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OUR VILLAGES AND VILLAGERS have been making the headlines since our last issue.

The 95th Bomb Group Association was on Radio Suffolk in the run-up to its annual vintage softball match. Then local TV and newspapers gave plenty of coverage to the launch at the Red Feather Club of the exciting Eighth In The East project, which has secured lottery funding to ensure that the story of the 'Friendly Invasion' is kept alive. The East Anglian Daily Times' James Marston then came to Horham for a double-page feature on the Red Feather Club.

The 70th anniversary of the Redlingfield B-17 crash and the visit of relatives of the co-pilot were featured for a whole day on Radio Suffolk and Zach Ward and Mark Bullimore from the Diss Express did

the event proud with video interviews online and in the paper. The EADT, Eastern Daily Press and BBC online also featured the event.

Away from the Red Feather Club Stuart Brierley was in the news as part of the team making an award-winning bike in Diss. And the 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum featured in the Diss Express when youngsters visited to find out about wind and solar power.

There's more on some of these stories inside this issue and many of the original reports are available online at the various newspapers websites (www.bbc.co.uk, www.dissexpress.co.uk, www.eadt.co.uk & www.edp24.co.uk). Sadly the Radio Suffolk reports are only available online on the BBC iplayer for six days.

MANY APOLOGIES TO KATIE ABBOTT WHO TOOK LAST ISSUE'S dramatic front-page picture, which I wrongly attributed to Trevor Edwards. Sorry and many thanks for the excellent photo. We're always on the lookout for good pictures to brighten up our pages so if you have one please pass it my way. Also I must apologise to our readers and deliverers for the lateness of this issue. I'm afraid life's little troubles just got in the way. All the contributions were sitting on my desk in good time but I just kept finding that events stopped me from getting down to producing this issue. Anyway, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy 2014.

Mike Ager

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Even farmers are happy

Trevor Edwards finds that Wash Farm's wildlife is thriving

EVEN THE FARMERS ARE happy! After the late snowy start to the year, an excellent summer and autumn has put everything right. Spring barley, the sometime-Cinderella crop, yielded three tonnes per acre and the sugar-beet is coming off well.

It was also an excellent summer for the birds, butterflies and bumble bees, but sadly not the honey bees.

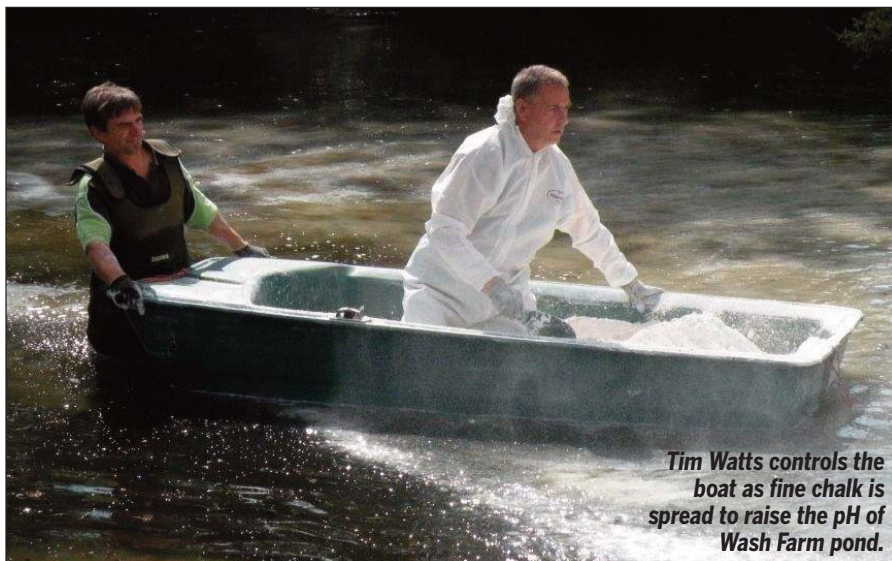
However, one recent report was very heartening. The British Trust for Ornithology says that the population of house sparrows is no longer declining. At Wash Farm, we have a resident small flock, nowhere near as big as the old days when the huge

untidy nests used to hang in the hedges, but still ever-present.

I think the same cautious optimism applies to other birds, such as the skylark and yellow-hammer and it is time the RSPB moderated its doom-and-gloom headlines.

There is evidence that the uptake of environmental schemes on farms, which provide grass margins and bigger hedges, is paying off.

Hares are very widespread, and on a wet day, one will occasionally take shelter in our poultry unit straw-stack. Happily unconcerned by the passing egg collectors, the hare sits out the bad weather in the dry before heading back to the fields for a bit more grazing of



Tim Watts controls the boat as fine chalk is spread to raise the pH of Wash Farm pond.



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Mr Wallace of Coney Weston ploughing with a team of oxen in India.

end of goats. The smoking of opium was very sensibly restricted to the over 40s, though it was small comfort to hear that lorry drivers use

the wheat fields. Burgeoning hare numbers have not caused any crop damage so far, as they roam widely over the whole field nibbling at random. Unlike rabbits, which can soon strip bare a headland or three.

Five lovely red deer hinds were spotted by Paul the gamekeeper, moving from his Occold shoot through Wash Farm this week. These do no harm and are safe enough, though the muntjac which visited our garden is heading for the venison pot if he makes a habit of it.

THE PATIENCE OF A BIRD-watchers' spouse can be sorely tested, even to the extent of dominating holiday destinations. This line of thought led six of us to India, where an exotic world of cranes, storks and pelicans, not to mention numerous kingfishers and the occasional bonelli's eagle, came into focus.

In Rajasthan, the fertile subsistence farming included wheat, mustard, aniseed, cotton and opium, plus no

it to stay awake on long journeys.

Mr Wallace of Coney Weston, who reminded us earlier that the snowy spring of 2013 was reminiscent of 1947, proved very adept at ploughing with a team of two oxen, though he admitted they were more difficult to handle than horse-power.

The next field was being sowed with peas. The same oxen would pull a one-row drill, the farmer drawing a dead straight line whilst his wife walking beside him dropped single peas down a tube to the ground. This coordination provided perfect seed spacing every time, the result of unusual marital harmony.

THE WAVENEY BIRD CLUB IS increasingly adventurous with its club tours, Bulgaria this year and Morocco next, and no doubt the trips today are as much fun as Estonia was back in 2011.

