

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

October 2014

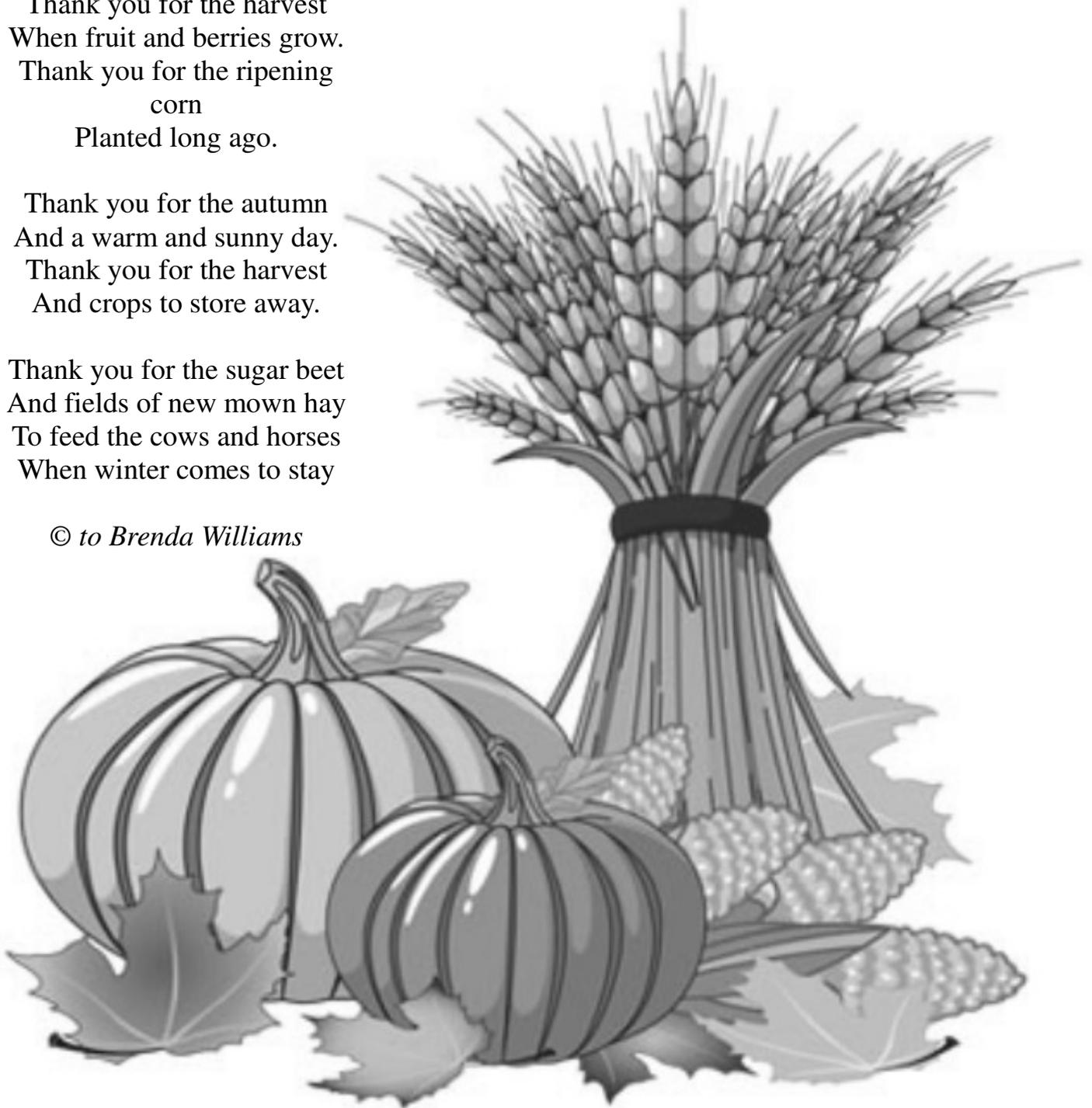
A Harvest Prayer

Thank you for the harvest
When fruit and berries grow.
Thank you for the ripening
corn
Planted long ago.

Thank you for the autumn
And a warm and sunny day.
Thank you for the harvest
And crops to store away.

Thank you for the sugar beet
And fields of new mown hay
To feed the cows and horses
When winter comes to stay

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Rev

It was interesting to talk to a local farmer whilst sitting in the cab of his combine harvester for a day during August. He explained that after a run of rain-wrecked years, British farmers could have what looks like a bumper cereals harvest. With a mild winter and early spring the wheat, barley and oats got off to a flying start. This was followed by regular but light rain which watered the growing shoots. Most of all, it has been bright and sunny helping to both grow and ripen off the crops. Wheat is the nation's staple and biggest crop and when the final data is released in October experts are predicting that 2014 could be the biggest yield ever for wheat. This all looks good after the dismal years of 2012 and 2013 when wet weather ruined many farmers' crops. But as always there is a down side which comes at a heavy cost: the plentiful grain means prices are very low. They are down by about £40/£50 per tonne. From my understanding this will not be offset by the abundance of the good crops. This all goes to show that things don't always work out as planned or hoped for!

