an organ and harpsichord concert on June 16th at St Andrews Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

■ **ALL CHANGE AT BORDERHOPPA:** Due to council regulations the service has had to make some changes. It now is a ‘Flexibly routed local bus service’. It will still operate in the same areas and pick you up from your door. The difference is that it is now available to everyone. and Norfolk and Suffolk and concessionary bus pass holders can enjoy free travel if after 9.30am. For non bus pass holders in Suffolk return journeys range from £2.80 to £6.20. The Borderhoppa will now also be offering single fares. Bookings must be made at least two days but no more than four working days in advance by ringing 854800 weekdays 8.30am to 5pm. Enquiries: Amanda or Lucy on 854800 or borderhoppa@btconnect.com.

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – plan to install a 5kw wind turbine at **Hill Cottage, Worlingworth Road, Horham**; plan to build one-and-a-half-storey detached dwelling with single garage, **The Old Eight Bells, The Street, Horham. Granted** – plan to install a single 5kw wind turbine at **2 Rookery Cottages, Rookery Lane, Redlingfield**; plan to install a 4.9Kw wind turbine (14.97m to hub, 5.5m diameter blades) at **Rookery Farm, Rookery Lane, Redlingfield**; plan to install solar photovoltaic system (168 photovoltaic panels in two rows on a supporting frame with generating capacity of 40Kw) & erection of security fencing at **Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington**; plan to build a single storey side and rear extension and garage following demolition of existing, **Tudor House, The Street, Horham. Refused** – plan to install a 5KW wind turbine at **Green Farm, Green Lane, Redlingfield.**

■ **REDLINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** As a check on the efficiency of the change to email distribution of security advice can you check if you have been informed of the following. The most recent information has been: on May 8th about thefts in Gislingham & Eye district; & on April 30th, thefts in the Bedfield, Eye area and a scams update. If you have not received the circulars could you please contact Chris Gibbons on 01379 678169.



# Book Fair is a big success

**I**AM USUALLY QUITE GOOD at self motivation, but recently I have been letting things go a bit. It's easy to do this at the moment if you are involved with retailing – on the surface you look confident, but underneath you are concerned about having fewer customers and wonder if there is anything you can do about it.

At the Eye Church Shop we have had a makeover, changing the layout and décor as much as we can given the constraints – and we certainly refreshed our lovely shop. We also decided to try something different, and hold a Book Fair in celebration of World Book Day in March. It was a storming success – raising £365 for church funds and £80 for Self Help Africa. It was so successful, that we shall be holding another during Open Gardens Weekend in Eye (June 9th & 10th) – this time in the Vicarage Garden.

At the Book Fair we served cafetiere coffee and went for a bit of café culture – so we thought we'd continue this good work by hosting a coffee morning on every Friday, raising funds for the nominated church charity of the month. Please feel free to drop in and support this initiative!

Of course, the biggest motivation there is for all of this effort, are the donations that we have been able to make to four smaller scale

international development charities. Each of these has received £562 from funds raised via Fairtrade sales. These are:

● **Traidcraft Exchange**, the charitable arm of Traidcraft plc, the fairtrade company, which uses the funds to support and identify further potential fairtrade partners.

● **Kerala Crafts**, a small charitable organisation working with a group of nuns in India who operate a factory that makes handwoven baskets (which we sell in the shop). The funds will help provide water tanks for the weavers so that raw materials can be kept supple.

● **CHIPS (Christian International Peace Service)** which has a project in Ghana working on conflict resolution between tribes.

● **Mercy In Action**, a charity working with families in the Philippines. Our money will be used to buy cooking facilities and several passenger carrying tricycles – all of which will be used to start micro-businesses.

Our donations are only made possible when you buy goods from us at the shop or at your local fair or market, or if you contact me for baskets of goods to sell. So please help us to stay motivated and come and see us, and the revamped Church Shop very soon!

*Sue Watson (384558)*



■ **VILLAGE HISTORY:** "Worlingworth Past and Present from 1870 to 2012 in photographs" has been published to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is £8.99 to buy and is available from Geoff Robinson, Secretary of Worlingworth Local History Group, 01728 628768 [geoffpsi@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffpsi@hotmail.com) or Rosemary Ingate, Village Recorder, 01728 628493.

■ **ARTS ONLINE:** As part of the Mid Suffolk and Babergh council integration, the arts services have developed a shared website Rural Arts Suffolk ([www.ruralartssuffolk.org.uk](http://www.ruralartssuffolk.org.uk)). This is the place to go for the latest news on arts activities taking place across both districts and includes a searchable arts directory listing, an events guide, project information and ways you can get involved.

■ **JUBILEE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Grove Evangelical and Occold Baptist Churches have combined to become the Jubilee Baptist Church, which meets in Occold village hall. More details at <http://occold.onesuffolk.net>, or from [jubilee baptist@occold.com](mailto:jubilee baptist@occold.com) or 01449 774 609.

■ **OIL BUYING:** At the Horham & Athelington Parish Council AGM (an open meeting but only two people other than the councillors turned up), it was suggested that we might benefit from pooling our oil needs. Buying a whole load for one village can reduce the costs. Some people may have direct debit arrangements and will need to wait till these can be finalised, probably by the autumn. If you are interested in taking part in the scheme contact Hav Wilkins on 384625. **Evelyn Adey**

# Bygones is

**A** RECORD NUMBER OF exhibits and a host of new attractions look set to make this year's Horham Bygones Country Rally bigger and better than ever.

