

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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Rev

What a story Easter tells! The Son of God in the form of Christ came as a man, truly human, and experienced all that we experience, except that he never sinned and on top of this he rose from the dead. His disciples had not expected Jesus to do this. But if there was no resurrection, then Christ was not raised and so there would be no Easter to celebrate and no message of Christ to proclaim.

In a letter Paul, the Apostle of Christ, is telling the church at Corinth that if Christ has not been raised then his preaching is in vain which means that their faith is also in vain. So Paul reminds them of the facts about the resurrection. He quotes the tradition that he received from those who were in Christ before him.

That:

- Christ had died for our sins & was buried according to scripture.
- Christ had been raised on the 3rd day, according to scripture.
- Christ had appeared to Peter, then to the 11; then to about 500 Christians, to James the half brother of Jesus, to the Apostles and last of all to Paul himself.

These are the facts of Christ. Without them the Christian faith has no substance, no meaning and no purpose.

Paul did not begin this chapter by quoting his own experience. Yes, Christ, in his risen form had appeared to him, but he does not start from there. Instead he quotes tradition that can be checked and confirmed by others. I believe that the implication here is that Paul's experience of the risen Christ was not a private mystical vision because it was like the experiences of the others who all believed that Christ had risen because they had seen him. The appearances of Christ were for the benefit of all his disciples and followers. The same applies today. When Christ works in and through our lives he does so for the benefit of others, not for the benefit of self. Like when we pray for others, or help others in a practical way. And Paul is saying that it was on the basis of these appearances that Jesus' disciples preached his resurrection from the dead. So the words "Christ died, he was buried, he rose again, and was seen" are the basic historical facts that Christ died for our sins. And there has only ever been one person who has died for the sins of the world – Jesus Christ.

Paul himself was one of the greatest witnesses of the resurrection. When he was an unbeliever he was utterly convinced that Jesus was dead. He was so convinced that he went to extraordinary lengths to stamp out those who believed otherwise. But as we know his life was turned up side down: a change that brought him persecution and suffering. Paul makes it clear that his salvation was purely an act of God's grace. But he allowed that grace to work through him

as he served the Lord. And it is only by the grace of God that we also serve the Lord.

Things happen to us in our lives, some good, some bad, so to some extent we all face persecution. And I'm sure that when life for Paul was difficult he must have drawn strength from his conversion, and thanked God for his grace toward him.

But whatever our experiences of the risen Christ are we must not cling on to them. Mary tried to do that when she saw Jesus in the garden on that first Easter morn. Instead we must take them out with us, building on them, as we serve those who we share our daily lives with. Life goes on, and just as it was for Paul, so it is for us that by God's grace we are what we are. Paul found that God's grace had tremendous power. It changed his life, it can change yours too. Through God's grace we become a new creation renewed in body, mind and spirit, making us more like Christ and so drawing us closer to our heavenly Father. God wants this to be a continual process, renewed every morning. And in my experience God's grace is ALL powerful, where ALL is spelt in capitals, yet it works so gently as it reveals to us God's care, compassion, understanding and above all his love for us. God's grace brings us home, into the arms of his love.

So again:

- If there is no resurrection, then Christ has not been raised.
- If he was not raised, there is no gospel to preach.
- If there is no gospel, then the Christian Church believes in vain and we are still in our sins.

The resurrection therefore is not just important; it is "of first importance," because all that we believe should hinge on it. Without it we can never fully experience God's grace or get home and so my knowledge and experiences are worthless. But thank God, Christ is alive, alleluia!

Wishing you all a glorious Easter, full of new life and hope.

Chris Norburn.

PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Another month has whizzed by! Not a lot to report from the magazine team, other than continued efforts to keep the boat afloat. To this end, we're tinkering with different parts of the process to try and enable more people to be involved. It's great that we have people coming forward, but it does mean we need a bit more time to pull it together and coordinate our joint efforts—and ensure that we maintain quality. So we're proposing revised deadlines for magazine content (see below). We'll be in touch with regular contributors separately. We are really pleased to see the great contributions continue from the children at St Botolph's primary school. Thanks to Mr Cobbold and the staff for continued hard work, and to the children that have provided contributions to date. We look forward to more of the same in future issues. We were delighted to see a great turn out at the event on Friday 13th March, to thank Charles & Lesley Greenhough for their 14 years of inimitable service to the magazine. We will try to provide a write up in the May issue.

Please use the following channels to keep in touch with us: Editorial content: editor@rbrparishmag.com; Commercial adverts: adverts@rbrparishmag.com; Events: events@rbrparishmag.com. If you are unable to use email, you can call **(01359) 253 492**. NB: Please leave a message if there is no answer. The new contact number of the parish magazine included a typo in the March issue! If you tried to call us during March, please accept our apologies. The correct number is above, and in the telephone list change below.

Please note that **the copy dates for the forthcoming issues are as follows:**

For the May issue: 13 April (Mon)
 For the June issue: 11 May (Mon)
 For the July issue: 8 June (Mon)

In view of the shorter message than previous months, and the packed pages in this issue. We thought we'd use this page to give offer up an Easter-themed wordsearch. Enjoy! And Happy Easter from the Parish Magazine Volunteers!

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First find the answers to the clues then find the words in the wordsearch:

- Festival which celebrates Jesus' resurrection:
- A yellow flower which blooms in early spring:
- This Easter apparel is worn on the head:
- These hatch from eggs:
- Season in which Easter is celebrated:
- Never put all your eggs in one _____
- This animal leaves eggs for children to find:
- The egg is a symbol of ____/____
- The day Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem:
- Show off your Easter headwear in an Easter _____
- A sweet gift given at Easter is an ____
- When eggs are hidden, you have to _____ for them.
- The day Jesus was crucified:
- Easter eggs are made of this:

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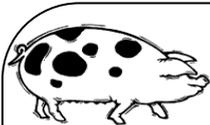
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Changes to June Telephone List

Page S3 - under Parish Magazine
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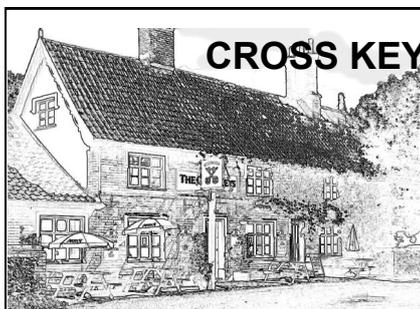
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an Easter Egg
Hunt :)



Saturday 11 April 9—12.30

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Friday 17th April
7.30 pm at The Bowls Club
Refreshments

This is a friendly fun evening, open to everyone.
Further information from 01379 898566.



CRAFTY



Thursday 16th April
At 7.30 pm
At Parkview Chapel

This is an opportunity for you to
spend time doing your favourite hobbies.
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while you do them.

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For more information contact Kev at the
Chapel : Email : Kev-
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898924.

