

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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Mae Li — Winner Year 4

Produced by the Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls, for the local community.

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St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior has a web site

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There's a story about someone who had waited until the last minute to send Christmas cards. They rushed into a shop and bought a packet of 50 cards without looking at them. Still in a big hurry, they addressed 49 of the 50 and signed them without reading the message inside. On Christmas Day, when things had quieted down somewhat they saw the leftover card and finally read the message they had sent to 49 of their friends. Much to their dismay, it read like this: "This card is just to say: A little gift is on the way." Suddenly she realized that 49 of her friends were expecting a gift from her - a gift that would never come!!

Well, the real gift of Christmas is of course Jesus, God's Son, sent us a Saviour, for that is what the name Jesus means - Saviour, deliver. He is the only person who can deliver us and save us and the world from sin. So the best present the person in the story above could have given their friends was Jesus!

A title given to Jesus is Immanuel, and this simply means "God with us". Archbishop Justin Welby has said this "The



constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you - you need only turn to him and

Over the Christmas period we celebrate God's self-revelation to us through His Son Jesus. His coming was prophesied by many Old Testament prophets. This is what Isaiah says in Chapter 9 about the coming Saviour, that he will "break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on his shoulders; and his name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:4-6).

This is what Jesus came to do. He is not a strong armed, authoritarian leader. He calls every single person to follow Him as the Prince of Peace. This involves humbly loving our neighbours: feeding the hungry, inviting in the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting prisoners. (See the Matthew 25 pledge). Following Jesus in this way is joining the only movement that brings God's government into our broken world, as Isaiah 9:7 beautifully prophesies, "There will be no end to the increase of his government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this."

This is what I believe God is calling us to see: that Christmas is about the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies.

Christmas is about God's redemptive plan of salvation. The babe in the manger is an important part of this plan. But Christmas is but a part of the entire Christ event, as it is not only about the coming of Christ, it is also

about the coming of God's Kingdom when Christ shall return and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords forever and ever. This is God's dream.

We can never create a perfect world. Only a perfect God can create a perfect world and that is what Christmas is about. For the child born in Bethlehem of Judea will one day rule over creation and he will rule with perfect love. No longer will we ask "what would Jesus do?" for his law of love will be written upon our hearts. And here is the good news: you and I can be part of that perfect kingdom. How? By spreading the good news of God's love for all people. As we do this we become part of the creation of this new heaven and earth. On no other foundation can the Kingdom of God be built. Are you ready to do your part today?

In the pages of this magazine you will find the services that will be taking place during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. There is plenty to choose from as together with our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Methodist Church and Parkview Church we celebrate God's remarkable gift of His Son to us. Do join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God with us, during this wonderful season. Tens of thousands of Christmas services and events will be taking place in churches all over the country this December, so if you come, you won't be alone! You will receive a warm welcome. But if church seems a step too far for you, for whatever reason, there is another way to hear about the message of Christmas. You can receive daily messages as texts, or emails, by texting GodWithUs to 88802. These daily messages will give you an opportunity to go on a journey of discovery as to who Jesus is, as together we explore the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God with us.

May you be filled with joy and peace for Jesus and his Kingdom this Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and beyond as you look forward to 2018.



Rev

Chris Norburn.

From the Register

2.11.17	Funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Redgrave of Douglas Wilson. Died 1.10.17 age 93
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PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Christmas Pictures—Throughout the magazine there are pictures that the children of the three villages produced for the Christmas picture competition. All the winners and runners up will be displayed in Botesdale's market place—but we are pleased to be able to share some of them in these pages too.

Editor Vacancy—we are very pleased to say that a number of people have responded to the call for help with the magazine, so we feel optimistic that we can work together to produce the February magazine and have a new editor in place in the new year. Thank you again to everyone who gives up their time to write for, produce and deliver this magazine.

To contact the team that produce the magazine, please use the details below.

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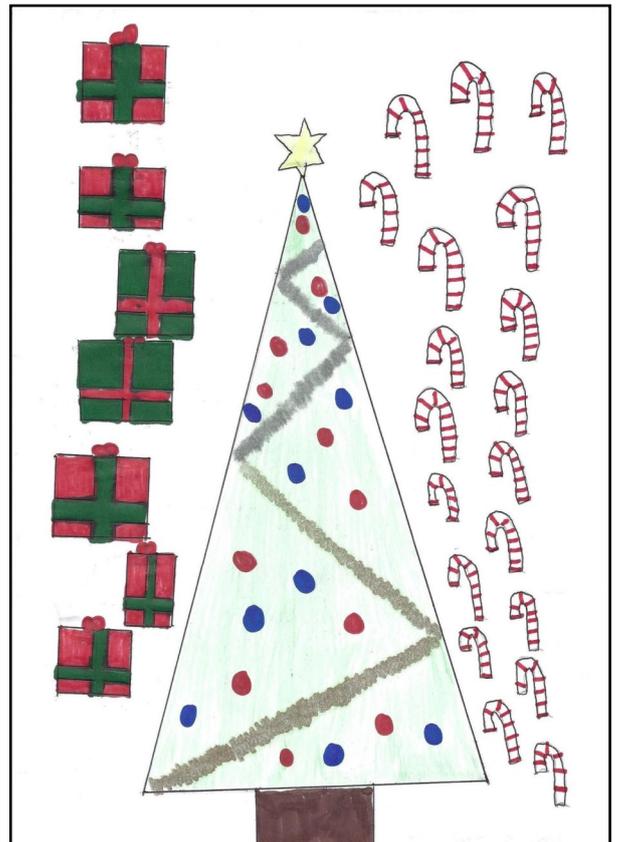
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or **call** 01379 890238

Please note that **the copy date for the forthcoming issue is as follows:**

- **February** issue: 8 January (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 19 January (Fri)
- **March** issue: 5 February (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 16 February (Fri)
- **April** issue: 5 March (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 16 March (Fri)

We accept items for submission in any of the following formats: MS Word, e-mail, .jpg, .bmp, .pub. Notices from voluntary organisations within the Benefice are printed free of charge. We try to help similar organisations from outside the Benefice wishing to place a notice in our magazine; this is subject to space being available and we also make a small charge.

Best wishes and a very happy Christmas,
The Parish Magazine Volunteers



Hollie — Winner Year 5

WELCOME

Welcome to new residents in our villages. If you have recently moved into one of our villages the churches wish you a warm welcome. If you would like someone from the church to visit you, or perhaps you would like your house blessed, then please do get in touch with the Rector on 01379 898685. May your life in these communities be peaceful, prosperous and a blessing to your neighbours.