Steve Piotrowski's report at the time evoked a lovely "Carry on Birding" feel as people got lost, (*continued over*)

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(continued from page 3) hotels were double-booked and flights nearly missed.

They enjoyed good hides and bad hides, spartan ones and luxury ones. They helped themselves to one especially smart hide and quickly set up their telescopes on the balcony. An angry Russian strode in, asked them what they were doing and soon told them that, as it was his house, they could clear off. They did learn, however, that Europe is very strong on tree sparrows, a species struggling to keep a foothold in Suffolk.

SOMETIMES, IT IS NOT ALL good news on returning from holiday, though thank goodness, the main game of turkey egg production was going very well. The Gunners were five points clear in the Premier League and local heroes Norwich City had just been trounced 7-0. In the egg unit, top turkey man Chris, a devoted Arsenal man from East London, and now one of the senior breeding-flock staff, rather unkindly commented that

Norwich were lucky to score nought.

EDDIE COE, OUR RETIRED blacksmith, recalls helping my grandfather at Wash Farm when he was 14 years old. He was conned into riding an old Suffolk into the horse pond at the end of the day and just managed to leap off in time as the horse rolled in the water to cool down.

The pond, though not silted up, had become stagnant and covered in pond weed over the years and our fishlife was struggling. So this year we took some advice about restoring the water quality. Tim Watts of Fram Fisheries recommended spraying off the weed and raising the alkalinity by adding a tonne of high-grade fine chalk.

The result is a resounding success, the sticklebacks are so visible that the kingfisher now finds it worthwhile to pay us a visit once again.

OLD PROVERB FROM THE GREAT sub-continent: India's ladies like rings on their fingers and men on their knees.

Trevor Edwards

HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON VILLAGE HALL, THE OLD SCHOOL: Earlier this year, we received a Grant from MSDC which enabled us to repair the roof, and to insulate it; fortunately we were able to re-use the majority of the slates. The building at long last being watertight, our attention turned to the electrics, and in the last few weeks major work has been done on the wiring; once again made possible by Grant Aid, from Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk County Council (Guy McGregor), The Suffolk Community Foundation, Adnams, and the Britten/Pears Foundation. All these "Fundlers" were satisfied that our Victorian Old School was worthy of financial support; this is a vote of confidence, and we will be continuing with our programme of restoration work in the springtime. The Old School was given to the Village of Horham by the generosity of two local farmers, William Samuel Dolby and Sydney William Cook, in 1949. The trustees are: Revd David Streeter, John Davy, Keith Hawes, Pip Florance, David Mitchell, Margaret Streeter, Daphne Harvey (Treasurer), Judy Andrews (Secretary).

Margaret Streeter

**Hoxon
Hundred
Folk Club's
Bunny &
Louise
share a
joke at
Thornham's
Apple Day
festivities
earlier
this year.**



A Hundred things to do...

TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD IT probably appears that the dancers and musicians of Hoxon Hundred Folk Club have entered a dormant season. Far from it.

Autumn and winter are when we retreat to Hoxne Village Hall on a Wednesday night and practise for the coming year. For new members it's the best time to join us as there is the opportunity to learn and improve away from the public gaze. The normal recipe for the evening might start with step dancing, (looks a bit like tap but I'll get shot for saying so), a session of Garland, (ladies interweaving with garlands of flowers), or Cotswold, (men and women with sticks or hankies), followed by NW style dancing, (a big drum and lots of precision marching). Not many of us tackle all the dance styles but by the end of the evening we are all ready to relax with a little country dancing before wending our way home, maybe via the Hoxne Swan.

It's been a fun season for Hoxon and

ended with an invitation to dance at the Thornham Apple festival. It was a charity event to raise money for "Beyond The Wall". Hopefully some of you will remember seeing us there dancing our Cotswold stuff for a very deserving cause. The day was well attended and the audience laughed with us. Refreshments were of the homemade variety and very tasty. Rain threatened but never succeeded in spoiling the day.

If you normally watch or join in our Boxing day shenanigans then please make a note that this coming Boxing day festivities will be at the Hoxne Swan. We shall start our performance around midday and, along with traditional dancing and singing. We are intending to perform a Mummings play.

For more information about Hoxon Hundred Folk Club; what we do and when we do it contact: Bunny, 650551, bernicenash@gmail.com or Jan, 01449615569, janbud@live.co.uk or look us up on Facebook.

Chris Gibbons

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AGE UK: Age UK Suffolk is an independent registered charity, working with and for senior citizens across Suffolk. Their mission is to enable older people and their carers to manage the challenges of aging while retaining choice and control over their lives. Although most people have heard of Age UK, many are surprised at the range of services on offer. Listed are some of those services: information (general advice) 01473 257039; benefits advice 01473 674222; independence advice 01473 288048; befriending 01473 284254; community links 01473 298686; domestic information 01473 353261. Jacqueline Love is the Age UK link for Redlingfield and can be contacted on 678805. If you think Jacqueline can help give her a ring.

Bicycles get golden touch

REGULAR READERS of the village mag may be familiar with the engineering and cycling exploits of Redlingfield's Stuart Brierley.

Way back in 2008 we featured his involvement with the high-performance electric Tesla Roadster sportscar and he also wrote about competing in the overnight London to Dunwich cycling event.

And earlier this year his work with the Diss firm that produces the world's most technologically advanced road bicycle hit the headlines on local TV, press and in the cycling world after their racing bike won a Gold award at the Eurobike show.

Project engineer (and amateur racer) Stuart took a pay cut from his previous job at Lotus Cars for the chance to work on cutting-edge bikes. And the bikes are certainly state-of-the-art. The Aston Martin One-77 Cycle, made by Factor Bikes, a subsidiary of bflsystems in Diss was inspired by the Aston Martin One-77 coupe,

The handmade £25,000 bicycle was



Stuart Brierley on a Vis Vires road bike.

launched at the company's store in Park Lane, London.

Almost 90 people work for Factor Bikes and bflsystems, which provides cutting edge components for vehicles in Formula 1, Indycar, World Rally and Moto GP and has a client list including Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bentley, Aston Martin and Maserati.

They have also launched slightly more affordable production Vis Vires road bikes, the Shimano Dura-Ace Di2 (£9,999) and Shimano Ultegra Di2 (£5,999).

