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Rev

Where is the time going, it seems that no sooner is Christmas over than Easter is upon us! But what is Easter all about?

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day in order for humanity to experience God's wonderful plan of salvation. (*Isaiah 53*). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin and to daily experience God's joy of salvation that He freely offers to all people. (*The Biblical accounts of Resurrection Day can be read in Matthew 28, Mark 16, and Luke 24*)

Christians are called to spread this good news of Jesus' resurrection, God's victory over sin and His joy of salvation, but why and how should we share this good news?

Well, we are to share this good news because we are moved by the conviction that God has called us to do just that. So sharing the good news is an intimate part of what being followers of Jesus means (*Matt 28:19-20*). Knocking on the door of a stranger to share the gospel is not for everyone. Many find the thought simply terrifying, others feel they are not worthy to be God's ambassadors, others cannot deal with the anxiety this would cause. But despite any nervousness the sharing of your own experience of Jesus is full of blessings. I'm sure that we can all agree that the world is in need of good news, and Christians have good news to share, good news that has transforming power to change individuals and so has power to change the world for the better.

Something that seems to be overlooked by many is that Jesus has called us to become lifelong learners. Think about a child. When a child is born they don't know how to speak, feed themselves, get dressed. In fact, they can do nothing for themselves! All they know is that they feel hungry, cold, tired and so need to have their basic needs met. Yet they learn by observing and copying and so begins a lifelong journey of learning. That's what a disciple, a follower of Jesus does. So we already know how to be a disciple as we are all disciples for we all started out being followers, copiers of the behaviours we saw growing up.

So how do we share the good news? Some people accept the good news after hearing stories of the conversion experiences of believers. Others find God's transforming love, for God *is* a transforming God, through friendship or by listening to or reading about others people's lives who have been transformed by God. Yet others discover God alone whilst reading the Bible, or after going through an unexpected experience. In all of these ways people discover that God loves them, that to be free of the binding power of their sin they need to confess before God and accept that God sent Jesus to free us from sin and death. This is all possible because of God's grace – not our works – through which we can be assured of our salvation, which becomes a joy to us. So becoming a disciple of Jesus begins with repentance of sin and asking for forgiveness, which God always readily gives because of His grace and love. As disciples, followers of Jesus, we then grow and mature into a deeper relationship with God through copying and imitating the life of Jesus in our own life.

You see we were designed by God for good, but we have all been damaged (and I include myself here) by evil, so we all need Jesus because it is He and He alone who has the transforming power to restore us into a right relationship with God. Our response to this is to then go out and tell others about the redemptive power of God's grace and love. In sharing the good news, we are to share that God is love, because God

created all things out of love. At the beginning of the Bible we read about Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, a place full of goodness. We were meant to enjoy God's company in this wonderful place. But sadly things went wrong. Instead of enjoying and being satisfied with being made in the image of God, we wanted to be like God. The outcome of this was that instead of enjoying the freedom of a loving relationship with God and each other we became enslaved to evil, sin, rebellion and death. Instead of being friends of God we decided to become His enemies! God's surprising solution begins with Jesus becoming human. We can be sure that Jesus experienced the whole range of human life: He suffered, He cried, He rejoiced, He laughed, He was tempted, He became angry and He was disappointed (*Hebrews 2:14-18*).

Through all this God shows us that He is not indifferent to human suffering, because in becoming human we see that God really does care for us. In fact, God cares so much that "He gave his only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (*John 3:16*). The event we celebrate at Easter ultimately shows us God's love for us because through the obedience of Jesus' life, during which He only ever did what His heavenly Father wanted Him to do, we see a life worth imitating:

- He taught us what being a human being means and how to live the way God wants us to live;
- He defeated the power of evil and death, so we are now free to serve and love Him and others;
- He substituted Himself for us by dying and rising to new life *and* through His selfless act God forgives us completely.

This is what Easter is all about, new life, new hope born out of a caring, gracious and loving God. May you experience the power of the risen Lord this Easter time.

Chris Norburn.

No entries in the Register this month.

PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

The magazine for February turned out well under the new editorship and thanks to the hard work of the production team and the army of delivery people everyone should have received their copy in good time. We are anxious to ensure that we have plenty of interesting content and are very grateful to all our regular contributors. Would anybody be interested in being an occasional contributor if one of the regulars can't make it? Also we would like short reports from clubs and societies. Another idea is to have an occasional article on notable local characters. Are there any students out there hoping to become journalists who would like to volunteer to interview local people and put together an interesting article? Please email the editor if you think you can help.

Charles Murray

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- **April** issue: 5 March (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 16 March (Fri)
 - **May** issue: 9 April (Mon). come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 20 April (Fri)
 - **June** issue: 7 May (Mon). come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 18 May (Fri)
- NB "stuffing the magazine" involves inserting flyers, loose leaf adverts etc into each magazine

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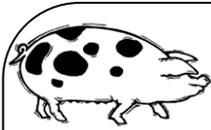
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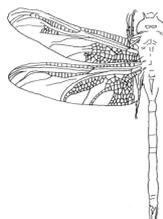
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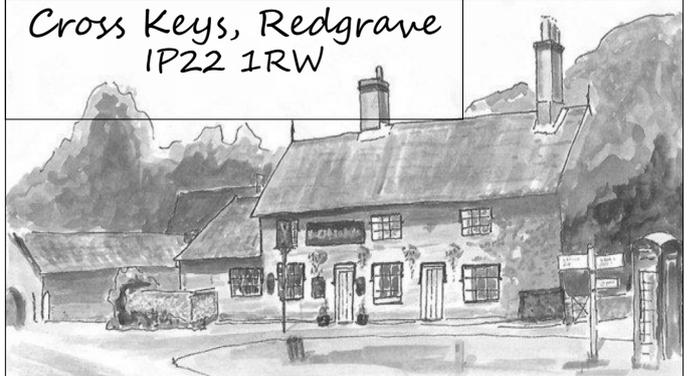


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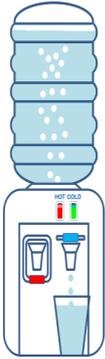
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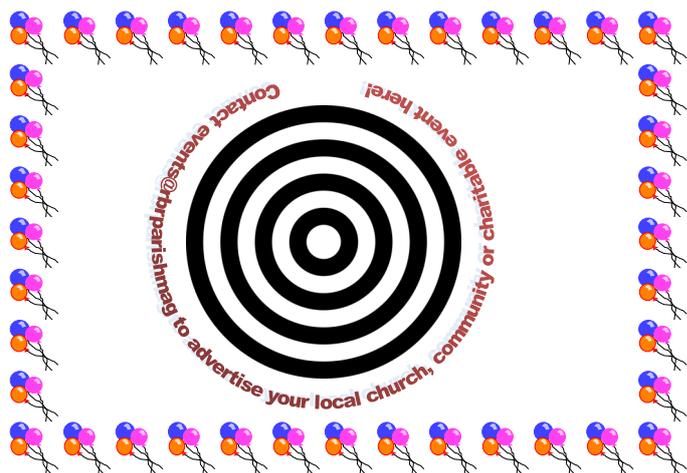
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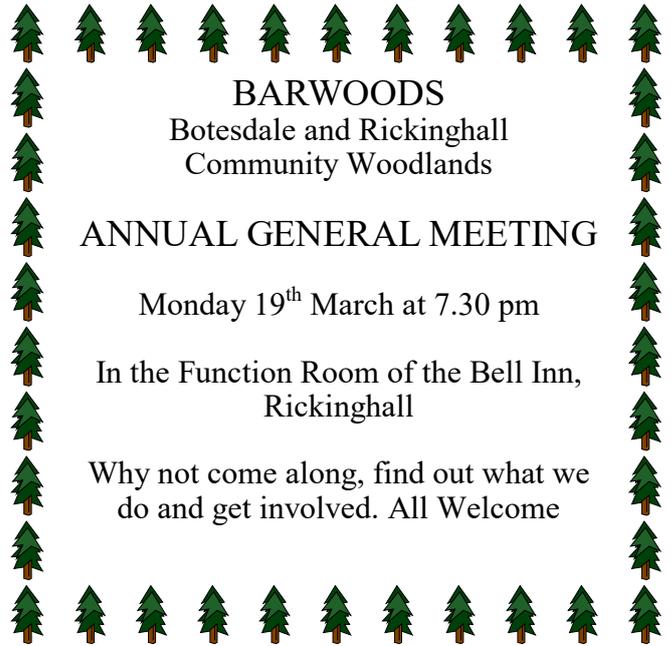
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Botesdale Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

