

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

June 2014



Father's Day

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Rev

We are regularly informed by the news of "new and important breakthroughs". This may be talk of a drug that has been developed to combat a killer disease. Sometimes it is a genetic or biochemical discovery that is going to increase food yields or turn the deserts green and feed the world! There are also breakthroughs in science that turn upside down our understanding of the universe and its history. And there are also the significant moments when divisions between nations are resolved: the Berlin Wall came down, there was the Good Friday agreement which has brought new hope in Northern Ireland, to name but a few.

And with each breakthrough that is welcome there is an audible sigh of relief, particularly from us armchair observers! Yet such breakthroughs are never the end of the story. There are always teething problems and unexpected obstacles. They may even herald a false dawn. In any event, the breakthrough is but a first step, and like any baby's first step, a great deal of consolidation is needed if true stability and peace is ever to be reached or if the medical discovery is really to bring forth fruit for all people.

Throughout his ministry on earth Jesus spent his time outlining the truth of his message in both word and deed. I'm sure he would have appreciated more time, after all each of his disciples needed a lifetime to grow into full maturity in him. Likewise, we too need a lifetime to grow into full maturity in Jesus. But because Christ knew he had to go away he tells his disciples that he will send from his Father the Counsellor, a term used to describe the Holy Spirit. And it is the Spirit who will come as the source of new knowledge, to help complete the task that Jesus started, a knowledge that will confirm what Jesus has taught and a knowledge that will lead his disciples even further on to do even greater things than he did.

The Spirit is an inner principle of enlightenment, not a provider of outside information. For it inspires us and opens up our minds to understand scripture afresh. This is why Jesus describes the Counsellor as the Spirit of Truth for he brings people to the truth of God, because in essence and in action the Holy Spirit is characterised by truth. It has to be this way because our knowledge of God should be forever growing and forever being renewed.

So the gift of the Holy Spirit sent at Pentecost, (the day we thank God our Heavenly Father for sending His Holy Spirit), enables us to express what otherwise we can not formulate in our own words. It is a gift that God bestows on his people to encourage, guide, instruct and direct and so move us on, challenging and changing us to be more Christ like in our action, words, deeds and attitudes.

But we all struggle being challenged and with change. How much easier it would be to acknowledge the breakthrough and sit back. The Spirit of Truth is not like this. He has to be met afresh each day, and we never reach the point where we can say: "we possess the truth". Rather, we can only say: "the truth possesses us".

So the Spirit not only possesses us but also leads us on each day to even greater depths of understanding. In this we never stop learning. This is as true of our knowledge of life and relationships as it is of our knowledge of God. When we feel we have absolute knowledge of the truth in any area, the temptation is to close down. Therefore in life we refuse to look at alternative practices, beliefs or ways of behaviour. In human relations we condemn any approach which does not fit our own. The same applies to our understanding of God: we are not to reduce God to the size of our finite and limited imagination and refuse to step out into the darkness of belief.

This is the danger of fundamentalism in any form and whatever it is applied to. We think we already know all the answers. But the gifts of the Spirit provide an alternative strategy. They open our minds up to what is going on in the supernatural where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control all lead us into greater understanding and eventually into wisdom. We cannot achieve them by will power but only by an openness to the Spirit in both our hearts and minds.

If we open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit we will find as we read the scriptures, or pray together, or work as one community for the good of all God's children, that the gifts of the Spirit are already working in us. Gifts such as serving, offering encouragement, offering hospitality, caring for the needy, the gift of healing. And there are many other gifts. As we see the gifts at work we will find ourselves growing in Christ-likeness each day and we will be filled with the joy of His kingdom as we grow in the surpassing knowledge of Christ in the Spirit.

As we celebrate Pentecost this month, may we allow the Holy Spirit to clothe us afresh with his power from on high, so we can face the world in the knowledge that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is always with us. In this may we pray that we will have the courage to reveal this to the world just as the first disciples did when they were clothed with God's power from on high.

With every blessing

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



At the Vestry meetings for the Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls, held at the end of April the following were elected as Churchwardens : Miss Anne Shorten and Mr Jeff Lamb.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank them both for their work over the last year and their willingness to continuing for another year.

For full results of the elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings see church notice boards. Thank you

The Rector

ANNOUNCEMENT



At the current rate of support to keep the parish magazine going, it looks as though the June edition will be the last in its present form.

There will be one issue covering July, August and September.

This means that if any organisation has an event happening in August or September, or both, then can they please let us know by Friday 13 June at the latest, so that it can be included in the July issue. The July magazine will not be as comprehensive as has been the case. Notices will just be basic information only in the calendar pages format.

