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IN FEBRUARY, MY HUSBAND Mike and I were at a meeting in the new Eye Police Station at Hartismere Hospital to discuss the A140 junctions at Brome following the two recent serious crashes there. We met with Assistant Chief Constable Charlie Hall, Chief Inspector of Roads Policing Chris Spinks, the highways department's Mike Motteram and county councillor Guy McGregor.

Redlingfield, along with many other parishes, is worried that the A140/Brome junctions have become more dangerous since the safety speed camera was turned off. We feel that traffic has sped up, however the police have had their mobile camera at the junction several times recently and found no evidence of drivers exceeding the speed limit.

The police told us that they did not believe that exceeding the speed limit had been a factor in either the tragic fatal crash or the serious accident. Rather they felt that the volume of traffic during busy periods was resulting in people misjudging distances and turning right on to the A140 when there wasn't a large enough gap in the traffic to allow them to do so safely.

This is worrying as the amount of traffic on the A140 is considerable and the volume of traffic attempting to join

the A140 at Brome will continue to increase. So this problem is just going to get worse.

Mike Motteram from the highways department also said that the junctions were challenging for more vulnerable drivers, ie younger drivers with less experience and older people whose reaction times may be slowing down.

Brome & Oakley Parish council have been calling for the speed limit around the junctions to be reduced to 30mph, which is a very good idea.

The police and Suffolk highways department don't believe turning the speed camera back on would make the junction safer but do intend to look at other options to improve safety.

I think a roundabout would be ideal, though probably unaffordable. However, the police and highways said that they will also be looking at other options such as redesigning the junctions, adding part-time traffic lights and even stopping people turning right. They did however stress there is little money available due to austerity measures.

The plan is to have proposals ready for the March meeting of the Suffolk Roadsafe Committee. In the meantime they and I urge everyone to be extra careful at the Brome and Devil's Handbasin junctions.

Janet Norman-Philips

Our thoughts are with the Alderton family after the tragic death of Kevin.

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Shooting about in Suffolk

Trevor Edwards' turtle doves are beating the odds but he finds that flowers could be the key for the increasingly rare birds

THE PROBLEMS OF COPING with the frozen farmyard are put aside and the snow adds to the excitement of an end-of-season shoot in late January. My companion for the journey south of Bury St Edmunds is Paul the Gamekeeper who explains better than anybody the benefits of game rearing to the wild bird population.

He tells his boss Charlie that the farm has no need for a bushwacker-hedgecutter which wipes out bramble cover in the ditches far too efficiently. Beneath that thick growth, which is now topped with a thatch of snow, blackbirds and finches as well as pheasants hide and feed in comfort.

On a shoot day in Occold, you can see dozens of pheasant and partridge flushed out on a drive, and at the same time a hundred yellow-hammers and finches will fill the sky.

Here at Wash Farm we have good blackbird numbers as well, and hopefully their success is not at the expense of the song-thrush. Normally, here in the summer we see just one pair of thrushes, and in the winter-time they are rarer than hens' teeth.

A little three-acre field with a waterlogged corner have been a haven for blackbirds, I expect because the anaerobic conditions has forced the earthworms to the surface. I counted a dozen feeding there before the snow set in.

Blackbirds are nothing short of inventive. This morning, one is enjoying breakfast on the tiles of the roof by throwing off beakfuls of snow and moss to find something to eat. Never mind that she is blocking the gutters, she's as busy as a chalet girl and looks very glossy and plump on the proceeds.



PAUL AND I AGREED THAT turtle dove breeding had been successful on our farms in 2012, which is in cheerful defiance of a sorry trend being highlighted by the RSPB. To encourage this further, I arranged a farm visit from Simon Tomkins who is heading Operation Turtle Dove – Saving a Bird on the Brink, to see what further measures would be of benefit.

At Wash Farm, at both our breeding sites where the trademark purring call was so evident in 2012, Simon was pleased to see very large, unkempt hawthorn hedges and mature scrub, both adjacent to good water. One site is an overgrown pit on Cranley Green, still containing wartime lumps of concrete which were used to anchor long cables to prevent invading gliders from landing.

To attract the *streptopelia turtur*, we were missing one magic ingredient from our wild bird seed mix, fumitory, for which turtle doves will happily fly all the way from Africa. I must get some ordered in and add it to other native nectar sources such as black medick and birds' foot trefoil. This is because Natural England has reported that my grass margins need floristic enhancement. Or to put it another way, more flowers please.

SHOOTS ARE AN EXCELLENT way of seeing the Suffolk countryside and are educational as well as sociable. The Fletcher's beautiful farm on the Deben at Letheringham has a massive oak-tree by the riverside.



Above: The Fletcher's super-tree. Left: Gamekeeper Paul on his way to making 500 tit and finch nest-boxes.

With its trunk measuring between seven and eight metres girth, this oak is in the super-tree category, and according to David Mitchell, Suffolk's county tree officer, is at least 800 years old. The term super-tree applies to oaks with a girth of six metres or more, and at this size they are likely to have descended from ancient wild wood oaks. This is in contrast to much of our stock of oak which has Spanish or German genetic links due to the retreating icecaps at the end of the ice-age. The bulging carbuncles which cause the swollen mis-shapen trunk are known as bosses in the tree trade.

The Fletchers run a small herd of Red Poll and the bosses of this superb oak provide their callipygous cattle with excellent back-scratching relief.

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THE ANXIETY OF THE BEET season draws to a close and with the last few acres in waterlogged fields, nobody is in any doubt that Nature is the boss. Beet harvesting in January and February is not for the faint hearted.

I was surprised to hear farmers still grow beet in southern Sweden, where they clear the fields and store in frost-protected clamps before Xmas. Katie from Gotland, who worked on our turkey farm in the Eighties before marrying her Swedish farming hubby, says beet on Gotland were washed in the field because every load contained seven per cent or more of soil.

