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**I**T IS NOW SUMMER. WELL I'M PRETTY sure it is ... there's a bright yellowy thing up in the sky as I write this. However, since the last Village mag winged its way off to the printers we've had snow drifts – we battened down the hatches for a week while the brave printers battled their way in and did their thing, some pretty serious floods and a record breaking early heatwave. Ah, the British weather, at least we have something to talk about.

**WE HAVE BEEN** putting off producing a new directory of contacts, clubs and useful info for our villages for a while now but we hope that we'll get one out alongside our next mag. Please send me any info you think should be included.

*Mike Ager*

■ **HORHAM AND ATHELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL:** The annual parish peeting on 25th April was well attended. Guest speaker Philip Isbell head of Mid Suffolk planning team gave a very interesting talk on planning issues and answered many questions. We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining us please do contact me.

**Angela Wilkins 384625, [callchanges@yahoo.com](mailto:callchanges@yahoo.com)**

■ **REDLINGFIELD AGM:** The recent Redlingfield Village Meeting agm re-elected Mike Ager as chair, Janet Norman-Philips as clerk and Jeanette Brierley as treasurer. District councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries was thanked for all the work she does for the parish and all her service as she is standing down at the next election.

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# Wilding likely to cause a problem or two . . .

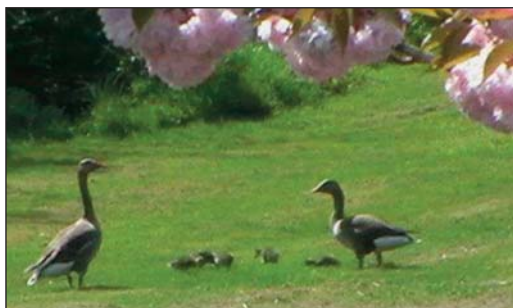
*Trevor Edwards' latest slice of Wash Farm Wildlife*

**T**HE DICTIONARY DESCRIBES “wilding” thus – any racy activity that exhibits a lack of wisdom or common sense. However, it has become a modern expression for the relaxed management of the countryside where areas are allowed to revert to the wild, and animals are reintroduced that were once common

before 70 million humans decided to take over these islands of Britain.

Although Scotland still retains some of the best unspoiled habitat in Europe, the result of large numbers of wolves, beavers and various wildcats would be one of increasing conflict.

The badger is already causing problems with gardens, nature reserves and farms, and Anita and I walked a lovely part of Cambridgeshire last year where a six-metre grass margin had been ruined by a huge



**Left: Greylag geese under the cherry blossom at The Hall. By Julian Bye.**

**Right: Minsmere in March. Red deer are an important part of Minsmere's landscape, though numbers have to be strictly controlled to about 250 head.**



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wilding as a pair of tawny owls nested in the Dutch barn high on a stack of straw bales, the adults appearing very relaxed by the farm activity as they got on with the rearing of three chicks.

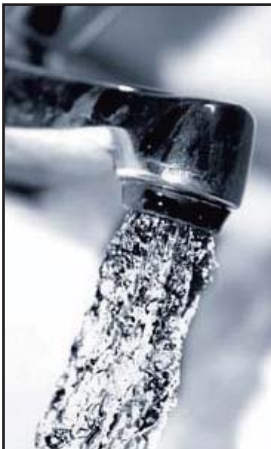
The straw stack is diminishing steadily for the regular bedding of the stock but with careful management we will see the owls fledge successfully. It was very encouraging to see that the adults were keeping a well-stocked larder of both rats and mice.

badgers' sett. With giant entrances, it was as big as a double garage, an underground cave, which could swallow a walkers' child or break a tractor axle. And of course there is the constant threat to West Country cattle and milking herds by the transfer of TB from badgers to cows.

The ponds at Redlingfield Hall saw their first nesting pair of greylags this year and Caroline Risk enjoyed the sight of five newly hatched goslings walking her lawns most evenings. We at Wash Farm added our own bit of

On the subject of wilding, Caroline also witnessed a particularly savage battle between two scrapping cock pheasants which through binoculars she could see resulted in one losing an eye. So, an old adage comes true, nature is raw in tooth and claw, a line from an ancient poem which is oft-quoted to describe the visceral activity of the fight for supremacy in the natural world, and used by some to support Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection, written in 1856.

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EARLIER IN THE YEAR CAME A challenging spell of weather in March. Snow and frost were made more severe by a biting wind and walking the dog Kip at 10pm around the paddock in the snow, I could hear a distinctive sound on the air, the cawing and chatter of rooks roosting nearby.

I wondered if they were too hungry and cold to sleep and what on earth could they find to eat next day in the Arctic conditions under 6 inches of snow? This wicked cold spell, and the late arrival of spring, caused many problems which included the struggle of migrants to relocate back to breeding grounds in Britain. Some literally dropped dead on the beaches of Suffolk so it was a relief to see old friends like the chiffchaff and much later the turtle dove make it back to the garden.

The importance of garden bird feeders to help wildlife through the winter has been noted before and it is something the British are particularly

good at. This was evident when we visited a friend's farm on the island of Gotland in Sweden where there was no sign of bird feeders and the gardens were quiet as a result.

But the farm was a delight in all respects, a huge barn housed young cattle and lambing ewes, with a vast hayloft above, and high in the roof hung two sides of beef slung from a beam by means of a tractor loader.

This had been grown and killed on the farm and air-dried for three weeks. Free from too much fussy regulation, we sharpened numerous knives and scrubbed down a wooden table and a splendid day ensued as I helped with the butchering and, of course, a steak for that evening.

A local nature reserve trail nearby completed the enjoyment of the holiday with the spotting of a common crane, three curlews, and---drum-roll--- a golden eagle, a notable first sighting and in good binocular view for quite a few minutes.

This year, I was introduced to a new

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way to enjoy Minsmere in spring. It is a safari-on-wheels in a 4x4 truck in the company of one of the many experienced guides who explained the history of the estate, its expansion and its continuing development.

Reasonably priced if you are a member of the RSPB and take a group of four, the tour takes you behind the scenes of the 3000 acre reserve for good views of the red deer. But it left me wondering about the Society's refusal to countenance predator control because sometimes the entire hatch of avocets is lost to predators.

May is a frantic time of year, the garden is a scene of racy activities ... it is all vive le sport for the house



***Delivering beef to the household Swedish-style.***

sparrows, and it is the females who lead the way. Bats are now more highly regarded than years ago and increasing efforts are made to look after their habitat. South London may soon have its own Doggersy Bats Home. ***Trevor Edwards***

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## Duo brave the

**H**ORHAM'S JOHN KIRKUM and daughter Lucy were due to race in the Bath Half Marathon in March but it was cancelled for the first time ever due to snow so they decided to run their own 'Horham Half' over Easter.

