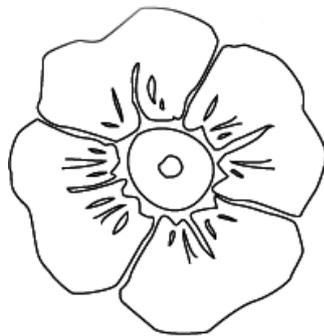


PARISH MAGAZINE

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November 2014



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Rev

Every member of the British Armed Forces was issued with a pocket sized Bible when World War One broke out. Bible Society has discovered many amazing stories of how soldiers came to rely on this little book and I wish to share with you a couple of these stories.

In July 1915 George Vinall wrote home explaining how he had survived an artillery attack. To prove his point he included three shrapnel bullets and his Bible which had a bullet sized hole in it. He and a friend had divided for cover in the trenches when their tented accommodation came under fire. The bullet came to halt in Isaiah 49:8 – “I will preserve thee.” George amazingly survived the war and went on to put his faith into practise by becoming a translator for Bible Society. On Sunday 9th November millions of people in Britain will stop to mark Remembrance Sunday. At this time they will recall what people like George went through 100 years ago in World War One. We can also use this time to consider why so many – on all sides of the conflict – sought solace and comfort in the Bible. It appears that many soldiers were more than happy to have something sacred with them in the hope that it might stop bullets.

But there was also another reason why many soldiers were happy to carry the Bible. It connected them with their loved ones emotionally and devotionally as it appears that many agreed to read the same texts, which was hugely consoling to both the soldiers and their families at home.

There are also many stories from the front line, particularly at the Battle of the Somme, when men who died in shell holes were found holding onto their Bibles. It has been said by many commentators “what else could you do when you were going to meet your maker?” We know that the Bible was used by both sides to justify the war and to resist it, but it is the individuals' stories of their reliance on the Bible that is most poignant.

Many found God in the darkest of moments. Walter Young was a prisoner of war and after his capture was forced to work in a Prussian mine. It was there that Walter felt God say to him that his fellow prisoners of war were “sheep without a

shepherd”. The upshot of this was that he asked the German guards if he could start holding church services, to which they agreed, and using his New Testament he led regular services in the ablutions room where the men washed when they left the mine. His Bible, which his family still have, readily falls open at a passage he often used at these services, Romans 12:9ff. It reads “...Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. ...be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.... Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse”.

At this time of Remembrance and throughout the next four years we will be able to recall and give thanks for all the young men who sacrificed their lives, and importantly pray for peace at a time when there is so much strife and war in the world. General the Lord Richard Dannatt, former Chief of the General Staff, sums it up well by saying “To make sense of war we can do nothing better than to place our hope and faith in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ”. As we live in uncertain times with the painful situation in Syria and Iraq may this prayer that I found in a prayer book called ‘Timeless prayers for peace’ encourage us to look to God.

*Look out over fields and meadows;
watch the hill and far mountains;
wait patiently for the messenger.
when the day comes, how welcome is the messenger
of peace,
the only one who declares salvation.
The people will sing for joy
when God redeems them,
when he brings the blessing of peace.*

With every blessing.

Chris Norburn.

Confirmation Preparation

On Sunday 30th November 2014, there will be a Confirmation Service (10.30am), at All Saints Church, Thorndon. If anyone, adult or child, is interested in being confirmed please contact Rev Chris Norburn on 01379 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 numbers, adults and children may be taught together.

Thank you



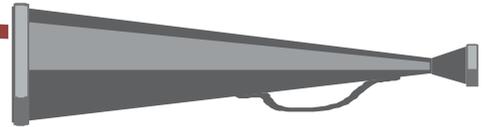
From the Registers

Service and Burial St. Mary,s Redgrave

Friday 10th October Diana Nelson Higham aged 100 died Monday 29th September 2014



ANNOUNCEMENT



PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

As highlighted in June, Charles and Lesley Greenhough have stepped down after 14 years of editing the Parish Magazine. This November 2014 issue has been produced by a team of volunteers from Redgrave, Botesdale & Rickinghall Church.

It has been a truly collaborative effort, with four different people helping to compile different sections of the magazine, and others providing support (hosting numerous meetings, communicating with advertisers and contributors of magazine content, collecting, stuffing and collating magazines for distribution). We've learned a lot in the process! Not least a stronger appreciation for Lesley & Charles' dedication and effort over the past 14 years; and gratitude to our regular 'columnists' for their timely efforts and flexibility, as we've tried to work out how to continue the magazine in its current format.

We'd like to say thanks for the many messages that we have received thanking us for taking on the responsibility of continuing this well read magazine. We've also had some questions about who are the mysterious 'Parish Magazine Volunteers'! At this stage we are still exploring how best to produce the magazine, and there may be future changes once we have couple of issues under our belts. So to avoid confusion, at this stage we're keeping a low profile for now. Please bear with us!

Lastly, we continue to request other volunteers to come forward! The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for us all (at least that is our hope!) If you're interested, please get in touch using the following channels.

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Please note that **the copy date for the December/January issue is midday on Wednesday 12th November.**

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

Best wishes
The Parish Magazine Volunteers

Changes to June Telephone List

Page S3 - under Parish Magazine:

- Please replace Charles Greenhough with Tim Shorten, Lucy Bishop and Mark Duxon.
- Replace the parish magazine phone number with 01379 671225.
- Replace the magazine email address with the following addresses:
 - editor@rbrparishmag.com
 - adverts@rbrparishmag.com
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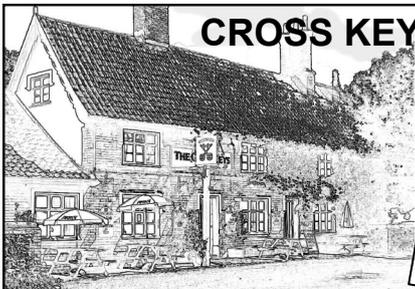
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10.00 to 11.00 am only

the WI Rickinghall Village Hall
7.30 pm

RICKINGHALL Thursday 13th November

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PROGRESSIVE WHIST DRIVE

TUESDAY 18th November
Redgrave Activities Centre
at 7.30 pm



Beginners Welcome Refreshments

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CRAFTY 

Thursday 20th November
At 7.30 pm
At Parkview Chapel

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Redgrave and Rickinghall Ringers

Once again we have had a busy month but we have made progress with our chosen methods. We managed a whole course of Original Bob without a mistake! We are working on touches of St Simon and Stedman.

Learning methods is like learning a complicated knitting pattern. There is a line to follow but each bell starts at a different point on that line. You need to learn the line of the method, all the starting positions for each bell and then the touches. This is when some of the bells do something different and then return to the original line but in a different place.

Ringling is a test of concentration, memory, coordination, rope sight, listening and team work. It helps to keep your brain active and improves your posture and heart lung function. It is also great fun - especially when we get though a method with out going wrong!

