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IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I ATTENDED THE MEETING AT Horham & Athelington Community Centre at which the organisers decided that Horham Bygones Country Rally couldn't go ahead.

A massive amount of work had already been done by them behind the scenes and it looked as if there would be a record number of exhibitors. After the heartbreak of being forced to cancel at the last minute last year, when a downpour drenched the exhibition field just before the event, it was a tough and emotional decision to make.

Gary and Julie Woodrow, along with Martin Donnelly, had been taking in hundreds of entries and I'm sure it was particularly hard for them sending out the many cancellation notices.

ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO thank the many people who make this magazine possible. It takes an awful lot of them. There are the contributors, who help fill the pages with interesting articles, the advertisers whose cash pays for it and helps us make a small surplus, the deliverers who get out there rain or shine and you the readers – it'd be a pointless exercise if no-one read it.

I WAS VERY EXCITED EARLIER in the year to see barn owls out hunting almost every time I took the dogs out for a walk. I thought it was a sign of how well they were doing locally. That was before many more knowledgeable people pointed out that like other nocturnal animals if you see them hunting during the day it meant they were starving not thriving in our long, harsh spring.



HOT ON THE HEELS THE INDUCTION OF Horham Baptist Church's new pastor Adam Blowes in April, the parish churches of Athelington, Horham and Redlingfield are getting ready to welcome a new rector. Michael Womack from Framlingham, pictured left, has been appointed to take over at St Andrew, Redlingfield, St Peter, Athelington, and St Mary, Horham. He is due to be installed in September (see page 5). **Mike Ager**

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Front page picture: Wingfield College Gardens, open for Wingfield Open Gardens.

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Tough times for wildlife...

Trevor Edwards is hoping that a good summer will offset the effects of the lingering bleak spring weather on Wash Farm

IT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT and unusual year so far for both our farm animals and the nation's wildlife. As this unseasonably cold spring extended into the month of April, we heard of the losses of tens of thousands of sheep, lambs and cattle in snowdrifts in the West Country.

The well-known agronomist John Tunaley, on a walking holiday in Shropshire in early April, found himself walking straight over a buried five-bar gate. Luckily for him the snow was weight-bearing.

Exactly a month later and much larger numbers are being reported in the decline of our bee population. May 1st dawned, and I was woken by a large and noisy bumble bee at six

o'clock on a bright and very frosty morning. I had no idea they were about at that time of day in the early chill, and this one sounded angry at getting on the wrong side of a pane of glass in the full morning sun. Obviously, it was riled at being deprived of valuable foraging time despite getting up early.

Poor foraging conditions have caused a similar problem for our barn owls, which for weeks now, have been highly visible with daylight hunting. This can only mean they are short of food, a problem which has caused the loss of over a hundred of Suffolk's barn owls in the long and inhospitable winter. It will be interesting to see if owl broods this spring are good or bad,

and whether we suffer a setback in our recent successful barn owl boom. This morning a barn owl is quartering some long grass in the middle of the farmyard, only ten yards from the dog kennel and the parked Land Rover

Despite this winter's challenge, the Wash Farm boxes have signs of occupation and, as a real bonus, two tawny owl chicks have been hatched in the straw. A Dutch Barn is a dangerous place for an owl to choose, and these two fell out of a nesting burrow in the straw



barn, and not for the first time. We returned them with the aid of a ladder, although tawny owlets can sometimes climb back themselves anyway.

The hunting ability of owls is based on hearing and the range of a target is assessed by having ears at different levels. One ear is at nostril height and the other at forehead height.

How clever is that. A barn owl's highly dextrous flight is also aided by a very long wing length relative to body weight and its silent stealth is due to soft feathering. Watching an owl swerve and dive into grass is always a sight to savour.

WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE A rare visit from a pair of greylag geese which rested on the horse pond with us for a day or so. The best known of all geese, the greylag became domesticated in Roman times, and is the ancestor of all our Christmas goose dinners, and our farmyard bird of today. The greylags reputation for aggressive, noisy guarding of a farmyard is well founded, as in legend, a flock of sacred geese warned the Roman citadel that the Gauls were coming when the guards were looking the other way.



Above: Drew gets to grips with a new arrival at Wash Farm.

Left: Greylags take a short break in Redlingfield.

Page 4: Kip sits amongst a host of golden dandelions.

MR WALLACE OF CONEY

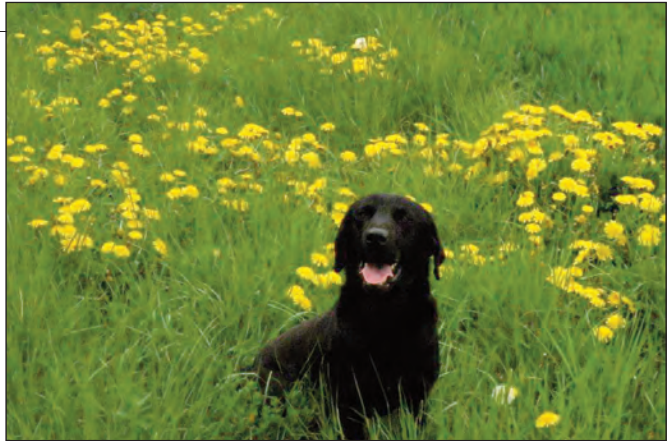
Weston recalls the cold wet spring of 1947 when the snow came late and lasted till April. Snowdrifts lingered in the lee of hedges, and farmers drilled the main parts of their fields with spring barley and left the snowy headlands uncultivated. It turned out to be one of the worst harvests of a generation and calls to mind one of the old sayings that spring barley is a "sorry" crop and very often a disappointment. If you grow it, you're sorry you did, and if you don't, you are sorry you didn't. This year has seen an unprecedented expansion in spring barley planting due to the winter rains causing mayhem with wheat drilling and sugar-beet harvesting. To cope with a late start, good "growy" summer conditions are needed if spring barley is going to do well.

