

# PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

May 2014



*My soul can find  
No staircase to Heaven  
Unless it be through  
Earth's loveliness*

*Michelangelo*

*Courting Turtle Doves*

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**Rev**

What a world we live in! When we look around what do we see? Children dying in poverty of preventable diseases, tyrants planning to secure their power over suffering populations, families and whole communities struggling to put their lives back together in the wake of natural disaster, people dying in loneliness and living in fear and anxiety. There seems to be plenty of reason to say, 'This is a world without God'.

In May, Christ's Church celebrates Ascension Day. It was on this day that the friends of Jesus had to face the fact that they are going to have to get used to living in a world without Jesus – or at least, living in a world without the Jesus they had known. They had come through those frightening and exhilarating weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, when – amazed and confused – they have almost got used to the possibility of meeting Jesus in unexpected places (on the Road to Emmaus) and places (on the shore of Lake Galilee), now he is saying to them, 'It's going to be different. Don't expect to see me around in the old way.' They must have felt deeply disoriented, even fearful.

But as we read in John's Gospel, Jesus had already said to them, 'It's better for you if I go away.' What kind of sense does that make, though? In what way can it be better for them and us to live in a world without the visible signs of God's love? If Jesus' friends are feeling worried at the thought of his going away, we too can identify with that, because we live in a world where it so often looks as if God has withdrawn and left us to it.

Due to our human nature we like to hang onto what we can see and understand, because it makes us feel safe. The danger in this is that if Jesus was simply 'there' like the furniture we have in our own homes there's a big risk that we can make him too familiar and so we lose the possibility of being shocked and surprised by him. We miss out on the great truth that he is within and beyond *all* things, mysteriously holding everything together, because God is not there to fill the gaps for us, or to solve the problems of the world for us on our own terms. God isn't a thing among other things; he can't be pinned down as if His presence was just a single object.

You see in going away Jesus promises that he will fill his friends (that's all who put their trust in him as God's Son) with his Spirit. It is his Spirit that, whatever we may be feeling from moment to moment, reminds us that we've been given a relationship with Jesus that doesn't depend on being able to see him and speak with him in the way his disciples could during his earthly life and immediately

after his resurrection. No, the Holy Spirit offers so much more; it gives us a relationship that means we are able to turn in complete trust to God as father in the way Jesus did whilst he lived here on earth.

The fact is Jesus hasn't just gone away! He's done something no other living person has done: He has gone deeper into the heart of reality – our reality and God's. He has become far more than a visible friend and companion; he has shown himself to be the very centre of our life, the source of our loving energy in the world and the source of our prayerful, trustful waiting on God. He has given us the ability to silently and patiently trust God as a loving parent who is actively at work in our lives so we can make a difference to the world by living out His radical love.

There is nothing wrong as Christians to acknowledge that there are many harsh situations in the world, even apparently hopeless – because we should dare to say that we are willing to bring hope by what we offer in terms of compassion, service and love. And our ability, willingness and capacity to do this is due to Jesus ascending to Heaven so that we can be given resurrection life and power that only his Spirit can bring us. Without his Spirit we have no life and so no hope to offer the world.

As friends of Jesus, Christians are called to offer themselves as signs of God in the world – to live in such a way that the all powerful and all-pervading energy of God comes through them to make a difference. So to answer the question raised at the beginning 'where is God in the world?' our answer must include to ask ourselves how we can live, pray and act so as to bring the face of Jesus to life in our faces, and to do this by repeatedly turning again and again to the deep well of trust and prayer that the Spirit opens for us. In this we will bring the light of Christ to a world in need and reveal that God is alive and well in his world!

