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Tuesday 17th June	6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch Meeting	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre The Bell Inn
Wednesday 18th June	9.30 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre RAHOF Group visit to Helmingham Hall Wives Club	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Leave Activities Centre TBA
Thursday 19th June	9.30 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview Chapel
Friday 20th June	9.15 am 10.45 am 1.00 pm 8.00 pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes. Phone 01379 783114 for further information	Rickinghall Village hall Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 21st June	10.00 am 2.30 pm	Churches open An Afternoon of Sports for all the Family	St Mary's, Rick Inf & C of Ease Rickinghall V H Playing Field
Sunday 22nd June	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday 23rd June	2.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Royal British Legion Women's Section Needlecraft Slimming World	Farnish House Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday 24th June	12 noon 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Redgrave Luncheon Club. Ring 898615 on 23rd for vacancies Zumba Julie's Aerobics	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday 25th June	9.30 am 10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Forget-me-not-Club - Strawberry Tea Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Farnish House Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday 26th June	9.30 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Redgrave Village Garden Club WARTS—The House of Frankenstein	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Botesdale Village Hall
Friday 27th June	10.00 am 10.45 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Butterfly Tea Party Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi WARTS—The House of Frankenstein	Brookview, Botesdale Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 28th June	10.00 am 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Churches open St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir WARTS—The House of Frankenstein	St Mary's, Rick Inf & C of Ease St Mary's Church, Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday 29th June	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
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HERITAGE CIRCLE

Peter Driver delivered a fascinating talk about gravestones and memorials entitled *It's a Grave Business* to the April meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. Despite its potentially morbid theme, he used humour to highlight the value of funerary art to local historians and people researching their family origins.

There are tombs in Suffolk dating from the Bronze Age but these tend to contain cremated ashes stored in pots but there are no inscriptions. The Romans provide the first informative tombstones. There have been no finds in Suffolk but Colchester has some fine examples. They provide a wealth of evidence including, the name and place of birth of the dead person, along with their military dress and rank.

The oldest preserved memorials are the tombs of the nobility found inside churches. They are made from soap stone which is easily carved but are also liable to be damaged for the same reason. These tombs were originally painted.

The graves of some people have almost as colourful a history as the person they contain. Mary, the sister of Henry VIII, is buried at St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. She was a very beautiful woman and was useful in consolidating political alliances. Henry VIII arranged her marriage to King Louis XII of France in 1514 when she was 18 but her husband died 93 days later. Henry sent Charles Brandon, 1st Duke of Suffolk to France to escort Mary back to England. However, they married secretly in France. This treasonable act undermined Henry's plans for using his sister in other marriage alliances. Brandon was fortunate to escape execution but he was fined heavily. When Mary died in 1533 she was initially buried at the Abbey at Bury St Edmunds. However, during the Reformation the Abbey became derelict after the lead from its roof was removed. Mary was reinterred nearby at St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds but then later was moved to a different location in the same church. The tablet describing Mary's life is interesting for the detail offered but also showed the influence of stone masons. Her first husband's name is misspelt as 'Lewes.'

Memorials often need to be interpreted as they contain hidden information. The Coke Family is commemorated in a 17th Century monument in St Matthew's Church in Ipswich. It shows a family where there were 12 children, eight boys and four girls. However, two of the girl figures carry a skull which is code for them predeceasing their parents. A symbol for child mortality is a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Headstones in churchyards in Suffolk rarely date before about 1580. Stone had to be imported and so was expensive. Memorials from the 17th and 18th centuries tend to be small and oval in shape. Few are legible unless they were protected from water and frost damage by being placed under a tree or near a wall. These headstones often have skeletons on them reflecting the new concept that the soul was more important than the body. Skull and cross bone carvings symbolise mortality, not involvement in piracy! The influence of the grand tour by the gentry is shown by the introduction of cherubs representing heaven as the afterlife.

Late 18th and early 19th century graves may include images of the profession of the dead person. There is a wagon and six horses on the grave of a driver in Palgrave and medical instruments on the tombstone of a surgeon. Pre-Victorian inscriptions often commented on the work and life of the deceased, rather than having the later religious sentiments, offering researchers a wealth information.

