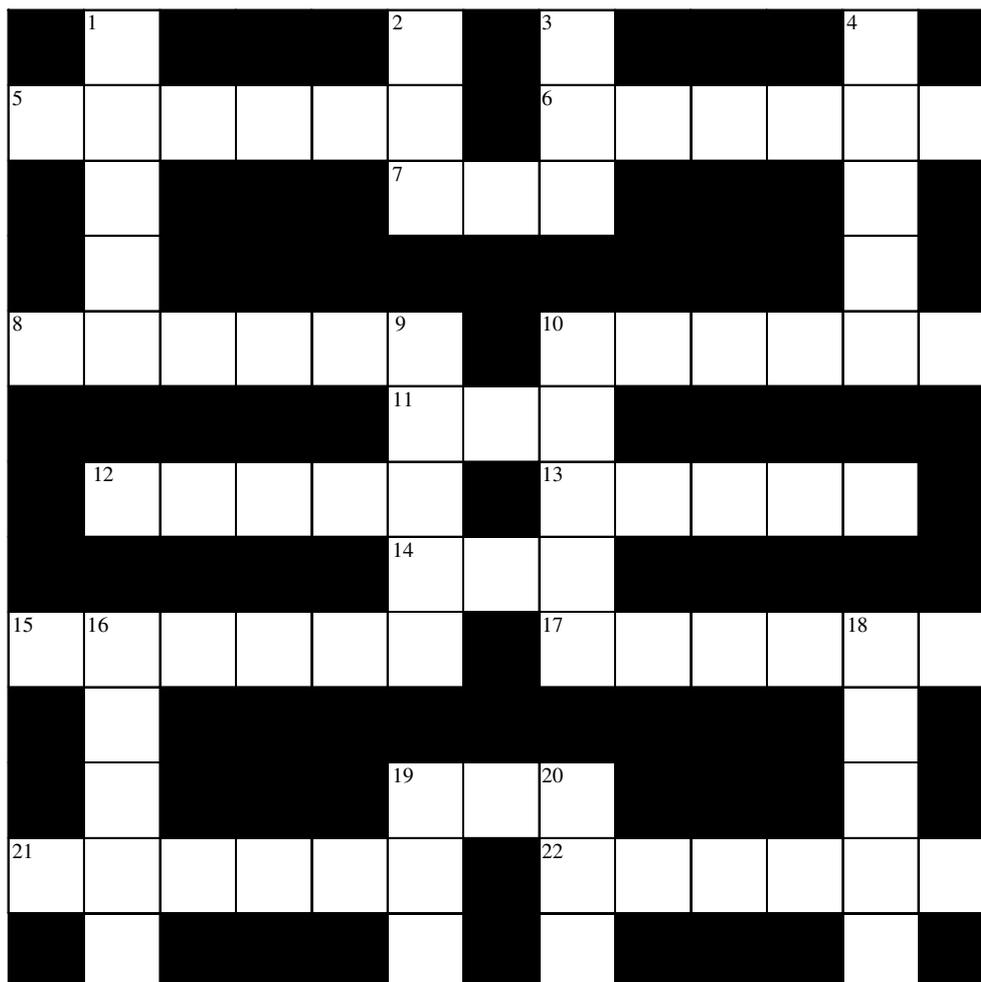


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OCTOBER 2012

A Crossword with an autumnal theme for you



ACROSS

5. To preserve vegetables etc. in vinegar (6)
6. Varieties include Red Pippin and Jonagold (6)
7. Prickly seedcase (3)
8. It is spun by a spider (6)
10. Visible in the west at the end of the day (6)
11. First woman in the Bible (3)
12. Greenish-brown colour (5)
13. Berry producing tree of the genus Sambucus (5)
14. Colour of the rainbow (3)
15. Name of a snowman (6)
17. Curved bladed implement used to cut grass (6)
19. Expression of dissatisfaction (3)
21. Departs (6)
22. Genus of flowers which includes Michaelmas Daisies (6)

DOWN

1. 6th sign of the zodiac (5)
2. 3rd word of the abbreviation WWW (3)
3. Organ of hearing (3)
4. Web-footed, migratory birds (5)
9. Chuck, U.S. rock 'n' roll guitarist born in 1926 (5)
10. Examples include sesame and sunflower (5)
16. To mature (5)
18. Ancient roman unit of weight (5)
19. British Summer Time (abbrev.) (3)
20. Tree of the genus Quercus (3)

Answers on Page 37

Rev'd Chris Norburn
Rector of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior now has a web site

<http://stmarysrickinghallinferior.onesuffolk.net/> or Google: St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior



Rev

We've had enough water falling this year: wettest summer since 1912. We've seen pictures of the power of water, how it has the power to wash away everything in its path. Our farmers have had a very difficult year. The sound of the harvest being gathered in has gone on well into September! And all this despite the long dry spell we had at the beginning of the year and the introduction of a hose pipe ban! On many occasions over the summer I was asked to put in a word to the man above for a sunny day for this or that event! Of course I prayed for good weather when asked, but often it still rained. What does water do? Well it brings life, as well as bringing refreshment and cleansing.