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FEATURES & NEWS

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BEE-KEEPERS, farmers and everybody else, and not least the organisers of the Suffolk Show, will be looking for an improvement on the summer weather this year. Farmers are to stop using a group of pesticides known as neonicotinoids on the oilseed rape flower for a two-year trial period, as the suspicion is that it might affect the bee's radar and hence their homing instinct. Certainly though, other factors are in play, such as the awful summer of 2012 and the lack of flowers for food, and the subject cries out for more research. One of the reasons is because Australia uses "neonics" and has not recorded a honey bee decline. One of my grass margins is full of dandelions, a weed for most, but alive with pollinating insects early in the year. We normally see the stripey-bottomed and orange-bummed bumble bees but they are all pretty scarce at the moment. One of the best wild flower meadows this week is Will Haag's at Winston, near Debenham, a wonderful sight from the roadside and mouth-watering stuff for all bees and flying insects.



DESPITE THE MIGRANTS BEING slowed up on their passage to these shores, many have now arrived including numerous warblers, though I have yet to see anything of our turtle doves, a real success for us last year. Swifts are very visible at John Glover's of Tivetshall, a local swift hotspot, though they will wait for proper hot weather before egg-laying commences. Arriving late and leaving early, they are skilled at producing offspring only when the insect count is high and can vary the incubation period of their eggs by up to a week.

The Dartford Warbler has nothing in common with Dartford. However, that is the place where two unknown warblers were shot in the 18thC and given a name for the first time (from the gospel according to Sir D.A.).

Trevor Edwards

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – application to continue use of meadow field for holding of 3 camping events each year during summer months, **Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington**; application to use land for siting marquee for holding events and use occasions during the years 2013 and 2014. The marquee to be sited in-situ for the period May 1st.2013 to October 4th 2013 and similar period in 2014, **Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington**.

New Rector is on the way

Revd Michael Womack, recently appointed rector of our parish churches, writes about the path that will bring him to us...

VERSED WITH CVS AS HE was, the outplacement consultant scanned mine before looking up: "Quite obvious," he declared, "minister of religion".

"That's not going to happen, so we can move on to the areas I've been thinking about," I replied.

This exchange took place in the late spring of 2005 as my post in the Strategic Rail Authority, along with the whole organisation, was about to be abolished. However, let us try to get back to somewhere near the beginning.

I had been raised an Anglican in Saffron Walden where my father was a lay-reader. Leaving home I worked on the railway and drifted away from church before returning to Christianity, specifically the Baptists in my early twenties. During this time I became a qualified Baptist lay-preacher and was married to Mary.

The events of life took place, including the birth of two (Jonny and Davey) of our three children. We then trained as missionaries and went to Tanzania to work with Mission Aviation Fellowship in the mid-1990s.

Returning to England we were involved with various Anglican churches in and around Cambridge and our third child (Esther) was born.

Now we can return to where I started this story and the abolition of

the SRA. The area that interested me was charity work. However, there were no openings in this area, so my thoughts turned to other activities. The cushion of redundancy meant that we could afford this, which is how I came to get an MA in Pastoral Theology.

Most people assumed that anyone studying theology was going to be ordained yet nothing was further from my thoughts. Certainly everyone else seemed well aware of my vocation long before I 'finally' got round to making serious enquiries, which led to my training at Westcott House and then a curacy at Framlingham with Saxtead.

It has been a privilege to have been involved in so many people's lives in Framlingham, but it is now time to move on and I look forward to getting to know you and being part of your lives here in the new Hoxne Benefice of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield. It feels to me that I am moving to a land of treasure; the seven churches that make up the Benefice are delights and, just as importantly, so are all the people that I've met so far.

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Nigel Stock, is due to install Michael Womack as the new rector on Wednesday September 4th in Hoxne church at 7.30pm.

Proms success for RBL

STRADBROKE & DISTRICT Royal British Legion's recent Last Night of the Proms concert at Stradbroke High School proved a great success. More than 160 people attended the event and enjoyed music from the Ipswich Hospital band conducted by Bernard Westren. The compere was Peter Holloway from Charsfield and 13 RBL standards were on parade under parade marshall Barney Adlington.

A very good night was had by all who attended the event organised by branch standard bearer and welfare officer Joyce Cooper from Horham. A prize draw raised £348. I have been involved in the RBL for more than 40 years and this was the best branch event I have ever attended. Very well done Joyce.

THE BRANCH CONTINUES TO hold its monthly midday meetings at Laxfield King's Head. Recent speakers have been: David Love, a retired police officer from Redlingfield, who spoke on Uganda; and Brian Chester, from

Hoxne, who spoke about the Spitfire. At the May meeting the local legion "H" Group representative on the Suffolk county committee, Ken Rowbottom from Fressingfield, gave a report on county business.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR annual branch dinner – the 27th since the branch was reformed – was the unveiling of a painting of Wingfield Church in memory of Graham and Evelyn Neale, who gave devoted service to the branch for many years.

Their eldest daughter, Hazel Kent, unveiled the painting by Margaret Streeter, our branch secretary's wife.

The painting will hang in the community centre where the dinner for 60 members and guests was held. The guests were county chaplain Richard Stretch and county councillor Guy McGregor. Catering was by Rich Pickings from Harleston and a draw run by branch vice-chairman John Graham and his wife Jill raised more than £200.

Branch Chairman, Michael Burton

The audience singing patriotic songs at the Stradbroke RBL's Last Night of the Proms concert.





Far left: Ragged Robin in Nick Cook's meadow. **Left:** A BBC film crew look at a beehive in the meadow.

Wildflower meadow open

NICK COOK WILL BE opening up his stunning four-acre wildflower meadow to help raise funds for St Mary's Church Worlingworth Restoration Fund and Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) on Saturday and Sunday June 29th and 30th between 10am and 5pm.

That weekend has been chosen for the bi-annual event because nectar rich wild flowers in the meadow should be at their peak with more than 15 different flowers and six different grasses. A meandering path has been mown through the meadow and a gentle stroll takes a stunning 20 minutes or longer if you choose to sit in the centre and bask in the meadow.

