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*It was great to see the Horham reunion and the Red Feather Club featuring in a series of pieces about the Friendly Invasion. Shown on Anglia News over three evenings. It included interviews with veteran Ray Hobbs, Alan Johnson and 95th war bride Iris Oakeley from Essex. It also featured the reunion Jeep run, Ray laying a wreath at Redlingfield memorial, the Saturday night dance and big band Skyliner. I'm also looking forward to see what comes out from the History Channel filming at the reunion and in David Mitchell's wood. As soon as I know when it'll be shown I'll try and let you know. The front page picture, by Jon Wilson, shows Ray Hobbs with reunion organisers Linda Woodward & Beverley Abbott*

**I**t is surprising what I get excited about nowadays ... When I got home from our village agm, and a pint or two, at Horham Community Centre I was overjoyed to see three hedgehogs clustered in our back garden. And then the next day out on the lawn amongst the collared doves and woodies was a turtle dove. In the past we always had a host of hedgehogs and an annual visit from a pair of turtledoves. Now they're as rare as hen's teeth despite our wildlife friendly garden.

**A**s soon as I send an issue of the village mag off to our printers I get a sinking feeling... Have I missed anything out? Are all the dates right? How many errors have slipped past myself and my proof readers? Well just in case I've forgotten to include something or made a whole host of mistakes in this issue, sorry. If not, hurrah. Anyway I hope you enjoy this issue and once again I'd like to thank all who contribute, from writing articles and delivering issues to advertising in the mag and printing and collating it.

*Mike Ager*

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# Trowels and tribulations

*Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

**S**PRING ARRIVES AND MID-March brings an extraordinary burst of warm air from the South. This coincides with the sighting of one of our earliest migrants from West Africa, the chiffchaff, and a respite from the black cloud of the last six months.

Free-range hens are released to range and the threat of avian influenza wanes. This has weighed heavily on the shoulders of all poultry farmers and we have to be fussy with the Wash Farm turkey unit and manage the movements of all our visitors. This involves foot dips, wheel sprays and a mandatory signing of the Visitors Book. But we cannot manage where our avian visitors come from, so whilst migrating songbirds from Africa bring the pleasure of birdsong, migrating waterfowl from Russia and Scandinavia bring the worry of bird-flu. Swans, geese and ducks, notably

wigeon, can all be disease carriers, so the honking of overhead greylags, instead of being a welcome sound, leaves us hoping that they don't swing down to join the mallard on the pond.

THERE ARE PESTS GALORE AS I see woodpigeons, crows, grey squirrel, magpies, a sparrow-hawk and a greenfinch all on the same day.

Actually I have warmed to the sparrow-hawk as a master of the skies, and I can understand why ornithologists rate them highly. A male twisting through dense woodland at speed demonstrates superb aerial agility, and the flick-flick-and glide flight pattern of the female as she soars and displays high over her territory is another memorable sight in April and May.

They have their detractors with good reason considering the number of tits they require in order to feed their

young, but I cut the female some slack as she does devour a woodpigeon or two.

The greenfinch is not really on the list either but a female of the race spent three days deadheading our primroses just as they reached their best on Mothering Sunday.

Now it is impossible for anyone to like carrion crows because they are too



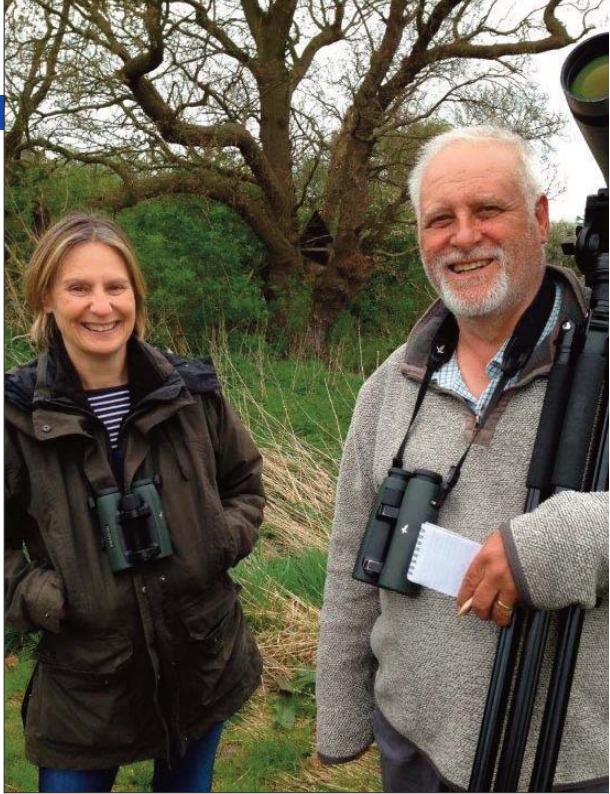
**Left: A female Greenfinch caught in the act of deadheading primroses.**  
**Right: Steve Piotrowski, walk leader on the Ferrers' Ditchingham estate, and Lady Susannah, our host.**

bold, too successful and a constant danger to other birds. Duncan, our son working in the Netherlands, witnessed an amazing sight in The Hague, where two crows ganged up on a pigeon and knocked it out of the sky and then, blessed with strong legs, proceeded to tear it apart raptor-like on the central reservation.

Here at home we try to reduce pests in the old-fashioned way and a Larsen trap has accounted for three crows this week.

I ENJOYED SOME EXCITING driving as I followed a merlin at speed through the S-bends in Horham on April 5th. The smallest bird of prey in Europe, complete with turbo-charger, it hugged the road Formula One-style before veering off acrobatically through a field gate. Doc Goodge of Worlingworth enjoyed a superb view of one of the same in his garden in March where it perched for 20 minutes before racing through his pergola, scattering all and sundry as it stocked up on its return to breed in the far north.

THE GOOD FRIDAY DAWN-chorus walk on the Ditchingham Estate was another sell-out. Sixty species were recorded for the day and our entertainment included a display



flight of four breeding oystercatchers, screeching like summer swifts on being disturbed. The top bird of the day was a migrant wheatear, a small member of the thrush family, feeding up on its journey to the north of England or beyond and taking full advantage of the cattle muck piled up in the field which was no doubt full of insects. This little traveller, the size of a house sparrow, is master of a huge habitat range from the Mediterranean to the Arctic.

Under the guidance of keeper Nick Clitheroe, this estate is a conservation gold-mine, and whilst we saw where many nesting boxes have been installed, including a barn owl box, it was too early to predict the barn owls' prospects for this season.

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Now we have reached mid-May though, it is evident that both tawny and barn owls are showing good breeding activity, to the extent that one box here at Wash Farm has a pair of barn owls on 5 eggs, and our second box already boasts four chicks.

DOC GOODGE HAD A GOOD week as he spotted another migrant member of the thrush family, a pair of ring ouzels near Eastbridge, and then followed this up with a sighting of stone curlews.

