

# PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

November 2015



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Today we face a unique situation, but it is not one to be proud of! We are faced with an unprecedented crisis that the west hasn't seen since World War Two – the migrant/refugee crisis of people fleeing from Syria, Eritrea, Sudan, Afghanistan and Iraq. Of these, by far the largest group are Syrians. And it is hardly surprising when you see the pictures of piles of rubble on our TV screens that used to be people's homes and communities. But what a risk they take in making their journey to Europe – being shut up in an airless container lorry; cross a short stretch of water in a leaky dingy. They must be desperate to take such risks.

It's all such a mess. What's clear, however, is that the situation requires a Western world-wide response and that at the moment the west has lost its grip. The politicians are not using joined up thinking as seen by how some countries have put up razor wire to stop the flow of people and how others are pushing them through their countries as fast as possible so making them someone else's problem!

So what are we to do? Do the churches have anything worthwhile to say about this? It's worth remembering that early in the Bible we read about a battered refugee people, fleeing political oppression in north Africa, and seeking a new life for themselves safe from violence and poverty. And as you read on through Scripture we are constantly being reminded that the people being written about were not to forget that they too were once in this situation and that their ethics must be structured around offering practical help to those in need.

Jesus himself became a refugee when he fled with his parents as a toddler to escape genocide under Herod. The New Testament is full of the stories of early Christians who were forced to flee from one place to another to escape violence. The Bible, therefore, is a narrative saga of a refugee people.

As you continue to read the Bible it soon becomes evident that responding with compassion to strangers in need is core to the Christian faith. Numerous times in the Old Testament through the words of Moses and the prophets, Israel is commanded, "love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:34). Jesus then builds on this longstanding tradition by declaring in Matthew 25 that whenever we welcome the stranger, caring for her in her hunger, thirst, sickness, and poverty, we are welcoming Jesus himself. He also makes clear that when we fail to respond to those needs (or even to notice them in front of us), we are turning our backs on the very God we claim to follow.

Therefore with the authority of Christ we should welcome the stranger. In the stark and terrifying parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus says: "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and

you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me" (Matthew 25:41-43). The Bible makes it quite clear that we cannot say to those in need, "You are not our problem." So well done to Justin Welby, who quoting from Leviticus said we must "break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves". This is biblical faith.

The truth is we need to help people now. We need to find the resources to help the casualties of a war, to which our own international policies over the last 10-20 years have so greatly contributed. However, I feel that in the long term the west should be redoubling its efforts to bring peace to the areas that are supplying the refugees. We should also support attempts to disrupt people trafficking networks and arrest those who run them. It is not right vast numbers of people from Syria and Iraq are leaving their countries, including many if not most of their Christian citizens, and will never go back to their homeland. The economic, social and cultural results of this are potentially catastrophic. Any solution to the current crisis should include a mechanism for restoring people to their homeland when peace returns.

The Church has no special insight into the details of security, immigration and asylum policies that will need to be settled in order to meet this crisis. But we have a duty to call those responsible for these policies to account: to tell them when not just their actions, but the fundamental attitudes that guide those attitudes are wrong.

Surely we can do better than this, and we must, because the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children, women, and men depend on our willingness to welcome them into the safety of our borders and help them to build a peaceful future for themselves and their families.

So may we have eyes to recognize Christ in the distressing disguise of the refugees before us, and may we have the moral courage to welcome Him home.

With every blessing

*Chris Norburn.*

**From the Registers**

- 10th September : Funeral Service at West Suffolk Crematorium, Risby for Bryan Anthony Soanes aged 79
- 22nd September : Funeral service and burial at St Mary's Church, Redgrave of John Michael Waring aged 74
- 25th September : Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Redgrave for the life of William Leslie Porter age 74 : Cremation on 24th September.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

For a Remembrance Sunday theme, the following poem seemed appropriate:

### *In Flanders Fields*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

*by John McRae*

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Best wishes, The Parish Magazine Volunteers

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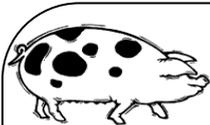
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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE

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Men and women members of the Royal British Legion, the British Red Cross, the WI and the Brownies always march, but it is the villages' parade in memory of those who gave their lives for their country and anyone may join in and is welcome to do so.

The Parade will form up behind the Gislingham Silver Band outside the Old Post Office at 2.45pm. We will march to the Chapel of Ease for the Remembrance Service, followed by the ceremony at the war memorial.

*Pete Cornwell*  
**MASS**  
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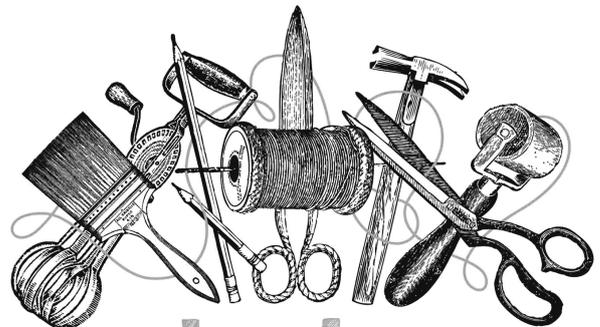
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# Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann-Jackson-Eve



## October report

Four councillors were present along with 2 members of the public and District Councillor Derek Osborne. The PC accepted apologies from Mike Bishop, who will be back from Djibouti on 19 October. There are still four vacancies on the Council.

**Public Forum:** Derek Osborne reported that the **Community Achievement Awards** were seeking nominations. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, along with their lead sponsor the Co-Op, are looking for 30 individuals, groups or businesses who have gone above and beyond to be nominated for the awards. For more details about the awards, please contact contact 01449 724654 or email: josephine.beever@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

**Planning:** There was no planning to discuss at the meeting but the lack of tree work notifications was queried by councillors. The timescale for these applications is very tight and most of the time, they are processed by MSDC before councillors are able to discuss them at a meeting. It was also explained that when tree works are planned in the Conservation Area, the correct process is to notify Mid Suffolk District Council planning department first. There are two outcomes: there will be no objection to the works or the tree will be deemed of outstanding amenity value and under threat of removal and a request will be made to put a Tree Preservation Order on it. The vast majority have the first outcome and the Parish Council will normally have no objection to the notifications we receive from MSDC. Notifications should be made to the Arboricultural Officer, David Pizzey on 01473 826662 or email: david.pizzey@babergh.gov.uk.

**Remembrance Sunday Service:** Cllr Lt Col Mike Bishop will represent the PC at the parade service on 8 November. The parade forms up and leaves the top of Post Office Hill at 14:45 and the service in the chapel begins at about 15:00. The ceremony at the war memorial will take place at about 15:45, depending on the length of the sermon.

## Correspondence:

MSDC has issued a call for prospective short stay sites for Gypsies and Travellers. More information can be found at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/gypsies-and-travellers/gypsy-and-traveller-short-stay-stopping-sites>.

Suffolk Police have notified parish councils that they will no longer be attending meetings on a regular basis but they will do so if there is a specific issue to discuss.

The Twinning Association is suffering from a lack of members and has requested the PC's help in arresting the decline. It was suggested that the TA hold a public meeting, which the PC would attend, to gauge interest.

The PC received a request from the Bowls Club for support for their application to MSDC for s106 funding. These funds, which are collected by the District Council from developers, are made available to parish councils for specific uses and there is £2,258.63 available for outdoor sports facilities. Although the Bowls Club is actually in Rickinghall, the PC is allowed to support projects outside of the parish, particularly if they benefit Botesdale residents.

Botesdale does not have any facilities that qualify for the funds (which do not include football pitches) so the PC has agreed to support the Bowls Club.

The PC also received two requests for grant funding from the next year's budget from Barwoods, for upkeep of Miller's Orchard, and from the Village Hall Management Committee for replacement flooring in the main hall.