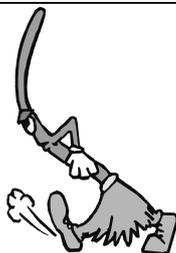
With every blessing

*Chris Norburn.*

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A cleaning session will take place on Friday 2nd May 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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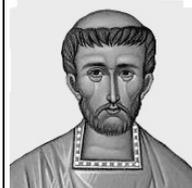
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                                                  Thursday 8th May

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**9 am to 12.30 pm**  
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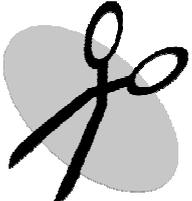


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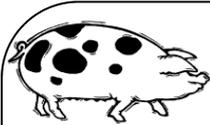


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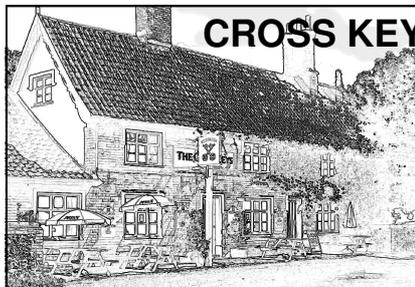
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TUESDAY 20th MAY

Redgrave Activities Centre  
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Beginners Welcome

Refreshments

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*Raffle*

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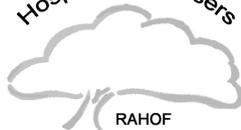
## CELEBRATION OF LIFE IN SONG

when the soloist, Jenny Francis, has been engaged to perform

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Friday 16 May  
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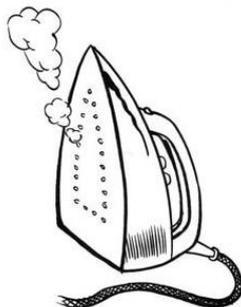
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The School will be open on the morning of Saturday 17th May from 9 am to sell maps of where stalls can be found, and refreshments. There will also be a Car Wash.

If you would like to have a stall either at the School (£5) or at your home (£5) please call 0771 415 4040 or email

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by 12th May latest to register. Fee payable in advance.

Alternatively, come along and buy a map on the morning of the 17th May. The Friends of St Boltoph's look forward to seeing you there!

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# Club News 1

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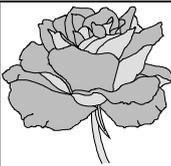


## Royal British Legion - Women's Section

Sixteen members attended the March meeting when the speaker was a local man, David Hill, who gave a fascinating account of his army career.

The following week the Botesdale Branch hosted the April Group Meeting. The speaker for this meeting was Edna Buggey who spoke on the history of tea. The meeting concluded with a cream tea, mystery parcels and a raffle.

*Margaret Brown*



## Redgrave Ladies Club

When I asked Jean Sheehan to come along to Redgrave Ladies Club to talk about the history of Redgrave, little did I realise what a treat we were going to have.

Jean, ably assisted by Di Maywort and Sarah Doig, brought along vast amounts of photos and information covering all aspects of past village life. Jean then gave an historic tour of the village, giving us a detailed history of many of the old houses, especially those now owned by members of the club. It was amazing to hear about the wide variety of shops which were once in the village and it was lovely to hear her own reminiscences from when she owned Waveney Stores, now a house at the bottom end of The Street. After the talk members and guests were then able to study the many displays, with Jean on hand answer any questions. The amount of work that had gone into the evening was remarkable as is Jean's breadth of knowledge.

A second book about Redgrave has now been published and is available at Redgrave Community Shop.

*Kay Mitchell*



## HERITAGE CIRCLE

Advertising is 'history around us and today's history in the making.' This was the view of Stuart Bowell as he explored the *History of Advertising* at the March meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall. He thinks that advertising is a mirror of the time as it reflects and moulds taste. Adverts from the past can now be quite

controversial in their content but they do show the attitudes of people at the time they were produced.

Investigating advertising can provide an interesting insight into the past. Stuart Bowell called it 'a barometer of public taste.' Old adverts often mention items that are no longer available, such as Virol which was a malt extract for 'delicate children' and 'anaemic girls.' He explained that adverts have tended to be linked to trade. The earliest were simple signs which showed the types of goods available but advertising expanded in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century because of the influence of the Industrial Revolution. Manufacturers had surplus goods to sell. Larger communities in the expanding towns and cities absorbed some of these articles but improvements in transport through turnpike roads, canals and especially the railways led to the creation of national and international markets. Advertising spread in scale with these new opportunities.