The new attractions for 2012 should include: the East Coast Truckers' Charity, who will be at the show to raise money for their famous Children's Convoy; the award-winning Blue Force tractor group, for friends of Fordson, Ford and New Holland tractors; and the County Gate Model Show's model farm, which should prove popular with youngsters.

There will also be old favourites including Robbie the Shire horse and the Burma Mules Tribute as well as many working exhibits. A record number of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles are booked in for the event – on Saturday June 9th from 10am until 5pm – and will join historic tractors, other farm machinery, historic military vehicles, stationary engines, model steam engines, working horses and working exhibits.

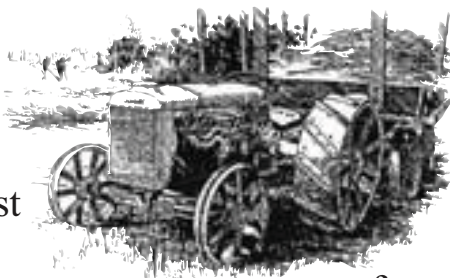
As well as being a big draw for anyone who wants to see old farm machinery and horses in action it is also a big fun day for all the family as there should be fairground rides for smaller children and a variety of stalls, including bygones and lots of good food from local firms.

Last year approximately 3,000 people came to the rally. Not only does the event generate much needed

# bigger than ever before

funds for the Horham Community Council it also offers charities, including the Royal British Legion and East Anglian Children's Hospice, the chance to attend, free, in order to raise funds. And if you want to take a break from the rally the nearby Red Feather Club will be open for the day.

Horham Bygones Country Rally is



on Horham & Athelington Recreation Field. In the evening, in the community centre, there will be live music with a bar and food.

Admission to the rally is £5

for adults, £3 concessions, £12

family ticket, accompanied under 5s

free. For info phone Don Moyes

(07894 903829) or visit

<http://horhambygonescountryrally.>

[onesuffolk.net](http://onesuffolk.net).

**Mike Ager**

**NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP:** The group will have their usual display at the Horham Rally on June 9th and "Friends" are invited to try their hand at wood turning on the pole lathes, with experts on hand to demonstrate and assist, with stools, bird-feeders, and willow obelisks also being made there will be, as usual, plenty going on! The Friends of Pound Lane Wood, and everyone from Denham Horham and Athelington, are invited to a barbecue at 3pm on June 30th, at the wood along the Redlingfield Road, following a brief AGM. Burgers, sausages and garden games, will be on the agenda, so come along to join in the fun and see how the woodland has grown. For more details or to become a Friend of the woodland please contact Mike Reeves on 668179.

**Mike Reeves**

**EDWARD JUNIOR:** Anyone who was at last year's Redlingfield Hog Roast should remember "Edward the blind guide dog". Despite the downpour he, with his owners raised more than £250 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. This went towards funding Edward junior, named in honour of the blind Edward. Young Edward is pictured here and is apparently getting on well with his training. He even popped in to Stowmarket earlier this year to meet up with his older namesake. For more information on The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association visit [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk).



# Tilting at windmills . . .

**N**EVILLE BUTCHER welcomes the return of the 'windmills' (Athelington, Horham & Redlingfield News, issue 17, p6-7), particularly the trio that sit on the Occold-Redlingfield border. I share his appreciation of the aesthetics and contextual suitability of this particular installation but would differ on any generalisation as to the use of wind turbines in the rural environment.

He observes that they give an "... appropriate air of efficiency" but unfortunately they do not use the movement of air particularly efficiently or more importantly reliably. Yield figures for land based wind turbines have been repeatedly overstated and the wind tends not to blow on the coldest days.

Conventional power stations are therefore needed 'idling' in order to cover these periods losing much of the wind turbines advantage. My observations of them in several countries and the North Sea is that they are often out of commission and the much heralded one at Lowestoft Ness seems to hardly ever turn.

I have no doubt that the current owners of Poplar Hall Farm have done their sums and this group of medium

sized generators are viable both economically and ecologically in the long term although I noticed that their chickens took a while to get used to the first three great hawks patrolling the skies above them.

My father and uncle told me of the efficient and modern way that their Uncle Walter ran this farm when they spent summer holidays there in the 1920s/30s; a time when others were

abandoning agriculture. His efforts were well vindicated by his sons after the war. The current owners have had huge problems, notably the tragic fire, but seem to show the drive, initiative and personal commitment that is

often missing today or stifled at birth by bureaucracy.

The mini or garden wind turbines are another matter. In terms of useful power output they are very inefficient and they are not elegant like their bigger siblings. From an engineering perspective they are much more primitive than the former wooden windmills which were abandoned because they were not efficient when in competition with steam & internal combustion engines. I have heard them described as 'rich man's toys'.

It was confirmed in a House of







Lords sub-committee that no green audit had ever been done on them None the less a Suffolk bye-law requires them to be approved in most situations.

We have been here before. When I was a child, playing in the countryside between the Orwell and the Deben, metal wind pumps were very much the thing. As the years went by they fell into disuse and disrepair. I remember climbing on these abandoned collections of rusty metal (those were the days before the ubiquitous health and safety). I feel sure that a similar fate awaits these mini turbines when new toys come along.

The mini turbine in Dublin, just outside Occold, is particularly offensive. This was formerly one of the prettiest hamlets in the area. Now it is turning into a real mess, with sound cottages being pulled down and replaced with hopelessly inappropriate dwellings (how green is that?) and a badly positioned mini wind turbine to top the effect.