They ran a 13.1 mile loop ending at the village's Old School where friends and family welcomed them back.

John said: "We had been training for the Bath Half Marathon all through the winter months and we were determined to complete the distance in honour of all our sponsors. Therefore we created our own 'Horham Half' and we would like to thank everyone who helped us raise lots of money at the Old School."

John and Lucy raised £1,254 for their

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# easter floods for charity run



*John & Lucy Kirkum on their run and well-wishers at Horham Old School afterwards.*

chosen charities – Cancer Research UK and Rethink Mental Illness – and completed the Horham Half despite the Easter weekend floods.

John said: “The run turned into an assault course as we had to negotiate a number of flooded roads by climbing

up the verges or running through long stretches of deep water.”

The duo completed the half marathon in two hours and 26 minutes. After their soggy run John and Lucy hosted a celebration at Horham Old School.

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# Holland trip for veterans

**I**N MAY, 20 VOLUNTEER cabbies from the Taxi Charity escorted 34 WW2 and Korean War veterans and their carers to the Netherlands for the Dutch Remembrance and Liberation commemorations.

Royal British Legion Stradbroke and District branch president and Normandy veteran Alan King along with his daughter Joyce Cooper, the branch standard bearer, were among the group.

On Friday 4th May, Remembrance Day in the Netherlands, the veterans were driven to Bronbeek Royal Home for Retired Military Personnel for lunch and they then visited Oosterbeek

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery to pay their respects to their fallen comrades buried there. On Saturday, the veterans took part in the Liberation Day parade at Wageningen.

In June, Mr King will lay a wreath on behalf of the branch and community at Bayeux CWGC in remembrance of those who fought and died in the Normandy campaign.

Bernard Mills spoke to the May monthly meeting of the branch about the history of the RBL. The next meeting is on Thursday 14th June at the Royal Oak in Laxfield from 7pm when the guest speaker will be Caroline Mackinson, South Norfolk



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**Veterans  
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trip to  
Holland.**

Advice project co-ordinator at Citizens Advice.

The branch's annual dinner was on Thursday 19th April in Laxfield Village Hall. 57 members and guests enjoyed a lunch provided by Bakewell Catering of Scole with chairman Michael Burton presiding.

The principal guest was Michael Cole of Laxfield who entertained with recollections of his work as a newspaper and television reporter. The reply was given by county chairman Ken Rowbottom. Among guests were

county standard bearer Alf Bloomfield and former president and Normandy veteran Ted Bootle – visiting with his family from Leicester.

It was a nostalgic occasion as chairman Michael Burton would be retiring at the November agm after 30 years in the chair. The president presented him with the Ken Richardson Shield, membership secretary Penny Stanford presented the Tommy Campbell Preston Tankard 'for best attendance' while, on behalf of the committee and members, Ralph Williams presented him the Sim Crowe Tankard for the 'person who had done the most for the Legion' in the past year. It was the first time all three awards had been given to the same person.

*Joyce Cooper,  
Bernard Mills & Michael Burton*



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# Horham newt hunt success

**F**OLLOWING observations from dog-walkers and others, it appears that Pound Lane Wood pond hosts a thriving newt population.

The New Reeding Woods Group agreed it would be useful to know exactly what was present, so chairman David Mitchell recruited friend and local licensed ecologist Sue Morgan to find out. An intensive learning-curve followed,

involving books, articles and a one-day course at Epping Forest FSC, so that by the height of the newt breeding season (March-May) David was the veritable Gussie Fink-Nottle of Horham (Google it if not a Wodehouse fan!) and raring to provide assistance.

Newts use ponds primarily for courting and egg-laying in spring and early summer, spending the rest of the

year foraging and commuting on land. Now is the only practical time to observe and record them. Great Britain hosts three native newt species: palmate; smooth (or common); and great crested. Palmate newts are largely absent from East Anglia. Great crested newts, though sometimes locally abundant, are a European Protected Species. They can



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survive more than ten years and attain an impressive size in age.

Survey methods included observation (morning and torchlight); bottle-trapping; netting and environmental DNA testing. The survey was kept deliberately low-key, since it is important to keep site disturbance to a minimum.

The eDNA testing is normally rather expensive but, luckily, Sue Morgan was running one of her training day courses on newts, so she managed to incorporate the tests at Pound Lane Wood into her schedule ... and without cost to NRWG!

Friday May 4th was set for the main event but, during the preceding week, trapping and observation was also

yielding results. Local dog-walkers kindly kept their animals out of the water to prevent contamination of the sampling by silt. On the day, course delegates from Natural England, the Environment Agency and Forestry Commission all helped with the rather complex sampling methodology ... so the results should be suitably conclusive!

The exciting news is that, even without the eDNA findings, Pound Lane Wood pond definitely contains a thriving population of great crested newts. Males and females were observed and recorded, at all stages of growth from juvenile (efts) to mature; courting and egg-laying have been observed; eggs were discovered in the

bankside and submerged vegetation, lying in the folded and 'glued' leaves the females create to protect them. Smooth newts are also living quite happily side by side and in abundance.

This confirmation is great news for NRWG and an indication that management of the wood, meadow and pond is along the right lines. As if to emphasise the point, a common spotted orchid has appeared in Pound Lane itself, opposite the pond, and the first seen in the area by group members. All good news for a (hopefully) lovely summer!

Many thanks to local walkers and dog owners for leaving the pond and surrounds undisturbed during the survey period ... and to Sue Morgan for kindly donating her time, expertise and course delegates to the survey. Final count by the way was: great crested newts, male - 6 (2 juvenile), female - 3 (1 juvenile); smooth newts, male - 12 (5 juvenile), female - 15 (7 juvenile).

**David Mitchell**



# Old School parking signs

**A**S MANY OF YOU KNOW the freehold of The Old School Horham is owned by the Church. Horham and Athelington Village Hall Committee are leaseholders; we have held the lease for many years and, since it was renewed recently, will continue to be leaseholders for many more years to come! We have a rent and repair lease – we pay rent but are responsible for maintenance of the building and land, running repairs and improvements. We are obliged to use the hall for the benefit of the community.

We have achieved a lot over the last few years. We have repaired the roof, renewed the electrics, replaced the

windows, installed a new door to give access to the garden and disabled access to the building and made emergency repairs to our car park.

We have many plans for the future. We want to upgrade the bar, kitchen facilities and toilets and redecorate the hall and bar.

