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AS I WAS PUTTING THE FINAL touches to the mag – desperately checking for those not so deliberate mistakes that is – Sue Chapman emailed to say that Lesley Dolphin's Radio Suffolk programme was once again featuring Redlingfield.

By the time I tuned in Ann Stebbings was recounting the story of the Redlingfield crash.

As I sat in front of my computer thinking there wasn't much new to tell Lesley a Radio Suffolk researcher rang. However, as I started to tell her that we're a small, quiet village with not much going on we both realised that in truth quite a lot goes on. It was just one day after the anniversary of

the crash – and the wreath laying ceremony on Green Lane, the winter coffee mornings were now under way, our vicar had just retired, a new wind turbine had just been commissioned at Russell Kerry's . . . and that's without what's going on at the Red Feather Club and with the Bygones Rally.

By the time you read this we will have held our first meeting about the 2013 Horham Country Bygones Rally and on Saturday June 8 and outline plans for next June's 70th anniversary reunion at the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association reunion will have been sent off to America.

It's all go in this quiet little corner of Suffolk.
Mike Ager

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT YOUR VILLAGE MAGAZINE

*Front page picture of Ove Fundin in Horham by Janet Norman-Philips.
See centre pages for the story.*

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Supreme hunter in hiding

Trevor Edwards finds that while some raptors are notoriously lazy others will go to any lengths to sneak up on their prey.

A SOAKING WET SATURDAY morning and the garden is as quiet as a graveyard. And it's not just because of the rain. I can see a furtive sparrow-hawk wriggling away through the branches of the hawthorn hedge, from very close to where my Giant New Birdfeeder is hanging on a branch with its 10 feeding ports all deserted.

The GNB, which makes a fair old dent in the pocket-money when refilled with sunflower seeds, has been carefully hidden away from the sparrow-hawk flightpath, apparently to no avail, as the supreme hunter still scares the life out of any small fry daft enough to feed there.

IT IS 27TH OCTOBER AND autumn is closing in. The ash tree is full of fieldfares which have just flown

in for the winter, though some of the resident birds cannot resist pretending its spring.

Two cock pheasants shape up for a scrap, the extended family of moorhens have a practice run at making a nest, and two mallards are into some head-bopping courtship. As for the goings-on of a pair of collared doves, it is all *vive le sport* and typical of the pigeon family. They have forgotten they should give it a rest for the winter.

That tree favoured by the arriving fieldfare is one of the farms' best ash trees for which the prognosis is distinctly gloomy. The plague of Ash Die-back Disease has been discovered in East Anglia.

For years I have been a bit rude about the ash as it doesn't take to being hedge-trimmed like the

hawthorn, maple and dogwood, and if you take your eye off the ball in the garden, it appears waist-high where you least expect it. It has always grown like a weed in the clay soils in our part of Suffolk.

There is an old adage, "Be careful



Two doves a' cooing.

what you wish for”, which regarding my view of the ash tree looks apt. The loss would be serious enough for the local bullfinches, which fed handsomely on the ash keys last January, but nationally that one species makes up 30 per cent of British native trees.

PHEASANT AND PARTRIDGE are now on the menu though I would stop short at paying £70 for a grey partridge dish as advertised in one London restaurant. Yes, grey partridge, even though it is on the endangered list of the Farmland Bird Index! We have seen a covey of a dozen English/grey this summer so they did well in this water-logged breeding season. Game has got everything going for it according to all the foodies; it is natural, free-range, local and low-fat. What is more, you can find a brace for under a fiver.

AUTUMN CULTIVATIONS FROM the tractor seat often produce some good sightings, and this year produced another first. We had two ploughs going after harvest, me and Drew in the same field, and talking away on the phones we realised that the usual following of seagulls was notable for its absence. The reason was because a pair of young buzzards, always partial to an earthworm or two, were claiming first pickings and the seagulls were keeping a safe distance. We think they could well have been hatched out in Caroline’s Wood. It’s



A harvest best forgotten and the usual autumn ploughing following of seagulls



amazing that juvenile buzzard are so at home in North Suffolk that they are bold enough to follow the plough.

ON THE SUBJECT OF RAPTORS, a visit to the beautiful county of Shropshire in May has produced a new favourite bird. It was a lovely humming summers’ day and I was lucky enough to see a fantastic goshawk display at Clee Hill, an area as green as Suffolk, gloriously hilly, with equally friendly natives. The size of a buzzard, and resembling a larger version of a sparrow-hawk, this goshawk hung in the air until plummeting 500 feet in a stoop to ground level, a manoeuvre that any peregrine falcon would be proud of.

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Having missed its target, it sat grumpily in a dead tree, apparently typical behaviour as it readily gives up (if at first you don't succeed, forget it).

In the past, I have seen a peregrine flitting about some Essex pylons doing not much at all, so this was some spectacle. The goshawks' reputation for copping out and being a trifle lazy is confirmed by its habit of patching up the previous year's nest, rather than make a new one. So, a cool customer with a bit of attitude, I rather like it.

Although it didn't perform for me, the peregrine falcon has many admirers and nests on the Orwell Bridge. It can range for 10 miles travelling at speeds of over 60mph, and in a stoop from on high in the pursuit of prey, it reaches double this speed, over 125 miles per hour. With a wide chest, large feet and huge eyes which are half the size of its skull, it can make a meal of almost anything it wants. Which means the feeding birds on the river mudflats, such as the lapwing and gulls, are in for a hard time.

FROM A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN the Orwell, Doc Brown of the Royal Harwich YC, rang with an invitation to watch whiffing geese on the River Ore whilst moored overnight by Havergate Island. Sadly, this coincided with 48 hours of dense fog so the main event was missed. However, as we bravely edged across the main channel a mile out at sea heading towards the bar of the Ore, a song-thrush swept over Chris's shoulder and hitched a ride on the deck all the way to the shore. Exhausted and disorientated in the fog, it was a darker Continental visitor and might not have made it but for this chance encounter. Whiffing, I understand, is the clever loss of wind through the feathers as a bird loses height quickly.