FEBRUARY REPORT

The Parish Council was very happy to welcome back David Green and Chris Lambert as parish councillors. Both were councillors for several years and are back from a break. David has agreed to be Tree Warden again and Chris will act as Footpaths Officer for the Council.

Public Forum: A resident thanked the PC for its support in objecting to the planning application for conversion of the newsagent/post office premises to a takeaway. Particular thanks went to the Chairman, William Sargeant, who attended the Planning Committee meeting in Ipswich only to find the application withdrawn before it was discussed! This was due to the need for significant alterations to plans for the interior of the shop area to avoid damage to the joists of the adjoining property. It isn't known whether another application will be made.

District Councillor Derek Osborne reported that MSDC has started an initiative to help single people who are struggling to find affordable accommodation. The scheme, which is being run by the District Council in partnership with Solo Housing, aims to match them with householders who have a spare bedroom. To find out more about joining the scheme as a landlord, please visit www.solohousing.org Email info@solohousing.org or telephone 01379 640250.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming agreed to investigate the possible resurfacing of The Street in Botesdale which was meant to happen when the road was resurfaced through Rickinghall. The Parish Council has expressed its concerns about the state of The Street, as well as Fen Lane and Bridewell Lane, many times but the County Council is facing significant budget constraints.

Planning: The application for 69 houses at Land South of Diss Road had come back for reconsultation after the submission of more information on heritage considerations, additional fencing/screening at the entrance, alterations to pedestrian access and layout near Chapel Lane, and further justifications for the existing access. It was felt that the Parish Council's objections were not substantially changed from previous comments. There was also a retrospective application for a treehouse at Cedar Lodge, The Drift. The Parish Council had no objection to this.

It was noted that the application for the Health Centre had been approved by the District Council and a Prior Approval application to change a barn to a dwelling at Lodge Farm, The Common had been refused.

Litter Pick: The annual litter pick will be held on Saturday, 21 April at 10am, starting at the Botesdale Village Hall. It

was reported that there were a lot of polystyrene boxes, the kind used for fish & chips, being thrown onto the verges and in laybys near the village. These boxes are not biodegradable so please make sure you bin them and keep the village looking good.

Double-yellow lines: The legal consultation period was under way for the residents to have the opportunity to support or object to the proposals of the double yellow lines, proposed at three sites within Rickinghall/Botesdale. Notices have been up on site for over a week. The PCs understand there are parking issues elsewhere in the village, but this consultation is focussing on the three most troublesome junctions – The Drift/Back Hills, The Street/Co-op entrance and The Street/Garden House Lane. A lot of care has been taken to minimise the loss of parking at all sites and at the Drift, the lines only cover the area which already prohibits parking at junctions as in the Highway Code.

Vehicle Activated Sign: Data has been received from the recently installed Vehicle Activated Sign. Although recent police speed recordings had shown relatively little speeding, the VAS told a different tale with over 50% of all cars recorded speeding, with the highest recorded speed being 78mph in a 30mph zone. The sign is currently moved between two locations at the entrances to Botesdale and Rickinghall and data will be published on the website in future. It will also be passed to the police.

Community Affordable Housing: There is a MSDC Community Housing Fund which is seed funding aimed at councils planning to offer long term affordable housing for local people and provide more control over choice of potential tenants. Over the next few months, Botesdale and Rickinghall PC will be looking at whether this is something the community would support.

THE NEXT BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MONDAY 5th MARCH

at 7.30 pm

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Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

Redgrave February Report – by the Clerk

Councillors Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston and Jason Walker were present in addition to the Clerk, District Councillor Derek Osborne, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 57 members of the public.

Public Forum: Susie Parker and Michael Rees represented the Llanover Estate in a discussion about proposals for Estate Land next to the playing field and Activities Centre. The outline plans Ms Parker had discussed at the meeting in November have been developed further with conceptual layouts and drawings of the site. This includes continuing the row of housing north of Churchway and a larger area south of Churchway. The larger area proposes a mixture of property types, starting with gatehouse style larger properties and more cottagey housing and green spaces down a central lane, with a larger structure at the end containing smaller units for all ages. The smaller units have potential to include an element of care for the elderly if needed. They reassured attendees that if the land was passed on to a developer, the Estate would make sure that there are limits/controls on what the land could be used for, the number of houses, the layout and type of housing. As these are ideas only and there is a great deal of flexibility overall, they have requested feedback from the community. If you would like to have a close look at the drawings, they will be on the Redgrave website. If you would like to send feedback to the Llanover Estate, we are told that they will be sending out some information to every household.

We also had Rob Marsh-Feiley on behalf of Hollins Architects for the owner of the land next to Charters Towers. Mr Marsh-Feiley explained the current planning situation that MSDC has created with no up to date Local Plan and no 5-year housing supply, as required by Central Government, which has resulted in the suspension of the usual planning rules. It has led to a great deal of pressure on villages, and as one resident put it, opportunistic development on sites outside the settlement boundary. Mr Marsh-Feiley explained that his intention was to design a low-density, open site with a continuation of the street-side development at the front and larger, more modern houses at the back. Some would be self-build. In the feedback residents gave, it was clear that the majority were highly concerned about the safety of the access and the additional pedestrian traffic on very narrow footway. It was noted that Suffolk Highways have recommended that the footway be widened but there is no scope to do so in front of existing houses. There were also some strong feelings about the lack of prior consultation on the proposals, particularly as this is a full planning application and there will be no opportunity for discussion about the detail with the applicant. There were other concerns about the maintenance of public spaces, future build on the open space, etc.

District Cllrs Osborne and Fleming (she is also our County Councillor) said that they would both stand up and represent the community's views on the planning applications when they go to the MSDC planning committee. A member of the public thanked Cllr Fleming for backing the fight against the loss of free school transport in Suffolk.

Planning: Councillors reported on a meeting they had with John Pateman-Gee, the Head of Planning for our area, to discuss whether these large applications could somehow be considered all together. The answer was a firm no. Planning law dictates that each application must be considered individually and on its own merits. However, he gave councillors a lot of useful information on the policies that apply to the applications.