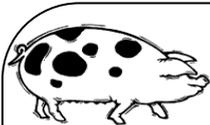


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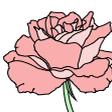
Saturday 2 December
at St Mary's Church, Rickinghall 10 – 12 noon
Christmas items & Children's activities
Cakes, Preserves, Books etc
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Parkview Chapel
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At: 3pm, followed by
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Redgrave & District Ladies Club



Tuesday 12th December - A talk by
Jason Salisbury from Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses
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POSADA - The journey begins

Sun. 3rd Dec. @All Saints All Together

Each year our crib figures go on a journey around the community. If you would like to make room for them in your home for one night please contact:
Barbara Norburn- Tel: 01379 898685



Carols on the Knoll

Friday 8th December
7 pm on the Knoll, Redgrave
Followed by
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
in All Saints Redgrave.

Christingle Sevice

Sunday 10th December
3.30 pm @Chapel of Ease
Botesdale
In aid of the
Children's Society.




Nativity Exhibition

Sat. 16th & Sun. 17th Dec. @St Mary's Rickinghall
10 am-3 pm For the third year we invite you to display your Crib set or to use your imagination to create a Nativity scene. Who will beat the display produced last year by Mill Lane Allotment Association?



Carol Service

Sunday 17th December
3 pm @St Mary's Rickinghall
to conclude the exhibition.
Carols and Readings
Everybody welcome!

Crib Service

Sunday 24th December
5 pm @All Saints Redgrave
The POSADA journey ends.
Children's Nativity Play
Everybody welcome!

Christmas Services

<h4>Midnight Communion Service</h4> <p>11.15 pm @St Mary's Rickinghall Christmas Eve 24th December</p>	<h4>All-age Christmas Communion</h4> <p>9.30 am @All Saints Redgrave Christmas Morning 25th December</p>
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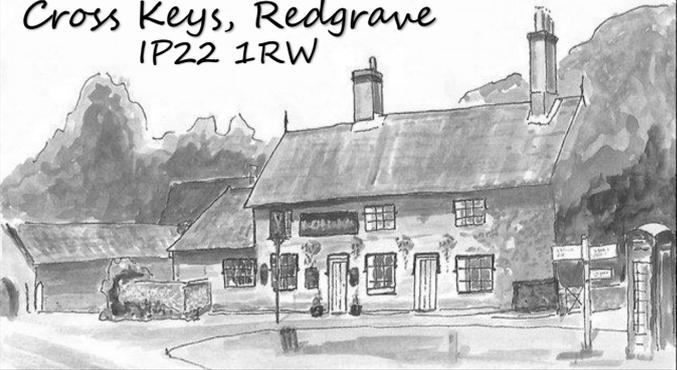
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Nativity Exhibition



@ St Mary's Church

Rickinghall

Sat 16th Dec 10am-3pm

Sun 17th Dec 10am-3pm

Carol Service - Sun 17th - 3pm

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BOTESDALE November REPORT – by the Clerk

Five councillors were present, with apologies from Cllrs Baxter and Liddle.

Public Forum: After recent meetings discussing some fairly contentious planning applications, we had a quiet meeting with only a few members of the public. Our District Councillor Derek Osborne confirmed that Mid Suffolk District Council has finally moved to the County Council offices in Ipswich. He also confirmed that he and the other District Councillor for our ward, Jessica Fleming, joined together to call in the application for the takeaway at the Newsagents so that it will now have to be determined by a planning committee.

This is a good time to remind you that the Public Forum is open to anyone in the village to make a comment, a complaint, ask for advice, etc on any public aspect of village life. It is an open forum, meaning that the subject does not have to have been published on an agenda for it to be discussed by the Parish Council (though any resulting expenditure would need to be). So please pop down and see if we can help you or just come to see what the PC does when it isn't looking at large planning applications!

Planning: The PC is trying to publicise large or contentious applications more widely, but you will always be able to find details of any application on the agenda – on our notice boards or on the website – which will have the reference number you need to look them up on the District Council website. The exception is applications which come in after the agenda is published, though we try to keep those to a minimum.

This month we had the return of the Land South of Diss Road for a re-consultation. As this just consisted of a new Heritage Statement and a slight re-drawing of the boundary, the PC has made an additional comment to MSDC that the new Statement hasn't really added to the discussion and has missed a trick in not responding to comments people have already made. We also had an application for four new houses on the plot east of the Village Hall at The Limes. Councillors really liked this application – it is small, well thought-out, imaginatively designed and will fit in well with the existing street front. The PC will be supporting it.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Steering Group attended a meeting with the District Council to discuss how the Neighbourhood Plan fits in with their Local Plan and to get advice on the timetable for finishing the Plan. The aim is to have completed the whole process by Jan/Feb 2019. In the

meantime, we are still collecting all the information needed to write the Plan.

Draft Local Plan Consultation: The PC supported the response drafted by the Chairman and Councillors thank him for all his hard work!

Christmas Art Competition: Councillors had the pleasure of voting on the Christmas themed drawings from children at St Botolph's Primary School. All winning drawings will be displayed around the Christmas tree in the Market Place and prizes will be presented at a school assembly in December. The winning drawings came from Reception: Bertie Bavington-Lowe (1st) and Isobel Bond (2nd); Year 1: Daniel Crosby (1st) and Florence Moore (2nd); Year 2: Jacob Bond (1st) and Cooper Alfredson (2nd); Year 3: Jack Farrow (1st) and Mac Binley (2nd); Year 4: Mae-Li Sun (1st) and Rosie Brown (2nd); Year 5: Hollie Clarke (1st) and Lily Smith (2nd); Year 6: Florence Mattock (1st) and Freya Jackson-Eve (2nd). As with last year, our District Councillor Derek Osborne picked his three favourites for an additional prize of an art set and those go to Daniel Crosby, Mae-Li Sun and Florence Mattock. We thank Derek very much for providing these lovely art sets. Congratulations to all the children who participated – it's always a tough call for the Councillors to make!

Christmas Events: The Christmas tree Lights On Ceremony will be on Saturday, 2 December at 6.15pm and don't forget to look for Father Christmas at the Market Place on Christmas Eve! (Posters will confirm the time)

Merry Christmas from Botesdale Parish Council!

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Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

Redgrave November Report – by the Clerk

Councillors Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Ann Preston, Neil Smith were present in addition to the Clerk and 35 members of the public.