APROPOS ALL THE SAINTS DAYS in November, listening to the radio whilst writing up these notes, I heard that St Matilda is the patron saint for disappointing children and St Jude is the saint for lost causes. Such a minefield, choosing names for the children.

■ **RAFA NEWS:** Diss & District branch of the Royal Air Forces Association has sent a total of £3,125 to the national Wings Appeal Fund. This includes the money collected during Wings Appeal Week and other amounts raised throughout the year. The branch, which covers this area of North Suffolk as well as Diss and surrounding villages in Norfolk, meets on the fourth Monday of each month (except December) at the Grasmere Club, Diss, at 7.30pm. Anyone can join, whether or not they served in the RAF. Or you can come along as a guest and see what we get up to. The branch sends parcels to personnel from RAF Honington who are serving in Afghanistan. If you are interested in contributing please contact me on 640337. **Brian Ager**

■ **CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Father Christmas will be delivering again on Christmas morning in Horham and Athelington. Mother Christmas will accept gifts the week before Christmas but you can phone 384231 before then to book a delivery. A donation is requested for the East Anglian Children's Hospice for this service.

Update on church changes

IT IS LIKELY TO BE SEVERAL months before a new priest is appointed to our parishes. In the meantime church wardens are responsible for organising services and the day-to-day running of the churches.

Most of us have not had to do this before but thankfully we have plenty of help from neighbouring parishes and the many 'retired' priests in the area. Baptisms, weddings and funerals will usually be taken by Canon Fiona Newton (rural dean from Laxfield) or Rev Sue Loxton currently in Fressingfield.

Church finance is an ongoing issue. We are always tremendously grateful that we get such a positive response when we need help with repairs to the fabric of the churches. We also need help with running costs, if we can't pay our way there is always a threat of closure. Everyday costs, electricity, minor repairs etc can be kept down but we also have to insure the church and contribute to the diocese. We insure against accidents to people or property and to damage to parts of the building but we do not insure to completely rebuild a church so we keep the premium within bounds.

Our contribution to the diocese mostly goes to pay priests, pay priests'

pensions and maintain vicarages. We also contribute to other work of the diocese such as maintaining youth groups and other outreach work. As government funding diminishes these increasingly need our help.

If we are to have a functioning church rather than an empty shell, however beautiful, we need all these functions of the diocese. It is a great help when people give us regular contributions. Whether it is £1, £5 or £50 it helps to know that we can rely on some income.

Many people want an active church in their village although they may not want to attend regularly. If you would like to contribute you can send donations to your church or to me and I can direct donations to your church. I can also supply direct debit forms for any of the three churches.

As well as private donations people may consider it appropriate for the Parish Council to support the church. You can lobby the councillors and many do support their churches.

If you have any questions or need to arrange a special service contact your church warden: Daphne Harvey, Horham, (384216); Hazel Abbot, Redlingfield (678217); and Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428).

Evelyn Adey

■ **PLANNING: To be decided** – plan to erect a single storey rear extension, **Moat Farm Cottage, Redlingfield Road, Horham**; plan to erect single storey rear extension following demolition of existing one, **Malsters, Chapel Lane, Horham**. **Granted** – plan to install a 5kW wind turbine, **Mill Farm, Mill Road, Redlingfield**; plan to increase number of events held in a marquee to nine, **Athelington Hall, Athelington**.

A neglected Suffolk artist

WHATEVER HAPPENED to the East Anglian Magazine? Founded in 1936 and revamped almost exactly 50 years ago in 1962, it vanished in the early 1980s having run out of steam. Perhaps its most distinctive era spanned 1946 to 1962, when each issue featured an attractive colour illustration by Ipswich-based artist Albert Ribbens.

When the magazine reappeared after its wartime hiatus, it was in a format not dissimilar to a parish magazine. Picking a year at random (1951), articles covered a diverse range of subjects including airships, country houses, windmills, country customs and so on. Two pieces on Hoxne were written by H. L. Norman in Suffolk dialect. Illustrations were provided by the likes of Leonard Squirrell, Paul Hogarth and Andrew Dodds. Always worth perusing was the letters page,

such as the plea from Joseph Sheldrake (of Station Cottages, Horham) for the Middy Line to escape closure: "The line earned its keep during the war and can do so in peace if properly run."

About a year ago I was lucky enough to buy some of the original pen-and-ink artwork for the covers of the magazine. Through a series of tenuous internet links I managed to make contact with Albert Ribbens' only daughter, and learned a little more about the man. Born in 1903, his early career was as an artist working for Tibbenham's in Ipswich, where he painted furniture, pictures and murals, including some on the Queen Mary liner.

During the 1930s, Albert began work in an architectural practice, designing his own house along the way, but soon after transferred to Ipswich Borough Council in the



planning department. All the while he painted and sketched, and took on the task of providing the cover pictures for the East Anglian Magazine upon its post-war relaunch in late 1946.

At first his illustrations were highly stylised, being reused from card designs he had provided for J. Arthur Dixon, but within a year or so his distinctive style had emerged. He would paint a conventional watercolour, trace off the salient features in black pen, then provide the printers with further 'separations' to indicate where the limited range of colours should be applied.

The results were striking and much admired. Readers of the magazine even suggested ways of cutting them out and making place mats or decorating screens with them! Albert's work featured in Christmas

cards (published by the magazine) and on book cover designs for the likes of John Appleby's Suffolk Summer and Munro Cautley's Norfolk Churches in the late 1940s.