Councillors discussed both large applications – Land at Charters Towers and Land West of Hall Lane – and agreed to object to them, largely based on highway safety and layout, as well as harm to the Conservation Area. There was another application for a new house at Pound Farm on Gallows Hill and the PC had no objection to that.

If you want to comment on the two larger applications, please note that your comments – sent by email or post – will still be accepted up to a day before the applications go to planning committee. We've been told that this is unlikely to be scheduled before April.

Cross Keys Pub: The PC welcomes Georgina and Naomi, the new management couple who started on 22 January, and thanks all the volunteers who have worked hard to get the pub open again. The car park has been re-shingled, the upstairs accommodation has been redecorated, the downstairs is almost done and the kitchen has had a thorough cleaning. Georgina and Naomi are sorting out menus, suppliers, etc and new flooring will be fitted in mid-February. A possible hold-up is the broadband connection to allow Wi-Fi and a separate, more secure line for the card reader. The delay makes it more likely that the pub will open in March rather than February.

Old School Playing Field: A grant has been secured to pay for further highways and ecological advice to determine whether the Old School Playing Field, Half Moon Lane is suitable for development.

Housing Needs Survey: We promised last month to put this on the website but our website host recently changed the software and we've had limited access to it. However, it's on there now! As for the rest of the website, the new software has thrown everything slightly out of whack and some work needs to be done!

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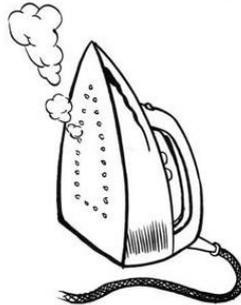
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Rickingham Parish Council



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February Report by Cllr Dominic Ebert

The Council received apologies for absence from Cllrs Gillian Crossley-Holland & Nicolas Joubert. All other councillors were in attendance as well as the Clerk and Mid Suffolk District Councillor Derek Osborne. Suffolk County Councillor Jessica Fleming sent her apologies as she was attending a discussion evening reference the School Transportation consultation. A further six members of the public were in attendance.

The Public Forum

Council heard from Mr Derek Osborne and a member of the public directly affected that the planning application to convert the now empty former post office into a take away pizza outlet had been withdrawn just before the case was due to be heard by the planning committee. Thanks was given for the support from the Parish and District Councils in opposing the application which was generally felt to be the right outcome, notwithstanding the fact that a revised application may still be made.

It was noted the School Transport consultation was due to end on 28th Feb and residents could have their say via an online survey at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

It was noted that the bus shelter in front of the church, although having recently been given a lick of paint, was overall in a sorry state of repair with missing tiles, overgrown with ivy and excessive undergrowth around it. It was agreed that the Clerk would look for quotes for the work. Also reported was the streetlight post near this location being at quite an angle and needing remedial work too. The County Council would be notified.

Planning

Council considered the application of an agricultural building built for straw storage at Priory Farm, West Hall Road, to be converted to a piggery. After some debate, it was agreed Council would offer 'No objection' to the application whilst citing that close attention should be paid to odour control should the application be approved by the District Council.

It was noted the District Council had granted previously heard applications, namely that of outline planning permission for 10 dwellings etc. at land to the rear of Willowmere, Garden House Lane. Also granted was permission to sub-divide site and erect 1 dwelling at White Horse Cottage, The Street. It was noted that two separate sites on either side of Rectory Hill, one for 10 dwellings and one for 5, also had outline planning permission granted.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Robin Brown reported on the progress of the neighbourhood plan. A forum meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on 21st Feb at Botesdale Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public and should include a report on the landscape survey, & results from the household survey.

Later in the meeting, mindful of the number of planning applications being submitted, councillors were reminded of the Community Infrastructure Levy of which the parish council receives 15% (25% after the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted), applicable on most new builds. The levy is designed to assist parishes in enhancing facilities in view of the higher population demand.

Furthermore, there is a MSDC Community Housing Fund which is seed funding aimed at councils planning to offer long term affordable

housing for local people with more control over choice of potential tenants.

General

Chairman noted a thank you note had been received from Monty & Pam Cornell for the Council's card to them following their retirement. The legal consultation period was under way for the residents to have the opportunity to support or object to the proposals of the double yellow lines, proposed at three sites within Rickingham/ Botesdale. Communication had also been received from Highways Dept that no further signage or other speed deterrent methods were available approaching the junction of Garden House Lane with The Street. This was following a request from the Council after a further accident in late 2017.

Council agreed to send a small donation following a request for funds to the newly formed Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association which is planned to take control of liaison between individual schemes and the police.

A disappointing letter had been received from the Post Office confirming there was no imminent realistic possibility of a new Post Office service being established within the locality, be it mobile, outreach or otherwise. Council decided to highlight the matter to our MP Jo Churchill.

Cllr Nick Free proposed the installation of a new dog waste bin near the entrance to Low Meadow. Some rudimentary canvassing of opinion suggested the proposal would be welcomed by local dog walkers and council agreed to purchase a bin and necessary fittings and installation would be done by a working party.

Data was received from the recently installed Vehicle Activated Sign. Councillors were surprised at the number of cars speeding (63% of all cars) with the highest recorded speed being 70mph in a 30mph zone. It is hoped the sign is a deterrent in its own right. It is moved around two locations between Rickingham & Botesdale and as data is built up, Council will decide what other/further steps should be taken to reinforce the message to motorists.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on 1st March 2018.

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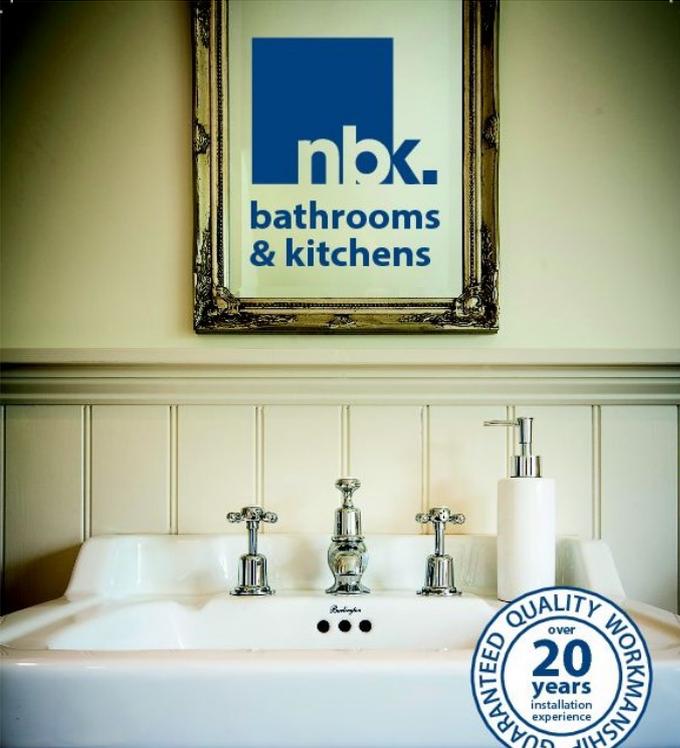
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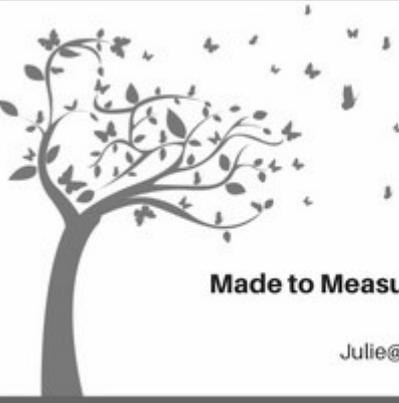
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With respect to financial support. Fares collected are adequately covering running expenses although we have to bear in mind the vehicle warranty expires June 2018. Clearly the vehicle replacement in say 3-4 years, at a cost of some £30000-£35000 must be our long term planning. Our County Councillor Jessica Flemming is confident that if we can acquire through donations etc. some 50% of replacement costs we would be in a good position to apply to grand fund the remainder.