Nevertheless we can see from the Bible that God has called us to be good stewards of the earth and its resources for the Bible says that God expects, even demands, that we be stewards of His creation. You see God created the different species of plants and animals, blessed them, protected them and then made a covenant with them, and we have a responsibility to live according to the duty set before us in the place God has assigned us to live and work.

So Christians are called to be stewards: to nurture, to protect, and to preserve His creation...for His glory. The Bible is clear that Jesus Christ is LORD of life and so can we not say that we have a good reason to be environmentalists, not for creation's sake, but rather for the Creator's sake and for His glory alone. The Bible has quite a lot to say about this! For example we read this in John 1:3 - *Through him (Jesus) all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.* See also Colossians 1:16-17. Brackets mine. Such verses help us to see that God created the earth and all forms of nature through his Son Jesus, who was with God in the very beginning and is God in the fullest sense. And so it is through Jesus that God maintains a relationship with all of His creation. Consider Psalm 96:11-13 which says this - *Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.*

Again the Bible is full of verses that speak of God's intention that all created things are to honour Him for the one true God that he is. And there are also many passages where God calls His creation to worship Him, for example Psalm 19:1, Revelation 5:13. God also does wonderful things by teaching us through nature, see Job 12:7-10. And right at the beginning of the Bible God tells the reader that He ordained us to be His stewards over nature for we read - *"Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."* (Genesis 1:26)

God has given us the ability to have dominion and rule over creation in such a way that would sustain His good creation. But this is only possible through obedience to God's original design and purpose for it. When you read on in Genesis we see that Adam had the power to make the good creation crumble and suffer when he was disobedient to the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So the ability to have a dominion and then to utterly lose dominion is a sobering reality. It is a poignant reminder of the position and power handed to man from the Creator at the very beginning. We tread a fine tightrope between obedience and disobedience, between survival and destruction!

So scripture clearly states that God created, blessed, protected and made a covenant with the earth and all creatures dwelling on it. While avoiding a romantic view of nature that leads to creature worship and mysticism we must assume our created position as stewards of His creation. It is our scriptural and therefore moral duty to exercise healthy and lasting principles of stewardship over the earth so we can continue to enjoy the good creation brought about by a generous and loving God. So may we all continue to enjoy what God has created and do our best in caring for it so we are able to sustain the life, in its widest sense, that God has created.

With every blessing for the autumn and in His service

Chris Norburn.

Confirmation Preparation

On Sunday 30th November 2014, there will be a Confirmation Service (10.30am). 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



My sister's eldest boy liked nothing better than to sit on his grandfather's knee and have stories read to him.

One day after a story about Noah's ark, and how Noah led pairs of animals to the safety of the ark, the little boy asked, 'Grandad, you are very old, were you in Noah's ark?'

Gosh no', said Grandad.'

In that case, how come you didn't drown when the flood came?'

ANNOUNCEMENT

PARISH MAGAZINE—PRODUCTION CHANGES

As highlighted in the June issue, Charles and Lesley Greenhough are to step down after 14 years of editing the Parish Magazine. They have produced an excellent magazine that is widely read and appreciated throughout our community and beyond. We extend our warmest thanks to Charles & Lesley for their hard work and commitment, and wish them well in making the most of their new-found free time!

Future issues of the Parish Magazine will be produced by a team of volunteers from Rickinghall, Botesdale & Redgrave Church. As we try to meet the high standards set by Charles & Lesley, we have divided the workload to help manage the production process. We kindly request you to use the following channels of communication:

For all editorial content: editor@rbrparishmag.com

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If you are unable to use email, you can call 01379 671225. NB: Please leave a message if there is no answer.

To help with the transition, and ensure the timely production of the November and December/January issues of the magazine, we need to change the copy dates for these issues as follows:

- ◆ November issue: Midday on Wednesday 15th October
- ◆ December/January: 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.