All this came to an abrupt end 50

years ago when the magazine underwent a major revamp. Gone were the colourful covers; instead rather boring black and white photos were introduced, and the magazine's content became less backward-looking. The magazine had caught up with the times, or perhaps had been caught up by the times.

Albert retired around this time, but his final years were dogged by

depression and he died in 1966 aged just 62. It was a rather sad end to life that brought much pleasure through the covers of the East Anglian Magazine.

Chris Mawson, Bowhill Books



Dear friends, I said goodbye and thank you last time, but there is much more for which I am most grateful that has happened in September and October, especially the kind words in the Autumn issue, and the gifts and farewell messages that we have received. Our garden at Doggetts Farm should look wonderful. I was able to bicycle between the four churches for the Sponsored Ride, and you will see me walking or cycling down Horham Street for about three months as we are coming to Jolly Cottage for that time. The Harvest Festival services were joyful and splendid occasions, and now we are looking forward to Advent and Christmas. Please come to Horham Community Centre for 7pm on Sunday 16th December. I shall be able to join you this year in the carol singers' world record-breaking attempt.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, David and Margaret Streeter.

Delighting in daffodils . . .

A LOVELY STILL, SUNLIT October afternoon – something of a rarity in this soggy year but for once the soil is fairly dry and I (under Jan’s supervision) am making 70 holes in the rough grass under the crab apples so I can plant 70 bulbs. Each hole has to be precisely 100mm deep (will the bulbs, I wonder be dissatisfied and resentful if the holes are 110mm deep or, worse still only 90mm deep?). Luckily I have a handy tool especially designed for the purpose which enables me to get it just right.

The bulbs I am planting are daffodils and, I know there are only 70 so it’s hardly in the league of “ten thousand saw I at a glance” but in the spring there should be enough for me to watch them “tossing their heads in stately dance”. Not only that but as I have planted them in grass, I can get out of mowing that particular patch for a few weeks in the spring because after the daffodils have flowered, the leaves will need to be left long enough for them to nourish the bulbs for the flowers for the following year.

Before planting you need to decide whether to arrange the bulbs in serried ranks like the commercial growers round Spalding and in the Netherlands or to go for a random pattern. An unlikely follower of the serried ranks school was the painter Claude Monet but in the part of his garden where he grew daffodils and his

beloved Irises he merely wished to create an impressive mass of blooms in one view or beds for cutting armfuls of flowers for his still lifes.

In an informal space we would like a random look. But how to achieve it? Gertrude Jekyll’s custom was to toss bulbs over her shoulder, not to keep the gardener’s boy occupied by clearing up after her but to create a truly random pattern. This is the practice that we favour – if it was good enough for her etc. etc.

However, after doing this, on turning round to see where the bulbs have landed, my nerve fails me and I am compelled to move some of them, either they do not look sufficiently random or else they are too close together for their own good.

Why are many of us so fond of these simple flowers? Well perhaps because their appearance in the garden is a sure sign that, however cold and bleak the day, spring is here and the time when you can cast a clout with impunity is just around the corner. Further, they have such a simple form and colour that anybody can recognise them – a quality which they share with tulips. Any child can recognise a tulip or daffodil and the delight in that recognition surely stays with us all our lives.

Unlike the tulip whose form and colouring are quite varied, the daffodil or narcissus does not vary greatly in form; the exception being the Tazetta in which the flowers are





OSCAR WINNER: Peter Havers of Athelington Hall picked up a top award at a recent event nicknamed the Farming Oscars. The awards saw more than 230 farmers, farm employees and families turn out at Trinity Park, on the outskirts of Ipswich. They are the amalgamation of the Suffolk Farm Business Competition, open to all farms in Suffolk, and the Best Alternative Land Enterprise (BALE) Awards, which celebrate business diversification in Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. Peter (pictured third right) won the BALE award for his log cabin holidays business.

collected in bunches on the stem. Apparently daffodils, coming as they do under the heading of narcissus and are ‘trumpet narcissus’ which means that the trumpet part of the flower is as long or longer than the petal. Colours are more varied than form, passing from white through many shades of yellow to orange, pink and even scarlet. They originate from mainland Europe, particularly Portugal and Spain but also from France, Switzerland, the Balkans and North Africa. The aforementioned Tazettas are found in Eastern Europe, central Asia into China and even Japan.

Does all of this sound as though I have been looking it up? I admit it and I am glad that I did as I was going to put down that the number of varieties of narcissi was quite limited but after

looking into Jan’s 2nd hand copy of the Readers Digest Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants and Flowers, just to make sure that I was not writing complete nonsense, I read that there are about 50 garden varieties and that the RHS classified list has about 80,000 varieties and that the number is being added to each year. Whew! And this edition is dated 1985 – how many are there by now?

The encyclopaedia also tells me that an old name for the daffodil was the Lenten Lily because, while the flower was like a Lily (well a bit) it bloomed around about Lent.

Finally. Why is the daffodil the national emblem of Wales? Well given the choice of a daffodil or a leek to wear in your buttonhole, which would you choose?

Neville Butcher

95th memorial unveiled

THE 95TH BOMB GROUP Heritage Association recently unveiled a new memorial to the man credited with saving the 95th twice.

Robert "Bob" C Cozens is credited with saving the 95th Bomb Group during WW2 by rallying the aircraft during the group's most disastrous mission and then again after the war by reinvigorating the 95th Bomb Group Memorials Foundation during peacetime.

His son Tom is now president of the US-based memorials foundation. The memorial, a black marble bench was unveiled by Tom and his wife Peggy on their first trip to Horham.

The couple had hoped to visit the Red Feather Club with Tom's father, however, Bob's sad passing earlier this year meant they made the emotional

pilgrimage without him. But Tom and Peggy got to see the Red Feather Club at its best, sampling a school visit, getting an aerial view of the base, enjoying the 200th Mission Dance and unveiling the new memorial.