GOOD OLD MINSMERE for living up to its reputation, you could travel twice as far and see half as much.

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust quietly gets on with doing good works whereas the larger RSPB happily treads on people's toes without even noticing.

In 1999, the SWT acquired Hen Reedbeds at Wolsey Bridge, on the A1095 to Southwold and very accessible it is too. I was rewarded on two visits around May Day when I saw a superb bittern flight and then heard the unmistakeable low booming of a male calling the ladies. This was accompanied by a distant cuckoo and just as pleasing, a not-so-distant display of two acrobatic hobby doing a bit of courting.

FARMERS AND GARDENERS like to quote Denis Thatcher KBO in years like this because all we can do is pray for rain and keep bugging on. It will turn wet one day and just in time for the Suffolk Show but now in early May, it is nothing but trowels and tribulations.

*Trevor Edwards*



# Moths, wonderful moths

**O**FTEN THOUGHT OF small brown furry things that flap pointlessly round your porch light, I'm about to show you that not all is as it seems when it comes to moths.

In the UK, we have around 2,500 species of moth. Some are tiny and can be as little as a couple of millimetres. Others are quite large with wingspans around 14cm.

They're not all brown either, their colouration can vary tremendously and the patterns can put some butterflies to shame. They don't all fly at night, many like the Hummingbird Hawkmoth are day flyers and they can travel huge distances too, from far afield as southern Europe or North Africa.

Some are pest species, others are important pollinators and they all have

their place in the food chain providing important food for various birds and other insects during the spring and summer months.

It's during these months I fire up my trusty moth trap to see what's flying in the night sky. This trap is nothing more than a fancy bucket filled with empty egg cartons and a special type of light placed on top.

I leave it on all night and the moths are attracted to the light. They hit the light and fall in to the bucket where they get cosy in amongst the egg cartons and wait till morning for me to come and release them. But not before I've had a good look first and recorded what I have seen.

So here's a look at what I can find in my trap most weekends. Happy mothing.

*Hawk Honey*

**Left, from top: Eyed-hawkmoth, which as you can see from the egg carton it's on, it's a large moth; a small micro moth called *Lozotaenoides formosana*; do not adjust your glasses, it really is this colour - an Elephant Hawkmoth that loves fuchsias; the intricately marked Buff Arches; and an excellent disguise looking like a snapped silver birch twig, a Buff-tip moth. Below: blinded by the light, the mothtrap running; and just like Xmas, it's morning and the trap has moths.**



# Tour of Britain coming to

**T**HE TOUR of Britain is coming to Suffolk and the some of the world's top cyclists will be speeding past the front doors of many in Horham.

The race, which starts in Edinburgh on Sunday September 3rd and finishes in Cardiff on the following Sunday, will be in Suffolk on Friday September 8th for the sixth stage of the tour.

That stage starts in Newmarket at



10.30am swings through Mildenhall, Bury St Edmunds, Framlingham and Ipswich and after 117 miles finishes on

■ **STRADBROKE & DISTRICT RBL:** The Stradbroke and District Branch of the Royal British Legion are looking for a new treasurer. The former treasurer has had to stand down for business reasons so if anyone is interested they should contact branch chairman Michael Burton on 01379 651013 branch secretary Bernard Mills at 21 The Orchards, Laxfield, Woodbridge, IP13 8EE, or on 01986 798414. The branch continues to be active with guest speakers attending monthly meetings at



Laxfield Royal Oak (11.30am start). Our recent annual branch dinner at Wilby Village Hall was attended by 69 members who came from a wide area. The next branch meeting is on Thursday June 8th at the Royal Oak starting 11.30am when the guest speaker will be Royal British Legion Suffolk Community Fundraiser Mandi Cox-Osborne. Anyone can come along and stay for a two-course lunch at £8.50; you do not even have to be ex-service.

**Branch chairman Michael Burton**

## PRINT SCHEDULE

Magazines	Editing	To printers	Collect mag	Distribute
<b>September 2017 Autumn</b>	<b>14 Aug</b>	<b>21 Aug</b>	<b>25 Aug</b>	<b>26 Aug</b>
<b>December 2017 Winter</b>	<b>14 Nov</b>	<b>20 Nov</b>	<b>24 Nov</b>	<b>25 Nov</b>



# Horham

the seaside in Aldeburgh.

Locally the riders will cross the A140 at Thornham Parva go through Eye and then out on the B1117 taking the old Horham Road past the Red Feather Club before rejoining the B1117 and going through the centre of Horham, on to Stradbroke and then taking the B1116 to Framlingham.

It is the first time a stage has been entirely within the Suffolk and it should give many of us a good chance to see top cyclists from the end of our drives.

Colin Grogan, sport, health and inclusion development manager at Suffolk County Council said: "Thousands of people are expected to line the route to catch a glimpse of the world's top riders and spur them on. It is an event everyone can celebrate."

Suffolk has hosted starts or finishes of the OVO Energy Tour of Britain on four occasions since 2010, but this will mark the first time that the county has hosted both a start, finish and the entire route of a leg within its borders.

The event last visited Suffolk in 2015, when German sprinter Andre Greipel raced to victory in Ipswich.

*Mike Ager*

■ **ST ANDREW'S PCC:** There are vacancies on Redlingfield's Parochial Church Council for a secretary and two members. Redlingfield PCC looks after the village church. Usually it has just four meetings a year. If you are interested please phone Rev Michael Womack on 388889 or email him at [hoxnebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebenefice@gmail.com) or contact Lesley on 678455 or 07940 742887.

*Rev Michael Womack*

■ **AFTERNOON TEA:** On Saturday June 3rd the Old School, Horham, will host an afternoon tea, with a glass of Prosecco or fruit punch, selection of sandwiches and cakes. There are limited places, so please buy tickets, £6 from the Post Office in Horham, in good time. All proceeds to go towards West Door Restoration Fund of St Mary's, Horham.

*Jill Peters*

■ **SUMMER SCENES:** A Summer Scenes themed event at Redlingfield Church on the weekend of June 10 and 11, from 10am to 5pm both days, will include flowers, book stall, refreshments, plant stall, bric-a-brac, bottle raffle etc. The funds raised will go to the next phase of work on the church following on from the new roof.

*Chris Stamford*

■ **CAR BOOT SALE:** St Mary's will have a stall at the car boot sale at Horham Community Centre on Saturday June 10th and would welcome donations of items or help. Donations can be given to either Daphne Harvey, 384216, or Jill Peters, 384988. Items can be collected if necessary.

*Jill Peters*

■ **CELEBRATION OF ST PETER:** The annual celebration of St Peter will be at Athelington church on Sunday July 2nd at 11am with Songs of Praise followed by refreshments in and around the church.