Together with our normal practise times at Redgrave, the Ladies Guild will hold a practise there on 8th November from 10.30 to 12.30.



The Tower Correspondent

Royal British Legion Women's Section

Royal British Legion – Women's Section, Botesdale Branch



Botesdale hosted the AGM of "H" Group on Friday 19th September. Eighteen members were present. The only change to the Committee was the election of Greta Sturgeon as Group Representative.

Following business matters, the harvest Auction was conducted by John Elliott, which was very entertaining and raised funds for the Grope. A raffle also took place and refreshments were served.

On Monday 22nd September, eleven members attended the Branch meeting.

Margaret Brown

Rickinghall WI News

the WI RICKINGHALL

In September we had a marvellous talk by David Cawdell about presenting an amateur performance in a theatre. David kept us amused by anecdotes and details of 'behind the scenes' experiences.

We also held a successful Jumble Sale in the village hall. We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way by giving items or baking and thanks to all who attended to make it a success. We raised over £300. In 2015 the WI celebrates its 100th year of existence and many things are being organised. If you would like to join us we meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm – all welcome.

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A: "How do you boo?"

Q: Why do dragons sleep during the day?

A: So they can fight knights.



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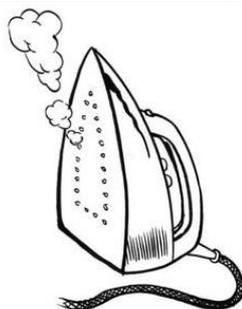
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Botesdale Parish Council



Leeann-Jackson-Eve

Apologies were received this month from David Green and Brendan Burgess.

Public Forum: The meeting was attended by our District Councillor, Sara Michell, who gave further information about the new Energy From Waste site at Great Blakenham, which will be open from January for group tours. The site is now dealing with its first bulky waste and when fully open, will produce energy for approximately 30,000 homes. Cllr Michell also asked the PC to consider nominations for the Community Achievement Awards, deadline on Monday, 1 December.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that as of October, the County Council is changing all telephone numbers prefixed 0845 to 0345. Calls to 0345 numbers from landlines and mobiles are included in free call packages whereas 0845 numbers may incur a charge. The remaining seven digits of the telephone numbers will remain exactly the same. All Freephone numbers starting 0800 will also remain unchanged.

Planning: The PC looked at two tree applications at Wayside Cottage, Cherry Tree Lane and Walnut Tree Cottage, Back Hills and had no objection to either one.

Winter Gritting: The PC reviewed grit sites in the village and updated the list provided by Suffolk County Council. It's been agreed to replace open heaps with bins over the next year or so. The bins aren't cheap and some people might think they are a bit bright and ugly, but the key thing is they are visible when you need grit for the roads and pavements! The heaps are often unsightly and the salt washes away when not under cover. It was agreed to start with a bin at the corner of Bridewell Lane and The Street.

Play Area: The inspection report was discussed again and some issues were identified which could be dealt with by councillors. However it was noted that play equipment companies often provided a refurbishment service and some of the equipment was at the point where it needed more professional attention, though it was mostly cosmetic. It was agreed to get quotes for this service.

Street Lighting: Because the parish owned street lighting was, for the most part, installed at the same time, lights are failing in fairly quick succession. As we've mentioned before, this means a programme of replacement in fairly quick succession and street lights are not cheap! Two lights near Farnish House at the corner of Chapel Lane and Bridewell Lane have just been replaced and a further two have been identified – light no. 5 at the junction of The Street and The Drift and light no. 20 on Chapel Lane opposite the garden of Pond Hall. In addition, UK Power Networks is proposing undergrounding some cables on Park View, in the process removing the post which holds light no. 25 which is opposite 44 Park View. This means that the PC will have to provide a post in order to retain a light at that position. The PC agreed the replacement of all three lights at the meeting which, together with the two that have already been replaced, will cost about £5,500. There is money in the budget for the works and County Councillor Jessica Fleming has agreed to fund a small shortfall of £371 out of her Locality Budget. Next month the PC will look at budgeting a similar sum for replacements in the next financial year.

Remembrance Sunday Service: Cllr William Sargeant, the PC Chairman, will represent the PC at the parade service on 9 November at 2.45pm.

Hedges! Ditches! Finally, this is the time of year for a bit of autumn cleaning when it comes to hedges and ditches. It's no longer the nesting season so it's the ideal time to make sure that your hedges are not overhanging a footway or blocking visibility on the road. As the recent rain has shown us, blocked drains and ditches can also be a nuisance, leading very quickly to road flooding. Although we have to leave unblocking the drains to the County Council, we can all make sure that gravel from drives or leaves aren't being swept onto the road where they can easily clog the drains or create a hazard on the footways. And if you have a drainage ditch on your property, please make sure that it is running freely. If there are any problems with road drainage, call Suffolk County Council Highways department on 03456 066 171 as this is the best way to get a quick response.

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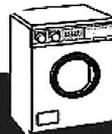
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Club News 2



Neil Lanham, Life as a Suffolk Auctioneer
Neil Lanham provided an interesting insight into the role of a Suffolk Auctioneer to the September meeting of the Heritage Circle at the Rickinghall Village Hall. He used anecdotes and images to illustrate his entertaining talk which focussed upon his involvement with agriculture.

The auctioneer is very important as he is at the point where supply meets demand and the price for goods of all types is set. Neil Lanham began his professional life at the age of 17 in 1955 when he was apprenticed to the Cambridge auctioneers, Grain and Chalk, now Cheffins. His widowed mother had to pay the firm £150 for them to employ him.

Neil's initial responsibility was to produce drainage and farm plans, a tedious task. Eventually, he was promoted to work in the market with his fearsome boss and told that he was going to sell lots. This made him very nervous and so he went out to look at how other auctioneers in action. He came to the conclusion that he had to adopt his own style rather than mimic others. When selling lots it was vital to record the price, and the name and initials of the buyer. He practiced speaking prices quickly. This became automatic and so he could then concentrate upon conducting the bidding in the room by noting who had bid, and remembering the reserve price and commissions which were exact bids set in advance.

Michael Spear, an auctioneer from Wickham Market, offered Neil a job which he came to love. He often sold large and small animals, produce, furniture and timber all on one day at a market. Then he had to write up all of the accounts of lots sold and calculate the commission in the evening. He had an important place in the community and came to know all of the farmers. There were scams where people would try to buy lots fraudulently and so it was important to be careful who he sold to. Similarly, 'rings' of buyers had to be challenged when they tried to depress the price of lots. Neil was ambitious and was tempted by an offer of a possible partnership by Boardmans in Haverhill. This was a failing firm with Dickensian methods and staff. Within six months, Neil aged 23 found himself as initially manager and then the owner of the company which he modernised and made into a successful enterprise.