A flight with Andrew Castleden, former chairman of the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, gave them an idea of the scope of the base.

They also saw the visit of youngsters from Yoxford Primary School. And to prove the Red Feather Club is a museum that is truly alive, they had a great evening as a full house enjoyed the 200th Mission Dance with the Red Feather Club's in-house band Skyliner.

James Hollington, of H. L. Perfit stonemasons in Diss, who made and engraved the new memorial, is the son of Red Feather Club regulars Steve and Jayne Hollington.

■ **THANK YOUS:** Redlingfield PCC would like to thank Lesley and Tony for collecting signatures and donations for David Streeter. £270 was collected and presented to David at the Harvest Festival service. Thanks also to Chris Tringham for organising the quiz at Horham Old School which raised £266 for St Andrew's and Harvey who abseiled and raised £150. Thanks also to the cyclists who raised £312 on the Suffolk Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride, half of which goes to the church. Many thanks must also go to the village for supporting our events along with a belated thanks to all who helped with the churchyard tidy earlier in the year. **Hazel Abbott**

■ **COFFEE MORNINGS:** Village coffee mornings have now taken over in Redlingfield for the winter. They will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10am until noon. They will be in the following homes: Dec 5, Chris and Midge Gibbons, Rush Meadow (with sherry, mince pies and a free raffle); Jan 2, Neville and Jan Butcher, Hill Cottage (with a book swap); Feb 6, Pat Kelly, Red Mill; March 6, David and Jacqueline Love, Western Barn, Abbots Meadow (with a free raffle). All residents of the village are welcome.

Jacqueline Love (678805)



Tom and Peggy Cozens unveiling the new memorial at the Red Feather Club.

Junior, top-turret gunner/flight engineer; Sgt Charles E Phinney, ball turret gunner; and S/Sgt Kenneth Cosby, tail gunner.

Marcia Moyer, the niece of 2nd Lt Strawn, has sent us a wealth of new pictures

A FURTHER RELATIVE OF ONE of the young US airmen who tragically lost their lives when their B-17 crashed at Green Farm in Redlingfield has been in touch.

When Tracey Mogan Googled the name Richard Diete – her grandmother’s brother – she was “shocked and honoured” to find the memorial had been set up for the ten airmen who died in the crash. She wrote: “My great grandmother (Richard’s mom) would be so honoured and proud”. Redlingfield’s website has now put the village, and the 95th in the UK and US, in touch with relatives of six of the crew – 2nd Lt Kenneth B Rongstad, pilot; 2nd Lt Warren Franklin Mansfield Strawn, co-pilot; 2nd Lt Richard E Diete, navigator; S/Sgt Gail A Richmond

which chart the life of Warren Mansfield Strawn from his early life to his training in the US and his mass grave in the UK and his reburial in the States. These are online at www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk.

And in September a duo of visitors from pilot Kenneth Rongstad’s home town visited. John Reinhold also has ties to the 95th as his mother’s husband is Harry Redding, co-pilot on George W Austin’s 412th squadron crew, which flew “Roarin’ Bill”, on 25 missions. He was accompanied by Frank Hale, a B-17 pilot with an educational foundation based in Massachusetts. It was their first visit to Horham. They visited Redlingfield to see the memorial having read about it when it was unveiled in 2010.

Mike Ager

RED FEATHER CLUB EVENTS 2013

Saturday March 23: Swing dance – a selection of different DJs to suit all tastes.

Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19: 1940s Weekend – Strictly 40s dance on the Saturday evening and 1940s re-enactments on Sunday.

Thursday June 20 to Wednesday June 26: 70th anniversary reunion visit to Horham including a members-only open day on Sunday June 23.

Saturday September 28: 200th Mission dance with the 95th’s own band Skyliner.

Sunday September 29: Open day and softball game – Wallopers vs Snowdrops.

Regular open days are the last Sunday of every month from April to October.

Heating oil thefts . . .

A THIEF WILL USUALLY COME equipped with a limited range of tools to attack your heating oil tank so it's worth spending a little more on good quality locks.

Closed shackle padlocks are best as they offer most resistance to the most popular of burglar tools, namely the bolt cropper. Due to their design, closed shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip.

The position of the tank can also have a significant effect on how hard a target it is in the eyes of a thief.

If the tank is within good view of the house, then the thief may consider the risk of being seen too high. If the tank is close to a road, path, drive or alleyway then it will be a far easier target.

Hiding the tank behind the garage, shed or some other type of outbuilding is fairly commonplace but, on the other hand, it could help to conceal the thief.

Remember your tank should be positioned in a way that will not prevent the oil supply company from being able to gain access to refill the tank

Check with your insurance provider

that you are not only insured for fuel thefts, but also any oil seepages, either through wear and tear or deliberately caused by an offender.

The cost of any resulting environmental clean up could prove expensive.

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available, which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly falls in fuel level.

These gauges are sited within the house to warn of any potential problem. If you have already installed an alarm for your property ask your provider if they can also add an alarm link to your heating oil tank.

Another recent security measure available is a padlock with a built-in alarm, which activates, when tampered, at up to 110 decibels.

Other options include restricting access through gating, installing dusk to dawn security lighting, or lockable caps, supported by closed shackle padlocks.

Join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme to keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles/persons, and make a note of the registration number of any suspicious vehicles and if in doubt report any suspicions to the Police on 999.



**Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team,
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Suffolk, IP23 7HJ. Phone 101, email
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Christmas gift concert

STRADBROKE & DISTRICT RBL is holding a Christmas Gift Concert for Wattisham military wives at Stradbroke High School on Saturday December 1.