The building is used for coffee mornings and computer tuition, bar nights, yoga, music and dancing, art and craft sessions, shoot lunches, bat training days and other activities. There are board games, children's toys and a free lending library available during the coffee morning.

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**■ I REMEMBER WHEN ... :** Over the weekend of 16th and 17th June Redlingfield Church is having an event called, I remember when ... If you can remember that last year there was a Summer Scenes event and the other Christmas a Christmas themed one, then you'll know what to expect; a mix of flower displays along with art work around the theme of 'I remember when ...' The church will be open 10am to 4pm both days and there will be refreshments available. For info please contact Chris Sanford [chrismstanford@icloud.com](mailto:chrismstanford@icloud.com) or 01278-628474. **Revd Michael Womack**

**■ BUSY OCTOBER:** October will be a busy month for Redlingfield with the Family Fun Evening and Race Night at Horham on Saturday 27th, a Pub on the Green on the 20th and the church planning a quiz night.

# stolen twice

place, as well as bar nights, and we intend to work hard to extend our activities and opening times to further the provision on offer.

Of course none of this would have happened without the dedication and very hard work of our committee and volunteers.

These volunteers bake cakes and other goodies, help with the computers, do the washing up; run the bar and shop for supplies; look after the garden; they run our finances, look for grants and liaise with authorities and builders; carry out running repairs, do the washing, clean the building and get it ready for events.

These people have the good of the community at heart and give time and talents freely.

How sad then that the building has been hit twice by vandals. As leaseholders we have the legal right to reserve our car park for our patrons, although we also allow church attendees to use it. We also have the legal right to exclude other people from the land.

The No Parking signs have been torn down twice. We hope we will not be forced to act on Police advice to reinstate the fence that once bordered The Old School but we may have no option. The time, money and effort that it takes to replace these signs and deal with other trespass would be so much more profitably spent working for the community.

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# An 'outstanding' inspection

**I**N FEBRUARY WILBY CEVC Primary School received an 'outstanding' result from a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection.

The inspector reported that Wilby School has a "strong commitment to developing the whole child, ensuring their wellbeing, underpins everything the school does."

"The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Wilby as a Church of England school are outstanding. The highly motivated and dedicated head-teacher and governing body have a truly shared vision and strategy for moving the school forward as a church

school which gives clear direction to all." It goes on to add: " 'Dream big, work hard' is the inspirational school motto, written by the pupils and expanded on in the school vision. This ensures that all make excellent progress from their starting points ..."

To see the full report visit the school website ([www.wilbyprimary.org.uk](http://www.wilbyprimary.org.uk)).

This term pupils across the school produced some amazing art work which was entered into the Young Art East Anglia. Four pupils received awards and their art was exhibited in the Peter Pears Gallery in Southwold.

We have also all been learning about China and to celebrate the Chinese

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***Celebrating Chinese New Year and, below, dressed as their favourite characters with author Julia Jarman for World Book Day.***

their school site.

Last term the school council organised a successful Easter egg hunt and this term they are inviting pupils to participate in a Royal Wedding

New Year the whole school created dragon masks and used them to perform dragon dances. Children were involved in a variety of activities throughout the day and One Day Creative Education taught them how to do Chinese Ribbon Dances. Parents and members of the community were invited to a performance of both Dragon and Ribbon dancing.

We also continue to develop links with Mogonjet Primary School in Kenya. Our pupils are aiming to raise funds to enable them to buy a water tank as they have no water source on

cupcake competition and take part in a 'Water Day' to raise funds.

This term we are aiming to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity. On June 21st at 6pm you can join us for what promises to be a wonderful 'Music for a Summer's Evening'. See the school website for details.

This term our netball teams performed brilliantly in the Inter-Schools Netball Competition, our gymnasts came home with bronze and silver medals from the County Key Steps Gymnastics Competition and swimmers gained silver in the Inter-Schools Swimming Competition.

Author Julia Jarman visited in February to celebrate World Book Day the children's author led workshops for all age groups.

We are also excited to share that our school is one of only two schools in Suffolk to be selected to take part in a national research project called ReflectED — an approach to learning that teaches and develops children's metacognition skills.

***Roisin Wiseman, headteacher***





# There's so much good to say

**O**N JULY 5TH THE National Health Service will be 70 years old. It was in 1948 that, against the odds Aneurin Bevan at last achieved his dream. For the first time anybody, regardless of income, could receive the health care they required. It was, at the time, without precedent, admired and later copied by other countries.

The odds referred to were considerable – after more than five years of total war the country was financially on the rocks and heavily in debt. In addition the move was not universally welcomed by vested interests – not least the medical profession. Bevan recalled later he had "stuffed their mouths with gold".

I recall this not just to celebrate the forthcoming anniversary but because recently it has been our turn to call on the NHS in an hour of need. Although so far as to the cause of my wife Jan's condition it has been a journey of

investigation without, as yet, a conclusive answer, it has been a positive experience. The anxiety which might have been caused by not knowing the ailment or rather the diagnosis being changed from time to time as a result of tests has been mitigated by the diligence and positive attitude of all medical staff involved from our GP through to the consultants at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Everybody has been unfailingly concerned, reassuring, courteous and inclusive.

Although the wider national background, contrasted with our own experience, is a scene of pessimism, a lack of proper investment and deep concern about the future of the service, it needs saying that with such a positive workforce there is much to be hopeful about. However, the correct level of investment must be made.

When I compare my experience of the present with the past attitude of the



## ■ EASTER

**FLOOD:** After the March snows came the Easter floods. Glenn Miller captured the soggy scene at The Knoll in Redlingfield, which caught at least one motorist off guard and left them with a flooded engine.



# about NHS

current workforce is exemplary.

My personal experience of earlier days was dire. For example, you were given an appointment at outpatients for 9am only to find when you arrived that everybody else had been given the same time and therefore you had no idea as to when the great man (and it was usually a man) would be seeing you. You were often treated with disdain and given the impression that your presence was an inconvenience to the proper running of the hospital.

This attitude was made even plainer to you if you were a visitor. Visiting hours were short and entirely for the convenience of the hospital. These principles even applied to the parents of new-born babies – fathers were allowed to look through glass (Which one is it?). Jan was not allowed to be with our son for several hours after the birth as he was inconveniently born in the middle of the night.

The service is said to be in crisis and so it is in many ways but I would like to pay my small tribute to the dedicated people who work there.