Auctioneers have a number of roles. They undertake stocktaking valuations. These often happen with change of ownership of businesses such as shops, garages and public houses. These can require use of specialist equipment, such as for dipping beer barrels. The valuer also has to develop techniques for estimation, especially on farms. The number of sizeable potatoes per root gives an approximation of the tonnage per acre. It is possible to assess the height of a tree when valuing standing timber. They have to judge by eye the weight and value of animals on the hoof. On other occasions, an auctioneer has to sell properties and their contents in situ. Finally, the auctioneer must market effectively as the success of auctions depends upon lots being publicised to as large a range of buyers as possible. Posters and adverts must have impact and tell a story. Auctioneers have a complex, but fascinating, job. The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on

Wednesday 26 November at Rickinghall Village Hall when Sarah Doig will be speaking about *Government Revenue Earning Schemes Through the Centuries*. New members and visitors are welcome. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.

Gerry Gurhy

Coffee On



The Corner

Well hello to all those of you who are still with the local Parish Magazine that has now been delivered, by Charles and Lesley Greenhough, into new sets of capable hands. Thanks go to the new folks for taking on this responsibility ... it really is appreciated.

Coffee shop this month was a quiet affair ... just a select few came along to enjoy some great chat and lovely food. If you were one of those who chose to go off to King's Lynn, then we hope you had a really good day out. Just for your information, you missed sausage rolls, cheese scones, victoria sponge, rhubarb cake, fruit cake and apple & sultana cake. You also missed a chance to catch up with some lovely people. So do come along next month and tell us about your trip.

If you have not managed to come along to Coffee on the Corner in the last month or so, then you will have missed our new addition. We are fortunate enough to be able to provide a table for the local Macmillan support team. Each month someone representing that brilliant charity will be at the coffee shop with an enormous selection of information leaflets that may be of interest to you, or to someone you know. They are also ready, willing and able to offer a listening ear should you want to have a chat and we have a private space, should you wish that chat to be confidential. There is no need to book an appointment, just come along between 9am and 12 noon ... if you do have to wait because they are speaking to someone else, then you are more than welcome to sample some of the refreshments on offer.

Today our donations were being given to the Motor Neurone Disease Association and we are now able to send a cheque for £100 to them for their work to research a cure for that dreadful disease ... thanks for your kind support. As always this came from donations for food and drink consumed (there is no charge, but many folks like to make a donation); sales on the bric a brac stall (always a good selection of books, magazines, jigsaws and assorted items of interest) and finally, I have my Phoenix cards there (including the Charity Christmas cards) and I donate a percentage of my profits.

Next month's Coffee on the Corner will be held on Tuesday 11th November and we shall be donating to The Royal British Legion ... as this will be Armistice Day, I felt it a suitable charity to support. As usual we shall be open from 9am to 12 noon.

If you feel you would like to know more about the coffee shop or any of the happenings at Parkview, please call me on 01379 890423.

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The September meeting was fully attended by councillors, along with District Councillor Sara Michell, three members of the public and the Clerk.

In the Public Forum, District Councillor Sara Michell reported that there would be a Parish Liaison meeting on 4 November where planning policy and mobile phone infrastructure would be discussed. It has been noted that the Brome Household Waste site occasionally closes early due to staffing issues and it's worth calling beforehand if you are hauling over a big load. The number to call is 01379 873371. The Energy for Waste incinerator site is now dealing with its first bulky waste. When fully open, it will produce energy for approximately 30,000 homes. Cllr Michell reported that the site will be opening for group tours in January and offered to organise a tour for councillors.

Planning: The Council looked at how to deal with planning applications between meetings and it was agreed to consider setting up a Planning Committee at the November meeting. It was noted that planning permission had been granted for the erection of a wooden summerhouse at Orves House, The Street.

Budget: The Council discussed the budget for the next financial year and a point of concern was that the precept had been frozen for ten years and could no longer meet the annual budget. After some discussion it was agreed to set a budget of £10,555 for the year 2015/16 and to request a precept (the parish council element of the Council Tax) of £10,074 from the District Council. This will result in what at first glance is a hefty 34.3% rise on the precept requested last year, but actually only adds less than £1 per month per household to the Council Tax. This rise will ensure that the funds which are held in reserve for big projects are not eaten into to make up the shortfall each year.

Other Matters: It is agreed that the verge in front of the affordable houses, which is the responsibility of SCC, has become an eyesore. The PC will look into the cost of preparing and grass-seeding the site prior to asking residents to provide future upkeep.

The PC is still looking into acquiring a fixed speed monitoring sign and will write to the Safety Camera Partnership about funding. In the meantime **more volunteers for the speed monitoring are needed!** For more information please contact Mrs Jackie Moss on 897130.

A working party has been formed to look at the use of parish

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owned property, i.e. the Old School Playing Field, Goddard's Patch, the Town Pit, the Pond and the Knoll, to formulate a plan for the future. If you are interested in participating in the discussions, please contact Cllr Bob Hayward on 898726.

The PC has been considering installing planters at the entrance to the village. Details will be reported at the next meeting.

Finally, this is the time of year for a bit of autumn cleaning when it comes to verges, hedges and ditches. It's no longer the nesting season so it's the ideal time to make sure that your hedges are not overhanging a footway or blocking visibility on the road. Limited cuts to verges by the County Council mean that "top-ups" by residents are extremely welcome. If we all extend our grass cutting to the verge nearest our house then it's sorted out very easily and everyone benefits. As the recent rain has shown us, blocked drains and ditches can also be a nuisance, leading very quickly to road flooding. Although we have to leave unblocking the drains to the County Council, we can all make sure that gravel from drives or leaves aren't being swept onto the road where they can easily clog the drains or create a hazard on the footways. And if you have a drainage ditch on your property, please make sure that it is running freely. If there are any problems with road drainage, call Suffolk County Council Highways department on 03456 066 171 as this is the best way to get a quick response.

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Rickinghall Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

The October meeting was attended by Cllrs Short, chairman, Crossley-Holland, vice-chairman, Smith, and Jones, with Leeann Jackson-Eve, clerk. Apologies were given for Cllr Lister. There are still three vacancies on the Council.

The Public Forum.

County Cllr Jessica Fleming reported that dial-in numbers for the Council were being changed from 0845 to 0345, which would be free; there were new criteria for vehicle-activated signs and details are on the website; consultation on the polling sites would closed on 31st October; at Eye there would be a visit and hearings regarding the proposed gas-fired power plant; at Calkewood Lane junction with the A143, changes would follow the option supported by the PC, which includes a 40mph speed limit on that section of the A143 and prohibits right turns from Calkewood Lane.

Mid Suffolk Cllr Sara Michell reminded us of the Parish Liaison meeting on 4th November; the way to find out how much was left in the pot of Section 106 money was to contact Robyn Rake at MSDC; there was a campaign to Tidy Up Britain that we could support, but Rickinghall already does an annual litter-pick, which is not as well supported as it used to be; re-cycling bags for clothes, bags, shoes and soft toys, all in good condition were available from the Council. Full ones would be collected with the recycle bin collection and replaced with a new one. It was pointed out that there is already a bin at the village hall for clothing to be recycled and this brings an income to the hall. Cllr Michell also mentioned the possibility of a visit to the new waste incinerator.