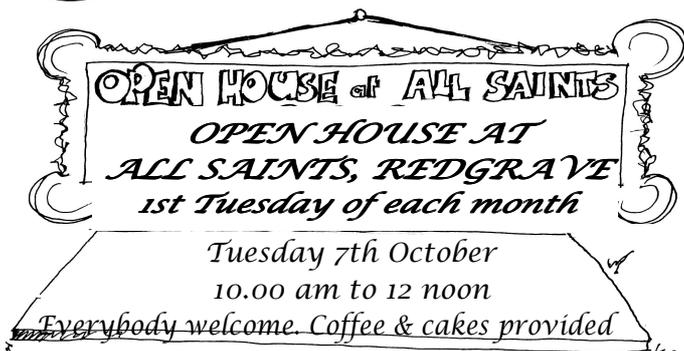
Notices from voluntary organisations within the Benefice are printed free of charge. We try to help similar organisations from outside the Benefice wishing to place a notice in our magazine; this is subject to space being available and we also make a small charge.

We will be in touch with regular magazine contributors and advertisers to discuss any implications for new ways of working. Please note that we would welcome additional volunteers to join the editorial team. Please use the contact details above to get in touch.

Thanks to you all for your support as we look for ways to continue the magazine.

Best wishes
The Parish Magazine Volunteers

October Events



the WI Rickinghall Village Hall
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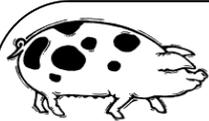


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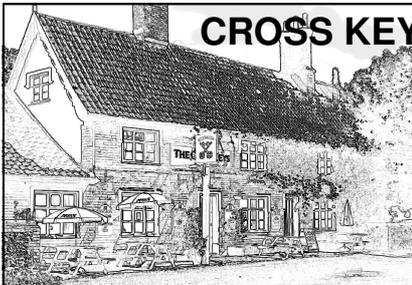
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Friday 10th October
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Refreshments

This is a friendly fun evening, open to everyone.
Further information from 01379 898566.



PROGRESSIVE WHIST DRIVE

TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER

Redgrave Activities Centre
at 7.30 pm

Beginners Welcome

Refreshments

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PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

To be held at Rickingham Farmers' Market
on Saturday 11th October

Residents of Rickingham and Botesdale are invited to come along and speak to their parish councillors about matters concerning the parish

Parish Councillors will be in attendance from
10.00 to 11.00 am only



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At 7.30 pm
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Refreshments will be available.

For more information contact Kev at the Chapel : Email : Kevin@parkviewchapel.co.uk or phone 01379 898924.

Give yourself time to create

CORNER

Redgrave Garden Club

Thursday 30th October
7.30 pm at the Activities Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Then Gardeners' Questions with special guest Stella Taylor

Please come prepared with your questions and advice

Enquiries / information from : Chris Giddings on 01379 890548

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Saturday 4th October, 10.30 am to 1 pm

Guided Fen Walk

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Cost : £3 . No booking required. Meet at Education Centre.

Sunday 19th October, 10.30 am to 3 pm

Apple Day & Autumn Fair

Fruit identification, plant and craft stalls, free family games, recipe swap, refreshments.

Cost : Adult £3, Child £2. No booking required.

Tuesday 28th October, 10 am to 2 pm

Hedgehog Activity Day

Activities, crafts and games to find out about these prickly creatures.

For 6—10 year olds

Cost : £6 each or 2 siblings for £10. Booking essential.

Wednesday 29th October, 2 pm to 4 pm

Animal Hibernation Family Afternoon

Activities to discover who sleeps through winter.

Cost : £2.50 per person. Booking essential.



Thursday 30th October, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Wild Night Out Family Evening

Make a lantern and explore the Fen by night.

Cost : £2.50 per person. Booking essential.

WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP at Redgrave Fen

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Saturday 11th October

Hibernation and Migration

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For more information on the events go to :

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves-and-visitor-centres/grave-lopham-fen/

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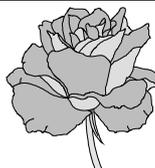
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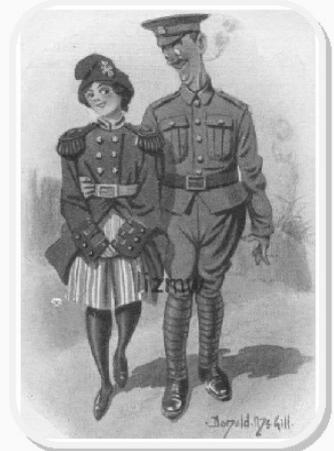
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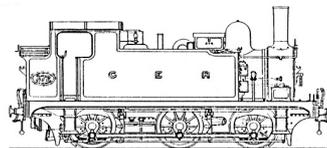
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Club News 1

Redgrave and Rickingham Ringers

After many months I am now able to resume the bell ringing reports.

Whilst absent, the ringers have been hard at work learning new methods and perfecting old ones. We are making progress, amidst much hilarity, with Original Bob. The method is simple but the Bobs come fast and furious. We get further through the method each week.

Two members of the band went to Cornwall for their holiday and rang nearly every night at a different tower. They were very warmly welcomed and were even asked to ring for a wedding!