The concert, starting at 4pm, will feature Gislingham Silver Band. People are asked to bring a gift-wrapped present suitable for the military wives. Admission is £2.50 and includes warm punch and a mince pie. Father Christmas will also make an appearance. Tickets available at Horham Post Office.

OUR POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER Jeremy Higgins is retiring and moving closer to his family so on behalf of the branch I thank him for his outstanding service over many years. Peter Chetwynd from Stradbroke is taking his place and at our agm Jeremy was replaced as our branch secretary by our chaplain Rev David Streeter.

Nineteen members attended the agm at Laxfield King's Head – the guest speaker was county chairman Colin Hawkins from Stowmarket.

AS ALWAYS OUR annual Remembrance Day services were well attended and this year Rev Susan Loxton conducted both the services around the war memorial and in All Saints Church. Wreaths

were laid, Last Post and Reveille sounded and I gave the RBL Tribute.

Joyce Cooper, who carried the standard, and I represented the branch when the Royal Anglian Regiment received the Freedom of Diss on Wednesday November 7. It was a great event for the town and was well attended.

THE BRANCH'S ANNUAL Christmas carols lunch is at Laxfield Village Hall on Thursday December 13 at 11.30am – names to branch secretary (384363) a week before the event please.

BRANCH MEMBER ALBERT Siggers recently passed away. He was a good and dedicated member and our thoughts go out to his wife Edna and family. He will be very much missed by us all.

A very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to all readers, Branch Chairman, Michael Burton



Members of the Royal Anglian Regiment parade in Diss.
Photograph courtesy Richard E Flagg.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Grand Christmas Bazaar: Worlingworth Community Centre, 11am-2pm, light lunches from noon. Various stalls, grand draw. Adults 50p, includes cup of tea or coffee, children free. For church funds.

Christmas Gift and Craft Fair: Stonham Barns. 10am-4pm.

Friends of Debenham High School

Christmas Market: noon-4pm.

Christmas Fayre: Fressingfield Primary School, 2pm-4pm.

Christmas Gift Concert (for Wattisham military wives): Stradbroke High School, Wilby Road, 4pm, presented by Stradbroke & District Royal British Legion. See story.

St Trinian's School Disco: The Playingfield Pavilion, Hoxne, 8pm-late. Tickets £7.50 All proceeds to St Edmunds Preschool.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 & 2

Christmas With The Owls: Suffolk Owl Sanctuary.

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Santa Special: Mid-Suffolk Light Railway, Steam train rides to see Santa at his railway home with Christmas themed activities and stories. Pre-booked tickets only, on sale now. £10 per head, adult or child, present for each child. Booking form www.msrl.org.uk/santabooking.html or 01473-890622.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Redlingfield coffee morning: Chris and Midge Gibbons, Rush Meadow, 10am until noon, sherry, mince pies, free raffle.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Christmas Bazaar: Eye Town Hall, 5.30-7.30pm, for parish church.

Christmas Dinner Dance: Horham & Athelington Community Centre, Angela Wilkins (384625).

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7-9

Christmas Tree Festival: St Mary's Church, Worlingworth. Locally sourced

living trees decorated with handmade decorations. Adults £2 including a beverage, children free. Soup & rolls, cakes & mince pies available at lunch time. In aid of church funds. 7th: Festival opens at 7pm, with sherry & mince pies, 8th - 10am-5pm; 9th - 10am-3pm, followed by a carol service at 3.30pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Christmas Produce Market: Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield, 10am-noon.

Jazz at Eye: Christmas Jazz Concert starring Digby Fair Weather & Band, Eye Church (St Peter & Paul), 7.30pm. Admission: £15. Contact: P Barter 07516 370502, www.jazzateye.co.uk.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Redlingfield ladies Christmas lunch: White Hart, Stradbroke.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carol Singing: Horham Community Centre, 6.45pm for 7pm start. Premier Christian Radio's Guinness World Record breaking attempt for the largest group of carol singers across multiple venues. The bar will be open, & refreshments served.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 & 29

Treasure Island: St. Edmund's Hall, Hoxne, Puzzle House Pantomimes present a traditional family panto. 3.00pm start. Tickets £6. Tel: 384656.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Bash: Thorndon Village Hall.

New Year's Eve Party: Horham Community Centre, from 8pm. All welcome. Admission free. Live music from Paul (Hammy) Hamilton. Please bring some food (snacks etc).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

Redlingfield coffee morning: Jan and Neville Butcher, Hill Cottage, 10am until noon, to include a book swap.

SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Hidden Histories Of Medieval & Tudor East Anglia: Stradbroke Community Centre, Wilby Road. 8-week course by Stradbroke & Laxfield WEA. 2-hour

lectures start 2.15pm. £48 for course (01728 724746).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Cinema in Stradbroke: Stradbroke Community Centre, doors & bar open 7pm, films starts 7.30pm. Tickets £5.50 on door (388629).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Treasure Island: Wingfield Barns, Puzzle House Pantomimes. 3pm start. Tickets £6.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Jack and the Beanstalk: Fressingfield Players Pantomime, 7.30pm, Sancroft

Hall. Tickets, adults £6, children £4,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Redlingfield coffee morning: Pat Kelly, Red Mill, 10am until noon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Cinema in Stradbroke: Stradbroke Community Centre, doors & bar open 7pm, films starts 7.30pm. Tickets £5.50 on door (388629).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Redlingfield coffee morning: Western Barn, Abbots Meadow, 10am until noon, to include a free raffle.

Event information: **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@ftinternet.co.uk; **Redlingfield**, 678835, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk; **Wingfield Barns**, 384505, enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, www.wingfieldbarns.com (Chick Flicks, 8pm, £10 or four for £30 pre-booked).

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

TUESDAYS: Bingo: Thorndon Village Hall, 7.30pm every other Tues. 678178.