Give yourself time to create

CORNER



PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

To be held at Rickingham
Farmers' Market

on Saturday 11th April

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LOPHAM FEN

Enquiries or to
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Guided fen walk

Saturday 4th April, 10.30am
- 1pm

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Easter holiday activities

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'Garden birds' - a talk by Clare Simm of the BTO' followed by the AGM

Tuesday 28 April, 7.30pm



A Car Boot Sale will be held in conjunction with
Rickingham Farmers' Market at Rickingham Village
Hall on 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th
August and 12th September 2015, (the second
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- Set up from 8.00 am.
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For more details please call Monty Cornell on
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10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Saturday
11th April

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refreshments.

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For more information on the
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[www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/
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Peter Beck, Local Coordinator, 01379 890495

Lord help me live from day to day,
In such a humble sort of way,
To give a smile, help lift a load,
For those I meet along life's road,
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Botesdale Parish Council



Leeann-Jackson-Eve

Apologies were received this month from David Green and Mike Bishop.

Public Forum: The meeting was attended by our District Councillor, Sara Michell, who reported that special attention was currently being paid to litter picking on the A140, A143 and A14. The public are encouraged to report any flytipped litter online at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk or by phone on 0845 606 6170.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that SCC is working in partnership with St Edmundsbury BC and Forest Heath DC in proposing a joint waste-transfer, council depot and household waste recycling centre /West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH). The preferred location is at Hollow Road Farm, Bury St Edmunds near the British Sugar factory. An alternative is a site at Rougham Hill which already has consent for a waste transfer station. Information is available through www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh. Comments can be emailed to wsoh@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

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PCSO Dave Faulkner attended the meeting and reported that in the last month there had been 3 crimes reported in the parish, including a burglary on Chapel Lane. You can register your valuables for free on www.immobilise.com, the police-sanctioned online property database. Finally, don't forget the 'Mobile Police Station' at the Rickinghall Farmers Market, at the Rickinghall Village Hall, from 9am until it closes, on Saturday 11th April 2015. You can get your cycles marked and there will be security products available to purchase.

Planning: The PC looked at an application for two new houses on Back Hills at the rear of Mulberry, Cherry Tree Lane. Members felt that it was an interesting design but was not right for the location, being out of scale and not in keeping with the rest of the conservation area in height, design and detail. It was decided to object the application on that basis.

Market Place: The PC agreed a request from the Friends of St Botolphs to hold a plant sale on Saturday, 25 April from 10am-12pm at the Market Place. There would be both bedding plants and perennials for sale along with a cake stall. Any proceeds will go towards St Botolphs School. The Market Place would also be used as part of the annual garage sale trail, to be held on Saturday, 16 May from 9 am-1pm. This would include a cake sale and provision of tea/coffee/soft drinks from there, together with a small number of stalls. It was noted that the feedback from last year was positive and the Parish Council supports the use of the Market Place for small-scale village events.

School Competition: It was agreed to hold a competition at the school for a drawing to go on the cover of the Rickinghall News, the parish council's annual newsletter. Flyers would go out at the school shortly before the Easter holidays with the deadline shortly after return to school.

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Redgrave Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



The November meeting was fully attended. County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne, three members of the public and the Clerk were also present.

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Affordable Housing: Cllr Ann Preston reported that the meeting with Hastoe Housing to discuss a new development in the village had gone well. Hastoe are considering the Town Pit land for a potential housing site and will carry out some necessary checks with planning and housing at Mid Suffolk District Council. Hastoe feel that if the development takes place on parish-owned land, the additional funds could facilitate a higher-spec build. It is also noted that regulations have changed and now permit a small element of building for the private market within the larger housing association development.

Speedwatch: Cllr Fleming had been approached for funds towards the cost of a new Vehicle Activated Sign. She had reported during the public forum that SCC were not keen on permanent VAS locations and generally the process of approving them is slow as a risk assessment has to be carried out for each post (Redgrave is proposing four).

Play Area: Cllrs Smith and Hayward reported that the zip wire has been repaired and new bark put down. Next on the list is the repair of the small children's swings and some repairs to safety surface borders. The train will be repaired at a later date. The PC expressed its appreciation for all of the work by councillors and other volunteers.

Redgrave Shop Lease: It was reported that negotiations are still ongoing with the aid of a solicitor but some forward steps have been taken. The District and County Council have both been very supportive.

Telephone Box: The Clerk had confirmed with BT that the phone box is still in use. A request has been put in to have it painted and this will be done during BT's "painting season" which is April to October. In the meantime, you may have noticed that BT has had it cleaned very thoroughly!

Suffolk Walking Festival: Suffolk local authorities are working in partnership again to organise the countywide Suffolk Walking Festival, which runs from 9th - 31st May 2015. More information and the full programme of walks can be found the festival website: www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
7.00pm ~ Wednesday, 8th April
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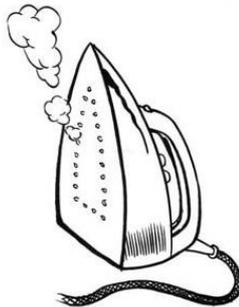
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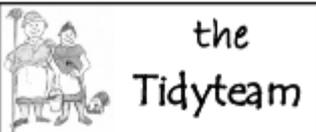
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Rickinghall Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

Rickinghall Parish Council met on Thursday 5 March with apologies received from the Chairman, Geoff Short, whilst Eric Longley was absent without apology.

Approximately 20 members of the public attended this meeting to voice their concerns regarding the retrospective planning application at The Old Workshop, West Hall Road, Rickinghall. The application was for a 2.1m high palisade fence around a large area of hard standing at the property. A number of issues were discussed and all members of the public were allowed time to voice their opinions and aid in the discussion by Councillors later in the meeting.

Sara Michel, the District Councillor outlined that Rickinghall was eligible to enter the Village of the Year Competition if this was considered to be something the village wanted to do.

Jessica Fleming, the County Councillor commented that Suffolk County Council (SCC) now has an interactive highways website where member of the public are able to pinpoint locations of potholes etc on www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-problem.

Planning Applications

Two planning applications were in front of the Council for comment. The Council did not object to the demolition and subsequent rebuild of a conservatory at Rose Cottage, Water Lane. However there was a long discussion regarding the fence at The Old Workshop, West Hall Road. All Councillors had visited the site to see for themselves and taking into account the comments from the public earlier in the meeting it was unanimously decided to object to the fence.

General Items

- The Parish Council Financial Regulations and Standing Orders were reviewed and agreed for the forthcoming year.
- A new parish noticeboard has been ordered to be shared between Botesdale and Rickinghall.
- St Botolph's School will be asked to design the cover of the Annual Newsletter.
- The Internal Financial Review was carried out by Cllr Smith and signed off.
- It was agreed that SALC would be appointed as Internal Auditor for the end of year accounts.
- The majority of the lampposts are being changed within Suffolk and this lantern project is ongoing.
- The Suffolk Walking Festival will be held again this year. The following website details the list of events being held this year. www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk
- The Parish Council agreed to fund a new tennis net for the Rickinghall Tennis Courts at a cost of £150.