The Eye Town Council seems to have blown hot and cold about the large turbines planned for Brome 'drome. Or more likely they are

divided amongst themselves but endeavouring to put on a show of unity. Their willingness to accept an abattoir on a green field site in Yaxley whilst trying to keep industry and commerce off the old airfield, in order to make way for housing, seems utterly irrational. If the old

abandoned airfields such as Eye, Mendlesham, Horham etc are not suitable for these it is hard to envisage any land-based sites that are!

I would also suggest to the good folks of Horham that it is a little quixotic to object to these on the grounds that they are to the detriment of the remains of a WW2 USAF airfield. In fact, I think they would make a suitable monument to the brave lads who lost their lives when their blades ceased to turn.

I find it really sad to see the endless trail of ships sailing into Harwich International (Parkeston Quay) with wind turbine parts stacked on their decks. It epitomises our fall from a manufacturing nation to one of money-counters and list-tickers. If only local fibreglass and metal fabrication companies were given a fair crack of the whip, by those backing wind power nationally, we could have the return of some manufacturing industry in East Anglia. And where better than on the ex-USAf airfields where these industries were often established after WW2.

As for Diss Tesco's wind turbines ...

*Andy (Alan) Andrews*

# How to beat the burglars

## How does a burglar's mind work?

Burglary is usually an opportunist crime. A burglar will select his target because it offers the best opportunity to go undetected with the fewest number of obstacles in the way. A building, which looks unoccupied and insecure is more likely to be targeted than one which is properly secured.

Side gates open; accessible windows open; ladders left out; garden tools available to force entry; untrimmed hedges or high fences preventing natural surveillance. These all make access simpler and are an indication to the prospective burglar that it is worth a second look.

**The question is, are the occupants in?** Milk bottles or parcels on the doorstep; papers and mail in the letter box; unlit houses after dark; all windows shut in hot weather. These signs tell burglars they are unlikely to be disturbed in the course of their work. If we can take measures that tell burglars that this building is too difficult or too risky a target, they will hopefully move on.

**Are you leaving a thief the key to your house?** Never leave a spare key concealed near the front door – burglars know all the hiding places; prevent letterbox burglaries by storing keys away from the front door; do not label your house keys in case they fall into the wrong hands.

Remove temptation. Where possible, try to keep valuables out of sight.

**Make it look as though your house is occupied.** Install timers which switch lights or radios on and off; have a neighbour or friend pop round to clear your letter box or doorstep; encourage a neighbour to park on your drive; if going out after dark, draw curtains, leave some lights on and a radio playing.

If you are away for extended periods, cancel the delivery of milk and newspapers; disconnect the telephone answering machine, or re-word your message to give the impression you are temporarily unable to answer; enlist the help of a neighbour, friend or relative to keep a regular eye on your property and the front door clear of deliveries.

If you are prepared to leave a key with a neighbour/relative, ask for curtains to be drawn and lights put on at night.

Check your insurance policy. Some insurance policies for contents don't cover you if you are away for more than 30 days.

Set your burglar alarm. If you do not have an alarm, consider investing a few pounds in a dummy alarm box. It may well deter the opportunist thief. Remember: Remove the Opportunity – Prevent the Burglary.

*Mid Suffolk North Safer  
Neighbourhood Team, PCSO 3172  
Steven Long & PC 878 Jacqui  
Thomas - Eye Police Station*



**Saturday, June 2**

**Jubilee celebration:** Redlingfield Doorstep Green, from 3pm.

**Blues Festival:** Music, food & real ale, Museum of East Anglian Life.

**Saturday, June 2-Tuesday, June 5**

**Beer & Food Festival:** Beaconsfield Arms, Occold.

**Framlingham's Jubilee celebrations.**

**Sunday, June 3**

**Jubilee Celebration:** Horham.

**Jubilee Celebrations:** Denham, BBQ 3pm, Norfolk Night & More. 6pm.

**Jubilee Celebrations:** Royal Garden Party at The Swan, Worlingworth, 3pm.

**Carlo and Friends:** Jazz cabaret charity event with BBQ & bar, Framlingham College, 8pm, tickets £8, 07717 161064.

**Monday, June 4**

**Diamond Jubilee Beacon & Fireworks:** Occold Village Hall, 9.30pm.

**Diamond Jubilee Celebration:** Street party style celebration, Fressingfield playing field, 3pm-9pm.

**Monday & Tuesday, June 4 & 5**

**Meet The Babies weekend:** Newly-hatched owls, Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns.

**Wednesday, June 6**

**Danny and Ben from Thunder:** An acoustic set, Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, tickets £17.50.

**Thursday, June 7**

**Victorian Fun & Games:** Museum of East Anglian Life.

**Thursday & Friday, June 7 & 8**

**Suffolk Show:** Trinity Park near Ipswich, from 7.30am, last admission 5.30pm. Tickets on the gate: £20 for adults, £7 children, £18 senior citizens, Family Pass (2 adults and 2 children) £43. Tickets bought in advance are cheaper.

**Saturday, June 9**

**Horham Bygones Country Rally:** see story.

**Open Day:** 10am-4pm, Red Feather Club, Horham.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10**

**Eye Gardens Open Weekend:** 24-plus gardens open. Concert in Church on Saturday evening by Longford Brown Duo. Garden paraphernalia sale in Town Hall. Gardens/Town Hall, open 12.30pm-6pm, admission £4. Concert, 7.30pm, £20. Info 871211. In aid of Eye Church.