Service seals busy year

STRADBROKE & DISTRICT branch of the Royal British Legion is holding a Commemorative Christmas Service on Sunday December 15th. All are invited to Horham Baptist Church, Chapel Lane, Horham, at 6pm.

The service will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 and the 70th anniversary of D-Day, which are both in 2014. In the spirit of giving, people are asked to bring a small gift wrapped Christmas present for a serviceman's wife at AAC Wattisham. The guest speaker will be General The Lord Dannatt, GCB, CBE, MC, DL, former Chief of the General Staff (CGS) 2006-2009.

The event has been organised by standard bearer Joyce Cooper who represented the branch at the RBL's Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. It is believed to be the first time the Stradbroke standard had been paraded at the annual event.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES were very well attended around Stradbroke War Memorial and at Stradbroke Baptist Church. The short service at the memorial was conducted by Rev Peter Schwier. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Jack Heydon and Steve Cook from Castleton Brass. I gave the RBL Tribute and 14 wreaths were laid. The branch standard was carried by Joyce Cooper, the RBL H Group Standard was carried by Flight Sgt Harley Crisp

from Diss Air Cadets and Sgt Elliott carried the Diss Air Cadets standard.

The church service was conducted by John Ling, the lesson read by Stradbroke Parish Council chairman Nick Stones, Joyce Cooper spoke about the RBL's work, Courtney Chilvers, the winner of this year's Stradbroke High School/RBL poetry competition, read her poem, an address was given by Gill Lee and blessing given by Rev David Streeter.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF our annual general meeting at Laxfield King's Head was the presentation of a cheque from the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society Diss branch manager Abby Broughton.

Branch welfare officer and standard bearer Joyce Cooper told the agm she had dealt with 19 welfare cases and carried the standard on 32 occasions during the year. Treasurer Bernard Mills listed the donations made to the Poppy Appeal, the Suffolk chairman's appeal and Halsey House, the RBL's home in Cromer. A draw raised £75 for the Poppy Appeal and Ted Booth was presented with a tankard to mark his 90th birthday.

THE BRANCH'S CHRISTMAS carols and lunch will be at Laxfield King's Head from 11.30am on Thursday December 12.

*Christmas greetings and a happy
New Year, Branch Chairman,
Michael Burton*

Hitting new heights with

ON A SUNNY, STILL, October afternoon, cleaning out the gutters and scraping the moss off those tiles which are within reach is a pleasant job. Is there anything as rewarding as being out in the air on a fine day while being usefully occupied?

As always the mind wanders from the immediate task, taking to such things as the nature of mosses (what is the difference between moss and lichen anyway?). They vary from the pale grey flat sort which sometimes has orange spots through to the plump vivid green ones which can grow big enough to resemble moles asleep with their noses and toes tucked in or the equally large, long-haired ones, looking like sea anemones. In *The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson – there's a book worth reading again – the grandmother reckons that if you tread on moss a second time it does not spring back and the third time it dies; if that is true perhaps I should be walking about up there!

Our cottage is roofed with clay pantiles and on the low roof at the back where I am working there is a mixture of unglazed terracotta tiles and black glazed tiles. Given a choice here the moss clearly prefers to make its home on the unglazed tiles where quite a crop has established itself. This is in spite of the birds loosening it and tossing it aside in the hunt for juicy insects. Whenever I am working my way along the gutter I always come

across a few eaves tiles which have shifted – probably the work of promenading cats – and need to be moved carefully back into position. This always produces a lovely noise of tile scraping against tile – a bit like fingernails scraping a blackboard.

Clay tiles have a long history of use in this country. Alec Clifton-Taylor in his comprehensive book *The Pattern of English Building* states that in England the Romans used baked clay for roofing though not as extensively as elsewhere in their empire and as evidence of its later common use during the Middle ages quotes from an ordinance drawn up in 1212 which, in an effort to reduce the number of fires breaking out in the City, prohibited the use of thatch on roofs in London and promoted the choice of clay tiles among a list of preferred materials.

The legend is that clay pantiles first arrived here as ballast on Dutch trading ships and that we copied them and started to make them for ourselves wherever we had plenty of clay to hand. They soon became the roof covering of choice throughout the eastern counties and are very characteristic from Kent and Essex continually up to Berwick and beyond to Inverness and further north. Their use was eclipsed somewhat with the advent of the railways which brought Welsh slate economically to these areas and there was a further decline when mass-produced concrete tiles came into use after the Second World

an old roof

War. Clay pantiles had always been made in small local yards (this is why a job lot never properly fit together) and even this production all but ceased at one time with only a single yard – William Blyth & Co of Barton on Humber, keeping up production. Fortunately they survived and for some years now there has been a revival due in some part to the urging of conservation officers to use the real thing and to their use on those new buildings where their superior qualities over concrete tiles is recognised. In addition, the ecology movement has argued that the overall life-time cost makes them cheaper than concrete.

Meanwhile I am still up on my stool clearing out the gutter and wondering what exactly this fine dark silt is that collects with rotting leaves in the gutter – where does it come from? Is it merely dust from the air? Anyway, collected up with the leaves, moss and all it is bound to make good compost. The afternoon of lovely autumnal sunshine is turning to evening and I am hanging on as I have still got a length to finish. The birds are hanging on because like me they are hurrying to do what they can before the light goes.

We are all simply hanging on, not wanting to close the door on such a glorious day although those gulls who, unlike the rest of us workers, just seem to be idling about will have to get a move on if they are going to get home to the coast before dark.

Neville Butcher

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS:

Everone, including families, are welcome at the New Year's Eve celebrations at Horham Community Centre from 8pm onwards on December 31. Entry is free and there will be live music from the ever-popular Paul 'Hammy' Hamilton, The bar will be open and there will be a raffle. Please bring food or snacks if you can for the communal table, For more information contact Don Moyes on 07894903829 or horhamtractor@uwclub.net.