Despite all the rain we have had the brook in front of Rickinghall Church has not flowed very often! By and large it has remained dry, except for the odd occasion when it has flowed, but after a few days it has dried up. I can remember several years ago having a sense that when the waters flow God will move in power. But still, why have we had so much rain? I'm not going to answer this question but what I will ask is how does the voice of Jesus sound to you? Revelation 1:15 says this; "His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters." *NIV (see also Rev 14:2 & Rev 19:6)* His (Jesus) voice was like the sound of rushing waters, so the word of the Lord has the ability to overpower all other words, just as water holds great power! So when Jesus speaks to you how does it sound? Like rushing water? Like mighty ocean waves? Like the roar of many waters?

The Bible makes it clear that God and Jesus speak to us both corporately and individually, therefore we have all been given a voice for Him! When we use our mouths for God we are speaking prophetically and further more Jesus has given us the authority to speak God's word prophetically. Therefore when we speak God's word we too should sound like rushing waters, mighty ocean waves, and the roar of many waters. But as with all things we have to practice at this, which involves tuning our spirit into God's Holy Spirit.

I firmly believe that God expects his followers to release the word of the Lord to others; and the voice of the Lord affects the destiny of others. That's clear from 1 Kings 17:1-6 where Elijah the Prophet speaks the word of the Lord to King Ahab. Elijah's name means "The Lord is my God," an apt name for a man who called people back to the worship of God (*1 Kings 18:21, 39*). Wicked King Ahab had permitted his wife Jezebel to bring the worship of Baal into Israel (*1 Kings 16:31-33*).

The plan was to exterminate all the worshipers of God and have all the people of Israel serving Baal (*1 Kings 18:4*). Courageously he confronted Ahab personally and rebuked his sin, and later he also challenged the priests of Baal to a public contest (*1 Kings 18:16ff*).

Not only did he perform miracles, but Elijah also experienced miracles in his own life. Why? Because of his willingness to do what God told him to specifically do. In responding to God exactly as he was told God provided for his exact needs. So the word of the Lord through Elijah affected the destiny of the nation of Israel! For the next three years, the word of Elijah would control the weather in Israel; for it wasn't until Elijah was prompted by God to speak His word did it rain again! Like a faithful servant, attentive to his master's commands, Elijah stood before the Lord and served him.

This story shows us that the Lord usually leads His faithful people a step at a time as they tune their hearts to His Word. So God didn't give Elijah a three-year schedule to follow. Instead, He directed his servant at each critical juncture in his journey, and Elijah obeyed by faith.

God's Word was to the Jewish people like the rain from heaven (*Deut. 32:2; Isa. 55:10*): it was essential to their spiritual lives, it was refreshing, and only the Lord could give it. Not to hear God's living Word is to forfeit life itself (*Ps. 28:1*)! Christ's church has the power to do what Elijah did because as Christians we are anointed to speak for the Lord. Now, we can choose to use the power God has given us to speak his word or we can choose to hide it under a bushel!

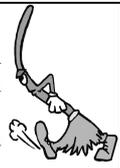
I am convinced that God wants to do something special here. I believe that God is watching over us and leading us to speak his words for this place, so that the Word of the Lord affects the destiny of this place and we and others will hear the roar of rushing water and find new life, cleansing and refreshment in God through Jesus Christ.

With every blessing

Chris Norburn.

St Mary's Redgrave

A cleaning session will take place on Friday 5th October from 9.00 to 11.00 am. All are welcome to join the happy group who dust, sweep, polish or even scrub. Coffee and eats are available. Please come along and give your support.



Redgrave Church Heritage Trust

The Church will be open on
 Saturday 13 October
 from 10 am to 12 noon
 Refreshments will be served.
 For further information or to help call
 01379 898696.

Confirmation Preparation

On Sunday 25th November 2012, Gislegham Parish Church will be hosting the Hartismere Deanery Confirmation service (6.30pm). If anyone, adult or child, is interested in being confirmed please contact Rev Chris Norburn on 898685.



Confirmation preparation (over a minimum of 4 sessions) will help candidates to learn about Holy Communion by exploring the objects, words and actions of the Communion service.

Depending on number, adults and children may be taught together.

One Sunday our vicar delivered a sermon on the wonders of nature. To illustrate his theme he announced that every single blade of grass was a sermon in itself. The following week the vicar was mowing his lawn when a passing parishioner was heard to remark to him, "That's right vicar, you keep the sermons short." *JH*



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The church will be open to visitors on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month from 6th October 2012 to April 2013 from about 10am, closing well before dusk.

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Web page for this parish magazine:
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OR Google "Redgrave Parish Magazine" it appears about number 5 on the list.

PROGRESSIVE WHIST DRIVE
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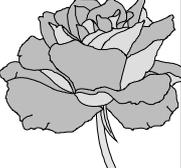


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Our programme is available at
Future Events on www.redgrave.org.uk



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We could not receive any emails on this day. We finalised the magazine with the information which we received up to the evening of Thursday 13 September.

Ed



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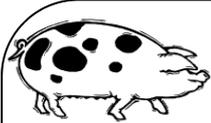
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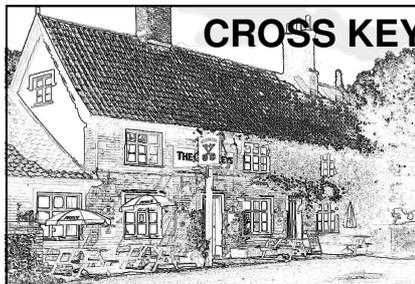
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Saturday 6th October, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Guided Walk

Volunteer-led seasonal walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen.