Not only will you enjoy the beauty of the plant life but, you can watch the many residents of the meadow including the butterflies and bees. Take your self back to a bygone era when the British countryside was brimming with wildflower meadows.

Each year, the character of the

meadow changes depending on weather patterns and this year there should be another stunning display.

The BBC are making a documentary about bees in the meadow which will be aired in 2014. Presenter Martha Kearney is keeping three beehives in an experiment to see if honey from different pollens will taste different.

There are the further four acres of formal gardens with a moat, orchard, and the herb and rose courtyard garden to explore.

Admission is £2.50 per adult including tea, coffee or squash and admission is free for children. A ploughman's lunch is served between noon and 2pm for £4.

During the weekend there will be a SWT tent to help children explore as well as other stalls including: plant, cake and local produce and bric-a-brac stalls making a wonderful day out for all. For more information visit www.wildflowermeadow.org.

Nick Cook

Bygones rally bows out

BY NOW MOST OF YOU WILL know that this year's Horham Bygones Country Rally has been cancelled and the event is unlikely to go ahead in future years.

Problems finding sufficient parking within easy reach of the community centre and the subsequent problems with insurance for transport from further afield put pay to an event that originally started in 2002 as a one-off to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The popularity of that first rally meant it became an annual event, which had

gone from strength to strength to become an annual feature in Horham attracting thousands of visitors.

Not only did the event generate funds for Horham Community Council – many thousands over the years – but it also offered charities, including the Royal British Legion, East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH) and Parakeet Rescue, the opportunity to attend, free of charge, in order to promote their organisations and raise money.

The 2011 event was another record year for exhibitors and visitors but 2012's planned rally had to be cancelled at the last minute when a mini monsoon hit. This year's event was due to be held on Saturday June 8th. A road run on Sunday June 9th, to raise funds for the EACH, has also been cancelled.

The organisers believe this is the end for the event, which had seen record numbers of entries flooding in this year.

Although many may realise the amount of work that went



■ BOOT SALE: *A car boot sale is now being held on Horham Community Centre Meadow on Saturday June 8th. The event opens at 9am for sellers and 10am for buyers. There will be a bar and refreshments. Pitches are £5 if pre booked or £6 on the day. Contact Karen Alderton on 384754. The event is in aid of Horham & Athelington Community Centre. Karen is running a tombola at the car boot sale and would be grateful for any unwanted gifts as prizes to raise money for a new playground. She can collect them if needed.*

■ EVENING EVENT: *An evening of entertainment on Saturday June 8th at Horham & Athelington Community Centre will go ahead as planned with music from Paul 'Hammy' Hamilton. Entrance is £2 on the door.*



Scenes from previous year's Horham Bygones Country Rallies.

organising the showground and mustering volunteers.

Don Moyes, told the *East Anglian Daily Times*: "It has left us all feeling a bit empty really and I think we have been a victim of our own success in some ways."

The rally had managed to keep the friendliness of a small village fete while becoming a major event which managed to cater for

all the family.

The organisers would like to thank all those who have made the event such a success over the years. And I'm sure you will join me in thanking the organisers themselves and the many other volunteers who put in so much work on the event.

Mike Ager

on during the event to make it run smoothly, getting ready for the rally was a massive task. Show director Gary Woodrow, his wife Julie and Martin Donnelly spent untold hours organising entries in the months before a rally, while Peter Fisk and show director Don Moyes spent time

WINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS: Gardens in Wingfield will be open on Saturday June 29th (10am-5pm) and Sunday June 30th (noon-5pm). A wide variety of gardens will be open from small to large, formal to cottage, Mediterranean, woodland, water and wild gardens. Catelins House will be providing morning and afternoon teas, light lunches and cream teas and Holly Tree House will be serving cream teas, cakes and refreshments. Wingfield Barns café and terrace will be open throughout the event. Disabled car parking is available on site and the main car park will be open next to Low Road. At Wingfield College visitors can see four acres of gardens including old roses, a walled vegetable garden, medieval fishponds, wild flower meadows, woodland walks, and a unique eccentric topiary garden on the site of the medieval courtyard. The house will not be open but can be seen at other times of the year through the 'Invitation to View' scheme. St Andrew's Church will be open throughout the event with heraldic displays, a timeline and the tomb of Richard III's sister, Elizabeth of York lying alongside her husband, John de la Pole, 2nd Duke of Suffolk. The De La Pole Arms will be open all day. The £3 entry tickets and guide to the village gardens can be purchased in advance from Wingfield Barns and the De La Pole Arms from Friday June 14th and from all gardens during the event. Proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church, Wingfield.

Rosemary Elliott (384789)

Family gatherings and all

IT'S NOT QUITE JAZZ ON A Summer's Day but it is a kind of Jazz on a cold Spring afternoon.

Saturday afternoon and this particular group is in the pub rendering some familiar old standards. Mums and dads and grandmas sitting around tables and letting the mind wander over scenes from the past summoned by the music and occasionally letting the eye wander until it comes to rest as if attracted by a strong magnetic force on the huge but inaudible telly screen on the wall where Ronnie O'Sullivan, live from the Crucible, is knocking them down like skittles.

Children are running about and never still with that total energy which only children have or are leaning close in to the warm and comforting embrace of parents and grandparents with that totally relaxed stillness which only children have.

The jazz is not great – the keyboard player has sheet music! But the musicians are enthusiastic, going at it with a will,

and the young bloke on the trumpet might make a go of it one day if he maintains his motivation, works hard and dedicates himself. Of the vocalist we will remain silent and regret that she did not do the same.

In the relaxed and tolerant Saturday afternoon, family atmosphere everybody is well disposed towards the players. We know how to clap quietly at the end of each “set” as if listening to the very best of Dave Brubeck or Wes Montgomery. This kind of clapping is so discreet that it could never be called applause but is, nevertheless a sign of appreciation. It always comes only at the end of a set, never as an interruption immediately following an instrumental solo (that vulgar stuff is for “trad” fans). The rule is that the more refined and cerebral the jazz, the quieter the appreciation. The politest clapping of all being reserved for the Modern Jazz Quartet, er, sorry, I of course mean the MJQ!