Don Moyes

SHCT BIKE RIDE: Thank you to all the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride cyclists (Jake, Abbie and Ella Hawes, Daphne Harvey, Ian Heath, Daniel Streeter, Lawrence Weaver, Andy Smith, and David and Michael Whatling), to Horham church stewards and all of our generous sponsors. We raised £883.10, which will be divided equally between St Mary's church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Daphne Harvey

FATHER CHRISTMAS: Father Christmas will again be delivering gifts by tractor on Christmas Day morning in both Horham and Athelington. To book a delivery please ring Mother Christmas on 384231. A donation is requested for the East Anglian Children's Hospice for this service. There is no age restriction – young, old and every age in between can participate. Mother Christmas is looking forward to receiving your calls and booking in your deliveries.

Mother Christmas

HARVEST SALE: Horham's sale of harvest produce raised £20 for Christian Aid.

Daphne Harvey

RFC is leading the way in

AN AMBITIOUS THREE-year project to record the history of the East Anglian airfields used by the USAAF during World War Two got off the ground at the Red Feather Club this autumn.

The Eighth In The East project has been awarded a £575,000 grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It aims to work with local museums, record memories and collect photos.

The project will look at the 67 airfields in the East which provided bases for USAAF bombing raids over Germany. It wants to collect the stories of Americans who served and local people who lived near the bases 1942-45.

The RFC has been chosen as the Suffolk hub museum along with the 100th at Thorpe Abbots for Norfolk. This exciting project will pay for the recording of archives, archaeology, advertising and promoting the museums and airfields. Professionals will be regularly using the RFC's archives, cataloguing everything we have to help produce an insight into the 8th Air Force for many generations

to come. A full virtual reality model of an airfield is also being planned, and this is likely to be of Horham.

Nick Patrick, project leader, said:

"There are some tremendous

voluntary museums that keep this heritage alive, such as Horham and Parham in Suffolk, but they need young people to come in and take up this history. We hope by the end of the three-year project there will be things like cycling and walking tours... This grant will

help to secure their legacy and help future generations engage with it."

The event included 1940s swing dance displays from RFC regulars.

The 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association helped the Eighth in the East with its lottery bid.

THE RED FEATHER CLUB IS continuing to attract young people with visits from both Cub Scouts and schools.

In September, 27 Cubs from the 1st Eye Scout Group visited and worked towards their aviation badge.

In October, more than 40 youngsters from Stradbroke High School visited



● *Alec Debenham: Alec Debenham passed away peacefully in Ipswich Hospital on November 11th after a short illness. Beloved husband of Margaret, dearest dad to Linda and much loved grandad to Tom and the late Sam. Alec, 86, was an especially good neighbour. He will be missed by many people and our sympathy goes to his family. A Service of Thanksgiving was due to be held at Horham Baptist Church on Tuesday November 26th. A longer tribute will be in our next issue.*

Evelyn Adey

the east

as part of their exam work. Ray Howlett, 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association historian and archivist, has been working with the Head of History at the school on a project on the 95th Bomb Group, Horham airfield and the local impact during the war. He has also produced a new schools pack, which is going out to all schools in the area inviting them to visit the museum to learn about the rich local history.

Forty youngsters from Diss Infants School visited in November for a special themed day. The theme was 'hero for a day' and the youngsters took Col John K. Gerhart, who commanded the 95th from June 1943 to April 1944 as their hero.

THE RED FEATHER CLUB HAS lined up a packed programme of events for 2014: Sun Feb 16, Charleston Dance Workshop; Wed March 19, Archive film show (members £3, non-members £4); Sat March 22, Swing Dance with Skyliner & Django Man (tickets £12, on sale Jan 6); Sat April 5, Old Time Musical Show; Sat July 5, Americana Dance; Sun July 6, Americana Day; Thur Sept 4 to Thur Sept 11, Reunion visit. Public open days are the last Sunday of the month, April to October inclusive, with a vintage softball match in September. The RFC is open on Saturdays if the flag is flying. See www.95thbg-horham.com and press for up-to-date details of events.

Mike Ager

BRITISH RED CROSS IN SUFFOLK: The Red Cross' Suffolk Mobility Aids loan service has gone mobile and can now deliver equipment, such as wheelchairs or commodes to your home. The organisation found vulnerable people across the county often could not get to a local Red Cross centre and so it has introduced a new delivery service. The equipment loans are still free but there is a charge for delivery. Borrowed items can still be collected free of charge from: Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Newmarket and Southwold. The Red Cross also sell second hand wheelchairs. Contact 01473 219261.

Jane Dow

STRADBROKE WEA: Art Treasures of Medieval East Anglia is the subject of a Stradbroke WEA course being held in the Spring. The course starts on Wednesday January 29 at Stradbroke Community Centre from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. Anyone is welcome to attend the first meeting before committing themselves to the course. The fee is £48.50 for eight weeks. For info contact 01728 724746.

CLEAN UP NETS £400: Horham PCC is most appreciative of the sterling efforts by Gail Marsh in cleaning St Mary's church in October. The church is now extra spick and span and £407 has been raised thanks to sponsors.

Daphne Harvey

HEALTH WALKS: A new programme of 'Health Walks' is being offered across Suffolk. You can find details of different walks at <http://livewellsuffolk.org.uk> or call 01473 229292. The Stepping Out In Suffolk programme launched in November runs until February.

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THE 95TH BOMB GROUP HOSPITAL MUSEUM: The 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum, Shingle Hill, Denham, has had a good year with regards to visitor numbers on open days on the last Sunday of the month (May to October). There have also been meetings of hot rod and classic motor cycle clubs and these attract more visitors as they offer something different. The tea room has proved very popular serving tea and cakes etc. In October we had some American visitors who were based in Woodbridge during the Cold War and their fathers were based here in 1944-45. One was wounded in action and his daughter found a picture of him in bed in the main ward at the hospital. 2014 looks to be interesting with other clubs looking to book in and new displays marking the 100th anniversary of World War 1. If anybody has a story or items which can be on loan for this they would be welcome. The renovation of the external walls etc have now been completed, it has only taken 17 years so it is just a matter of keeping it all in good repair.