LIVESTOCK CAN BE STRESSED by lack of drinking water in very cold conditions and when we have a hard frost, it is a thankless task unfreezing drinkers with boiling water.

Looking after the stock comes first and keeping the pigeons from the oil-

seed rape a close second. Gun patrols are a daily event and the occasional pigeon which we do bag will always have a crop bulging with the leaves of our rape plants.

So the idea is to harass the pigeons so much that they go and eat your neighbours' crops instead. One of the few consolations of sitting in a hedge on gun patrol is the company of long-tailed tits moving in groups around the field boundaries.

This activity shows the importance of hedgerows offering protection from predators, and as long-tailed tits prefer a diet of insects throughout the year they have to work hard for winter food. Being very small-bodied, they huddle close at roost to help stay warm and thank the Lord when Spring arrives.

The word callipygous means "fair-buttocked". Not a lot of people know that, as Michael Caine would say.

Trevor Edwards

■ **FAIRTRADE NEWS:** Paul Chandler, chief executive of Traidcraft plc, will be speaking on the subject of the future of Fairtrade, at St Peter and Paul Church, Eye (IP23 7BD) at 7.30pm on Friday March 1, right in the middle of Fairtrade Fortnight! It is a subject very much on his mind as he steps down from his position at the leading UK Fairtrade company and innovator at the end of March. He has been in post for 11 years, and seen phenomenal growth in the Fairtrade sector, and many changes in the movement. His insights will be valuable for all who have an interest in 'Green issues' including Trade Justice. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join us. Fairtrade refreshments will be served, and the Fairtrade shop will be open! For further information contact Sue Watson on 01379 384558, or watsopr@dircon.co.uk Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday February 25 to Sunday March 10.

Sue Watson

■ **DOG MESS:** A reader in Horham has been in touch to ask that dog walkers clear up after their pets particularly along The Street and along the Redlingfield Road around Paddocks Wood.

Mike Ager



HORHAM CAROL SERVICE AND PRESENTATION:

The carol service at St Mary's Parish Church Horham was a very happy occasion with many of the congregation responding to Laurence Weaver's request to wear biblical headdress, some more successfully than others! Following the service the tinselled and teatowelled congregation enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies and applauded a presentation of gifts to Rev. David and Margaret Streeter to mark their 30 years

of service to and retirement from this benefice. They were given a scroll bearing the names of the Horham congregation and a firescreen. The beautiful screen was the brainchild of Michael Whatling who made the frame from 200 year old reclaimed oak. Michael enlisted help from other Horham artists and craftspeople who made the stained glass panel depicting the four churches of the benefice and the wrought iron handle and stand. Pictures of some of the stained glass panels are on the front of the magazine.

THANK YOU: Dear Friends, Once again, we have the good fortune to write to you to say thank you. On the Sunday before Christmas, Margaret and I were very pleased to be invited to the Carol Service, and there to receive a gift from St Mary's Church and the people of Horham of a magnificent fire screen, with nine glass panels representing the churches of the benefice. It was designed and made by Michael Whatling, Lawrence Weaver, Christine Cooper and Pip Florance, and will be given a position of honour in our new home. We are enjoying our time in Horham, but are looking forward to moving to Doggetts Farm in April, where the fire screen will be given a splendid place in which we can all see and appreciate it. At the Burns Night Supper on 25th January, the competition for the best-dressed lad and lassie was won by Tom Wright and Margaret Streeter. This verse was written by David Streeter in commemoration of the event.

"Robbie Burns", said Kerina and Clare,

"We'll celebrate with nightly fare.

Most welcome you'll be

At Horham Community -

As long as you know what to wear!"

David and Margaret Streeter.



Some comfort and coffee

THE COFFEE CARAVAN IS not, as you may have imagined, a file of swaying camels heavily burdened with bulging sacks of coffee beans as they follow a meandering trail across the burning sands but a local service for people in rural Suffolk which pitches up on the village green in Redlingfield each month from Spring through to Autumn come rain or shine.

Although established only relatively recently it has become a much appreciated local service which, among other things, provides information on the details and availability of local services to the community with perhaps an emphasis on the elderly, as well as general consumer information together with coffee and chat. During the winter months, by virtue of a local initiative, this role is taken over by a rota of coffee mornings held in people's houses in the village.

A Wednesday in January. And so it is our turn to be the hosts on an unpromising, cold, wet, morning. But never mind, it is cheerful enough indoors now that a good number has been assembled (with the help of one or two last minute 'phone reminders). So, now replete with coffee and delicious cake, provided as ever, by Hazel, everybody is – in a very gentle way – well into the local gossip, carried along by the general good will left over from Christmas and New Year. The talk varies. Subjects covered

typically include the weather (plenty to get our teeth into there); local services, or lack of; life today compared with the old days, in which the old days do not always come off best; and forthcoming events in the village. Politics of any kind – local, national, or international – is naturally avoided as is religion. Otherwise the conversation is wide ranging.

An added attraction this morning is the Book Swap corner (here I try to come away with a net loss on the number of books around the house but usually fail). There is an attractive selection on display with a rather tempting omnibus edition of Thomas Hardy novels but no! I must exercise self discipline and I therefore put it back on the table.

These winter meetings have a different character from those of the summer mornings when we are all chatting at tables set out on the village green in the open air. In the winter people tend to arrive fairly early on and stay put for the duration while in summer there is a tendency to drop in for a shorter time or to come and go and take the opportunity to peruse a leaflet or two. Winter is for closer conversation while summer words are wider and more freewheeling; at a less deep level with more distractions and diversions caused by the passing scene.