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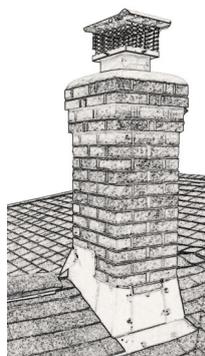
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Village News

Our man in Djibouti

Lt Col Mike Bishop, a Botesdale Parish Councillor, is currently serving a 9 month tour of duty with the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa. During his last deployment to Afghanistan in 2011, Mike shared some of his thoughts with family and friends. He has now kindly offered to share those

Chuffed - Afghanistan 2011

Did you know that until very recently, there were less than 25 kilometres of railway inside Afghanistan? For strategic reasons, past Afghan governments preferred to discourage the construction of railways which could aid foreign interference in Afghanistan by Britain or Russia. I wonder how that worked out for them? Oh...Not so well. In the 1920s, the very progressive King Amanullah, following an equally progressive visit to the town of Swindon, bought three small steam locomotives which he instantly put to work on a 7km track linking Kabul to his new palace in Darulaman. Well done sir.

I find it incredible, that in a country of 28 million people and well over half a million kilometres square, there is practically nothing. Locomotives powered the industrial revolution, unified the United Kingdom, standardised time and gave us the Railway Children. In one of those cruel twists of fate that Afghanistan knows so well, a country that sits squarely at the cross roads of Asia, has sat on the fence, much like Roberta, Phyllis and Peter, and waved a handkerchief as progress passed them by. Did no-one think to stop and ask the kindly old gentleman if he could help? Apparently not.

Fortunately a new, kindly, old gentleman has appeared in the form of the US who are currently spending somewhere in the region of \$125 billion a year in Afghanistan. \$125 billion! That's a lot more than mother would make selling her magazine stories while father languishes in prison. Amongst others, one project focusses on creating an enormous, internal, circular, rail network with a number of spokes leading off to Pakistan in the south, Iran in the west, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in the north, and, perhaps, China in the far northeast. The fact that these six countries have 3 different gauges is another matter, but the idea that goods from India, China and Pakistan could make their way directly to Europe has strong appeal. Not least in earning Afghanistan some much needed income from customs taxes, generating jobs and hopefully, unifying disparate regions.

Noone should underestimate the difficulty here. Establishing a railway network is not simple. The engineering issues thrown up by the mountainous terrain, the current threat of sabotage and the difficulty of starting from scratch in a country bereft of engineering and mechanical pedigree are not inconsequential challenges. However, the concept of a modern, railway network, linking all areas of Afghanistan, drawing it closer into the world economy and generating revenue is a cause worth fighting for. With a bit of pluck, some help from the old gentleman, and, probably a bit of petticoat waving, I think we might just do it.

Bernard Cribbins would be chuffed.

Valentine's Day Hamper Winner

Rickinghall Farmers' Market on Valentine's Day featured not only roses but also a free draw, with the prize a hamper full of the best in local produce. The contents were supplied, as always,



by the producers who sell direct to the public at the Market, held on the morning of the second Saturday of every month. The lucky winner of the Valentine's Day hamper was Margaret Brown of Rickinghall.

The next Farmers' Market with a free prize draw for a hamper will be on Saturday 13th June. Maybe you'll be the lucky winner then? Meanwhile, the next Farmers' Market will be on Saturday 11th April, featuring our traditional Easter Egg Hunt....

Results of quiz and sale of church guide

Quiz and Fish and Chip evening.

Thank you to all the people who attended or donated to the quiz and fish and chip supper held recently to raise money for St. Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior, fabric fund. A total of £389 was raised. Thank you also to Jean Wright, quizmaster, with help from husband, John, keeping score, and Richard and his staff from Botesdale fish and chip shop who supplied the supper. Thanks are also due to the team of helpers who contributed so cheerfully and efficiently towards a fun atmosphere for the evening.

The money raised will be used towards repairs to the chancel roof and ceiling, the estimate for which amounts to approx. sixty four and a half thousand pounds if the work is carried out this year. The government recently offered a grant for repairs to the roofs of listed churches. This has been applied for but we will not know until the end of March if we have been successful as the amount offered by the government is to be divided across the whole of the British Isles. Rickinghall Inferior Church is grade 1 listed. The round tower dates back to the eleventh century.

Quatrefoil donation

Quatrefoil recently donated a cheque for £162.90, the profit from sales of Rickinghall Inferior Church guide and A Suffolk Boy in East Africa after printing costs. The remainder of the church guides have now been donated by Quatrefoil to the church and the complete sale price of £3 per book will go towards the fabric fund to help pay for repairs to the chancel roof.

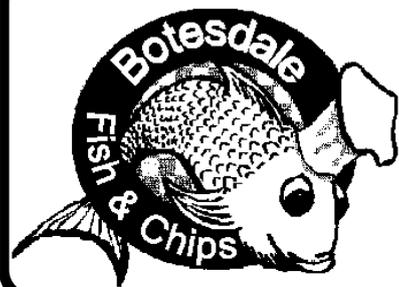


I will be holding a jumble sale in the summer to raise money for St Nicholas Hospice Care at Bury St Edmunds.

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Wednesday	1 st Apr	9:30am 10:00am 2:00pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Easter family fun	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
Thursday	2 nd Apr	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Rickinghall Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	3 rd Apr	9:00am 9:15am 10:45am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Church cleaning Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	4 th Apr	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Guided walk Redgrave St Mary's church open Rickinghall Church open	Redgrave Lopham Fen Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior
Sunday	5 th Apr	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	6 th Apr	2:00pm 7:30pm	Needle craft Slimming World	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	7 th Apr	10:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Open House Wildlife who dunnit Zumba Julie's Aerobics	All Saint's Redgrave Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	8 th Apr	9:30am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Family activity afternoon Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Activities Centre
Thursday	9 th Apr	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Fitsteps Women's Institute	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	10 th Apr	9:15am 10:45am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	11 th Apr	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Farmer's market Easter Egg hunt + Car boot sale Cycle "anti theft" marking Parish council surgery Wildlife Watch	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
Sunday	12 th Apr	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	13 th Apr	2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Start of summer term Needle craft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	St Botolph's primary Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	14 th Apr	9:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Redgrave & District Ladies club	Park View Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre

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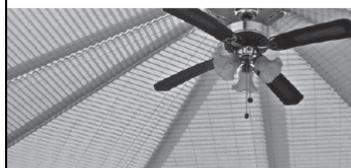
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Village Green



Club News



Pip Wright, Lucky is the Name – The story of a Suffolk farming family as told by Alf Burrows (1904-1969)

Pip Wright is a popular speaker at the Heritage Circle. He held the riveted attention of the group at its February meeting at Rickingham Village Hall when he spoke about Lucky Burrows and his farming family. His talk was based upon a journal kept by Lucky's youngest son, Alf.