The welfare of visitors as well as patients is taken seriously – there are shops where you can buy gifts for the patient you are visiting. Visiting hours are relaxed. You can get a decent meal at a reasonable price and everybody from medical staff to the bloke pushing a trolley down the corridor is approachable, positive and helpful.

And let it be known a number of these angels are from foreign parts.

*Neville Butcher*

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# Celebrating 75th anniversary

**T**HE 95TH BOMB Group Heritage Association is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the arrival the 95th Bomb Group at Horham with a weekend of events at the Red Feather Club.

On Saturday 16th June, during the day, you can join the 13th Combat Wing Convoy, taking in Thorpe Abbots, Parham and Horham in a leisurely day's drive before spending a relaxing

evening at Horham.

The 13th Combat Wing Convoy assembles at Thorpe Abbots for breakfast at 09.30am, moves on to Parham Airfield for a 1pm lunch and departs there for Horham at 5pm.

That evening the Red Feather Club bar will be open and there will be food and music.

On Sunday 17th June the Red

Feather Club Museum will be open from 10am to 4pm. Bring a picnic and enjoy entertainment by The Knightingales vintage singing trio.

There will also be a church service on Sunday at St Mary's in Horham. The service will include the rededication of the 95th BG colours and a wreath laying ceremony at the





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church memorial. The service starts at 11am.

June will be a busy time at the Red Feather Club with the following weekend, Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th June, their annual Americana event. The Saturday night dance sees, back by popular demand, The Devil's Cut Combo. Tickets are on sale now.

This is followed on the Sunday by Americana Day, celebrating all things American, from 10am-

4pm. There will be vintage stalls, music, bar, re-enactors and a car and bike show. The museum is also open

It has already been a busy start to the year with dances, open days, a quiz and a host of visitors including two tour groups from America.

The first tour group of 35, in April, included a veteran of the Mighty Eighth and the second, in

May, of 43, included a honeymooning couple and two families of 95th Bomb

Group men. A third Masters of the Air tour, organised by the prestigious National WWII Museum New Orleans, and again led by historian and author Donald L Miller is planned for October.

*Andy Garner & Mike Ager*



**Top: Offering a warm Red Feather Club welcome to visitors. Bottom: Red Feather Club band Skyliner; Alan Johnson chats to visitors; & dance lessons. Photos Jon Wilson & Mike Ager.**



## WHAT'S ON

### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MAY 30 & 31

**The Suffolk Show:** Trinity Park.

### JUNE WEEKENDS

**Suffolk Open Studios:** artists studios open across the county see [suffolkopenstudios.org](http://suffolkopenstudios.org).

### SATURDAY JUNE 2

**Horham Village Fete & Car Boot:** car boot sale (11am-2pm) & then fete (2pm-5pm) at Horham Community Centre.

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 6

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

### FRIDAY JUNE 8

**Drama at The Bank:** EyesWrite presents four new one act plays on difficult topics. The Bank Arts Centre, Eye, 7.30pm-10pm. £8, conc. £6.

### SATURDAY JUNE 9

**Stowblues Festival:** Museum of East Anglian Life.

### SUNDAY JUNE 10

**Diss Carnival & Funday.**

### FRIDAY JUNE 15

**Bar Meals:** Horham CC.

**Hoxne Film Night:** The Post (12A).

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 16 & 17

**75th anniversary of 95th BG's arrival:**

Red Feather Club (see story).

**I Remember When... :** St Andrews

church, Redlingfield, 10am-4pm (see story).

### THURSDAY JUNE 21

**Music for a Summer's Evening:** Wilby Primary School, 6.30pm. An evening of light refreshment & magical music.

**Stradbroke Cinema:** Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (15).

### SATURDAY JUNE 23

**Fram Horticultural Society Early**

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

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 23 & 24

**Americana Weekend:** Red Feather

Club. **Saturday:** The Devils Cut Combo with guest DJ Slimboy. **Sunday:**

Americana Day, 10am-4pm (see story).

### ■ VENUES etc:

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

**Cinema at Eye:** Eye Community Centre, Magdalene St, IP23 7AJ, tickets Eye Pharmacy, The Handyman, or on door. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. £5 adult, £2.50 child up to 12.

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

[events@helmingham.com](mailto:events@helmingham.com), [www.helmingham.com](http://www.helmingham.com). **Horham & Athelington Community**

**Centre:** Karen, 384754. **Hoxne Film Nights:** 7.30pm, Hoxne Village Hall, Goldbrook, Hoxne, bar, popcorn & choc-ices available before & in the interval. Further info/booking:

668060 or [www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hoxnevillagehall.co.uk). **Mid-Suffolk Light Railway,** Brockford Station,

Wetheringsett, Suffolk, IP14 5PW, [www.mslr.org.uk](http://www.mslr.org.uk), 01449 766899. **Museum of East Anglian Life,** Stowmarket, [enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastanglianlife.org.uk), 01449 612229. **Redlingfield**

**village events,** 678835, [pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk), [www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.redlingfield.suffolk.gov.uk).

**Midsuffolk Showgrounds & Stonham Barns:** Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham

Aspal, IP14 6AT, <http://stonham-barns.co.uk>. **Stradbroke Cinema:** Stradbroke Community Centre, 7pm for 7.30 pm. Adults £5.50, 16 and under £3. Bar open, ice-

creams in the interval. **Suffolk Owl Sanctuary,** Stonham Barns, 08456 807897,

[info@owl-help.org.uk](mailto:info@owl-help.org.uk), [www.owl-help.org.uk](http://www.owl-help.org.uk). **Wingfield Barns,** 384505,

[enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com](mailto:enquiries@wingfieldbarns.com), [www.wingfieldbarns.com](http://www.wingfieldbarns.com). **95th Bomb Group Heritage**

**Association/Red Feather Club,** Coldhams Hill, Denham, IP21 5DG,

[www.95thbg-horham.com](http://www.95thbg-horham.com), [enquiries@95thbg-horham.com](mailto:enquiries@95thbg-horham.com).

**SUNDAY JUNE 24**

**DixieMix Jazz Band:** Helmingham Hall, 11am-6:30 pm. Gardens from 11am, BBQ & bar from noon, music 4-6.30pm. Adults £7, children: £3.50.

**FRIDAY JUNE 29**

**Mid-Summer Special Bar Meal Evening:** Horham CC.

**SATURDAY JUNE 30**

**Wingfield Village Fete:** Wingfield Barns 11am-3pm. In aid of EACH & St Andrew's Church.

**Redlingfield Summer Fayre & BBQ:** Doorstep Green, 5pm-late.

**Lyrical Jukebox:** Wilby Coronation Village Hall, doors 7pm. Tickets £5 [alisonandian5@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonandian5@btinternet.com) or 388112.