Some time ago we had German friends staying with us for a period and we took them over to the village



time you have the chance if you want to see what I mean.

Talking of community, I feel that for now the last word should go to that always interesting broadcaster, the Rev. Richard Coles. As well as being the vicar of a rural parish in Leicestershire he is an old rocker – late of the Communards and so should know a thing or two about

green while the coffee caravan was in the village and introduced them generally to the assembly. They joined in the chat, drank coffee, ate some cake and were thoroughly taken with it all, enjoying it hugely. Perhaps a linking factor here is that it is, possibly, a very Saxon affair – simply a group of people of all sorts taking part in a common activity. Just take a look at a Pieter Bruegel painting next

people getting together. And he has said that the Church, in addition to providing much needed comfort and fellowship to people seemed also to be the continuing source of an inexhaustible supply of biscuits!

Neville Butcher

● *The Coffee Caravan will be visiting Redlingfield, 10am-noon, on the first Wednesday in every month from April 3rd until October 2nd.*

HOXON HUNDRED: Hoxon Hundred Folk Club meets in St Edmunds Hall, Hoxon every Wednesday at 7.30 pm till May, please come along and join us. Hoxon Hundred will be holding their annual Cotswold Ale at Stradbroke Community Centre on March 2. There is a teaching session during the afternoon and an Ale and Feast in the evening. If you are interested Chris, on 678169, will be happy to chat with you. If you wish to see us perform, and are doing nothing better at the break of dawn on May 1st, there will be around 35 hardy soles dancing on Fair Green and afterwards breakfasting at 7am at The Angel Cafe. Catch you at the Green between 5.30am and 6am. On May 6th Hoxon have their annual Mystery Tour, only one person in the team knows where they are heading for so be warned, it could be your front lawn. We will also be performing every Wednesday evening from May till August at pubs in your area, and you may also see us at local fetes and similar venues where we are pleased to help toward fund raising, any fee being waived for a charitable cause. Watch out for our adverts or contact Chris as above or Jan janbud@live.co.uk to find out when we are near you.

The European question

IN THE FIRST REFERENDUM, on Europe nearly 40 years ago, I voted No.

I had two reasons, the first was the recognition that our economy was in a mess and many structures were in a state of flux. I thought that this gave us the opportunity to consolidate as a nation on our own, without an empire and with the only responsibilities those we shared with the commonwealth.

My second reason was that the wish to join seemed only about money and markets. Although money is always important, by itself, it is a silly reason to marry.

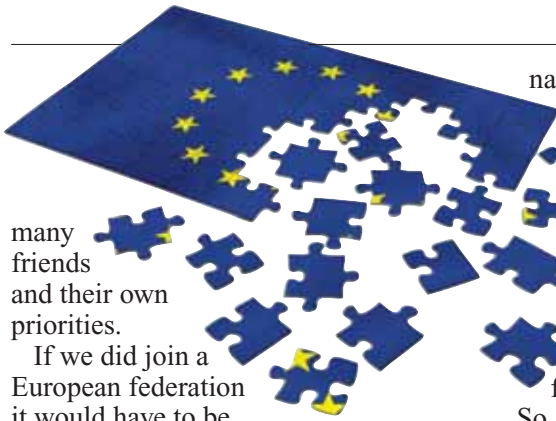
In the event the yes vote won and seemed to lead us into thinking we had a big role in the world in which we were told we ‘punched above our weight’. We ignored the obvious reality that if you join a club there will be aspects you do not agree with and so it was easy to blame the European Union for everything we didn’t like. This still goes on even though many of our moans are about regulations instigated by our own government.

Now the world and our place in it has changed almost beyond belief. We are once more in an economic mess but this time we are completely entangled in the world. Globalised companies dominate all of us and have little commitment to any one country which enables them to pay tax where and if they choose. Many, possibly most, of our assets are owned by

foreign companies, including energy companies, car manufacturers, parts of the health service and so on. We also have people from other countries in high positions here, even the new governor of the bank of England.

I now think that the safest place for us is firmly in Europe and although I know many will dismiss the idea out of hand, I believe that we should seriously consider aiming for a federal Europe. We should at least give it thought. Some people worry about national identity but even after 300 years of the United Kingdom there is absolutely no doubt about Scotland’s identity. Similarly one does not have to know much about the United States to know that its citizens have deep patriotism to their home state as well as to the nation. Each state has its own laws governing many diverse issues and each sends representatives to central government. At the moment one of the troubles with Europe is that our MEPs do not have sufficient power.

If we were a federation there would have to be many changes but it would unite us with countries with whom we have much in common, historically and culturally and, in company, we would have the power to repel the forces we do not want whether they are overbearing multinationals, environmental polluters or worse. It’s true that we have close association with the Americans but little formal arrangement. The Americans have



many friends and their own priorities.

If we did join a European federation it would have to be carefully thought through, probably over many years but it would be possible to arrange a union that coupled national identities with a fair and democratic government.

As an island people we are independent and often reticent but we have other qualities too. We are seafarers and explorers, we are creative, idealistic, eccentric and sometimes pig headed. We have often explored to plunder, been stupid, arrogant and cruel but that is not the whole story. We have a fine history of being interested in the world; many Britons have tried to understand other peoples, their languages, music and customs and have helped with education, health and infrastructure. We have studied and protected many

natural habitats and wildlife, we have drawn maps, (sometimes self referentially), and charted oceans, climbed mountains and maintained a station in the antarctic. Maybe most important of all our explorations have resulted in our becoming a fascinatingly diverse band.

So, since that first vote so much has changed that we should at least consider forming a broader bond with our neighbours. St Paul describes a world in which we are all parts of one, human body and points out that the hand is no use without the eye, the foot without the leg and so on. He goes on to say that if we were all the same that wouldn't be any good either, if we were all only eye or ear we would not be human. Diversity is the real richness of life but entails all the parts working together.