So exactly how did we get to be here at this time? Well I suppose it has been a journey of just over 50 years, beginning with our



that jazz

Wedding. Then the two of us getting on in our careers or at least managing to stay in work. The births and bringing up of our children. All very run of the mill and all very happy with, of course, the usual ups and downs. Eventually your children (you still call them children even when they are in their forties) marry and have children of their own. And so now you are grandparents. This is a state of Bliss and comes out of the blue – nobody tells you how wonderful it is going to be nor how unconditionally you will love these creatures. They grow and blossom and adoration is joined by admiration and pride as you watch these wondrous beings because, although they are directly connected to you, they have abilities and develop skills at which you can only marvel.

Their own parents have, like us made their own journey through life, joining a modern diaspora and arriving at places which, in my parochial view seem far flung and even perhaps rather exotic to be where they are today. Where they are today for this branch of the Butcher clan, is Strathaven, a small but rather attractive and very welcoming town in the central lowland belt of Scotland. Although it is a 400+ mile drive home it is worthwhile to be here in the Waterside Inn listening to not terribly good jazz and indulging in what is described on the Inn sign as traditional Scottish Fayre but to me looks just like a bowl of chips!

Neville Butcher

■ COMMUNITY CENTRE BREAK-IN:

During hours of darkness on Wednesday April 24th, unknown offenders gained entry to Horham Community Centre, by unknown means. Once inside, they conducted a search of the premises and forced open the till. They also caused considerable damage to the alarm system. It is believed that three bottles of alcohol weren't stolen,

Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team

■ **ZUMBA CLASSES:** Terri Cave is offering Zumba classes at Horham & Athelington Community Centre on Tuesdays starting on June 4th (7pm till 8pm) and at Worlingworth Community Centre on Thursdays starting June 6th (also 7pm till 8pm). Terri has recently moved into Brick Kiln Cottage in Athelington

Terri Cave

■ **ST PETER'S DAY:** A St Peter's Day service at 11.30am in Athelington church on Sunday June 30th will be followed by lunch at Meadow Farm. Tickets for the lunch are £10 for adults, £5 for children under 10 years of age, while under five-year-olds eat for free. To book lunch contact Mary Hawes on 01728 628608.

Evelyn Adey

■ **NEXT STOP ICELAND:** 1st Fressingfield Scout Group have got the international travel bug after their Easter trip to Kenya and plans have started for the next trip – this time to Iceland. Its "Ice and Fire" Expedition is open to all members of the group aged 14 years plus on May 1st 2014. Ice climbs, pony trekking and volcano watching will be on the itinerary.

Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne

POLICE REPORT & NEWS



Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team, PCSO 3172 Steven Long & PC 878 Jacqui Thomas, Eye Police Station, Mid-Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team, The Lodge, Castleton Way, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7BH. Phone 101, email Midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

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triggered, alarm warning sticker also included), £3; high visibility flashing arm band (with one 3v cell & four flashing LED lights, one size fits all & has velcro fastening), £2.

For more information please email midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk The Mid Suffolk Crime Prevention Panel consists of community volunteers working alongside local Police on projects and initiatives designed to reduce crime and disorder.

Any profits made from the sale of these products will be used to assist with further projects and to help vulnerable people in our community who have been victims of crime, or are at risk of becoming victims.

SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS: Artists across Suffolk are opening their studios to the public throughout the five weekends in June. More than 90 artists are offering you the opportunity to see "behind the scenes" and find out where and how they produce their work. You can pick up a copy of the 2013 directory detailing who is open when from libraries and tourist offices or download a copy as a pdf file from the

www.suffolkopenstudios.org website which lists all the artists and events. Fewer local artists are open this year but there are studios open in Earl Soham, Framlingham, Dennington and Kenton. Painter and sculptor Allan Williams (www.allanwilliams.net) is opening his studio at Mill House, Mill Hill, Earl Soham, on June 1, 2, 8, 9, 22 & 23. Glass sculptor Clare Gaylard's (www.claregaylard.net) studio at The Ancient House, Well Close Square, Framlingham, is open on June 15, 16, 29 & 30. Painter and textile artist Jillifar Amor's studio at Capons Green Farm, Dennington, is open on all five weekends. Ceramics, textiles, papier-mâché and collage artist Emma Jayne Robertson's (www.emmajayneceramics.co.uk) studio at The Old School House, Church Lane, Kenton, is open on June 1, 2, 15, 16, 29 & 30.



Mike Ager

WEEKENDS IN JUNE

Suffolk Open Studios: see page 12.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 1 & 2

Eye Open Gardens: noon-6pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Horham Car Boot Sale: see page 8.

Sunday, June 9

Guided Walk: Helmingham Hall, 1pm. Guided walk around Helmingham Estate. Learn about the history, wildlife & trees. £15 (inc free entry into gardens) pre-booking required (Katy Day 01473 890799 or events@helmingham.com).

A Treasury of Organ Music: St Michael's Church, Framlingham, 3pm. £10 inc afternoon tea. Free to school age students. Booking by post: cheques payable The East Anglian Academy, SAE: Mr & Mrs J Stafford, 26 Redwald Road, Rendlesham, Woodbridge IP12 2TA (01934 420556). Form www.eastanglianacademy.org.uk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Redlingfield Churchyard Tidy: 6pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Midweek Movie - The Sapphires (PG): Wingfield Barns.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Redlingfield Pub On The Green:

Doorstep Green, 6pm till late.

Stormin' Normans: Eye Castle. Discover the new Eye Castle historic trail, explore the Norman encampment, try your hand at archery etc. Free for young people.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 15 & 16

Journey Through The Ages: Goodrich Park, Palgrave, 10am-5pm. Vintage rally & country fair. £6 adults, £4 children. Tickets on gate. 07787 155338.