Lucky was born in 1858 and was given his father's name. Its origin was from a bet. Lucky's grandfather was wagered half a crown (12½p) that he would not call a child 'Lucky'.

Lucky grew up in poverty in the 1860s. Agriculture was experiencing a depression but the family was further impoverished by his father's drinking. He left school at 9 but had learned two lessons in his early life. Never work for someone else and do not waste money in pubs. He left Suffolk and went to Burton-on-Trent to work in brewing but found life there no better. He decided to return home and had a number of temporary jobs on his journey. The worst was fishing off the Norfolk coast as he was constantly sick!

Consequently, Lucky decided to join the army and signed up for seven years, serving in Ireland, India and Afghanistan. On enlisting, Lucky sent his fishy, damp clothes home but without a letter of explanation. His family thought that he had drowned. He only found this out sometime later when he met a man from his village. He quickly wrote home to explain his resurrection.

When Lucky returned to Suffolk and married Alice Peck. They rented a small holding of 26 acres. Hard work and thrift meant Lucky was able to rent Oak Farm at Wickham Skeith.

Alf was born in 1904, the eleventh child and sixth son. His journal describes aspects of life on their remote farm which had no electricity or sewage provision until the 1950s. For example, his mother used bake for the week in a brick oven on Fridays. She heated the oven with faggots and then skilfully placed her pies and bread in the oven using a peel or long shovel once fire had burned out.

The journal outlines Lucky's plan that his sons would initially work for him rather than attend school. Then he would set them up on their own rented farm supporting them for their first year. His daughters would act as housekeepers until the son married. He had no ambitions for the girls. Only Jack, the fifth son, rebelled against his father's wishes and emigrated to Canada.

Alf hardly attended school and had left in 1914 aged 11. He was more use on the land with so many men away at war. His journal bemoans the fact that his father never gave him or his siblings any encouragement or praise. He describes an innocent life where he never heard anyone swear as he just lived with the family. He mentions chasing on his bike after a burning Zeppelin which eventually crashed near Saxmundham.

During the 1920s, the family moved closer to Stowmarket. A weekly treat was to attend the Thursday market with his father. Eventually, Alf met Eva Bannister and married her after a long courtship. In 1929 they rented a 200 acre farm at Dagworth which had a dilapidated house. They struggled with a number of problems, including low prices for food and dying animals. They almost gave up but eventually found a winning formula, selling milk from tea urns in Stowmarket. They survived the depression and World War II and managed to buy their own farm in 1946. Eva died soon after but Alf remarried a younger woman and lived until 1969 but the journal entries finished about 1952. Pip Wright has spoken to people who knew Alf Burrows. They describe

him as 'lovely', like a 'big child', but he was a typical farmer. He was never making any money!

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22 April at The Village Hall, Rickingham IP221HD when Nick Sign will give a talk about Servants in Suffolk Country Houses. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

Coffee On



The Corner

Our wonderful youth leader Kevin Gladwell very sensibly reminded everyone in the Church congregation on Sunday that Coffee on the Corner was coming up - 2nd Tuesday of every month as you all know! However, he then encouraged everyone to come in at 9am when we start probably knowing full well that we are sometimes "on the drag" and are not necessarily ready and raring to go on the dot of 9am. Having said that, you would still be assured of a very warm welcome at the advertised start ... you just might have to wait 5 minutes for your coffee or tea!

In fact the start was slow, but by 10am the room was buzzing, the diets were, for the most part, forgotten and sausage rolls, cheese scones and - I have to say - a fair amount of cake, disappeared into our visitors. Not so much that they were hungry, but there is a lot of temptation available for consumption on the counter!

If you have not come along before, then please do, and encourage any neighbours, especially anyone who is new to the village, to drop in and find out what goes on around here. As you know, there is information about what is going on at Parkview Chapel itself - forthcoming Fish & Chip Quiz in March and a planned Alpha Course to start in April - there is also information about the charity we are supporting on the day as well as a representative from Macmillan. Nicky or Lilla have a huge stock of brilliant leaflets for you to take should you need to find out more about living with Cancer, either for yourself or for a friend or relative. Other stalls include Phoenix Cards, a bric-a-brac stall and Di Maywhort who has a table with a selection of local history books. Finally, there is the simple opportunity to have a chat with other locals, who are often really well informed about what's happening!

This month we were supporting the work of the NSPCC who have a campaign running at the present time called "It's all my fault". They are aiming to have more funds to help to train volunteers to go into primary schools and talk to children about what is right and what is not. For a child to realise they are being abused is the first step. Knowing there is someone to turn to is the next. As a result of the generosity of our visitors, the charity will shortly be £125.00 better off - as always a huge THANK YOU!

I often have a list of charities that we could support in future months, but at the present time it is rather a short list ... if you know any local charity that would really welcome a boost in terms of funds, then do please get in touch - as you can see from the comments I write regularly in my Coffee on the Corner reports, our visitors really are a generous bunch!

Our next Coffee on the Corner will be on Tuesday 14th April from 9am to 12 noon. At the present time I am not sure which charity we will be supporting, so come along and find out!

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.

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Quatrefoil

Quatrefoil has recently donated cheques for £26.50 each to the Round Tower Churches Society and Churches Conservation Trust, 10% profit from the sales of the book 'Victorian and Edwardian Rectors of Rickinghall'. This book tells some of the interesting stories of these Rectors and their families, researched and written by Sarah Doig, the chairman of Quatrefoil.



Another cheque for £162.90 has been donated to Rickinghall Inferior Church Fabric Fund, profits after printing, of Rickinghall Inferior Church Guide and A Suffolk Boy in East Africa. This latter book is the inspiring story of a young boy, Samuel Speare of Rickinghall, who lived for five years in Zanzibar as a missionary, to help rescued slave boys. He died aged only 20 when he returned to England to train to be a priest and there is a stained glass window in Rickinghall Superior Church in memory of him. Sue Emerson transcribed this book from one written in 1876 which included Samuel's original letters. Charles Greenhough added contemporary photos and drawings of Zanzibar.

The stock of Rickinghall Inferior Church Guide books written by Jean Sheehan has been donated to the Church Fabric Fund now that the printing costs have been covered. The total sale price of £3 for this book will help to pay for repairs to the church.

Quatrefoil are a group of local people interested in the history of our villages and have now published ten books based on Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall. The latest two books are selling very well. Diana Maywhort has written a book based on the people named on the War Memorial for WW1 and others, and Graham Clayton has written a book on WW11 based on living people's memories and a map drawn up by the home guard for the defence of the villages of Botesdale and Rickinghall in the event of invasion.

All of the books are available at Rickinghall Paper Shop and Post Office, Botesdale hardware and pet food shop and all Redgrave books are available at Redgrave Community Shop. They all sell for £5 each apart from Rickinghall Church Guide which is £3. Contact Diana Maywhort, Jean Sheehan or www.quatrefoil.org.uk.

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At our Annual Meeting we were delighted that Susan Lawrence signed on to help us. It is encouraging to have a new volunteer and it's always good to have new ideas too.