WEDNESDAYS: Redlingfield & Occold WI, 1st Wed of the month at, 7.45pm, in Occold Village Hall. **Hoxon Hundred:** Summer dance-outs at local pubs. Winter practices. Ron Ross, 643563. Eye Country Market, every Wed 10am-11am, Eye Town Hall (closed Jan).

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

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

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

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

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

■ **THANK YOUS:** Thank you very much to everyone who supported the coffee morning on August 31 which raised £259.85 and to the cyclists and church stewards for the SHCT bike ride on September 8, which brought in £779.60, to be shared equally between St Mary's fabric fund and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Our cyclists were Brian Gue, Daphne Harvey, Abbie, Jake and Ella Hawes, Natasha, Joe and Jessie Lewer-Davidson, Daniel Streeter, Andy Smith, Lawrence Weaver and David and Michael Whatling. £12 has also been sent to Christian Aid from sales of harvest produce.

Daphne Harvey

A sporting superstar comes t

ONE OF THE BIGGEST names in speedway recently stopped off in Horham lured by the chance to ride a replica of his old bike.

Former Norwich Stars favourite and five-time world champion Ove Fundin, who was nicknamed the Flying Fox, took the bike built by Horham's Brian Marsh for spin on the field beside the community centre.

The 79-year-old Swede, who rode for Norwich Stars from 1955 to 1964, was in the UK for a reunion and to promote a move to relaunch speedway in Norwich. He delayed his return to his



French Riviera home to ride the Rotrax bike which Brian spent a year building.

Ove donned a yellow and green hat and a Norwich Stars bib to ride the replica of the bike he rode at the Firs Stadium in Aylsham Road in the 1950s and 60s.

He managed a few sedate laps on the rough wet grass despite having a bobble hat instead of a helmet but hopes that if speedway does restart in Norwich to return and race Brian's bike at the new stadium.

"Norwich used to be the hub of speedway and it amazes me that there hasn't been anything there since 1965. If

OVE FUNDIN'S SPEEDWAY CAREER: Ove Fundin made a total of 15 World Final appearances coming runner-up three times and third three times as well as his five wins. He also helped Sweden win the World Team Cup in 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1967 and 1970 as well as the Speedway World Pairs Championship in 1968. He is considered by many to be the greatest rider of all time and this is reflected by the Speedway World Cup being named after him. Ove is still remembered within speedway with awe. It's appropriate then that the eight teams competing in the SWC will be aiming to lift the Ove Fundin Trophy.



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planning permission goes through for the new stadium on the Norfolk Showground I will come back in proper gear and I will race it. I hope I will not break it," he said.

Brian said he hoped the Ove would return to Norwich next year and set the first lap record on a new speedway track with his replica bike.

Dozens of fans and villagers gathered to witness the Flying Fox's laps and then joined him in the community centre for an autograph signing session.

"He is the greatest rider of all time and for a period of 11 years he was in the top three at Wembley. I know in his time, he was a ferocious rider and he has mellowed a lot since. What Muhammad Ali is to boxing, Ove Fundin is to speedway. He is fantastic," Brian said.

The Norwich Stars stopped racing in the city in 1965 but Ove and the team are still fondly remembered by many older locals who enjoyed a night out watching the Flying Fox and team mates.

His visit pulled in the press as well as

locals with Radio Norfolk the Diss Express and the Diss Mercury/EADT/EDP sending reporters and photographers.

Mike Ager (sources Diss Express, EADT & EDP)



Above: Ove Fundin in action on the Rotrax replica bike built by Brian Marsh. From left: Ove Fundin at ease in Horham, with David Whatling and, during his days at the Norwich stars. Inset: the Speedway World Cup trophy named after him.

JAMIE BARLOW: Jamie Barlow, who died tragically on August 28th, aged 29 years, lived as a boy in Tannington, and was at school in Wilby and Stradbroke. Later he lived in Stradbroke, Hoxne and Wingfield. He was an active member of my youth group, and enjoyed discos, pool and darts, the Inter Village Games, carpet bowls and bungee jumping. He came to church at Harvest Festival, Christmas-time and for other special services, and helped put up the Advent candles at Athelington. He was strong, energetic, hardworking and good humoured, and had many friends. We miss him very much.



David Streeter

My Joe

When I first met him I was on my bike

On the way to work

He would smile and wave at me

I thought what a berk

Then in the White Hart he bought me a drink

Long time ago a vodka and lime I think

Asked to take me to a club in town

So I couldn't turn that down

Came along next Saturday

In all his finery

I took one look and thought

You will do for me

We got engaged and married

Then the children came along

We worked together as a team

That's what made us strong

He asked me to wear red today

And don't be sad when I've gone away

So I will do my best to hold back the tears

Remembering all the good years

The world keeps turning and life goes on

Take care of each other when I have gone

Joe had a contented life

And I was very proud to be his wife

In dark days ahead it will be sad

But we are here today to celebrate the life that he had

69 years with memories to treasure

My darling Joe I will love you forever

**Poem written by Karen Alderton
for her husband Joe**

■ **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Horham Baptist Church is holding a Christmas Family service on Sunday December 9 at 10.45am and Carols by Candlelight on Monday December 24 at 6.30pm. Everyone gets a very warm welcome to our services, both of which are followed by refreshments. On Tuesday December 18 there are Carols at Worlingworth Community Centre at 7pm.

Anne Jarrett (Church Secretary)

■ **CUB SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED:** 1st Fressingfield Scout Group is looking for a new Cub Scout leader and assistant leaders to open a Cub Pack on Wednesday evenings at its Scout HQ at the Goodwin Hall, New Street Fressingfield. It has a growing waiting list for Cub Scouts (aged 8-10 years old, boys and girls). Information from Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, Group Scout Leader, at The Old Forge, New Street, Fressingfield, IP21 5PG (07908 262623 or andrew.aaldersdunthorne@talk21.com).