Stuart Bowell outlined the different types of advertisements during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Newspaper adverts became more common and the front page of many were occupied by adverts. Paper and painted posters were commonplace. Trade directories and railway directories, like Bradshaw's, also offered openings for advertisers. By the 1870s increasing literacy and cheap transport led to adverts being placed on buses and trains to take advantage of the captive audience. Even the stairs of buses and train stations had adverts on the risers to bombard the senses of travellers. However, enamelled signs are the most enduring adverts. Some still hang on walls in their original setting and many have been preserved in museums. These signs were often put up in strategic places like crossroads or corners. A tablet man would hire a place for a number of years. For example, Stephens ink would be advertised outside stationery shops.

Some advertisers made outrageous claims which would not be permitted today. Pears soap was 'matchless for the complexion' and often used angelic looking children in its posters. Fry's cocoa offered 'no better food.' Swan soap was 'absolutely pure.' Questionable combinations were suggested in some adverts. Oxo was 'excellent in milk for children!'

The Victorian value of thrift could underlie the message of adverts. Nectar was 'the most economical tea.' Brooke Bond tea offered stamps on the packets which could be collected and exchanged for cash. Similarly, Bryant and May patriotically urged support for 'home industries' but said little about the appalling conditions of its workers.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century saw the invention of new media for advertisers to use. Products like Ovaltine were advertised on Radio Luxemburg and used catchy songs to spread their message. Cinema programmes had adverts presented by Pearl and Dean. Commercial television began in September 1955 with Gibbs toothpaste as the first advert. Celebrities were used to project an image. For example, Denis Compton the England cricketer and footballer advertised Brylcreem. The power of these adverts was shown by the Heritage Circle audience being able to remember messages from the 1960s and 1970s. 'Esso gives you' .... 'happy motoring.' 'Go to work' .... 'on an egg.' 'You're never alone' .... 'with a Strand.'

Stuart Bowell also used a number of pictures of adverts to illustrate a fascinating and, at times, nostalgic talk which captured the imagination of his audience, evoking fond memories.

Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, [www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net)

*Gerry Gurhy*

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# Botesdale Parish Council

Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve

We had a busy agenda for the April meeting and attendance was good with apologies from Brendon Burgess and Eric Hathaway. You're probably tired of hearing this but we still have a vacancy! Meetings are only once a month with a break (usually) in August and very little, if anything, is required outside of the meetings. Only the time and effort you can afford! Please get in touch if you are interested in all the little things, and not so little, that go into making Botesdale a pleasant place to live.

The Chairman reported on the proposed No Cold Calling Zone at The Fairstead, for which residents had drawn up a petition. This has not been confirmed and it isn't certain at this time whether The Fairstead meets the requirements. For instance, there must already be evidence of doorstep crime in the proposed area. For more information on the scheme, see <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/emergency-and-safety/community-safety/suffolk-trading-standards/no-cold-calling-zones/>

**New Legislation** – A lot of new legislation applying to local councils has come through in the past few years, a lot of it thanks to the Localism Bill, and the PC does its best to keep on top of it with the help of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Two recent changes may affect the PC – the repeal of legislation requiring two signatures to make payments, by cheque in the PC's case, and a proposal not to require external audit for local councils with expenditure of less than £25,000. For now, the PC is keeping its current payment system as it is simple and transparent and cheques aren't likely to be abolished in the near future. We are unlikely to have a choice about the second change but it isn't clear at this point what the alternative(s) will be. The current audit system has the benefit of openness, is good value for money and the PC welcomes the level of assurance it provides.

**Crime Prevention Measures** – There is a property marking event coming up in mid-May, held by the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The police will UV mark any property, including bikes, which the public bring along to the event. The proposed date is 18<sup>th</sup> May so keep an eye out for the advertisements confirming this.

**Home Swap!** – The BBC is currently casting for a BBC1 travel/property programme and would like to feature people from parishes across Suffolk. If you live in an interesting home and would be happy to try a home swap short break over a weekend in the next few months, contact [Kieren.mccarthy@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Kieren.mccarthy@bbc.co.uk)

**New way to pay the District Council** – There is a new number to call to make payments over the phone: 0845 372 4122 (24 hours a day / 7 days a week). You can use a credit or debit card (though a charge may apply for credit card payments). Other payment methods still include online banking (CHAPS and BACS); standing orders; cheques or postal orders; or via the website. If you make direct payments, the bank details have changed so please check these before you pay!