Public Forum: Susie Phillips from the Llanover Estate spoke about the proposed development site which has been included in Mid Suffolk's Draft Local Plan. She said that the Estate had been "shocked" that their agent had not engaged with the Parish Council or the Redgrave Amenities Trust about a proposal to develop the recreation ground and move it to the adjoining field. The Estate had no intention of taking land from Redgrave and was committed to securing the future of the recreation ground. The Llanover Estate would like to see some small development in the village and noted that there was a need for more low cost housing and housing for elderly "downsizers". It was likely that the Estate would consider putting a small-scale development at the edge of the recreation area on the adjoining field. It felt that would make the play area safer and it would also bring the recreation ground into the village. The alternative was to extend housing along Churchway. Having a small development wouldn't increase the density of the village the way infill had, and 1-2 houses here and there would not trigger contributions towards amenities and infrastructure the way a larger development would. If the land was passed on to a developer, the Estate would make sure that there were limits/controls on what the land could be used for, the number of houses, the layout and type of housing. Any low-cost housing would probably be rental properties or housing association/low cost home ownership. Ms Phillips concluded by confirming that the Estate will write to Mid Suffolk District Council to make it clear that the recreation ground would not be included in the development area.

The Parish Council asked Ms Phillips to pass on to the Estate that the community would be interested in purchasing the recreation ground. Several residents asked questions about the Estate's plans and thanked Ms Phillips for coming to speak.

Planning: There was one application for an extension at Crackthorn Cottage, The Street and there was no objection.

Cross Keys Pub Purchase: The purchase has been agreed in principle and it is hoped that the conveyancing process will go as quickly as possible. There will be around £200k in local funding and another £100k in grants and loans. Fundraising for refurbishment will continue so please look out for events! The Parish Council thanks everyone involved – the community spirit has been wonderful.

Old School Playing Field: Cllr Neil Smith will be meeting a District Council planning officer on site this month for advice on whether the Old School Playing Field, Half Moon Lane is suitable for development.

Draft Local Plan Consultation: Cllrs Denmark and Giddings drafted a response to the Local Plan consultation which has been agreed. The petition started by Mr Giddings has received more than 200 signatures and will be sent to Mid Suffolk District Council.

Parish Properties: In addition to the Old School Playing Field, the Parish Council owns the old Town Pit and Allotments land off Fen Street and are pleased to report that all properties have been registered with the Land Registry.

Neighbourhood Plan: We are arranging a public meeting in mid-Feb to discuss a possible Plan. Mid Suffolk District Council officers will attend to let everyone know what's involved. Please keep an eye out for a notice in the Feb magazine and on our notice board.

Budget: There were a couple of items in the budget which need further review, so this will be determined at the January meeting.

Please note that there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on 6 December (Activities Centre) to deal with planning applications. These will include an application at "Land South of Hinderclay Road" for change of use of agricultural land to provide an airfield for light aircraft aviation operations. For details, please look for the agenda on the notice board or go the planning section of the Mid Suffolk website.

Merry Christmas from the Parish Council!

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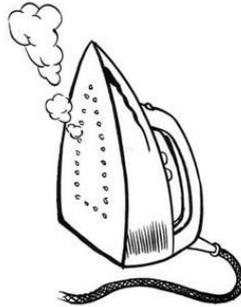
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Rickingham Parish Council



Rickingham Parish Council, 2 November 2017
Councillor Geoff Short

After the crowds turned out for the October meeting, the November one was attended by two couples, so our councillors and contributors outnumbered the audience. We now have our full complement of nine councillors, and the meeting accepted apologies from Dominic Ebert, Nicolas Joubert and William Maskell.

In the public forum, Peter Beck advised that he had been informed of cars parked in Ryders Way without MOT or insurance, and the police had passed on news that the theft of lead from church roofs was still a current problem. Other than that, he had nothing to report fortunately. District Councillor Derek Osborne advised that the recent planning application for the newsagents/post office had been officially 'called in', meaning it has to be discussed by the full planning committee, and not just determined by Planning Department officers. The planning department is extremely busy at the moment and the last member planning meeting took nearly 12 hours. The council have now left the Needham Market offices, the last day being Friday 3rd November.

The only planning items this month were for two tree surgery applications, both in the Conservation Area in Bury Road.

We had an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which seems to be going well, and the next stage is a landscape plan, which is being done by Alison Farmer, a landscape architect in Cambridge. This is covered by a grant. Data from the Village Survey is being analysed. We also discussed where this plan will affect and fit into the MSDC overall plan, which will probably be finished in the first or second quarter of 2019. The settlement boundaries are likely to be redrawn, but not take the whole parcels of land being proposed. MSDC needs to provide 5800 homes over the next 20

years, and we are apparently now a Core Village and not a Key Service Centre. Local Authority Boundary Changes will also take place in the whole MSDC region to even up the number of households in each area, and Rickingham and Botesdale is likely to have one District Councillor.

The chairman raised the issue of our new speed monitor, which had been in Rickingham for about two weeks then Botesdale for much longer, but now seems to be out of battery power. We agreed that it would be easier if there was a spare battery on charge, and the clerk was asked to arrange the purchase of the necessary battery and bracket.

We had an initial look at the Budget for next year, where we set the precept for 2018/19, this being the small part of the Council Tax that is allocated to Parish Councils by the District Council. This pays for our clerk, street sweeping, litter and dog bin emptying, lampposts and quite a bit more. This is not finalised yet, and will receive more input to ensure completion in January.

By the time this is published Christmas will be nearly here, so your Parish Council wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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The next stage, which is already well underway, is to draw up and begin acting upon a long list of priorities which will ensure the pub is back in action again as soon as possible. The ‘To Do’ list increases by the day!

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With every best wish for Christmas and the New Year, and to the future success of the Cross Keys – our community pub!

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Club News



Frances Hart – The life and times of Mozart as told by his wife

Frances Hart gave an entertaining talk about Mozart which she illustrated by extracts of the composer's music at the October meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall. She adopted the character of his wife during her performance.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in 1756 in Salzburg. His father, Leopold, was a musician for the Prince-Archbishop. Mozart was taught how to play the violin, the viola and the keyboard by age of six, he began to tour with his father's orchestra as the lead musician, but from a young age showed himself to be a prodigy. In 1762, at the age of six, he played for many of the crowned heads of Europe. The tours were successful but not lucrative as Leopold was given rings, watches or snuff boxes rather than money. The orchestra spent a year in England in 1764 but found the country 'cold.'

The touring ended in 1773 when Mozart was 16. He had established himself as a talented musician and had composed many orchestral works and operas while travelling in a coach across the rough roads of Europe. However, he did not have a patron and had to accept a post as a court musician in Salzburg where he was lowly paid and had a status in the household above the cooks but below the valets. Similarly, Salzburg was also a provincial town which did not offer the opportunities to stage the operas he wanted to write.