RICHARD JOE ALDERTON: Joe was born to Joe and Belle Alderton on April 19 1943 in his grandparents' home at Trust Farm in Wilby. When his father came home from Italy where he was working on bomb disposal they moved to London City Road. When Joe was six his little brother William was born. Joe went to school in Wilby (Wilby High as he called it) where his granddaughter Lola now attends. He enjoyed cricket and played football for Stradbroke on Saturdays as a striker and for Stoke Ash on Sundays. He supported Ipswich Town all his life and a highlight was going to Wembley for the FA Cup Final in '78. He left school at 14 and worked on various farms before working for Gordon Chambers in Wilby where he drove a digger and then a Big A. He married Karen Huggins at Horham church on June 28 1975 and moved in with her mum and dad in Horham. In July 1977 they moved to Stradbroke and Kevin was born in July 1978, Tanya arrived in May 1981 and Matthew in September 1982. In February 1984 they moved back to Horham, next door to Karen's Mum at Ketama on Redlingfield Road where he lived until his death on September 5 2012. He joined the committee at the community centre helping cut the grass, maintain the hall and run dances with Karen. In 1980 Joe went to work with J&H Bunn in Great Yarmouth where he drove a Big A spreading granular fertiliser and meeting farmers across East Anglia. In



1996 it became Alderton and Son when Kevin joined the company. Joe was happiest with his family – Kevin working with him and living next door, with Amanda and their girls Lola and Freya, Matt being head boy at school and going to Turkey to work, and Tanya giving him little William to play with. The proudest moment of his life was probably walking Tanya down the aisle to marry Ian at Horham Church in July. The grandchildren were all important to him – I am sure Lola will miss playing camps with him in the lounge, farmyards on the kitchen table, and trampolining and football in the garden. Joe retired in 2003 but was busy with his garden and mother-in-laws next door. He enjoyed the simple things in life – his garden (growing bigger potatoes than Gordon), walking the dogs, a good shoot, a pint and the odd wee dram. Joe was a husband, brother, dad, granddad, nephew, cousin, workmate and a very good friend and as he would probably say “a good old boy”. He was diagnosed with brain and pancreatic tumours in May and courageously battled the pain and confusion, never giving up. He was a very special man and will be missed by his family and many friends. Karen and family would like to thank everyone who gave them support in the last few months and for all the donations in his memory – an amazing £1,045 for MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care and St Elizabeth Hospice. **Karen Alderton**

DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP, REPORTS BACK



ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL a long way to go before the British economy returns to full health, we recently saw some encouraging signs as figures were released which showed that it had grown by one per cent between July and September this year.

This was the strongest quarterly growth in five years and followed news that unemployment has also fallen, with more people in work, while inflation has also come down, bringing welcome relief to the budgets of families and businesses in Suffolk and across the UK.

I was particularly pleased to see that the East of England now has more people employed than any other region in the country, and only 2.6 per cent of the population in my constituency were claiming job seekers allowance last month. This is testament to our excellent local businesses, farms and shops in Suffolk and across the region, which form the backbone of our economy by providing jobs for local people, driving economic growth and supporting our schools and hospitals.

It doesn't come as a great surprise to me that Suffolk has some of the highest levels of employment in the country.

During my regular visits to local rural businesses, such as Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses and Aspoll Cyder, I see at firsthand the sheer hard work, enthusiasm and effort that is put in by staff all year round. We are lucky to have

such excellent businesses, inspirational school teachers and hardworking people, all of whom have a vital role to play in putting our county on the path to economic recovery. I shall continue to do all I can as your constituency MP to ensure that local businesses, schools and colleges have the necessary support from Government to succeed in the future.

Local village services such as the post office, pub and store form the lifeblood of rural communities. Our village post offices are particularly important for vulnerable elderly residents or those without their own cars.

Along with many residents, I was extremely concerned to hear about the closure of the Stradbroke Post Office earlier this year, after sub-postmaster David Johnson closed down in July. Since then local residents have been left without a post office. However, following my contact with senior management at the Post Office, I was delighted to hear recently that Darren and Charlotte Melton, who run the Spar shop in Church Street, have applied to open a new branch on their premises. While it is likely to be a number of months before the application has completed its process and a new branch is opened in the village, this is encouraging news and I will be closely following the progress of the application in the weeks and months ahead. **Dr Dan Poulter, MP - for more information see www.danielpoulter.com**

■ **DONATE FURNITURE:** St Elizabeth Hospice is appealing for donations of furniture to sell in their shops. The charity has a van and team of volunteer drivers who will pick up good quality items from your home, Monday to Saturday. Donations of sofas, table, chairs, wardrobes and cabinets are welcome. Contact 0845 259 0319.

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



LIKE MOST COUNCILS, MID Suffolk is having to find savings. Over the last 18 months there has been a restructuring and a new relationship with Babergh. There have to be savings of £4m over four years and yet we need to enhance services.

There have been exhaustive consultations including a Community Engagement day at Wingfield Barns.

I think we all agree that this part of Suffolk is quiet and peaceful and that is why we live here, but what will villagers need in the future?

While we need to protect the style and ethos of rural villages if we do not move with the times villages will die. We need to look at affordable and appropriate housing, encourage small businesses to set up and expand and see what the community can do together for themselves rather than wait for funding that might not come. For instance, where there is a need for services for the elderly and housebound, instead of getting someone else to provide it, can the community get together with plans that can be aided by council grants?

There are statutory services the district is obliged to supply. such as bin collections, but there are others that could be done in the neighbourhood with financial or practical help. All this sounds confusing but we are beginning to see some green shoots with regard to playgrounds and village stores. I wonder if there is a case to bring the villages of this ward together to combine efforts?