Peter Beck reported that a No Cold Calling zone had been created in Water Lane. A report had been received of two men cold calling elsewhere and trying to wring money from a resident.

There were no planning applications and no progress to report by the chairman or clerk or under general items. However it was mentioned that elections for this council would be held next May and new applicants would be welcome.

Correspondence.

There had been a request from the Parochial Church Council for money to help pay for essential tree surgery in the large churchyard at Rickinghall Inferior church. A detailed survey had been commissioned since the storm that felled one of the trees, and the most urgent work needed to be carried out this season. A one-off grant of £200 was agreed.

A letter from the Royal British Legion local branch set out the details of the Remembrance Day Parade and Cllr Lister would be asked if he would like to represent the parish council, or Cllr Short would do it. The local branch is closing and the laying up of the RBL standard would take place on Saturday 13th December at the Chapel of Ease.

A letter had been received by the clerk complaining about the cutbacks in the bus service that reduced the opportunity to link in with other buses to Ipswich or Norwich to one a day. This was referred to County Cllr Fleming.

Finance.

The quarterly budget report was presented and discussed.

Councillors' Reports.

Charles Greenhough had agreed to make a new photographic record of the parish assets. A small but significant hole was reported in the road at the junction of the bypass and Rectory Hill. The tree warden had booked a place on the Tree Warden Forum in Braintree.

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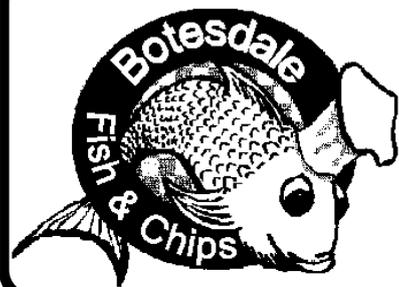
The new term and school year is well underway and all at St Botolph's are now back into school life. Last year was a good year for St Bots in which the school continued to make good progress and improvement; since our return the children and staff have been busy with languages week, harvest and preparing for the opening of the new school library.

During languages week all of our pupils spent time learning about languages from around the world. It was wonderful to see the children so excited and enthusiastic about learning a new language. Each class had the chance to show and tell their peers what they got up to and learnt during languages week in our special assembly.

On the 16th October we opened our new school library. Nick Butterworth joined us for the day and spent time with the children telling them about his job and how an initial idea evolves into a book or even a TV show. Nick then opened our library before meeting parents and signing books. It was a great day and a wonderful way to open the new library. I'd like to thank everyone who kindly gave their time, efforts and money to make our library an inspiring resource for the children at St Botolph's.

All the children and staff at St Botolph's are really looking forward to the year ahead; there is much to do and learn but we are confident that by working together and for each other our school will continue to improve further.

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Head Teacher.



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Friday 1 st November	10:00am 7:30pm	Open Church St Botolph's Bowls Club Annual General Meeting	St Mary's Redgrave Bowls Club
Sunday 2 nd November	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 3 rd November	9:15am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Rickingham ramblers Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday 4 th November	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Open House Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	All Saint's Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday 5 th November	9:30am 10:0am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday 6 th November	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Rickingham Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday 7 th November	10:45am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 8 th November	9:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Farmers Market Rickingham Parish council Surgery for Rickingham and Botesdale residents Wildlife Watch Group	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Fen
Sunday 9 th November	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 10 th November	2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Needle craft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday 11 th November	9:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Park View Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th November 12 NOON – LATEST COPY DATE FOR DEC/JAN MAGAZINE	9:30am 10:0am 2:15pm 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Forget-me-not Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Farnish House Activities Centre
Thursday 13 th November	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Fitsteps Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday 14 th November	9:15am 10:45am 1-2 pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Bowls club Whist drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall St Botolphs bowls club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 15 th November	7:00pm	Barn Dance	Botesdale Village Hall

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Village News 1

Remembrance Sunday Parade 9th November 2014

The Remembrance Sunday parade and ceremony on 9th November will require the closure of The Street in Botesdale and Rickinghall.

The regulations demand that it be closed to vehicular traffic from the junction with Hinderclay Road, Rickinghall to the junction with Mill Road, Botesdale, although the active portion is from Old Post House to Mill Road.

The road will close at 1445 and re-open at 1515 and close again at about 1530 until 1615.

Residents outside the active portion should still be given access to their homes.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade will be held on 9th November 2014, the parade to form up outside Old Post House at 1445 under the direction of Mr Paul O'Connor.

In this centenary year the ceremony at the War Memorial will be very slightly different.

First, after the official wreaths have been laid there will be a pause for members of the public to lay floral or other tributes on the Memorial steps.

Second, after the Reveille, the Rector will lead extra prayers for the anniversary. So that all can join in, prayer sheets will be available for those leaving the Chapel of Ease and also from Simon Gowen at the Memorial.

The customary Act of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 11 am at the War Memorial, led by Dr Bill Cordeaux.

Laying Up Of The Royal British Legion Standard

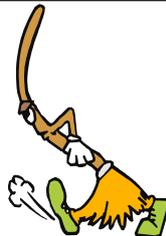
The Botesdale and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will close in December 2014. The Standard will be laid up in perpetuity in the Chapel of Ease during a short service. The date is Saturday, 13th December and the time is 3 pm. Members of the Branch are requested to attend. All residents are welcome to witness this small addition to the villages' history. Light refreshments will be served in the Bowls Club after the service.

Remembrance Sunday in the Future

The Remembrance Sunday Parade, Service and Ceremony will be held as usual after the Botesdale and District Branch of the Royal British Legion closes. The difference will be that the RBL Standard will not be paraded; once laid up it may not be removed from the Chapel.

St Mary's, Redgrave

A cleaning session will take place on Friday 31st October from 9.00 am 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.



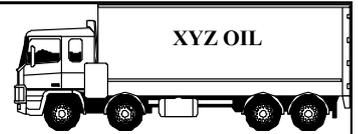
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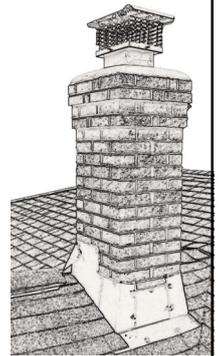
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Exploring the Past

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James Rose

Armistice Day, November 11th, is the day we remember the people who died in WWI and WWII and also those who have died in later wars nowadays. The Revd George Hales decided to remember earlier soldiers and wrote an article in the Rickinghall Inferior section of the Hartismere Deanery Magazine in February 1897. This was intended to be the first of a series of articles and he appealed for memoirs of other soldiers.