Mozart was a fun loving young man who liked to play practical jokes. However, he also tended to make enemies in the world of music as he was not tactful in the critique that he offered on the work of others. Fellow musicians could be jealous and resentful of his youth and apparent arrogance. In 1781, aged 25, Mozart went to Vienna to further his career. He stayed with the Weber family and fell in love with one of the daughters, Constanze, who was six years his junior. She was a talented singer and Mozart wrote several technically difficult pieces for her to perform. They wanted to marry but Mozart's father vehemently opposed the match as he felt that Wolfgang was too young and Constanze was too poor. Eventually, Leopold's objections were overcome and the couple married in 1782. Over the next eight years they had six children but only two of them survived beyond infancy.

Initially, Mozart prospered in Vienna. Unfortunately, during the 1780s his income declined as the Austrian aristocracy commissioned fewer musical works. He was forced to borrow money. However, his fortunes improved when *The Magic Flute* was premiered in 1791 in Vienna. The opera was very popular as it was sung in German, not Italian. In the same year he was commissioned to produce the *Requiem*, his final work as he became ill while writing the score and did not finish it. Mozart died aged 35 in December 1791. The cause may have been food poisoning after a masonic dinner. His funeral was held in St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna but he was interred in an unmarked grave as he was so poor at the time of his death. He had died at the height of his powers but his enduring fame was influenced by his wife. Mozart inspired other musicians and composers in his life time, notably Beethoven, but Constanze had his works published so that they could be performed after his death. He is now recognised as a genius for the innovations that he introduced into a variety of forms of music and study of his compositions is a key element of the education of modern classical musicians. Constanze later remarried and died at the age of 80 in Salzburg.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 December at The Village Hall, Rickingham and will be the Christmas Social. Linda Scoble will give a talk about New Year Resolutions. The price of £10 includes a buffet. Entry is by ticket only. These are available from Brenda Deaville on 01379 898561. Geoffrey Robinson will speak about Buffalo Bill at the meeting at 7.30pm on 24 January. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net

Gerry Gurhy

Rickingham's Firework Party goes with a bang!

A spectacular display of fireworks was the highlight of an enjoyable family evening on 3rd November, organised by the Rickingham Village Hall Committee.

Kind weather saw the Hall welcome over 600 guests with, throughout the evening, delicious hog roast and barbecue food supplied by Anglia Catering and bars hosted by the Bell Inn, while Diss's own Park Radio entertained inside the Hall.

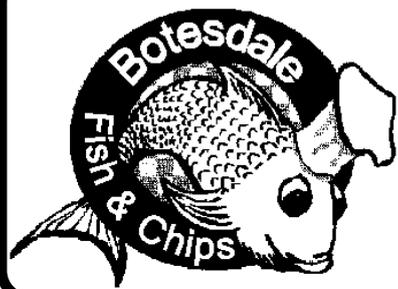


The aerial fireworks display started at 7 o'clock, and after the impressive show had finished many people continued to enjoy the evening, with Park Radio again operating in the Hall, friends chatting outside on the terrace, and the children's play area almost overflowing with excited youngsters in the glow from the floodlights. It seemed as though a good time was being had by all!

The success of this village event relies on the team of volunteers from the Hall Committee and from elsewhere who generously give their time before, during and after it, as well as on the professional service providers. Also, we couldn't host the evening without the generosity of the local company who provide the crowd barriers, and the skill of the team of volunteers who actually set off the fireworks. Thanks are due to all of these people, as well of course to all the many guests who came along to support our event and to make it the success it was.

Now we just have to start thinking about November 2nd 2018!.....

Bob Clark, Hall Committee Chairman



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December Calendar

Friday	1 st	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	2 nd	10:00-3:30 10:00-3:00 10:00am	Advent Bazaar Botanical Illustration Church open	St Mary's Rickingham Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickingham Inferior
Sunday	3 rd	10:30-3:30 2:00-4:00pm 3:00pm	Christmas Craft Fair Felted Robin workshop Christmas wreath making	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Park View Chapel
Monday	4 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	5 th	9:45-10:45 12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Luncheon Club (898615 or 898619) Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	6 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives Club Xmas dinner	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	7 th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 12 noon 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Diss U3A Headspace lunch Praise Hour Zumba Rickingham Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church All Saints Redgrave Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	8 th	9:15am 10:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Carols on the Knoll Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	9 th	9:00am 10:00am 10:30-12:30 7:00pm 7:00pm	Farmer's market, Father Christmas Church open Wildlife Watch Kevin's Christmas Quiz Handel's Messiah	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Inferior Redgrave Lopham Fen Parkview Chapel Diss Corn Hall
Sunday	10 th	3:30pm	Christingle service	Botesdale Chapel of Ease
Monday	11 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall

December Calendar continued

Tuesday	12 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner + carols Macmillan Information & advice Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Redgrave & District Ladies Club Julie's Aerobics	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	13 th	9:30am 10:00am	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	14 th	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Zumba Women's Institute	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	15 th	10:00am 7:00 for 7:30 8:00pm	Positive Steps RAHOF Christmas evening Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	16 th	10:00-3:00	Nativity Exhibition	St Mary's Rickinghall
Sunday	17 th	10:00-3:00 3:00pm 4:00pm	Nativity Exhibition Carol Service Carol Service	St Mary's Rickinghall Mary's Rickinghall Parkview Chapel
Monday	18 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	19 th	9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	School term ends Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	20 th	9:30am	Redgrave Art Club	Activities Centre
Thursday	21 st	9:30am	RABBATS	Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	22 nd	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	23 rd	6:00pm	Peter's Christmas Party	Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	24 th	5:00pm 6:00pm 11:15pm	Crib Service Peter's Christmas Party Midnight Communion Service	All Saints Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall St Mary's Rickinghall
Monday	25 th	9:30am 10:30-11:15	All-age Christmas Communion Christmas Day Service	All Saints Redgrave Parkview Chapel
Wednesday	27 th	9:30am	Redgrave Art Club	Activities Centre
Thursday	28 th	9:30am	RABBATS	Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	29 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	30 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Church open Rick Country Music club	Rickinghall Inferior Rickinghall Village Hall
Sunday	31 st	10:30am	Winter Walk	Little Ouse

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January Calendar

Monday	1 st	5:30pm	Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	2 nd	6:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Julie's Aerobics	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	3 rd	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	4 th	9:00am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Diss U3A Zumba Rickingham Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church Diss Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	5 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	6 th	10:00am	Church open	Rickingham Inferior
Monday	8 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	9 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information & advice Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	10 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:00pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Bot & Rick Neighbourhood Plan Forum	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Thursday	11 th	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Zumba Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	12 th	10:00am 7:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Whist Drive The Filling Station Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Bowls Club Garboldisham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	13 th	9:00am	Farmer's market	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday	15 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall

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Tuesday	16 th	9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	17 th	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	18 th	9:30am 6:00pm	RABBATS Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	19 th	9:15am 10:00am 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	20 th	10:00am	Church open	Rickingham Inferior
Monday	22 nd	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	23 rd	9:45-10:45 10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Coffee down the Lane Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	24 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	25 th	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Zumba Redgrave Garden Club	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	26 th	10:00am 10:30am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Messy Church Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	27 th	8:00pm	Rickingham Country music club	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday	29 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	30 th	9:45-10:45 12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Luncheon Club: 898615 or 898619 Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Julie's Aerobics Talk: Knettishall Heath	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
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Abbot Samson built a hunting lodge in the parkland, now known as Redgrave Park, before his death in 1211. An account roll for the years 1344/45 (2) lists the repairs carried out on this building and buildings in the park for this accounting year. After the reformation when the monastic lands passed into the hands of the king in 1539, a valuation described the parkland. Part of the transcription reads as follows: *Within which manor there is a park with deer in the same and a ruinous mansion place now for lack of reparations sore decayed. The herbage of the park there is not valued because the same park must be valued as though the deer were disparted in case the king's majesty will sell the said manor.* (3)

The manor was eventually sold to Nicholas Bacon who demolished the Abbot's hall and built a new red brick house between 1545 & 1554 next to the site of the old hunting lodge. The Bacon family sold the manor to Sir John Holt in 1702. Rowland Holt III inherited the manor and in the 1760s employed Lancelot 'Capability' Brown to re-design the Tudor Hall in a Palladian style in white brick.



'Capability' Brown also laid out the parkland by widening and damming the stream to form a serpentine lake. The line of the old stream is still the boundary between Redgrave and Botesdale.

He also designed a house as a water house to be seen from the hall with the end of the original part in a classical style. This house was later extended and eventually became the home of 'Wop' the estate gamekeeper. The pretty little octagonal house which can be seen from the road has had many names. It is listed as Folly Lodge known as Dove House (formerly listed as Redgrave Hall Keeper's lodge). The listings say 'probably' built by Capability Brown. I have also heard it called 'The Duffy House', the Round House and the Temple. It is virtually the same, without the large portico, as the Temple David Garrick had built at Hampton in 1756 to honour Shakespeare, with advice on landscaping from Brown. It was never built as a traditional dove-house and the listings say it was built for the Redgrave Hall Estate carpenter. This is probably why the grove of trees behind it is called Carpenter's Grove.

Much of Capability's landscaping has now disappeared. Four hundred trees from the Redgrave Hall Estate were sold at an auction held on the 28th February 1924. During 1943 and 1944 until the end of WWII in 1945 the American Army 12th evacuation hospital came to Redgrave park, then was replaced by the 231st and finally the 65th General Hospital. A prisoner of war camp occupied the opposite side of the lake in Botesdale in the area known as the Warren, which was originally the rabbit warren of the Abbott in medieval times.

1)Whites Directory, 1844

2)British Library, Add roll 63374

3)Suffolk Record Office P551/1066

Children's Toys and Games through the Ages

Christmas is coming soon and with it the excitement of children receiving their presents. Nowadays children get many presents at Christmas, which are often soon discarded. But in the past children received fewer toys, these were treasured, kept for years, and handed down through the family.

Toys were often made for education and social purposes as well as just for play. They were often small versions of their parents' work implements to help the children learn skills for adult life. For instance a tiny flint handaxe from the Palaeolithic period was found in Ipswich. Was this made to teach a child how to use handaxes?

Bows and arrows were made to teach boys the skills they would need later in life. These have been found in Bronze Age excavations. In medieval times men had to practise with their bows each Sunday and by a law of 1512 each boy over the age of seven had to have a bow and two arrows to learn the skill.



Small figure - approx. 2cm

Little girls were given dolls to play with, these were only called dolls from the 17th century, until then they were known as poppets or puppets.

Other toys have been found in archaeological digs; two lead knights on horseback were found in London dating from the 13th century.

Wealthy parents would have bought such toys for their children. Documents record that Edward I's sons had toy castles and armour bought for them. Parents could have bought toys at the fairs that took place throughout the country, such as the St. Botolph's fair which was held once a year in Botesdale from the 1220s. Parents would also make toys for their children from wood, clay or material. (1)

Children's games still played today, such as hopscotch, often date back many years. There are illustrations of games in medieval books but perhaps the most interesting is Pieter Bruegel the Elder's painting 'Children's Games' from 1560. This shows children playing many different games. As well as playing with toys such as dolls, bubble pipes, hobby horses and spinning tops they are also playing games such as knuckle bones (Jacks), tiddlywinks, pitch and toss and marbles. They are walking on stilts, rolling the barrel and playing hide-and-seek. One boy is blowing up a pig's bladder either to make a balloon or a ball. This would have been filled with objects such as cherry stones to make it heavy for playing catch or football. In the past children, and adults, in our villages played a game something like football called 'camping'. The old 'camping' field is next to Rickinghall Superior church.

Toys have been found in the village recently; a bow about 14 inches long and a child's leather purse were found under the stairs of a house in Botesdale and a tiny doll the size of a 10p piece made out of pipe clay was found in the garden of a house in Rickinghall.



Child's bow - 36cm

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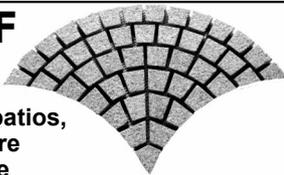
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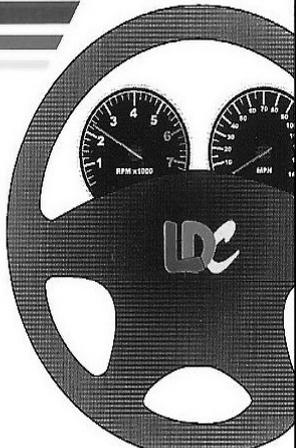
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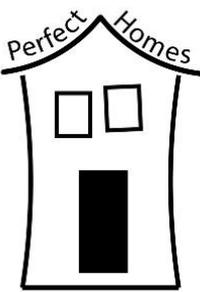
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Nyall's Notes

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It is October 31st and I awoke to the news that the government wish to do something about the amount of gambling on fixed odd betting machines. Why anyone would bet on such a device I do not know. Its very name tells you that, in the long run, you will lose. It is programmed that way. It's a scam but as with many scams the temptations are too great.

Scams aren't new. 500 years ago, on this day Luther objected to a scam whereby people would pay money for a 'guaranteed' fast track to heaven. These were called indulgences. A sort of certificate that exempted you from a certain amount of time in purgatory. The church of the day was acting like a dodgy market trader, "Roll up, roll up, special offer - buy yer indulges 'ere. Two for the price of one. Normally £10 per year. Today, two years off purgatory for yer tenner."