The latest event was the 20 Tower Outing with the Norfolk Guild to raise money for the Paul Cattermole Fund. Two ringers rang at 19 new towers, starting at Watton—6 bells, Tenor 7cwt, finishing at Kings Lynn—10 bells, Tenor 29cwt, with the other rings varying between 4, 6 and 8 bells. A great day out in beautiful churches,

countryside and excellent company. The day ended with dinner at Stow Bardolph and then home to bed. They both slept well!! Thanks go to Betty Baines for such a well planned and interesting day. Roll on the next one!

We now ring at Redgrave on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon, then the following Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9 pm, except for the 1st Thursday in the month when we ring at Palgrave.

We welcome anyone who would like to try bell ringing and any experienced ringers who would like to join very keen ringers. We are a very friendly, hard-working band who have great fun and many laughs!

The Tower Correspondent



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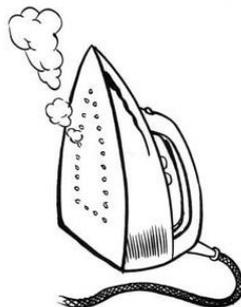
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Botesdale Parish Council



Leeann-Jackson-Eve

July Parish Council Meeting

Apologies were received this month from Eric Hathaway. It also was noted that Chris Lambert was resigning due to other commitments. He has achieved a tremendous amount on the Streams project and will be much missed.

Public Forum – The meeting was attended by our District Councillor, Sara Michell, who spoke about the new Energy From Waste site at Great Blakenham. This is now online and receiving waste to incinerate. She also reported on the new Eastern Savings & Loan Scheme in Stowmarket. The Stowmarket Savings and Loan Credit Union is open every Thursday from 1-3pm at the Adult Learning Centre, 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. They offer a safe place to save, affordable loans, a child benefit savings and loan plan, a Christmas Savings Club and a Prepaid Visa debit card.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that there have been some unforeseen delays to the verge cutting programme for minor (C and U class) roads. All minor roads should have been cut by 9th July. Suffolk has recently been awarded £1.4m from the Government's Regional Growth Fund and can offer grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). To register, contact Nataliya Klymko, Fund Coordinator, nataliya.klymko@newanglia.co.uk, 01603 510073. Deadline is 31st October 2014. Finally, Suffolk Energy Action can fund household energy efficiency improvements such as loft insulation, double pane windows and new boilers. Assistance is usually in the form of a loan against future anticipated savings; grants may be available as well. To find out more go to www.suffolkenergyaction.org or telephone 0800 840 9090.

The Clerk reported that the proposed resurfacing of The Street had been put off until at least 2016. In other Highways matters, it was noted that Rickinghall PC were making enquiries about the installation of bollards in front of the post office. Water was still coming out of the bank near the Blue Orchid in periods of heavy rain and there was a lot of soil in the drains as a result. It was agreed to ask Highways about the hole and to request drain clearance.

A request had been made to the PC for support for an application to Mid Suffolk District Council for s106 funding for new lighting at the Village Hall. This was agreed.

The PC discussed the proposed parish merger noting that Rickinghall PC was not in favour. It was agreed to pursue a closer working relationship with Rickinghall whenever possible and to start a councillor would attend the PC Surgery at the Farmers' Market, beginning in September.

**Your Clerk is: Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve,
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September Parish Council Meeting

Apologies were received this month from Claire Appleby. There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council so please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested.

In the public forum, District Councillor Sara Michell said Mid Suffolk had had a quiet summer and reported that there were meetings on 11 September with further information on the Community Infrastructure Levy. There will also be Parish Liaison meetings on 4th November for councillors to attend and be updated on District Council matters.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming was unable to attend but sent in a report which highlighted that Suffolk local authorities and the Norfolk and Suffolk Gypsy and Traveller Service initiated and then cancelled a consultation on locations for short stay sites as new potential sites have been brought forward. The need to find sites is pressing and consultation will resume in the future with the objective of selecting three. Concertus, acting for Suffolk Suffolk County Council as of this July, has acquiring a long lease for property adjacent to Hartismere Hospital with a simultaneous sub-lease to Care UK for 125 years. Care UK has already obtained planning permission for a 60 bed care home and well-being centre for the elderly and construction will begin this year. Suffolk County Council is expanding its Employer Brokerage Service to a larger range of schools and businesses to enable leaving students to gain work experience (in some cases paid but may not be) and contacts. The service was piloted in 2013 and now includes a wide range of business participants and includes Newmarket, Thurston, Stowmarket and Stowupland. For more information please call Jo Leverett on 07738 803060 or email jo.leverett@suffolk.gov.uk. There are new apprenticeship opportunities on the County Council web site as well: www.thesource.me.uk/jobsandcareers/unlock-your-future-with-an-apprenticeship

The PC discussed Christmas (already!) and plans were made for the Christmas tree to be delivered on 28 November with the lights on for 6 December.