As you know Hartismere Health Centre is up and running for alternative treatments and outreach nursing services and the new and larger parking area will soon be in use. Next will come the 60-bed nursing and care facility. MSDC has a role in the new Health and Wellbeing Board for Suffolk. In April 2013, the present NHS PCT will disappear and doctors' Commissioning Groups will become responsible for securing and delivering services. I hope that we will be able to secure services from regional hospitals to be delivered at Hartismere.

On behalf of MSDC and myself, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and pleasurable New Year.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries,
District Councillor – Hoxne Ward

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



I SEND THIS FROM OSNABRUCK WHERE I AM ATTENDING A conference to promote the Corridor 2 (the link from Birmingham through Suffolk to Holland and on to Warsaw).

The importance of this route for all of us and our prosperity can not be underestimated. We need to ensure that goods from Jaguar, JCB and Muntons are able to get into the very heart of Europe without hindrance and delay.

In Suffolk work has started on the Ipswich Rail Chord (this will reduce lorries on Suffolk's roads by making rail more competitive). So I am here to bang the drum for Suffolk and GB plc.

Guy McGregor, County Councillor – Hoxne & Eye Division

CHURCH

C of E Services: St Andrew, Redlingfield; St Peter, Athelington; St Mary, Horham; St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne. Enquiries to: Daphne Harvey, Horham (384216); Evelyn Adey, Athelington (01728 628428) Hazel Abbott, Redlingfield (678217). Check times on notice boards (Holy Communion unless otherwise stated):

Sunday Nov 25 **Horham** - Family Service (Laurence Weaver).

Redlingfield - St Andrew's Day (Revd Julian Barker) 10am.

Sunday Dec 2 **Athelington** - Advent Carol Service (Brian Chester) 4.30pm.

Hoxne - (Canon Andrew Vessey) 11.15am.

Sunday Dec 9 **Horham** - Benefice Holy Communion (Canon Vessey) 9.30am.

Hoxne - Morning Prayer (Lay Elder) 11.15am.

Sunday Dec 16 **Hoxne** - (Canon Vessey) 11.15am.

Monday Dec 17 **Redlingfield** - Carol Service (Bert Stanford) 7pm.

Sunday Dec 23 **Horham** - Carol Service (Laurence Weaver) 4.30pm.

Hoxne - Christingle (Lay Elder) 10am.

Christmas Day **Horham** - (Canon Vessey) 9.30am (possible hymns).

Redlingfield - 10am.

Hoxne - Family Service followed by Holy Communion (Canon Vessey/Lay Elders) 10.30am.

Sunday Dec 30 **Wingfield** - Benefice Holy Communion, 10.30am.

Sunday Jan 6 **Horham** - Family Gift Service or Epiphany Gift Service (Laurence Weaver) 11.15am.

Redlingfield - Morning Prayer (Lay Elder) 10am.

Hoxne - 11.15am,

Sunday Jan 13 **Athelington** - 10am. **Hoxne** - Morning Prayer 11.15am.

Sunday Jan 20 **Benefice Holy Communion** - Redlingfield 10am. **Hoxne** - 11.15am.

Sunday Jan 27 **Horham** - Family Service (Laurence Weaver) 11.15am.

Hoxne - Family Service 10am.

Sunday Feb 3 **Horham** - 9am. **Hoxne** - 11.15am.

Sunday Feb 10 **Redlingfield** - Morning Prayer (Lay Elder) 10am.

Hoxne - Morning Prayer 11.15am.

Sunday Feb 17 **Benefice Holy Communion** - Athelington 10am. **Hoxne** - 11.15am.

Sunday Feb 24 **Redlingfield** - 10am. **Hoxne** - Family Service 10am.

Horham - Family Service (Laurence Weaver) 11.15am.

Sunday Mar 3 **Horham** - 9am.

Parish notices:

Baptisms: Horham, March 18th, Robin Nicole, daughter of Gary and Nicola Melton. October 21st, Callie Ree-Ann and Keira Lily Jean Hunt and Lola Louise Mary-May Hammond, children of Jackie Hunt and Matthew Hammond.

Wedding: Athelington, September 29th, Paul Gunton and Naomi Wright.

Funeral: Horham, September 15th, Jamie Barlow, aged 29 years.

Cremation: Seven Hills, September 17th, Richard Joe Alderton, aged 69 years, and a Service in Celebration of his life, at Horham, September 22nd.

I CAN'T BELIEVE NOVEMBER'S HERE

POETRY CORNER

I cant believe it's November already. It only seems like last month it was here!

This means December's just around the corner. I haven got my cards yet!

No shopping got in for the big two days!

No cards written or sent. No presents got in and stashed away!

Now I'm ahead of myself here. Don't panic, no rushing around.

November's here, take time, remember others not here!

Rest, relax, remember others this month - painful reminders of others so dear!

Their life is gone but the love they had so very near!

The month of odd twilight that comes at this time of year!

Some days it looks like it has been here all day!

Sharp cold mornings and sharper evenings, the cold takes your breath away!

To be seen in a puff of smoke almost lingers like memory of sunny days.

But then the leaves all green, gold, brown, auburn, that swish and rustle!

Squirrels rush to gather in nuts. Birds attack peanuts and seed to feed them up,

Some mornings a dust-fine white frost lays here and there like scattered flour!

Novembers come all to soon like an old acquaintance you like to see but can't wait to leave.

November's here. Oh dear. Cards to write food to get. Gifts to buy!

But I will sit a little longer and let the world go by. But not for too long.

November's here already!

So much to do. Not much time. Six weeks to go!

I can not believe it is that time already. Next year I will not let November creep up on me!

Manday Miller



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Thur 27 Dec	Friday 28 Dec
Fri 28 Dec	Sat 29 Dec
Mon 31 Dec	Mon 31 Dec
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