Cost : Adults £3. Children £1.

Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Sunday 14th October, 11 am to 3 pm

Apple Day and Autumn Plant Sale

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Family evening

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Booking essential

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Saturday 13 October

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Tel : Mike Wraight on 01379 644 508 for further information.

The Children's Society

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Thursday 11th October

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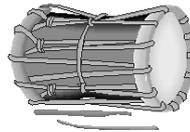
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Tutors : Minstrels Gallery

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"Didn't I?" the doctor said. "Then what are you doing out of bed?"

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Local professional genealogist Sarah Doig offers a family history research service for those who want to find out more about their roots. She also researches and writes house histories. Nowadays, many people are keen to do their own research into their ancestry or house history, but find that, at some stage, they want an expert helping hand. Sarah therefore offers group courses and one-to-one coaching.



This autumn, Sarah plans to re-run her "Family History for Beginners and Improvers" course which consists of five weekly, 2-hour sessions on Tuesday mornings in Rickingham, starting on 30th October. The cost of the course is £45. If you would like to book a place on this course (minimum 4/maximum 6 places) and/or want to find out more about the course, please contact Sarah.

Please also contact Sarah to discuss your individual coaching or tailored family/house history research requirements on 01379 890215 or email her at sarah.doig@ancestral-heritage.co.uk. Her website is at www.ancestral-heritage.co.uk.

A blonde stormed up to the front desk of the library and said, 'I have a complaint!'

'Yes, Ma'am?' said the librarian looking up at her.

'I borrowed a book last week and it was horrible.'

Puzzled by her complaint the librarian asked, 'What was wrong with it?'

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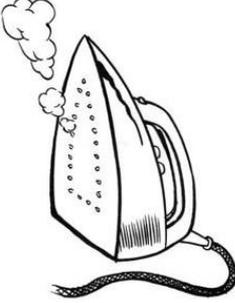


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OBITUARIES



Helena Maud Sharp, 1926—2012

The Tribute given by Maureen Cole, OBE

When I was asked to say a few words about Helena I thought about my friend and the way I remember her. The thing that comes first to mind is family, friendship and dedication.

Helena was passionate about her family—her beloved Albie and her children. She was so proud of them all and their partners, her grandchildren and latterly her great-grandchildren. She laughed and cried with them all in triumph and

adversity. I know that they will miss her but I hope that it is some consolation to you to know how much she loved you all—her family.

But Helena was part of a much larger family, the Women's Section of The Royal British Legion. Her parents were local members of the Legion and from a very early age Helena worked tirelessly for its aims. Her mother was chairman of her branch and the proud holder of a Golden Award, the highest award that a member of the Women's Section can receive, and I think that the day Helena received this honour was amongst the proudest of her life.

Helena originally belonged to the Edmonton Branch and was their Standard Bearer for some years; it was here that her work as a Poppy Collector began. She often spoke of her mum inviting young soldiers from Canada for a bit of home cooking and, indeed for some time after the war, I believe they still kept in contact with those homesick lads they welcomed into their home.

The family attended the whist rives held at the British Legion Club and it was there that Helena and Albert first met. He was drawn as her partner and during the evening he asked her if she would like a drink but she said 'no'. No young lady at that time said 'yes' to a stranger, especially with her parents present. Later her dad came over and asked her if she wanted a drink but although she was thirsty she said 'no' as she had refused Albert. As you can see the rest is history as they say.

After the move to Botesdale Helena soon became an active member of the Botesdale and District Branch and ultimately became Chairman. In time she was elected to be Group Representative for the area and joined the County Committee. What a treasure! She always had sensible proposals to make and found her niche as needlework organiser. She was a wonderful needlewoman and knitting expert herself and indeed, ill as she was, entered some exhibits this year.

But Helena will also be remembered for her "Do's". Any Branch occasion or, indeed, family celebration and Helena would organise a party. The food was always marvellous and there was plenty of it. The family was roped in to help and Ray was often the star entertainer. No-one was excused; these parties were memorable and above all great fun. She was a great fundraiser and during her life must have raised a small fortune.

We in the Women's Section will miss her; in spite of her failing health she worked to the end. She was a lady who lived up to our motto "Service not Self." Ladies like Helena are irreplaceable.

She will I know also be missed by other organisations to which she belonged—The Forget-me-not-Club of which she was at various times secretary, chairman and president, the Fairstead Charity of which she was a Trustee and she also served for some time on the Village Hall Committee.

Helena, you have spent your time on earth helping others and you will not be forgotten. I personally valued your friendship and we all have our special memories of you. You have gone from us into another place and joined those of your family who have gone before. Your work here is over and you can rest in peace. We shall miss you.

In 2009 Helena was awarded a Community Achievement Award by Mid Suffolk District Council for her voluntary work and fund raising efforts. Ed



Peggy Healey, 1924—2012

Tribute given at her funeral

Peggy was born on 15 November 1924 in a cottage on the Low Common in South Lopham. She was the only daughter of Frederick and Rosetta (née Musk) Fellingham and came from a long line of East Anglians, ranging from a gentlemen farmer of Burgate to a member of a gang from Wortham who was transported to Tasmania for stealing wheat in 1832.