*Evelyn Adey*

■ **CEILIDH:** St John's Church in Denham is having a Ceilidh and BBQ on September 23rd at the barn at Park Farm Hoxne, with music by Ron Ross and the Hoxne Hundred Ceilidh Band. Tickets will be available soon.

*Margaret Reeves*

# Artists' studios open up

**T**HIS JUNE AROUND 110 artists around the county will be opening their doors to the public at weekends as part of Suffolk Open Studios, so you can have a look behind the scenes and see them in action.

The Suffolk Open Studios 2017 Directory contains details of all of the artists that will be opening their studios over the four weekends of June 2017. They invite you to glimpse behind the scenes and see how their art is created. It is free and there is no obligation to buy anything, but most of artists will have items for sale.

The 2017 directory is available from libraries, tourist offices, galleries shops and pubs or you can download a pdf of the directory at [www.suffolkopenstudios.org/directory](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org/directory).

Locally, on the weekend of June 3 and 4 the Suffolk Borders Trail runs from Mellis to Stradbroke via Gislingham via Thornham Magna and

Hoxne. It takes in five artists and Beyond the Image Photographers' Gallery at Thornham Magna who are all open that weekend.

Susie Joyce (picture top right) at Brooklands Barn, Mill lane, Stradbroke, paints using acrylic on canvas, uses discarded objects in sculptures, and paints in watercolour, gouache and uses oil and soft pastel on paper. Her studio will also be open the weekend of June 10 and 11.

Landscape painter Nicolette Hallett's studio at Clay Barn, Thrandeston Road, Mellis, will be open both weekends as will fine art painter Zangmo Alexander at 14 Rose Lane, Botesdale.

Painter Clarissa Porter's studio at The old Barn, rear of Hidcote House, High Street, Gislingham, is open every weekend in June.

Watercolour artist Rachel Pedder-Smith is open as part of the trail and on the weekend of June 17 at The Gardens, Eye Road, Hoxne.

Painter Dawn Pretty's gallery and



■ **ANTIQUES SHOWS:** Popular BBC One antiques show Flog It was at Glemham Hall earlier this year with the treasures unearthed going under the hammer at Clarke & Simpson Auction Centre in Campsea Ashe Nr Wickham Market in March. BBC's Antiques Roadshow is hot on their heels with a summer visit to Helmingham Hall Gardens planned for August 31st. The doors open at 9.30am and close at 4.30pm. Entry is free and no tickets or pre-registration is required. Visitors are welcome to just turn up on the day, but if you have an item with a particularly unusual story attached, or perhaps an interesting collection, or large items of furniture, you can let the Antiques Roadshow team know in advance by email ([antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk](mailto:antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk)), via the Share Your Story link on [www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow](http://www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow) or by writing to Antiques Roadshow, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR.

**Mike Ager**



Beyond the Image Photographers' Gallery both at Thornham Walks, Thornham Magna will be open every weekend in June.

Collage artist Christine McKechnie's studio at Cornerways, The Street, Southolt, is open on the weekends of June 10 and 11 and June 24 and 25 (picture above).

Studios are open to the public at the weekends during June, from 11am until 5pm. Not all studios are open every weekend, so check the directory or artists pages for details. Some artists are willing to open their studios at other times of the year by appointment.

*Mike Ager*

## ■ NEW REEDING WOODS

**GROUP:** At Pound Lane Wood spring has arrived; in the pond newts can be seen and yellow flag irises and water violets flourish amid the lily pads. In the grassy rides and on the meadow dandelion clocks and cowslips have almost finished flowering but the red clover and ox-eyed daisies are ready to take over. Amongst the trees the oaks are in leaf but the ash is still suffering the effects of ash dieback disease. The trees are tall now and this community space looks like a wood, the result of 12 years of maintenance and attention from group. Evidence of small mammals can be observed and birds are singing in the trees, Pound Lane Wood continues to flourish. The date of the Summer Solstice Evening has now been changed and will now take place on Saturday 1st July. This weekend date will hopefully encourage more visitors to come to enjoy this community woodland. In July the trees and the wild flower meadow should be at their best. The New Reeding Woods Group will start the evening at 6.30pm, with a short AGM which will review progress and actions over the last year. Following the formalities there will be a BBQ and a chance to enjoy this community facility as the sun sets. If you want to be actively involved in this project please contact Mike Reeves on 01379 668 179 for more details.

**Margaret Reeves**

# Busy time for Wilby school

**I**N MARCH WILBY CEVC Primary School raised more than £400 for the Royal Voluntary Services at a 'Sing Your Heart Out' event organised by Mrs Wiseman. The children performed alongside Hoxne Village Voices choir and soloists to a packed audience in Wilby village hall.

The school's gymnasts performed brilliantly in the British Gymnastics

Key Steps Suffolk Schools Gymnastics Competition in April taking first and third prizes. The winning team will be off to County Finals in July. Thanks go to Mrs Theresa Samson, Mrs

Rachael Pickess and Mrs Justine Barber who have worked so hard to get the teams up to such a very high standard.

Thanks to a successful Awards for All bid and the generosity of the Doctor's Trust in Stradbroke, Wilby Primary school now has a new Quiet Garden Area. The school council helped to design the area, choosing the equipment and the layout of the area. The plants for the new sensory garden,

which were kindly donated by Etheridge Nursery in Stradbroke, were selected by the Wilby School Council.

The school celebrated Easter in St Mary's Church with a service led by Reverend Burrell. The children performed a thought-provoking Easter play.

On May 18th Wilby Primary extended music and movement

provision to its youngest visitors. 'Crocodile Rock' combined with the existing 'Tea and Toys' toddler group on a Thursday morning.

Elie Sharatt brings a variety of musical instruments and puppets to encourage the children, from babies to pre-school age, to become immersed in a world of music and movement. Join the sessions from 10am to 11am (drinks and snacks provided) and then stay and play until 11.30am every Thursday. Crocodile Rock is £3.50 per session. Two children are £4.50 and three are £5.

Year 6 had a fantastic day in London, they visited the Science Museum, where they had an amazing talk about



■ **REDLINGFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Midge Gibbons has taken over from her husband, Chris, as Redlingfield Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. This means that she will make you aware of any Police warnings/advice that are sent to her. She would like to pass the information to as many people as possible who have email so please email her to be included with the heading Neighbourhood Watch. She will not pass email addresses on to any third party. Midge Gibbons midgegibbons@gmail.com (678169).

**Midge Gibbons**





Space travel, visited the Space Gallery and then watched an Imax film. They also visited the Houses of Parliament and 10 Downing Street, ending up with a visit to Buckingham Palace!

This term KS2 will be performing Roald Dahl's 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on June 22nd. Our Brass Group will perform at Horham fete on May 20th and everyone is invited to our annual 'Music for a Summer's Evening' on June 28th. As always, there will be a variety of refreshments available and a wide selection of music to enjoy provided by past and present pupils and members of the wider school community. The Wilby School Summer Fete is on Saturday July the 1st – it's a wonderful day out for all the family and a definite for your diary!