We are desperately hoping people will come forward to keep the magazine going - production can easily be split into editorial, advertising, collection from the printers and collating and issuing to the three main distributors in the villages. We have a volunteer to handle the graphics if required.

The magazine is a vital part of village life - it enables local organisations to advertise their events (which in turn keeps them viable), the three parish councils keep you informed of their work, the churches advertise their services, and it enables our local tradesmen to advertise their services, which benefits the readers who know where to look to find 'a man/woman for the job'.

If you think you can help please contact Charles on 01379 890109.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

You will not lose out because of missing issues - we will delay your renewal date as appropriate.

! The computer had a hissy fit in the middle of the magazine production process and the hard drive self-destructed. This has resulted in the delay to publication of this issue and some missing items which we have been unable to retrieve. Apologies if your important information is not within.
Ed

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Please feel free to deliver your copy before the cut off date if you have it available. THE EARLIER IT IS RECEIVED, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS TO BE INCLUDED. The magazine is sent to the printer on Friday afternoon of the copy date.

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Our waiting list for prospective advertisers is oversubscribed. We have therefore closed the list until July 2014.

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Web site for this parish magazine:
www.stmarysrickinghaminferior.onesuffolk.net
OR Google 'Redgrave Parish Magazine'

WELCOME

Welcome to new residents in our villages. If you have recently moved into one of our villages the churches wish you a warm welcome. If you would like someone from the church to visit you, or perhaps you would like your house blessed, then please do get in touch with the Rector on 01379 898685. May your life in these communities be peaceful, prosperous and a blessing to your neighbours.



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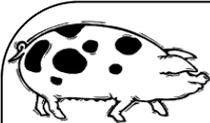


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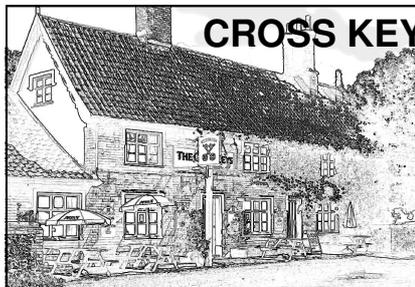
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 7.30 pm

RICKINGHALL Thursday 12th June

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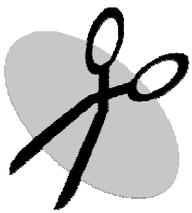
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 9 am to 12.30 pm

Saturday 14 June

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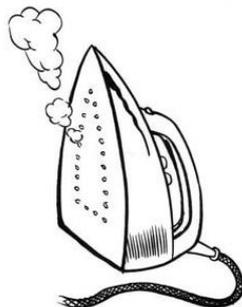
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Gillian Crossley-Holland, Rickingham	14/15, 21/22 & 28/29 June
Nicolette Hallet, Mellis	7/8 & 28/29 June
Tom Lund-Luck, Thornham Magna	7/8 & 28/29 June
Jane West, Palgrave	21/22 & 28/29 June
Jennifer Goater, Palgrave	Every weekend in June
China de Burnay, Eye	Every weekend in June

To confirm a studio is open, and times, and the media involved, or to find out where other studios are open throughout Suffolk, visit the Suffolk Open Studios website at www.suffolkopenstudios.org

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Pond Dipping and Identification

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Club News 1

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Royal British Legion

A General Meeting of the Botesdale and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held in the Bowls Club at 6 pm on Wednesday 23rd July.

All members of the Branch are requested to attend.

The main agenda items will be :

- That the Minutes of the 2013 AGM be accepted.
- That the audited accounts be accepted.
- That, there being insufficient volunteers to run the Branch, it shall disband at the end of 2014.

J W Canning, Chairman

Miss Hewitt, was one of the teachers at Northern Infants, Normanton, when Philip came up to her and said that he had found a frog. Miss Hewitt asked if the frog was alive or dead. Philip, aged 6, declared that it was dead. Miss Hewitt enquired as to how he could be so sure that it was dead.

Philip replied, 'I pissed in its ear.'

Flabbergasted, Miss Hewitt demanded, 'You what, Philip Brown?'

Philip added, 'You know, I went to his ear and said, 'PSST!' and it didn't move. So it must be dead.'



Royal British Legion Women's Section

A quiet meeting occurred in April with only ten members present due to illness and holidays. Members were asked for suggestions for future events.

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Botesdale Parish Council



The Botesdale Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday 28th April at Botesdale Village Hall.

Cllr William Sargeant, Chair of Botesdale Parish Council, took the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Apologies were received from Cllrs Eric Hathaway and Brendan Burgess and Headteacher Mark Cobbold of St Botolphs Primary School.