People fell for it because the church appeared to be the authority in these matters and the Bible wasn't available to many.

As you read it you will discover that God is a bit of a gambler in a way, after all, with his very high standards of what is right and what is wrong, it was a bit of a risk making man. Even when he set down those standards in the Ten Commandments it didn't put things right leaving him with the problem of what to do about it. In Jesus he actually tested himself against those laws of right and wrong. What he did was to become a man, being born, as a baby at that first Christmas and leaving all his Godly powers behind. That means that Jesus had no more powers than you and I in resisting temptation.

He passed what turned out to be the ultimate test, that is to live the Godly life he desired for us even when it meant being wrongly accused, unjustifiably mocked, beaten and flogged to within an inch of death and, in that state, executed by the cruellest method of the time.

Now we have what I would like to call 'The God Problem.' He has these very high standards. He has managed to live by them and pass the test that no one else has ever managed. What does he do, condemn the whole of mankind? This is where he takes a gamble. Effectively he says, "I've passed the test. I have the certificate. I will offer it free to anyone who will accept it. These people are bound to demonstrate their acceptance by their love and gratitude."

That's it: it's what Christmas is about, God becoming that baby. It's what Easter is about, Jesus dying and thus offering forgiveness to all the world. Christians are people who have personally accepted that offer and exhibit their gratitude by living the life that they know God desires and when, as they often do, they fail they can go back to God to refresh that forgiveness and restore the relationship.

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I wish you a happy Christmas.

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Gospel of Luke Ch.2 vs.10 & 11

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Our Christmas Robin .. but is it?

A friend of mine was watching a Greater Spotted Woodpecker, obviously in failing health, fall off a tree and lie still. He went to pick it up. At that moment there was a sudden 'whirring' of wings close by and a Sparrow Hawk made a quick circle of the 'watcher' and flew off minus Woodpecker. The Sparrow Hawk had obviously been watching the Woodpecker and, wary of its dangerous and powerful bill, had waited until the Woodpecker had expired to pick up (safely) an easy meal. This was nature in the raw. That Sparrow Hawk must

have been patiently watching the succumbing Woodpecker until it was safe to take its next meal. Be reassured the dead Woodpecker was laid to rest beneath a shady bush.

On a similar subject, a dead Redwing was found on 10th October in a Hinderclay garden. Redwings had only just been arriving in this country. Perhaps this one had beaten its colleagues to its winter quarters but the feat had exhausted it.

A fascinating article in a recent BTO's bird magazine describes how it is possible to record hitherto undetected birds passing overhead at night. Complex apparatus can do this for you. A sonogram will interpret night noises of passing birds and you will see on this machine in the morning what has passed in the night. Who would have guessed such birds as Redshank, Coot, Little Grebe and even a Bittern flew over suburban Thetford at night?

The RSPB's Winter magazine recorded that in 2016 there were 162 male booming Bitterns in Great Britain. This is an increase from eleven in 1997. Remember, each male may have more than one female, silent but doing all the work!

On Thursday 19th October I visited Redgrave Fen after too long a gap. The notice board revealed the presence of Bearded Tits on the Little Fen and two Marsh Harriers. This was about 4.30 pm and I wondered if our Starling murmuration had reappeared. Yes, it had, but only about 500 had so far arrived, rushing in from groups of twenty to thirty. Two days later on a very windy afternoon I again visited Little Fen and there were the two Marsh Harriers, thoroughly enjoying the weather using the strong wind to lift them high and then diving (joyfully I am sure) at each other, and of course—missing.

Two months ago a White Stork was seen and photographed near Gislingham. It could have been an escapee, but there was a similar report elsewhere in East Anglia at the same time.

Finally, a Bittern has been seen on Redgrave Fen within the last fortnight. I am sure it was not this summer's 'boomer', but a wanderer from Europe or one from the increasing numbers at Minsmere or Walberswick.

I would like to thank all of you who have given their ornithological reports to me, be it at Maypole Lodge, in The Street, or even at the Health Centre! Please keep them coming.

Happy Christmas to you all and remember the Robin you have seen and heard in your garden may be one from the many hundreds of continental Robins taking time off from their Autumn migration through our country.

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* We're told that 2017 has been one of the warmest *
* on record once again and for gardeners this means *
* the grass continues to grow even into December. *
* But when you do use your mower for the last time, *
* remember that modern fuel from the petrol station *
* contains additives which over the inactive winter *
* months tend to gum up and block jets in the carb. *
* One possible preventative measure is to run your *
* engine out of fuel, but a surer method is to add a *
* product such as Fuel Fit which is designed to off- *
* set the problem. * * * * *

* Remaining fallen leaves can be cleared away now *
* and the garden is ready to rest for a period. Some *
* winter flowering shrubs will be showing colour *
* now, such as Mahonias, Viburnums and Winter *
* Cherries, but summer shrubs which flowered from *
* July onwards can now be pruned, and Wisterias can *
* be lightly trimmed back too. Summer flowering *
* Clematis can be cut back almost to the ground but *
* don't forget where they are. Also make sure the *
* way is clear for any winter bulbs such as *
* Snowdrops and Aconites. A former neighbour of *
* mine boasted the earliest Snowdrops in the village *
* and I guess these are out already. * * * * *

* The vegetable garden is far less active at this time *
* of year, but if you have heavy soil, you can turn *
* over the top few inches and leave rough for the *
* weather to break down. Overwintering crops may *
* need extra support and protection. Strawberry *
* runners can be detached from their parents and re- *
* homed, and Rhubarb crowns can be lifted, divided, *
* and re-planted, especially if they had a tendency to *
* send up flowering shoots. It won't do any harm at *
* this time of year to spread organic matter onto *
* vegetable plots and let the worms do the digesting. *
* Any remains can be dug in or raked off prior to *
* planting. * * * * *

* Christmas will soon be upon us and many people *
* enjoy a fresh indoor plant at this time of year. *
* Poinsettias are the traditional plant for *
* indoors, their bright red centres making a cheerful *
* display. The red 'flowers' are actually bracts, and if *
* these or the leaves break, a milky residue will *
* appear. The secret for keeping them well, is to *
* avoid drafts and direct sunlight, however a good *
* level of light is still needed, and the temperature *
* ought to stay above 13 degrees centigrade. Water *
* from the bottom if possible (easier if stood in a *
* saucer or pot cover), and your plants will reward *
* you with many weeks of cheer. * * * * *

* Merry Christmas from us all at Tripp Batt! *
* *Ian Shilling* * * * * *



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Carrot and Coriander Falafel