**Classic & Performance Car Show:** The Mid Suffolk Showground.

**Saturday, June 9-Saturday, June 16**

**1362 Festival:** see story.

**Wednesday, June 13**

**Chick Flick:** 'A Man For All Seasons', Wingfield Barns.

**Saturday, June 16**

**Coffee Morning:** Stradbroke, 10am. For church funds. Further info 384642.

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

**Fressingfield Produce Market:** Fox and Goose Green/Sancroft Hall, 10am-noon.

**Tuesday, June 19**

**Coffee Caravan:** Redlingfield village centre, 10am-noon.

**Saturday, June 23**

**Garage Sale and Car Boot:** Occold Village and Village Hall, 9am-1pm.

**Worlingworth fete.**

**StrangeWorld:** Traditional folk. Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, tickets £10.

**Charity Rock Concert:** Red Button, Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm-11.30pm. Tickets £5 from the Black Horse and village shop.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24**

**Framlingham Summer Arts Festival:** Saturday, folk in Fram with John Ward and Mario Price in St Michael's Rooms, 7.30pm, tickets £8. Sunday Jazz Picnic in Rectory Garden, 12.30-2.30pm, £10. Info [www.artsframlingham.org](http://www.artsframlingham.org).

**Sunday, June 24**

**Athelington church Patronal Festival:** Service 11.15am then lunch at Meadow Farm. Tickets 01728 628608.

**Open Day:** 10am-4pm, Red Feather Club.

### Thursday, June 28-Sunday, July 1

**Beer Festival:** A wide selection of real ales & ciders (in association with CAMRA), Museum of East Anglian Life.

### Saturday, June 30-Sunday, July 1

**Stradbroke Festifull:** Stradbroke Playing Field. Sat 1-5pm, pet show, dog agility, etc. Sun, "It's a Knockout-Wipeout", teams of 4-6 invited. Don Darling, (388098), Peter Smith, for stalls (384311), Julia Green, teams (388855).

### Tuesday, July 3

**AGM:** The agm of Horham & Athelington Community Council & Horham Village Hall Trust, Community Centre, 7.30 pm.

### Saturday, July 7

**Bedfield Fete:** 2pm.

### Sunday, July 8

**Heveningham Hall Country Show.**

### Wednesday, July 11

**Chick Flick:** 'Delicacy' Wingfield Barns.

### Friday, July 13

**The Strawbs:** Acoustic set, Wingfield Barns, doors 7pm, tickets £15.

### Saturday, July 14

**Redlingfield Summer BBQ:** Doorstep Green, 6pm-midnight.

**Owl Night:** A chance to see owls flying in the evening. Adults £3, children £1.50, family (5) £7.50, doors open 6.30pm, display 7pm, Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns.

**Caribbean Evening:** Thorndon Village Hall.

### Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & 15

**Mid & West Suffolk Show:** The Mid Suffolk Showground, 10am-5pm, family ticket (2 adults & up to 3 children) £18 on the day, £15 pre-booked online.

### Sunday, July 15

**Worlingworth and Southolt open gardens:** 10 gardens open, 10am-5pm, light lunches noon-2pm, guides £3 each.

**Family BBQ, Beer Fest & Folk Music:** Wingfield Barns, 2pm, admission free.

### Tuesday, July 17

**Coffee Caravan:** Redlingfield, 2pm-4pm.

### Wednesday, July 18-Sunday, Sept 9

International Mini Print 2012 Exhibition: 600 original prints, Wingfield Barns, free. Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

### Friday, July 20

**Puddings by the Pond:** In aid of Playtime and Mucky Duckies, Fox and Goose Green, 7pm.

### Saturday, July 28

**Richard Digance:** Comedy folk singer-songwriter performs original material, Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, tickets £15.

### Sunday, July 29

**Open Day:** 10am-4pm, Red Feather Club, Horham.

**Suffolk Dog Day:** Helmingham Hall.

**Bird Of Prey Day:** Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

### Sunday, August 5

**Festival of Classic & Sports Cars:** Helmingham Hall.

### Wednesday, August 8

**Folk Concert:** Howlin' Mat, Wingfield Barns, 7pm, tickets £10 or 2 for £15.

### Saturday, August 11

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

### Saturday & Sunday, August 11 & 12

**Conservation Fair:** Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

### Saturday, August 18

**Owl Night Fundraiser:** A chance to see owls flying in the cool of the evening. Adults £3, children £1.50, family (5) £7.50, doors 6.30pm, flying display 7pm, Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns.

### Tuesday, August 21

**Coffee Caravan:** Redlingfield village centre, 10am-noon.

### Wednesday, August 22

**Lucy Ward:** 2012 BBC Folk Award Winner, Wingfield Barns, 7.30pm, tickets £10.

### Saturday, August 27

**30th Anniversary Flower & Produce show:** Worlingworth.

### Saturday, August 25-Monday 27

**Bedfield Flower Festival:** St Nicholas Church, cakes, books & plants stalls. Theme Celebration.



## Sunday, August 26

**Open Day:** 10am-4pm, Red Feather Club, Horham.

## Saturday & Sunday, September 1 & 2

**East Suffolk Country Show:** Helmingham Hall.

## Saturday, September 8

**200th Mission Dance:** Red Feather Club.

**Suffolk Historic Churches Trust**

**Sponsored Bike Ride:** 9am-5pm.

## Saturday, September 15

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

## Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16

**Harvest Home & Local Food Fair:** Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

## Sunday, September 16

**Plant Heritage Autumn Plant Fair:** Helmingham Hall.

## Tuesday, September 18

**Coffee Caravan:** Redlingfield village centre, 2pm-4pm.

## Tuesday, Sept 25 to Saturday, Sept 29

**8th Fressingfield Music Festival:** further info [www.fressingfieldmusic.com](http://www.fressingfieldmusic.com), 01379 586459 & story page ?