Peter Driver concluded with examples of inscriptions which were serious at the time they were written but can be amusing now. A grave near Sudbury states that the man 'died from sleeping in a damp bed eight years before.'

New members and visitors are welcome. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website,
www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

Coffee On



The Corner

Well hello to all those of you who read this column and apologies that you may have looked in vain for any of my comments last month ... Sorry but I didn't make the deadline for the Parish Magazine.

Anyway, it seems that in my absence the remainder of the team at Parkview Chapel managed admirably to run the Coffee Shop without me. What a capable bunch they are! As you may remember the funds from April were split between the "Be Cancer Aware" campaign/promotional material, which is being offered to local schools to raise awareness of some of the symptoms of this terrible disease and also Duncan Stanway, who is currently working with CYE - Christian Youth Enterprises at their Sailing Centre, based in Chichester. Thanks to those of you who came along and dropped some coins in the pots ... the two charities will be given £62.50 each, the total raised having been £125.00.

This month we had a lovely crowd of people, although some of our regulars were missing (Where were you? Did you have a better offer?). However, we also had one or two new faces and we really hope that they enjoyed their visit. Once again, there were many generous donations and £125.00 will be given this month to The Alzheimer's Society. Pardon the pun, but they are sometimes a forgotten charity and we hope that your kind monies will help, in a small way, to remedy that, since I am sure that there are many people across the country who benefit from their work.

Thinking ahead to next month's event, which will be held on Tuesday 10th June. We recently had a very good speaker at Parkview called Andy Malcolm who also happens to be the Fundraising Manager for this area of The Fishermen's Mission, a charity that helps to support the fishing community, many of whom are still struggling after the terrible storms of the last winter. Some are, even now, without their fully equipped boats that allow them to continue with their livelihoods. Do come along in June to support this charity, to drink tea and coffee and to sample the foodie treats in store. We look forward to seeing you and if you know anyone who might like to come, but hasn't done so yet, then do encourage them ... everyone is welcome!

If you feel you would like to know more about the coffee shop or any of the happenings at Parkview, please call me on 01379 890423.

Sue Allen

The Stages Of Fatherhood:

- 4 Years Of Age - My daddy can do anything.
- 8 Years Of Age - My dad knows a lot.
- 12 Years Of Age - My father doesn't really know quite everything.
- 14 Years Of Age - Naturally, father doesn't know that, either.
- 16 Years Of Age - Father? he's hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 Years Of Age - That old man? He's way out of date.
- 25 Years Of Age - Well, he might know a little bit about it.
- 35 Years Of Age - Before we decide, let's get dad's opinion.
- 45 Years Of Age - Wonder what dad would have thought about it.
- 65 Years Of Age - Wish I could talk it over with dad.

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Exploring the Past

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Walnut Tree Cottage and Ivy Cottage, Redgrave

My last few articles have been based on properties in The Street, Redgrave, formerly known as Outhatch, which is the main road from the Knoll to the edge of the common.

Next to the old garage are two cottages, Walnut Tree House on the frontage and Ivy Cottage, (now known as Rose Cottage) lying back. The houses are completely detached from one another. They seem to have been built sometime in the eighteenth century on land belonging to Street Farm, the property next door. They were built at different times but sold off around the end of the eighteenth century. The deeds show that in the nineteenth century the occupiers had to share the privy, well, pump and a large shed in the garden as well as the expenses of these. Later the two houses mainly seemed to be owned by one person with a tenant in the other. As the early deeds do not name the cottages it is difficult to know which cottage the owners lived in but I suspect the owner lived in the front one. For a few years William Thurlow, a peruke (wig) maker owned one of the houses, but for most of the nineteenth century they were owned or occupied by members of the Hart family who were organ builders. Ivy Cottage was constructed of brick with a pantiled roof, but Walnut Tree House was made of stud and plaster and given a brick skin in the twentieth century and the roof re-laid in flat tiles in the late 1930's.