It my opinion that with support from more Parish Councils, (Rickinghall and Botesdale already substantially contribute), plus voluntary donations, that continue to arrive, the future of our community bus is secure.

Gordon Lawrence Community Bus Co-ordinator. Tele. 01379 897109 24/7ans/phone



Thank you

Ellen Liddle and family would like to express their thanks to all friends and neighbours and members of the Parish Council for their kind messages, floral tributes and donations to the Friends of Botesdale Health Centre on the death of Ellen's husband, Ken, on 30th December

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CROSS KEYS UPDATE

The front door of the pub may still be closed but, peep through the windows, and you will see that plenty has been going on behind the scenes! Around the back you will notice the newly surfaced car park and no longer have to dodge the potholes.

The upstairs accommodation has long since been completed, and Georgina and Naomi have now settled in to their new home and workplace.

With the unwavering support of our loyal volunteers, the painting of the downstairs public rooms is virtually complete, and we are now methodically working our way through the snagging list. The new flooring is due to be fitted in mid-February.

We had professional cleaners in to tackle all the grease and grime in the kitchen, and it now looks infinitely more wholesome! The ceiling awaits a fresh coat or two of brilliant white paint, and the cooker is due to be returned following its deep clean, and then Naomi should be ready to start cooking.

A new, and very fine, set of keys has been made by one of our villagers for the yet-to-be-replaced hanging pub sign. This, and all the other signage, should be reappearing shortly.

One crucial thing we are awaiting is the installation and setup of the IT/Communications system. This, with the appropriate software will work the card reader for electronic payment, stocktake, and much more.

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Club News



Heritage Circle - January

The speaker at the January meeting of the Heritage Circle was Geoffrey Robinson, his subject was "When Buffalo Bill came to East Anglia".

William Frederick Cody was born in 1846. His early life was spent carrying messages along the wagon trains, and hunting buffalo. In 1866 he married Louisa Frederici, but mostly left her to go hunting.

The legend of Buffalo Bill was born in 1869 when he joined Wild Bill Hitchcock and Nat Buntline touring with a temperance show. Cody then formed his own theatre group, and produced blood and thunder dramas. He then progressed to outdoor shows, hiring Native Indians and cowboys performing Rodeos.

In 1903 Buffalo Bill brought his show to East Anglia, performing at Great Yarmouth and Bramford, near Ipswich. He employed 700 people. He treated them well, and they all received three hot meals a day.

The shows were large, with arenas and tented areas which seated 1,000 people who paid between 1/- and 5/-. The show had black cavalry members, Asian and Cossack riders, and the female sharpshooter Annie Oakley.

Three trains transported the show, which could be packed up and transported to its next destination in an hour.

Cody was the most recognised celebrity in the world. In 1908, a black and white film of him was made. By 1917 Cody was heavily in debt. He died that year. He had a presidential style funeral, with hundreds filing past his coffin. He was buried on Look Out Mountain in Denver, Colorado.

Angela Bigley

Coffee On



The Corner

Coffee On The Corner

Thank you to everyone who made it to Coffee On The Corner last month. It is always fantastic to see the Church full of people, people who are enjoying coffee, tea and lots of cake!

The monies donated have gone towards a new Cardiac Unit in West Suffolk Hospital. Currently a proportion of the patients who come in to the hospital with heart problems will have to be treated elsewhere because there is a limited range of treatments available within West Suffolk.

The current services that are provided at the hospital – Coronary Care and the Inpatient Cardiac Ward – are located on different floors at the hospital. The Coronary Care Unit performs cardiac angiography procedures via a mobile unit that only visits once a week. Because of the unit being mobile this can cause problems, including having to take patients across the public car park and services sometimes not being available due to breakdowns. This, of course, can lead to stress for both patients and the staff, as well as increasing waiting times.

To help try and resolve these issues the hospital are investing in a £5.2 million new Cardiac Catheterisation and Pacing Suite, allowing treatments such as pacemakers being fitted to be held in the hospital. The new building is to be built on the ground floor of the hospital allowing both the Cardiac Care Unit and the Inpatient Ward to be brought together. This will mean quicker access to investigations and treatments being carried out taking the pressure off other local health services.

To move the cardiac diagnostic functions from the first to the ground floor in the hospital with the new suite, the 'My WiSH Charity' is running an Every Heart Matters appeal to help raise an extra £500,000. This will go towards helping to create a fully-integrated cardiac centre.

We do not run Coffee On The Corner to raise money. However, so many of you want to give a donation towards your refreshments, and so we ensure that those donations always go to charity. What could be a better way to spend your Tuesday morning than with old and new friends and a slice of cake or two!

Coffee On The Corner is next on Tuesday 13th March. Please do come if you can.

Parkview also has 'Coffee On A Sunday' on March 18th. Details of this and other events coming up can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

If you feel you would like to know more info about Parkview or the coffee mornings please contact us on 01379 898924 or check out our website www.parkviewchapel.co.uk

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March Calendar

Thursday	1 st	9:00am 9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning Headspace RABBATS Diss U3A St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Zumba Rickinghall Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall United Reform Church Botesdale Health Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	2 nd	9:15am 10:00am 12:00 noon 8:00pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps The Watercooler Dance classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview Chapel The Bell, Botesdale Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	3 rd	10:00am 10:30am	Church open Guided Fen Walk	Rickinghall Inferior Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	5 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	6 th	9:45am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Aerobicise	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	7 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Headspace Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	All Saints Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	8 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	9 th	10:00am 7:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps The Filling Station Whist Drive Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Garboldisham Village Hall Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	10 th	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Farmers' market Car Boot Sale Church open Wildlife Watch Group	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Gnd Rickinghall Inferior Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	12 th	TBA 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	RAHOF : "Know your Hospice" Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World	Redgrave Amenities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	13 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:45am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan information & advice Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Redgrave & District Ladies club Aerobicise	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall

Wednesday	14 th	9:30am 10:00am 12:00 noon	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Headspace Lunch	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints Redgrave
Thursday	15 th	9:30am 6:00pm	RABBATS Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	16 th	9:15am 10:00am 8:00pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview Chapel Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	17 th	10:00am	Church open	Rickinghall Inferior
Sunday	18 th	11:00am	Coffee on a Sunday	Parkview Chapel
Monday	19 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World Barwoods AGM	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Bell Function Room
Tuesday	20 th	9:45am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Aerobicise Methodist Wives Club Progressive Whist Drive	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church Activities Centre
Wednesday	21 st	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	22 nd	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Zumba Redgrave Garden Club	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	23 rd	10:00am 10:00am 6:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Felted Sheep Workshop (adult course) Quiz night with Fish 'n' Chip Supper Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	24 th	10:00am	Church open	Rickinghall Inferior
Monday	26 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	27 th	9:45am 10:00am 10:30am 12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Coffee down the Lane Activity Day (Home-educated Children) Luncheon Club 898615/619 Zumba Yoga and relaxation Aerobicise The Victorian Farming Year	Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church Redgrave & Lopham Fen Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Wednesday	28 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	29 th	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Zumba Redgrave Garden Club	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	30 th	10:00am 10:30am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Time to Paint Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	31 st	10:00am 8:00pm	Church open Rickinghall Country & Western Dancing	Rickinghall Inferior Rickinghall Village Hall





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Club News

Rickingham Book Club

We are currently a friendly group of 7 but would welcome more members. We meet roughly every 6 - 8 weeks so that there is plenty of time to read the book and it is very relaxed so even if you haven't finished the book you are still welcome to the meeting as long as you don't mind spoilers! We have a closed Facebook group to stay in touch in between meetings and share book choice ideas. If you would like more information please contact Louise on 07951 455323 or email louramsey@sky.com.