At the end of February, Maurice Smith kindly lent us the use of his trailer – and his own strong arms – to shift some wood chippings that were available at Knettishall Heath to Northfield Wood. Four of us spent an hour loading and unloading the trailer and Maurice did the driving. We are most grateful. Since then we have removed a lot of protective coils from the trees and hedging plants there, which improves its appearance.

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Mrs Horsfall's Great Danes at Redgrave Hall.

The first weekend in March was the date of Crufts dog show. Redgrave Hall was the home of a Cruft's winner in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Mr Henry Leek Horsfall rented Redgrave Hall from Mr. George Holt Wilson from 1895 until 1898. During this time his wife, Violet Annie, bred Great Danes in the stables in Redgrave Park. Violet had always loved animals since she was a child. She loved and cared for the wild animals in the 300 acre deer park of Redgrave Hall and the swans and other aquatic birds on the forty six acre serpentine lake designed by Capability Brown. Mrs. Horsfall was also a good horsewoman and rode her horse in Redgrave Park followed by her Great Danes. This was not the first time the stables had been used for dogs as George St. Vincent Wilson (Squire from 1826 – 1852) kept hounds for the district hunt there. Samuel Mitchell died in 1897 and when the Rector wrote his obituary in the parish magazine he mentioned that Samuel was under strapper in the Hall stables until George St. Vincent gave up keeping the hounds.



Mrs HL Horsfall, 1897

Vice president and founder of the Ladies' Kennel Association, a member and judge of the Great Dane Club and an associate of the Kennel Club, Mrs. Horsfall was a popular judge. She was quoted in the Ladies' Kennel Journal: "Mrs. Horsfall's judging of Great Danes at the Liverpool Dog Show proved a distinct triumph for her. The entry was enormous, and her decisions were unanimously approved; while her pluck in sending one or two dogs out of the ring and calling in the veterinary inspector to others was most favourably commented on, and many present regretted that such a course was not the invariable practice by judges".

Mrs Horsfall believed in treating her Great Danes gently and healthily. The kennels were kept scrupulously clean. This obviously paid off as Hannibal of Redgrave won 1st Novice, Brighton his English debut, Champion 1st Novice and 1st Open, Kennel Club; Champion and 1st Open at Crufts, as well as at Birmingham and Leicester, and many other awards. Lore of Redgrave also won 1st Limit at Crufts. A four page article about Mrs. Horsfall and her Great Danes and Redgrave Hall appeared in Country Life Illustrated on June 26th 1897. At this time descriptions were given of six of her prizewinning dogs and bitches with photos of five of them. One could not be photographed as she had recently had a litter of puppies. In Mr. Hood Wright's review of 1896 he said "Mrs Horsfall has been rewarded after several years' patience, enthusiasm, and judgment, by being owner of a long way the best kennel in England, and I question if there is one on the continent which can equal it."

Mrs Horsfall was not only popular in the canine fraternity, she and her husband were well liked by the village people. In January 1987 snow fell heavily for over a week. In the February Hartismere Deanery Magazine it says "Mr. Horsfall has distributed about 3 tons of coal in this present severe weather to the widows, to those out of work, and to those who

have at least 3 children not earning money." When Redgrave Church was trying to raise money for the bells to be restored Mrs Horsfall exhibited her Great Danes at the Redgrave Flower Show and gave the entrance money amounting to £9 towards the bells.

Henry Horsfall offered the use of the Conservatory, gardens and Redgrave Park to the village for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations In June 1887. He also organised the programme of games for the event including a greased moving pole over the water which probably caused the greatest amusement. Four men attempted to walk the pole unsuccessfully and eventually the value of the prize of a pig, was divided between three of them. Thirty five people entered "the pig let lose in the park" competition with ages ranging from eight to forty, and Alec McDonald won the pig.

The magazine for April 1898 says "Many people have heard with regret that Mr. H.L. Horsfall is leaving Redgrave Hall. The tenants on the Redgrave Estate have always found him most genial and sympathetic, and the parishioners re-call his active exertions on their behalf for last year's 2 jubilees in the parishes."

Violet Annie Horsfall was keen on cars when they began to appear. A few years after leaving Redgrave she lived at Dunwich, and whilst recovering from pneumonia, she rescued a man from drowning. Her husband was so pleased with her that he bought her the car she wanted. Her youngest son Jack became a racing car driver but was killed whilst racing in 1949. Fortunately his mother had pre-deceased him the year before.

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Turnpikes and Stage-coaches

In 1555 an Act of Parliament made parishes responsible for the maintenance of their roads. Many roads however remained difficult to travel upon, with thick dust in the summer and deep mud, churned up by vehicle wheels, in the winter. In the 17th century vehicles were more like covered wagons and were slow, probably travelling at no more than 3 miles an hour. As traffic increased and vehicle design improved, there were complaints from the travelling public about the state of the roads. So in the early 18th century Turnpike Trusts were formed to improve and maintain these. Tolls were charged to cover the cost of this maintenance. As the roads improved a network of stage-coach services were started. These were called stage-coaches as they travelled in stages of 10 to 15 miles. Royal Mail coaches were first introduced between London and Norwich in 1785.

The Turnpike Act covering the road from Bury St Edmunds to Scole, which went through Rickinghall and Botesdale, was passed in 1769. This established a Turnpike Trust and Trustees were appointed to help to run this. Toll gates and houses were set up at certain junctions along the Turnpike Road to collect the tolls. In Botesdale gates were erected near to where the Water Tower now stands and upon the road to Redgrave just before the bridge. Between 1803 and 1809 a toll house was built in Botesdale at the fork of the roads going to Redgrave on the left and towards Warham and on to Scole on the right.



Botesdale Toll House today. Photograph: Charles Greenhough

On 31 May 1809 The Bury and Norwich Post announced:
Notice is hereby given, that the next meeting of the Trustees will be held at the Crown Inn, in Botesdale, on Thursday the 8th day of June next, at eleven o'clock ... And Notice is hereby also given, That an order will then and there be made for the removal of the Botesdale Turnpike or Toll gate, from the place where it now stands, to the place where a new house is erected and built, near the entrance of Botesdale-street, next Redgrave Park, and for erecting a side gate near the same; and for the purpose of making a further order for the erecting a Side Gate across the way leading to Back-hills at the entrance of Botesdale-Street; and for erecting another Side Gate across the lane leading from off the Back-hills to the Market-place, near the Sign of the Cock; at which Meeting the attendance of Nine or more Trustees is required.

In the 1830s the coaches were still running. Pigot's Directory for that date gives the times of the coaches arriving and leaving the Greyhound;
The 'Royal' to London from Yarmouth every evening a quarter before 8.
The 'Times' to London from Norwich every morning at 9am.
The 'Herald' to London from Scole every morning at 8am.

All go through Ixworth, Bury, Sudbury.
The 'Times' to Norwich every evening at 5pm through Scole.
To Scole the 'Herald' from London every evening at 7pm.
The Royal Mail to Yarmouth.