The summer term is term is packed full of trips including Y6 and Y4 /5 residential trips to Hollowford (Derbyshire) and African adventure (at Sizewell Hall), kayaking and sailing for Year 2,3 and 4, KS2 trip to the World Paralympics finals, Y6 theatre visit and workshop, 'Time and Tide Museum' visit (YR,Y1), and YR/pre-school group have had two brilliant Forest School trips. It's all go! **Roisin Wiseman, head-teacher**

#### ■ REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE AGM:

**COMMITTEE:** Andrew Abbott stepped down as chairman & was thanked for his three years of hard work at the helm. The new chairman is Mike Ager with Jeanette Brierley continuing as treasurer and Janet Norman-Philips as clerk. The committee of Graham Abbott, Katie Abbott, Mike Ager, Jeanette Brierley, Susan & Allan Chapman, Will Edwards, Lesley & Tony Rose-Freitas, Chris Gibbons, Pat Kelly, Russell Kerry, Jacqueline Love, Manday Miller & Janet Norman-Philips was unanimously re-elected with Emma Hewitt and Adrian Smith joining the team.

**BROADBAND:** Broadband should be operational by the end March 2018 at the latest according to BT Open Reach.

**CHURCHYARD SURVEY:** Stephen Ling & Linda Hudson, the village historian & recorder have completed a survey of the Churchyard. The survey is very comprehensive, with photographs and lots of relevant notes on graves etc. We plan to publish this on our website shortly & there is also a copy available in the church.

**GUESTS:** The agm received written reports from the Police & rev Michael Womack. Many thanks to Suffolk County Councillor Guy McGregor & Mid Suffolk District Council chairman Elizabeth Gibson-Harries.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next village committee meeting is at Russell & Linda Kerry's home at Mill Farm, Mill Road, on Tuesday June 6th at 8pm: The main item on the agenda is organising the Saturday July 15th Summer Fayre & BBQ.  
www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, 01379 678835, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk

**Mike Ager**

### WEDNESDAY MAY 31 & THURSDAY, JUNE 1

#### **Suffolk Show.**

### SATURDAY JUNE 3

**Afternoon tea:** Old School, Horham.

**Shaun Turnor's Memorial Fun Day:** Worlingworth.

#### **Music at The Bank - Wild Billy Barrett:**

The Bank, Eye, Doors 7.15pm, start 8pm.  
£10 in advance, £12 on door.

### SATURDAY JUNE 3 & SUNDAY JUNE 4

**Monk Soham Flower Festival:** 10am-5pm. Paintings by local artists, wine tasting. Morning coffee, afternoon teas. Songs of Praise, Sunday 6pm.

### SUNDAY JUNE 4

**Foxyrock - Rock 'n' Roll Club:** Eye Community Centre, 2.30pm-5pm Rock 'n' roll record hop refreshments & cake included. £5.

### SUNDAYS JUNE 4, 11, 18 & 25

**Steam Railway Days:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

### TUESDAY JUNE 6

**Redlingfield Village Committee Meeting:** 8pm, Mill Farm.

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

**Redlingfield Coffee Caravan:** 10-noon.

### FRIDAY JUNE 9

**Bar Meal Supper:** Horham CC.

### SATURDAY JUNE 10

**Car Boot:** Horham CC.

**Cèilidh:** Harbour Lights, Wilby Coronation Hall, 7pm for 8pm til late. No tickets on door. £7.50 in advance from Doreen 075914 99912.

**The Miracle of the Voice:** St Michael Church, Framlingham, 6.30pm. Soprano Christina Johnston, originally from Fram, accompanied by Jamie John Hutchings. Coloratura arias, the highest ever written pieces for voice by Mozart & more. £16 (£12 conc & students), 01394 380788.

**Scott Brothers Duo Concert:** Eye Parish Church, 7.30pm-10pm. Music for piano & organ including screenings of Tom Scott's animations. £20 ticket includes a glass of wine in the interval & programme.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 10 & 11

**Summer Scenes:** Redlingfield church, 10am-5pm. Flowers, stalls, tombola, refreshments & more. Fund raiser for the church.

**Eye Open Gardens:** Over 25 gardens and allotments open. Tickets from Eye Town Hall from 11.30am, £4 per adult, accompanied children free. Ticket valid both days. Eye Town Hall open offering refreshments, stalls, raffle, tombola. Vintage bus rides to outlying gardens.

### SUNDAY JUNE 11

**Diss Town Carnival & Fun Day.**

**Dog Extravaganza:** Stonham Barns, 10am-4pm, adults £5, conc £4, children free.

### MONDAY JUNE 12

**Let's Bop! Eye for the Ladies:** The Bank, Eye, doors 7.30pm, dancing 7.45pm-9pm. £5 cash on door. For info email [letsbopuk@gmail.com](mailto:letsbopuk@gmail.com).

### THURSDAY JUNE 15

**Stradbroke Cinema - Manchester by the Sea (15).**

### FRIDAY JUNE 16-SUNDAY JUNE 18

**Brandeston Fete, Farmers' Market and Beer Festival:** The grounds of The Queen, Brandeston. Beer Festival starts 6pm on Fri, continues until Sun. Farmers Market on Sat & Sun. Grand draw, cocktails, BBQ, ladies' accessories, games & more. Contact [fete@brandeston.net](mailto:fete@brandeston.net) for details.

### SATURDAY JUNE 17

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

**Music for a Midsummer's Day:** St. Nicholas Church, Bedfield. Music 4pm-6pm. Bring your picnic, drinks, blankets etc & relax on the grass next to the church listening to jazz. Tickets £8, children under 12 free. Celia Davies 01728 628220 or Gloria Bell 01728 685442. Fund raiser for the church.

**Music at The Bank - Jonathan Byrd:** The Bank, Eye, Doors 7.15pm, performance 8pm. £10 in advance, £12 on door.

**SUNDAY JUNE 18****Eye Mayor Making.**

**DixieMix Jazz Band:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, noon-7.30 pm. Gardens noon, BBQ & bar 3pm, music 5pm. Adults £7, children £3.50.

**FRIDAY JUNE 23**

**Fish & Chip Night:** Horham CC.

**FRIDAY JUNE 23-SUNDAY JUNE 25**

**Art Exhibition:** St Mary's Church Debenham, June 23 & 24 10.30am-8pm, June 25 noon-5.15pm.

**Country Music Festival:** Stonham Barns.

**SATURDAY JUNE 24****Occold Summer fayre.**

**Worlingworth village fete:** Worlingworth Community Centre, 2pm-5pm. Adult admission £1.

**Framlingham Horticultural Society Early**

**Summer Show:** United Free Church Hall, 10-11.30am.

**Americana Dance:** Red Feather Club, 7pm till late.

**SUNDAY JUNE 25**

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

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 28 & THURSDAY JUNE 29**

**Royal Norfolk Show:** Norfolk Showground.

**Saturday JULY 1****Wilby School Summer Fete.**

**Fun on the Field:** Occold.

**Race Night:** Worlingworth Community Centre, 7.30pm. Bar open, admission free. To raise funds for Community Centre & Worlingworth Cricket Club.