Barwoods Report for March 2018



The snowdrops in Miller's Orchard kept their promise and appeared. The wood is otherwise still dormant (4th Feb), awaiting spring. It is more open than it used to be and the path is well marked, showing that people do use it.

In Northfield Wood there are snowdrops as well as winter aconites and even primroses now, all thanks to the efforts of volunteers. Also in evidence of approaching spring are the hazel catkins.

The new strimmer has arrived and we have yellow warning signs to put up when using it: strimmers can send weeds and even stones flying and this is a hazard for any person or animal who comes too close, especially for their eyes. So, please keep clear of a working strimmer and keep your dogs on a lead.

Talking of dogs, Rickingham Parish Council has agreed to order another dog poo bin and it will go by Low Meadow where one of our footpaths starts.

Has anyone been brave enough to walk by footpath to Wattisfield, starting here and going by Westhall Wood? If you want to make a good circular walk, you must ask permission from Mr Barker to cross his land from Wattisfield Pottery to Calke Wood, Then you can walk up Calkewod Lane and back to the village. Otherwise there is a long trudge along the main road which is noisy with traffic.

Rosemary Jones 01379 890238

Overheard in a Suffolk pub

I come on me bike tonight,
Blast bor,
That wind were agin me the whole blinkin way
I wholey hoop that change afore I goo hoom
agin.

MLAA Mill Lane Allotment Association

DOWN ON THE PLOT:

Welcome to our NEW column where we hope to promote the opportunity and inspiration for you to join us in Kitchen Gardening.

Rickingham Parish Council in 2009 gifted land for the creation of 30 allotments, and since it's conception, the allotments have gone from strength to strength. We have evolved into a self managing group, with Parish Council support.

The initial works in cleaning the land of pernicious weeds, creating plots, putting in a water supply and erecting a communal shed, was done by committee members and allotmenters alike, supported by the Parish Council and Lottery funding.

We have created a strong community spirit by the sharing of knowledge and skills and a friendly helpful attitude.

Over the coming months this column aims to include suggestions on forward planting and showcasing stories of fellow allotmenters reasons for "taking on an allotment" and the benefits they reaped.

The social benefits of joining a community like ours is well documented, and it doesn't matter if you are a Newby or Seasoned Gardener, there is room for everyone and everyone is welcome.

Spring is on its way, the ground is warming up, it will soon be time to plant early crops, but it is never too early to get the land prepared, so why not join us in 2018.

AVAILABILITY Information, and details of our various sized plots: Please contact MARK WISEMAN MLAA Secretary 01379 898805 or mark.wiseman@virgin.net
TIP OF THE MONTH.....Get an allotment!

Redgrave Garden Club

The speaker at the January meeting of Redgrave Garden Club was Karen Sanders, who has a nursery at Mendlesham. Her subject was Sustainability, with particular reference to gardening. This could be achieved by raising your own plants from seed, and recycling plant pots and seed trays. Terracotta pots were preferable to plastic, but all must be washed before use to kill any pathogens. From 2020 the addition of peat to compost will be banned, preserving peat bogs and the wildlife of those habitats. Plants bought from some nurseries are imported from abroad, and the compost used may contain pests and diseases, introducing them to this country. We should always try to support 3rd world countries to help them produce their own food. Karen ended by asking everyone to think carefully before buying anything that may prove to be unnecessary or wasteful. Angela Bigley.

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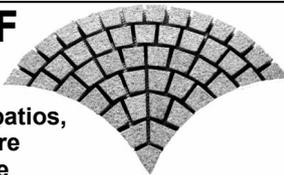
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Exploring the Past

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The Poor in Redgrave

An act was passed in 1601 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth the 1st making parishes responsible for providing for their own poor people. (1) Overseers were appointed to administer the rates collected from the parishioners to pay for this and to administer the outlay of the money on the poor. Paupers were encouraged to work and initially the money was used to provide people with materials to ply their trade in their own homes which was known as out-relief. The Waveney Valley was well known as a linen weaving area so probably many people in Redgrave were linen weavers. Many men were agricultural workers and their income fluctuated with the seasons.

Another act was passed in 1722 called the Workhouse Test Act which encouraged villages to have their own workhouse. There is no evidence to show that Redgrave had its own workhouse, but as an alternative to this many villages had a town house which provided a house for the poor to live in but did not provide an occupation with it. (1). Redgrave had a property on Half Moon Green which is probably the site of the Town House, a plot is marked on the Enclosure award map of 1817 as Town.

Villages were called towns in the eighteenth century and are still known as towns by Americans today.



Black Cottages - Redgrave Townhouse

When Redgrave school was built in 1845 the plot was between the school and the meadow which later became the playing field. From the enclosure map and later maps it looks as if the property consisted of one long building divided into four separate houses.

This building was known as Black (or Black's) Cottages in the twentieth century before they were demolished in the 1970s. There were other buildings on the land in 1817 but they may have been outbuildings.



Black Cottages - Redgrave Townhouse (Rear)

Another property in Redgrave which is marked 'Town' on the enclosure map is the house near Crackthorne Bridge known as 'The Pock House'. (2) This building was for people with infectious diseases and was built on the edge of the village and called South Fen House. When there was no epidemic the house was let on the proviso that the house was left vacant if it was needed. This property was sold by the Guardians of the Poor of the Hartismere Union. The auction was held at 9. O'clock in the evening at the Cross Keys on November 15th 1855 and was purchased by the executors of the late G. St. Vincent Wilson for fifty-six pounds. The Overseers book shows that in 1784 Dr Elliott agreed to attend

the poor of Redgrave for four and a half guineas (£4.72) for the year. By 1785 it had increased to five guineas, the same price as William Prince was paid in 1787/8. (3)

The overseers paid for young people to be apprenticed, and in April 1794 they paid John Clarke shoemaker to take on Francis Reeve who then had to provide Francis with board and lodging and washing. They also paid for making clothes for some of the young people. Another expense which they covered was funerals, a coffin for Haws cost nine shillings (45p), the layers forth were paid three shillings (15p), the same as the coffin bearer, and three shillings and sixpence for the minister and clerk.