## Sunday, September 30

**Open Day:** 10am-4pm, Red Feather Club, Horham. With vintage softball game. The 95th BGHA 'Wallopers' versus Military Police Re-enactment Group 'Snowdrops'.

## Tuesday, October 16

**Coffee Caravan:** Redlingfield village centre, 10am-noon.

**Redlingfield Village committee meeting.**

## Sunday, October 28

**Open Day:** 10am-4pm, Red Feather Club, Horham.

Event information: **Redlingfield**, 678835, [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk), [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk); **Wingfield Barns**, 384505, [enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com](mailto:enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com), [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com) (Chick Flicks, 8pm, £10 or four for £30 pre-booked); **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); **Helmingham Hall**, 01473 890799, [events@helmingham.com](mailto:events@helmingham.com), [www.helmingham.com](http://www.helmingham.com); **Museum of East Anglian Life**, Stowmarket, 01449 612229, [enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk), [www.eastanglianlife.org.uk](http://www.eastanglianlife.org.uk); **Mid Suffolk Showground**, Stonham Barns, 01449 711111 [www.midsuffolkshowground.co.uk](http://www.midsuffolkshowground.co.uk).

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

**TUESDAYS: Improver line dance class:** Coronation Hall, Wilby. 9.30am-11.30am. Rose, 870346. **Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178.

**WEDNESDAYS: 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.

**THURSDAYS: Keep fit classes:** 8pm, Worlingworth Village Hall, all abilities, lose weight, tone up – £4 per session. Call Sarah on 07884 186849 for details. **Hoxne Garden Club:** 3rd Thurs St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm

**FRIDAYS: Bingo:** Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly. 7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 384642.

**FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS: Traditional music:** Worlingworth Swan, 2nd Fri evening of month in spring & summer. Sun lunch in autumn & winter.

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

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

# Village visit honours 95th

**U**S AIRMEN PAST AND present were in Horham for the recent 95th Bomb Group reunion to celebrate and commemorate those who were based in the village during WW2.

Two WW2 veterans – S/Sgt Robert Fay, a ball turret gunner, and S/Sgt Benjamin Roujansky, a radio operator – were among a 30-strong group of Americans hosted by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association. They were joined by two senior officers from RAF Lakenheath – Lt Col Paul Cairney, 48th Security Forces Squadron Commander, and Wing Chaplain, Lt Col Gary Snyder – for a series of events in the village.

The wettest drought in living memory put a slight damper on the annual reunion tour as planned open days at the Red Feather Club in Horham had to be cancelled as the recent downpours meant the land used as a public car park was too wet for vehicles. 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association chairman James Mutton said: “It was one of the hardest



decisions we have ever had to make. Many people look forward to our Grand Open Day weekend – we had 3,000 visitors last year – but with the fields saturated and no end to the rain in sight we had to cancel the public events. However, we still held a full programme of events for our American visitors. It was very emotional for all of us.”

On the evening of Friday May 11th the veterans, who flew B-17s Flying Fortresses from Horham, unveiled a new Roll of Honour at the Red Feather Club commemorating and naming the 622 men of the 95th who lost their lives during WW2, including the last B-17 shot down over Europe, which was lost off the Suffolk coast on a food run to Holland.

On Saturday the American visitors were taken on a tour of sites around Horham airfield in restored WW2 US military vehicles and unveiled a new information board alongside the memorial in Redlingfield. There was also a vintage softball game in period dress



**Left, in front of the new roll of honour at the Red Feather Club are veterans Ben Roujansky and Bob Fay with Lt Col Paul Cairney. Above: the new information board beside the Redlingfield memorial.**



***Cheering on the  
95th BGHA's Wallopers softball team.***

between the association's 'Wallopers' and Military Police's 'Snowdrops'. In the evening there was dancing to 1940s music at the restored NCOs club, rekindling memories of Glenn Miller, who played at the base shortly before his death.

On Sunday an Honour Guard from the 1285th Military Police re-enactors, who are based at the Red Feather Club, paraded the colours and Lt Col Paul Cairney gave a moving address. In the evening a service of thanksgiving was held at St Mary's Horham with an address – A Tradition of Honor and A Legacy of Valor – by Wing Chaplain Lt Col Gary Snyder.

The 30-plus American visitors hosted by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association included spouses and relatives of men who served at Horham. They stayed with locals, at Hill Farm B&B in Horham and the Park Hotel in Diss. During their week-long stay they also visited the Imperial War Museum Duxford, took a boat trip on the Orwell and laid wreaths on memorials commemorating lost comrades.

Further open days at the Red Feather Club are on: Sunday May 27th; Saturday June 9th (in conjunction with Horham Bygones Country Rally); Sunday June 24th; Sunday July 29th; Sunday August 26th; Sunday September 30th; and Sunday October 28th.