**SUNDAY JULY 1**

**Open Garden: Athelington** Old Rectory (see story).

**WEDNESDAY JULY 4**

**Coffee Caravan:** centre Redlingfield, 10am-noon.

**THURSDAY JULY 5**

**Rachel Duffield as Marie Lloyd:** Worlingworth Community Centre, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 from Val 628068 or Shirley 628710.

**THURSDAY JULY 5 TO SATURDAY JULY 7**

**22nd Festival of Beer & Brewing:** Abbot's Hall Barn, Museum of East Anglian Life. Thurs 5-11pm; Fri noon-11pm; Sat 11am-11pm.

**SATURDAY JULY 7**

**Classic Car Meeting & BBQ:** Horham Community Centre.

**SUNDAY JULY 8**

**Worlingworth & Southolt Open gardens:** 10am-5pm. Lunches from 12 noon at Worlingworth Community Centre.

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### SUNDAY JULY 8 CONT.

#### **Music in the Gardens with Swing**

**Machine Big Band:** Helmingham Hall, 11am-6:30 pm. Gardens from 11am, BBQ & bar from noon, music from 4.30pm. Adults £7, children:£3.50.

### FRIDAY JULY 13

**Hoxne Film Night:** Darkest Hour (PG).

### SATURDAY JULY 14

**Caribbean Night:** Thorndon Village Hall, 8pm. Bar, cocktail bar, raffle. Tickets £17.50 (Inc supper) from ClInton 678551.

### FRIDAY JULY 20

**Barn Dance:** Horham CC.

### SATURDAY JULY 21

#### **123rd Framlingham Horse Show:**

Castle Meadow, Fram, 10am-5pm. Light horse classes & affiliated jumping & Suffolk horse classes.

**Ceilidh Barn Dance:** Wilby Coronation Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm til late. Harbour Lights ceilidh band, stepdancing & dancing jig dolls. Bar, food, raffle. Tickets £7.50 (no tickets on door). Doreen 07591 499912.

### SATURDAY JULY 28

**Pub on the Green:** Pop-up pub, Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-late.

### SUNDAY JULY 29

**Suffolk Dog Day** Helmingham Hall. Adults £10, children (4-16 years) & concs £5. Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £25.

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1

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

### SATURDAY AUGUST 25

**Pub on the Green:** Pop-up pub, Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-late.



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**SUNDAY AUGUST 19**

**Classic Car Show:** Stonham Barns.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 31 TO SUNDAY SEPT 2**

**Stonfest Country Music Festival:**  
Stonham Barns.

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5**

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

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15**

**Fram Horticultural Society Autumn  
Show:** United Free Church Hall,  
Framlingham, 10-11.45am.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16**

**Autumn Plant Fair with Artisan  
Market:** Helmingham Hall, 10am-  
4pm. £7 for adults, children free.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15 & 16**

**Falconry & Countryside Show:**  
Stonham Barns.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

**Pub on the Green:** Pop-up pub,  
Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-  
late.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

**Dance - DJ jamboree:** Red Feather  
Club.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3**

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

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20**

**Pub on the Green:** Pop-up pub,  
Redlingfield Doorstep Green, 6pm-  
late.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27**

**Family Fun Evening & Race Night:**  
Horham Community Centre.

**■ REGULAR EVENTS:**

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

**TUESDAYS: T Plus:** Community Café with stalls,  
All Saint's Church, Thorndon every Tues,  
10am-noon. **Bingo:** Thorndon Village Hall,  
7.30pm every other Tues. 678178.

**Debenham Historical Society:** Regular  
lectures at Room 31, Debenham High  
School, 7.30pm, £3 per lecture, including  
a soft drink in the interval. Enquiries: Clive  
Cook 01728-861754. Non-members  
welcome to see what's on.

**WEDNESDAYS: Coffee mornings & cyber cafe,**  
every Wed, 10.30am-noon at Horham Old  
School. **Redlingfield & Occold WI,** 1st Wed  
of the month at 7.45pm, in Occold Village  
Hall. **Hoxon Hundred:** Summer dance-outs  
at local pubs. Winter practices. Ron Ross,  
643563. Eye Country Market, every Wed  
10am-11am, Eye Town Hall (closed Jan).

**Social mornings:** Horham Old School.  
10.30am each Wed tea, coffee, cake, crafts,  
a chat and good company. Info from  
Christine (384168) or Pip (384370).  
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**THURSDAYS: Zumba:** Worlingworth Community  
Centre, 7pm, Terri Cave, 01728 627756 &  
07563534086.

**FRIDAYS: Bingo:** Stradbroke Community  
Centre, Wilby Road, 2nd Fri monthly.  
7.30pm. Mary Ellis, 384642. Worlingworth  
Swan, live music, last Fri evening of month.

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

# Things are not that gritty

**I**N LATE FEBRUARY FOR about the sixth time this winter, the 60th time since it last happened in about 1996, they told us that the winter weather was going to be outlandishly bad.

This time *The Beast From the East*, as they called the problems, made things generally bad in North Suffolk. (It was actually caused by freak temperature rising events near the North Pole but what-o if you can blame the Russians all well and good). Hey, one out of 60 over 20 years is not a bad hit rate for the *Daily Star* and other amateur prophets of doom.

As an aside there was an advert on the television at the time for an on-line estate agent where a guy was so angry at being wrongly informed about them by his son-in-law that he loses it during the wedding reception speeches and lambasts him as a liar. It was something he was fuming about and it had clearly welled up over time to this

outburst. I felt like that for a few days in early March. I was a middle-aged man angry about something not sport related for the first time in my life. It felt surprisingly good to care.

We all have fears. Mine is stupid I know but I loathe the snow. I hate travelling on snow, watching it fall. I get totally flummoxed. Knowing that it is going to snow distresses me. Being a few miles from home working or doing chores I know how you can start your journey in beautiful clear skies and half an hour later be wondering where the road is. A trip home with my parents from an Ipswich Town game in the early 1980s through a blizzard in deep snow has nightmare proportions in our household.

When the snow falls the curtains have to be closed. I don't want it near my life. I want it gone. I hate it, really hate it.

What I couldn't understand is why nothing was done to our roads for at least four days into the *Beast*. Monday was the official first *Beast* day and there were a few flurries. Tuesday brought a few heavier downpours of snow but nothing major. On the Wednesday morning though we awoke in Redlingfield to at least 15cm. I'm trying not to exaggerate but I believe we got more. At the time all people weres saying was there would be more coming. We'd just get more and more.