After confirmation and signing of the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, the Chairman invited PCSO Dave Faulkner to speak. PC Sandra Wiggins has now taken over from PC Anthony Price. Twenty two crimes were reported in Botesdale in the last year, compared to twenty six for the previous twelve months which is encouraging. In general, crime across Suffolk is decreasing. Dave mentioned the problem of vehicles parking on the footway in front of the newsagents and post office and he will be putting measures in place to remind drivers they should park on the highway as there is plenty of room for large vehicles to pass between them and any vehicles parked in the dedicated parking across the road.

The Chairman then gave his annual parish council report. The council was sorry to lose Cllr Mrs Kim Spilling and Cllr Howard Newport but welcomed John Abraham. At the time of the meeting there was still one vacancy (now filled). The Chairman touched on the time it is taking for a decision by MSDC on the land bids registered many years ago around Botesdale. Botesdale and Rickinghall together are considered to be one of twelve key service centres in Mid Suffolk and as such are identified for additional housing development to sustain the services. The subject of a neighbourhood plan has been discussed but it is very expensive to implement and there is doubt whether grants will continue to be available to offset the cost. 2014 is Cllr Sargeant's sixth year as Chairman of the Council and he thanked the councillors for their work for the parish and their Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve, for her excellent support and advice. As Responsible Financial Officer, the Clerk then gave her report for the year ending 31st March 2014. Details will be given in the Botesdale Bugle.

County Councillor Fleming and District Councillor Michell then gave their reports which will be in more detail in the Botesdale Bugle. Cllr Fleming has completed her first year as our County Councillor since taking over from Charles Michell and has enjoyed it very much. She is on the Scrutiny Committee. She singled out for comment the request for feedback on county transport as the new bus tenders go out in the summer. Feedback and suggestions are welcome at Andrew.Gee@suffolk.gov.uk Cllr Michell advised that the land bids decisions should be made at the end of this year. Mid Suffolk is delighted to be placed 18th in the top 50 rural areas to live across the UK, up from 34th last year.

Simon Gowen spoke on the Fairstead Trust of which he is Secretary and the Clerk read out a report from the Bacon Exhibition Trust, formerly known as the Bacon Exhibition Charity. Mrs Ann Catlin reported on another successful and busy year for Botesdale Village Hall and her report will be in the Botesdale Bugle. Peter Beck gave his report for the Neighbourhood Watch Group and advised there were two vacancies for co-ordinators in Botesdale : one for Park View and one for The Drift and part of The Street. Volunteers welcome! Again his report will be in the Bugle. Reports were displayed from the primary school, the Oil Syndicate, Heritage Circle, BARWOODS, Twinning Association, Local History Recorder, Parochial Church Council and the Community Transport Co-ordinator. All reports presented to the meeting will be reproduced in the Botesdale Bugle.

In Items of Interest, the Chairman voiced his concern at the possible loss of the community's parish magazine and urged anyone who felt they could join the production team to do so. A vote of thanks was given to Charles and Lesley for their work on the magazine which is such a vital part of village life.

Under Any Other Business, the Chairman gave out to attendees a

document on topics covering issues of interest to the parish and showing the responsibilities of the parish council. A worthwhile discussion then took place.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm and invited all to join him in partaking of the excellent refreshments once again provided by The Bell Inn.

Staff Reporter

May Report by Leeann Jackson-Eve

This was the PC's annual meeting, different from the Annual Parish Meeting which is focussed on reviewing the previous year (it's the one with refreshments after!). The Annual Parish Council Meeting is focussed on the year ahead and the PC votes in a Chairman and Vice Chairman as well as deciding on individual councillors' roles in representing the local community. William Sargeant and Eric Hathaway were happy to stand as Chairman and Vice-Chairman again this year and councillors took responsibilities as follows:

Assets Register: Cllr Sargeant
BARWOODS: Cllr Green
Public Rights of Way: Cllr Lambert
Suffolk Assoc. of Local Councils/ District Council Parish Liaison: Cllr Sargeant
Tree Warden: Cllr Green
Twinning Association: Cllr Abraham
Village Hall: Cllr Baxter
War Memorial: Cllr Baxter
Website: Cllr Hathaway

Their details will be on the telephone list included in the July parish magazine and on the PC's annual newsletter, the Botesdale Bugle, which you should be receiving in June.

New Councillor - The PC was also thrilled to fill its final vacancy by co-opting Mike Bishop of Bridewell Lane, who is newly moved to the village with his young family.

Public Forum - It was a quiet meeting as, unusually, our District Councillor, County Councillor, police representative and Neighbourhood Watch representative were all unable to attend. Lesley Greenhough of the parish magazine was there to sort out details for the telephone list and confirmed that no-one has come forward to take over the management of the magazine. The last issue of this award-winning magazine in its current format will therefore be in July. If you are interested, PLEASE contact Charles and Lesley.