**The Chequers,
Rickinghall
Street Circa
1910**

The article was about James Rose who fought in the Indian Mutiny in 1857. James was born in January or February of 1828. He was the son of Charles and Ann Rose who lived in the further end of the house in Low Meadow. (This is the meadow at the far end of Rickinghall which Barwoods Community Woodland manage now, just before the bypass). The Rose family had lived in Rickinghall for generations. James worked for George Symonds at West Hall. James enlisted into the 98th Foot, of the North Stafford Regiment on December 28th 1849 when he was 21 years old, at The Old Waggon in Bury St. Edmunds. He trained at Chatham. He was sent to Calcutta on board the sailing troop ship, Lord George Bendick on July 17th 1850. On the way they called in at St. Helena for water, and could see the house once inhabited by Napoleon Bonaparte. They passed Ascension Island, ran into Table Bay, Cape of Good Hope, and took in 200 bullocks, some fowls, pigs and fresh water. In making for Calcutta they picked up two life boats containing the captain, his wife and a little boy as well as 18 sailors, who were put on shore at the Isle of France. After landing at Calcutta they went to Chinsoora, where a steamer took them up the Ganges to Allahabad where they camped for a few days. After this they marched for 14 days to Cawnpore to join his regiment. Two years and seven months later the 98th returned to Gravesend. They were stationed at various places after this until the Indian Mutiny broke out in 1857. The regiment was sent to India, landing at Bombay, steamed up the Indus to Mooltan and then made a long march into the Sikhs territory. They crossed Cabul, burning villages on the way. On May 4th they engaged and defeated troops, taking prisoners, some of whom were shot, others transported for life, while the rebel chief was very heavily fined. They fought their way back through hostile country to Peshawur frontiers. James Rose claimed his discharge and returned home, leaving the army on October 4th 1860. He received a medal inscribed North West Frontier. On the edge was 3229, J.R. H.M., 98th Regt. Which was attached to a red band with two purple stripes. James said they put prisoners in front of them and made them fight. They sometimes charged with bayonets, and made the rebel fly! James took a deliberate aim at one man, but did not reveal if he hit him. They were well fed in that hot country with a meal consisting of a steak, a pound of bread and a pound of vegetables. He said "They woont let us drink the country lick, but giv us two drams of rum a day. We suffered much from sickness at times."

James married Jane Sheppard of Upper Rickinghall, and worked as long as he was able for George Cook of Facons Hall. The Rector wrote in 1897 'A friend secured him a pension of 9d a day, about 3 years ago. He is now in feeble health.' In the 1891 Census James and Jane are shown as living in The Street at Rickinghall, probably near to The Chequers Inn. James was buried at Rickinghall Inferior Church on 12th November 1897.



"In Your Garden"

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The garden centre's and nurseries are full of colourful flowers for planting now, so why not identify some positions for these where you can see them regularly from the house, or on the way to the front door. Modern bred varieties of Pansies, Polyanthus and Violas give colour throughout the winter months and early spring, and decorative winter leaves such as Ivies, grasses and Euonymus give contrast.

With the late, late autumn, November is going to be a busy month for tidying up. Leaves can be easily dealt with by using an electric or petrol blower/vac, as these machines quickly blow into piles and then the vacs can suck up and shred. When pruning, remember not to touch shrubs which flower in the spring, because you'll be removing the flower buds which have already formed. The time to cut these is straight after flowering. In fact, that's a good general rule, except when the plant goes on to produce attractive berries or fruits e.g. Pyracantha, some shrub roses, Cotoneaster, crab apples etc. Some herbaceous plants carry attractive seed heads through the winter, but most just look scruffy, and these can be trimmed back and have their trimmings composted. With the recent rains it's not a bad idea to turn compost heaps and lighten them up anyway. If you're having a bonfire, please check that hedgehogs haven't already made it a home!

This is also the best time to lift and re-plant; the soil is moist and warmer than in spring, and root growth will take place without water loss through leaves. So, if you're planning a garden revamp, or want to move plants, now is the time. Herbaceous plants can be split up to make broader clumps; discard older centres and replant the more vigorous outer sections.

In the kitchen garden, strawberry runners can be re-planted, and rhubarb and Raspberry canes can be divided. Lift any root crops still remaining and store. In the early part of the month, it may still be possible to set over-wintering onions and broad beans. Protect winter Brassicas with netting, and check first that they are firmly in the soil so that they don't rock about.

Happy Gardening!
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First World War and Botesdale War Memorial part 4.

Botesdale War Memorial was unveiled on 8th August 1920. It was dedicated to the 'memory of the men from the parishes of Botesdale-Redgrave-Rickinghall-Superior and Inferior, who fell in the Great War 1914-1918'. During his speech at the ceremony Lord Playfair, whose only son Lyon had been killed in 1915, said the following:

Remember every one of the sixty-one names was dear to someone. Stop when you are passing to read the names and take personal pride in this memorial. Teach your children that it is a sacred remembrance of those who have lost their lives for them; let them put flowers around it, to show passers-by that our dead are not forgotten. See that it is not destroyed, and impress on them all that it represents the heroism, the bravery and the suffering. (1)

Although 61 men died from our villages and are commemorated on Botesdale War Memorial, several other men who were connected to our villages also died. However their names are not on the memorial. Sometimes they are commemorated on other memorials.

They are H.W Bloomfield; Ernest Robert Bryant; Bertie Alick Knapp (who is on Wattisfield Memorial); Charles Markham (on Levington Memorial) who was married to Arthur Bailey's sister; Clarence and Edgar Moule (on Wattisfield Memorial) their parents had retired to Botesdale; Gordon and Victor Moule (on Hopton Memorial) their parents moved to Rickinghall in 1918; Arthur Musk who was married to Frederick Bradstreet's sister; Arthur Noakes who was married to John and Henry Whistlecraft's sister; Percy Robinson whose family had been Corn Merchants in the villages and Arthur Holt Wilson, whose father was the Squire.

Some villages, such as Walsham-le-Willows, have a Roll of Honour which gives the names of all those men who served with the forces in the Great War and returned. Unfortunately, we do not have such a Roll of Honour. Last month we put a list in the magazine of some of the men that we know about who served and who survived the war. Many of these men never fully recovered from their experiences. Many returned home with injuries and disabilities. The pension was very small and there was no counselling in those days. It was not done to talk about their experiences. They were expected to 'keep a stiff upper lip' and not complain. Some of the men we know who were injured were:

Frederick Cook from Rickinghall, whose brother Richard died in 1918, was wounded and had to have his leg amputated. After the war he worked for Richard Garrett &

Son, at Leiston until he retired. Even with what he called his 'tin leg' one of his jobs was to deliver the portable steam engines, tractors and wagons all over the country.

Arthur Doe from Hill House, Redgrave, had been a thatcher before he enlisted. He was wounded and had to have his arm amputated. After the war he managed to carry on his trade, mainly thatching the hay stacks for the farmers in the village.

On 4th October 1918 the Diss Express reported that George Doe, Arthur's brother, had been gassed and on 5th April 1918 it reported that Frederick Francis of the Bedfordshire Regiment had been gassed and was in hospital in Yorkshire.