**Planning:** The PC looked at two planning items at The Pantiles, The Street for the addition of a cart lodge and at Botesdale Lodge, Mill Road for the demolition of an existing outbuilding and the erection of a replacement with a cart lodge and annex accommodation. The latter was within the curtilage of the Listed building (Botesdale Lodge). There were no objections to either application.

**Village Signs:** The PC discussed the issue of untidy entrances to the village due to advertisements at the A140 roadside and elsewhere. Councillors do not object to businesses advertising their presence in the village and the signs are only temporary. However, it starts looking very messy when organisations or businesses don't remove them after events or let ongoing advertisements become tatty. It was suggested that the PC provide something more permanent and this is being looked into but in the meantime, if you have old signs up near the bypass please make sure they are still doing their job or remove them.

**Benches:** The PC noted the excellent work Tim Gaddis did refurbishing the benches in Rickingham and has agreed to do the same in Botesdale.

**Play Area:** We will be getting quotes over the next few weeks for replacing the entrance gate at the play area. If you are a local builder or fencing specialist who would like to quote for this, please give the Clerk a call!

**The Botesdale  
Annual Parish Council Meeting  
will take place on  
MONDAY 12 MAY  
at 7.30 pm  
at Botesdale Village Hall**

**All residents welcome  
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**Your Clerk is: Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve,  
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## BARWOOD Botesdale & Rickingham Community Woodlands

If you haven't yet been to visit our sites, do go.

There will be a good opportunity to see the Rickingham sites when the gardens are open on 18th May. We reckon we have planted 200 trees in Northfield Wood, next to the allotments; the last one to go in was a black mulberry, a gift from John Preston, tree warden of Redgrave. Some of them are still tiny, but others are beginning to look like trees, especially the ring of fruit trees part way down the path.

Low Meadow isn't far away and it's also looking good just now. Some cowslips have appeared that weren't there before, and soon the usual flowers will show their heads.

The lovely blossom in Miller's Orchard, Mill Road, Botesdale, is over now but it's still a pleasant place to walk and look for woodland flowers.

*Rosemary Jones*

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# Redgrave Parish Council

Redgrave Correspondent



A relatively large number of residents attended the April meeting with the intention of discussing the lack of progress with The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) in implementing the project to utilise the £140,000 bequest of Albert Driver intended to increase the peal of St Mary's bells and safeguard the church tower. The chairman therefore took this agenda item out of order at the start of the meeting while both the County and District councillors were present.

Members of the Redgrave Church Heritage Trust (RCHT) and the bell ringers outlined the recent history, especially delays incurred since receipt of listed building consent for the project. The terms of Albert's bequest were intended to extend and protect the future of the bells and the bell tower at St Mary's which he had rung for so many years. He apparently also intended the bequest to avoid the problems with hearing the bells encountered recently by Fressingfield. There followed a lengthy discussion over the lack of respect shown by the CCT to the wishes of Albert Driver, and who, at a high level, might be approached to bring some common sense to the issue.

The Parish Council considered that the impact of CCT's continued delay to a project intended to protect the amenity of St Mary's for Redgrave Parish and the surrounding area necessitated some involvement in addition to RCHT. With a view to avoid further delay, and it's effect on the value of Albert Driver's bequest, the Parish Council agreed that the clerk should invite Lloyd Grossman, the chairman of CCT to attend the Parish Meeting on 14 May 2014 (or a mutually convenient alternative date) to explain the reasons for the Trust's current refusal to implement the proposal approved by the authorities and the continuing delay .

Our County Councillor, Jessica Fleming, reminded all that comments were needed on the road programme and the Suffolk housing needs survey was open until 23 April. There were now opportunities for young people in farming and engineering. Ian Baird remarked that the time for parish councillors to respond seemed to be getting less and less. Jackie Moss enquired whether Suffolk would contribute half the cost of fixed flashing speed indicators as had already been offered by Norfolk to their villages.

District Councillor Sara Michell explained that the cost of parish council elections was fixed at £2 per elector and if the election were on the same day as any other election then the PC cost would be halved. Parish Liaison meetings had been reinstated and the next

one would be on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Community Awards evening had been a great success with Jenny Eason from Redgrave being one of only 20 recipients.