**Walks Leaflets:** Cllrs John Abraham and Desmond Bavington-Lowe will sit on the working party to revamp the walks leaflets. It is likely that the first meeting will be in January and SCC will do the design work sometime after April 2016. ***If you would like to join the working party or can help with photographs, please contact the Clerk.***

**Online Banking:** The PC will be applying for online banking to allow the Clerk and Chairman to view statements. The current bank account is not set up to carry out transactions online, due to the requirement for two signatures in authorisation.

**Christmas Events:** With the PC's agreement, Barwoods will be setting up a tombola on the Market Place for the Christmas tree Lights On Ceremony on Saturday, 5 December (at 6.15pm). The annual Art Competition will also go ahead and the winners will be announced next month.

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# Redgrave Parish Council



Lecann Jackson-Eve

## October Report

The October meeting was attended by five councillors, six members of the public, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and the Clerk. The PC received apologies from John Giddings and Bob Hayward.

**Public Forum:** Jessica Fleming reported that the **4-Villages By-pass Scheme** has been approved for Little Glemham, Marlesford, Stratford St Andrew and Farnham, through which the A12 passes and which experience a lot of heavy traffic. County investment is conditional on central government agreeing that it be designated a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, thus eligible for external funds, and on support from EDF relating to Sizewell C construction. **Rural Transport Tenders** – Most current providers' contracts for rural community transport schemes end in 2016 and the County has agreed to a new model for the coordination and funding of rural transport across Suffolk. Changes can be expected to current services in mid-2016. Details are available on [www.suffolkonboard.com/tendering-and-contracts/](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/tendering-and-contracts/) and apply only to community schemes, not the regular bus service. **There have been bus timetable changes** which came into effect at the beginning of September. Timetables are available at <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/bus-service-changes/>.

**Planning:** There were no planning applications but two decisions have come in: Hall Farm, Churchway for change of use of agricultural building to micro brewery and Gressingham Foods Ltd, Hinderclay Road for construction of a bridge over the Little Ouse and a concrete access road, both of which were granted. There was also an appeal decision in favour of the applicant to grant Listed Building Consent for solar panels on the roof of Priory Barn, Half Moon Lane.

**Speedwatch:** The quarterly report from the Speedwatch Group gave the following statistics. June: 4 sessions, 28 vehicles recorded speeding, July: 2 sessions, 5 vehicles speeding; August: 2 sessions, 9 vehicles recorded speeding. The majority of offenders receive a letter, though this is at police discretion. Suffolk County Council carried out a speed survey in July to determine if speeding was present for the purposes of their approving a Vehicle Activated Sign purchase and installation. This quite clearly showed that speeding is unfortunately still common at all four sites surveyed. The comparatively low numbers given above confirm that our sessions are effective for their duration, and it is hoped that the forthcoming presence of the VAS plus continued regular speedwatch sessions will help to get the message across – these are after all the main methods recommended by the road safety authorities. **Request**

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**Gypsy and Traveler Call for Sites:** There is a call for land suitable for short-stay sites (6-8 pitches) with a deadline of 15 November. Locations should be within corridors frequented by the communities and the A143 is included. The aim is to have three sites up and running by the end of 2016. Information about this process and how to respond are available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/shortstay](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/shortstay).

**Road Closure:** There is an upcoming closure on Churchway from the Activities Centre to the church from 9:30am to 2pm on Saturday, November 21 for the Redgrave Cyclo-cross.

**Remembrance Sunday:** The Chairman will be laying a wreath at the war memorial on 8th November. The parade forms up and leaves the top of Post Office Hill in Rickinghall at 2:45pm and the service in the Chapel of Ease, Botesdale begins at about 3pm. The ceremony at the war memorial will take place at about 3:45pm, depending on the length of the sermon.

**Carols on the Knoll:** The PC has agreed to a request to have carols on the Knoll on 4 December at 6:45pm. The Salvation Army Band will be in attendance.

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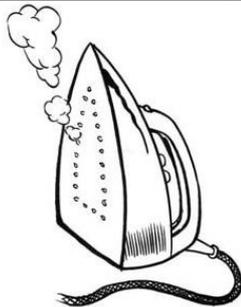
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# Rickinghall Parish Council



Cllr Sally Smith

## October report

Rickinghall Parish Council met on Thursday 1 October with 5 out of 6 councillors attending. Cllr Crossley-Holland sent her apologies.

The Public Forum consisted of reports from both Cllr Jessica Fleming (SCC) and Cllr Derek Osborne (MSDC). Cllr Fleming updated the Parish Council on the increasing momentum being seen towards Suffolk's Devolution Process, where there is to be a meeting towards the end of October and talks with Norfolk regarding sharing services. SCC is also asking villages to identify land that may be appropriate for Short Stay Stopping Sites for the Gypsy and Traveller communities.

In addition, MSDC are requesting Parish Councils identify land that could be available for housing and a joint meeting between Redgrave, Botesdale, Rickinghall and the MSDC Planning Team will be arranged to look at this in greater detail.

**Chairman's Report** – it was noted that 40mph signs had been installed between Wattisfield and Rickinghall which was a great result. Most of you will have noticed that the hedge in front of Jubilee House has now been cut back so the pavement is usable once more. It was also noted that the contentious fence which had been erected in New Delight Road some months ago was still not painted green contrary to MSDC's instructions at the Planning Committee meeting. The Clerk will establish the position with the enforcement team.

**Clerk's Report** – following the preliminary advertising done in the parish magazine to alert villagers about the proposed extension of the yellow lines in front of the Co-Op the Parish Council agreed to instruct SCC with regard to progressing this through the correct legal channels.

## Correspondence

Suffolk Constabulary had written to explain that police officers would no longer be at Parish Council meetings as a matter of course. They would of course be available if there was a major incident or a specific issue that required their attendance.

SALC made all Parish Councils aware that they could recover costs incurred when complying with the new Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

The British Legion are again organising the Remembrance Parade on 8 November. David Lister will bear the wreath on behalf of Rickinghall Parish Council.

Rickinghall Village Hall requested support from the Parish Council in respect of their application for s106 funds in order to improve the lighting within the village hall. This support was unanimous from the Cllrs.

**Walks Leaflet** – MSDC are hoping to have new and generic Walks Leaflets throughout the County by April 2016. A Working Party of Cllr Jones, Cllr Short and Cllr Ebert was agreed (together with any other interested parties eg. the Ramblers) to consider what information or photography was needed. There was also the option of sharing leaflets with neighbouring villages.

**Highways** – speeding through the village is still an issue and it was agreed the Clerk would investigate hiring temporary signs to monitor and slow down traffic as it came down Bury Road off the A143.

**There are still 3 vacancies within Rickinghall Parish Council. If you think you would like to get involved please do come to a meeting to see what it is all about.**

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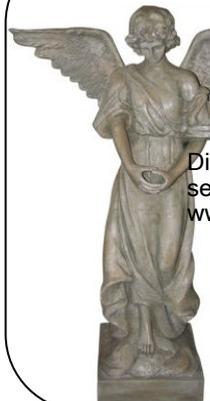
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## **Can You Help?**

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The Church is important to our village in a number of ways and we would be very appreciative of any help we could get.

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Many thanks

Philippa

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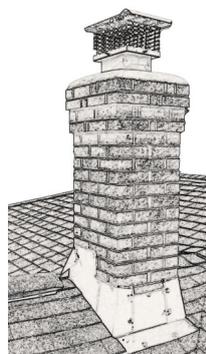
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# Village News

## Our man in Djibouti

**Welcome back!**

Lt Col Mike Bishop, a Botesdale Parish Councillor, recently returned from a 9 month tour of duty with the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

We now have a regular column in the magazine to fill. If any readers or residents have interesting projects, gap years, etc and would like to share your trials and tribulations through the magazine, please get in touch: [editor@rbrparishmag.com](mailto:editor@rbrparishmag.com)

### Parish Gift Day

This year's **Gift Day** will take place during Advent, on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Christingle Service, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale 3.30pm; and **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Carol Service, St Mary's, Rickinghall Church 3.00pm. However, envelopes will be available from the beginning of December as well as at the two services mentioned above. Gift Day is a way of giving thanks to God for the work and ministry of the church throughout these villages and beyond.