The PC chose a new bench to be installed at the Market Place. This is likely to happen in November. Additionally, you may have noticed that the bench across from the Post Office has been hit by a car and is unsalvageable. A new bench will be installed there, also scheduled for November, and we hope to re-set the litter bin at the same time.

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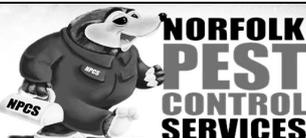
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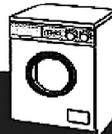
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Club News 2

Professor Richard Smith told Heritage Circle members and visitors about the impact of the Black Death on Rickingham and the surrounding area at their July meeting. He had previously spoken on the Manor of Rickingham prior to the Plague, so this told of the severity in the area and the after effects it left.

The Black Death started in Eastern Europe in 1347 and rapidly spread eastwards and up through France and into Britain, being first recorded in the West Country in 1348. It arrived in East Anglia in 1349 firstly in Breckland, presumably entering through the port at Kings Lynn and travelling up river.

The Rickingham Manorial Courts recorded 37 deaths in May 1349, 97 in July and several more in later months. 226 deaths were recorded in Redgrave and Botesdale and further numbers in Hinderclay and Thelnetnam within two months. Within a few months 160 deaths were recorded in St Edmundsbury. Manorial Courts only dealt with land holders; landed gentry and clergymen both had separate records kept, and children and non-landowners were not recorded. Taking all these into account, it is estimated that 3,000 to 3,500 deaths occurred in the area of Rickingham, Botesdale, Redgrave, Hinderclay, Thelnetnam and Walsham-le-Willows between May and July 1349.

This brought about a change in rural life in many ways. The line of inheritance was upset where sons had died along with the fathers, with property going to daughters or, where the next of kin were under-age children who could not claim inheritance, to brothers or sisters, or places were even left unclaimed when no surviving kin could be traced. This, in turn, left property to go to ruin in many cases, which means a severe loss of revenue to the Abbott who collected taxes from all landholders on his estate. Severe weather in 1349 and 1350, together with a diminished labour force, led to a poor harvest for two years and greater losses of revenue. With the shortage of labour, manual workers were able to ask for higher pay which the Abbott refused to pay, so many moved to other areas or towns where higher wages were paid. Eventually, in 1382, the Abbott started to dispose of his land, instead of small tenants on monthly rents, to farmers in larger plots on 6-yearly tenancies, changing the face of farming greatly, with more animals being kept than before.

It is interesting to note that the burial places of most victims of the Black Death have been unable to be traced as parish records were not kept at that time, only Manorial Court records which did not record places of burial.

Gwen Smith

David Cawdell, And The bands Played On

David Cawdell played tribute to town and village bands at the June meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall. He explored the origins of brass bands and their links to the First World War.

Brass bands developed across Britain from the 1860s. At their height, there were about 30,000 town and village bands but this has declined to about 3,000 now. David Cawdell has identified 70 village brass bands in Suffolk and a further 80 in Norfolk in the early 20th Century.

The bands appear to have evolved from three possible sources. From medieval times there were Waits Bands formed by watchmen in towns who played at civic events. They were banned in 1834 because of the rowdiness associated with them but they demonstrate the long tradition of music in towns. A second source for brass bands was the military bands formed during the 19th Century. Fears of invasion at different times led to local militia groups being formed and musicians often played when soldiers were marching. However, David Cawdell thinks that the most likely origin of many brass bands was from church bands. He illustrated this point by reference to Thomas Hardy's novel, *Under the Greenwood Tree*, where the introduction of a church organ led to musicians joining the Methodist Church. These church bands became a key feature of village life and flourished. The Salvation Army was also influential in training young people as musicians in more urban areas.

David Cawdell explained that village bands tended to be undermined in the late 19th Century by the increasing mechanisation of agriculture, the expansion of industry in towns and the greater mobility offered to the population through the railways. However, they remained a feature of village life up to 1914. When war broke out the bands responded in two

major ways. He cited examples of bandsmen volunteering for the army en masse.

The Salvation Army bands of Halifax and Long Eaton were in Flanders very early in the war. He also displayed photographs of bands playing as volunteers marched off to war. One was from Southwold and is dated 13 June 1915, and the other was from Attleborough.

Inevitably there were casualties among the bandsmen. It is calculated that 20% of them were killed or wounded, with a large number missing as their bodies were never identified. Five bandsmen won the Victoria Cross, with a further 122 receiving other military honours. The bandsmen often had the role of stretcher bearers in the war.