Philip Hart bought the first one in 1799 for £100. Joseph Hart Junior, his brother, bought one of the cottages in 1814 after being a tenant. The cottage was sold at an auction sale at the Cross Keys for £137. As the cottage was copyhold of the Lord of the Manor the owner was entitled to graze cattle on the common. At the enclosure award of 1818 one acre twenty three perches of land on Mill Common, was awarded to Joseph, in lieu of grazing rights. This area was at the crossroads on the corner of Fen Street. Philip Hart is described as an Inn Keeper in 1818 and Joseph Hart as a musical instrument maker.

At the time of the 1851 census two of Joseph's granddaughters were living with him, the daughters of his son Philip. Their mother died at the age of 47 in 1850. They were described as scholars at home even though the village school had been opened by this time. When Joseph died in 1855 he left all his tools and equipment for making organs to his son Philip who was also an organ builder. Philip had bought Ivy Cottage in 1854 for £78. Joseph's other son, Charles, is described as a carpenter; maybe he made the cases for the organs for his father and brother. Charles Hart was living in one of the cottages in 1881 with Philip in the other one. The organs were made in the large shed in the garden which was finally demolished in the early 1980s.

I was recently on holiday in Pembrokeshire and went looking for an organ reputed to have been used by Mendelssohn and made by Joseph Hart in 1842, (the year Joseph Hart built an organ for Redgrave Church). Peter Bumstead, an organ builder from Ipswich, has proved this to be a myth. Peter has restored a few Hart organs and researched, with his wife Annette, into the history of Joseph Hart. The organ has a name plate which says "Joseph Hart/Organ Builder/Piano Forte Maker/And Tuner/Redgrave, Suffolk". This organ was originally in Sibton Church, but Sibton records show that Joseph Hart was commissioned to build a new organ in an old case which probably dated to around 1794. Joseph was paid £45 on account in 1817 and a further £45 in 1818. This organ was bought from Sibton Church by F and E Mirehouse to be used in St. Mary's Church, Angle, in 1867. It was later moved a short distance to Castle Martin Church in 1887. Restoration of the organ was paid for by a granddaughter of John Mirehouse in 1926 and was used continuously until 1978 when it was in need of further restoration. It was given to another local church at Warren, which was being



Joseph & Philip Hart's shed photographed circa 1965
Photo provided by Valerie Honey

restored to be used as an ecumenical church in the 1980s. The nearby Castle Martin Range was being used for tank training for the British and the German Armies and the German army paid for the restoration of the organ. The restoration of Warren church was paid for by The Ministry of Defence, The Federal Republic of Germany and The Church in Wales. "Welcome" is written in the church in English, German and Welsh. I find it interesting that a small organ built in Redgrave has had such an interesting history, even if it was not used by Mendelssohn.

All association with the Hart family came to an end when Sarah Verdon, Philip Hart's daughter sold the two cottages to Victor Gardiner in 1888, one for £25 and one for £50. He sold the cottages to John Doe in 1920 for £12 0 6d. John was a thatcher, a member of a family who were thatchers for seven generations and had lived in Redgrave for two or three centuries. His main attraction to Walnut Tree House was the large shed in the garden which he used to store his thatching tools and materials. John probably did not live in this house to start with as his eight children were brought up in a house on The Green, maybe he moved there after his first wife died. John's granddaughter, Yvonne Devereux, wrote a very interesting article which was published in A Millennium Miscellany by the Heritage Circle. This tells about her life with her grandfather in Walnut Tree Cottage during the war until he married again when he was aged forty nine.

John Doe died and the properties were sold by auction in 1963. The contents of Walnut Tree Cottage were sold by auction on the premises three months later. Although the two houses were separate lots, once again they were both bought together by Donald and Phyllis Aldis. Walnut Tree Cottage was used as a holiday cottage until they retired to it. Ivy Cottage was sold subject to an existing tenancy. The tenants were Sidney and Violet Leggett who had lived there at least since the war, and the rent was still six shillings per week in 1963. Violet eventually died in 1984 and Ivy Cottage (changed to Rose Cottage) was modernised for Phyllis Aldis to live in as she was a widow by this time. Walnut Tree Cottage was bought by Phyllis's daughter Valerie and her husband Gerald Honey who lived there until 1993.