Physical injuries were difficult but often there were injuries that were not so visible. For instance the effects of a gas attack could last for the rest of a man's life by damaging the lungs and making him prone to chest infections.

One of the worst injuries was called 'shellshock'. No help was given for this, what is now often called 'post traumatic stress syndrome'. There was no counselling in the 1920s. Frederick Daines from Botesdale who, like his father Albert, was a basket maker suffered badly from shellshock. When he was called up on 3rd March 1916 he was 19 years 3 months old, 5 foot 10¼ inches tall and his occupation was given as basket maker. On 23rd July 1916 he was posted to the 1st Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment who were with the BEF (British Expeditionary Force) in France. He was sent back to England on 8th September 1916 and was discharged on 17th April 1917 with a 'disability caused by stress of active service'. He was able to help his father in the basket making business but never recovered and would be seen wandering aimlessly round the village.

After the Second World War the names of twelve men were added to the Memorial and a further name that of Basil Cox who died in the Korean War, was added later.

Each year we remember these men at the Memorial at 11am on 11th November. There is also a service in Botesdale Chapel of Ease on the nearest Sunday to the 11th November. This year it will be on Sunday 9th November at 3pm. The procession starts outside the Old Post House at 2.45pm. After the service there will be a ceremony at the War Memorial, where wreaths will be laid. In this centenary year extra prayers will be said after the Reveille.

There will be a small exhibition about the men who served in WWI and WWII at the Bowls Club after the ceremony.

(1) *East Anglian Daily Times* 10th August 1920

Send us your jokes:

For the December/January issue of the Magazine, we'd like to include a selection of jokes that have been submitted by readers. Please send Christmas-themed jokes to editor@rbrparishmag.com by 12 November. We'll publish as many as we can, with credit given to named contributors. Many thanks!

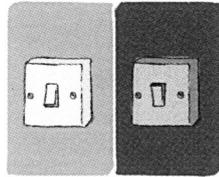
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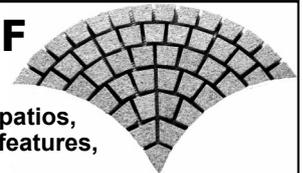


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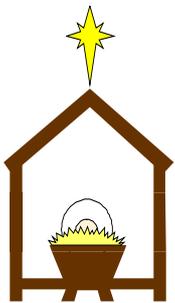
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Sunday 21st December
Carol Service, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale 3.00pm

Christmas Eve
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Holy Communion, St Mary's, Rickinghall Church 11.15pm

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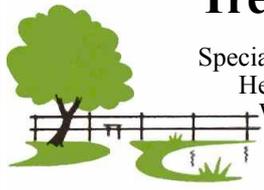
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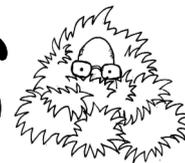
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This week someone raised a question at Cafe Church about one of Jesus' illustrative stories. Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son but the guests had better things to do than attend the wedding. He then issued invitations to others but even then there was still room for more so he told his servants to go out and invite anyone that they could find both good and bad. Thus the wedding feast was filled with guests.

Jesus' first words included the message, "The kingdom of God is at hand." He was speaking to the Jews. They rejected him and crucified him. They were the first ones that refused the invitation to the wedding feast and so the message of Jesus became available to the whole world. You and I are invited to God's wedding feast, and you don't even need to go out and buy a new suit or dress. At this wedding feast they are available to all the guests for free.

The story goes on: a man is found amongst the guests and he isn't wearing the clothes supplied. He isn't suitably dressed. "How did you get in here without a wedding garment?" he is asked.

He is speechless and even more so when the king says to the servants, "Throw him out; cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The questioner at Cafe Church thought that that was a bit hard on the man with no wedding garment and I admit that, initially it does look hard but, with a wedding feast, you are either in or out. There isn't any in between. He weeps for he has seen the inside of the wedding feast and is excluded.

The wedding feast corresponds with the kingdom of heaven and in this wedding feast you have to be well dressed so, what does the dress correspond to?

It is simply this: well dressed corresponds with good enough. If you have to be good enough what is the standard? The answer is, 'As good as Jesus.' Everyone in God's heaven is as perfect as Jesus.

Again that sounds a bit tough but remember, the wedding garment was issued free. The offer is this; the merits of Jesus can be credited to you for free. The man only had to accept it so you only have to accept the offer.

Now remember the servants were told to bring in the good and the bad. The bad as well as the good are offered the wedding garment. You think that you are not good enough, what then? God says, "Don't worry; will you let me credit you with the goodness of Jesus? The answer is a simple yes or no.

The initial offer was made to the Jews. Jewish society was one that got there by obeying God's law. They would do it themselves. They refused the free offer. Are there people today that think that they are good enough? There are a lot of people who think that they are doing something for God by going to church. The reason they go is to worship they might well claim. They see it as doing something for God whereas it is he that has done something for us. Their thinking is the wrong way round. Worship of God comes as a result of seeing what he has done for us not something we do for him.

Then there will be those who look at the church goers and say, "I'm as good as they are." Their statement implies that they think they are good enough. They are not in the feast; they haven't accepted the invitation and, in fact, are in exactly the same position as the man who was thrown out.

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I suspect by the time this report is published that a real autumn will be upon us, can you remember the warm days when you lay looking up into the blue skies of last summer?



Sparrowhawk

Well, keep looking, although it is going to be cooler. Many interesting birds occupy that area of sky. The odd large seagull drifts lazily in thermals for hours. Herring Gulls and the Great Black Backed. Are they just enjoying themselves drifting on the warm air? I once saw a Black Kite up there overshooting a northerly migration from the Continent.

A week ago a Kestrel was having a fight with two Crows high above me. A fascinating sight, neither side was the winner, they just got bored. When the Swifts left, the House Martins took over that space. Rooks and Jackdaws take their noisy daily excursions to and fro from their overnight roosts. Buzzards are already there; you may hear them "mewing" before seeing them. Incidentally, Buzzards in our area are now more common than Kestrels. The occasional Red Kite is coming to our region. So keep looking up.

On Redgrave Fen, the Hobby was still there on 18th September. There were plenty of dragonflies to keep him happy. It was fascinating to watch him (or her) catching them in their claws and transferring them to the mouth whilst in flight.

On 6th October, a Collared Dove was sitting on its nest in our gutter, and, below it on the ground, several empty white egg shells. Sadly on 10th October a dead baby bird also accompanied them, the result of one of our occasional very heavy rain showers.

On 21st September, a dozen Golden Plover were seen in a field by Fen Road, Wortham. Their numbers will swell to many hundreds later in the year.