Music often featured during quiet periods at the front. The Imperial War Museum has published the memoirs of many soldiers who comment on soldiers singing. One reminiscence from the summer of 1915 mentions 'Joe Cornet' who was a German soldier who played requests from the British troops in the opposite trench.

After the war former soldiers were often involved with music. Tramp Bands were formed by unemployed soldiers who often had little musical ability who made collections when marching around towns. Other more accomplished bands showed a reaction to the war by playing without wearing uniforms.

Finally, David Cawdell concluded his talk by explain the origin of some well-known soldier songs. Fred Godfrey wrote *Take Me back To Dear Old Blighty*. The term 'Blighty' meant home and was derived from the Hindi word 'bilati'. *Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag* was originally a waltz but the Powell brothers converted it into a marching song.

Linda Sexton introduced her detailed research about St John's House to the August meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall. She had her audience riveted as she explained the provision of care for children in Ipswich from 1871 to the early 1950s using photographs and other materials that she has amassed during her investigation of St John's House.

After 1834 poor relief was only available through workhouses. Families were separated and conditions were purposely grim so as to deter the 'undeserving poor' from becoming a burden to ratepayers. There were 20 workhouses in Suffolk. By the mid-19th Century St Peter's Workhouse in Ipswich had become overcrowded and so the Guardians took the novel step of moving children, initially 53 boys, to a former pub owned by the Cobbold family to the east of the town in 1871. In 1878 St John's House was expanded and girls were moved to the site. There was a strict gender division as boys and girls were accommodated separately and forbidden even to speak to one another. In 1904 a Receiving House was added.

On entry, matron entered a child's details into the admissions book. This included why the child was in the home. Children were bathed and had their hair shaven. They spent two weeks in the Receiving House to establish whether they had any contagious diseases before being placed in a dormitory where they had little personal space, only a hook for their clothes. Photographs indicate that there were probably three times as many boys as girls in the home. Girls were more useful than boys and so were more likely to be accommodated among relatives of the poor.

From 1873 boys were sent to a local school part-time to gain a basic education and also had some industrial training in shoe repairing and carpentry to learn a work ethic. From the ages of 12-14 they were either apprenticed or joined the army or navy. They were not allowed to work on trawlers which were regarded as too dangerous and too hard. The education of girls was seen as less important. They did domestic duties around the home, including the laundry, and had a school room on the site. An inspection in 1898 ended this as standards were so poor that girls were sent to a local school.

St John's House became overcrowded. It had been built to accommodate 250 children but by 1912 it had 400. There was also a severe problem with ringworm. It was decided to adopt the scattered home scheme devised in Sheffield.

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Leeann Jackson-Eve



The July meeting was attended by five councillors, MSDC Councillor Sara Michell, three members of the public and the new Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve. Apologies were received from Councillors Bob Hayward, Mike Denmark, Ann Preston, Richard Hilton and County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

After much discussion on the matter at previous meetings the PC unanimously approved signature by the Chairman of the offer of employment to Leeann Jackson-Eve as Parish Clerk from 1 September 2014. Leeann, who lives in Botesdale and is also the Clerk for Botesdale and Rickingham, will now be the main point of contact for the PC on any administrative or financial matters. You can contact her by email on redgrave_pc@btopenworld.com or write to her at Wayside Cottage, Cherry Tree Lane, Botesdale, Diss, IP22 1DL. Alternatively, you can contact her by telephone on 01379 890141 between 9.30am and 5pm Monday-Friday.

County Cllr Jessica Fleming had emailed Cllr Baird advising that she had raised the issue of cutting verges at County level and that all verges on C and U roads should have been cut by 9 July 2014. She requested advice of any omissions and Councillor Baird agreed to do so. District Cllr Sara Michell confirmed that details of revised refuse collection dates would be mailed directly to residents in conjunction with Serco to avoid the problems last year. She had visited the Great Blakenham incinerator, now in operation and reducing the use of landfill. She also reported that consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is in progress. The CIL will replace Section 106 agreements as the means by which **builders of new houses make a contribution towards facilities in the parish.**

Planning: The application for the new dwelling adjacent to Newlands on Fen Road has gone to appeal. The Keys Cottage application for a 2 storey extension, 1149/14, was not granted.

Speeding: There are currently 11 volunteers doing the monitoring. It was noted that 11 warning letters were issued by the police during the month of July based on the speed monitoring. In Suffolk 40% of vehicles reported by Speedwatch groups do not get a letter and we are waiting for a fuller explanation of this. However, it is good to see that the number of drivers reported speeding between January and May is significantly down on the same period in 2013.