Tony Albrow

HORHAM & ATHELINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE: We had an enjoyable Bonfire Night. The weather was kind to us this year and we enjoyed a night of "ohs" and "ahs" as a spectacular firework display took place. After the display many returned inside to the community centre for hot dogs and chips and to continue with the celebration. We had a magnificent display and bonfire carefully built before the event by Don Moyes and his team and it was disappointing that chunks of concrete and non-flammable rubbish had also been dumped. In previous years gas bottles had been found illegally dumped on what is meant to be a celebration bonfire. Safety is always extremely important at such events and had it not been for the vigilance of organisers we could have seen some serious consequences. The Village Hall Trust is currently reviewing the security of this site for the future. Our next event is a Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday December 13. There will be a three-course menu including sherry on arrival, wine with the meal and coffee and mints with entertainment by Kate McCabe. The final date for booking is December 4. Tickets are £23 for members and £26 non-members (contact Angela on 384625). On Sunday December 15 there will be a Children's Christmas Party in the community centre. Details available from Karen on 384754.

Angela Wilkins

WINTER COFFEE MORNINGS: The Redlingfield village coffee mornings will continue on Wednesdays through winter following a successful gathering in November at the home of Herbert and Pauline Abbott. On December 4 we will meet at the home of Jan & Neville Butcher, Hill Cottage, for sherry, mince pies and a free raffle. On January 1 (Yes – New Year's Day) we will meet at the home of Midge and Chris Gibbons at Rush Meadow where there will be sherry/fruit juice and a book swap. On February 5 we meet at the home of Linda Hudson, Woodvale, when the Coffee Caravan Campervan will join us. Finally, for this winter, on March 5 we will meet at the home of Jacqueline and David Love, 1, Abbotts Meadow, where there will be another free raffle. All meetings are from 10am until noon, the same as for the Coffee Caravan which will return to the village in April 2014. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us. For any information or if a lift is needed, contact Jacqueline on 678805.

Jacqueline Love

Woodland is flourishing

AT THE AGM OF THE NEW Reeding Woods Group at Pound Lane Wood in August the Chairman reported on the continuing success of this community woodland. The trees continue to flourish although about 20 per cent of the ash is affected by *Chalara fraxinea*.

However, the other trees and the hedge are developing well and the site is starting to look like a young wood. The sculptural work done to the huge oak trunk by the pond has been completed, and provides a welcoming seat and climbing frame while preserving the natural beauty of this ancient tree. Routine maintenance continues, with the fencing continuing to keep rabbits out and dogs and children in.

The water level in the pond fluctuates, but the vegetation around it is establishing and settling this feature into place. The wild flowers continue to flourish, with different species becoming more dominant year on year. Wild life in the woodland is

burgeoning with dragonflies and butterflies being the most visible.

The running costs are minimal, but there are still maintenance and insurance costs to be met. Previously the group has raised funds by making and selling rustic items at the Horham Rally. For the last two years this potential source of fundraising has been lost, so the group have decided to make a few items to sell at craft markets and car boot sales. Using what skills they have, they are making bird feeders, whistles, pegs, boot jacks and stools, and in the spring they will offer benches, wooden hammers, charcoal and willow obelisks.

To support your local community woodland visit our table at the Hoxne Artisans Market. To develop your own wood crafting skills, join with us making these items which will enable us to keep the woodland solvent.

If you would like to join the group or become a "Friend" of the woodland please contact Mike Reeves on 668179 or David Mitchell on 388148.

Mike Reeves

OLD BOYS (& GIRLS) NETWORK: Fressingfield Scouts are trying to contact anyone who was involved with scouting in Fressingfield in the past. Fressingfield Scout Group Old Boys (and Girls) Network plan to have two or three get-togethers a year. Whether you were involved as a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venture Scout, Explorer, leader, helper or on the committee in the past please get in touch. If you were a member of the group but do not wish to join the network, we would be very interested in any memorabilia such as badges, uniforms, books, and especially photographs you may have either as a gift to our archive or to copy. Contact Michael Knights (668060 or daganyafarm@tiscali.co.uk) or Eammon Andrews (384207 or eammonandrews@gmail.com).

Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne

WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Fram Christmas Charity Market: 13th Annual Charity Market on Market Hill.

Santa Special: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Redlingfield Coffee Morning: Jan & Neville Butcher, Hill Cottage, 10am-noon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Christmas Craft Fayre & Carol Singing: Occold playground. A family evening with craft stalls, 6pm onwards.

Worlingworth School Frost Fayre: raffle, stalls, BBQ, Father Christmas & more, 3.30pm-6pm.

The Searchers Christmas Show: Diss Corn Hall, 7.30pm.

1st Fressingfield Scout Group Gang Show: Stradbroke High School.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 TO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Christmas tree festival: St Mary's Worlingworth. Fri from 7pm, sausage rolls & mince pies. Sat 10am-4pm, lunches served. Sun 10am-2pm, lunches served.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Christmas Tree Festival: Opens in St Michael's Church Fram, 10am.

Christmas Fair: All Saints Church Stoke Ash, 10am-noon.

ORAC Christmas Dinner: Occold Village Hall, 3-course 'carvery-style' meal, £12.50 per person (£10 concs). Call Di on 678198 to book your place.

Magnificat! Eye Bach Choir with Ian Le Grice (organ), Hannah Mayhew (soprano) and conductor Leslie Olive. Eye Parish Church, 7.30 pm. Tickets £12 reserved, £10 unreserved, from Eye Pharmacy, at the door, phone 01728 747371 or email eyebachchoir@aol.co.uk.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Santa Special: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.
Jonathan Wyatt Big Band & Moonglow Sisters: Diss Corn Hall, 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Helmingham Cookery Experience - Christmas: Helmingham Hall, 10am-5pm, £150.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Redlingfield Christmas Lunch: the Old Mill House, Saxted.

Hoxne Cinema - Hyde Park on Hudson: Hoxne Village Hall, St Edmund's Hall, 7.30pm, £3.50.

Christmas Dinner Dance: Horham Community Centre. Last date for booking Dec 4. £23 members & £26 non-members. Angela 384625 (see story).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Santa Special: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

The Burgate Singers presents: Magnificat by J S Bach, Magnificat by CPE Bach & Misa Brevis by Zoltan Kodaly, Diss Corn Hall, 7.30pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Children's Christmas Party: Horham Community Centre. Details from Karen on 384754.

Santa Special: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.
Stradbroke & District RBL Christmas Service: Horham Baptist Church, 6pm (see story).

South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band presents: Christmas Concert, Diss Corn Hall, 7pm.