***Mike Ager***

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STRADBROKE & DISTRICT BRANCH:**

The recent highlight for the branch was its band concert and drum head service to celebrate the 86th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. More than 150 people attended the event at Stradbroke High School which was organised by Joyce Cooper. The Ipswich Hospital Band supplied the music with 16 RBL standards on parade. The service was conducted by RBL county chaplain Rev Richard Stretch. Branch officers taking part were Ted Bootle, Jeremy Higgins, Roger Gwyn, John Graham, Bernard Mills, Rev David Streeter, Rev Ron Orams and branch chairman, Michael Burton. Special guests included RBL county chairman Colin Hawkins and Suffolk County Council chairman Mrs Patricia O'Brien. More than £150 was raised by a draw. Diss Air Cadets helped with the car parking and handed out the 40 draw prizes. The branch has been very active so far this year. Twenty members went on an outing to Wattisham Air Base, home of the Army Air Corps. The annual branch dinner in March was attended by 60 members and guests. The guest speakers were John Crisford, National Vice Chairman of the Royal British Legion, and the headteacher at Stradbroke High School, Andrew Bloom. Branch certificates of appreciation were presented to retiring branch treasurer Roy Neil, Simon Harrison for his continued sponsorship and branch welfare officer and standard bearer Joyce Cooper for outstanding service to the branch. The branch continues to meet on the first Thursday of every month at midday at Laxfield "King's Head" with guest speakers.

***Michael Burton***



# Better than a good read

“THERE IS NOTHING like a good read” – well perhaps there is and that would be a good re-read. Some may consider re-reading to be a guilty pleasure – all those books that you have never even opened and all you can do is reach for the same old paperbacks. OK but at least you know that you are going to enjoy them. But this assurance can be illusory.

*Jean the Impostor* by Jean Cocteau I read and then immediately turned back to page one and re-read. I could not put it down. Sometime later I started to read it again but this time round I found the book to be virtually unreadable. It seemed a waste of time and I could not understand what I had seen in it previously.

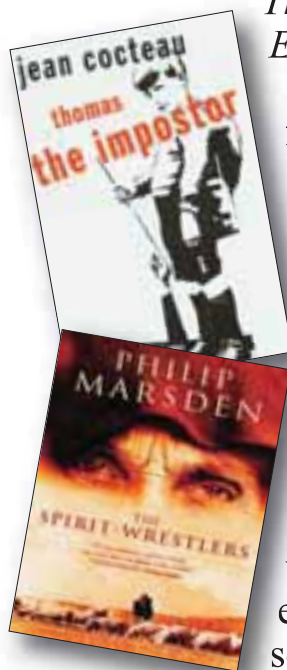
Another uncertainty is that re-reading some books can throw up puzzling differences and you wonder if you are reading the same book. In *The Spirit Wrestlers* by Philip Marsden there is a passage where the author, trekking through the Caucasus Mountains, is urged to turn back by his guide who has sighted a group of Chechens up ahead and fears for the safety of his party. This is what I clearly read the first time, or so I thought. A second reading found no trace of this quite dramatic passage.

Some books are more than worthy of a second reading but do not always get it. *Wuthering Heights* I have read

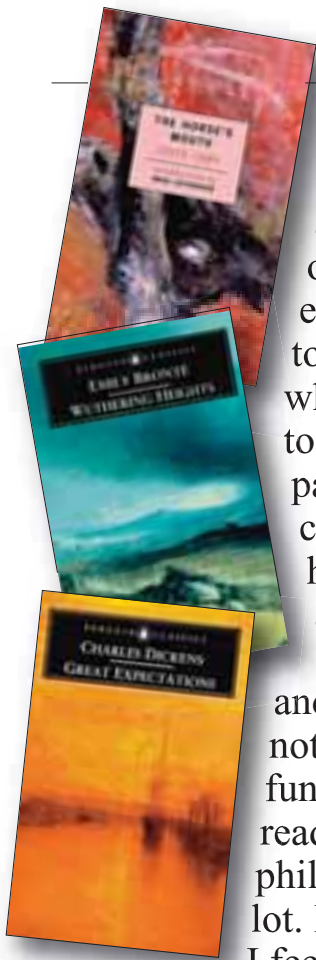
and was thoroughly absorbed in it at the time. Somehow over time we have accumulated at least three copies (there may be more). Has my subconscious been insisting that I am never without a copy so that I may always be ready for a re-reading?

Two books, at least, that in their very different ways, I would always have to have by me ready for re-reading, are *The Horse's Mouth* and *Great Expectations*.

*The Horse's Mouth* was first published in 1944. Its Anglo-Irish author Joyce Carey studied Art in Edinburgh and Paris before the First World War. The central character in the book (he could on no account be termed the hero) is Gulley Jimson, a penniless painter and the very essence of a bohemian existing in a state of some squalor by the side of the Thames in London. So totally absorbed is he in his calling that he is willing to endure, and is pretty well oblivious of any privation for the sake of his art. If you want to get some idea of what it is to be a mad compulsive, read this book – I know of no other work which gives such a vivid and complete account of what, I imagine, it is like to be an Artist and also of the nature of Art. From the opening when he is just out of prison to the last page where he is dying in an ambulance,







Gulley is portrayed as the obsessive painter and an unscrupulous old rogue whose total energies are bent only towards gathering the wherewithal to be able to work on a really large painting – either on canvas or a wall which he envisages as his last and greatest work. All this sounds dismal and hard going but it is not – it is one of the funniest books I have read and Gulley is always philosophical about his lot. In fact just writing this I feel the urge to find the

book and start re-reading yet again!

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens is a book that I cannot say that I have exactly re-read – it's not as simple as that. It is a book that to me is like a familiar landscape that I have walked into, crossed and re-crossed a number of times. I do not know that I have ever read the book through continuously but it seems always piecemeal – constantly referring back to earlier passages or forward to later ones, trying to fit the pieces together. In this way it reflects life; who was that man in chapter ten that Pip and Joe talk to in the “Three Jolly Bargemen” and what precisely is the significance of their apparently inconsequential meeting?

Certain passages draw you like a magnet by the vividness of their writing to read them time and again.