**Music at The Bank - Christina Martin:**

The Bank, Eye, Doors 7.30pm, start 8pm. £10 in advance, £12 on door.

**Music for Everyone:** Headmaster Porter Theatre, Framlingham College, from 7.30pm. Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society concert. Tickets £10 from Huntingfield Estates, Fram, post on 01728 861409 or diceyjb@btinternet.com. Also on door & from the Saturday market on June 3 & 17 & Fram Co-op on June 24.

**New Reeding Woods Group solstice**

**event:** Pound Lane Wood.

**SATURDAY JULY 1 & SUNDAY JULY 2**

**History Alive:** Stonham Barns, adults £6, OAP £5, children £3, family (2 adults, 2 children) £15. East Anglia's newest re-enactment history event.

**SUNDAY JULY 2**

**Celebration of St Peter:** Athelington church, 11am. Songs of Praise followed by refreshments in & around the church.

**■ VENUES etc:**

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

**Framlingham:** [www.framlingham.com](http://www.framlingham.com). **Helmingham Hall:** 01473 890799,

[events@helmingham.com](mailto:events@helmingham.com), [www.helmingham.com](http://www.helmingham.com). **Horham & Athelington Community Centre:** Karen, 384754. **Hoxne Film Nights:** 7.30pm, Hoxne Village Hall, Goldbrook, Hoxne, bar, popcorn & choc-ices available before & in the interval. Further info/booking: 668060 or [www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk).

**Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station, Wetheringsett, Suffolk, IP14 5PW, [www.msrl.org.uk](http://www.msrl.org.uk), 01449 766899. **Museum of East Anglian Life,** Stowmarket, [enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk), 01449 612229. **Redlingfield village events,** 678835, [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk), [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).

**Midsuffolk Showgrounds & Stonham Barns:** Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT, <http://stonham-barns.co.uk>. **Stradbroke Cinema:** Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Adults £5.50, 16 and under £3. Bar open, ice-creams in the interval. **Suffolk Owl Sanctuary,** Stonham Barns, 08456 807897,

[info@owl-help.org.uk](mailto:info@owl-help.org.uk), [www.owl-help.org.uk](http://www.owl-help.org.uk). **Wingfield Barns,** 384505, [enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com](mailto:enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com), [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com). **95th Bomb Group Heritage Association/Red Feather Club,** [www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com), 01728 860930 or [jamesmutton@suffolkonline.net](mailto:jamesmutton@suffolkonline.net).

## WHAT'S ON

**SUNDAYS JULY 2, 16, 23 & 30**

**Steam Railway Days:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 5**

**Redlingfield Coffee Caravan:** 10-noon.

**FRIDAY JULY 7 & SATURDAY JULY 8**

**Stradisphere:** Friday, Guns & Roses tribute Guns or Roses! Bob Marley tribute The Marley Experience Saturday mid-afternoon & Tess Bockhart & Sink The Beat evening. Adult one night £12, children (12-16) £5. Adult Saturday all day £20, children £10. Adult weekend ticket £25. Tickets will in Stradbroke from Spar, The Library & from Brett & Jo. Online [www.stradisphere.co.uk/tickets](http://www.stradisphere.co.uk/tickets).

**SATURDAY JULY 8**

**Classic & Vintage Vehicle Display & BBQ:** Horham CC.

**Bedfield fete.**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY JULY 8 & 9**

**Heveningham Hall Country Fair:** 10am-

5pm. Advance: family £35, adults £14, over 60/disabled £12, children £6. On the gate: family £40, adults £17, over 60/r disabled £15, children £8. Tickets [www.countryfair.co.uk](http://www.countryfair.co.uk).

**SUNDAY JULY 9**

**Pies, Pints & Steam Pug:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

**Swing Machine Big Band:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, noon-8 pm. Gardens from noon, BBQ & bar 3pm, music 5.30pm. Admission: adults £7; children £3.50.

**THURSDAY JULY 13-SUNDAY JULY 16**

**29th Debenham Country Music Festival:**

Debenham Sport & Leisure Centre. Sessions nightly & during the day on Saturday & Sunday. Session tickets £7. Weekend £35. 01473 871908 or 07808 628945.

**SATURDAY JULY 15**

**Redlingfield Summer Fayre & BBQ:**

Doorstep Green, 3pm-midnight.

### ■ REGULAR EVENTS:

**MONDAYS: Coffee & Chat:** Horham Baptist Church hall. 10am. No charge. Everyone welcome. Alan Hawes, 388330. **Ballroom dancing:** St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, 7.30pm-9.30pm (for adults). Sandra Hartley, 01728 723887.

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

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

**THURSDAYS: 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. Worlingworth Swan, live music, last Fri evening of month.

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



**Framlingham Ladies Choir Summer**

**Concert:** 7.30pm Entry (including refreshments) £6.

**THURSDAY JULY 20**

**Stradbroke Cinema - Lion (PG).**

**FRIDAY JULY 21**

**Bar Meal:** Horham CC.

**SATURDAY JULY 22**

**Music at The Bank - King & Rackham**

**Duo:** The Bank, Eye, Doors 7.30pm, performance 8pm. £10 in advance, £12 on door.

**SATURDAY JULY 22- FRIDAY AUGUST 4**

**John Parker exhibition:** Wingfield Barns, 11 am-4pm, Studio 4, Wed to Sun.

**SATURDAY JULY 22-SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

**Rosemary Elliott exhibition Contrasts:** Wingfield Barns, 11 am-4pm, Gallery 1, Wed to Sun.

**SATURDAY JULY 22-SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3**

**International Mini Print Exhibition:** Wingfield Barns, 11 am-4pm, Gallery 2, Wed to Sun. Over 740 prints.

**SATURDAY JULY 29**

**Music at The Bank - Dirty Cello:** The Bank, Eye, Doors 7.30pm, performance 8pm. £10 in advance, £12 on door.

**SUNDAY JULY 30**

**Suffolk Dog Day:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, 10am-4 pm. Adults £10 (cash only at entrance gate on the day); children & concessions £5; family (2 adults, 2 children) £25. [www.suffolkdogday.com](http://www.suffolkdogday.com).

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2**

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

**SUNDAY AUGUST 6**

**The Festival of Classic & Sports Cars:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, 10am-5pm. Tickets online or on gate. Adults £9; children 7 years & up £4; under 7 free; family (2 adults, 2 children) £22.