If you are unable to attend either of the above services and you wish to make a gift please forward your envelope to the Rector at The Rectory, Bury Road, Rickinghall, or to our Treasurer, Mr. Rob Rixon, Calkewood, Calkewood Lane, Rickinghall. IP22 1NB

Finally, if you are a tax payer please can I encourage you to Gift Aid your donation. This allows all charities to claim the basic rate of tax, on your donation. All you need to do to Gift Aid your donation is to complete the form on the front of the Gift Day envelope. Please make cheques payable to "RBR PCC" If you have any queries on this please do speak to me or our Treasurer.

With every blessing. Revd Chris Norburn

LOHP (Little Ouse Headwaters Project)  
Annual Talk, AGM and Members' Evening  
7.30pm, Wednesday 25th November  
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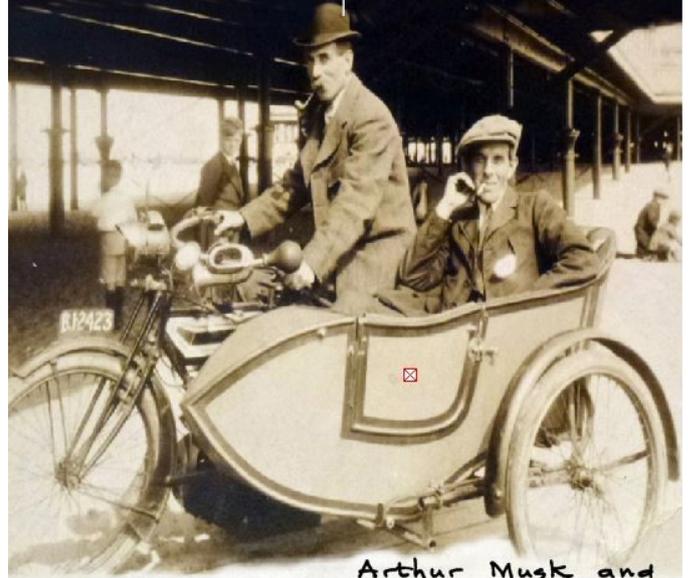
All welcome, for further details please see website: [www.lohp.org.uk](http://www.lohp.org.uk)

Join us for our annual winter bash, with another great talk in prospect.

Richard Woolnough, from the Suffolk Mammal Group, will be taking about **Otters** and encouraging us to monitor their very welcome return to the Little Ouse Headwaters. With a hands-on (though optional!) opportunity to examine the content of otter spraints under the microscope, this promises to be a memorable evening. As usual, our AGM and annual update will start at 7.30pm. The annual talk will start at 8pm and be followed by seasonal refreshments. Contributions of finger foods will be much appreciated. Members and friends all welcome - the evening is free but a non-members' contribution of £2 towards costs will be welcomed.

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Q: Do you have views about the activities that you'd like to see available?

If so, please get in touch. I'm exploring ways to better meet young people's needs and interests through after school clubs. This has to start with listening to what young people want. If you're interested in learning more or sharing your views, please contact me at [tjshorten@gmail.com](mailto:tjshorten@gmail.com) or on 07968 742955. Many thanks, Tim Shorten

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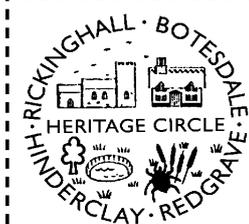
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# Club News



## Roy Tricker, 100 not out – 100 years of the St Edmundsbury Diocese

Roy Tricker gave a very humorous, but well researched, talk about a potentially 'dry' topic to the September meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall. He totally engaged his audience when he spoke about the creation of the St

Edmundsbury Diocese 101 years ago which was sanctioned by an Act of Parliament in January 1914. Roy traced the years of deliberation and argument leading to the founding of the diocese.

Population growth prompted consideration of diocesan boundaries in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Essex was part of the Diocese of London because the county's boundary began at Stratford. However, as the population of London grew significantly, Essex was given to the Bishop of Rochester in 1845, despite the communication problems caused by the Thames. By 1907 it had become apparent that Essex needed to be reorganised again into a single diocese covering the county and at the same time the future organisation of the Church of England in Suffolk was questioned. Unfortunately, this presented a challenging problem as it was comprised of two counties, East and West Suffolk, for civic administration.

East Suffolk was part of the Diocese of Norwich which, by 1907, had 1,151 parish churches and 890 beneficed clergy. This was too much for the bishop to manage. By contrast, West Suffolk was part of the Diocese of Ely. A committee was set up to explore what could be done. There was early agreement that East and West Suffolk should form one diocese. Then the problems began.

Initially, the new diocese was going to be called the Diocese of Suffolk until it was realised that all Church of England dioceses were named after the city where the cathedral was located. This began a debate about the future cathedral city. There were two possibilities. Ipswich was the county town but Bury St Edmunds had a long history as a centre for pilgrimage although it did have the disadvantage of poor communication links with London and the rest of Suffolk. Scrutiny then passed to which particular church should be the cathedral. Ipswich had 12 churches but they tended to be quite small and none had the possibility of being expanded. However, Bury St Edmunds had two large churches, St James' and St Mary's, with potential for expansion as both had church land around them. It was agreed that Bury St Edmunds would be the cathedral city but the next problem emerged. Where should the bishop live? A compromise emerged as Ipswich was chosen. However, the new bishop was to find himself with the unwieldy title of the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich which had to appear on all official documentation.

Just as the parliamentary bill was being written, yet another difficulty arose. Neither St James nor St Mary's had been designated as the new cathedral. This led to serious disagreements but there were only five days in which to make the decision or the bill would have missed its place in the parliamentary calendar. St James was chosen leaving the congregation of St Mary's outraged. There were accusations of malpractice as it seemed that a biased and unrepresentative group had got together in secret to make the decision. Then further complications came as the location of the bishop's residence in Ipswich led to considerable debate. In addition, there were concerted attempts by parishes to opt out of the new diocese. The Lowestoft area was successful in staying with the Norwich Diocese after considerable pressure exerted by the local MP. A row over whether the bishop should have a new crozier, a papist symbol, was followed by fears that the Bishop Hodgson, a northerner, was not suitable for Suffolk. However, eventually the new diocese successfully established itself and has been able to celebrate its centenary.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25 November at The Village Hall, Rickingham IP221HD when Mark Mitchels will be speaking about *The Bayeux Tapestry – the story of 1066*. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, [www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net).

Gerry Gurhy

## Coffee On



The Corner

Well, yet another Coffee on the Corner has been and gone and I do hope that those who came along this morning enjoyed themselves - I don't think there were any cheese scones left, although I did return with a bit of cake!

Those of you who read this column regularly may remember that we supported the work of Samaritan's Purse last month, raising £66.00 to help to pay for transportation costs of some of the Christmas boxes that are sent out each November, mainly to Eastern Europe and also to parts of Africa. Two lovely ladies - Heather and Denise - came along this morning from Bury St Edmunds to tell us about their part in "Operation Christmas Child". They quoted some incredible statistics about how many boxes are sent out each year (over 1 million!) and what they pack into them - toys, toiletries, a hat and sometimes a scarf or gloves to go with it - all of which will be so well received at the other end. They obviously put a huge amount of effort into this and I would like to thank them for their informative talk.

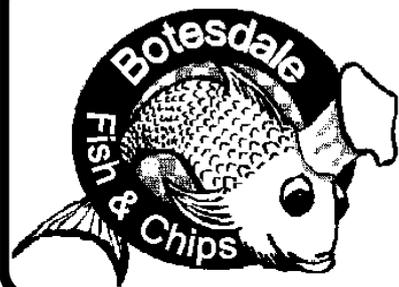
Having said that, the donations this morning (£130 in total) will be sent to Tear Fund to help with the current refugee crisis, involving (amongst others) millions of Syrians fleeing from the war in their country. It is an enormous problem for governments across Europe, but whilst their predicament is being discussed, still more come. Charities like Tear Fund help with the immediate needs and so I would like to thank all those who came along, donated goods for the bric a brac stall and money into the donations pot - your kindness always astounds me.