For example at the close of chapter five when Magwitch, the escaped convict, is caught and returned to the prison hulk, the scene is wonderfully immediate. *“By the light of the torches we saw the black hulk lying out a little way from the mud of the shore, like a wicked Noah’s ark. Cribbed and barred and moored by massive rusty chains, the prison ship seemed in my young eyes to be ironed like the prisoners. We saw the boat go alongside, and we saw him taken up the side and disappear. Then, the ends of the torches were flung hissing into the water, and went out, as if it were all over with him.”*

Such a piece as this is so strong that it can be read alone and repeatedly and is the reason I am happy to dip into the book continually to pull out such prizes and enjoy them endlessly.

On the subject of just dipping into books, a favourite whose books can be re-read whole or merely dipped into with equal pleasure for their priceless passages is P.G. Wodehouse. How about these examples? “He was a man of whom it could be said that you could hear the milk of human kindness sloshing about inside him” or “...the sound of a butler making good time along the lower gallery”.

All this reading and, I hope, re-reading might seem a bit stuck indoors at this season – not a bit of it!

Unfold the deck chair. Grab that dog-eared old favourite which you have read so many times. Ignore the siren call of the lawn-mower and get RE-READING! **Neville Butcher**

### **HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:**

**ROADS:** With the recent wet weather, a spurt of growth has led to many hedges by our narrow roads impairing visibility for road users; so next time you have shears out please give this a thought for general road safety. Whilst on the subject careful parking on the carriageway should always be high on the agenda. I live in Horham Street and I still recall many years ago witnessing a head on collision just outside my house when a vehicle overtaking one that had parked resulted in a fatality.

**BUSY TIME:** Horham is gearing up for a busy summer season with Jubilee celebrations and then hot on the heels of this the annual Bygones Rally promising to be a bigger event than ever. I am pleased to see the Community Centre undergoing some exterior refurbishment and I understand an interior makeover is on the cards as well! I marvel as to how two small villages as Horham and Athelington have such talented people and friends to put on magnificent events raising money for charities and good causes and to maintain the Community Centre. It is all down to strong community spirit and Horham and Athelington have bucket loads. **Angela Wilkins**

### **REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING:**

**35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** PC Jacqui Thomas, Mid Suffolk District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and Rev David Streeter all reported to the agm. The reports from Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and PC Jacqui Thomas are available, along with the minutes of the meeting, at [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk). All the village committee were re-elected with Tony Freitas joining to form a link with the PCC. Stephen Toll, who had earlier resigned due to pressure of work, was thanked for his work for the village and in particular his contributions saving the village large amounts of money with lighting and storage for the Doorstep Green. Mike Ager replaced Janet Norman-Philips as chairman while Janet took up the post of clerk. Jeanette Brierley was re-elected as treasurer.

**JUBILEE EVENT:** The event on Saturday June 2nd on Redlingfield Doorstep Green will have a BBQ in the early evening and a bar from 3pm. It will be a street party – bring a plate or picnic. Russell Kerry will need help putting up his marquee.

**VILLAGE BBQ:** Joyce Leeder is again running her successful bottle stall at the event on Saturday July 14 and would appreciate any bottles.

**THANK YOUS:** A big thank you to all who made the recent cheese and wine a success, particularly Joyce Saunders, who as always sold a large chunk of the tickets. Many thanks to councillor Guy McGregor and Suffolk County Council for installing a second handrail on the path at The Knoll in Redlingfield. This should make it safer in slippery conditions.

**Mike Ager, committee chairman**

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**NOTICE OF AGM:** The Annual General Meetings of Horham Village Hall Trust and Horham and Athelington Community Council will be held on Tuesday July 3rd, in the Community Centre, commencing at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**Margaret Streeter - Secretary/Treasurer of Horham Village Hall Trust and  
Chairman of Horham and Athelington Community Council**

## YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD of Suffolk's rural heritage and our beautiful countryside. I recently spoke in a debate in Parliament about the Government's changes to the planning system, and I am pleased that the new planning reforms help to protect the countryside from inappropriate development. The Government has listened to the concerns of people in rural Britain by committing to develop former industrial (or brownfield) sites and focus on town centre regeneration before building on the open countryside.

What Suffolk needs is small scale development to provide local homes for local people, whilst we also need to develop housing for our growing number of older people. I am in favour of increasing the supply of affordable housing for young people and families so that they can continue living and working locally, but it is crucial that development is tied to local jobs, key road and rail infrastructure projects as well as new schools and improved local healthcare. This is what the Government means when it talks about sensitive, sustainable development, and it is what we must see if we are to maintain the distinctive character, customs and traditions that sustain our rural communities.

Ambulance response times are an issue of great importance for rural areas in Suffolk, particularly given the large number of older people living locally. I was disappointed to uncover figures that show the East of England Ambulance Service Trust is still failing to meet national targets for responding to emergencies in rural towns and villages. Our paramedics in Suffolk work extremely hard and do an excellent job providing life-saving treatment, which is why it is essential they are properly supported by the management. I have a further meeting with the chief executive of the ambulance trust this month, along with North Norfolk MP Norman Lamb, where I shall be holding the management to account for their failure to improve response times.

Finally, I hold surgeries across Suffolk, where residents can speak to me privately about concerns or issues. I can't help with everything, but I shall always do my best for you, and fight for your best interests. My surgeries in June will be in Mendlesham and in Whitton, North Ipswich. If you would like to make an appointment, please call my office on 0207 218 7038 or email me at [daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk).