She moved to Rickinghall in 1927, when she was nearly three, when her mother rented a sweet shop and an end of terrace cottage in The Street.

Peggy's brother Fred was born in 1927, one of twin boys. Unfortunately William died at birth. In 1933 the owner of the cottages died, so in order to keep her business Rosetta bought the shop and the four cottages for £300. Peggy's father had his own poultry and general dealing business which he ran from the old buildings at the back of the cottages.

Peggy attended Rickinghall School until she was 14, where she was captain of the shinty and netball teams. She was also editor of the school magazine "The Rica". Regarding Shinty, the August 1938 issue says that "P. Fellingham (Captain and left inner) has strength and is good at dodging her opponents". She also did well academically, coming top of the class in many school reports. Peggy left school at 14 and went to work at Aldrich & Bryants, in the building now known as The Pavilion. She wasn't too keen on the drapery department but it wasn't long before she was promoted to the cash desk because she was good at figures.

During the Second World War her father Frederick Fellingham was a full time member of the Royal Observer Corps and she persuaded him to let her volunteer for part time membership working on Sundays and on her half day holiday from the shop. One of her fellow volunteers at the Botesdale Observer Post was Basil Brown, the local archaeologist who discovered the ship burial at Sutton Hoo. It was during the war that she met Jim who was stationed at the POW camp in Botesdale, looking after German prisoners of war. When he first asked her out she demanded to see his army pay book first to make sure he wasn't married. You couldn't be too careful in those days, and even then she wouldn't tell him where she lived at first and insisted that he leave her up the road every night instead of outside her door. They married at Eye Register Office on 26 July 1947 and afterwards had a family picnic in the Abbey Gardens at Bury. They spent a belated honeymoon at Thornham Hall, where Jim was guarding the family home of Lord Henniker which had been requisitioned. He bribed the corporal who was with him to go back to the camp in Botesdale and lie low for a few days. A lot of the soldiers were scared to be there because the Hall was believed to be haunted. Peggy was cooking in the kitchen one day when the gamekeeper suddenly appeared at the window and offered her a rabbit to cook. She nearly jumped out of her skin.

Peggy and Jim initially lived with Peggy's parents and then moved into one of the cottages in the terrace. 30 May 1954 saw the arrival of Marcia, delivered at home by Nurse Farnish who went on to deliver over 1,000 babies in the village. When Marcia was seven, Peggy had had enough of being at home as she wasn't keen on belonging to the WI and making marmalade. She decided to take a shorthand typing evening class to add to her cashier's experience at Aldrich and Bryant's. Armed with these new skills, she applied in 1961 for a mornings only job at Redgrave School as school secretary and general dogsbody. She taught swimming along with the headmaster as she had learned swimming and life saving in Redgrave Lake. In 1971 another secretarial job came up at Gislingham School which she did in the afternoons and in 1978 she was headhunted by the head teacher at Wortham School to fit in secretarial work for them at lunchtime. All in all she completed 28 years as a school secretary and was give a rousing send off by all three schools when she retired in 1989.

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CLUB NEWS 1



Botesdale Royal British Legion Women's Section

The July meeting of the RBL Women's Section commenced with a picnic lunch followed by the formal meeting with 14 members in attendance.

This was a sombre meeting as we remembered our late Chairman, Helena Sharp, who had died since the last meeting after bravely fighting a long illness. Helena had been our Chairman for 20 years and had been a shining example and an inspiration to us all. Twenty two members attended her funeral at a packed Parkview Chapel and Maureen Cole, OBE, gave a moving tribute to Helena's outstanding Legion work. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with Albert and their lovely family.

During the meeting Brenda Pask gave a report of the July Group Meeting and arrangements were made for forthcoming events.

The speaker for the meeting was Pat Scott, County County Chairman, who cheered us all up with a talk on her holiday experiences.
Margaret Brown

The Heritage Circle

Heritage Circle Outing

We were really lucky with the weather for our outing in June - sunny all day. Kings Lynn was a surprise to many of our members with the amount of history to be discovered. We heard about the charters from two kings which gave the town its royal title and how the River Ouse was once much wider, giving direct access for loading and unloading the many cargoes imported and exported from the warehouses along the Quay. These are now converted into dwellings, cafes, hotels and an exhibition centre. Wealthy merchants traded from there as members of the Hanseatic League. The river was also once diverted into "cuts" to run through the town but these were closed off many years ago as they had become polluted. The sea water was desalinated along the shores of the Wash and the salt sold but the remains gradually silted up the river, the water course was altered and the remaining shore line built on. Our tour took us to the gardens and precincts of some of the magnificent homes of those merchants in the medieval town - all now being preserved by the Kings Lynn Society - and we heard the history of the benefactors who built colleges and almshouses. We also visited the Minster (formerly St Margaret's) and one group was allowed into the Guildhall and Assembly Rooms. Other fine buildings, in use so not accessible for tour groups, were pointed out and described in detail, including several old public houses and the first branch of Barclays Bank. The North End of the town which we visited in the afternoon is also medieval but was built about a century later, mainly for the families of the fishermen who made their living along The Wash. The "Fishermen's Chapel", St Nicholas, is not normally open but was opened specially for us. It is a peaceful and, in its way, a beautiful building, with many surprises including a magistrates court and benches in one corner and the resting place of the Cruso (spelt without an e) family from whom Daniel Defoe took his inspiration for "Robinson Crusoe".