Coaches calling at The Bell were;
The 'accommodation' coach to Cambridge from Yarmouth every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 1pm. To Norwich the 'Day' & the 'Phenemena' from Lowestoft every Monday at 10.

The Crown appears to have been a posting house rather than a coaching inn, catering for passengers who had their own coaches and carriages or travelled in the faster and more expensive post-chaises.

All other vehicles using the road also had to pay a toll. A tariff board was found recently in a shed in Botesdale listing the vehicles such as 'Wagons, Wains, Carts and other such Carriages' which also had to pay tolls at the Botesdale Toll House. Unfortunately the prices charged for these vehicles are not legible. However an account book from 1810 still survives which lists the takings for each gate and toll house each month; for instance from Sunday 16th September to Saturday 13th October the takings were £14.5s.6d for the main gate. Mail Coaches travelled free of charge so the post horn call was sounded to alert tollgate keepers to immediately open the gate under pain of 40s fine.

Milestones were placed along the turnpike roads. One is still in place standing by the Rickinghall Inferior churchyard. According to the listing it is dated to the late 18th or early 19th century and is inscribed '9m(iles) To Scole, 14m To Bury, 96m To London, 27m To Norwich'. Unfortunately the writing on it is now illegible.

Stage-coaches were still running in 1844 for in that year White's Directory reported that eight coaches a day passed through Botesdale 'to Norwich, Bury, London etc.' a market coach every Wednesday at 9am to Bury and carriers daily to 'all parts'. However soon afterwards, because of the coming of the railways, coaches appear to have stopped running and by 1855 White's Directory reported that a local carrier went to Mellis and Finingham Railway Stations and to Norwich and Bury daily.

John Cordy Jeaffreson, who wrote his memoirs in the late 19th century, described the Botesdale of his youth as having a turnpike road running through it 'with coaches-and-four and carriages of grandees, travelling post'. He went on to say 'In this last respect, the thoroughfare changed strangely for the worse, as the railways shut up the posting-houses and drove the coaches from the road.(1)

The Highways Act of 1862 set up new Highways Boards to take responsibility for roads and the Turnpike Trusts were slowly wound up.

(1)John Cordy Jeaffreson Book of Recollections Vol I 1894
Many artefacts, documents, photos etc. to do with our village are often found in attics, cupboards or sheds (as was the Tariff board mentioned above). If you are having a 'sort out' and find anything which would perhaps be of interest PLEASE contact Jean Sheehan, Arthur or Michael Bryant or Di Maywhort. We can photograph or copy documents or other objects and the record will go into our files and add to the knowledge of the history of our villages.

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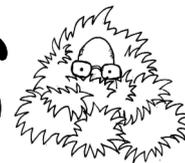


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Christians used to be thought of as dour and probably still are. Christians didn't have fun. They didn't go to pubs, they didn't go to dance halls and they never allowed themselves to do anything that could be construed as pleasurable on Sundays. Not only that they tried to inflict their dour, fun lacking lives on others. That was the way all people should live.

Things have changed; well sort of. Christians on the whole allow themselves to go to pubs and dances and do, on Sundays, the sort of things that others might do. However their image has not changed. The problem now is that the world around them has changed.

Sex is free. The person who thinks that it should be kept for marriage as a gift to that partner thus stating, "I have kept this for you as a precious gift that I can and I will give to no other," makes for a more secure marriage because, if you haven't slept around before, you are not likely to when married. But then it's not so much fun.

Marriage used to be for life and those that broke their marriage vows would be cheating on their partners. Is cheating right for anyone? Are the lies right for anyone? Is the pretence right? Every marriage that falls apart breaks someone's heart and the grass turns out not to be greener on the other side and the cheating and the lies and the pretence and the heartbreak achieve nothing. Christians continue to believe marriage is for life but then, they are not people who have fun.

I suspect we all like to think we are rational creatures controlled by our brains but then no one would buy a lottery ticket as the odds are so stacked against them. But people do, so perhaps we are controlled more by desire than rational thinking. It's more fun that way. Also no one would go binge drinking and certainly not preload with cheap drink beforehand. The risk of doing something stupid, being so sick you wish you were dead or worse still having an accident is too great. It looks as though people are indeed controlled by desire rather than rational thinking. It's more fun that way.

We need more fun. Fun is great as long as you ignore the guilt conscience that persists like the binge drinking hangover.

Christians don't do these things much. They are into marriage for life, keeping sex for marriage, they don't gamble and they don't binge on drink. They are clearly people that are not into fun. It's best to keep away from them. *They must be controlled by rational thinking.*

Let me conclude by saying that I operate a relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. It was he who flung the stars into space. He is greater than anyone or anything and he and I get on fine. I do mess up at times when desire gets the better of me but he never lets go, he always forgives, we always get right and, when we do, he puts our relationship right so completely and so thoroughly that there is no guilt conscience. It is never as a persistent hangover. Being right with God makes sense. That's a piece of rational thinking. It is also fun walking with Jesus Christ. I find that he satisfies the heart's desires.

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The year is moving on. I heard the Blackbird on 6th February and the Chaffinch on 10th February. The Blackbird and Thrush start singing at the same time and are not easy to differentiate. Of the two, I rate the Thrush the soprano and the Blackbird the Alto (being a choral singer myself). The Blackbird was somewhat hesitant in its opening notes, perhaps conscious of its welcoming audience. The Chaffinch was in full blast from the start! By the time you read this the Sand Martin may have arrived over some inland lakes, or coastal cliffs and we shall be listening and looking for the first of our migrating warblers, the Chiff Chaff, singing its doleful song from the bare branches of a small tree and don't forget the first Cuckoo and Swallow.

Before it was too late I realised I must visit the Welney Wetland Centre for the winter migratory Whooper (from Greenland) and Bewick (from Siberia) Swans. The Centre is a few miles north of Ely and Littleport and is very welcoming. A recently built Visitors Centre contains all facilities including a hot meal. There is a bridge over to the flooded marsh and a covered and warmed viewing area. An official gives a commentary and then goes into the open with a wheelbarrow containing food which she distributes whilst continuing to commentate. The birds do not fly away. There were plenty of Whooper Swans present but no Bewicks. They were out feeding in the surrounding fields but come to the Centre at night. The water was also full of a hundred plus male Pochard Duck. On their winter migration the male Pochards don't go so far south as the females, who, very sensibly, fly on to warmer Spain.

Contrary to last month's advice, I did visit the RSPB Lakenheath Reserve on a cold murky day. I trudged along very muddy footpaths. However, I did see a group of Bearded Tits, not as usual hanging on to drooping reeds, but scrambling over a pile of well-trodden fallen reeds to find their food. They looked like scurrying mice.