When the cottages were sold at this time they were separate transactions : Rose Cottage was sold to Peter and Brenda Cavanagh in 1992, and Walnut Tree House to Megan and Lionel Azulay in 1993.

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Exploring the Past Again

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The First World War and Botesdale War Memorial

On 4th August it will be one hundred years since Britain went to war with Germany, the start of four years of brutal fighting which would claim the lives of over 9 million and leave a further 21 million suffering from war related injuries.

As part of Quatrefoil's publication project, a book is being written about the 61 men from the villages of Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickingham Inferior and Superior who died in the First World War and are commemorated on the War Memorial in the Market Place in Botesdale.

Unfortunately most of the First World War Records about the troops were destroyed by bombing in the Second World War. A few documents escaped this, and so far we have found three sets, those of Leonard Watling, Henry Whistlecraft and Cecil Bullock. However the writing is very faint and very difficult to read.

Cecil Bullock was the son of Robert and Lucy Bullock of Redgrave Green. He had a sister Lucy who was five years older than him. He enlisted when he was living at 12, St John's Wood Terrace in London. He signed his attestation papers on 11th November 1915 in Winchester giving his occupation as a gardener. He was posted to the Kings' Royal Rifle Corps. He went to France on 17th March 1916 and was wounded on 6th September 1916 but returned to active service. He was wounded again on 11th October 1918 and died on 31st October 1918. He was 25 when he died. He is buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen. He had married Alice Maud Sturgeon on 13th August 1918.

On 8 November 1918 the Diss Express printed the following:

Redgrave. Whilst on Service. Bullock. – In ever-loving memory of our dear son, Rifleman C. J. Bullock, who died after an operation in Hospital in France, on the 30th October 1918, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bullock, of Redgrave, aged 25 years.

*We often think of days gone by,
When we were all together;
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
Our dear one gone forever.*

*His King and country called him,
The call was not in vain,
On England's Roll of Honour,
You'll find our dear son's name.
From his sorrowing Wife, Father, Mother, and Sister.*

Leonard Watling was brought up by his grandparents William and Ann Debenham in Redgrave. His grandparents had 10 children altogether, two of them younger than Leonard. He enlisted into the 3rd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment on 19th August 1916 giving his occupation as carpenter and was transferred into the Duke of Wellington's Regiment on 8th September 1917. He died of wounds on 17th October 1917 and is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. He was only 19 when he died. Because he was illegitimate his grandparents had no right to his effects unless they 'had supported him during his infancy and childhood'. His grandmother wrote a letter stating that she had brought him up since he was a baby and his effects were returned to her on 27th May 1918.



Henry Whistlecraft appears to have originally enlisted on 9th September 1914 but he did not sign his attestation papers until 8th February 1916. He was mobilised a month later. He went to France on the 14th July 1916 and was posted to the 1st Middlesex Regiment. On 22nd August 1916 he was gassed during the battle of the Somme. He was sent back to England for treatment. He returned to France on 22nd May 1917 and was wounded in action on 22nd August 1917, exactly a year after he was gassed, and on the 26th was again transferred back to England. In March the following year, 1918, he rejoined his battalion in France. On 9th November he was admitted to hospital and died of Bronchial pneumonia on the 15th, four days after the war ended. He is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery. He was 27 years old. He was the last man commemorated on Botesdale War Memorial to die from our villages.

Information is still coming to light about other men on the Memorial to add to our knowledge. For instance Paula Smith and John Huggins have been in touch. They are both grandchildren of Bertie Robert Huggins who died at the Battle of Arras on 16th April 1917. He was married and had five children the youngest was only a few months old when Bertie died. He was a baker and the family had only moved to Rickingham in 1913. He was probably working for the Matthews family who had a bakery at what is now 'The Old Bakery'. Paula has sent some lovely photographs so now we have photos of eleven of the 61 men.