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

THURSDAY-TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 19-24

The Canterbury Ghost: Fram College Theatre.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20-22

Diss Corn Hall & The Keepers Daughter presents: The Wind in the Willows. 7.30pm every day & 2pm Sat & Sun.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Santa Special: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway. Tuesday January 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

New years eve celebrations: Horham Community Centre, 8pm (see story).

New Year's 13-14 Party: Thorndon Village Hall, 8m till late. Live music by The Zephyrs. Buffet supper, late bar, raffle,. Tickets £15-from Clinton 678551 or Graham 678676.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Redlingfield Coffee Morning: New Year's Day at Midge and Chris Gibbons, Rush Meadow, sherry/fruit juice and a book swap, 10am-noon.

New Year Steam: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Redlingfield Coffee Morning: Linda Hudson at Woodvale, when the Coffee Caravan Campervan, 10am-noon.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Stradbroke Cinema - Blue Jasmine: Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Admission £5.50. Bar open and ice-creams in the interval.

SATURDAY JANUARY 25

Burns Night: Thorndon Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm till late. Haggis supper & entertainment. Tickets £20 from Clinton 678551 or Graham 678676.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Family Valentine's Night disco: Worlingworth.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Charleston Dance Workshop: Red Feather Club.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Stradbroke Cinema - Le Weekend: Stradbroke Community Centre, film to be confirmed,

Diss Corn Hall: Corn Hall, St Nicholas Street, Diss. Box Office: 652241 & boxoffice@disscornhall.co.uk. Full programme at www.disscornhall.co.uk ; **Framlingham:** www.framlingham.com. **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.msrl.org.uk, general enquiries Keith Froom 01449 672670 or keith.froom@tinternet.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: 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, 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: 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 & spring. Sun lunchtimes 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,



Commemorating a special anniversary

ON A CRISP MORNING 70 YEARS AFTER A B-17 Flying Fortress from neighbouring Horham airfield crashed in Redlingfield killing all ten crew the village commemorated their loss with a special ceremony.



Not only was it 70 years on from the November 19th 1943 crash that destroyed Green Farm but miraculously took no lives in the village but the occasion was also marked by the visit of relatives of co-pilot Warren Mansfield Strawn – the first relatives to visit the memorial since it was dedicated in 2010.

Re-enactors Reg and Scott Bradley with Matt Miles set the scene in period uniform with the Stars and Stripes flying at half mast as villagers gathered at the memorial close to the scene of the crash.



T/Sgt Morgan and S/Sgt Schlotthauer from Lakenheath, T/Sgt Andrew 'Drew' Wilder from Mildenhall and Stradbroke & District Royal British Legion standard bearer Joyce Cooper lined up alongside the memorial with USAF 48th Fighter Wing, Wing Chaplain, Ch, Lt Col Gary Snyder and the new rector Rev Michael Womack.

Current Suffolk County Council Chairman Guy McGregor attended in his official regalia and Eddie and Edith Coe – who first proposed a memorial be erected – were also at the ceremony.

Marcia Moyer, the niece of Warren Mansfield Strawn, had made the trip with her brother Danny Clegg and his wife Ninette. Danny and Marcia along with Ann Stebbings, who as a little girl was rescued from nearby Green Farm which destroyed in the crash, laid a wreath.



Lt Col Snyder, Rev Womack and 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association chairman gave addresses before a moving speech by Marcia.

Marcia told the BBC: "I'm emotional and overwhelmed at what this community has done to remember my uncle and the rest of the boys. No-one should be forgotten who



have given their lives for the cause of freedom.

“Even though I didn’t know my uncle, as I was born after the war, I’m very proud of what he did and he paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

The event was featured throughout the day on Radio Suffolk with interviews recorded after the event at the site in Redlingfield and at the Red Feather Club. Marcia was also interviewed after the event by Radio Suffolk’s Lesley



Dolphin. A Diss Express reporter and photographer also recorded the event.

Thank you to all those who helped and attended the ceremony and those back at the Red Feather

Club who made sure we could thaw out afterwards at a get-together with hot refreshments. Also special thanks to Patrick and Beverley Abbott who hosted our three visitors from the US.

Mike Ager



Top: the two minutes’ silence. Inset: Ann Stebbings & Beverley Abbott. Left: Danny Clegg & Marcia Moyer, the nephew & niece of co-pilot 2nd Lt Warren Mansfield Strawn, in the foreground at the ceremony. Facing page from top: Marcia being interviewed by Radio Suffolk; Lt Col Snyder & Suffolk County Council Chairman Guy McGregor; T/Sgt ‘Drew’ Wilder with Christine Mutton; & Eddie & Edith Coe.

POLICE REPORT, FEATURES & NEWS



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THE COST OF HEATING OIL HAS soared in recent years, and the incidence of oil thefts reflects this. There is no magic remedy for securing your oil tank, but the following advice may assist you.

Obviously the security of the tank is step one in the prevention of theft and some people advise not to lock tank inlets as criminals may just drill a hole in the tank wall to extract the oil.

However, we believe that this is bad advice as locks are like anything one purchases, the higher the cost usually the better the lock and many cannot be cut or forced open. If the tank is damaged by theft or attempted theft such damage is usually covered by building and contents insurance.

Obviously appropriate security will keep one's insurance premiums down.

Also:

- Consider screening your tank with fencing or hedges.
- Close and secure any gates.
- Try to restrict vehicle access in the vicinity of your tank. If it is safe to do so, perhaps you could park your own vehicles in close proximity to make it

more awkward for a thief.

- Check your insurance to ensure that you are covered for any loss of oil and/or damage or contamination which may occur as a result of crime.

- Consider installing a tank alarm/security device (consult your tank supplier). 'Watchman', for example, also produce an alarmed version of their 'Sonic' monitor. Any security measures that directly affect the tank or pipe work should be carried out in consultation with your heating oil tank supplier.

- Regularly check your fuel levels, consider installing a sensor that is monitored from inside the home (such as a 'Watchman Sonic' Monitor).

- When fuel is delivered ensure that you see the driver put the ticket in the meter or, if you are not at home, ensure you know what was in the tank prior to the delivery and then, as soon as you can, check what is in the tank after the delivery. Report any discrepancy immediately to the supplier. If they refuse to investigate get in touch with Trading Standards and the Police.