The Black Knights Mediaeval Fayre

Father's Day: Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Stonham barns. Relive the excitement of days gone by! Adults £7.50, seniors £6, children 4+ £5, family of 5 £25, children under 4 free.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Country Music: The Thrillbillies, Debenham Community Centre, 7.45pm-11pm, doors open 7pm (01728 861101).

Goods by Road 'n' Rail: Mid Suffolk Light Railway, Brockford Station, Wetheringsett, 11am-5pm.

Demonstrations of how roads & railways worked together to move goods around the country. £6 adult, £3 child, £4.50 conc, £15 family 2+2.

Diss Carnival Procession & Fun Day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

70th anniversary reunion visit to

Horham: Red Feather Club, with members open day on Sunday June 23.

Debenham Players Present 'Allo 'Allo!

Debenham Community Centre, Gracechurch Street, 7.30pm. An evening at Café Rene. Admission: £10 (inc programme, cheese, bread & glass of wine). 07967 811632. Tickets from Henry Abbott Hardware & www.debenham-players.org.uk.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Thorndon School Summer Fayre: noon-3pm, Thorndon School Playing Field.

Worlingworth Fete: 2pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 & SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Redlingfield Flower Festival.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Midweek Movie - Silver Linings

Playbook (15): Wingfield Barns.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 & THURSDAY, JUNE 27

The Royal Norfolk Show: Norfolk Showground, Dereham Road, Norwich.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 27-JULY 1

16th Festival of Beer & Brewing:

Museum of East Anglian Life Stowmarket. About 70 East Anglian beers plus ciders. Food, family area, quiet drinking zone. Thu 6pm-11pm; Fri noon-11pm; Sat 11am-11pm; Sun noon-3pm. Admission: £2.50.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 29 & 30

The West Suffolk Game & Country Fair:

Rougham Airfield, Bury St. Edmunds.
Wild Flower Meadow: Barton Grange, Worlingworth, 10am-5pm. See page 6.

WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Open Gardens Stradbroke: 10.30am.
Maps from All Saints Church.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield,
10am-noon.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Redlingfield Village BBQ.

Occold Village Fete.

Fressingfield Produce Show.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 6 & 7

Country Fair with Wings & Wheels:
Heveningham Hall. Adults £10 (£8 in
advance), children (5-14) £5 (£4), conc
£8 (£6), under 5s free, family (2+3) £30
 (£25). Info www.countryfair.co.uk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Midweek Movie - Hitchcock (12A):
Wingfield Barns.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Hoxne Cinema - Life of Pi: St Edmund's
Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm. £3.50.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Bedfield Village Fete.

Worlingworth Playground Opening.

Caribbean Evening: Thorndon Village
Hall, 8pm. Tickets £12.50 inc supper.
Clinton 678551.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

**Horham & Athelington Parish Council
meeting.**

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY, JULY 17-22

**Debenham Leisure Centre's Country
Music Festival:** Info at
<http://debenham.onesuffolk.net/>

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Redlingfield Pub On The Green:
Doorstep Green, 6pm till late.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Falconry Fair: Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Midweek Movie - Lincoln (12A):
Wingfield Barns.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Suffolk Dog Day: Helmingham Hall,
10am-5pm. The event is organised on
behalf of The Suffolk Foundation. See
page 23.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Festival of Classic & Sports Cars:

Helmingham Hall, 10am-5pm. Adults £8,
children 7 years and over £3, family
ticket (2+2) £20. Tickets in advance via
on 01473 890 799. The 2012 event made
a £3,750 donation to EACH - Ipswich
Children's Hospice www.each.org.uk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield,
10am-noon.

**Midweek Movie - Hyde Park on Hudson
(12A):** Wingfield Barns.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Hoxne Cinema - Les Miserables: St
Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm. £3.50.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Guided Walk: Helmingham Hall, 1pm
(see Sunday, June 9 for details).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Redlingfield Pub On The Green:
Doorstep Green, 6pm till late.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Country Music: Bearfaced Country,
Debenham Community Centre, 7.45pm-
11pm, doors open 7pm (01728 861101).

**Classic Car Show, Autojumble & Vintage
Market:** Stonham Barns. £7.50 adults, £5
conc, under 16s free.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Midweek Movie - English Vinglish (12A):
Wingfield Barns.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

**31st Worlingworth Flower and Produce
Show.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

East Anglian Conservation Fair: Suffolk
Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

A Midsummer Night's Dream: By
Pantaloons Theatre Company at Eye
Castle, 7pm. Open air, bring a picnic &
something to sit on. Tickets: Mid Suffolk
Tourist Information Centre, 01449
676800 or www.thepantaloons.co.uk

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Coffee Caravan: Centre of Redlingfield,
10am-noon.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

East Suffolk Game & Country Show:

Helmingham Hall, 10am-5pm. Birds of prey, working dogs, Medieval battle re-enactment etc. Sunday Companion Dog Show. £7 adult, £6 conc, £3 children 5-16, family £18 (2+2), under 5s free.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike

Ride: see page 23.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Plant Heritage Autumn Plant fair:

Helmingham Hall, 10am-5pm. In partnership with Suffolk Plant Heritage. Plant doctors, apple detectives & specialist nurseries. Entry to sale £6.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Horham & Athelington Parish Council meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Redlingfield Pub On The Green:

Doorstep Green, 6pm till late.

An Evening with Suffolk's Charlie

Haylock: Thorndon Village Hall.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Country Music: Kevin Barry, Debenham Community Centre, 7.45pm-11pm, doors open 7pm (01728 861101).

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

Antique & Collectables Fair: Stonham Barns, entrance £3.50, Fri 10am-5pm & Sat 9am-4pm.