There had been one recorded crime in Redgrave in the last month but details were withheld.

Speedwatch continues at twice per week, weather permitting, and more volunteers are welcome.

The planning application for 9 windows in Poppy Cottage was discussed but the only comment was that all 9 needed to be the same make and style.

Neither John Giddings nor Jim McCluskey would be able to attend the Gressingham Foods meeting and would convey any comments from the village in writing.

John Canning's letter about the war memorial service options was discussed but it was felt that John had our full support to decide as he knew his peoples wishes better. He would have financial support at the amount we had already agreed .

The Old School playing field was overrun by moles and until the mole hills are levelled the topper could not be used to cut the grass.

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\* "In Your Garden" with Ian Shilling of Tripp Batt Country Store of Stanton \*

\* May is an exciting time of year for gardeners, and with winter behind us, summer colour comes to mind and that means annual bedding and container plants. Nurseries and garden centres are packed full of these, but look for young but strong and healthy plants which won't necessarily be full of flower at the time. If there is an inkling of a late frost then be prepared to cover any which are outdoors, as bedding annuals are not frost hardy. Likewise, emerging potatoes will need earthing up. \*

\* May is also the time to sow next winter's greens, plus French and runner beans, sweetcorn and salad crops for the summer. Later in the month Strawberry patches can be tidied ready for fruiting; lay straw or polythene down to keep the fruit clean. Hardy annuals and many herbs can be sown now as well, (window propagators are good for this) and it's a good time to sow grass seed providing the soil is reasonably moist. \*

\* Spring bulbs will be fading soon, but resist temptation to cut them down until they have gone brown, otherwise they won't gain the energy to produce flowers next year. Shrubs and roses will really pay you back for a feed at this time of year. Pelleted Poultry Manure, Growmore or fish blood, and bone, can all do the trick. \*

\* As annual weeds pop up, use a hoe to chop them at ground level. Doing this little and often will save hand pulling later. Insect pests and fungal attacks often start in May but often don't get noticed until leaves start to suffer in June. So keep an eye out now and treat upon seeing any problems, and this will save on pesticide or fungicide use later on. Feeding, as mentioned above, will improve a plants' resistance to pests and disease. \*

\* Back to bedding plants, and you be making up hanging baskets and containers soon. Reduce future watering and feeding requirements by including water-retaining gel and slow-release plant food to your compost. \*

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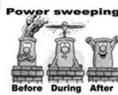
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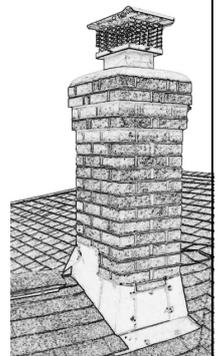
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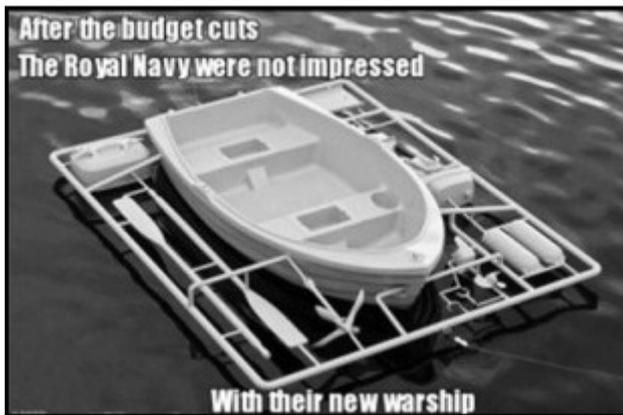
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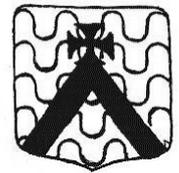
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# School Snippets



The Spring term has been a busy one with lots going on. The school has seen encouraging improvements in the quality of its teaching and learning and this is something that as a team we will need to keep on top of the agenda so that we continue to improve and see greater progress for our children.