And recently it was found in the Census Returns that in 1901 William Elliott lived with his family in Gislingham but by 1911, when he was 15, they had moved to Rickingham Superior. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Elliott and he had an elder brother called Henry and an elder sister called Flora. However we do not know which regiment he was in or the date on which he died.

Something is known about most of the men on the Memorial but nothing at all is known about Harry Fisher, Ernest Bennett or Arthur Loynes. This is a request for information about these men or any of the other men on the Memorial. Any information at all would be very welcome and if anyone has photographs we would be very grateful for these too. We would also like information about the men from the villages who went to war and 'served the colours' and survived. Some of these men were badly injured but had to carry on with their lives with very little help from the authorities.

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Village News

Due to a change in circumstances, Katie Gunn (and helpers) would like to let all of our fantastic supporters know that we will no longer be running the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Burgate at the end of September. It has been a wonderful eleven years with over £23,500 raised, so thank you, one and all, for all your help, support and generosity.

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The World's Biggest Coffee Morning will, of course, still be running nationwide and, with over £20 million raised last year alone, the charity is hugely reliant on the event to raise money to help people (and their families) living with cancer today. If you want to read more - or sign up to hold a coffee morning, just visit coffee.macmillan.org.uk for information and coffee morning start up packs.

Thank you once again!

Katie Gunn

FITSTEPS - THE HOT NEW DANCE CLASS AT RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL

Thursdays 6pm to 6.50pm, Rickingham Village Hall.



Fitsteps is a fun combination of the best known and most popular Latin and Ballroom dances, designed by two of the best 'strictly come Dancing' teachers and dancers: Natalie Lowe and Ian Waite. This is an exciting dance craze, which will keep you fit, shape your body, burn those calories and gives the opportunity to learn dances such as the Cha Cha, Charleston, Quick Step, Tango, Jive and Waltz.

This programme is so much fun you don't realise you're getting fit. It's suitable for all people of all ages and ability, and, what's more, you don't need a partner!.

Running your Fitsteps Class is Jill, a fully qualified dance teacher and Fitsteps instructor. She trained full time at Bush Davies Ballet School and Italia Conti Stage School and went on to support stars such as Cilla Black and Lionel Blair, plus Equity contracts in Argentina and on cruise liners from Miami and Puerto Rico. Jill also teaches Disco, Modern dance, Zumba and is now excited to bring you a refreshing new Latin and Ballroom style fun class. So if you are looking for something different, you will find this fantastic. It's been said by participants that it's so much fun that they don't even feel the time go by in the class! So hope to see you Thursdays 6pm at Rickingham Village Hall. Cost only £5 per class.

Remembrance Sunday Parade 9th November 2014

The Remembrance Sunday parade and ceremony on 9th November will require the closure of The Street in Botesdale and Rickingham.

The regulations demand that it be closed to vehicular traffic from the junction with Hinderclay Road, Rickingham to the junction with Mill Road, Botesdale, although the active portion is from the Old Post Office to Mill Road.

The road will close at 1445 and re-open at 1515 and close again at about 1530 until 1615.

Residents outside the active portion should still be given access to their homes.

The universe is simple; it's the explanation that's complex.

The Bacon Exhibition Endowment Fund

This small educational fund is available once a year to those between the age of 5 and 25 years who live or attend school in the villages of Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickingham, Wortham, Burgate, Gislingham, Hinderclay, Blo Norton, South Lopham and Bressingham.

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE

F o B H C

On Monday 14 April 2014 at the Friends of Botesdale Health Centre AGM, members and colleagues paid tribute to Mrs Pauline Button on her retirement after 32 years as Chairman. After a brief introduction by the incoming Chairman, Mr John Humphries, thanks were expressed by Dr Bill Cordeaux, as a fellow-founding member of the Friends, and by Dr Andrew Yager. Gifts presented by the Practice included a quince tree, tickets for the Hampton Court Flower Show and a book on the history of medicine. So many members of the FoBHC and Committee had sent cards and contributions that a 'love seat' was purchased, so Pauline can take her coffee (or stronger) and sit with Carl, family and friends in her garden.