I would also say thanks to those who came along to our extra event last month - the Macmillan Coffee Morning on September 18th, which raised yet more funds for charity - in that instance, another £420! I would like to thank those of you who came along and supported it, together with the lovely stallholders who made it just that bit more exciting and different from our usual gathering. We will be doing it again next year - so watch for details!

Next month at Coffee on the Corner (and I will be away with my Mum celebrating her birthday!) we will be supporting a local young lady, Nicola Robson who is currently working with one of the Christian organisations based in Ipswich - do please come along on Tuesday 10th November between 9am and 12 noon - to find out what she is doing and what the organisation achieves in and around our county town.

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Sue Allen



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**SUNDAY** 4.15 - 8.00 pm

## November calendar

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	3:00pm	All Souls' Memorial Service	Rickingham Inferior
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World ( 5:30pm and 7:30pm )	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Open House Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	All Saint's Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Macmillan Information Outreach	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Orves Centre
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church Cleaning RABBATS Fitsteps Kuk Sool Won (Juniors 6:00) (Adults 7:00) Rickingham Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall St Botolphs School Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 1-2pm 5:00pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi FIREWORK PARTY Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Guided walk Church open Church open Master Crafts Fair	Redgrave Lopham Fen Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Inferior Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm	Remembrance Sunday Parade	See page 9
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World ( 5:30pm and 7:30pm ) Botesdale Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Park View Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Fitsteps Kuk Sool Won (Juniors 6:00) (Adults 7:00) Confusions Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall St Botolphs School Gislingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 1-2pm 7:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Confusions Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Gislingham Village Hall Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall

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Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10-11am 10:30am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Farmers' market Parish council surgery Wildlife Watch Mass in C Minor Confusions	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Chapel of Ease Gislingham Village Hall
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World ( 5:30pm and 7:30pm )	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 2:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Adult Course Fitsteps Kuk Sool Won (Juniors 6:00) (Adults 7:00) Crafty Corner Rickinghall Village Hall AGM	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall St Botolphs School Parkview chapel Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 1-2pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 7:00pm	Church open Barn Dance OIL SYNDICATE DEADLINE	Rickinghall Inferior Botesdale Village Hall
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World ( 5:30pm and 7:30pm )	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Luncheon Club 898615 or 898619 Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Adult Course	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre "A Place in Time" Evening LOHP AGM and Members evening Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints Redgrave Garbaldisham Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Kuk Sool Won (Juniors 6:00) (Adults 7:00) Redgrave Garden club	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall St Botolphs School Activities Centre
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 1-2pm 8 :00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 8:00pm	Botanical Illustration Course Rickinghall Country Music club	Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall
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# Club News

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Northfield Wood is looking great just now. There are hedgerow fruits and in the circle of fruit trees there is one quince already and nearly 40 medlars. One of the apple trees has put forth three fruits, one of which has been sampled by someone and thrown away; it was small and, although rosy in hue, probably not ripe and ready to eat. We have to be patient with fruit. A kind person has given us some soil to lay over the parking area, which has been full of weeds and tussocks. We are in the process of raking it over to drag out the large stones that would interfere with a mower and sowing grass seed to make a better place to park.



Low Meadow has now been mown and we spent a whole work party raking up the hay and weeding the little hedge plants. There is still more to do but it is looking tidier.

This month we shall be going into St Botolph's school to introduce to the youngest children the notion of looking for seeds that can be planted. There is a nursery bed there that is used for this purpose. After a few years the seedlings are big enough to plant out and earlier this year some of the older children did this so thoroughly that next year there will not be any big enough to move! The other activity we do in the school is to help young children to identify the leaves that have fallen on the ground.

All our sites are pleasant to work in and there's always something to learn. Do come and join us. For info contact:

Rosemary Jones

## 'Thanks for Harvest Gifts'

We celebrated our Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Rickinghall, on Sunday afternoon, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015, by thanking God for His generosity and blessing over the years. The theme of the service was about Jesus declaring "I am the bread of life" (John 6 v 35), and there was a wonderful smell of bread baking (in a bread maker!) as we went in to church. Pieces of bread were given out towards the end of the service for everyone to eat. We sang well-known Harvest hymns along with some modern songs; and groceries for the Waveney Food Bank were offered during the first hymn. Thanks to everyone who contributed them, and an amazing 55 kg was delivered to the Waveney Food Bank later in the week. Tea, coffee, and delicious home baking were enjoyed after the service.



Frances Lamb

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## Rosedale remembers at Christmas

Christmas can be a very difficult time for the recently bereaved who cannot avoid the reminders that "tis the season to be jolly" but you miss the person who has died and you don't want to be encouraged to go on as if nothing has happened. For anyone facing their first Christmas without a loved one, Rosedale have available a small booklet entitled "A not so jolly Christmas" offering practical advice on reducing pressure, re-evaluating traditions, re-defining expectations and re-living the memories. There is even a special section for helping children with their loss at Christmas. The booklet is available free of charge from any Rosedale Funeral Home.

Every December, Rosedale has traditionally placed a memorial Christmas tree in St Mary's Church, Diss and we are delighted that Diss Library have also agreed to host a memorial tree again this year. These trees are a focal point for bereaved families at a time when their loss may be most acute. Rosedale provides attractive cards for families and friends to write messages for their loved ones, no matter how long ago, or where they died. Each card is carefully hung on one of our Christmas trees, a simple but thoughtful gesture. If you would like to receive a complimentary card, please telephone the funeral home nearest to you, listed below.

This year, Rosedale will be hosting a Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church, Diss, to remember those that we love at Christmas. The service will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. There will be a Book of Remembrance at the Service and a Memorial Tree on which you may place a card or personal message. We are also offering families the opportunity to take home a memory candle that you may wish to light on Christmas day in memory of your loved one. These candles will be available at the Service of Remembrance, or if you are unable to attend the service, you may collect one from our funeral home.

Grief is the price we pay for loving and for some finding their new 'normal' after a loss of a significant loved one can be conflicting and emotional. Rosedale has a new bereavement support group which commences Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. This complimentary course is open to all and in this group you will find people who care and understand what you are going through. The group runs for 8 consecutive Tuesdays. For further information please contact Kerry on 01379 640810.

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# Exploring the Past

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## Linen in Redgrave and Botesdale.

Lopham is well known for its linen industry. Thomas Buckenham even provided linen for Queen Victoria and received a royal warrant in 1837. The Waveney valley was ideal for growing hemp which provided course linen.

Many wills and inventories from the late sixteenth to the early eighteenth century tell us about the linen weavers and sale of fabrics etc. in the villages of Redgrave and Botesdale. An inventory is a list of a deceased person's belongings drawn up for tax purposes.

The Lord of the Manor of Redgrave was the Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds. He was granted a charter by King Henry III in 1227 to hold a market in Botesdale. The market was probably already in existence by this date and the charter legalised it. An extent (survey) of 1433 mentions a Drapers Row in Drapers Lane in Botesdale market. Drapers Lane may be the garden path still in existence in front of Honister House behind Chilvers old shop. This is probably the area where linen products were sold. The market stalls gradually evolved into shops and houses built in the market place and along the roads on either side. (For more information on the market see Diana Maywhort's book Botesdale Medieval Market published by Quatrefoil).