This term the children have been actively involved in raising money for Sport Relief. We had a non-uniform day when all of the children and staff were asked to wear something sporty. St Bots continues to build and encourage involvement in physical activity. We have recently sent a team to the pyramid swimming gala and have had our school hockey team finish 4<sup>th</sup> at county level. In the summer term we are aiming to host a St Bots family health event when children and parents will be able to take part in physical activity together.

Since my arrival I have been eager to maintain the school's commitment to the arts and music but strengthen our involvement in sport and physical activity. We have increased participation levels in school sport and competition and have so far had a very successful season. Our rugby team will be off to compete at county level for the second year running in the summer term.

The whole school has also been involved in the national Sing Up Day. Each class learnt their own song and then performed it in front of the rest of the school in an assembly. Music and the arts have a high profile at St Botolph's and we feel that it is vital that our children have a complete education with frequent and high quality opportunities to express themselves in a variety of ways. The core skills of reading, writing and maths are vital. However we also believe that the opportunities for children to experience a broad and creative curriculum is equally as important. I am always delighted by the effort and enjoyment I see when the children are involved in artistic, musical and physical activities.

Our school term finished with our Easter assembly and once again parents and carers were invited into school to share in this. The spring term has been very busy, enjoyable and productive. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter.

*Mr M. Cobbold, Headteacher.*

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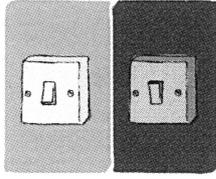
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# Rickingham Parish Council



## The Rickinghalls Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 3 April 2014

The Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Stephen Pattenden, welcomed residents and guests. An apology for absence was received from PCSO David Faulkner.

After confirming and signing the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Parish meeting, the Chairman gave a brief resume of the work of the parish council over the past year. The parish council, whilst the lowest tier in the chain, is the conduit through which residents can speak about matters which concern them and if necessary these can be passed on by the council up the chain to district, county and even our MP. Funding for the parish council comes from the Precept (a percentage of the council tax which is levied on each property in the two parishes) and grants. The Precept covers the work of the council, such as grants to local organisations, the Clerk's salary and expenses, payments to the district council for street sweeping, grass cutting along some of the footpaths, emptying of dog litter bins, expenses associated with the annual litter pick, parish council owned street lighting and training for councillors. The parish council also deals with planning issues and the Chairman reported that there have not been any contentious planning applications this year. The parish council does examine applications thoroughly to make sure they are right for the village environment. Parking and double yellow lines are an issue - it is hoped that the problem of the double yellow lines at the Co-op entrance will soon be resolved and drivers are still parking too near junctions. The Chairman advised that there were now two vacancies on the parish council and expressed the council's regret that they had lost a good councillor in John Clarke who passed away recently. John was a very enthusiastic and dedicated councillor, and initiated the monthly Surgery at the Rickinghall Farmers Market, which is another opportunity for residents to speak with a parish councillor about their concerns etc. If you are interested in helping to look after your village please become a parish councillor. What about the future? Renewable energy schemes with benefits for the village are a possibility to explore as is the production of a parish or neighbourhood plan. Rickinghall and Botesdale are regarded as a key service centre and the villages should be working towards a plan, agreed by the relevant authorities, on how the village should progress. The Chairman ended by saying this would be his last Annual Parish Meeting as chairman as he would be standing down as Chairman at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May as he felt it was time for another councillor to take on the mantle, and he thanked District and County Councillors Sara Michell and Jessica Fleming for their support of the parish council and the Clerk and parish councillors for their work over the past year. The parish council clerk then gave her report on the finances, which were in a healthy state.

Our County and District Councillors then gave their reports. Jessica Fleming advised that re-tendering for bus services takes place this summer and she would welcome feedback from users about the services so that these can be passed on. If the relevant department does not get any feedback they assume everyone is happy! Sara Michell re-iterated that if any resident has received a Housing Needs Survey please fill it in and send it back.

Peter Beck, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, gave a resume of his submitted report and said he was delighted that crime in the community was, thankfully, very low.