In a federation we could relate to the continent with all our qualities, not only seeing others as 'a market'. We might even manage to stop the endless wrangling about money to the exclusion of the rest of life.

Evelyn Adey

NEW REEDING WOODS GROUP: The December rains have left the rides at Pound Lane Wood saturated, care is needed as one walks as the track and meadow are puddled and squelchy, but everywhere in the mud are signs of footprints and paw marks, evidence that even in bad weather this is the ideal place for families and dog walkers. Members of the New Reeding Wood Group are satisfied as this community woodland is a well-used amenity. The small mammal count that had been planned for early December had to be cancelled because of heavy rain, but will be rearranged soon, and the monthly surveying of the other flora and fauna will begin soon, and volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Mike Reeves on 01379 668 179, or David Mitchell on 01379 388 148.

Mike Reeves



US airmen from Horham Airfield try to fight the blaze at Green Farm in Redlingfield.

95th BG film premiere

ON THE WINGS OF A Mighty Fortress, a documentary telling the story of 95th Bomb Group crew of “Easy Going”, will get its UK premiere at the Red Feather Club in Horham on Wednesday March 20th. Three years in the making, the film by Mark Werkema and Jim Koehn, features many interviews with crew members. The documentary is due to be screened on US TV this year, so come along for the UK premiere! 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association members £3, non members £4, starting at 7.30 pm. Mark

and Jim the film makers are hoping to be present to introduce this new film.

THE RED FEATHER CLUB continues to add to the collections held at the official museum of the 95th Bomb Group in Horham and among the latest haul of pictures were some new photographs of the Redlingfield crash. They show the thatch catching light, US airmen fighting the blaze at Green Farm and some of the aftermath. One of the pictures is shown above and the others are online at www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk.

WALKING FESTIVAL: This year for the first time, the Suffolk Walking Festival includes the whole of the county from Lowestoft, Britain's most easterly point, to Lakenheath in the west, Bungay in the north and the Dedham Vale, an area of outstanding natural beauty, in the south. Many of the walks are themed and have intriguing names such as A Walk To The Source; Flights of Fancy; Round The Mulberry Bush and What the Dickens! Some of them include a cream tea or other goodies and the knowledgeable guides will ensure you get to hear all the snippets of history and stories to make your walk both enjoyable and educational. For a brochure about the event, which runs from Saturday May 11th to Sunday June 2nd, either call 01284 764667 or visit www.discoversuffolk.org.uk.

RBL celebration concert

STRADBROKE & District Royal British Legion is holding another band concert following the success of December's Gift Concert for the Wattisham Wives.

The Christmas event, with Gislingham Silver Band, was a great success thanks to branch standard bearer and welfare officer Joyce Cooper and all who helped with it.

A Last Night of the Proms concert to "Celebrate England and St George" with the Ipswich Hospital Band is planned for Saturday April 20th at Stradbroke High School. It starts at 7pm and tickets, which are £5, are available with a SAE from Bernard Mills, 21 The Orchards, Laxfield, Suffolk, IP13 8EE (Tel: 01986 798414) and from Horham Post Office and Stradbroke.

There will be a prize 'for the most patriotically dressed ticket-holder.

AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS carols and lunch at Laxfield King's Head a presentation was made to retiring branch secretary Jeremy Higgins and his wife Anne for

outstanding services over many years.

The monthly meeting is now held on the second Thursday of every month at Laxfield King's Head starting 11.30am.

The annual branch dinner will be at Stradbroke Community Centre on Friday March 22 starting at noon.



Forces wives at AAC base Wattisham receiving their Christmas gifts from the branch.

THE BRANCH WAS represented by our new branch secretary Rev. David Streeter at the annual Suffolk County RBL Conference in Needham Market where he accepted the small branch county runner-up certificate for efficiency and progress for branches

with fewer than 100 members (our branch currently has 84). Branch standard bearer Joyce Cooper also attended.

A TRIO OF YOUNGSTERS – Lauren Edwards, Hollie Hunter and Rebecca Foster Clarke – were presented with vouchers for their entries in the branch's poetry awards at Stradbroke High School.

A belated happy New Year to all readers, Branch Chairman, Michael Burton

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Old Time Music Hall: Hoxne Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £10, includes interval supper. Tickets available from 01379740821 & 01379668821.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

The Working life of Hector Moore, 40 years at Brandeston Forge: slide show & talk by Mrs Mary Moore, Worlingworth Community Centre, 7.30pm. Tickets £2 from Rosemary Ingate (01728 628493).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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

Horham & Athelington Parish Council meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 & SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Redlingfield Litter Pick: (see page 23).

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

60s & 70s night with Ad-Lib: Worlingworth Community Centre, 7.30pm, bar & refreshments. Tickets £5 from Rosemary Ingate (01728 628493).

Concert: Eye Parish Church, Mass in B Minor by J. S. Bach performed by the Eye Bach Choir & Orchestra, 7.30pm, admission: £15 & £12, Info: 388961.

Tickets: 01728 747371 or lzbthmdv@googlemail.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

UK Film Premiere: The Red Feather Club (see page 10).

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Redlingfield Church Quiz: Horham Old School, 7pm for 7.30pm start, £5 per head with nibbles & a raffle. Info: Chris Stanford, 01728 628474.

Swing dance: Red Feather Club, a selection of different DJs.

St Patrick's Celebration: Thorndon Village Hall, 6pm for 6.30pm til late, Irish music, Irish stew & dumplings, £20.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Quartet at Cinema in Stradbroke:

Stradbroke Community Centre, doors & bar 7pm, film 7.30pm. Choc ices & bar during interval. Tickets £5.50 on door.