Arriving at "Trues Yard", the contrast could not have been more marked from the merchants homes. The Yard, also being preserved by the K. L. Society, consists of two one-up, one-down cottages which were originally part of a row of three, plus a smokehouse for the curing of herrings. Another cottage has been converted into a small exhibition centre and cafe. The Yard once contained six such cottages plus the smokehouse with families up to as many as 10 people living and working in each cottage. The men brought their catch home and it was cleaned and gutted in the living room. Water had to be paid for and brought from a communal pump some way from the homes, so with no running water, drainage or sewage, the stench does not bear thinking about.

A thoroughly interesting and absorbing day. We will now have to think where to go next year if our members are keen to go out again.

Gwen Smith



FORGET-ME-NOT-CLUB

On 25th July, 24 members enjoyed an afternoon of bingo with tea and biscuits. Our winner for the competition beginning with "R" was David Hill with a rasher of bacon.

On the 31st July we had our Mystery Outing to Blakes Barns in Essex. This has mostly craft shops and an excellent cafe. We were sorry one of our members was taken ill and had an overnight stay in hospital. Thankfully she came out the next day. On our way home we called at a large garden centre which we all enjoyed.

On 13th August we invited 24 of our Ixworth friends to Parkview chapel where we all enjoyed good entertainment from Ron and Dennis, singing and telling jokes for one hour. Then we had a chat over a cup of tea and lovely eats made by Carol Hubbard, finishing with a big raffle with 70 prizes. Everyone agreed we had a lovely afternoon.

Our trip to Lowestoft was a success and the weather was kind to us. Only 16 people attended our Club the next day, chatting over tea and biscuits and finishing with bingo.

R Heath

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BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve

Report from 10 September 2012

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Appleby, Lambert and Spilling. The meeting was also attended by the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Peter Beck, and two PCSOs.

Planning: Botesdale PC met in August to discuss three planning applications. The installation of three wind turbines at **Grove Farm, The Common**, was supported as it was felt that the impact on the surrounding countryside would be minimal and it would contribute to renewable energy resources. The PC objected to an application at **Land adjacent to Grove Flock Farm, Common Road** for buildings for the rearing of rare breed poultry and honey production, including office and education room, for a number of reasons including the effect on traffic, threat to residential amenity, the need for residential accommodation and the visual impact on the countryside. The PC had no objection to the application at **Woodstock Barn, Chapel Lane** for the erection of single-storey extensions to north and south and the erection of detached double garage as it was felt that the proposals would have very little impact on the surrounding area.

At the September meeting, the PC looked at an application at **The Cottage, 1 Market Place** for erection of part first-floor, part two-storey and a single-storey side extension (following the demolition of the existing lean-to and garden room at the rear). This was supported as an improvement both to the Listed building and the appearance of the Conservation Area.

Good as New! No doubt everyone will agree that the war memorial and the phone box are much improved in appearance after their refurbishment this summer. Thank you to Perfitts Stonemasons in Diss and to BT!

Soap Box Derby: The Parish Council has received only positive feedback from the Soap Box Derby this year. The PC's sincerest thanks go to Chris and Morag Burnard and their staff and helpers for putting on such a great event. It was a very good year for the

fundraisers, which included the Village Hall, Barwoods Community Woodland Group and RAHOF. Our Chairman, William Sargeant, and his trusty bucket received donations totalling £520 towards the Market Place Christmas tree. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Fairstead Charity Needs You! The Fairstead Charity Trustees meet twice each year to allocate money for general village purposes. Income for the Trust is about £600 per year. The Rector of Redgrave with Botesdale is the Chairman and trustees are Mr Timothy Holt-Wilson, the Lord of the Manor and four members elected by the Botesdale PC. There are currently two places vacant on the Trust. This requires a very small time commitment. If you would like to be considered for one of the positions, please contact the Clerk or Dr Bill Cordeaux.

School Parking: The PC is meeting again with the school on 18 September to have further discussion about school travel and parking safety issues. Following the last meeting, the PC requested another 20's Plenty zone outside the Village Hall and a Keep Clear box which would improve visibility when exiting the Village Hall car park.

Playing Area – Ideas for Improvement? The PC will be looking at ways to improve the Play Area and Field on Mill Road North and would welcome any suggestions. We have already had some detailed proposals for a BMX area from some local lads! In addition to looking at the play area as a whole, some repairs will be made, primarily to the gate and the basketball goal. The basketball goal was vandalised early this summer and the PC has received a quote of over £700 for its repair – the very expensive consequences of a few minutes swinging on the hoop!! Obviously, the PC would rather make an investment in new equipment than in the unnecessary repair of existing equipment so please encourage anyone who uses the play area to treat it with respect.

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REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL



Angie Robinson

The Chairman, Jason Walker, welcomed a full complement of councillors back to the Redgrave Parish Council Meeting on 12 September after the summer recess.