**Hornby Collectors Day:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

**SATURDAY AUGUST 12**

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

**SUNDAY AUGUST 13**

**Chocks Away for Dancing:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, noon-8 pm. Gardens from noon, BBQ & bar 3pm, music from 5.30pm. Admission: adults £7; children £3.50.

**SUNDAYS AUGUST 13 & 20**

**Steam Railway Days:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 20**

**Classic Car Show:** Stonham Barns, 10am-4pm, £7.50, exhibiting drivers & under 5s free.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 27**

**Eye Family Fun Day:** Eye Community Centre. Bigger & better than ever, with events, displays & amusements for all the family. Free entry.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY AUGUST 27 & 28**

**Bank Holiday Bash:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

**THURSDAY AUGUST 31**

**BBC Antiques Roadshow:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, 9.30am-4.30pm.

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

**Redlingfield Coffee Caravan:** 10-noon.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9**

**Worlingworth flower & produce show.**

**Music at The Bank - Rik van den Bosch:** The Bank, Eye, Doors 7.30pm, start 8pm. £10 in advance, £12 on door.

**SATURDAY SEPT 9 & SUNDAY, SEPT 10**

**Steam Railway Gala:** Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16**

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

**Framlingham Horticultural Society**

**Autumn Show:** United Free Church Hall, 10-11.30am.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

**Autumn Plant Fair with Artisan Market:** Helmingham Hall Gardens, 10am-4pm. Adults £7, children free. Tickets from 01473 890799. (credit/debit cards cannot be accepted on gate on the day).

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30**

**Occold Autumn Fayre.**



# Veteran is star of reunion

**T**HE 2017 KEEP 'EM FLYING Reunion welcomed visitors from the US, Belgium and Ireland to Horham. There were youngsters and many of the young at heart in the 30-plus group. There were also first-time visitors and many old friends.

Centre stage throughout was 95th Bomb Group veteran 2nd Lt Ray Hobbs, a pilot in the 344th Bomb Squadron. Despite his near blindness, hearing loss and a limp the 93-year-old was the true star of the reunion on his first visit to his old base in 72 years. He collected crowds of avid listeners whenever he talked about his time in Horham.

Linda Woodward and Beverley Abbott again did an amazing job organising the whole event. Their hard work, and the efforts of the countless others, made sure it was a reunion to remember.

The reunion, hosted by the Red Feather Club, which is run by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, included visits to the Cambridge American

Cemetery & Memorial, Cambridge, the Redgrave Park 65th General Hospital US Army memorial Southwold, Wymondham Abbey, Dereham and Gressenhall.

New touchscreen technology in the museum was launched during the reunion. The display allows you to access information and pictures on

anyone who served in the 95th at the touch of the screen.

At the welcome dinner Gerald Grove, president of the US organisation the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation sprang a

surprise on Alan Johnson presenting him with a proclamation declaring he was a foundation "forever friend" and commending all that he has done for the organisations in both the UK and US.

ITV Anglia's Victoria Lampard joined the group on Saturday interviewing veteran Ray Hobbs and taking footage throughout the day for a series of pieces on the 75th anniversary of the Friendly





***Above, from left: 95th veteran Ray Hobbs with RAF veteran Harry Irons; laying wreaths at Horham and Redlingfield; and with Victoria Lampard. Below, from left: the Red Feather Club 'Nippies' and Sarge; US visitor Michael Darter sees a picture of his brother's B-17 for the first time on the new touchscreen display; in-house band Skyliner; and dancers. Photos: Darren Smith, Jon Wilson and Russ McKnight.***

Invasion shown in the weeks after the reunion.

On the Saturday, a military vehicle convoy toured around parts of Station 119 with 93-year old veteran Ray Hobbs, sporting his original crusher hat and aviator sunglasses. At Redlingfield Memorial, which remembers the crash of the B-17 42-31123 on November 19th 1943, the whole convoy stopped and Ray laid a wreath. Back at the Red Feather Club another camera crew caught up with Ray. He was interviewed by Tom Goble for a History Channel programme, which will include a dig in David Mitchell's wood to discover 95th BG artefacts. In the evening the Red Feather Club was jumping as Skyliner played '40s classics.

Sunday morning saw a service of thanksgiving at St Mary's in Horham taken by Rev Michael Womack with a USAF honour guard and colour party.

Ray Hobbs and Colonel Tom 'Tork' Torkelson, the commander of the 100th Air Refueling Wing, Mildenhall, laid a wreath at the 95th BG memorial in the village after the service.

RAF Lancaster aircrew veteran Warrant Officer Harry Irons, DFC, visited the RFC on the Sunday afternoon and had an emotional meeting with veteran Ray Hobbs.

It was particularly pleasing for the organisers that not only did a 95th Bomb Group veteran make the trip but that many of the younger generation also came. The visitors included a grandson and two great grandsons of 95th men.

The next big event in the RFC calendar is the Americana weekend on June 24th and 25th with a dance on the Saturday night and Americana Day on Sunday, 10am-4pm, with stalls, vehicles and more. See [www.95thbg-horham](http://www.95thbg-horham) for more details.

***Mike Ager.***



# Talking about romance

That Mike Ager has been on my back again! Can it really be three months since the last one? Anyway what to write about?

Current affairs or politics? Please No! We've had enough. Sport? Not really my thing. Art, Literature etc.? Too complicated and you can soon get yourself into deep water.

The Weather? Oh come on! The human condition? May be a bit heavy and it's always about that anyway whatever the ostensible subject.

So it's the human condition then. But what particular aspect? What about the one thing that is probably and indirectly the cause of us all being here?

I'M TALKING ABOUT ROMANCE!

I suppose it has always been here with us and for as long as we exist always will be.

So what exactly is it? Well (big breath) it seems to take many forms, mostly benign but I think romance is good and it makes us feel good.

As always, when looking for help with something I've said, I turn to my dictionary and in this case, although I'm sure it is trying to be helpful, there are just too many definitions of the word Romance and also of the word Romantic. Undeterred I shall pick and mix some of them.

Under Romance the very first definition states "a love affair, especially a short lived and intense affair involving young people." Now I know that it is only the first definition

on offer but that does seem somewhat limited, especially the "involving young people" bit. This would seem to rule it out for those of us who are getting on in years. In my observation of the passing scene, it is the mature who are truly romantic. The young being more driven by urges to direct action and getting down to the nitty gritty.

There is a verse from a very old song from a musical called "A Bachelor Gay" (that shows how old it is!) which supports my view:

*When he thinks that he is past Love  
It is then he finds his last Love  
And he loves her as he's never loved  
before.*

So there!

In the same dictionary under Romantic an early definition is "Impractical, visionary or idealistic". Well I should hope that we all have a touch of that in our make-up. Further down the list comes "of or relating to a movement in European art, music and literature in the late 18th and early 19th centuries characterised by an emphasis on feeling and content rather than order or form, on the sublime, supernatural and exotic, and the free expression of the passions and individuality."