Eastern Angles Spring Tour: The Long Life & Great Good Fortune of John Clare, Fram College Theatre, doors 7pm, £8 & £7 conc. Info boxoffice@framcollege.co.uk

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Redlingfield Cheese & Wine: Horham & Athelington Community Centre (details page 23).

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

South Norfolk Youth Symphony Band

Concert: Fram College Theatre, 7pm, concert with the Parachute Regiment. Tickets & info paul@smiles.eclipse.co.uk & www.snysb.org.uk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Eggstraordinary Creatures: Eye Castle, noon-3.30pm. An afternoon of "eggcellent" adventures in the wood. Children £3 (accompanying adults free).

FRIDAY, APRIL 12-SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Spring Break Custom Car Show:

Stonham Barns, Mid Suffolk Showground, 9am onwards Sat & Sun, 6pm onwards Fri. Admission: Fri-Sun £25 inc camping 2 nights, Sat-Sun £18 inc camping 1 night, Sun only £7. Info: 07966 266388 or www.shows-uk.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Skyfall at Hoxne Film Night: St Edmund's Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50 from Hoxne Post Office or Jenny Knights on 668060.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Induction of new pastor: Horham Baptist Church (see page 22).

Race Night: Worlingworth Community Centre, organised by Worlingworth Football Club, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 & SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Country Show: Framlingham College. Info www.framcountryshow.co.uk.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

East Anglian Academy of Organ & Early Keyboard Music:

St Michael's Church, Church Road, Framlingham, noon-1pm. Christine Whiffen plays Spanish organ music. Admission free, collection. Info: www.eastanglianacademy.org.uk or 01394 420556.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Horham & Athelington Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting.

Eastern Angles Spring Tour: The Long Life & Great Good Fortune of John Clare, Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall, 7.30pm. Admission £8, £7 conc, £5 students (668251).

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ORAC Quiz Night: Occold Village Hall.

RBL Last Night of the Proms Concert:

Stradbroke (see page 11).

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Anna Karenina at Cinema in Stradbroke:

See Thursday, March 28.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Winston Wander walk: Suffolk Wildlife Trust walks, 9.30am, Gracechurch Street, Debenham. Join Susan Stone SWT botanist, on a walk from Debenham & around Winston. Booking essential: 01449 676741 or swt@imago.fsworld.co.uk.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 & SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Mid & West Suffolk Show: Stonham Barns Showground, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, 10am-5pm. Adults £6, children £4 (4-16) under 4 free, conc £5, family ticket £18 (2 adults & up to 3 children). Info: 01449 711111.

East Anglian Game & Country Fair: Norfolk Showground, Norwich.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Local Government Elections.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Suffolk Night: Traditional music with Shipshape, Worlingworth Community Centre, 7.30pm Bar & Ploughman's Supper. Tickets from Rosemary Ingate (01728 628493).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Redlingfield Doorstep Green Tidy: (see page 23).

SATURDAY, MAY 11-SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Suffolk Walking Festival: (see page 10).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Redlingfield Village Meeting AGM: (see page 23).

Horham & Athelington Parish Council meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 17 & SATURDAY, MAY 18

Antique & Collectables Fair: Stonham Barns, Friday 10am-5pm £3.50 entrance (trade 8am £6); Saturday 9am-4pm, £3.50 entrance. Info: www.suffolkantiquefair.com

SATURDAY, MAY 18 & SUNDAY, MAY 19

1940s Weekend: Red Feather Club, Strictly 40s dance on the Saturday evening & 1940s re-enactments on Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Crow's Hall Country Fayre: Crow's Hall, near Debenham (www.crows-hall.com) 1pm-6pm, adults £2.50, under 16 free (garden £1 extra). Profits will go to the seven parish churches & to the three schools.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair:

Helmingham Hall, 10.30am-4.00pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 & THURSDAY, MAY 30

Suffolk Show.

WEEKENDS IN JUNE

Suffolk Open Studios: more info next issue (www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk),

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Horham Bygones Country Rally: Show Directors Don Moyes 07894 903829 & Gary Woodrow 740496. More info in our summer issue.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Redlingfield Churchyard Tidy: (page 23).

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Redlingfield Pub On The Green:

Doorstep Green, 6pm till late.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

70th anniversary reunion visit to

Horham: Red Feather Club, includes a members-only open day on Sunday June 23.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Worlingworth Fete: 2pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 & SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Redlingfield Flower Festival.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 & THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 & SUNDAY, JUNE 30

The West Suffolk Game & Country Fair:

Rougham Airfield, Bury St. Edmunds,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

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

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Redlingfield Village BBQ.

Occold Village Fete.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Horham & Athelington Parish Council meeting.

Event information: Event information: **Helmingham Hall**, 01473 890799, events@helmingham.com, www.helmingham.com; **Redlingfield**, 678835, pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk, www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk; **Mid Suffolk Showground**, Stonham Barns, 01449 711111 www.midsuffolkshowground.co.uk; **Wingfield Barns**, 384505, enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com, www.wingfieldbarns.com.

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,

Art in a time of war . . .

ONE OF my more interesting recent acquisitions has been a large collection of *The Artist* magazine, first published in 1931 and still going strong today. Described as “a magazine giving instruction in all branches of art,” one would have expected the editorial office to shut up shop soon after the onset of war in 1939, and yet it remained in print throughout the conflict. As such, it provides a window into the world of art in a time of war.

As its cover made clear, *The Artist* was an instructional magazine, with articles ranging from painting techniques through to poster, book-jacket and advertising design. Had it been a journal discussing great British works of art, at a time when the nation was

under threat, its continuing publication might have made more sense. Perhaps the editor had carefully pitched its content to appeal both to amateur and aspiring professionals, some of whom may have been making a living from their artistic endeavours. Surprisingly, the circulation of the magazine, and demand for back-numbers, rose during the war.