Charles Michell, the County Councillor, reported that he had written to David Ruffley MP and asked him to intervene on the subject of the bells at Redgrave Church. His Locality Budget will be running to the middle of March next year and he still has funds available for local projects if there is a need.

Sara Michell, the District Councillor, spoke about the Community Engagement 2012 project. MSDC has to save £3.5 million in the coming year and she wants to know what the occupants of the villages in her ward feel are priorities for the Council to continue to do and what should be cut down. She hopes to bring along someone to the next meeting to discuss this and, in the meantime, had brought along some questionnaires to the meeting to get people thinking about this. Councillor Ian Baird asked if there were any Bench Marking reports available considering costs between different councils – Sara will look into this.

A local resident, Dave MacDonald, asked about footway width from the start of the village by the Old School up to the junction with Half Moon Lane opposite the Old Rectory. It has become too narrow to allow for people to walk in safety, especially now that plant growth has been excessive during the summer months and is over the path. Councillor Bob Hayward said that SCC Highways Dept will say they do not have any money for such work and there is no existing volunteer group for clearing footpaths. However, Charles Michell said that the Highways Dept should still attend to problems promptly and if they do not then if he is informed he will take up the matter. The above problem, together with a problem that Jason has down Fen Street with water drainage, will be sent to Charles Michell.

Dave MacDonald also wanted to know how to tackle the problem of overgrown hedges which are encroaching the footways and making it difficult for pedestrians to pass safely. It was suggested that a note should be put through the letter boxes of the houses concerned asking them to cut back their hedges, and Councillor Bob Hayward will draw up some letters for this. Councillor Ian Baird added that roadside hedges are also very overgrown and enquired as to who is responsible for the upkeep of these. Charles Michell said that all owners of hedges are responsible for their hedges be they domestic house owners or farmers.

In the planning session it was noted that an application for a two storey extension at Moneypot Farm had been withdrawn and that the application for two single storey dwellings at Street Farm had been granted.

Councillor Jan Cresswell reported that a Drop-In event has been arranged for the Affordable Housing Scheme on Churchway and this will be held at the Activities Centre on 2nd October from 3 pm to 7 pm. It is hoped that the houses will be finished by the end of January or beginning of February next year and there are already several interested parties registered with the housing association. See notice.

When I was forty, my doctor advised me that a man in his forties shouldn't play tennis.

I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait until I reached fifty to start again.

Hugo Black

Councillor Jackie Moss, Deputy Co-ordinator of the Speed Watch Scheme, gave a report on the progress of the scheme so far. They are running a rota system with the volunteers and carry out two checking sessions each week, varying the time and locations and generally they find that motorists slow down as soon as they see them. So far they have logged 40 motorists for exceeding the speed limit and they feel that their presence is already having an effect. The equipment has been security marked. More volunteers would be welcomed. Councillor Moss asked the Parish Council to consider purchasing wheelie bin stickers saying "30mph. Please drive carefully" for use by residents on the sides of their wheelie bins. Councillor Ann Preston proposed that Councillor Moss should ask for money from Charles Michell's Locality Budget and this was agreed.

Councillor Jan Cresswell asked whether the Parish Council would consider funding another Village Day for 2013. This is planned to happen on the May Bank Holiday 2013. Councillor Ann Preston proposed that £300 be put in the next precept for this purpose and the motion was carried. She also reported that it had been suggested that it might be good if Redgrave had a Christmas Tree with lights on The Knoll. This proposal was discussed and Councillor Cresswell agreed to look into costs and the possibility of funding from Mid Suffolk or other sources before the next meeting.

**The Parish Council Meeting
next meets on**

**WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER
at 7.30 pm at Redgrave Activities Centre**

**All Parishioners cordially invited to attend
www.redgrave.org.uk**

Redgrave Affordable Housing

As you have probably seen, work is progressing well at the affordable housing site on Churchway. These properties are currently due for completion in February. We will soon be starting our allocation process.

For people who are interested in applying for a property Hastoe Housing Association will be holding an information event on the 2nd October at the Activities Centre, Churchway. You can drop in at anytime from 3-7pm. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Plans will also be available to view and application forms will be available for you to fill in.

The properties available are as follows:

- 2 x 1 bed flats for rent
- 1 x 2 bed house for rent
- 1 x 3 bed house for rent
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It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

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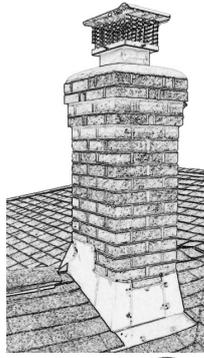
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VILLAGE NEWS



Exciting Zumba classes are now held at Rickinghall Village Hall every Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm.

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Please bring water and wear dance shoes or trainers. Clothing should be suitable for movement.

Cost, only £3.50 per class. (Introductory price for September and October).

Contact Jill on 01379 897055 or 07800 639141 or simply come along.

Other classes in the week are :

Wednesdays, Garboldisham Village Hall, 7-8 pm £5.

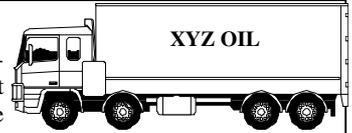
Thursdays, Ixworth Village Hall, 6.30—7.30 pm. £4.