Reports have been received from the following organisations: PCSO David Faulkner for the Mid Suffolk North Team, the Parochial Church Council on the churchyard, Rickinghall Relief in Need Trust Fund, the Local History Recorder, Rickinghall Village Hall Management Committee, Mill Lane Allotments Association, the Oil Syndicate, the Heritage Circle, the Twinning Association, Barwoods, Rickinghall and Botesdale Good neighbour Scheme - Community Transport. Full reports, together with those from our District and County Councillors and Peter Beck will be in the forthcoming Rickinghall News which comes out shortly.

Under any other business, one resident raised several matters which were noted, including congratulating the parish council on successfully pushing for the removal of the container on the layby near Snape Hill on the A143. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.

*Staff Correspondent*

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The April Parish Council meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting, at which the usual business was conducted and which was otherwise notable for its lack of attending public. At the APM, the Chairman announced his intention to resign his office in May and did not commit to continuing on the Council, which at the moment has two vacancies.

Apologies were given for Stephen Pattenden and Eric Longley. There are still two vacancies on the Council.

**The Public Forum** - Terry Brown of Tank Change put in an appeal to support his application to change the use of his farm buildings to his current business. Councillors Jessica Fleming and Sara Michell both urged people to fill in a short questionnaire that was being distributed randomly across the District to discover what housing needs there are currently and might be in the future. Cllr Michell also mentioned the Community Achievement Awards ceremony which she and Cllr Jones attended, at which Sheila Miles received an award for her sterling work in setting up, and running for 24 years, the Wednesday Day Centre in the village. The evening had been well organised and supported by the East Anglian Co-operative Society, a fitting appreciation of voluntary service. PC Sandra Wiggin, who is new to our area, attended and gave the annual report on behalf of the Police service, which was very favourable. She mentioned that in mid-May there would be a crime prevention weekend and that people could have their property marked for security on 18th May, see notice boards for details. She also reminded us that, for non-emergencies, 101 is now the telephone number to call or text.

**Planning** - There were two items of planning: A change of use of redundant agricultural building and land B1(c) to domestic storage and garaging at Upper Church Farm, Finningham Road, and demolition of a conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension to Porters House Farm, West Hall Road. There were no objections to either application.

**General Items** - There was no further information on the proposed extension of the double yellow lines outside the Co-op. There was some discussion about the siting of the bottle banks at Snape Hill; it attracts fly tippers and also deters law-abiding residents from taking their bottles there as some find its isolation intimidating.

The date for a litter pick on 26th April would be advertised on notice boards.

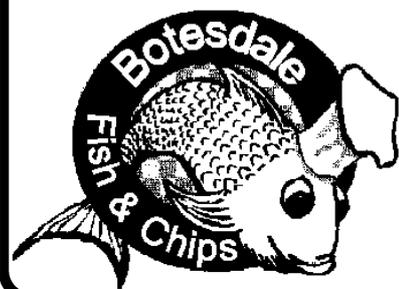
The Council would like to see the signage tidied up on the approach to the village, particularly the removal of old signs/banners.

Tim Gaddis has placed the new bench outside Maypole Meadow and the other benches have been refurbished and look good. These are outside Jubilee House, near The White Horse, and near the bus shelter by the church. A surplus bench is being offered to Barwoods for Northfield Wood. The notice board outside Jubilee House needs attention and Tim Gaddis would be asked to spruce it up.

The Council approved a small salary rise for street sweeping.

Grants were discussed and allocated: Most would remain as last year, but it was agreed to give £45 to the Royal British Legion towards expenses incurred in continuing to organise the Remembrance Day Parade; £30 to the Diss CAB and £100 towards the After School Club's funds for a second vehicle, as many of the children come from outside the village and have to be picked up and dropped off both in the morning and in the afternoon

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Friday 2nd May	9.00 am 10.45 am 1.00 pm 8.00 pm	Church cleaning Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes. Phone 01379 783114 for further information	St Mary's, Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 3rd May	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 7.30 pm	Churches open Rickinghall Model Railway Show Guided Fen Walk The New Eye Theatre, 2 one-act plays	St Mary's, Red, RI & C of Ease Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday 4th May	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday 5th May	7.30 pm	BANK HOLIDAY Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday 6th May	9.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Open House Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints, Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday 7th May	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Macmillan Outreach Service	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre
Thursday 8th May	9.30 am 12.30 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon Club Rickinghall W I	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
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