Particularly illuminating is the regular column ‘Around the Studios’. In the February 1941 edition, Gregory Brown, a poster designer, admits to have retreated to his caravan at Elstree (Herts) after his London studio was damaged in the London Blitz; he died soon after. Reeves & Sons, manufacturers of watercolour and oil paints, were struggling after their factory was bombed. Another nameless artist, doubtless one of many, has left his profession to work in munitions. It is not surprising that the ‘Around the Studios’ page peters out by 1942, as more and more artists either joined up, or moved well away from war-torn London.

Indeed, in mid-1941, the magazine’s London office ‘copped it’, though as the subsequent editorial boasts, eight hours of glass- and debris-clearing by the staff enabled production to start again. In the subsequent issue were further examples of triumph in adversity, including an artist who discovered a long-lost portfolio amidst the ruins of his bombed



Articles from World War Two copies of *The Artist* magazine .

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house, whilst another found 'some interesting colour combinations' after his stock of poster paint was deposited on his studio's walls following a nearby explosion. He should not have been so optimistic, as a year or so later, decisions by the Ministry of Supply meant artists' paint became hard to come by.

As the war progressed, the editor felt able to look ahead to a time when peace prevailed, despite his observation in mid-1943 that "the world is off-balance; humanity is at the crossroads." Later the same year he discussed 'post-war prospects', envisaging a time when art, be it paintings or commercial art, would sell well. He had remarkable foresight, as the post-war era was a productive period, both for established modern artists such as Edward Bawden and John Piper, and for lesser known but no less talented painters such as Ipswich-based Leonard Squirrell, who contributed many articles to The Artist magazine.

As the magazine's editor trumpeted in 1941, 'ART MUST CARRY ON', which of course it did.

Chris Mawson, Bowhill Books

■ **FATHER CHRISTMAS:** Father and Mother Christmas would like to thank everyone in Horham and Athelington for their generous donations to the EACH Ipswich hospice. Father Christmas was busy on Christmas morning making deliveries by tractor (Santa got very wet but Peter stayed dry). A total of £505 has been raised and sent to EACH. This make a grand total of £4,600 since 2003. We hope to be back next Christmas all being well.

Mother Christmas

■ **OPEN GARDENS:** Would you like to show off your garden for St Elizabeth Hospice? Supporters of the charity will be opening gardens across Suffolk from May to September with proceeds going towards providing free hospice care. If you are interested in opening your garden, no matter how big or small, email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600.

■ **POPPY APPEAL:** Many thanks to everyone who donated or who helped with the house to house collections in Horham and Athelington. A total of £300. has been sent to the British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2012. Once again many thanks to everyone who helped.

Janet Fisk

■ **BURNS NIGHT:** A Burns night supper at Horham & Athelington Community Centre on January 25th organised by Clare, Karina and friends raised £302 toward the new playground equipment. Thank you to all who supported it.

Karen Alderton

■ **THANK YOU:** A thank you to everyone who helped with the fund-raising dance and fish and chip night last November for St Elizabeth Hospice, an amazing £1,316.00 was raised in memory of Joe.

Karen Alderton

■ **HELPING THE POLICE:** Suffolk Police are planning to hold regular consultations with representatives from a broad cross-section of the community in Mid-Suffolk and are looking for your help. Sgt Jon Eaves said: "The intention is for us to obtain a better understanding of the particular needs and perceptions of the various groups that make up our area, in relation to crime, disorder and public safety. We are very keen to ensure that the meetings are truly representative of all sections of the community, including different age groups, those with disabilities, different ethnic backgrounds, religions, sexual orientation, gender and so on." So if you think you fit the bill and would like to join the consultation group either contact Sgt Eaves, who is supervisor for the Mid-Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team (based at Eye) and the Mid-Suffolk Central Safer Neighbourhood Team (based at Debenham) or one of our local community police officers. The first meeting of the consultation group is on Wednesday, March 11, at 2pm in Cafe 52, Crow Street, Stowmarket.

■ **REDLINGFIELD RESCUE:** "Two heroic spade-wielding gentlemen" were thanked on the letters pages of the local papers for rescuing "four ladies who inadvertently found themselves upside down in a ditch between Eye and Redlingfield" in February. One of the gents who dug out and then rescued the quartet from a ditch near Kiln Farm in Redlingfield was Russell Kerry. Fire, police and ambulance were all called but Russell, and another unknown helper, rescued the ladies who had become trapped in the car by their seatbelts. Well done Russell.

Mike Ager

HORHAM & ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

■ The dates for meetings in 2013 are: March 6; May 15; July 17; September 18; November 27; and the Annual Parish Meetings is on April 17. See Parish Council notice board opposite PO for details.

■ John Scent has been appointed as Parish Councillor resulting from the casual vacancy at the end of 2012.

■ The Parish Council would appreciate any reports of potholes within the village caused by the recent bad weather. Any serious/dangerous areas should be reported immediately to Highways Department 01473 588700 or 0845 6066067. Alternatively go to Suffolk County Council web site and follow links.

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If you would like to receive a large print version of this magazine please contact Mike Ager on 678835 or mike@gn.apc.org

DICK LOVELACE: My mother Anne and I would like to sincerely thank everyone in Horham for all their kindness, messages of condolence and practical help since the death of my dear father, Dick, on December 19th. We have been truly overwhelmed by the support given to us by so many people and it has been very comforting for my mother especially since my parents had recently left North Yorkshire to begin a new life in Horham and had only been living here for a few months.