OK so that's a bit long winded but I think we know what they mean: what is your favourite book/film/piece of music or song? The chances are that it will come somewhere under this definition, even if it is (most likely) outside the stated historical period – in



■ **THE OLD SCHOOL:** The Old School continues to flourish; music, dancing, singing, yoga, and the internet café are well established and thriving and the free lending library is well used. We have enjoyed some fantastic music nights in the bar this year; we are looking forward to having the bar area and kitchen remodelled and two more windows are due to be replaced soon.

An art and craft afternoon will be starting soon so please keep an eye open for posters! We are really looking forward to the Art and craft exhibition that will take place on May 20th, the day of the Village fete.

The bar is open on Tuesday and Friday evenings and on Sunday lunchtime from 12.30 to 3. A hitching post has been installed in the garden to accommodate our customers that arrive by pony and trap. The new garden furniture will enhance those lazy summer Sunday afternoons, balmy summer evenings and Wednesday mornings when our younger customers will be able to play in the fresh air whilst the grown-ups enjoy their refreshment at the picnic tables!

**Christine Cooper**



other words it is probably going to be romantic. And if it is later than the 18th/19th centuries? That's fine, it just means that you are a Neo-Romantic.

As with all things romance can be overdone and stray into the sentimental – a very fine definition or dividing line here. Oscar Wilde who could at times stray into sentimentality himself but was quick to condemn it in others, asked who could possibly read

Dickens' account of the death of Little Nell in *The Old Curiosity Shop* without being reduced to tears of helpless laughter? Well even if Romance can be overdone and reduced to mere sentimentality, it is basically about emotion as opposed to rationality. And always remember folks IT'S LOVE THAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND... a bit like money I suppose. **Neville Butcher**

*Article from the Bury Post August 1849:*  
**SHOCKING MURDER**

*“On Friday last, Mary Robinson, aged 27, of Redlingfield, near Eye, was examined before J.T. Tuck, Esq. and the Rev. T.L. French, on the charge of murdering her illegitimate child, John Robinson, aged 15 months, by administering poison, on the 16th August. The hearing lasted from 12 until 6 o’clock, resulted in the committal of the prisoner to take her trial for the murder at our next assizes. The prisoner had for some time lived with her parents but her father (a labourer) being unable to support her, insisted that she should go out in service; her mother also advised her to go out, and told her to take the child with her. On the morning of the 16th, about 10 o’clock, her friends left the cottage for about ten minutes, during which time it is alleged that the prisoner gave the child a draught of “Sir William Burnett’s Disinfecting Fluid”. On the friends’ return, it is said, they had conclusive evidence that this had been the case, beside which the child was in great agony, and frothed very much at the mouth. The assistance of the neighbours was sought, and as soon as possible medical aid was afforded, but although suitable antidotes were administered, the child expired at nine in the evening. The prisoner’s father, three of her sisters, and her aunt are principal witnesses to her guilt.”*

The trial actually took place the following year, on August 5th 1850 at the Suffolk Summer Assizes and was reported at length in the Ipswich Journal. Mary was described as “A stout, round-faced, fresh-coloured, healthy looking woman, rather above the usual stature, with a mild but firm expression of countenance. She was dressed in a red and blue plaid shawl, with a straw bonnet and green ribbon. She pleaded not guilty in a firm but respectful tone”.

She was not questioned during the trial but witnesses stated that she had insisted she had given the child only bread and water and they also said she had been kind to him and played with him during his short life.

The bottle of disinfecting fluid had been sprinkled about the house in diluted form because of “fever”.

Mary’s mother said that her children

could read a little and could not write. Tests had been carried out which confirmed that this fluid had caused the child’s death. The jury heard of efforts to save him. No one had seen Mary give anything to her child. There was a model and a plan of the house in which nine people were living at the time. Many witnesses were questioned and great care seemed to be taken to find the truth.

In summing up the judge instructed the jury that the case had not been properly presented by the prosecution and reminded them they must have no doubt if they were to bring a guilty verdict. It took two minutes for Mary to be declared not guilty.

The Census for 1851 lists Mary Robinson, pauper in Hartismere Union Workhouse, Eye. Her family were still living in Horham Road, Redlingfield.

**Linda Hudson**

# Mini Prints in Wingfield

Wingfield Barns is again hosting the prestigious International Mini Print Exhibition which draws a large number of visitors and collectors every year who are keen to buy original prints at affordable prices.

The Exhibition has been running annually since 1995 and will be curated by Ian Chance, course director for the MA Creative Entrepreneurship course at the University of East Anglia. It will also run in L'Etangd'Art gallery in Bages, France and Cadaqués, Spain, which is the largest and most popular exhibition of mini prints in the world.

The exhibition of more than 740 prints from 50 countries is in Gallery 2 from Saturday 22nd July to Sunday 3rd September 11-4pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

In Gallery 1 Rosemary Elliott will be

exhibiting a selection her latest landscape paintings that move between objective realism to abstraction from the mists of East Anglia to the arid plains of Queensland, Australia. She trained at the Royal Academy Schools, London, and has exhibited recently at Mandell's Gallery Norwich and the

Harleston & Waveney Art Trail Collective. The exhibition runs 22nd July to 6th August 11-4pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

John Parker, art lecturer and artist in residence will also be exhibiting his work in Studio 4 during the first two weeks.

The private view for the exhibitions is open to the public, 6-8pm, on Thursday 20th July in Gallery 2. There is free parking adjacent to the site in Low Road and parking for Blue Badge holders next to the galleries. Free Admission to all exhibitions.

*Rosemary Elliott*



**■ ELECTION RESULTS & CANDIDATES:** The results for the recent election for Hoxne & Eye ward of Suffolk County Council were: Guy McGregor (Conservative Party) 1,846; John Blake (Liberal Democrat) 470; Garry Deeks (Labour & Co-Operative Party) 466; James Hargrave (Green Party) 268; Roger Fouracre (UK Independence Party) 197. So Guy McGregor held his seat with a majority of 1,376 and a turnout of 41.4%. Philip Mutton, who many of you will know from the Red Feather Club, was the Conservative candidate in Cosford losing out to the Green Party's Robert Lindsay by 111 votes. There are five candidates standing for MP in our constituency, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, in Thursday 8th June election. They are: Elizabeth Hughes, Labour; Dr Dan Poulter, Conservatives; Stephen Searle, UKIP; Regan Scott, Green; and Aidan Van De Weyer, Liberal Democrats.

*Mike Ager*

### ELIZABETH GIBSON-HARRIES, YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



MID SUFFOLK IS STILL anxious to add to its Five Year Housing Land Supply in this Ward. We are now building our own new homes specifically

for the needs of rural communities and land is short. If you have, or know of, land that might be brought forward please let the District Council know.