The earliest inventory I have found for a draper in Botesdale is Thomas Maior's dated 1589 although it does not mention linen. He had a stock of woollen cloth worth £100 which was a large amount of money in those days. Thomas Seman whose inventory is dated 1598 was described as a grocer, but his shop also included many items connected with the drapery trade. His shop was in the market place in the area where the Chinese takeaway is now situated. His stock included silk lace, silk buttons, bone lace, thread, small amounts of fabric including lawn, cambric, calico, tufted canvas, Ossenbriggie, black say, Holmes fustian, Norwich stuff, Gerame fustian, Lyncy Wolcie and Buckeram. It also included four pounds of crewel fringe, inkle (canvas tape) and two dozen course gartering.



Site of Thomas Seman's house

John Harvy had a drapery shop in Botesdale with a very large stock of various types of fabric, ribbon, lace and other haberdashery. His inventory of 1634 describes the contents of two shops. The other one had the tools of a barber's shop.

The weavers were men and many of them carried on an alternative trade, such as farming. Women spun the yarn, in the medieval period with a distaff before spinning wheels came into use. A distaff held in the hand allowed them to spin as they walked along or stood around gossiping.

The inventory of Jeremy Hart of Redgrave dated 1637 included a spinning wheel and two pair of looms for a linen weaver. The looms were worth fifty shillings the pair. There was also another wheel, warping stager, trumelling and some other things belonging to the trade. The spinning wheel was only worth twelve shillings included with two other items.

Edward Day of Botesdale was described as a 'whitester' which was a bleacher of linen. His inventory of 1668 included four ash tubs which he probably used for bleaching.

Many people grew their own hemp. Thomas Sillet in 1647 had hemp in the outhouse with 'other lumber' worth one pound. He also had a parcel of linen and woollen worth one pound.

Joanna Todd, a previous Redgrave Local History Recorder, has marked two fields as Hempland on an early ordinance survey map. A small one is behind Green Farm, Redgrave, and another one is on the bend on the B111 road coming in to Redgrave from Botesdale, just before the old school. It is possible either (or both of them) could have belonged to the Fowle family in the seventeenth century.

Elizabeth Fowle, the widow of John Fowle who was the Usher of Botesdale Grammar School, made her will in 1672. She left a bed to her daughter Anne and '*half the hempe that shall be growing or in the house when I dye These goods to be delivered to her soon as the bed and what belong to it the hempe in the house within on moneth after my decease or the hempe that shall be growing when it shall be pulled shall then one halfe of it be delivered to her*'. Hemp was pulled instead of cutting when it was ready to be harvested. Money left in her will was to be given in the church porch, as was the custom. When her husband died his inventory of 1665 mentioned the spinning wheel in the hall which presumably his wife used to spin her own yarn. The hemp in his inventory was worth one pound. The whole inventory of his furniture and personal possessions, including three horses, cattle and pigs was worth £105.

Robert Tipple, of Botesdale was a weaver. His inventory of 1680 mentions '*a parcel of yarne for the weaving trade, some whited (bleached) and some unwhited*', valued at five pounds. This was located in '*the backhouse chamber*', (the room over the backhouse). In the same room was a pair of looms with warping bars and trammel wheels and blades, spooles and quill slayes '*and other implements that belong to the weaving shoppe and the trade*'. These were all valued at four pounds. This room also included 6 pair of sheets, pillow cases and the rest of the linen which was presumably his stock in trade valued at two pounds.

Robert Witting was a weaver from Redgrave whose inventory was made in 1661. This mentions two pair of looms in the shop with everything belonging to them which were worth £4.10.0. The shops mentioned in inventories meant workshops. Andrew Barnard had 3 looms in his shop in 1677 as well as other weaving equipment. His yarn '*whited and gray*' was worth nine pounds.

An act was passed in 1667 and 1668 to say that all corpses were to be buried in wool. This was to protect the wool trade and a relative of the deceased had to swear an affidavit to say this had been carried out which was entered in the church burial register. If they were not buried in wool a fine of £5 had to be paid. Wealthy people chose to be buried in linen and Edmund Fowle stated in his will of 1700: '*I desire my body may be buried in Linnen I doe order and appoint the said Richard Hinchloe to make informacon thereof and pay to the poore of the parish of Redgrave the whole sume of five pounds and not to deduct anything thereout for his information*'.

A trial of hemp was grown in a field next to Hall Lane, (the B1113) in 2011. Hemp is grown nowadays, under licence, and used to produce high quality paper. This strain of hemp is not suitable to be used for the drug cannabis as it is grown for its fibre. I also saw a small field of flax (or linseed) grown along the same road closer to Botesdale in the late 1960s. The field was a brilliant blue colour when I passed it in the morning, but I could not find it in the evening as flax drops its petals in the early afternoon. Flax was used to make a finer linen.

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# Exploring the Past Again

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## The Bypass and Main Road through Rickinghall and Botesdale

This month it will be 20 years since the Rickinghall and Botesdale bypass was opened by Jeffrey Stansfield the County Surveyor. The main road had run through the villages since they were first settled. As it was the main route from Bury St Edmunds to Yarmouth and Norwich there was a great deal of traffic going through the villages and the medieval market was established in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century to take advantage of this.

The road has had its route changed many times through history. It was thought by Basil Brown that in the Roman period the road may have gone from Botesdale through Burgate to the Roman road, now the A140. He also thought that the original road that runs from Bury into Rickinghall ran north of the road that has itself been replaced by the bypass. Apparently the hill, called Gallows Hill, where the Gallows had been situated, was so steep that the 18<sup>th</sup> century coaches had difficulty ascending so a new road was made to the south. He thought the line of very old oaks that cross the field south of Snape Farm lined the original road.

In the village of Rickinghall the road went down what is now the drive of Stanley Cottage, to what used to be the front (and is now the back) of Bridge House, across Water Lane and continued approximately where Brook House is today, nearly forming two sides of a triangle. It appears like this on the Enclosure Map of 1818 but by 1839 when the Tithe Map was drawn the road was in the present position in front of Bridge House. A sales map dated 1837 has the new road pencilled in as if it was in the process of being changed.

The villages had the responsibility of keeping the roads repaired. In many wills in the medieval period people left money for the roads to be mended. In 1455 Walter Skynner, who had a house on the corner of Fen Lane and the Street, left 2 marks (26s 8d) 'To the repairing of the road in Rickinghall from the lane called 'Saryslane' as far as 2 marks will go.' In 1471 Alice Hervye left 12d 'To the reparation of a way called 'Bussysscloth.' Perhaps this was Bush Lane which used to lead off to the right at the end of Water Lane and was probably the packway to Allwood Green. (1)

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Turnpike Trusts were formed to improve and maintain the roads, with tolls charged along the roads. The main toll gate was situated at the end of Botesdale village where the toll house still stands. In the 1920s many roads were still dirt. It was then that they were sealed - stones were laid and tar poured over them - giving work to men returning from WWI.

The road through the village was a busy one and it is thought that as early as the 1936 a bypass had been suggested. After WWII the road became busier until in the 1980s there were, apparently, over 8,000 vehicles passing through the villages every day.

Although many people wished to have a bypass because of 'the heavy volume of traffic with its attendant safety risks ... the trouble caused by traffic jams and the disturbance caused to those living in properties adjoining the Street' there were many who thought it would cut off the village and that trading would be drastically reduced.

In 1987 a public meeting was organised in Rickinghall Village Hall to discuss the four routes that a bypass could take. They were:-

Route A – Outer Southern Option. (This was the one adopted).

Route B – Inner Southern Option. This would go nearer to the village than Route A and join the Diss Road near the water tower beyond the end of Botesdale village.

Route C – Inner Northern Option. This would go north of the villages, crossing the Hinderclay Road just beyond the Church Meadow houses, going north of Rose Lane and again joining the Diss Road at the Water tower.

Route D – Outer Northern Option. This would go north of Snape Farm and the Rectory, crossing the Hinderclay Road it would continue to the south of Broom Hills and again go north of Rose Lane joining the Diss Road at the water tower.

Most people preferred Route A and this is where the bypass runs today.



A photo taken by George Knowles showing the need for a bypass.