Sadly my father never got to move into the new bungalow where he had so looked forward to living and to beginning a new life after 63 years in North Yorkshire. It was obviously a wrench to leave all their friends in Yorkshire but Dad loved Suffolk, had been visiting us here for 13 years and had got to know many people over the years. He loved nothing more than driving around the country lanes with me, looking at the farm machinery in the fields and reminiscing about his early years in farming. He loved the gentle, picturesque landscape of Suffolk and enjoyed chatting to everyone he met. He particularly loved visiting the Red Feather Club and taking gentle walks with me on the airfield during the summer months. Having lost his brother, a Spitfire pilot, during the

war at the age of 23, he felt an affiliation to the RFC and enjoyed meeting the Veterans when they came over. He was very touched when Lawrence mentioned his brother by name at the recent Remembrance Service in the church.

So I know he would have been very happy here because he and my mother had been made to feel so welcome.

Dad would have been 85 on Christmas Day. His funeral took place on January 11th in the church in North Yorkshire where he had been Church Warden and Treasurer for many years. We were overwhelmed but not surprised at the enormous turnout on that day which truly reflected the life of a wonderful man.

I feel very blessed that I was able to spend the last 6 precious months with him and that my two brothers, my Mum and I were all with him when he died. He was the most generous, kind, sincere, warm-hearted gentleman with a wonderful sense of humour which never left him, right to the end. We all miss him terribly but would like to thank all the wonderful people of Horham for helping to make his last few weeks and months here such happy ones.

Esse Quam Videri ("to be, rather than to seem")
Kate Kirkum

■ **REDLINGFIELD THEFTS:** On Tuesday January 8th a burglary to a property in Redlingfield was reported. It is believed to have occurred between December 17th and January 8th. Entry was gained by forcing open a wooden framed rear window. A TV was stolen from within. This follows the theft of heating oil from a recently filled tank in December and the theft of a Toyota Hilux from Mill Road in October.

■ **FLOODING:** Harvey Freitas videoed some of the winter flooding in Redlingfield. You can see the footage on the news section at www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk.

DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP, REPORTS BACK



NOW THAT THE NEW YEAR IS well under way, I thought it important to highlight some of the good things that are happening in Suffolk. We all know that Britain has been facing a troubled economic outlook for some time, but our Prime Minister David Cameron is making good progress in getting our national deficit under control and there are also many reasons for us to be optimistic here in Suffolk.

Our local NHS is performing well, and under the leadership of the interim Chief Executive Nigel Beverley, Ipswich Hospital received one of the best quality of care reports of any hospital in the East of England. In response to requests from local heart patients and their families, I worked hard to obtain Government funding for a new heart unit at Ipswich Hospital and was delighted it was announced that the Government is giving £5 million to the new unit which will mean that heart patients in our area will no longer have the difficulty and inconvenience of travelling to Cambridge for routine treatment. And thanks to a long standing campaign started by my predecessor Michael Lord (now Lord Framlingham), I am also pleased to have played my part in achieving the £1.5 million refurbishment of Hartismere Community Hospital in Eye, which provides close-to-home healthcare for many people, particularly the elderly, living in rural Suffolk.

I firmly believe that people who have worked hard for our country deserve to be properly looked after in their retirement, and I am pleased that even in

tough times, we are looking after pensioners, older people and the retired, who are often on fixed incomes.

Thanks to changes introduced by our Government, last year, the basic state pension increased by £276 per year and for the foreseeable future we are protecting winter fuel payments, and free bus passes for pensioners.

I regularly visit our local shops, farms and businesses, many of which continue to do well, even in difficult economic times. As a result, there was some good news last year, as the number of people who are unemployed in Suffolk fell by 162 while a survey of local manufacturers by the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce showed that the economic recovery in Suffolk remains strong. I was particularly delighted to see that record numbers of young people in Suffolk are finding their way into apprenticeship and vocational training courses at Otley College, and Suffolk New College, as the number of available apprenticeship places increased in Suffolk between 2009/10 to 2011/12 by 2,560 to 6,270. Farming, and small- and medium-sized businesses, which are the backbone of our local economy, are, in general, doing well, and because local businesses do well they are able to employ more local people.

The Government is also helping families in Suffolk with the cost of living, and as a result of its decision to cut fuel (petrol) duty, we are now paying 13p a litre less for our petrol than we would have been under Gordon Brown's fuel price escalator.

Dr Dan Poulter, MP - for more information see www.danielpoulter.com

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



AS WE NEAR THE END OF more than a year of change of the organisation and delivery means of Mid Suffolk District Council, we are starting to see

how we can work better with parishes and partners.

The Government has decreed that we save a further £3.5 million in the next three years and we committed to keep the services that you have asked for, so we have to do it in a different way. Having cut front and back offices and 25 managers we are now set to identify new ways of working. Planning has always been the service that you are most likely to come face to face with, and we have caught up with some of the late deliveries and are becoming more flexible. Pre application and more consultations are speeding up decisions.

We are sharing services and officers with Babergh District Council and the future might also see fewer committees and more task and finish groups to save expense and officer time. There is still a

very human face of the council with funds available to start up and support local needs and initiatives and as District Councillors we are pressing even harder for the things you want (or don't want) in your villages.

There is a need for more housing of suitable size and cost/or rent in our villages. Some may say we don't want any more houses but for the future of the life of a village and to support any present services and attract others, we do need people of all ages to bring fresh ideas and contributions to our communities.

The bigger plan for the County is for a healthier, greener and more fulfilling population with every person of every age and competency to reach their full potential. I hope we are approaching the end of a long, wet and cold winter. Soon the lanes will be green again and people will appear in their gardens. Let's hope we will get long sunny days in 2013 to enjoy them.