Planning applications in the rural areas have speeded up I am glad to say except where there is a need for searches by Highways and Historic Buildings.

This year I am glad to say District Councillors have been given a Locality Allowance, for small projects. I am keen to see each of the seven parishes in the Ward receive some money so please contact me if you have a project that could do with a little help.

During my year as chairman I have been very keen to promote local services, businesses and people. Only by supporting our communities will we help them thrive. I am delighted to see that

The Swan at Hoxne is doing so well and the De La Pole Arms at Wingfield seems full to bursting at meal times.

The Old School in Horham runs a very popular coffee morning and internet café each Wednesday morning. A light lunch for pony and trap drivers has also just started every Sunday at the Old School.

Mid Suffolk District Council's move to Ipswich will go ahead in the autumn and the council has moved to the cabinet model of decision-making. This will make decision-making faster and more transparent. The aim of all the reorganising is to protect services to the public and to transform them without increasing the allocations.

Hopefully Summer will arrive one day. In the countryside we are blessed with crops and wild meadows to enjoy, please be sure that dogs are not worrying nesting birds and fledglings and join a Speedwatch Group in your village to reduce the curse of speeding vehicles through the lanes and villages.

***Elizabeth Gibson-Harries, Chairman, Mid Suffolk District Council  
Councillor for Hoxne Ward (384680 or 07766 224390)***

#### ■ PLANNING:

**TO BE DECIDED:** plan to erect rear extension, loft conversion with dormer roof extension, front porch and new three-bay cart lodge with room over, **Old Rectory, Horham Road, Athelington;** plan to convert single storey building and extend one-and-a-half storeys to create 3-bedroom dwelling, **The Homestead, The Street, Horham.** **GRANTED:** plan to use of land for siting six holiday-use lodges with ancillary construction of approach drive and hard standing, **Athelington Hall Log Cabin Holidays, Athelington Hall;** plan to convert and extend old school house to provide one residential dwelling & formation of vehicular access & parking area, **The Old School, Low Road, Redlingfield.** **REFUSED:** plan to erect a two-storey extension, lobby and store, **Church View, The Street, Horham.** **APPEAL DISMISSED:** plan to remove a hedgerow to make 2 small fields farmable, enable drainage & access, **Meadow Farm, Horham Road, Athelington.** **APPEAL RECEIVED:** application for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of one two storey dwelling & separate garage with access, **Barnacre, Worlingworth Road, Horham.**

Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council' ([www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk)).



**THE RECTOR REFLECTS ... 'YEAH, SHE'S THE PROMISE IN THE YEAR OF ELECTION'**

IN 2010 WE LIVED CLOSE TO the flight path for Stansted Airport, planes would pass over the house and we grew to blank out their noise. Then, in the middle of April a volcano erupted in Iceland and for two weeks the sky was silent. It took a couple of days to notice the difference; once we realised what had changed we thoroughly enjoyed the lack of noise.

I had a similar feeling on Thursday 6 May; I was aware that something was different but couldn't work out what. The next day I realised what had been different, because it been a polling day there had been no electioneering, not just for the local election but for the national one that is about to happen.

I suspect that for many people, politics has become a background noise which they have grown accustomed to blanking

out. Politics has become viewed with the scepticism of the U2, song *Desire* (from which the title of this piece comes), it is another way for some to advance their status and desire; politics is no more commendable than the 'preacher stealing hearts at a travelling show'.

I have no intention of offering any view on how you should vote. But I will plead with you to set aside any scepticism and use your vote.

You may well say that politics and religion don't mix, or, more poetically, what has Jerusalem to do with Rome? For me any worthwhile spirituality is not solely about how we relate to God, but about how we relate to the rest of humanity. On that basis, taking part in democracy and casting our vote is as much a part of our spirituality as sitting in a quiet church and meditating, so please vote in June!

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

**Rev Michael Womack is rector of the Hoxne Benefice.**

**Enquiries:** Daphne Harvey, St Mary, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, St Peter, Athelington (01728 628428) Hazel Abbott, St Andrew, Redlingfield (678217).

Services for all churches in the benefice are on notice boards. A monthly benefice newsletter is available in the churches. Email [hoxnebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebenefice@gmail.com) for your copy.

**Horham Church Register:** Baptism April 15th, Percy Charles Hellier (infant).

### ■ POETRY: You get that feeling Manday Miller

You wake up, get a feeling life will hit the fan,  
Something will crash and burn,  
How could I have done this,  
It could only happen to me!  
I dropped it, lost it, ran over it, whacked it – what it is is beyond me,  
I fall in it, step in it, spill it – again beyond me is what it is,

Forget it, miss the post, put on the wrong address – yes that's me.  
I cook, only I drop a plate, miss the table, my mouth – the list is endless,  
Am I accident prone? Or is it just me?  
You shouldn't have got out of bed but you did,  
So yes, life does hit you in the kisser but we carry on nevertheless.

## ■ CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES:

**June 4 Redlingfield** 9.30am HC

**June 11 Horham** 9.30am HC

**June 18 Athelington** 9.30am HC

**June 25 Horham** 11.15am FS;  
**Redlingfield** 10am MP

**July 2 Redlingfield** 9.30am HC;  
**Athelington** 11am Songs of  
Praise for St Peter.

**July 9 Horham** 9.30am HC

**July 12 Hoxne** 7.30pm Institution of  
Rev Eleanor Goodison

**July 16 Athelington** 9.30am HC

**July 23 Redlingfield** 10am Baptism;  
**Horham** 11.15am FS

**July 30 Hoxne** 11.15am Benefice  
Service

**Aug 6 Redlingfield** 9.30am HC

**Aug 13 Horham** 9.30am HC

**Aug 20 Athelington** 9.30am HC

**Aug 27 Horham** 11.15 FS;  
**Redlingfield** 10am MP

HC = Holy Communion, FS = Family Service, MP = Morning Prayer

■ **NEW ASSOCIATE PRIEST:** The Right Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that The Reverend Eleanor Goodison will become Assistant Curate, to be known as Associate Priest in the Benefice of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield. She will be licensed on 12th July, 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul Hoxne by the Archdeacon of Suffolk, The Venerable Ian Morgan. Eleanor is presently Assistant Curate in the South Hartismere benefice. Please pray for Eleanor, her family and the people of her parishes. Rev Michael Womack, Rector of the Churches of the Hoxne Benefice serving the communities of Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield, adds: 'I am thrilled that Rev Eleanor is coming to join us; many here have benefited from her ministry already and the prospect of her making a fuller contribution to our benefice life is very exciting.'

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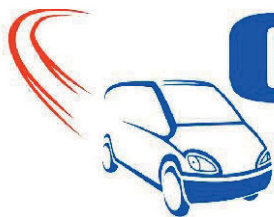
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