Fridays, Garboldisham Village Hall, 9—10 am. £5.

Saturdays, Early Bird Zumba, Ixworth Village Hall, 9-10 am. £5.

Oil Syndicate

We had another successful bulk-buy in July, with a different supplier, Total Butler. We ordered a massive 53,000 litres this time. There was one delivery glitch, which was satisfactorily resolved.



Most suppliers are now part of the GB Fuels Group, but, thankfully, they can still set their own prices. Ofgem negotiated with GB Fuels to ensure that prices quoted to individuals are not raised at the time of actual delivery, which the Syndicate doesn't have to worry about, but it shows how variable the price is, and how suppliers try to make as much profit as possible. There is always a chance that the market price may drop between placing the bulk order and delivery, but overall, it is a big advantage to belong to the Syndicate.

The next order will be at the end of November/Start of December. Please place orders with me before Saturday 24th November, preferably using e-mail at Botesdaleoil@gmail.com

If e-mail doesn't work, call or leave a message on: 01379 890952.

If that fails, then Maureen Chessell will take telephone orders at 01379 898046.

All messages will be answered, if you do not receive a reply or acknowledgement within 48 hours, try again or call the other one of us.

Negotiations will take place early the following week, deliveries should start any time after that. If an order has been placed, and there has been no delivery by about the 12th or 13th December, then contact me or Maureen.

If Total Butler offer similar terms as last time, they will get the order again, even Goff could not match them in July.

David Sloan



Rickinghall Village Hall Farmers' Market

The winner of the Hamper Draw at the Market held on Saturday 8th September was Mrs Jo Sheldon.

New Bar Facilities Provider

The Village Hall Management Committee is pleased to announce that The Bell Inn is now the provider of bar facilities at Rickinghall Village Hall with immediate effect.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Lindsay Clelland who has run the bar facilities since 2005. Lindsay has been very supportive of the Village Hall and this has been much appreciated.

THE REDGRAVE SINGERS

The Redgrave Singers welcome new members of all ages. They meet on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Wortham Village Hall.



Rehearsals for their next concert commenced on Friday September 21st and the concert will take place in the Chapel of Ease in Botesdale on the evening of Sunday 16th December. In this concert which lasts an hour the programme includes choral music and solos from 'The Messiah' (Handel) and extracts from Peter Creswell's music including new settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

For further details ring Peter on 01379890650.

FLU DAYS—Botesdale Health Centre

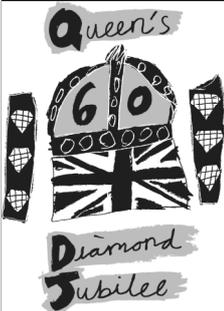
Wednesday 3rd October 08.30 – 18.00

Wednesday 17th October 08.30 – 18.00



If you are over 65 and a registered patient at Botesdale Health Centre, PLEASE make sure that you come to one of the above days.

The Government is encouraging all surgeries/health centres to achieve above 75% coverage for flu vaccinations for those over 65. This will help reduce hospital admissions during the winter season. All 'mature students' (over 65s), need to do their bit to help!!



PHOTOS PLEASE

This is a call for new photos of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the village on 4th June. If you have any good ones that we haven't seen yet, would you like to have them included in the archive that we are sending to the Suffolk Record Office? Please send them to me at :

rjones2000@btinternet.com

If anyone would like a medal there are still some left. They bear the Jubilee logo on white on the front and on the back is inscribed Botesdale Rickinghall 2012. They cost £2.

There are also a few mugs left at £2.50, and we published the collection of memories of what people did on the Queen's Coronation Day. The booklet includes some photos of the parade in the village plus a variety of accounts from people who were in many different places at the time, and it's available at £2 a copy.

Rosemary Jones, Rickinghall Parish Councillor, 01379 890238.

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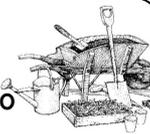
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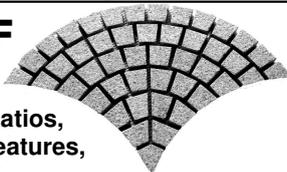
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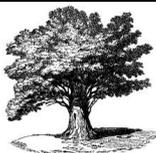
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RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL



Councillor Stephen Pattenden

Rickingham Parish Council met on Thursday 6th of September after the summer break and discussed a number of things of interest to the people of Rickingham.

Foremost among these were:

- The modifications to the plans for the proposed new building at Maypole Meadow.
- The beginning of a discussion about what the Parish Council should have in its budget for next year and especially whether we should prepare to create a Neighbourhood Plan.
- What the Parish Council should be doing for the people of Rickingham and what we could all do to make living in the village even better.

At the Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Committee (B) meeting held on the 5th July the proposal to build a 4 bedroomed house in the prime plot of Meadowcroft was given a reserved approval provided that the developer modified the plans slightly in order to make the dwelling more of a statement along the North West of The Street. The Planners at MSDC had received a modified plan from the developer which they had passed to RPC for comment. However, while RPC has no particular objection to the revisions, we noted that the revisions comprise a complete redesign of the building on which there has been no consultation. RPC has therefore written to MSDC insisting that the new design is subjected to the proper planning procedures so that everyone can review the new design and respond to consultation.