Elizabeth Gibson-Harries,
District Councillor – Hoxne Ward

■ **CHEAPER ENERGY TOGETHER:** Suffolk ACRE has joined the Cheaper Energy Together partnership to help you cut your energy bills. CheaperEnergyTogether.org helps households get a fairer energy deal. By acting collectively and grouping thousands of households together, it's possible to negotiate lower energy tariffs than if an individual household was changing supplier on their own. Everybody who signs up to the scheme will be offered the deal so they can see how much they stand to save compared to their existing energy deal. There is no obligation and absolutely no cost to take part. Find out more by calling 0800 888 6611 or at www.communitybuying.org.uk/cheaperenergy.

■ **FIT VILLAGES:** Villages in Suffolk are being given the opportunity to get more active thanks to an initiative launched by Suffolk Sport. 'Fit Villages' gives communities the chance to run subsidised sport or physical activity sessions thanks to support from local funding bodies. For details and to register your village, contact Henry Tapp on 01394 444289 or henry.tapp@suffolksport.com.

CHURCHES

Horham Baptist Church: Horham Baptist Church, Chapel Lane, Horham, invite you to attend the Induction of their new pastor Adam Blowes on Saturday April 13th at 6pm. Speaker Steve Wyncoll. Please stay for refreshments after the service. RSVP and Enquiries to Anne Jarrett The Cottage Low Rd, Monk Soham IP13 7ER, afjarrett@tiscali.co.uk, 01728 685582. Adam Blowes is pictured with his family.



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:** HC=Holy Communion, MP=Morning prayer, FS=Family Service.

March 3rd Horham 9.30am HC; Redlingfield 10am MP; Hoxne 11.15am MP.

March 10th **Mothering Sunday**, Horham 11.15 am, Commissioning of Lawrence Weever as Horham Lay Elder conducted by the Archdeacon; Hoxne 11.15am FS.

March 17th Athelington 9.45am HC; Hoxne 11.15 am HC

March 24th **Palm Sunday**, Horham 11.15am FS; Hoxne 10am FS

March 28th Redlingfield 6.30pm, a special celebration of Maunday Thursday, please bring small food to share, nuts, raisins etc.

March 29th **Good Friday**, Horham 7.30pm; Hoxne 10am, meditation.

March 30th **Easter Eve**, Denham 6.30pm, service of light.

March 31st **Easter Day**, Horham 9.30am, HC; Hoxne 11.15am Easter Celebration. Redlingfield 10am HC.

April 7th Horham 11.15am, FS; Hoxne 11.15am MP.

April 14th Athelington 9.45am HC; Hoxne 11.15 am HC.

April 21st Redlingfield 10am MP; Horham 11.15am FS; Hoxne 10am FS.

April 28th Horham 9.30am HC; Redlingfield 10am MP; Hoxne 11.15 am HC.

May 5th Horham 11.15am FS; Hoxne 11.15 am MP.

May 12th Athelington 9.45am HC; Hoxne 11.15 am HC.

May 19th Horham 11.15 am FS; Redlingfield 10am HC; Hoxne 10am FS.

Redlingfield church events: On Saturday March 23rd a quiz is being held at Horham Old School (7pm for 7.30pm start) to raise funds for Redlingfield church. It is £5 per head with nibbles and a raffle. Details from Chris Stanford on 01728 628474. Redlingfield's Flower Festival will be on the weekend of June 22nd & 23rd.

Redlingfield flower rota: Flowers should be ready for the first weekend of the month. Please look after them during the month and tidy up the church afterwards. Rota: January, Madeleine Ellis; February, Janet Norman-Philips; March, no flowers for Lent; April, Pauline Abbott; May, Anita Edwards; June, Anita Edwards; July, Hazel Abbott; August, Jacqueline Love; September, Sue Chapman; October, Caroline Risk; November, Beverley Abbott; December, Caroline Risk.

TIME FLIES

POETRY CORNER

*Time flies when you're having fun, unless it is the months of the year.
They are jet propelled blink and another month is gone.
It is March already and April just around the corner.
Christmas & New year have faded fast - time goes marching fast.
Like birthdays before you know it another is approaching fast.
Am I that age already - I can't be. Why it was only yesterday I was that age.
You see babies small & cute - next they are grown.
Where does time go but never mind spring will soon be here!*

Manday Miller

REDLINGFIELD VILLAGE MEETING 2013 EVENTS

- On Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10, you can join in Redlingfield's Annual Litter Pick. Get out and give the village a clean up. Co-ordinate your efforts with Mike Ager please.
- On Wednesday, May 8, help to get Redlingfield's Doorstep Green ready for the summer. Come along from 6pm with your garden tools.
- On Wednesday, May 15, Redlingfield Village Meeting's AGM will be held at Horham & Athelington Community Centre, 8pm. All welcome. Meeting will elect new chairman and hear various reports.
- Redlingfield's Cheese & Wine will be on Saturday, April 6, at Horham & Athelington Community Centre, from 8pm. Tickets available via the village committee or Joyce Saunders.
- On Tuesday, June 11, help give Redlingfield Churchyard its annual tidy up. Come along from 6pm with your hedge-trimmers etc and help get the churchyard ready for the flower festival on the weekend of June 22 & 23.
- Redlingfield's popular Pub On The Green will be open on the Doorstep Green from 6pm till late on Saturday, June 15, July 20, August 17 & September 21. Watch out for details of mini BBQs.
- Redlingfield Village BBQ will be on Saturday, July 6, more details in the next mag.

Mike Ager, committee chairman

(pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk or 678835, www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk)

■ **PLANNING: Granted** – plan to erect a two-storey rear extension to dwelling, including alteration and refurbishment work after demolition of modern part of front elevation and 3m width of rear lean-to extension, **Kiln Farm, Cranley Road, Redlingfield**; 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**.



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