Pauline cutting her cake

Rickingham Model Railway Show

This Show really has arrived on the model railway calendar when a man arrives by bus from Huntingdon, having changed at Cambridge and Bury in order to get here, and is glad he came! He was one of more than 500 people who filled the Village Hall on 3rd May, some true enthusiasts and some the merely curious. They came from considerable distances to see eleven model railway layouts in a wide range of scales, as well as traders and specialist societies, in what was widely seen as a very successful event—we have had some great feedback.

This Show is held jointly with Diss & District Model Railway Society, annually on the first Saturday of May, and is a unique addition to the wide range of activities at the Village Hall.

The success and smooth running of the Show is only possible because of the many hours of voluntary effort put in both before and on the day by many people, from both organisations and from elsewhere, and sincere thanks are due to them all. You know who you are : thank you.

Bob Clark, Chairman Rickingham Village Hall

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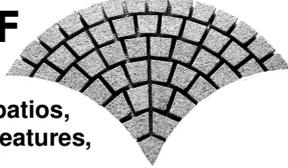
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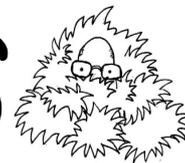


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David Lowe of BBC Radio Devon has been forced to resign because he played an 82 year old version of the song, 'The sun has got his hat on,' on the radio. He said that he had played the song and heard it played many times but had never heard the n-word in it. I have often heard Christians say the same thing about the Bible. They may have read a passage many times but they can still say, 'I've never seen that verse before.'

I have seen the verse many times before and was even looking it up to find out when it was that Jesus spoke it when I suddenly realised its true meaning. It is in what is called 'The sermon on the mount.' Jesus said, "Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

It is a good sound piece of advice and one that only too few apply in their lives. Many a politician or celebrity has used the words, "I haven't done anything wrong," only in the end to be convicted in court. They could have learnt from Jesus. Up until now I had taken this as a piece of sound advice but had missed the 'Jesus' meaning.

If a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning then this is a parable for heaven has a court with a judgement seat and a judge before which all must appear. It is a theme that runs through the Bible. The apostle Paul summed it up saying, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due ..."

How well do we need to do? The answer is demonstrated in the life of Jesus, someone so living his teachings that he asked forgiveness for those who crucified him. He sets the standard. In a sense it is his life that accuses us. It speaks 'You have to do as well as this.'

Putting Jesus' advice together with the fact that we are all on our way to that heavenly court his words take on an extra meaning. He is telling us to get right in this life and not to leave it until we die. Implicit in this is the fact that you can get right in this life.

The New Testament was originally written in Greek and has had to be translated into English. The result is that different translators may choose a different English word to convey the meaning. In the case of this quotation one version I have used in the past says, "Make friends quickly with your accuser ..."

Now I find these words of Jesus speaking to me in this way, "Make friends with Jesus quickly, in this life, so that you will meet him as your friend rather than your judge."

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Eating Disorder

A mother complained to her consultant about her daughter's strange eating habits. 'All day long she lies in bed and eats yeast and car wax. What will happen to her?' 'Eventually,' said the consultant, 'she will rise and shine.'

Once again I start with the Bittern. This time, amazingly, on Redgrave Fen. On 27th April the list outside the Fen centre mentioned a Bittern 'booming' on the Spider Trail. I could hardly believe it! So my wife and I walked the trail and, best heard by the spider observation



A Hobby in flight by Mark Chivers

platform, was the familiar 'boom'. At intervals, and repeated up to three times. In all the over 50 years I have been walking the Fen, I have never seen and certainly not heard the Bittern. A lone Bittern 'booming' to attract a mate? Future observers will report, I am sure. On 9th May it was still 'booming'. I am afraid no female Bitterns have arrived. On the Fen the usual warblers – Reed and Sedge had returned plus the Reed Bunting. An unusual visitor was a male Godwit in full summer plumage on the lake near the B1113. This lake always turns up something interesting. Remember the dozen Little Egrets last year?