Our Robin is still singing loudly with no competition from other birds. However, one was watching me carefully while, at the same time, another Robin was singing. How come – do both Robins sing, was this a spouse or sibling? Anyway there were definitely two. I have just phoned the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). Their headquarters are at Thetford. They assure me that the female does sing, but only in the winter. It is reputed to be a territorial song. I have not yet heard both our Robins singing together in a duet. Another first for our garden was a Stock Dove. This is a small neater dove. All grey without the Wood Pigeon's obvious white neck and head patches. I instinctively felt more attached to this altogether prettier dove, than the usual haughty Wood Pigeon. If you are lucky you will hear its call, quite different to the Wood Pigeon.

A recent trip to Southwold revealed two groups of wild geese flying north in 'V' formation, low over the waves. They rose neatly over the pier! Why go north in the autumn? Perhaps they were just seeking a convenient landing area after their southwards autumn migration.

One of my very keen watchers has just seen a Sparrow Hawk devouring a Wood Pigeon in his garden. What a picture it has made (see above). Thank you Charles. Would anyone else like to send me a picture via my email : millwill@tiscali.co.uk Please mark your email 'Bill's Birds'.



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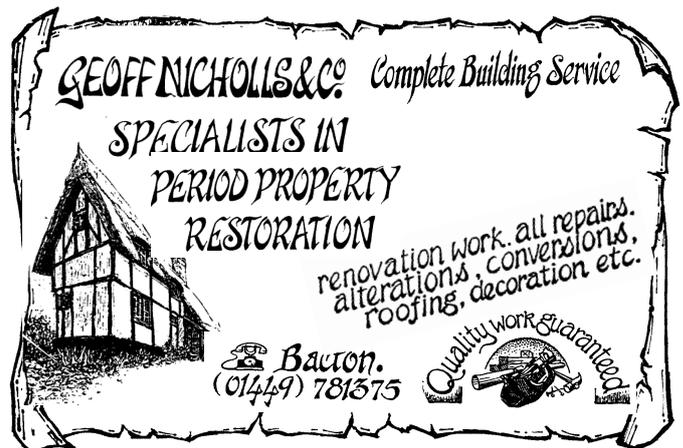
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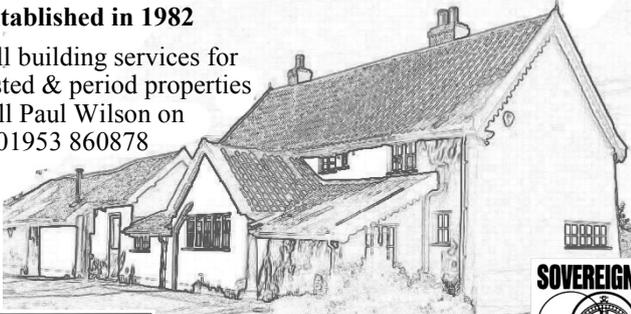
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After some ten years Nikki Baker has resigned as main distributor for the parish magazine for Botesdale. We are very grateful to Nikki for her support for the magazine over these years and hope she enjoys her well-earned retirement.

We are delighted that Sara Schofield of Bridewell Lane has volunteered to take on the task of distributing the magazine to the Botesdale deliverers in Nikki's place. Welcome, Sara, to the team.

At the same time Lee Amps has also decided to step down as the main distributor for Rickingham after being involved with the magazine for around 40 years! We would like to thank Lee for her many years of dedicated service to the community, and wish her well for the future.

We are pleased to confirm that Lou and Des Bavington-Lowe have volunteered to take on the distribution for Rickingham in Lee's place (even though they live in Botesdale!). Thanks for your support to the magazine Lou and Des!

Harvest & Flower Festival at All Saints

Thank you to all who helped in any small way on 4th & 5th October. Many thanks to those who decorated the Church and contributed to such splendid displays. The perishables were distributed within the Parish and the non-perishables donated to the Food Bank. The Church looked wonderful and the fellowship a joy. Thank you.



Rickingham Inferior Church – SHCT sponsored Cycle Ride.



Thank you to two youths aged 14 and 9, along with two other generations of their family and a family friend of 73 who kindly nominated Rickingham Inferior Church Fabric Fund to receive half of the money they raised in sponsorship.

The other half goes to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to give out in grants to those churches in most need of repairs. The family raised £263 altogether, and cycled 31 miles. They thoroughly enjoyed their ride and ended up with well-deserved sausage and mash at a local pub afterwards. They are looking forward to doing it again. Thank you also to all the people who manned the churches to receive visitors.

Jokes for a five year hold:

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A: They just Arrrrr

Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A: A carrot

Local Contact Details

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



Contact Details:

Mid Suffolk North Team, The Lodge, Castleton Way, Eye.

Tel No – 101. Email – midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Our local officers are : PCSO 3240 Faulkner and WPC 80 Wiggins

Non-emergency calls and enquiries to the Police, please ring 101. Emergency calls—Fire, Police, Ambulance, dial 999.

Rickingham and Botesdale Neighbourhood Watch Notice

There will be a meeting of Rickingham and Botesdale NW on Tuesday 2nd December 7.30 pm, first floor function room of the Bell Inn.

Enquiries to Peter Beck (Chairman of Rickingham and Botesdale



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SOME DOGS NEED SPACE!

When walking your dog off lead and you see an approaching dog ON lead what do you do? Common sense, and indeed courtesy and respect, suggest that you recall your dog and put them back on lead. However, I'm astounded by the number of people who don't do this. As someone who is a dog owner and who also works as a dog walker and in dog rescue, this is something I sadly see all too often: an off lead dog bounding up to sniff and introduce itself to an on lead dog; usually the owner is some distance away but gives the cheery shout of "it's ok, he's friendly!" I'm sure he is, but the dog on lead may NOT be! Meanwhile, cheery on lead owner remains oblivious to the fact that on lead owner is now unable to continue walking and is struggling to keep their dog calm as it twists and turns trying to extricate itself from the unwanted attention. A dog may be kept on lead for a variety of reasons including poor recall, ill health, training; they may be deaf, blind or fearful; they may have behavioural issues. None of these reasons mean that they should not enjoy some exercise and fresh air but they CAN mean that the dog needs space. Usually a dog will prefer to, and will attempt to, remove itself from a situation it's not comfortable with, but a dog on lead does not have the option of "flight" and is more likely to become stressed and react adversely to another dog bounding and circling it. A basic understanding of canine body language and behaviour (and as owners we all owe it to our dogs to have that knowledge) will tell us when a dog is unhappy and it is our responsibility to prevent an incident occurring by recalling our dog until we know it's ok for them to meet.

I'm not suggesting that dogs should never be allowed off lead or be able to interact – far from it! Ongoing socialisation is extremely beneficial. All I'm asking is that you PLEASE be sensible and respectful and remember that when you see a dog on lead it's on lead for a REASON.