An Action Group was formed in 1989 to monitor the bypass proceedings and put pressure on the County Council to get the bypass built at the earliest opportunity. (2) In December 1992 the action committee heard that they had not been included for a bypass in 1993. However at last in October 1994 they were informed that work on the bypass would start in February 1995 to finish by September. Field walking and excavations were carried out by the Suffolk Archaeological Unit before work started. (3) The total cost was about £4,325. The approximate length is 2.6 miles.

The bypass was officially opened on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1995 at Briar Lane followed by a barbeque at the Bell Inn, Rickinghall. Events were organised throughout the day to celebrate. Among other events there was a Vintage Car Cavalcade along the bypass at 11.45, a pram race between the Bell Inn and the White Horse Inn at 1p.m and a procession of decorated floats at 1.30 p.m.

As more people have more cars the village street is again getting busy but so far it is not as bad as in the pre-bypass days.

(1) Wills of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, Suffolk Records Society (2) See Brian Chandler's articles Parish Magazine, November & December 2005 (3) SCC Sites & Monuments Record RKS, RKN & BOT see Brian's article April 2009

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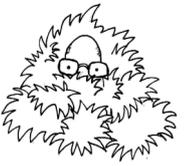


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This isn't my story but it is a true and relatively recent story. A pastor working in Africa hired two prostitutes using a woman friend to negotiate and bring them to a hotel in a respectable part of town where prostitutes don't operate. They were both young at 21 and 22 and pretty. When he met them he told them he wanted them to have a night off. They could order whatever they wanted, enjoy a hot shower, and then have a night of deep rest. The only rule was not to solicit any of the hotel guests. He would be back in the morning to pay them, and after breakfast together, they could go. He then went home to his wife and children.

Next morning they met over breakfast. He says, "I kept the previous night's conversation short because they would obviously have found it totally weird and been full of distrust. But at least now their guards were somewhat down. I didn't want to probe too much, and told them they didn't have to answer any of my questions if they didn't want to." He said that he thought that as little girls they wouldn't have dreamt that one day they'd grow up to be prostitutes. Sometimes terrible things happen in life, and you're forced into difficult choices. "But maybe things could change – if you want them to."

They were both orphans. They had no older family members to look out for them. The mother of one died shortly after giving birth, and it was when her father died in 2012 that she was forced into prostitution to pay the bills. The other had six siblings to support, and likewise has been in the sex trade for the last three years. Selling their bodies was the only way they could survive, and it paid for them to study.

He asked them what their dreams were. They said they wanted to run a small business, or maybe go into marketing. He told them they had prayed that God would lead his helper to the right ladies to help. Of the thousands of prostitutes out there, she'd come across the two of them. "Maybe it was a coincidence, or maybe God was in it," he imagined out loud. "If they made good choices from now on, that in ten years - who knows - they could be running a healthy business at the market, happily married with a few kids. Their eyes lit up at the thought. Dared they believe...?"

His helper, who had been through a lot herself, took over gently lovingly but firmly counselling them. They were totally receptive. We held hands as a foursome and invited Jesus in to help them make a fresh start. He then suggested that they make a plan and come back.

He says, "They had a skip in their stride when they met a few days later. We talked more, and agreed that they should finish this academic year before starting a business. We made a budget to establish what they needed to keep out of trouble. One burst out: 'No way, there's no going back, now I have hope!'"

It may not be how you think of Christianity as working but it is how Jesus wants us to behave. It is true, courageous, risk taking Christianity in action. Two young precious lives saved.

On 6th October just as I was about to assemble what I thought was a slightly dull Autumn report, the phone went. "I think I have a Hoopoe in the garden". All thoughts of daily routine were abandoned! "Right", I said, "I am coming at once". I have been caught before. The caller says "If you had been here a few minutes ago you would have seen it. It's gone". I remember my days as a GP on an emergency call, we were on 24 hours duty in those days. I always advised doctors gaining experience, "Don't finish your coffee, stub that cigarette out" (when we smoked). Time is of the essence. You don't need a fast car. Just go straight there at once. Both were emergencies, ornithological or medical. Minutes counted. Now you say, "Am I a Twitcher?". Well, yes, occasionally, if it is round the corner, on my 'patch'. Yes, this time I just made it.



**Hoopoe**

Why was the Hoopoe there? It was migrating south to Africa from north Europe and unfavourable winds pushed it over the North Sea. I trust it makes Africa. The Hoopoe is a Blackbird sized black and white bird with a touch of light orange. It has a long curved bill and a crest, and recognised in season by its call .. "hoo-poo", on the same note. In this country it is a rare bird, only seen as a stray on migration. It does not breed here. In ornithological parlance "a mega tick" for me.

Some of you have reported groups of up to twelve Buzzards sailing happily overhead on a thermal. Our Buzzards, it was suggested, were probably groups of families and friends at a non-competitive time of the year floating around on warm thermals. Just enjoying themselves? Socialising? And why not? I envy them! This behaviour is regarded by the BTO as "kettling" when groups of birds, usually in their hundreds (i.e. Storks), slowly gain height so that with a tail wind they can float (downhill) over long stretches of sea—Straights of Gibraltar, the Bosphorus and the Sea of Marmara, on their migration route. I was told by a visitor to Malta that he had met local "birders" watching Storks (through telescopes as they were so high) doing just this on their passage over the Mediterranean.

And now, on a sadder note. On a narrow country road I came across a group of very young Pheasants. Obviously cage-bred and let out for this season's shoots. Poor things, they appeared quite lost, unaware of the dangers of the outside world. If they had been raised naturally surrounded by potential dangers and watched over by their parents, they would have been introduced to the "wild" slowly and would have developed a natural awareness and defence to outside dangers. Remember the covey of very young Partridges I surprised last month—wild birds, they disappeared in seconds into undergrowth and hedges. I saw their mother, she accosted me with flapping wings, attracting my attention from her children.

Winter and its new arrivals are on the way here for food and to avoid the bitter winds from the Arctic. Already Golden Plover and Lapwings have been seen on recently turned soil. Members of the Thrush family—Fieldfares and smaller Redwings—will soon be here looking for our apples and other fruits. Starlings will be building up their murmurations to number several thousands. Our nearest has been Little Fen on Redgrave Fen. They can be viewed about sunset, when they finally settle "chattering" into the reed beds.

Careful winter watching will have its rewards and may have more surprises. And don't forget this year we might have more Waxwings. Now that would be exciting!

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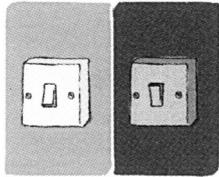
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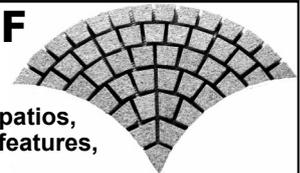


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\* The last two mild winters may have lulled us into a false sense of security, and gardeners are often wise to prepare for the worst. Dahlias, Geraniums and semi-hardy Fuchsias – Bring these in for winter protection now. Dahlias can be wrapped in dry newspaper, or dry sand. Pot up Geraniums and Fuchsias and prune them back. Keep them on the dry side during winter and protect all these plants from frost and vermin. Don't forget to label them up so that you know what colours they are, for when you bring them out next year. Protect semi-hardy species and plants in so called 'frost-proof' pots, using garden fleece.

\* Lawns – Keep removing leaves. Electric and petrol Garden Blowers/Vacuums are now quite affordable and they are a quick way of dealing with leaves in the garden. Then whilst it's not too late, give your lawn a winter boost with an Autumn Feed so it looks really good during the dismal months. The last grass cut of the year will be about now, so it is worth giving the underside of the mower deck a good clean afterwards. Once cleaned, a spraying of WD40 will protect through the winter and will also reduce grass sticking next season. For lawnmowers, think about booking in a service before its next use, as mower workshops are always busy in the spring.