Green Sandpiper
Drawing by Mike Langman

A very interesting local sighting has been that of a Green Sandpiper. This was surprised on a local stream from which it flew away 'peeping' as it went. This bird is easily recognised both by its alarm call, white rump, and black and white tail, not forgetting its green legs. I had exactly the same experience some years ago, when the bird flew up from a ditch. Green Sandpipers nest in Northern Scandinavia. Here in the winter they roost in small groups around lakes and flooded gravel pits and then go out to their individual feeding sites. My observer was also fortunate enough to see a Peregrine. This raptor usually keeps to the coast where there are cliffs or on shore near mountains, not forgetting high buildings such as the Orwell Bridge or Norwich Cathedral. In winter the bird might wander anywhere. This bird proved its identification after flying over low woody ground and then flying high and chasing a couple of Crows.

My best sighting of the Peregrine was on top of 'haystacks' in the Lake District. I heard a cry from above and there what looked like a very large leaf descending and twisting as it went. It was a Peregrine locked into its prey as it descended over the side of the mountain! To add to my excitement its mate flashed past me a moment later to see what its partner had caught.

I have recently been informed of a group of small warblers, most likely to be Chiff Chaffs, over-wintering in a warm spot on the Suffolk coast. I have spoken to the BTO on this matter (always helpful with any enquiry), and Chiff Chaffs are seen over-wintering in this country and this year especially as it has been such a mild winter. Such warblers may well be from central Europe and who find there is enough food in this country in the winter and there is no point in flying further south. (Similar to the female Pochards—see above).

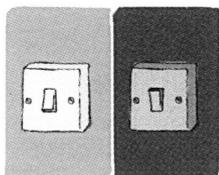
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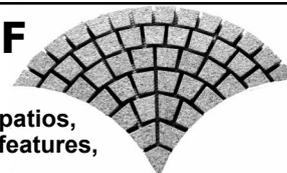


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Most people will by now have made their first cut of the lawn, so it is safe to reduce your height of cut to the height you wish to keep for the rest of the season. It is also a good idea to give your lawn a boost now, and you can buy combined treatments which feed the grass, as well as kill the weeds and moss.

Unfortunately the weeds also start to grow now, so think of labour-saving ways to deter these. Weed-control fabric can be used over the surface of the soil and then covered with a natural material such as wood chips or decorative stones. Alternatively, spray weedkiller early and you will end up using less. For those who prefer to use fewer chemicals, there are flame guns which will burn off the weeds to ground level. Of course there is also the tried and trusted hoe. The key to all of these methods is to tackle the weeds while they are small.

Now is also the time to start the exciting task of seed sowing, something which all ages enjoy and is a good introduction to gardening, especially for children. Many flower and vegetable varieties can be started indoors on the windowsill, and then be planted out in May. Make use of old margarine containers and toilet roll centres, to provide small sowing modules. Choice of compost is important too. The John Innes seed compost takes some beating, although a multi-purpose compost will do if its firmed after sowing.

Rhubarb should be covered if not already done so, and keep pulling before stems get too thick and tough. Check that onion sets and shallots haven't been pulled out by mice and birds, and onions can still be set, especially now the soil is a bit drier. Potatoes can be set as well, no later than April, and you may want to put your fresh grass clippings in the ground with them, as rotting grass gives nutrients and helps ward off blight. We will again be supporting the Tombola at the Wyken Crafts and Plants event, which is on Sunday 26th April - see you there!

Happy Gardening!

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Yummy Chocolate Orange Cake

Ingredients:

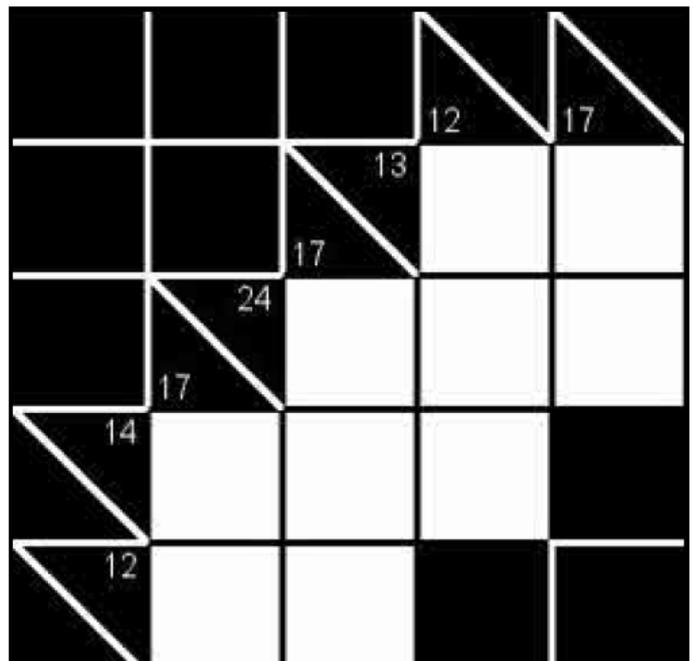
- 2 small or 1 large orange (approx. 375g)*
- 6 eggs*
- 1 heaped teaspoon baking powder*
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda*
- 200g ground almonds*
- 250g sugar*
- 50g cocoa*
- 20cm tin*
- Preheated oven (180C)*

Method:

Put the whole orange into a pan with some cold water, bring to the boil and cook for 2 hours. Drain and when cool pulp, pith peel and all, in a food processor or chop by hand. Add the eggs, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda. Pour into the tin and bake for an hour (180C). Check after 45 mins and cover with foil if the top is starting to burn.

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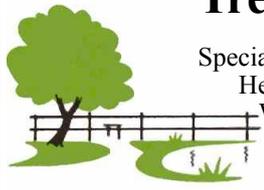
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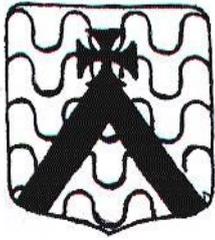
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School news

The staff and children have made a good start to the Spring term but there is still much to do at St Botolph's so that we can continue to build on the progress already made. The children have much to look forward to over the next few weeks before they have a well-earned rest for Easter.

Our class assemblies have recently restarted; these are a wonderful opportunity for parents and Carers to come into school and see for themselves what the children have been learning. It is always wonderful to see how excited the children are when they know their parent is coming in and the children do such a wonderful job presenting their learning experiences to the parents that are able to attend.

I have been very impressed with the effort that the children have been putting into improving their writing skills. Improving the quality of our writing, especially our spelling, punctuation and grammar, is our prime area for improvement at St Botolph's and something that as a school we are committed to. Over the past term many of our children have started to realise that with some hard work and determination they can achieve success and this will provide them with the confidence they need to progress even further.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break

Mr M. Cobbold, Headteacher

CHAPTER 1

INTO THE TEMPLE

He stepped in. The mysterious explorer. No-one knew anything about him. Usually, he kept to himself. Looking around thoughtfully, the man whispered words barely audible to the human ear. He was talking to himself about how old and historical this place was. Joseph was a well equipped adventurer of many talents. He pondered over one thought: would he ever get home to his wife and children? As he thought this, the intrepid explorer began to wander around.