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – application to continue use of meadow for three camping events each year during summer, **Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington**; application to use land for siting marquee for events during 2014. Marquee to be in-situ from May 1st to October 4th, **Athelington Hall, Horham Road, Athelington**. **Granted** – application to erect new carport, garage, log store and games room over (application to replace existing permission in order to extend the time limit for implementation), **Rose Farm, Athelington Road, Horham**.

DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP, REPORTS BACK



YOUR NEWSPAPERS, televisions and radios will have been awash with news about the government reshuffle which took place in

October. There will have been tales of ministers waiting by their phones to discover their fate (as portrayed by the excellent Paul Eddington as Jim Hacker in the marvellous TV series *Yes Minister*) and film of the “winners” and “losers” entering and leaving the famous black No10 door of Downing Street.

The role of Prime Minister in the UK is a uniquely British one. You may not be aware but there is no codified definition of the role set out in statute, or anywhere else. The only legislation which recognises the position of Prime Minister is the 1937 Ministers of the Crown Act. It does not define the role but only how much he or she was to be paid!

The powers which can be exercised by the PM are set out in statute, usually in the capacity as First Lord of the Treasury, Minister for the Civil Service or other ministerial offices. Practically this means the positions within government are within “his gift”. Thus the PM has the power to appoint or remove ministers as he or she sees fit and can exercise that power at any time.

The Prime Minister does have other powers which have not been conferred by Parliament – these are the powers of the Monarch. These include common law powers and powers that are particular to the Crown. The PM exercises some powers through the Monarch under the ancient royal prerogative such as war making. The Government has produced a

list of these powers but even this is not complete!

At the recent reshuffle I was lucky enough to be tasked with continuing my role at the Department of Health. Something I will continue to do alongside my most important role as your MP.

Away from Westminster I have been out in the constituency visiting businesses and organisations. I recently spoke to the Suffolk Independent Careers Conference and have visited Anglia Freight in Eye and McDonalds in Whitehouse. I have enjoyed attending fetes this summer and have tried to visit as many as possible.

I was also very pleased to attend two Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning events, one organised by the Tuddenham St Martin WI and the other at Endeavour House in Ipswich. I am always pleased to support charities such as these that do so much to help others in their time of need.

● *I hold regular constituency advice surgeries to help people who have problems. If you think that I may be able to help you, contact 01728 685148, or email www.drdanielpoulter.com.*

If you could spare some time to help deliver my advice surgery leaflets I would be most grateful. They are a good way of letting as many people as possible know a surgery will soon be taking place in their area. Even delivering to just a few houses is a great help.

If you can help, contact me by email at daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk or phone my local office on 01728 684834. For more information please visit www.drdanielpoulter.com

Dr Dan Poulter, MP

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT Council is nearing the end of the integration process with Babergh and there is no doubt that there have been

significant savings made by sharing staff at all levels.

We are not the only councils in the country to do this but we were certainly among the first and are proud of the big leap of faith we made three years ago.

There are some statutory services that we must deliver such as bin collection and planning but there have had to be some cuts to other services.

We are also working with parish councils to see where local services can be delivered by local people such as grass and footpath cutting. I am very grateful to all those parish councillors that either get elected or co-opted on to Parish Councils.

It is a voluntary job and turning out on a cold winter night to the parish hall isn't everyone's idea of fun, but the good governance and welfare of the people of the parish is actually a privilege. We ask you to take decisions affecting the look and future of the village with little reward save the fact that you know you have done it. Thanks again.

Being a rural and mostly farming ward we accept that the roads are not always in the best of condition and thankfully this year most of the beet was drawn

before the wet weather set in but there have been some roads that were very definitely slippery from field mud, some farmers were good enough to clear up after the lorries.

Another issue that is becoming more irritating is the siting of gas guns that go off near to houses and very early in the morning. We are a rural community as I say but we do have some elderly people that find the guns frightening. Perhaps they could be better sited?

There are still applications coming forward for wind turbines, Mid Suffolk has no overall policy for the applications and each one is still taken on their merit (or not). I personally think we have got used to some in our area but everyone affected by an application is fully entitled to put their case for and against.

The future of the Gas Fired Power Station on Eye Airfield has come to the end of the consultation. The District is making its response but the final decision is with the Government. We await their answer in the New Year.

Once again it has been a great pleasure to be your district councillor for another year, I do have the privilege to represent a cluster of lovely villages and wonderful people.

I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

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

FOSTER A PET: Debenham-based charity, Suffolk Animal Rescue, is looking for volunteers and foster carers. Volunteering could be as simple as helping at a fundraiser, or becoming a home checker ensuring all our dogs, cats and small animals are given the best possible start. If you are interested in helping contact 01728 860937 or suffolkar@hotmail.com. ***Jayne Roberts***

THE RECTOR REFLECTS ... ADVENT – THE COMING OF THE KING?



I WAS REMINDED THE other day that the farming year starts on Michaelmas – the date when farms have traditionally changed hands.

We are quite used to the calendar of different groups starting on different dates; anyone who has dealings with the tax office will know the importance of the beginning of April.

The church's internal calendar begins four Sundays before Christmas when Advent season starts.

It is a season marked by the anticipation of Christmas, so in that respect it has something in common with the calendar that shops seem to follow!

However, more than just anticipating the celebration of the birth of Jesus, it also has in it anticipation of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

To which, a perfectly reasonable question is, why the hold up?

In one of his books (*Mere Christianity*) CS Lewis sketches the idea that those who seek to follow Jesus are part of a

clandestine force working in anticipation of victory.

The book came out of a series of radio talks that he'd given at the height of the Second World War so it is easy to see where he got the image from; an image we can also trace in his popular Narnia books.

Is this clandestine force at work in our villages? Even in my short time here I have been struck by the sense of commitment and community spirit of a good number of people quietly involved in, for example the Coffee Caravan, the number of churches that are collecting for the Waveney Food Bank or taking drama into our schools through Open the Book or the care of the Mothers Union singing in the Deeperhaugh Nursing Home and the countless other acts of selfless service that all add up to a Christian influence in society.

But new recruits are always welcome to come and join us as we seek to usher in the Kingdom of Love.

Michael Womack (388889 or
hoxnebenefice@gmail.com)

The seven parishes that make up the Hoxne Benefice – Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield – would like to appoint an administrator to work for 2-3 hours per week.