For the falafels

- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 2 x 400g/14oz cans chickpeas, drained
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp plain flour
- 100g/3½oz carrot, finely grated (moisture squeezed out)
- 1 red chilli, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 lemon, zest only
- vegetable oil, for frying sesame seeds, to garnish

For the yoghurt dip

- 100ml/3½fl oz Greek yoghurt
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- 1 lime, juice only
- 1 tbsp tahini



Method

1. For the falafels, toast the cumin and coriander seeds in a dry frying pan for 1-2 minutes, or until fragrant. Grind the seeds in a pestle and mortar.
2. Blend the toasted spices together with the remaining falafel ingredients in food processor until well combined.
3. Shape spoonfuls of the falafel mixture into balls and set aside on a plate.
4. Meanwhile, heat 1cm/½in vegetable oil in a frying pan and fry the falafels for 1-2 minutes on each side. Remove the falafel from the pan with a slotted spoon and set aside to drain on kitchen paper. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds.
5. For the yoghurt dip, blend the Greek yoghurt, coriander, mint, lime and tahini in a food processor until smooth.
6. Serve the falafels with toasted pitta breads and the yoghurt dressing alongside.

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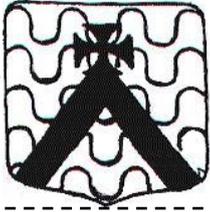
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School news

The run in to Christmas is always a busy one. It really is a magical time of the year and the children enjoy the build up to the big day. The challenge is often to keep the children going as they become quite tired towards the end of a busy term.

This year our EYFS and KS1 children will be working hard to learn and perfect their Christmas performance. As a parent myself, I know how much parents enjoy the enrichment that is involved in the Christmas productions. These memories are to be valued and treasured as I'm sure many grown-ups remember being Mary or Joseph or in my case a Shepherd! Our whole school joins in the Christmas celebrations and our KS2 children present their Christmas service to parents at Park View Chapel. This event is always well attended and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to go out into the local community.

We recently held our School open afternoon which is an opportunity, for the parents of children currently in preschool, to come and have a look around St Bots and see the school in action. It's a great chance for parents to see if St Bots is the right school for them and their child before they submit their Primary School application.

We have also welcomed many of our current parents into school to spend time looking at their child's learning. These morning sessions have been well received by parents who have really valued the time to come into school and share the successes of their child.

Our Sports teams have been back in action. Our Girls netball team will be in action later this month; I'm sure they will all do their best and enjoy the experience. Our boys football teams travelled to Hartismere High School in early November to defend the title of High Suffolk Champions which we claimed last season. As always we took two teams to compete. Our B team was drawn in a very tough group but showed great courage and determination throughout. Despite huge effort they missed out on a semi-final place but put in good performances against both Mellis and Debenham. Our A team enjoyed an unbeaten run through to the semi-finals despite a slow but solid start. St Bots were drawn against Mellis in the semi-final. The match was incredibly tight with Mellis having the better chances and greater share of possession however St Bots always looked dangerous with rapid counter-attacks. The match ended 0-0 and after extra time and still nothing between the teams the dreaded penalty kicks were required. St Bots emerged victorious and booked our place in the final where we would face Debenham. The final itself was as tight as the semi-final but Debenham had no answer for the swift and decisive attacks from the St Bots team. We finished up comfortable 2-0 winners! It is a fantastic achievement to retain the High Suffolk title. I was very proud of all of the boys who all contributed to the success regardless of which team they were in. Well done boys, it was a fantastic afternoon.

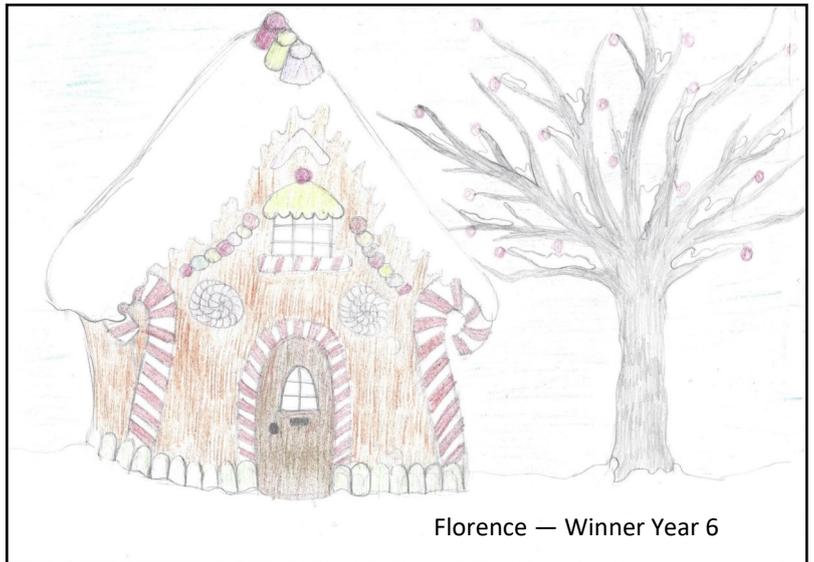
Our Yr 6 pupil had a wonderful week away towards the end of October. They went to Aylmerton field study centre where they experienced a variety of valuable learning experiences including learning about Cromer, coastal erosion, rock pool habitats, orienteering and working as a team. The children returned tired and happy. For many of our children this was the first time they had spent more than a night away from home. They all behaved superbly and supported each other well. As you can imagine, I was very proud of each and every one of them.

Dates for your diary: December

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Tue 5th	Nativity Play 2pm
Wed 6th	Nativity Play 2pm
Thu 7th	Nativity Play 5pm
Tue 12th	Carol Service at Parkview Chapel
Fri 15th	Save the Children— Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 18th	Christmas Lunch
Tue 19th	Last Day of Term

Dates for your diary: January

Wed 3rd	PD Day
Thu 4th	First Day of Term



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The puzzled clerk replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'"

The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

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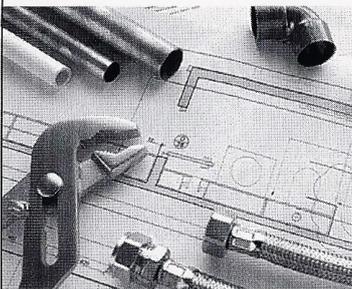
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OFSTED: We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to have received particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". A copy of the full report is available on request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

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 preschool. 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.

Committee members needed

Most of the present committee will not be standing again and we are now seeking nominations for several new members, as well as new officers. Otherwise the pre-school may have to close.

What Would Joining the Committee Involve?

To be a committee member is not a demanding job, even as an officer. All that is needed is your enthusiasm and a little of your time. Almost all of the routine day to day administration of the pre-school school is carried out by the paid staff. The committee's function is one of management, overseeing the smooth running of the pre-school, according to its policies, constitution and registration.