Other Matters: The Redgrave Bells meeting called by David Ruffley MP took place in his office in Parliament on 24 June 2014. The Churches Conservation Trust agreed to provide an agenda covering for a meeting on the approved listed building consent that will satisfy David Ruffley.

The September meeting was attended by six councillors, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, MSDC Councillor Sara Michell, three members of the public and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Councillors Jackie Moss, Jan Cresswell and John Giddings.

In the Public Forum, County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that there was a delay in assessing applications for Vehicle Activated signs. The consultation on Gypsy and Traveller short stay sites had been put off and there would probably be a call for sites. District Councillor Sara Michell reported that there was a Parish Liaison meeting on 4 November in Needham Market. John Campbell, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, reported that about half of households were covered by the Watch. The next meeting would be held on 15 October. Lesley Greenhough reported that from November the parish magazine will be produced by a team, details in this magazine. The PC thanked Lesley and Charles for their many years of editing the magazine.

Planning: It was agreed to support the erection of a wooden summerhouse at Orves House, The Street, Redgrave. Ref: 2487/14.

Other Matters: It was suggested that a committee be formed to look at the use of parish 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. This will be discussed in October.

The PC received the Play Inspection Report for the Redgrave Activities Centre. All necessary work would be managed by the Redgrave Amenities Trust.

At the last meeting with Gressingham Foods, it was reported that the Christmas working would start on 22 November and end on 19 December. It was agreed to contact Highways to bring up again the issue of speeding on Hinderclay Road and a possible 30mph zone.

Matters for the next meeting include drain clearance before winter, a Christmas Tree for The Knoll and improvements at the entrances to the village.

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WILL TAKE PLACE AT
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From the Registers

Redgrave

Service and Burial at St Mary's Church

Friday 4th July William George Banham, aged 83 years. Died Friday 13th June 2014.
Wednesday 30th July Winifred Elisabeth Orwell, aged 95 years. Died Sunday 13th July 2014.

Marriage Ceremony

Saturday 2nd August Victoria Rose Burgess and Aaron James Thompson.

Rickingham

Marriage Ceremony

Saturday 19th July Carl Jackson and Laura Finnegan.
Saturday 2nd August Jamie Howard and Katie Readman.

Baptism

Sunday 10th August Elsie Rose Newman

Service and Burial at St Mary's Church

Monday 18th August Peter Cooper, aged 82 years. Died Friday 1st August 2014.
Friday 29th August Jean Rosemary Marshall, aged 82 years. Died Thursday 14th August 2014.



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Rickinghall Parish Council



July Meeting - by L Jackson-Eve

All Councillors were present with the exception of Cllrs Crossley-Holland and Smith. There are three vacancies on the Council and we are very keen to speak to anyone who might be interested.

In the public forum, District Councillor Sara Michell confirmed that the last two years' confusion about waste collection at Christmas would be dealt with this year by posting the schedule to householders prior to the holidays. She also reported that the Energy From Waste site at Great Blakenham is now in use to incinerate waste rather than send it to landfill. In addition, the heat it produces will be used to grow hothouse tomatoes!

County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that there were changes to parking standards for new developments which will now require a minimum of two spaces per 3-bedroom house. She also reported that a new Assistant Director of Education had been appointed and discretionary transport for 16-18 year olds is under review.

Peter Beck, our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, reported that Water Lane is now a No Cold Caller Zone.

Councillors had recently done some "emergency" gardening at the bench area in front of Maypole Meadow in response to complaints. The PC is aware that the area needs some work but its ownership is attached to the building site next door and the PC has no real right to make any significant changes to it. We are now looking into whether the area can be acquired by the PC for minimal cost. Watch this space.

The PC had recently attended a meeting with Botesdale PC to learn more about the process of a merger. It was noted that it would be a lengthy process, would save relatively little money and might be difficult to unravel if it didn't work. On the other hand, it would possibly give the community more clout. With these points in mind, the PC decided not to seek a merger with Botesdale PC but to find ways to work more closely with them. It was agreed to start by asking them if they wished to attend the PC Surgery at the Farmers' Markets.

The PC had been consulted on proposed highway works at the A143 and Calkewood Lane. The PC supports the proposed 40mph speed limit on that section of the A143 and in conjunction with that, prohibiting right turns and straight over movements from Calkewood Lane. Additionally, the PC supports placing a no motor vehicles prohibition, except for access to premises, at the junction with Briar Lane (left turn movements would still be available from Calkewood Lane on to the A143). All affected residents have been consulted and Suffolk County Council will make the final decision on what is done.

Finally, there has been an upswing in complaints about dog mess. It's so easy these days to carry bags around with you so please do the right thing and keep our village clean!