On November 3rd 1783 four shillings was paid to a woman for nursing John Humphreys' wife. On December 6th the overseers paid for a coffin for his wife and in January 1784 they paid for a coffin for John Humphreys' child and for laying out, maybe the mother died in childbirth. John Humphreys had regularly been given one shilling, but this stopped after the child died.

A more unusual payment which they paid in 1784 was one guinea (£1.05) for 'going the bounds.' This was probably for beer after villagers had walked round the boundaries of Redgrave so that future generations would know where the boundaries were. Five pounds was paid to Mr. Smith for the pest house in 1784. Several payments of sixpence were made to 'Solger' (Soldier) Kemp for lodging in 1785. A Duffle coat was bought for Sailor Clarke for twelve shillings and two pence (61p).

The tithe paid for the Town House in 1797 was three shillings. Presumably one of the occupants, Henry Saunders, was provided with a bed and flock mattress, a bed and bolster, sheet, blanket, bed rug, saucepan and pot for a total of £1.11s. 11d. (£1.59p). The rates levied in 1805 amounted to £1153, the highest coming from Marmaduke Wilson, the rector which amounted to £301. 10 shillings for his house and glebe. George Wilson paid £203 10 shillings, probably for Redgrave Hall and £78.10 shillings for other property. The rates were levied at 18 pence (7 ½ p) in the pound. A report following the Royal Commission into the 'operation of the laws for the relief of the poor in England and Wales' in 1834 led to the Poor Law Amendment Act when the Union Workhouses were set up. Redgrave was in the Hundred of Hartismere and the poor in Redgrave were then sent to the Union Workhouse. Hartismere was unique and had two workhouses. One was in Eye where adults and infants were housed in a building which had been the previous workhouse for Eye and was enlarged in 1854. This later became Hartismere Hospital and the site is now used in various ways. The older children were sent to Wortham to be educated in a building which had been the site of Wortham Parish Workhouse, which is on Wortham Ling where Anglia Autoflow is situated now. The Union Workhouses continued to be used until the 1930s. Many of these old buildings in Suffolk have now been demolished or made into hospitals or converted into flats.

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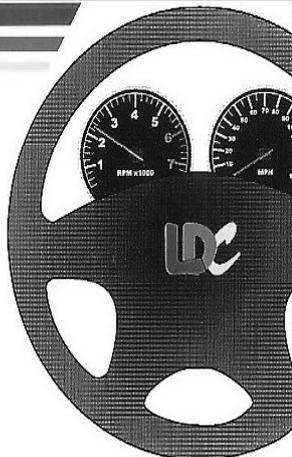
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Medieval Calendar

In the Round Tower church of Burnham Deepdale in North Norfolk there is a wonderful square Norman font of the 11th or early 12th century. Around the sides there are depictions of the different seasons of the agricultural year with the villeins (serfs or peasants) performing the tasks required for each month. (1)

In the church a description next to the font reads:-

The Font

A great treasure of this church is the early Norman font. It is shaped from a block of Barnham stone ... It is one of the few examples remaining in England of a stone calendar, a popular form of art in Norman times, showing the rural occupations of the various months. Wild animals creep stealthily among the foliage round the rim. One side is adorned with trees and foliage. The other three sides, reading clockwise, tell with figures the story of the year.

In **January** a seated man is shown drinking from a horn, illustrating a time of feasting. In **February** a man warms his feet before a fire. **March** shows a man digging with a simple spade and in **April** he prunes a vine.



Burnham Deepdale - Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr



In **May** he carries a banner, which, with sprouting branches, is a symbol of the Rogation-tide processions. In **June** he is weeding. In **July** he is mowing, and in **August** he binds corn into a sheaf.

Burnham Deepdale - May, Jun, Jul & Aug

In **September** he threshes corn with a flail. **October** this has been interpreted as grinding corn with a quern stone. In **November** a pig is being brought in to be killed, and in **December** four people sit at a table ready for the feast.



Burnham Deepdale - Sep, Oct, Nov & Dec

This calendar seems to have the peasant either sitting in front of a fire or feasting for **December, January and February** however this would probably have been the lord or wealthier peasant, the poorer peasant would have been working for much of this time.

Ploughing started on plough Monday in mid-January and went on for several weeks. In this calendar the peasant is digging with a spade but later most would have had a plough or would have had access to one, whether to plough their own land or more importantly their lord's land. This was hard but skilled work.

Candlemas, on 2nd February, was a festival of light when candles were lit to mark the end of winter and the start of spring. This was the time when the peasant had to repair his tools, when hedges and trees had to be pruned and land manured.

April. In the early medieval period vines were still being grown in England for wine. This changed in the early years of the 14th century when several years of really bad weather led to summers where crops failed and famine killed hundreds of people. The vines died off and as the 'mini ice age' continued were not replanted. From April animals were put out onto the commons to feed for the summer.

May. It was important for everyone to know where the boundaries of their village were so processions were led by the vicar or rector to mark these. Paths along boundaries were called procession ways. For instance the path which leads from Warren Lane, between Botesdale and Rickingham, towards the bypass is called 'The Procession way'.

The old nursery rhyme 'here we go gathering nuts in May' is a corruption of the song 'here we go gathering knots of (or in) May'. In East Anglia on May-Day the young girls 'went a maying', the old custom of gathering flowers and blossom to make knots.(2) The Anglo-Saxons called this month Thrimilce because now the cows could be milked three times a day.

June. Weeding was an important part of the agricultural year. Crops had to be weeded by hand and it was one of the important manorial works the peasant had to perform for the lord – often as much as one day a week in the lord's fields. St John the Baptist's feast day on 24th June was one of the yearly quarter days when dues were paid to the lord of the manor.

In Botesdale St Botolph's Fair was held on the eve and day of St Botolph, the 17th June. These two days would have been days when peddlers and merchants came to the village and most people would have had time off to visit this fair.

Haymaking took place in **July**. The hay was cut and stored to feed the animals in the winter.

In **August** the corn was gathered into large barns where it would be threshed and stored. The whole village would have been involved in this, with the poor being allowed to glean in the fields afterwards.

St Michael's Day or Michaelmas was another quarter day – in later times this was a time of rehiring agricultural labourers and servants.

October shows corn being ground with a quernstone. Later water mills and then wind mills would do this job. The lord of the manor owned the mills and everyone had to grind their corn there. In fact owning a quernstone could result in a fine.

November Although this month a pig is shown being brought in for slaughter in fact animals would have been in evidence throughout the agricultural year. Each manor would have cattle, pigs, sheep and poultry. Many would have been killed and salted for winter but many were kept alive. The account rolls for Redgrave mention two and three year old sheep and cows.

December - Christmas would have been a time of feasting and sitting by the fire. Each peasant had to give hens to the lord of the manor as part of their dues for Christmas.

The agricultural year was one of hard work for all peasants but although they worked hard there were many Saints Days in the medieval year which were taken as holidays. Traditions grew up around certain tasks and many of these traditions lasted well into the 20th century.

(1) See Website (2) From Pastime East Anglia magazine May 1997 No 11 editor G.K. Newman

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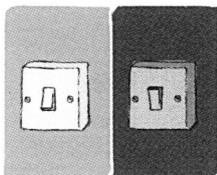
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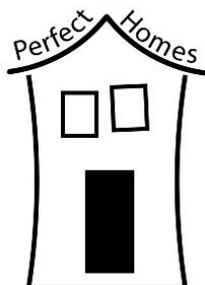
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Nyalls Notes

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It is interesting that the day Jesus was crucified is called Good Friday. With the cross being seen as the greatest injustice ever done by mankind I guess many would expect it to be called Bad Friday.