Wednesday saw a little bit more accumulating but the wind got up by Thursday. Good news for the fields they became a bit clearer but bad news



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**Chris Askew, of Wilby hauliers TG Askew, helped dig out an ambulance after it became stuck in snow, escorted fellow Stradbroke fire crew to the station, ensured the fire engine could reach a chimney fire in Horham, cleared roads and dug out stuck cars.**

about the roads as they were allowed to disappear under feet of drifted snow. My dad and neighbour had to be helped out by a kindly Cranley resident as they tried to get into Eye on Thursday midday. They returned defeated. I'm told by Friday afternoon a non-four-by-four vehicle got into Eye from the village. I'm surprised if it did it without help from tractors or a four-by-four.

On the Saturday morning we saw a snow plough go through the village. We decided to go for it and at last, after four days we were through to Eye. We spun a bit on the snow but got through. It hadn't been an adventure but an ordeal. I'm sure that a more enlightened bad weather policy by our elected representatives could have made it less so. It seems we were left to our own devices until the weather threat was over. I'm not asking for much, some grit on Monday and Tuesday night would have helped and then snow ploughs to clear the drifts late on Thursday. I know without a major plan it would be tokenism but it would have made me feel better about a depressing few days.

Being the keen darts fan I am, I was watching the UK Open early Friday evening. German player Martin

Schindler, who had a difficult commute to Minehead from Gatwick, asked my question for me. What is so bad about gritting our roads? Why didn't we do it?

I also wondered why we don't have a plan for bad snow events. *The Last Leg*, a satirical TV show, told me the answer I probably already knew when later that evening. It's not cost effective as we don't have enough bad weather to make it financially worthwhile to set it up. So whenever we get a few days' cold temperatures and heavy snow our country becomes a Third World nation. Grin and accept it, it won't change.

Putting on a political scientist's hat would it not have made sense to grit roads in Eye, Occold and Redlingfield for economic reasons? It is no good having a functioning A140 if you cannot get to it. The emergency services being better employed helping people then being available at Portman Road was one of the more compelling arguments used to call off the Town game with Hull City on the Saturday even though the pitch was playable. With clearer roads these excellent people doing us such good service would be free to be at a sporting event rather than digging people out of drifts.

**Ian Crane**

# The Crown Inn, Redlingfield

**M**ANY LOCALS KNOW that the house now known as Adair Cottage was once Redlingfield's village pub.

The earliest reference I have found to the Crown is in a trade directory for 1858, then the 1861 census lists James Harvey, victualler, Crown Inn.

We can go back a little further with the property which appears on the 1839 Tithe Map. Two plots are shown on the site, plot 73 a cottage and garden owned and occupied by James Harvey (born in 1779) and plot 74 a cottage, garden and shop owned by the same James Harvey and occupied by his son James Harvey Jnr (born 1805).

The 1841 census shows James Jnr as a butcher. At this time local miller William Roe kept a beerhouse elsewhere in the village. By 1851 James Jnr was a dealer in tea and coffee. In 1861 the Crown was named on a census for the first time. By 1871 James Jnr had become a miller, his brother Benjamin Harvey appears on the census as inn keeper and agricultural labourer. Benjamin had a son James (born about 1846) living with him at the Crown.

In March 1876, the *Ipswich Journal* carried a report of the auction of the business of Charles Farrow, who was retiring. This took place at the King's Head Hotel in Diss. A brewery with 35 inns and pubs in Norfolk and Suffolk was for sale in separate lots. The Crown was lot 43. "A full licensed inn with stable, shed and yard held by Mr.

Benjamin Harvey". There were two firms of auctioneers – Messrs. Lenny and Smith, Halesworth and Messrs. Elliott, Son and Muskett, Diss. "After a liberal luncheon Mr. Lenny opened the sale. Mr. H.W. Aldrich asked if the whole business could be put up as one lot. Mr. Lenny replied that it could if anyone was prepared to offer the sum required, £28,000 to £30,000. A gentleman arose and offered the latter sum. After about two minutes (a pause for any other bids) the lot was knocked down to purchasers Messrs. Young, Crawshay and Co. of Norwich."

Somewhere between 1839 and 1876 the Harvey family gave up ownership but not occupation.

A directory for 1879 names James Harvey (son of Benjamin) as inn keeper at the Crown but by 1881 William Bullingham was dealer and inn keeper at the Crown Inn, ending the Harvey's connection with the premises. A newspaper article tells us that William Bullingham was fined £5 with costs of 13s 6d for: "Having his house open for the sale of intoxicating liquors out of hours on May 21st 1881". This crime was detected by PC Parnell who saw a light on in the cellar. Those imbibing after hours were farmer Walter Howes, shoemaker William Hawes and his apprentice Edward Bond. All had fines or costs to pay.

In October 1883, there was a newspaper report about Frederick Rose being drunk and disorderly and





***This drawing of Adair Cottage was by Mrs Ena Cusk of Occold and featured in a recipe book produced in 1982 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Redlingfield WI. Thanks to Hazel for the loan of this publication.***

refusing to leave the pub. He attempted to strike Walter Deering, landlord, when asked to leave. He had arrived the worse for drink. Frederick was fined 12s or 10 days. He paid his fine.

In February 1885 labourer John Lawes was charged by Walter Dearing with similar behaviour but with no mention of attempting to strike the landlord. He paid 2s 6d fine and 9s 6d costs remarking that it was: "A dear pleasure."

John Bridges was named as landlord of the Crown in a report from July 1887. A fish-hawker, late of Great Yarmouth, was charged with willful damage having thrown a mug of beer out of the door of the pub into the road whereupon the mug, valued at four pence ha'penny, broke.

William E Gray was licensed victualler at the Crown Inn on the 1891 census and so begins a more settled period for the pub. A directory of the same time lists him as Crown

Inn and shopkeeper, 1901 census as innkeeper and pork butcher, 1904 directory public house and overseer, then public house and assistant overseer in 1908. This description is repeated through to 1916. William Edward Gray died in 1917. Mrs Gray continued as licensee until 1937 according to the directory for that year. In fact Mrs. Maria Gray died in 1934 and was buried beside her husband in Redlingfield churchyard.

The 1939 register lists Redvers Abbott as innkeeper and farm labourer, his wife's name

Marjorie, also appears.

The Crown was popular with the American service-men from Horham airbase during the second world war. However by 1967 declining trade led to the closure and sale of the property by the brewery, which I believe was Bullards of Norwich. Some residents of the village remember "Buller" Abbott as the landlord. This could be Redvers as he would have been 67 at this time.