Helmingham Hall, 01473 890799, events@helmingham.com, www.helmingham.com;

Hoxne Cinema: Tickets from Jenny Knights 668060, Hoxne PO & Stores, or via www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk; **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway**, Brockford Station, Wetheringsett nr Stowmarket, Suffolk Suffolk IP14 5PW, www.mslr.org.uk, general enquiries Keith Froom 01449 672670 or keith.froom@ftinternet.co.uk; **Mid Suffolk Showground**, Stonham Barns, 01449 711111 www.midsuffolkshowground.co.uk; **Museum of East Anglian Life**, Stowmarket, 01449 612229, enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk; **Redlingfield**, 678835, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk; **Suffolk Owl Sanctuary**, Stonham Barns, 08456 807897, info@owl-help.org.uk, www.owl-help.org.uk; **Wingfield Barns**, 384505, enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, www.wingfieldbarns.com (Midweek Movies: Tickets £5 on the door, 1.30pm matinee and 7.30pm evenings).

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

TUESDAYS: Bingo: Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178. **Zumba:** Horham & Athelington Community Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563534086

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. Eye Country Market, every Wed 10am-11am, Eye Town Hall (closed Jan).

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 **Zumba:** Worlingworth Community Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 & 07563534086

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

FRIDAYS/SUNDAYS: Traditional music: Worlingworth Swan, 2nd Fri evening of month in summer & 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 April-October inclusive,

REFUGEE STORIES: A while ago I went to an open day held by The Suffolk Refugee Support Forum. An Ipswich church hall was packed with people from all over the world and a long table was groaning under the food of many nationalities. The atmosphere was very friendly, lots of chat from the eldest to the smalls in push chairs. The people working with the refugees, many volunteers, were welcoming and informative. They offer both practical help and counselling when appropriate. The workers are happy to come to village events and talk about their work. They very kindly gave us enough copies of their pamphlet for all the residents to receive one. It is well set out and a fairly quick read, I strongly recommend it. Refugees are not immigrants, they are here because they need our help but it has made me think more about immigration in general. There clearly is a problem, which I hope we can sort out to everyone's advantage, it needs hard thinking. I fear blanket refusal of all incomers; nationalism has led to too many wars. Patriotism is different, George Orwell said 'my country right or left', that is patriotism (although I prefer my country right *AND* left). Nationalists want a country that is either right or left, and insist that everyone follows them, this breeds the sort of wars that occur between different sects of a religion. We had such wars between Catholics and Protestants and many religions still have wars within them, stemming from a nationalistic conviction that only they have the right answers. I hope you enjoy reading the Refugee Stories, they are moving but full of hope as well.

Evelyn Adey

Celebrating 70 years on

MAY WAS A MONTH OF firsts at the Red Feather Club as the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association geared up to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the arrival of the 95th Bomb Group in Horham and a reunion tour of nearly 50 Americans.

The association's first 1940s weekend proved a major success with re-enactors, military vehicles and stalls pulling in the crowds. Liberation 44 and Ranger re-enactment groups presented a full military camp display and re-enactments of air force personnel.

During the weekend of May 18th and 19th re-enactors portrayed WW2 USAAF (United States Army Air Force) personnel in basic day-to-day life. They completed close order drill, rifle drill, roll call, mail call and payroll. There were displays of air force equipment and tents laid out as they would have been in WW2. There were opportunities for the



Pictured: The Sally B and other aircraft were due to fly over the Red Feather Club on the Spring Bank Holiday. Also scenes from the recent 40s weekend.



public to handle deactivated weapons and try to learn drill.

On Saturday night four DJs – Texas Tommy, Django Man, Short Back and Sides and AV8 – plus special guest singers Jodie Topsy Harris and Jade Grand entertained at a 40s dance.

Earlier that week the Wings of a Mighty Fortress, a documentary telling the story of 95th Bomb Group crew of *Easy Goin'*, got its rescheduled UK premiere with two showings at the Red Feather Club attracting approximately 230 people. Three years in the making, the film by Mark Werkema and Jim

Koehn, features interviews with crew members. The documentary is due to be screened on US TV this year.

Earlier in the month there was also a successful quiz night.

On Spring Bank Holiday as part of the celebration of 70th anniversary of the arrival of the US Eighth Air Force in East Anglia there was due to be a flypast taking in the Red Feather Club. B-17 Flying Fortress Sally B, with four fighters from the Eagle Squadron, a historic four-ship group comprising a Hawker Hurricane, Spitfire, P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang, were due to fly over a selection of former USAAF bomber and fighter bases in East Anglia, including Horham.

June is also a big month for the association with the annual reunion – on the 70th anniversary of the 95th's arrival in Horham – expected to include six bomb group veterans. ***Mike Ager***



KIM'S POEM FOR KEV
in memory of Kevin Alderton

*I cannot believe it's been so long
Since we said our last goodbyes
I'd give anything to have you here
To dry my tear-filled eyes
They tell me "It gets easier
The pain will pass" they say
But you're the first and last thing I think of
Each and every day
Your smile will live with me forever
Your laugh rings in my ears
It's not enough to make me happy
But memories stop my tears
There isn't much that can heal
The wounds deep in my soul
But remembering the laughs we had
Help again to make me whole
I face the rest of my life*



*Without you by my side
All I have are memories
Admiration, joy and pride
I know I'll see you again someday
A long way down the line
And I know that you'll be waiting for me
When the time to go is mine*

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS by Manday Miller

*Home is where the heart is
Home is not just a four-letter word!
It is the place we feel safe & warm
The place we can be ourselves!
We bring up the next generation
Our children feel safe and loved!
Place where Mum does wonderful
things in the kitchen
Our Dad gives out words of advice!*

*Home the place of more than words
More than just four walls!
The books you were read to
Hugs you were given for your wounded knee!
Yes home is more than where the heart is
Home is where all life is!
Home here where I feel safe here warm & loved
As gamekeeper Paul builds boxes for birds
Home is definitely where the heart is!*

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING: At the recent village agm the committee of Andrew Abbott, Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Mike Ager (chairman), Jeanette Brierley (treasurer), Allan Chapman, Susan Chapman, Chris Gibbons, Tony Freitas, Linda Hudson, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller & Janet Norman-Philips (clerk) were all re-elected. Mid Suffolk district councillor Liz Gibson-Harries told the meeting how the council were facing further cuts. PCSO Steven Long also reported to the meeting that there had been four reported crimes in the village during the past 12 months – a burglary and the thefts of pick up truck, a metal postbox and heating oil. Treasurer Jeanette Brierley said that village finances were still in the black but that money was tight.