My first Cuckoo was in Botesdale on 24th April. It was also heard on Redgrave and Thelnetham Fens. The Blackcap and Whitethroat were heard and seen on the same day. Willow Warbler and Swallows not until 23rd April. Swifts were seen locally on 5th May. I always reckoned when living at The Chapel House in Botesdale, where they nested, that the arrival date was 6th May and departure 8th August. House Martins were high over the village on 30th April.

On 2nd May a visit to Lackford Lakes was productive. The Nightingales were singing, an annual thrill. The Turtle Dove had arrived, but not for me to see or hear. Swifts were over the lakes as were Arctic Terns passing through, but not the Common Tern. The experts were there. "White cheeks and long tails, they said". I will have to accept what they said! I would only be able to tell them apart from the Common Tern by the fact that Arctic Terns have a red bill with no black spot at its end.

Turtle Doves have been heard in Rickinghall near Westhall Wood and in the village of Oakley. I trust that I will hear them sometime this year. Their purring call is so typical of a hot summer's day in the country. They have decreased in numbers by 85% since 1994.

One of the reasons for this decline is that they are shot in Malta during migration. It is against European Law but I understand that the records of Turtle Doves being shot are not correct. I remember hearing birds singing in the shooting areas. They were recordings of birds to attract others to the shooters. Turtle Doves are not their birds. They are our birds travelling north to our country.

On 7th May I looked on my favourite lake at Redgrave Fen next to the B1113. Nothing of note on the lake, but four Hobbies over the Fen. They are small migratory raptors. They look with their shape, speed, and aerobatics like Swifts, but are the size of a Kestrel.

I am still waiting to hear a Turtle Dove!

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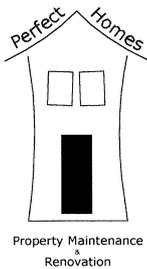
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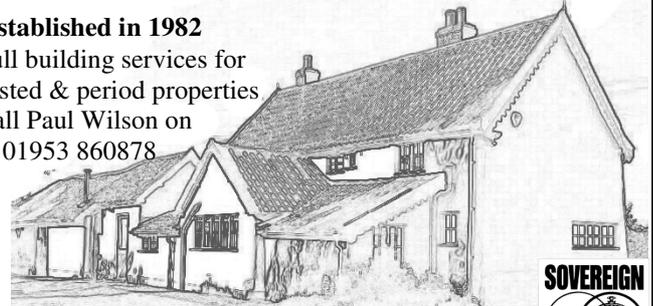


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Quatrefoil



Quatrefoil History Day

Quatrefoil will be holding a small exhibition in Rickinghall Inferior Church on Saturday 9th August on the subjects of WWI, WWII and Basil Brown, the subjects of the next three books to be published.

If you have any photos or information on any of the men named on the war memorial please would you contact Diana Maywhort on 01379 898785.

Further details next month.

DAD'S ARMY EVENING



Wednesday 16 July

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As if this isn't enough, we have arranged for Dr Roger Simpson to return in January 2015 to give a series of lectures entitled '10 Georgian Paintings or The Englishness of English Art'. This follows his very successful earlier course on Victorian paintings.

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Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch Group

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All co-ordinators are invited to attend. Any person interested in becoming a NW co-ordinator or just attend as an interested member of the public is very welcome.

Peter Beck, Chair

Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch Group

After nearly eighteen years as the Area Co-ordinator for Redgrave, John Robinson stepped down in April and his successor is John Campbell, tel: 01379 890946, email :redgrave.nwatch@outlook.com John Robinson has been a very dedicated area co-ordinator and his knowledge will be missed but we know that John Campbell will be taking on a well-run group.

Message from John Campbell

I have taken over as Co-ordinator of Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch from John Robinson, and am currently getting the call-lists up to date.

If you are not yet receiving information through the Neighbourhood Watch and would like to, or maybe you're not sure if you are still on the list, then get in touch with me. I have over 70 residents now receiving information via email, but if you still prefer a phone call then that's no problem.