The premises were bought and converted back to a dwelling by Audrey and Robert Dixon who named it Adair Cottage, because Redlingfield had been part of the Adair family estate. In 2006 the property became home to the Snowling family, undergoing substantial alterations

Hazel Abbott remembers the pub as a dark place with a room for the ladies on one side of a passageway and one for the gentlemen on the other.

***Linda Hudson***

## IN MEMORY OF

**PHYLLIS MAY  
BALDRY** September  
7th 1920-February  
13th 2018: Phyllis May  
Baldry (nee Harvey)  
passed away peacefully  
at Yaxley House Care  
Home on February 13,  
2018 aged 97 years.

Phyllis was born at the  
old Eight Bells in  
Horham, the third child  
and second daughter of  
Albert and Alice Harvey,  
to be followed by two  
more sisters and four  
brothers.

After finishing school  
at 14 she left home to  
work for various local  
families helping in the



house and looking after  
their children.

During the later part of  
WW2 she came back to  
Horham working on the  
airfield with the Red  
Cross and to keep house  
for Mr Robert Baldry,  
whom she married in  
1947.

She was to live at Vine  
Cottage for more than 50  
years, bringing up her  
son Derek there and  
working as a home help,  
looking after her parents,  
cleaning the church and  
looking after Mrs Laura  
Whatling, Mrs Hankin  
and later Peter, and  
helping her neighbour  
Mr Frank Whatling.

She took part in  
village activities and  
enjoyed family caravan  
holidays with Mr and  
Mrs Arthur and Evelyn  
Whatling, David and  
Michael.

After Bob's death in  
1985 she went on coach

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holidays with her sister Evelyn.

There were many family weddings over the years including son Derek to Nancy in 1966, eventually being grandmother to Nicholas and great grandma to Nathan and Amy.

She moved to Hartismere House, Laxfield, in 1997 and then to Yaxley House in 2009, where she enjoyed the visits of family and friends and was able to celebrate her 90th birthday with them at the community centre.

*Daphne Harvey*

■ **REDLINGFIELD BROADBAND:** The project director for Suffolk Better Broadband kindly came to a recent Redlingfield village committee meeting to explain the roll-out of fast broadband in the village. The green cabinet near the village sign should be fully operational by the end of June – this means houses from the cabinet towards Denham, Horham, Worlingworth and Southolt should be able to access (ie get from their supplier) download speeds of up to 80meg and upload speeds of 20meg. Clerk Janet Norman-Philips agreed to supply him with phone numbers of those at the extremities of the area to check they are covered. Those not covered by fibre to the cabinet – from the cabinet towards Occold and Eye (Mill Road and Occold Corner) will get fibre to the property by Christmas and should then be able to access download speeds of up to 330meg and upload speeds of 30meg. The most any household is likely to need is a download speed of 10meg. Properties further along Occold Road and Mill Road should also be able to get fibre to premises. Janet is to provide phone numbers and Mr Ingram agreed to investigate.

*Mike Ager*

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# Women's World Day of Prayer

**T**HE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of Prayer had to be cancelled this year as snow and ice made it difficult to get to the churches.

It was a shame as the day had been organised by the people of Suriname and they had done a particularly good job. Their theme was of protecting our planet.

Suriname is a small country on the north-east coast of South America, just north of Brazil. It lies between Guyana and French Guiana. Rivers separate it from its neighbours on either side.

Most of the population live on the coast, many in the capital, Paramaribo. More than 90 per cent of the land is covered in pristine tropical rainforest. Laws ensure protection of the environment, much of the land is protected territory and the largest nature reserve is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

There is wide biodiversity including 715 species of birds, many orchids and other flowers, the blue frog and giant sea turtle.

We were introduced to seven women, all from different ancestors.

**Alima** was from the indigenous people, she described her people as caring for and preserving nature.

**Muyinga's** ancestors were enslaved

Africans who ran away to live in the forests and mountains, much of her culture has been preserved.

**Mei Ling's** ancestors were brought in to work on the plantations, they moved into starting small shops and businesses.

**Carolina** is from European and African ancestors she looks after her family by growing cassava and making a variety of cassava breads. She told us that they are worried by the recent mining of bauxite which causes some destruction of forest.

**Willemien's** ancestors were farmers from the Netherlands, she still has a small farm.

**Shanti's** ancestors are Indian, they had worked for Dutch colonies and were originally indentured labourers, now they are farmers and also work for a banana company.

**Kartini** is descended from Indonesian indentured labourers, now she works in horticulture and her husband is a fisherman.

All seven women keep some aspects of their ancestral cultures but they all live together happily. They are all dedicated to preserving the environment and present us with a great example.

*Evelyn Adey*

■ **WINTER COFFEE MORNINGS:** Looking back over the last ten years of Redlingfield's winter coffee mornings it is easy to see how important they have become for many living in the village. Of course, without our willing hosts for these events they just would not have taken place. Linda Hudson has offered to take on the organising of winter 2018/19 coffee mornings for which I am very grateful. Please support Linda by attending and offering to host if at all possible.

**Jacqueline Love 678805**



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**DR DAN POULTER, YOUR LOCAL MP**

WORKING TO secure better mental health services for patients and their families in Norfolk and Suffolk, Dr Dan Poulter secured an urgent

debate in the House of Commons on Wednesday 2nd May, calling on the Government to provide greater support for mental health funding across Norfolk and Suffolk.

As someone who works in the NHS as a mental health doctor, Dr Poulter has first-hand experience of the challenges faced by staff and patients. During the debate, Dr Poulter also highlighted the need for greater communication between the NHS and local councils to ensure enhanced delivery of services for patients, particularly for those with complex care needs.

Mental health services in Norfolk and Suffolk have been under-funded for decades and many of the challenges faced by the trust are compounded by a lack of funding. Extra money which has been allocated by the Government for mental health services has been redirected into local councils and the acute physical health sector to help overcrowded A&E departments attempt to meet waiting targets. This has been to

the detriment of the provision of mental health services.

Despite its best efforts, Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust has also been hampered by recruitment problems. The East of England has the lowest number of Consultant Psychiatrists per head of population in England. It is incredibly difficult to improve quality of care without a qualified workforce to deliver it.

Dr Poulter is a long-standing supporter of the Trust and although there are issues with lack of capacity and staffing difficulties, he believes that with further support from the Government, the Trust can make improvements for the benefit of patients.

Dr Poulter said: "I am especially pleased that ... the Minister was both receptive and sympathetic, encouraging the Trust to submit a bid to Government for further funding.