We say 'goodbye,' as a shortened form of 'God be with you' and Good Friday is similarly a contracted form of 'God's Friday.' Surely 'the Devil's Friday' would be more appropriate. Well, no.

The argument goes like this: The Bible sums up man's situation as this: "The wages of sin is death," and "All have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." Now God and sin go together like water dropped onto a white hot metal plate. The water doesn't survive. So the result of sin is the death penalty. God had little choice. What else can he do?

Jesus steps forward and says, "I'll pay the price. I'll go and live the life on earth that you desire of men and women and pay the price." I can hear God, the Father, saying, "If you sin, you will have to pay that price for your own sins. The price is only available to man if, under the same circumstances, you live a perfect life." Thus Jesus came to earth exactly as we do in that he was born of a woman, he lived on this earth growing up through all the childhood temptations and lived in an occupied country in a very resentful community. He did what was right and he said what was right even though it was inconvenient to the religious leaders of the day. Envious of him they organised putting him to death through the most painful means possible. He was falsely accused, underwent an unjust mockery of a trial, was flogged to within an inch of his life and finally tortured to death by crucifixion, a method so cruel that even the Romans later abandoned it. Even in his death the chief priests were mocking him. It was enough to make anyone one want to curse those that did it and curse God himself. Throughout his life and especially in his death every temptation possible was thrown at him. Who wouldn't be cursing, full of anger and resentment? The forces of evil were throwing everything at him that he might sin and, in doing so fail to pay the price for mankind. That time on the cross was an immense battle between good and evil. It was a vicious fight of which our concept of the crucifixion only gives us a glimpse.

That Jesus passed the test is shown by the fact that as he died he said, "Into your hands I commend my spirit. He knew that he had won and was going back to his Father. The resurrection on the following Sunday shows that he took the test and passed it on the Friday. He took on the battle. He fought the fight and he won. It was a day of triumph. God's day.

I'll use words from the Bible to sum it up: He became sin for us, he who knew no sin that we might become the righteousness of God.

Thus eternal life with God is offered to each one of us. We only have to accept.

*God, having raised up his servant,
sent him to you, to bless you by
turning every one of you from your
wickedness.*

Acts Ch.3 v.26

Bill's Birds

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When I go out onto our terrace in the morning to read my rain gauge I am conscious of bird song, even in the winter months. The Hedge Sparrow's delightful voice is ever-present, as is the House Sparrow's 'chirp'. The Bluetits fly from hedge to hedge with their cheerful cries (how can they see insects in the winter weather?). In the background, nearly always, is the guttural rattle of the Magpie: the bird we have been brought up to dislike, to be fearful of, as it waits to take bird eggs and nestlings. 'Who does not know the rhyme "One for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl, four for a boy". I was brought up to bow three times to each magpie which I saw. Quite time consuming with a family of magpies seen from a moving bike or car!

The history of the Magpie is interesting. At the start of the twentieth century my book on Suffolk Birds states it was nearly extinct. Destroyed by well-rewarded gamekeepers. The gamekeepers joined up in the 1914-18 War as expert snipers, and the Magpie reappeared. Gamekeepers are still its enemy, by shooting or trapped in an open one-way Lassens Decoy (an elderly Magpie and a tempting meal inside the trap, and, once in, the inspecting Magpie is caught). Roosts of over one hundred Magpies have been recorded over the years and one in Sotterly in 1947 numbered six to seven hundred. Magpies, like similar raptors, also suffered from organic chloride pesticides in the 1960's.



The Magpie

I am not instinctively attracted to this bird, though various studies have not shown that their presence affects the number of our garden breeding birds' eggs and fledglings, especially in those gardens in which birds are fed artificially, thereby increasing the amount of available food for the Magpie.

Could there be more than a hint of spring in the air? On 20th January I found an unbroken white egg in our garden. I am sure it belonged to a Collar Dove. I had always heard that it was an early and long-term breeder. Here was proof, (and they can go on breeding until November!). No wonder they have had such a population growth in spite of our Magpies and Sparrow Hawks. I saw my first Collar Dove in Walberswick in 1973. It is now number 9 on the BTO's National List of Garden Birds, though much higher on mine!

Within a few days of receiving this March magazine you might hear our first migratory Mediterranean spring Warbler. From high in the still leafless trees, a melancholy 'chiff-chaff'. It is thought that its early arrival gives it the choice of the best habitat for nesting and the caring of its first of two broods. This bird must not be confused with its identical (in appearance) twin Willow Warbler which arrives a month later. Identical, that is, in all but voice which is quite different. Its song is a slowly descending series of double notes, also somewhat sad! It is only supposed to have one brood, so it has more time to look around.

I have just received a delightful letter from a reader recently returned from Africa. He informs me that the Cattle Egret does not sit on the back of cattle and feed on the resident insects. It is always present where cattle are in areas of high grass. Whenever the cattle move and disturb the grass, they disturb the insects, typically grasshoppers, on which the Cattle Egret feeds. It is the role of the Oxpecker to sit on top of the cattle. Our reader had a nesting colony of Cattle Egrets near his house and many of the young fell out of their nests and became household pets. He kindly enclosed a picture of his visitor nicknamed 'Osbert' calmly sharing the Labrador's food from the dog's bowl.

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* Well that's what English folklore says about the month of March but these days nothing's so predictable. Either way, gardeners are used to providing for all eventualities and March is a great example of when we might have to protect young plants against snow and frosts, or alternatively start watering outdoor containers died by winds and increasing warmth. Vegetable plots start to see some action now, and patches of ground for sowing into can be covered so as to warm up and dry out a bit. If ground was left rough over winter then now it can be turned into a finer tilth, raking and raking again before direct sowings. Potatoes can be set, as can shallots and onion sets. Some root crops can be sown when warmer; carrots, parsnip and even radish. Rhubarb should already be poking through so cover with straw and pots or tubs to limit light levels and encourage juicy shoots.

* Gardeners are also good at thinking ahead, and certain flowers for the summer can now be chosen and preparations made. The horticultural world is just as influenced by fashion as well as well fashion I suppose. Dahlias have experienced something of a renaissance in recent years and deservedly so for their long flowering season and wide range of colours, heights and flower types lends them all sorts of positions and uses. They are in garden centres now and although the 'tubers' look old and wrinkly, deep inside there's a beauty waiting to break out. There's an analogy in there somewhere!

* Lawns are starting to put on growth too now, and if you've allowed your grass to get a bit long, just give it a good look over first and remove any obstacles which the mower might not like. Talking of which, think of starting the mowing season with a sharp blade and clean underside, and make sure the route from deck to grass box is also clear to enable efficient mowing. If your petrol mower struggles to start then it could be that stale old fuel is the cause, so removing this and replenishing with new fuel could do the trick. If not. Then a carburettor clean may be required.

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This months delicious recipes are provided by Philippa from the W.I.

Beef & Cabbage Soup

"This is definitely worth a try – a delicious main course soup."

Ingredients

1. Fry the mince and onion, cook beef until well

- 450g minced beef
- 500ml water
- ½ large onion chopped
- 2 tblspn oil
- 350g chopped cabbage
- 1 ½ teaspn ground cumin
- 400g tin red kidney beans drained
- 700g passata
- 3 beef stock cubes
- salt & pepper

browned and crumbled.