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Readings for Parish Church Sunday Services		
Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
1st June	Acts 1 : 6-14	John 17 : 1-11
8th June	Acts 2 : 1-21	John 20 : 19-23
15th June	2 Corinthians 13 : 11-end	Matthew 28 : 16-20
22 June	Romans 6 : 1b-11	Matthew 10 : 24-39
29 June	Romans 6 : 12-end	Matthew 10 : 40-end

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	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector
1st June	Mrs Cordeaux	Dr Cordeaux	Mr Robinson	All Saints All Tog	Mrs Foster	Mr Lamb
8th June			Miss Shorten	Mrs Shepherd	Mrs Sheehan	Rector
15th June			Mrs Culley	Mr McGrath	Mrs White	Mrs Whitehead
22 June			Mrs Walker	Mr Walker	Mrs Sheehan	Rector
29 June			United Service at Parkview Chapel		Mrs Sheehan	Rector

Flowers						
1st June	Mrs Moss		Mrs Stimson		Mrs Ripplinghall	
8th June	Mrs Moss		Mrs Davies		Mrs Ripplinghall	
15th June	Mrs Whiteside		Mrs Powell		Mrs Whiteside	
22 June	Mrs Whiteside		Mrs Walker		Mrs Whiteside	
29 June	Mrs Canning		-		Mrs Draper	

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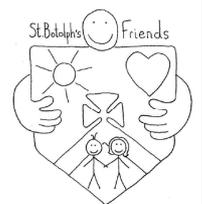
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I would like to personally express my thanks to everyone who contributed to my 'leaving do'. I am overwhelmed by the gifts, cards and thoughtfulness shown by so many and really enjoyed seeing old friends and colleagues. Thank you all very much.

Pauline Button.

The Friends of St Botolph's School- would like to thank villagers for their fantastic support for the Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 17th May.

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The Parish Church, on behalf of all residents of Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall, would like to thank Charles and Lesley Greenhough for all they have done over the past 14 years to produce such a wonderful parish magazine.

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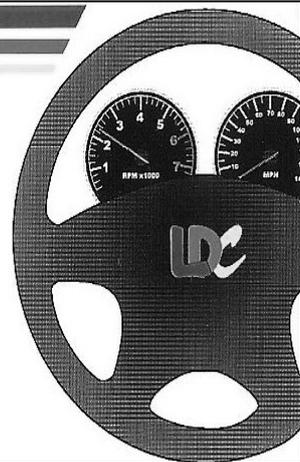
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1st June '14 *7th Sunday of Easter*

8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints Alto-

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An interactive service for people of all ages starting with coffee

6.30pm Upper Church, Rickingham Evening Prayer

8th June '14

Pentecost

8:15 St. Mary's, Rickingham BCP Communion

10.30 **St Mary's, Redgrave**



United Pentecost Service.

This service will be followed by a 'bring and share lunch'. Drinks provided. If transport is needed please call the number at the bottom of this page.

15th June '14

Trinity Sunday

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion

10:30 St. Mary's, Rickingham Worship Together

 *This is an informal and interactive service for people of all ages.*

22nd June '14

1st Sunday After Trinity

8:15 St Mary's, Rickingham BCP Communion

10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale Village Hall starting with "Coffee & Cake" & followed by crafts, songs, stories and family fun.



10:30 **St Mary's, Redgrave**

CW Communion

29th June '14 *2nd Sunday After Trinity*

8.15 St Mary's, Rickingham, BCP Communion

10.30 Parkview Chapel, **United Service**

6th July '14 *3rd Sunday After Trinity*

8.15 St Botolph's, Botesdale, BCP Communion

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave, All Together All Saints

6.30 St Mary's, Rickingham, Evening Prayer

Also this month



All Saints
Redgrave

Tue. 3rd June from 10.00am

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All Saints, Redgrave

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Wed. 4th June. 10.00am

Albert Close Communion

Thur. 19th June 9.45am

Farnish House Communion

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Thurs 12th June 7.15pm

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