"However, I also want to see greater joined up thinking and communications between the NHS, our local councils and the Police; this will help to deliver financial savings that can be put straight back into frontline patient care, whilst at the same time also improving outcomes for patients and their families."

**Dr Dan Poulter, MP,** *I hold regular constituency advice surgeries to help people who have problems. If you think that I may be able to help you, contact 01728 685148, or email me via [www.drdanielpoulter.com](http://www.drdanielpoulter.com). For more information please visit [www.drdanielpoulter.com](http://www.drdanielpoulter.com)*

■ **OLD RECTORY GARDEN:** The Old Rectory garden in Athelington will be open for Pimms, lunch and tea on the lawn to celebrate St Peter's Patronal Festival on Sunday 1st July, noon -5pm. The church will also be open and you can enjoy the garden's woodland walk, magic circle and maturing wildflower meadow. Funds raised will go to re-wiring St Peter's.

**Nicholas Cook**

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### ELIZABETH GIBSON-HARRIES, YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



OF ALL THE ISSUES THAT bring the villagers/parish councils together, planning must be the one at the top of the list. It is actually very difficult for the District Councillor especially if he or she lives in the Ward.

There is no doubt that the country needs more houses/homes but there must be a consideration for the place we live in and the environment we need to protect.

Mid Suffolk District Council is the Planning Authority for this area. We have to build around 500 homes annually, the trick is finding where they will go. As yet the council does not have a five-year land supply so when a parcel of land is offered for building it is automatically considered.

Contrary to popular belief no one person decides on a planning application. Firstly there is the box ticking exercise, whether the application is in line with policy and then other bodies such as highways and heritage are asked to comment.

The parish council gives their response with local knowledge. In some cases the parishes think that their views are not taken into consideration. Due to pressure from the public this is being re-thought and will carry more weight in future.

There are compromises to be made on both sides, the district councillor only has one power and that is to recommend a committee decide on the application giving reasonable reasons for or against.

So often we are pulled in both directions, knowing that part of the income for the council is through new homes but on the other hand wanting to keep the village atmosphere we all enjoy.

The way forward is the right type of houses in the right place with suitable infrastructure.

The winter has been a bad one for us all, oil tanks and wood piles are low. Hospitals' A&E Departments told grim tales. And there is a problem that is building up. Several people I know have had treatment or surgery but are locked up in hospitals or nursing homes due to a lack of carers to make up a package to bring them back to their own homes.

Likewise there are families struggling to cope with a family member at home that need assistance. Bed blocking is all down to the fact we don't have enough carers. In rural areas the problem is worse.

There needs to be a change in what carers are paid and for them to be more highly respected with a proper career path to encourage more people to come forward. Can you help?

Best wishes for a lovely hot summer.

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

■ **HORHAM CAR BOOT & FETE:** On Saturday 2nd June the annual car boot sale (11am-2pm) and then fete (2pm-5pm) is being held at Horham Community Centre. The church has a stall – bric a brac, cakes, plants etc, and any donation would be very gratefully received – donations can be given to Daphne Harvey.

***Jill Peters***



## THE REVEREND REFLECTS ... MORE THAN NUMBERS



JUNE SEES AN IMPORTANT anniversary in our villages as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the four squadrons of the 95th Bombardment Group of the 8th USAAF in Horham. Which is a lot of numbers, what do they mean?

Some of the answers are easy to find; the internet tells me that a squadron was 12 aircraft.

Computers, indeed the whole of the internet work by making everything into numbers, ultimately 1 or 0. There is a great temptation to reduce everything to numbers, to fall for the idea that 'the numbers never lie', or 'it's all in the numbers'.

But, if everything is 'just numbers,' why

bother with them? Why bother to commemorate the 75th anniversary?

What part does a comment such as 'A piece of my heart lives there.' (from a review of the Red Feather Club) have in the great scheme of things?

I think that deep down, we know that life is about more than numbers; that we ourselves are more than numbers.

There is something more, for my part that is our spirit, and one aspect of the spiritual quest is to look around us and see, every human not as a number, or a doing but as a being, a human being: more than a number or the sum of their parts.

And so, as we commemorate an event of numbers, we also remember the spirit of the people behind the numbers.

**Revd Michael Womack is rector of the Hoxne Benefice**

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

**Horham Church Register:** March 7th, funeral service and burial of ashes of Phyllis May Baldry, aged 97 years. April 25th, funeral service of Janet Mary Goddard aged 68 years.

### ■ PLANNING:

**TO BE DECIDED:** application under Section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act for Conversion of redundant barn to residential & application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to design & access to barn conversion scheme into dwelling accommodation, **Kiln Farm, Cranley Road, Redlingfield;** outline application (access to be considered) for erection of four detached dwellings on **land north of Church Farm Barn, The Street, Horham;** application to improvements to existing access track to serve **Rose Farm Cottage & formation of parking spaces, Rose Farm, Athelington Road, Horham.** **GRANTED:** plan to erect replacement agricultural building & polytunnel on **land to west of junction between Athelington Road & Worlingworth Road, Horham;** outline application for up to seven dwellings opposite **Manor Park and fronting Worlingworth Road, Horham;** change of use from annexe to separate dwelling, **Rose Farm; Athelington Road Horham.**

Planning information from Midsuffolk District Council  
(<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>).

## CHURCH & INFORMATION

### ■ CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES:

**June 3 Redlingfield** 9.30am HC;  
**Syleham Village Hall** 4pm  
 Messy Church

**10 June Horham BCP** 9.30am BCP HC

**17 June Athelington** 9.30am HC;  
**Horham** 11.15am 75th  
 anniversary of the arrival  
 of the 95th BG

**24 June Horham** 11.15am FS; **Wingfield**  
 6.30pm BCP Evensong

**1 July Redlingfield** 9.30am HC;  
**Athelington** 11.15am St Peter's  
 Praise; **Syleham Village Hall**  
 4pm Messy Church

**8 July Horham BCP** 9.30am BCP HC

**15 July Athelington** 9.30am HC

**22 July Horham** 11.15am FS; **Wingfield**  
 6.30pm BCP Evensong

**29 July Redlingfield** 11.15am Benefice  
 Holy Communion

**5 Aug Redlingfield** 9.30am HC;  
**Syleham Village Hall** 4pm  
 Messy Church

**12 Aug Horham BCP** 9.30am BCP HC

**19 Aug Athelington** 9.30am HC

**26 Aug Horham** 11.15am FS; **Wingfield**  
 6.30pm BCP Evensong

HC = Holy Communion, FC = Family Communion, FS = Family Service,  
 MP = Morning Prayer, BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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