\* Ornamental plants – Now is a good time to move any plant if it is not quite where you wanted it. Split up large clumps of herbaceous perennials, discarding the older centres, and replanting the outer younger growth which will be healthier and more vigorous. Resist the need to prune back plants with berries and seed heads as the birds will feed on these. Check that trees are adequately staked to withstand the winter winds. For winter and early spring colour, the time for planting spring bulbs is drawing to a close, and winter & spring bedding such as wallflowers, Pansies and Violas should also be in situ by now.

\* Lastly, before lighting your bonfires, make sure that a hedgehog hasn't already made it into a home.

\* Happy Gardening!

*Ian Shilling,  
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## Tom's orange & poppyseed cake

*For the poached orange slices:*

- 2 medium oranges
- **350g caster sugar**

*For the cake:*

- 150g self-raising flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp baking powder
- 150g ground almonds
- 2½ tbsp poppy seeds
- 3 medium eggs
- **175g caster sugar**

*For the orange curd:*

- 4 medium eggs
- juice and grated zest of 1 large orange and 1 lemon
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g unsalted butter

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to fan 160C/conventional 180C/gas 4. Thinly slice the unpeeled oranges then put them in a saucepan with 400ml/14fl oz water and the sugar. Stir everything around and poach the oranges, covered, over a medium heat for 20 minutes until the pith feels soft when tested with a sharp knife. Remove from the heat and leave to cool.
2. Grease and line a 20cm springform cake tin and arrange the nicest poached orange slices (about seven) in the bottom. Strain the remaining orange slices, keeping the poaching liquid. Purée 100g/4oz of the oranges together with 75ml/2½ fl oz of the liquid, to make a smooth mixture (a hand blender is great for this).
3. To make the cake, mix the flour, baking powder, almonds and poppy seeds together and put aside. Whisk the eggs with the caster sugar until the mixture looks like softly whipped cream. This will take 5-7 minutes. Immediately fold in the orange purée very gently using a spatula, so you don't knock out all the air.
4. Fold the dry ingredients into the foamy orange mix, stopping as soon as it's combined. Carefully pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 40-45 minutes until golden brown and springy to the touch. Test with a skewer – if it comes out clean from the centre, the cake is cooked. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin. When cool, turn the cake out so the orange slices are uppermost.
5. While the cake is cooling, make the curd. Beat the eggs with the orange and lemonjuices, then strain into a bowl. Add the sugar, butter and orange and lemon zest, then place the bowl over a pan one-third full of boiling water. Stir over the heat until the mixture thickens – it's ready when it thickly coats the back of your spoon (this could take up to 30 minutes, so be patient). Leave to cool.
6. Cut the cake across twice, into three sections. Brush middle and bottom layers with some of the leftover syrup. Divide the curd between the layers and spread it out, then sandwich all three sections together. Brush the top with more syrup. Let the cake sit for a few hours to allow flavours to develop. It keeps for 3-4 days in the fridge

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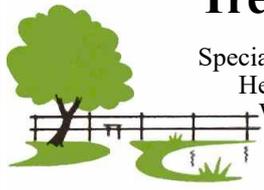
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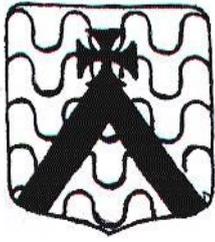
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# School news

Last academic year was a fruitful one for the school. We made good progress and had some very pleasing results for our children. As a school we will continue to focus on improving our writing skills and how we assess the children so that we can support and challenge them and keep parents informed with their progress. We have recently completed a Parental Survey and have had some good and productive feedback. I am looking forward to discussing the findings with both the Parents Forum and School Governors. We should then be in a position to implement changes for the benefit of all.

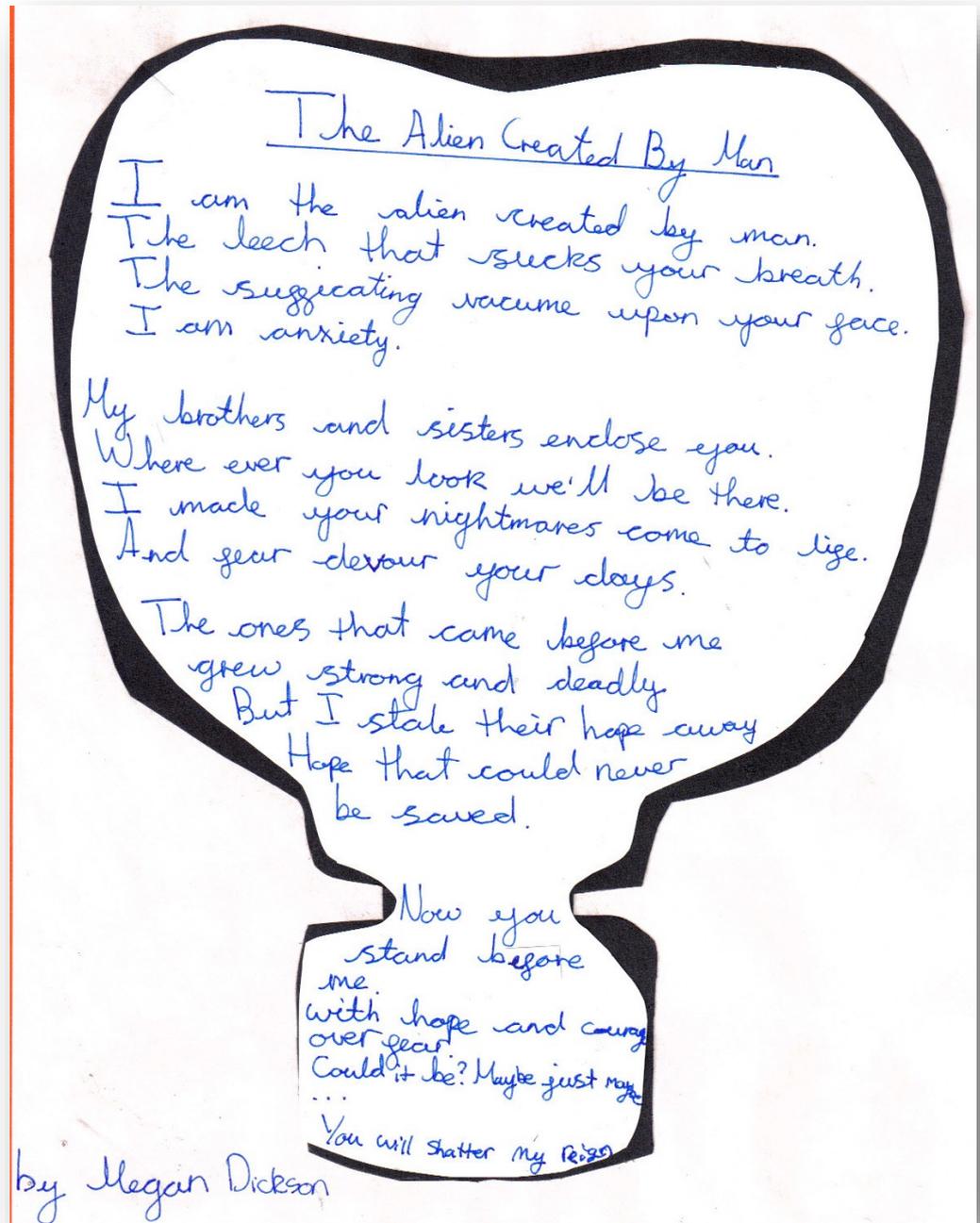
Our new website is now up and running and holds much information about our school. Please feel free to visit the website at <http://stbotolphs.suffolk.dbprimary.com>.

Our school governors recently spent a day in school as part of their monitoring role. The morning was spent in class with the children and many Governors rolled up their sleeves and played an active part in the lessons. During

the afternoon the Governors discussed their role as leaders and how they can support and drive further improvement at the school through challenge.

We were also visited by STAMIS. STAMIS inspects all Church of England schools and makes judgements against key questions. Overall our school was graded as good although two out of three areas were judged to be outstanding. The full report can be found via the school website.