If you would like to join and help the pre-school Please call 07796014304 or text if outside pre-school hours.



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A date for your diary :
Friday 23rd April 2018



**Church quiz and fish and chip
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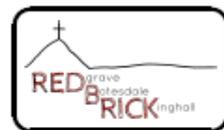
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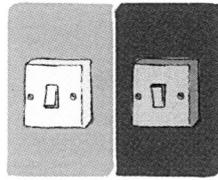
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Readings for Parish Church Sunday Services		
Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
3rd December	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
10th December	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
17th December	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
24th December	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
31st December	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
7th January	Isiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
14th January	Rev 5:1-10	John 1:43-end
21st January	Rev 19:6-10	John 2:1-11
28th January	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40

Lector / Sidesman Rota	Chapel of Ease			Redgrave All Saints			Rickinghall		
	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service
3rd Dec	Mrs C Hilliard	Mrs S McGrath	8:15 HC	Mrs F Lamb	Mrs Whitehead	10:30 ASAT	Mr&Mrs Rixon	Mrs J Bennett	3:00 EP
10th Dec	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	3:30 Christingle				Mrs J Sheehan Footprints	Rector The Rectory	8:15 HC 10:30
17th Dec				Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	08:15 HC	Mrs S White	Mrs Whitehead	3:00 Carols
24th Dec	Mrs L Wills	Mrs J Shepherd	9:00 HC	Mrs C Davidson	Mrs K Gunn	5:00 Crib Service	Church Warden	Mrs F Lamb	11:15 HC
25th Dec					Rector	9:30 FC			
31st Dec							Mrs M Self	Mrs Whitehead	9:00 HC
7th Jan	Mrs L Wills	Mrs S McGrath	8:15 HC	Mrs F Lamb	Mrs C Davidson	10:30 ASAT	Mr & Mrs Rixon	Mrs J Bennett	3:00 EP
14th Jan	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	8:15 HC				Mrs S White	Mrs Whitehead R'll Village Hall	10:30 HC 10:20 Footprints
21st Jan				Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	08:15 HC	Mr&Mrs Miles	Mrs C Davidson	10:30 WT
28th Jan	Messy Church	Botesdale Village Hall	10:30	Mrs J Stokes	Mrs K Gunn	10:30 HC	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector	8:15 HC

Flower Rota	Redgrave All Saints	Redgrave St Mary's	Rickinghall
3rd/10th/17th Dec	Advent - no flowers	-	Advent - no flowers
24th December	Messy Church	-	-
31st December	Mrs F Lamb	-	-
7th January	Mrs R Powell	-	-
14th January	-	-	-
21st January	Mrs P Button	-	-
28th January	Mrs P Button	-	-
4th February	Mrs R Stimson	-	-

Neighbourhood Watch



Due to Police cutbacks, information for residents who are victims of crimes is very poor. Anyone who is the victim of crime or unsocial behaviour incidents, in respect of Botesdale and Rickinghall, should contact Peter Beck and in respect of Redgrave, contact John Campbell. Contacts for both are below.

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:

Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team. Stowmarket Police Station, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1NJ.

Tele. - 101. Email. Stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Our local safer Neighbourhood team are stationed there.

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December 2017

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*Sunday 10th – Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am.
Sunday 17th – Christmas Carol service at 4.00pm. (Only service this day.)
Sunday 24th – No services.
Monday 25th – Christmas Day service at 10.30am.
Sunday 31st – Communion service at 10.00am. (Only service this day.)
*Refreshments served at 10.30am.

Events : Sunday 3rd – ‘Christmas Wreath Making & Afternoon Tea’ – 3.00pm.
Thursday 7th – ‘Praise Hour’ – 2.00pm.
Saturday 10th – ‘Kev’s Christmas Quiz’ – 7.00pm.
Tuesday 12th – ‘Coffee On The Corner’ – 9.00am. (with a visit from St. Botolph’s Reception to sing carols.)

January 2018

Services : Sunday 7th – One service at 11.00am.
Sunday 14th – Communion service at 10.00am and Coffee On A Sunday at 11.00am.
Sunday 21st – Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am.
Sunday 28th – Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am.
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3rd December	Local arrangement
10th December	Mr Roy Sayer
17 th December	Carol Service, Rev David Ely
24 th December	Rev David Ely; Holy Communion
Christmas Day	Mrs Sue Goodwin (10:00am)
27th December	Rev Harold Wilkinson

<i>Bible Study</i>	Monday 18th December 10 .00am
<i>Christian Forum</i>	Tuesday 5th December, a Christmas Evening; no meeting in January
<i>Coffee down the Lane</i>	Tuesday, 23rd January 10 -11.30 am
<i>Wives Club</i>	Wednesday 6 th December 6.15 for 6.30pm at “The Cock”, Stanton; no meeting in January

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St. Botolph's
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St. Mary's
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Services in December 2017

3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent

8:15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease
10.30 All Saints Altogether, All Saints, Redgrave
3pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's, Rickingham

10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.15 BCP Communion, St Mary's Rickingham
10.30 Christingle making The Rectory, Rickingham
3.30 Christingle Service Botesdale Chapel of Ease

17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.15 BCP Communion, All Saints, Redgrave
3pm Carol Service, St Mary's Rickingham

24th December Christmas Eve

9am BCP Communion,
Botesdale



Chapel of Ease
5pm Crib Service All Saints, Redgrave
11.15pm Holy Communion,
St. Mary's,



Rickingham

25th December Christmas Day

9.30 Family Communion,
All Saints,
Redgrave

31st December 1st Sunday of Christmas

Services in January 2018

7th January Epiphany

8:15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease
10.30 All Saints Altogether, All Saints, Redgrave
3pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's, Rickingham

14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease
10.30 Communion, St. Mary's, Rickingham
10.30 Children starting in church

21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.15 BCP Communion, All Saints, Redgrave
10.30 Worship Together, St. Mary's, Rickingham

28th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.15 BCP Communion, St. Mary's,
Rickingham



10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale
Village Hall for tea, cake, crafts,
songs, stories and family fun.

10.30 Communion, All Saints, Redgrave

Sunday 4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease
10.30 All Saints All Together, All Saints, Redgrave
3.00pm Evening Prayer, St Mary's, Rickingham

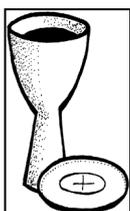
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St Mary's Church, Rickingham
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Wed 3rd January, 10.00am
Farnish House, Botesdale
Thurs 21st December, 9.45am
Thurs 18th January, 9.45am
All welcome to these services



Fri 8th December
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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tues 16th Jan, 7.30pm United Prayer
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The Rectory, Rickingham
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