Mike Ager

KEVIN ALDERTON 1978-2013: On Friday February 8th Kevin Alderton, aged 34, was killed in a tragic accident at work. He was born on July 15th 1978 at Ipswich hospital. The first son of Joe and Karen Alderton, he was always a happy child. When Tanya was born in 1981 he thought she was great, helping to push the pram and playing with her. When Matthew came along in 1982 he was over the moon to have a baby brother as well.

He attended Stradbroke Primary School and Stradbroke High School and then Framlingham Sixth Form. He didn't like school much and only went to meet his many friends. Kevin had lots of mates, often bringing them home to have a swim and sleep in the camp, which was in the loft above the garage.

He always wanted to drive the Big A like his dad. So after a few part-time jobs he turned 18 and was able to go to work for J&H Bunn with dad and drove a JCB loader and he loved it. As time went by he learned to drive the Big A and then after dad retired the new four-wheeled multi-drive spreader.

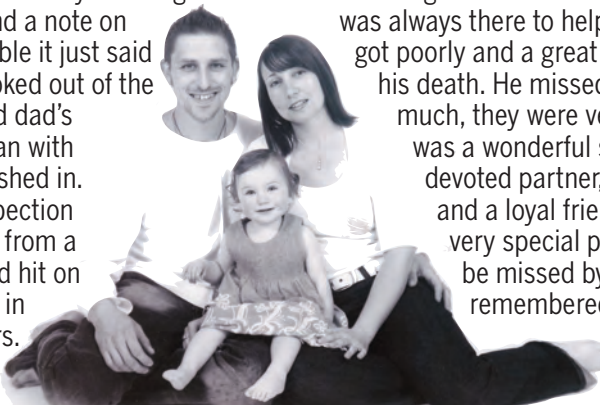
Having Kevin for a son was full of surprises. One Sunday morning we woke to find a note on the kitchen table it just said "sorry" we looked out of the window to find dad's green Astra van with the front smashed in. On closer inspection fur was found from a deer Kevin had hit on his way home in the early hours. After seeing

Kevin was OK all dad said was "why didn't you bring the deer home we could have eaten that". The repairs to the van were his 18th birthday present – £600. On another occasion we were woken by the flashing orange lights of a breakdown truck, again in the early hours, and Kev calling up the stairs, "Mum have you got £100 to pay the driver" who brought him home after his car had been recovered from a ditch. His short life has been packed with lots of fun. He has kept pet snakes, been swimming with dolphins in Mexico and snowboarding in Andorra, Austria and France with friends.

Then almost nine years ago he met Amanda, and that was a match made in heaven. He was very lucky to have found someone who made him as happy as she did. They moved into a bungalow in Beddingfield together and in 2006 Lola was born and then Freya in 2011. Kevin was a dad in a million. He loved to play with his girls, taking them shopping on a Sunday morning – that was their daddy-daughter time, always playing with them before baths and reading to Lola before bed.

Having him next door was lovely, he was always there to help when his dad got poorly and a great comfort since his death. He missed his dad so much, they were very close. Kevin was a wonderful son and brother, devoted partner, amazing daddy and a loyal friend. He was a very special person and will be missed by many and remembered for always.

**Karen
Alderton**



DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP, REPORTS BACK



GIVING EVERY CHILD THE very best start in life and the chance to reach their full potential is something that I strongly believe in.

As an NHS hospital doctor, who at one time delivered babies on a daily basis, I have seen firsthand how having a child can be a stressful experience, particularly the first time around. Whilst there has been a lack of support for families in the past, I have worked hard to ensure that, since 2010, there are now 1,300 more midwives and more than 900 health visitors helping provide personalised care and support during pregnancy, childbirth and the early years. But there is still more work to do.

I recently announced that 16,000 of the most disadvantaged new mums and dads in England will also be given one-to-one help and support from a specialist family nurse to bring up their babies as part of a large extension of the Family Nurse Partnership programme. Family nurses, which from July will come to our part of Suffolk, provide care and help for the most vulnerable young families by visiting parents at home and building a close, relationship with the family.

I always make time to talk to young people in Suffolk to encourage them in

their education and I was delighted to visit Stradbroke High School, where I spoke to GCSE students about medical ethics. As both a doctor and a government health minister, I understand more than most the arguments and sensitivities surrounding contentious issues such as abortion, IVF treatment, euthanasia and stem cell research. I presented both sides of the argument as well as highlighting my own experience working as an NHS hospital doctor, when answering the students' questions.

I enjoyed the discussion and would like to thank Ruth Hurren, head of philosophy and ethics and PSHE, for inviting me to speak. We are fortunate to have many dedicated and committed teachers and school governors in Suffolk who act in the best interests of the children they look after and teach. Under headteacher Andrew Bloom's leadership, Stradbroke High School became an Academy Trust last year and has continued to go from strength to strength.

I hold regular constituency advice surgeries locally to help people who have problems. If you think that I may be able to help you, please contact me on 01728 685 148, or email me via www.drdanielpoulter.com.

Dr Dan Poulter, MP

SUFFOLK LINKS HOXNE AREA: The 'demand responsive transport' service for Dennington, Stradbroke and surrounding areas is now operated by Optua and has been extended to cover Debenham and Framdsen. The booking line, 01449 616 000, is open from 8.30am until 2.30pm. Suffolk Links Hoxne Area operates from 7am to 7pm, Mondays to Saturdays. The bus can take you to Debenham, Eye, Framlingham, the railway station at Halesworth or any of the villages within the area. Connections can be made for onwards travel to places further afield such as Ipswich, Lowestoft or Norwich. For more information visit www.suffolkonboard.com.

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



AS INTEGRATION WITH Babergh District Council continues, we have agreed some joint committees and our officers are working at

both councils.