2. Drain off any excess fat.

3. Add the cabbage, kidney beans, water, passata, stock cubes, cumin, seasoning.

4. Stir and cook slowly for 1 – 2 hours

Can be cooked in a Slow Cooker when you add the cabbage etc. then cook on high for 4 hours or low for 6-8 hours.

Celery & Horseradish Soup

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1. Put the celery, onion, garlic & stock in a large saucepan. Bring to the boil then reduce the heat, cover

- 400g celery, roughly chopped
- 2 teaspn fresh grated horseradish or from a jar!
- 1 onion roughly chopped
- 1 tablespn white wine vinegar
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- seasoning
- 1.2 litres chicken or vegetable stock

& simmer for 30 mins.

2. Take the pan off the heat, let it cool slightly, then blend the soup in a food processor until smooth.

3. Return the soup to the pan, season and reheat, add the horseradish & vinegar, stir and serve with chopped parsley.

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Both children and staff have had an enjoyable and busy term.

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

I am always impressed and very proud of the children who persevere and experience the challenge and struggle that often goes with learning and improving. Recently a pupil brought me a piece of writing that he had completed at home. It was a wonderful short story which made me very proud of him. When children choose to write for enjoyment and pleasure we know that they are heading down the right path.

The children continue to enjoy a wide range of experiences at school. We now have more children learning musical instruments including brass, guitars and recorders. Creativity around the school continues to provide the children with opportunities to express themselves through art and technology and physical activity and sport remain important. The school hockey team recently defended the High Suffolk title it won last season and has gained a place at the County Finals.

Mark Cobbold, Head teacher

Consultation on School Transport - Update!

As reported in the February edition of the Parish News, Suffolk County Council is currently seeking views on proposals to cut spending on School Transport, for all children under 16. There are three main proposals being put forward:

- Option 1 – From Sept 2019, change the school travel policy all at once in line with legal requirements
- Option 2 – From Sept 2019, introduce changes year by year in line with legal requirements
- Option 3 – No changes to school travel policy, and make savings from other services

Many parents from the area attended a workshop in Eye on 17th January, where the consultation options were outlined before being discussed in small groups. On hand to discuss the issues were several staff from SCC as well as a number of County Councillors, including Jessica Fleming and one of the Cabinet members who will make the final decision, Robin Miller.

There has been considerable coverage in the local press, with the head teachers of both Hartismere and Thurston being particularly critical on the options being proposed. A number of County Councillors have also voiced concerns including Jessica Fleming who was reported (in the East Anglian Daily Times) as saying: "I do have concerns that schools and jobs will be affected and that families will be affected."

"The consultation is not clear at all. It makes no clear points about how much money would be saved and what would happen to schools that lose or gain extra students and what might be done for families who find that their nearest school is in another county, even. It has not been put together well at all."

The consultation runs until 28th February and you can take part in the consultation by visiting the website - <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/home-to-school-transport/school-travel-consultation/>

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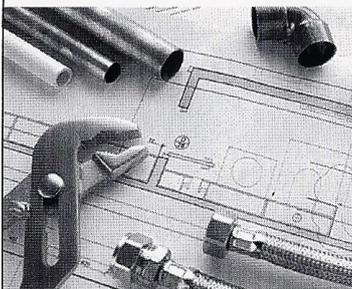
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OFSTED: We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to have received particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". A copy of the full report is available on request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

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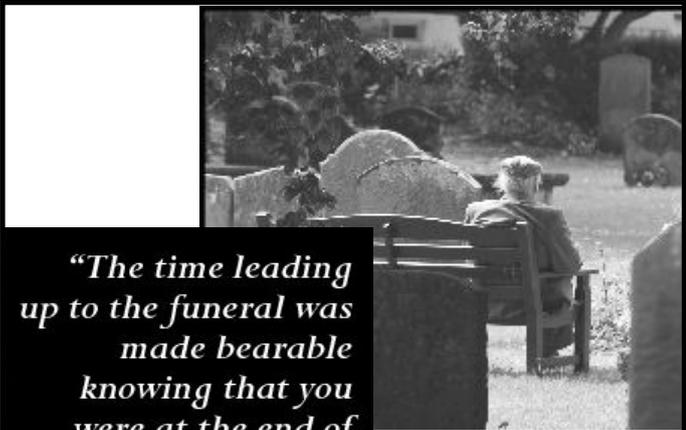
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Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
4th March	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
11th March	Colossians 3:12-17	John 19:25-27
18th March	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
25th March	Psalms 118:1-2,19-end	John 12:12-16
1st April	Acts 10:34-43	Mark 16:1-8

Lector/ Sidesman Rota	Chapel of Ease			Rickinghall Inferior			Redgrave All Saints		
	Date	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector
4 th March	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	8.15 HC	Mr R Rixon	Mrs J Bennett	3.00pm EP	Mrs C Davidson	Mrs J Stokes	10.30 ASAT
11 th Mar	Mrs L Wills	Mrs J Stokes	8.15 HC	Mrs M Self	Mrs Whitehead	10.30 HC	-	-	-
18 th Mar	-	-	-	Mr & Mrs Miles	Mrs C Davidson	10.30 WT	Mrs C Hillard	Mrs J Shepherd	8.15 HC
25 th Mar	Messy Church	Messy Church	10.30	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector	8.15 HC	Mr J Lamb	Mrs K Gunn	10.30 HC

Flower Rota	Redgrave All Saints	Redgrave St Mary's	Rickinghall St Mary's
March 31 st	-	No flowers until Easter	Helpers for Easter arrangements between 9.15 and 11 am

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Please note...

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- Suffolk Constabulary** : Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team, telephone 101 (non-emergency & queries)
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18 th March	Rev Colin Telfer - Church Anniversary
25 th March	To be advised
29 th March	Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm

Events		
Bible Study	5 th and 19 th March 10.00 am	-
Good Friday	Walk of Witness	9.30am from Rickinghall Village Hall
Christian Forum	Tuesday 6 th March 7.30pm	My life in the Azores with Tim Bennett
Coffee down the Lane	Tuesday 27 th March 10.00 am – 12 noon	-
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4th March '18 3rd Sunday of Lent

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



10.30 All Saints, Redgrave

All Saints Altogether

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3.00pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

11th March '18 Mothering Sunday

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

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



18th March '18 5th Sunday of Lent

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall
Worship Together

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25th March '18 Palm Sunday

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



10.30 Palm Sunday Celebration

Joint service with Messy Church and Parkview Chapel, starting in Botesdale Village Hall for all age fun, and then processing to Parkview Chapel

1st April '18 Easter Sunday

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

10:30 St. Botolph's, Botesdale, Family Communion

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Sat 17th March 8.30am

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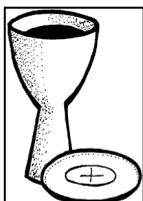
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Good Friday, 30th March
9.30am Walk of Witness Rickinghall
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10am United Service Botesdale Market
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7pm Devotional Service, with choir
St. Mary's, Rickinghall



"Midweek Communion"

Wed. 7th March 10.00am
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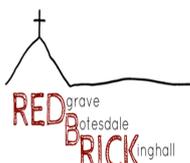
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