September Meeting – by Councillor Geoff Short

We had apologies from three members – Councillors Lister, Longley and Crossley-Holland – so were just quorate with three, namely Smith, Jones and Short. Another reminder that we would welcome somebody to be co-opted to the Council to swell the numbers! The meeting approved the minutes of the July meeting, there being no August meeting as we had our "Summer recess" and no planning applications to necessitate a meeting.

In the public forum, Councillor Sara Michell said it had been pretty quiet at Mid Suffolk, and advised there were to be Parish Liaison meetings on 4th November for councillors to attend. We were asked for suggestions of suitable subjects to hold sessions on, and suggested Land Bids and Section 106 Agreements. The latter is a fund where builders of new houses have to make a contribution towards facilities in the parish and we would like to know more readily what funds are available to us. The successor to Section

106 is the Community Infrastructure Levy, and meetings are being held on this shortly.

We had no planning issues to discuss, but the long standing parking issue at the Co-op entrance was discussed as Suffolk County Council had advised that if we wanted to extend the yellow lines a considerable distance the costs and time factor would be similarly considerable. Apparently the "design estimate" would be £3,578.28 plus about £400 to actually do the lines, and the cost would be wasted if the Right of Way Committee rejected it. However they acknowledge the ambiguity of the existing order, in that the lines should extend a bit further anyway, and this would be done "at a minimal cost". We are mindful that many residents would like to see the sight lines improved, particularly after this year's accident, but again we respect the views of the residents living in that part of The Street. We agreed to ask Suffolk County Council to comply with the original order which will save time and money and resolve the issue with minimum change. We await developments!

Issues also arose over the blocks in the road at the Hinderclay junction and the control strip of blocks on the adjacent part of The Street. Some of these are becoming loose, and the Highways Department will make repairs pending a complete resurfacing in about 2 years time.

We discussed our insurance premium, where a saving had been found from £595 pa to £497 pa, so agreed to swap to the new company, offering the same cover, to effect the reduction.

A new bus timetable has been published (effective from 1st September). Without detailed analysis we have not established the difference, but regular bus users may wish to note a new timetable is available.

Our presence at the monthly Farmers Market (10-11am) is continuing, with Sally Smith volunteering for September and Rosemary Jones for October, and are pleased to say that our colleagues from Botesdale have agreed to join us.

Finally we have heard that the contact details for the Magazine Team will change in November – it is good that people have been found to continue this very useful publication, and many thanks to those who have stepped forward.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend our meetings, on the first Thursday monthly at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, and we look forward to welcoming you.

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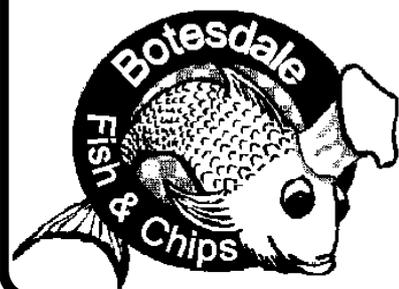
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SUNDAY 4.15 - 8.00 pm

Wednesday 1st October	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 2.15 pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Macmillan Outreach Service Forget-me-not-Club	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre Farnish House
Thursday 2nd October	9.30 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Rickinghall Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday 3rd October	9.00 am 10.45 am 12.15 pm 1.00 pm 8.00 pm	Church Cleaning Positive Steps Rickinghall Ramblers Lunch Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes. Tel 01379 783114 for further information.	St Mary's Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall White Horse, Stoke Ash Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 4th October	10.30 am 10.30 am	Autumn History Workshop 'Bells, Books & Candles' Guided Fen Walk	St Mary's Redgrave Redgrave Fen
Sunday 5th October	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday 6th October	2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Needlecraft Slimming World	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday 7th October	6.00 pm 10.00 am 7.15 pm 7.30 pm	Zumba Open House Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints, Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday 8th October	8.30 am 9.30 am 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Flu Vaccination Day. No appointment necessary Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Botesdale Health Centre Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday 9th October	9.30 am 12.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon Club Fitsteps Rickinghall W I	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village hall
Friday 10th October	10.45 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Whist Drive Dance Classes. Tel 01379 783114 for further information.	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 11th October	9.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Farmers Market Parish Council Surgery for Rickinghall & Botesdale residents Table Top Sale Wildlife Watch Group Curry Evening The Edmund Octet	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Redgrave Fen Parkview Chapel St Marys Redgrave
Sunday 12th October	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday 13th October	9.15 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Needlecraft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday 14th October	9.00 am 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm	Coffee on the Corner Redgrave & District Ladies Club outside visit Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Parkview Chapel Meet at Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday 15th October 12 NOON— LATEST COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER MAGAZINE	9.30 am 10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Forget-me-not-Club Wives Club Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch Meeting	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Farnish House Methodist Church Activities Centre