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- *To undertake administrative duties as required by the rector, eg correspondence, telephone calls, emails, newsletters, service sheets, simple proof reading, photocopying, laminating, filing*

Full training and support would be given. If you are interested please contact Michael Womack on 388889 or email hoxnebenefice@gmail.com.

CHURCHES

C of E: Rev Michael Womack is rector of the Hoxne Benefice serving Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield. St Andrew's House, Vicarage Road, Wingfield, IP21 5RB, 388889 or hoxnebenefice@gmail.com. St Andrew, Redlingfield; St Peter, Athelington; St Mary, Horham. Enquiries to: Daphne Harvey, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428) Hazel Abbott, Redlingfield (678217).

- Dec 1** **Redlingfield**, 9.45am, HC; Hoxne, 11.15am, HC; Syleham, 11.15am MP; Wingfield, 3.30pm, Christingle; **Athelington**, 4.30pm, Advent Carols.
- Dec 8** **Horham**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 11.am, FC; Hoxne, 11.15am, FS and Baptism.
- Dec 15** **Athelington**, 9.45am HC; Syleham, 10am, VS; Hoxne, 11.15am, HC; Wingfield, 4pm carols by candlelight.
- Dec 19** (Thurs) Hoxne, 7.30pm, carols.
- Dec 22** Wingfield, 10am, HC; Hoxne, 10am, christingle; Denham, 11.15am, carols; Syleham, 4pm, carols; **Horham**, 4.30pm, carols.
- Dec 23** (Mon) **Redlingfield**, 6.30pm, carols.
- Dec 24** **Athelington**, 4.30pm, short vigil; Wingfield, 11.30pm, MidnightMass.
- Dec 25** Syleham, 8am, HC; **Redlingfield**, 9.30am, HC; Hoxne, 10.30am, FC.
- Dec 29** **Horham**, 11.15am, Benefice Eucharist.
- Jan 5** **Redlingfield**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, FS; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS; Hoxne; 11.15am, HC; Syleham, 11.15am, MP.
- Jan 12** **Horham**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 11am, HC; Hoxne, 11.15am, MP.
- Jan19,** Hoxne, 8.30am, HC; **Athelington**, 9.30am, HC; Syleham, 10am, FS; Wingfield, 10am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS.
- Jan 26** Syleham, 9.30am, HC; **Redlingfield**, 10am, MP; Hoxne, 10am, FS; Wingfield, 10am, Matins; Denham, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS.
- Feb 2** **Redlingfield**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 10am, FC; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, HC; Syleham, 11.15am, MP.
- Feb 9** **Horham**, 9.30am, HC; Wingfield, 11am, HC; Hoxne, 11.15am, MP.
- Feb 16** Hoxne, 8.30am, HC; **Athelington**, 9.30am, HC; Syleham, 10am, FS; Wingfield, 10am, FS; Hoxne, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS.
- Feb** Syleham, 9.30am, HC; **Redlingfield**, 10am, MP; Hoxne, 10am, FS; Wingfield, 10am, Matins; Denham, 11.15am, FS; **Horham**, 11.15am, FS.

(HC = Holy Communion; PM = Morning Prayer; FS = Family Service; FC = Family Communion. Please check times on notice boards.)

Horham Baptist Church in Chapel Lane would like to invite everyone to the following services: on Sunday December 15th there is a Christmas themed family service at 10.45am and the Royal British Legion Commemorative Christmas Service at 6pm (see story) and on Christmas Eve you can start Christmas by singing carols by candlelight and then enjoying a chat and some mince pies, 6.30pm. If you would like to know more about services and events at Horham Baptist Church please contact Pastor Adam on 388008.

PROMISE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN by Manday Miller

So the 11th of the 11th has gone. We have remembered them. Job done. No!

The gift of remembrance goes on for we can remember.

Young men, women and children forever young.

Promise of much life to live, ended.

Lives cruelly cut when so much to give, love, joy, pleasure, happiness, contentment

Never to be tasted, enjoyed. Such is loss. Every day when curtains opened light comes rushing in.

I never forget the gift given me of your tomorrow so my today is bathed in light and freedom hard won.

Today's children not forced in to darkness by a society run by fear and darkness.

Good words never to be spoken, acts of kindness not done.

You, who are many, I shall never thank for the freedom I have today.

I give thanks in the poppy I wear, the ones I grow in my garden!

Such a small thing I do. Thank you, the words so powerful and yet so small.

CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS: Mid Suffolk District Council has amended the usual collection schedules over the festive period due to the Christmas and New Year bank holidays (see below). There are no brown bin collections between December 23 and January 3. Brown bin collections re-commence on Monday January 6. During January Mid Suffolk will collect your real Christmas tree when it is left next to your brown bin. Please make sure all decorations, pots and stands are removed. There is also a network of local Christmas Tree recycling points. Please check www.midsuffolk.gov.uk or contact Mid Suffolk for details.

Rubbish collection

Usual day	Revised day
Mon Dec 23	Sat Dec 21
Tues Dec 24	Mon Dec 23
Wed Dec 25	Tues Dec 24
Thurs Dec 26	Fri Dec 27
Fri Dec 27	Sat Dec 28

Recycling collection

Usual day	Revised day
Mon Dec 30	No Change
Tues Dec 31	No Change
Wed Jan 1	Thurs Jan 2
Thurs Jan 2	Fri Jan 3
Fri Jan 3	Sat Jan 4

WAR MEMORIALS: The Imperial War Museum's War Memorials Archive (formerly UK National Inventory of War Memorials) is working to compile a comprehensive record of all war memorials in the UK. War memorials provide insight into not only the changing face of commemoration but also military history, social history and art history. The IWM estimate that there are approximately 100,000 UK war memorials, and it has recorded more than 65,000 to date. You can search the online database (www.ukniwm.org.uk) to find if your local memorial is listed. The WW1 in Redlingfield churchyard is for example listed and we are in the process of getting the B-17 memorial in Redlingfield listed. The Red Feather Club in Horham is also in the process of recording all their memorials.

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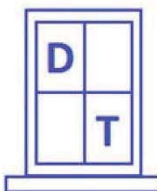
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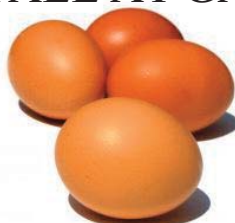
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