It is a painful process as we discover how we are going to deliver most of the services you have come to expect from your District Council while holding the council tax at last year's level and making £3.5 million of cuts over three years. We have lost some staff and officers in the process but we are confident that with more streamlined ways of working we can continue most of the services you require. The planning department has managed to catch up with some of the backlog and has streamlined the process. I hope you will find planning applications coming in on time while being thoroughly investigated and consulted.

Parish Liaison meetings have started again and I hope representatives from our villages will attend where possible as they are very useful.

The SCC Health Scrutiny Committee heard from Serco. the new provider of Health Services. We were not convinced that they can deliver mental health services to the required standard and have asked for more work to be done. This will include services for dementia patients, an ever-growing condition among our elderly population.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries,
District Councillor – Hoxne Ward

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER AND thanks to the “good sense” of the electorate I have been returned to serve as County Councillor for the Hoxne and Eye Division for

the next four years. But seriously, I am pleased and realise what a privilege it is to be a county councillor, especially in Suffolk.

The talk on the doorstep did not, in the main, revolve around local issues but about concerns about the economy and job security and the proposals of UKIP concerning immigration and there was opposition to “gay marriage” (sic).

The electorate did appreciate the work done to repair Suffolk's roads after our dreadful winter and concerns about the future of care for the elderly were expressed. I am pleased to confirm that Paddock House in Eye will remain open until the new home is built on the Hartismere Hospital site.

The need to support rural buses was expressed by many and many were appreciative of the current services (and a hope that they might be improved).

My priorities for the next four years are to: protect and improve public services; object to erecting HV electric pylons along the Waveney Valley; support the improvements to Eye and Stradbroke libraries; and be available to take up the concerns of residents in the division.

Finally I take this opportunity to thank those who voted for me. To those who did not vote or voted for other candidates, I express the hope that they may vote for me in the future and assure everyone that I will do my best to serve everyone who lives in the Hoxne & Eye Division.

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

CHURCHES

C of E Services: St Andrew, Redlingfield; St Peter, Athelington; St Mary, Horham; St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne. Enquiries to: Daphne Harvey, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428) Hazel Abbott, Redlingfield (678217).

June 2nd *Redlingfield*, 10am, Holy Communion.

June 9th *Horham*, 9.30am, Holy Communion.

June 16th *Athelington*, 9.45am, Holy Communion.

June 23rd *Horham*, 6pm, Evening prayer with American visitors;
Redlingfield, 6.30pm, Evening prayer (Flower Festival);.

June 30th *Athelington*, Benefice and St Peter's Day, 11.30am, Morning Prayer, followed by lunch at Meadow Farm.

July 7th *Redlingfield*, 10am, Holy Communion.

July 14th *Horham*, 9.30am, Holy Communion.

July 21st *Athelington*, 9.45am, Holy Communion.

July 28th *Horham*, 11.15am, Morning prayer; Redlingfield 10 am Morning Prayer

August 4th *Redlingfield*, 10am, Holy Communion.

August 11th *Horham*, 9.30am, Holy Communion.

August 18th *Athelington*, 9.45am, Holy Communion.

August 25th *Redlingfield*, 10am, Morning Prayer;

Horham, 11.15am, Morning Prayer.

(Please check times on notice boards)

Notices: The wedding took place on April 20th of Matthew Hammond and Jacky Hunt.

New Rector: We have a new rector (see page 5). Michael Womack will live in a new diocesan house in Wingfield when he joins us in September. Some of us have met Michael and his wife and feel sure he will fit in well in our parishes. We look forward to welcoming him and his family.

Car Boot Sale: Horham Church will have a stall at the car boot event on Saturday June 8th at the community centre; they would be grateful for donations of things to sell.

Flower Festival: Redlingfield Flower Festival will be the weekend of June 22nd & 23rd.

MOTHERS UNION HOXNE BRANCH: The Mothers Union is a worldwide Christian charity which supports 'family life' in all its forms. We have a number of action and outreach activities in the diocese ranging from providing student cookbooks and volunteering at contact centres to supporting the women's refuge and knitting hats for the Mission to Seafarers and much more. The MU is open to both men and women, married or otherwise, with or without children. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 2pm at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne. The next meetings are: Monday June 17th, Cathie McGregor will update members on our work in the UK and worldwide from the Annual Meeting in Bath; and Monday July 15th, Wave of Prayer at Hoxne Church followed by tea and 'bring and buy'. We are a small friendly group and if you are interested in our work please contact Cathie McGregor branch leader on 668434 or look at www.themothersunion.org.

Cathie McGregor

SUFFOLK DOG DAY: Sunday July 28th (10am-5pm) should be a top day for dogs at Helmingham Hall. The sixth Suffolk Dog Day looks set to be bigger than last year's family event. There will be more classes, activities, stalls, refreshments and entertainments. The event is organised on behalf of The Suffolk Foundation, Suffolk's very own community foundation. In just over seven years The Suffolk Foundation has distributed more than £6 million of grants to a wide range of Suffolk causes and charities, all of whom are doing extraordinary work throughout Suffolk and tackling disadvantage in whatever form it takes. For further information see www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk. Entry prices are, adults: £7 (£6 in advance); children, senior citizens over 60 and disabled: £5 (£4 in advance); family ticket, 2 adults and 2 children: £20 (£16 in advance). Enquiries www.suffolkdogday.com or 01473 786918.



SHCT BIKE RIDE: The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride is on Saturday September 14th. Our parish churches will welcome cyclists from 9am to 5pm. If you want to cycle to help raise funds for your parish church sponsorship forms are available from Daphne Harvey, Horham (384216), Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728628428) & Joan Abbott, Redlingfield (678736). Last year 728 churches in Suffolk were open and manned. The money raised by cyclists is shared between the SHCT and the place of worship nominated by the cyclist.

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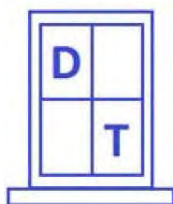
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