The Parish Council is beginning to look at what its budget should be for next year. We are very well aware that we do not want to cause any increase in the council tax but we are also faced with additional costs because both Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council are being subjected to major cuts in their income from Central Government. Increasingly, RPC are finding that if we want to get things done, we may need to pay for them. Also because of the Government's Localism Act and the changes to National Planning Policy the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan or a Village Plan or statement is likely to become necessary in order that we can manage rationally the prospective land bids around Rickingham.

This leads naturally to the question of what the Parish Council can do for everyone in the village. Or perhaps what can it do to help Rickingham do something of benefit for itself, since one of the clear implications of current Government policy is for people to do more for themselves. This isn't as bad as it might seem because there are beginning to be a fair number of ways we can do this. Very soon the "Green Deal" will be up and running and this will help everyone save energy and its associated costs; there are still very decent tariff incentives to produce renewable energy (wind, sunlight, biomass and storage) and to find ways of saving energy collected during the day for use at night. Could we all do something about it? The leaflet enclosed with this Parish Magazine puts forward an argument for action.

We are not alone in this. MSDC has also launched a campaign to find out what people want from them and there is a leaflet being distributed with an on-line version at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/tellusmidsuffolkandbabergh>. Some of the questions are interestingly open.....

Jubilee Memorabilia

The Suffolk Record Office has asked the PC to help put together a collection of items which will create a record of how the county marked the Diamond Jubilee. Councillor Rosemary Jones has volunteered to put together a collection of memorabilia, including photographs, so please contact her on 890238 if you would like to help.

If you would like a copy of the Jubilee memories which were displayed at our Jubilee event in June, copies are for sale from Rosemary for £2, proceeds to offset the cost of printing

Your Clerk is :

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Botesdale, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 1DL
Tel : 01379 890 141

Email : rickinghall_pc@btopenworld.com

Please contact DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY

The Parish Council next meets at Rickingham Village Hall at 7.30 pm on :

THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER

All Parishioners welcome
rickinghall.suffolk.gov.uk

Ask the Chef!



Due to the internet outage there is no Ask the Chef nor Monthly Recipe.

Please send or email your food question, along with your name, address and daytime phone number to

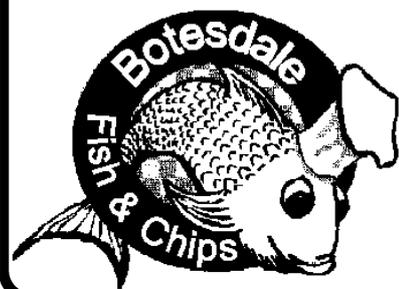
Ask the Chef, The Bell Inn, Rickingham, Diss, IP22 1B. Email : info@thebellrickinghall.co.uk by the closing date of Friday 12 October for November.



A narrow escape

The Reverend Douglas Johnston was not the best of drivers. One Sunday he was driving home from church when unfortunately, he had a minor bump with cyclist. The poor man was knocked off his bike into the ditch. The Vicar naturally stopped his car, got out and profusely apologised and gave the cyclist his calling card saying that if he could ever be of help, then the man should not hesitate to ask.

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| Monday 1 October | 2.00 pm 7.30 pm | Needlecraft Slimming World | Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall |
| Tuesday 2 October | 9.30 am 10.00 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm | Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Open House Hastoe Housing Association Information Event Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics | Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints, Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall |
| Wednesday 3 October | 8.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 2.00 pm 2.15 pm | Flu Day Day Centre Redgrave Art Club Macmillan Outreach Service Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Forget-me-not-Club AGM | Botesdale Health Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Botesdale Health Centre Activities Centre Farnish House |
| Thursday 4 October | 9.30 am 7.30 pm | RABBATS Rickinghall Parish Council Meeting | Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall |
| Friday 5 October | 9.00 am 9.00 am 9.15 am 8.00 pm | Church Cleaning Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Rickinghall Ramblers. Walk and Annual Lunch Dance Classes | St Mary's, Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall |
| Saturday 6 October | 10.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am | Open Church 'Making Medieval Music' - Redgrave Autumn History Workshop Guided Walk on The Fen. | St Mary's, Rickinghall Inferior St Mary's Church Redgrave Redgrave Fen |
| Sunday 7 October | 10.00 am | Open Church | Rickinghall Inferior |
| Monday 8 October | 2.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm | Needlecraft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council Meeting | Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall |
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| Thursday 11 October | 9.30 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 7.30 pm | RABBATS Annual Coffee Morning, The Children's Society Phoenix Luncheon Club Rickinghall WI—Open Meeting | Rickinghall Village Hall Seven Bells, Botesdale Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall |
| Friday 12 October | 9.00 am 7.30 pm 8.00 pm | Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 'Fifty years in the Waveney Valley' Dance Classes | Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints, Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall |
| Saturday 13 October | 9.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am | Rickinghall Farmers Market Open Church Wildlife Watch Group | Rickinghall Village Hall St Mary's Church, Redgrave Redgrave Fen |
| Sunday 14 October | 11.00 am | Apple Day & Autumn Plant Sale | Redgrave Fen |
| Monday 15 October | 2.00 pm 7.30 pm | Needlecraft Slimming World | Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall |

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