Jenny, Yr 5



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OFSTED: We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to receive particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". Please let us know if you'd like a copy of the full report.

This term: We have enjoyed learning all about Easter and had lots of fun with the St Botolph's Squirrels class who joined us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the woods. We are looking forward to lots more fun in the woods as the weather improves! We also had a great day out on our annual trip to Monsters.

Committee: As a charity, our pre-school is required to have a committee in place comprising parents/guardians. We are always looking for new members - if you'd like to know more about the committee and how you could help please speak to Karen.

Our favourite Hot Cross Buns: We always enjoy baking and have been busy making (and eating!) these:

330mls semi-skimmed milk	1 egg, beaten
50g butter	75g sultanas
500g strong bread flour	50g mixed peel
1tsp salt	75g caster sugar
7g sachet of fast-action yeast	1tbsp sunflower oil
1 - 2 tsp cinnamon (plus 1 tsp mixed spice - depending on taste)	

For the cross: 75g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
 For the glaze: 3tbsp apricot jam, warmed

1. Boil milk in a pan, remove from heat and add butter. Leave to cool to hand temperature.
2. Put flour, salt, sugar, yeast, fruit and spices in a bowl. Make a well and pour in warm milk and butter, then add egg. Mix well with wooden spoon and use hands to bring together to form a sticky dough.
3. Tip dough onto lightly floured surface and knead for 5 minutes. Put dough in lightly oiled bowl, cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise in a warm place for 1 hour or until doubled in size.
4. Divide dough into 15 smooth balls. Arrange balls on one or two baking trays lined with parchment (leave enough space for them to expand!). Cover with more oiled cling film (or a tea towel) then set aside in a warm place for a further hour.
5. Heat oven 220C/200C fan/Gas 7. Mix plain flour with approximately 5tbsp of water (one tbsp. at a time) to create a thick paste. Using a piping bag, pipe the mixture onto the buns to create a cross. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes until golden brown.
6. Brush the warm jam onto the warm buns and leave to cool.

Rainy day fun

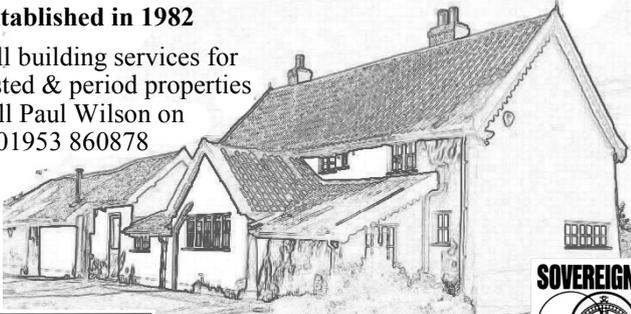
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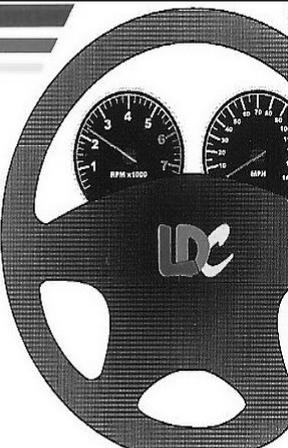
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A preview of Rickinghall Model Railway Show: Saturday 2nd May

Last year's Model Railway Show was very well attended, very successful, and at times very crowded. This year we have decided to create lots more space, by attaching a large marquee to the side of the Village Hall. This will allow us to have wider gangways throughout, and gives us the important added benefit of being able to display even more layouts for our visitors to enjoy.

Hosted jointly by the Village Hall and Diss & District Model Railway Society, this year's event will have completely different layouts from those of last year. There will be no less than seventeen to see, in seven different scales, and we again expect to attract a wide range of visitors. Last year we welcomed many model railway enthusiasts, but also many people who came along to see what it was all about. From the feedback we received, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. This year there will be even more to look at, with loads of action on the layouts, some serious railway modelling, and a 'Thomas 2' layout which can be operated by our younger visitors. And even, if the weather is kind, an ice cream van in addition to our all-day refreshments!

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The Historical Model Railway Society will again be on hand with their wide range of knowledge, and the Norfolk Railway Society will also be joining us this year, with their East Anglian perspective.

There will also be a raffle, with a first prize of a highly desirable brand new Hornby Peppercorn 'K1' 2-6-0 locomotive in BR livery. This normally sells for around £120, and there will also be a number of other prizes, generously donated by our traders and societies.

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Advance notice

Saturday 11th July

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Thankyou Neighbourhood Watch

Message from Margaret Stebbings

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- Abdullah

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Café Church – a listening church

Sundays at 10.30, at the Redgrave Activities Centre

Café Church had been on the go for over eight years now. Over the eight years we have listened to many questions of life and worked out many answers. We have a lot of experience in answering questions but it doesn’t mean we know everything. If we don’t know we admit it. We are prepared to be honest and open and we don’t insist that we all have to think the same. We start with coffee and finish with coffee and cakes. In between we talk a lot. When we started the major comments were, 1) We’ve never been able to ask in church before and, 2) You don’t preach at us. The latter has to be true because a Christianity that is bludgeoned into people is no Christianity at all.

You can just come or if you want a contact it is: Nyall on 01379 897067





All Saints
Redgrave



St. Botolph's
Botesdale



St. Mary's
Rickinghall

2nd April '15 Maundy Thursday



7.30pm St Mary's Rickinghall,
United Holy Communion

3rd April '15 Good Friday



9.30 Walk of Witness from Rickinghall
Village Hall to Botesdale Market Place for
10am United Service
2.00 St. Botolph's, Botesdale Devotion-
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5th April '15 Easter Day

8:15 St Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion
10.30 All Saints, Redgrave Family Communion



He Is Risen!

12th April '15 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion
10.30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall CW Communion

19th April '15 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.15am All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall Worship
Together An informal and interactive ser-
vice for people of all ages

26th April '15 4th Sunday of Easter

8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion
10.30 St Mary's, Redgrave CW Communion



10.30am Messy Church in Botesdale Village
Hall with Coffee, Cakes and fun for all ages

3rd May '15 5th Sunday of Easter

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion
10.30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints All Together



6.30pm St Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

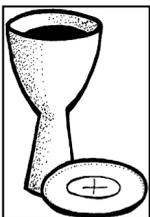
Also this month



Tue. 7th April. from 10.00am
"Open House" at All Saints
For coffee, cakes and chat



Thurs. 9th April 7.15pm
"Spearhead" All Saints, Redgrave
A time of worship and prayer for
revival here in this area



Wed. 1st April. 10.00am
Albert Close Communion
Thur. 16th April. 9.45am
Farnish House Communion
These services are open to
everyone



Tues 21st April 7.15pm
All Saints, Redgrave
A time of revitalising prayer for the
work of the church in the community.

"Together in these villages we offer Christ's healing grace through our worship and service."
For more information: Revd Chris Norburn 01379 898685