Our writing for this edition comes from a young lady in Year 6. I certainly couldn't write with such fluency and style when I was 11! This is just one example of the excellent work that has been going on in Year 6. The children in this class are currently learning about Britain and the Second World War. I hope you enjoy reading it.



Mr. M. Cobbold, Headteacher



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**School transition:** We work closely with St Botolph's Primary School to ensure a smooth transition for our children into primary school. In the academic year before they start school, our pre-school children graduate from being "Caterpillars" to "Butterflies" and our Butterflies benefit from specific activities, such as phonics and numeracy, to help them prepare for school. We also make regular visits with the children to St Botolph's to take part in activities such as assemblies, PE lessons and lunches.

**OFSTED:** We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to have received particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". A copy of the full report is available on request.

**Committee:** The Committee is responsible for the management of the pre-school. Parental involvement is key to a child's successful development and volunteering for the Pre-school Committee is an ideal way to be involved in both your child's development and their life at pre-school. Committee members also help to shape how the pre-school setting is managed. New members are always welcome (and needed). You can choose how much time to commit and there are lots of ways to contribute so please contact us if you would like to get involved.

## This term at pre-school:

Our themes this term are farming, autumn and the seasonal celebrations of Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. Themed activities we have planned include a visit to a fire station, a Witches and Wizards Day in the woods and a Christmas party. The children will be working on constructions, collages and paintings; exploring shape, form and space; using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences; learning the numbers 1-9 and how to say and use number names in order.

To challenge the older children effectively and ready them for school, the 'Butterflies' will work separately on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They will be making, fitting and overlapping enclosures; learning about rhyme and alliteration; and looking at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They will also use their senses to explore and examine objects and materials. We anticipate starting the Butterflies' transition into school with our first visit to St. Botolph's in November.

## Diary dates:

**Parent and Staff Social Event:** 7.30pm, 16 Oct., Bell Inn, Rickinghall

**Witches and Wizards in the Wood:** 21 Oct.

**Tempest photographs:** 22 Oct.

**Half term:** 26 - 30 Oct.

**AGM:** 7.30pm on 11 Nov., Bell Inn, Rickinghall

**Christmas Party (no pre-school):** 8 Dec.

**Last day of term:** 18 Dec.

# Rainy day fun

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There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Immy Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Po Taters".

From Jean, Botesdale

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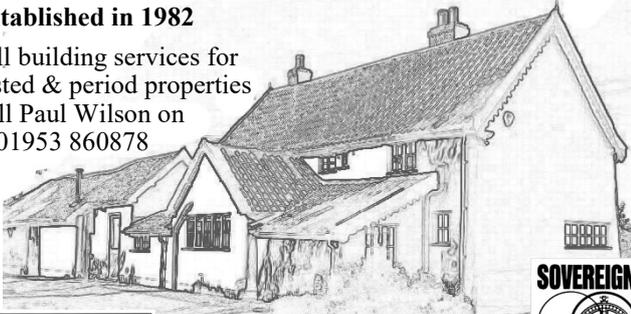
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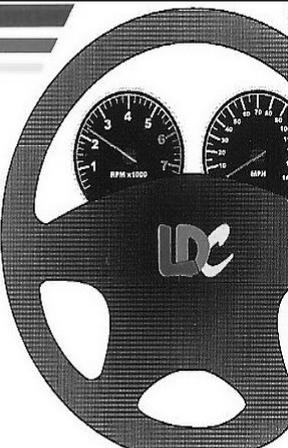
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## **CAROLS ON THE KNOLL** **REDGRAVE**

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**Advent and Christmas 2015 services in the parish  
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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christingle Service, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale 3.30pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Carol Service, St Mary's, Rickinghall Church 3.00pm

**Christmas Eve**

Crib Service, All Saints Redgrave, 5.00pm

Holy Communion, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale 11.15pm

**Christmas Day**

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8th November	Hebrews 9 : 24-end	Mark 1 : 1 4-20
15th November	Hebrews 10 : 11-14, 19-25	Mark 13 : 1-8
22nd November	Revelation 1 : 4b-8	John 18 : 33-37
29th November	1 Thessalonians 3 : 9-end	Luke 21 : 25-36

Rotas	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickinghall	
	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector
1st Nov	Mrs J Cordeaux	Dr W Cordeaux	Mrs F Lamb		Mrs B Foster	Mrs J Bennett
8th Nov	Mrs J Cordeaux	tbc	Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	Mr R Rixon	Mrs P Rixon
15th Nov			Mrs D Hodson	Mrs J Shepherd	Mrs M Self	Mrs C Davidson
22nd Nov			Mrs J Wilson	Mr K Wilson	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector
29th Nov			Miss A Shorten	Mr C Davies	United Service - Methodists	

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	Chapel of Ease	Redgrave	Rickinghall
1st November	Mrs Cordeaux	Mrs F Lamb	
8th November	Mrs Cordeaux		Mrs Sheehan
15th November	Mrs Heath	Mrs R Powell	
22nd November	Mrs Heath	Mrs R Powell	Mrs Rippingall
29th November			Advent - No flowers

# Thank you

# Neighbourhood Watch

Brenda Pask wishes to thank all who enquired, sent cards, messages and flowers during her recent illness. She is now making a slow but steady recovery. Thank you all so much.

Andrew and Annie Yager would like to thank the patients of Botesdale Health Centre for the kind words, cards and gifts following Andrew's retirement from Botesdale Health Centre this autumn. A big thank you as well to all those who attended the garden party on the 12th September, and shared a lovely afternoon tea kindly provided by the Friends of Botesdale Health Centre. It was a very special day and we will not forget the generosity and warmth of the patients of Botesdale Health Centre.

Andrew and Annie

### Local Contact Details

For Neighbourhood Watch contact your local Co-ordinator, or else in Botesdale and Rickinghall Peter Beck on 01379 890495, (email : peter@pbeck.plus.com), and in Redgrave John Campbell on 01379 890946 or email him on redgrave.nwatch@outlook.com



### Contact Details;

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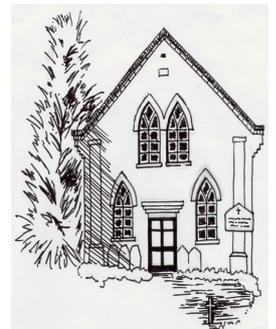
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4<sup>th</sup> October Jane Drury  
11<sup>th</sup> October David Freeman  
18<sup>th</sup> October David Ely Holy Communion  
25<sup>th</sup> October Jane Drury

**All are very welcome to any of these meetings.**

Bible Study Alternate Mondays at 10:30am  
Christian Forum Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm **Harvest meal**  
SANKEY EVENING Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm SANKEY EVENING  
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All Saints  
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St. Botolph's  
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St. Mary's  
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**1st November All Saints'/All Souls'**

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



10.30 All Saints, Redgrave  
All Saints All Together  
*An interactive service for all ages*

3.00pm St Mary's, Rickinghall, All Souls'  
Remembrance — *A service to remember  
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**8th November Remembrance Sunday**

8:15 St Mary's Redgrave, BCP Communion

10:30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall, CW Communion



10.30 "Footprints" for children and  
young people Rickinghall Village Hall

3.00pm St. Botolph's, Botesdale, Parade  
Service

**15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent**

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave, BCP Communion



10:30 Worship Together at St. Mary's,  
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**22nd November Christ the King**

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



10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale  
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10:30 All Saints, Redgrave, CW  
Communion

**29th November 1st Sunday of Advent**

8.15 St Botolph's, Botesdale, BCP Communion

10.30am Parkview Chapel, United Service

**6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8.15 St Botolph's, Botesdale, BCP Communion

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave, All Saints All Together

3pm St Mary, Rickinghall, Evening Prayer

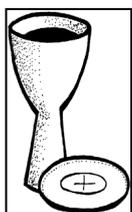
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