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Readings for Parish Church Sunday Services		
Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
2nd November	1 John 4:1 –3	Matthew 5: 1 – 12
9th November	1 Thessalonians 4:13 to end	Matthew 25 : 1—13
16th November	1 Thessalonians 5: 1 –11	Matthew 25 : 14 -30
23rd November	Ephesians 1: 15 –end	Matthew 25 : 31 - end
30th November	1 Corinthians 1: 3 –9	Mark : 13 :24 to end
7th December	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8

Rotas	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickinghall	
	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector
2nd November	Mrs E Moss	Mrs S McGrath	Mrs F Lamb		Mrs Foster	Mrs Bennett
9th November	Mrs Cordeaux		Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	Mrs Self	Mr Lamb
16th November			Mrs D Culley	Mrs S Purdom	Mrs White	Mrs Whitehead
23rd November			Mrs Wilson	Mr Wilson	Mrs Sheehan	Rector
30th November			Miss A Shorten		Mr Lamb	Rector

Flowers						
2nd November	Mrs Moss		R. Stimson		Mrs Rixon	
9th November	Mrs Cotton		R. Powell		Mrs Rixon	
16th November	Mrs Cotton		R. Powell		Mrs Ripplinghall	
23rd November	Mrs Moss		R. Walker		Mrs Ripplinghall	

Club News 3

BARWOODS

The trees in Northfield Wood have been doing well and we are kept busy clearing weeds from around them and mulching them. Another job is to tidy up the verge on Mill Lane. The rough ground there has been filled in with plant material from the allotments and we have been received two welcome donations of topsoil to smooth over the top of that.



Low Meadow looks good after the September mow; the shrubs are more prominent now.

In Miller's Orchard a tree with a divided trunk split and one part fell across the path. It is a hazard when tree trunks divide and leaf mould rots in the space between. No major harm was done this time but the path had to be cleared.

The Green Light Trust, which supported Barwoods from the start and to which we are still affiliated, invited us to their 25th anniversary celebration. Part of the event was a cycle ride that people did from one site to another, leaving a small token behind. Our token was left in Low Meadow.

Green Light Trust manages several acres of woodland in Lawshall, south of Bury St Edmunds, which are open to the public, and their headquarters is an eco-friendly building. They have advised and supported many other groups like ours and more recently they have been advising companies on green issues like improving their carbon imprint, and corporate social responsibility in sustainable ways.

Rosemary Jones, October 2014

Sudoku

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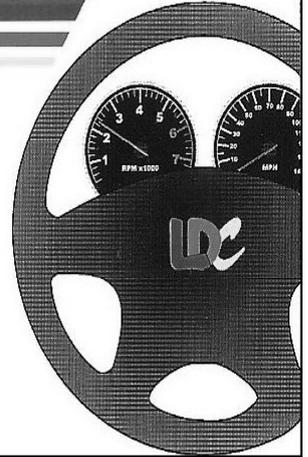
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Sundays 10.00 am Communion
11.00 am All Age Worship

Between these 2 services, from 10.30am – 11am, tea and coffee are served.

Sunday, November 30th: 10.30am United Service at All Saints, Redgrave

Tuesday 11th November 9 am – 12 noon 'Coffee on the Corner'

Thursday 2.00 pm Ladies meeting (Praise Hour) on 6th and 20th

Thursday 20th: 7.30pm Crafty Corner – time for those pastimes that you don't ever have time for. Bring your craft projects and spend an evening working at it in company.

Saturday 15th: 7pm Barn Dance in Botesdale Village Hall

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PARKVIEW YOUTH

some of these activities do not take place during school holidays.

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PYP

School Years 9 - 13
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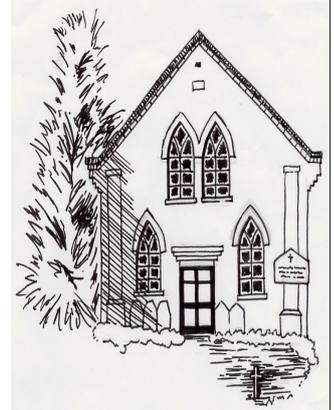
Botesdale Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated.

Sunday Club is at 10.30 am. All children are welcome to join the Club's activities.

2 nd November	Rev Harold Wilkinson	
9 th November	Rev Brian Trudgian	Holy Communion
16 th November	Mrs M Gibson	
23 rd November	Rev Heather Sorrell	
30 th November	Mrs Sue Goodwin	United Service

Bible Study	Alternate Mondays at 10 am
Christian Forum	Tuesday, 4 th November 7.30 pm: Janine Crowe I remember, I remember
Wives Group	Wednesday, 19 th November 7.30 pm: Sarah Doig Family and Local Historian ;
Autumn Fair	BRING AND BUY STALL Botesdale Village Hall 2.30pm



Café Church— explaining the story of Jesus

Sundays at 10.30 am at Redgrave Activities Centre
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Parish Gift Day

This year's **Gift Day** will take place during Advent, on **Sunday 14th December** Christingle Service, St Mary's, Rickinghall Church 3.30pm; and **Sunday 21st December** Carol Service, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale 3.00pm. However, envelopes will be available from the beginning of December as well as at the two services mentioned above. Gift Day is a way of giving thanks to God for the work and ministry of the church throughout these villages and beyond.

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

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

With every blessing. Revd Chris Norburn



All Saints
Redgrave



St. Botolph's
Botesdale



St. Mary's
Rickinghall

2nd Nov. '14 All Souls

8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion
10.30 All Saints, Redgrave



All Saints Altogether
*An interactive service for people of all
ages starting with coffee*

3.00pm St. Mary's Rickinghall
All Souls Remembrance

Service

9th Nov. '14 Remembrance Sunday

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

10:30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall CW Communion
with the children and young people starting at
Rickinghall Village Hall for "Foot Prints"

3.00pm St. Botolph's, Botesdale Parade Service

16th Nov.'14 2nd Sunday Before Advent

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10:30 Worship Together
St. Mary's, Rickinghall
*Informal and interactive worship for
people of all ages.*

23rd Nov.'14 Christ The King

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

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



10:30 All Saints, Redgrave CW
Communion

30th Nov. '14 1st Sunday of Advent

8.15 BCP Communion, St. Mary's, Rickinghall

10.30 United Service, All Saints, Redgrave

10.30 Deanery Confirmation, Thorndon Parish Church

7th Dec. '14 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.15 BCP Communion, St. Botolph's, Botesdale

10.30 All Saints All Together, All Saints, Redgrave

3.00pm Evening Prayer St. Mary's, Rickinghall

Also this month



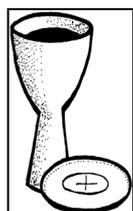
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Spearhead @ All Saints, Redgrave

Thurs 13th Nov, 7.15pm
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Midweek Communion

Wed. 5th Nov. 10.00am

Albert Close, Rickinghall

Thurs 20th Nov. 9.45am

Farnish House, Botesdale



Thurs 6th Nov, 7.30pm

The Rectory, Rickinghall

Tues 18th Nov, 7.30pm

All Saints, Redgrave

*A time of prayer for the work and
ministry of the church in this
community.*

"Together in these villages we offer Christ's healing grace through our worship and service."

For more information: Revd Chris Norburn 01379 898685.