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

**8TH FRESSINGFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL:** The festival starts on Tuesday September 25th at 7.30pm with the nine-strong chamber group Badinage. Then on Wednesday at 7.30 pm pianist Meng Yang Pan offers a programme of Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Beethoven and others. On Thursday September 27th Arborea Musica Vox Cantare perform Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion. The Jazz Dynamos bring their unique sound to Friday night's jazz slot. The closing night concert on Saturday September 29th will be given by the 20-strong Commonwealth Orchestra. Tickets for all events are £12. Tickets will be available from [www.fressingfieldmusic.com](http://www.fressingfieldmusic.com).



### YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



*AFTER A LONG DROUGHT we now seem to have had the wettest April since Noah. As a result there has been extensive and, in some areas, severe flooding.*

*New legislation requires Suffolk County Council to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in Suffolk. SCC is required to consult with the other flood risk management authorities as well as the general public.*

*As the Portfolio Holder responsible for this strategy I will have taken through Cabinet my proposals and by the time this newsletter is published the document "Flood Risk Management Partnership" will be available. This is the first stage of our consultation.*

*Central Government has made available £392,000 to spend on local flood risk management activities.*

*The aim of the strategy is to reduce the risk of flooding and the misery and economic damage that flooding causes where practical.*

*Among the simple things that we all can do in order to minimise risk are: reporting local blocking of drains (01473 264782); keeping watercourses free from debris and unnecessary structures; talking to SCC if you want to put in a new culvert or any other structure in a watercourse; avoid paving over your garden; avoid putting cement or fats in drains; if there is a history of flooding in your property think about preparation for the future; and if you are thinking about development consider the use of sustainable drainage.*

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

### YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



*NEW LEGISLATION IN PLANNING and Licensing is working its way through to parishes and the Localism Bill touches both. I am hoping to get an officer to a ward meeting to explain the relationship as in theory the work done on Parish Plans may become obsolete. We are, however, trying to find a way to make them acceptable rather than start again.*

*The Brome Recycling Centre although saved due to the efforts of local people, faces an uncertain future unless more recycling material is taken there. Meanwhile, there are exciting plans to regenerate Eye Airfield. At present they have no funding or status but they include housing and employment as well as cycle paths and open spaces.*

*Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils as well as Mid Suffolk and the Police have an agreed protocol on the issue of Gypsies and Travellers, which is in the process of being rewritten. All parties are looking for land for more transit sites in the area.*

*There are vacancies in sheltered housing in Hoxne and Horham, these are very acceptable homes for the elderly that need a regular eye kept on them so if you know of someone that might benefit from one of these units contact me or Mid Suffolk*

*I am concerned at the length of time the ambulance service takes to get to our rural part of Suffolk and because of this some parishes are looking into getting volunteers to the First Responders service. If you are interested please let me know.*

*Hartismere Hospital is to be officially opened on June 30th. We are fortunate to have been able to keep the hospital site as a community health and treatment centre.*

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



**C of E Services:** All Saints, Stradbroke; St Andrew, Redlingfield; St Peter, Athelington; St Mary, Horham. Holy Communion unless stated. Check times on notice boards(Holy Communion unless otherwise stated):

**June 3 Diamond Jubilee Celebration Services, Horham, 9am; Athelington, 10am; Redlingfield, 6.30pm, with a celebratory toast after the service.**

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

**17 Horham, 9am; Redlingfield, Morning Prayer, 10am.**

**24 Stradbroke, 8.00am, Athelington, Morning Prayer, 11.30am.**

**July 1 Horham, Benefice Communion, 11.15am.**

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

**15 Athelington, 10am.**

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

**29 Horham, 9am; Stradbroke, 10am (with hymns and a sermon).**

**Aug 5 Redlingfield, Benefice Communion 10am.**

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

**19 Horham, 9am; Redlingfield, Morning Prayer 10am.**

**26 Stradbroke, 9am; Horham, Morning Prayer 11.15am.**

Married at Horham Church on May 12th: Herbert Gooding and Barbara Mickelsen.

**THE RECTOR:** The Service of Thanksgiving at Horham Church on Sunday May 13th heard an address by the USAF 48th Fighter Wing Chaplain, Lt Col Gary Snyder, and a Poem, "Remembering a Soldier", written by Reynolda (Strawn) Clegg in June 1983 in memory of her brother, 2nd Lt Warren Mansfield Strawn, who died in the Redlingfield crash in November 1943, and read by Matthew Kirkum.

Our thanks go to Gail and Brian Marsh who hosted a splendid coffee morning on April 26th which raised £266.40, and we are most grateful to all who supplied goods to sell and to those who came on the day, making it a most successful event.

Our Diamond Jubilee Celebration Services will be cheerful "Songs of Praise", with a drink to follow for a Royal Toast, and more refreshments at Redlingfield afterwards. (Horham celebrates on the Sunday afternoon at the Community Centre).

Please make goods and produce available to sell at our Church Table at Horham Bygones Rally on Saturday, June 9th.

On Sunday June 24th, all are invited to the Patronal Festival Service at St Peter's Church, Athelington, at 11.30am, followed by a summer lunch in the garden at Meadow Farm. Tickets are £10 for adults, and £5 for under 12s from Evelyn Adey, 01728 628428 or Mary Hawes, 01728 628608.

Tuesday August 21st, is my Seventieth Birthday! There will be a party in the Old School at Horham that evening. Please watch out for more details.

The Sponsored Bike Ride is on Saturday September 8th, from 9.am to 5pm. Sponsorship forms from: Daphne Harvey, for Horham, 384216; Evelyn Adey, for Athelington; and Joan Abbott, for Redlingfield, 678736.

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