Correspondence - The PC had received information from the Royal British Legion about possible changes to the Act of Remembrance ceremony this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of commencement of hostilities. The PC felt that it would like to see the ceremony remain as in previous years, with the possible addition of a reading of the names on the memorial, as the traditional Act has been very meaningful to those who attend.

New Bench - The PC has agreed to put a bench on the Market Place. There were previously two benches there which were removed due to repeated vandalism but there is a lot of enthusiasm for having a nice place to sit on the Market Place and it's hoped that the new bench will be treated a little better! The PC will choose a suitable bench at the June meeting.

Play Area - The broken entrance gate will be repaired by Peter Cowling sometime in June. Two quotes had been received and Mr Cowling's was the lowest.

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Redgrave Parish Council

Redgrave Correspondent



The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 14th May with parish organisations' reports around the walls and a rolling powerpoint presentation showing the many aspects of village life and buildings. This allows people to interact and find the information that they individually wish to hear. The Parish Council's Annual Parish Council Meeting then took place, and the open discussion section which followed allowed debate over any pressing issues.

The Parish Council has been one member short for three months, and was delighted to co-opt Richard Hilton as a new councillor, bringing the total back to nine.

County and District councillors had done full reports for the Annual Parish Meeting so the section was short and Jessica's report provided a very useful list of links to key activities which will be placed on the noticeboard.

There would be a useful bus service from the centre of Ipswich and the railway station to the Suffolk Show for anyone interested.

Sgt Jon Eaves thanked John Robinson for his excellent work over the years for Neighbourhood Watch as a fine ambassador and helping to bring the community together on crime prevention. Suffolk Police had noticed an increase in house burglaries which appeared to be by gangs from Essex targeting houses in daylight whilst residents were at work. There had been success in reducing heating oil thefts and further suspects had been identified.

John Campbell is taking over as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and is planning to use email in parallel with phone around as a more accurate way of transmitting messages. So far 70 people have given him email addresses.

The speed gun operators had noticed that immediately they were packing up the equipment the motorists started speeding again. There was a lively debate regarding permanent speed warning lights and, as with many of these matters, everyone liked the idea but the implementation is rather costly. Just one would cost more than the annual budget of the parish council. Many thanks to Jackie Moss for researching the costs and feasibility and trying to see whether the county council will contribute. Jackie will report back to the next PC meeting.

It was agreed to purchase a dog bin for the Churchway end of the footpath from Half Moon Lane and to look at repositioning the bins in the Half Moon to Hall Lane area to better suit the dog walking route.

The Knoll waste bin will be replaced by a new one on the same footings.

The long running debate over whether to have a paid parish clerk continued, but this time there was agreement to trial having a paid clerk for 6 months. There were many details to be sorted out and Ann Preston would take the lead in putting together a package for the next meeting. Meantime advertising could start via SALC to see what experienced clerk might be interested.

There were no new planning cases and permission for the new dwelling adjacent to Newlands had been refused.

If anyone wishes to rent the town pit on Fen Street please contact the acting clerk Bob Hayward.

The Old School playing field at Half Moon Lane still has a severe mole problem which is preventing grass cutting. If anyone could chain harrow it or scrape it, it would be much appreciated.

We have a pleasant phantom who has replaced the glass in the phone box or maybe it was BT after 2 years.

The saga of the Redgrave Bells and the Churches Conversation Trust continues. Lloyd Grossman declined to attend the annual parish meeting to explain the CCT's reason for not allowing the project, which has listed building consent, to go ahead. He suggested sending one of the staff to come and discuss in a closed meeting. Since then the CCT has declined independent adjudication to test the only remaining CCT objection which is that it would lose an 18th century ensemble.

There is no monopoly on comedy, as anyone from outside the district trying to navigate the spate of road closures will appreciate. Signage for the road closures for surfacing around Redgrave is probably chaotic because half is under Suffolk and half over Norfolk. Or maybe the locals are trying to confuse the aliens.

An agenda item for the next meeting is 'the overgrown verges'.

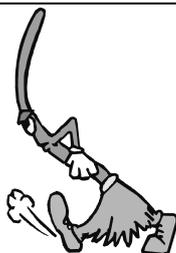
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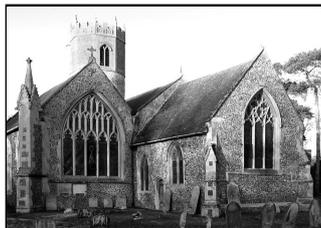
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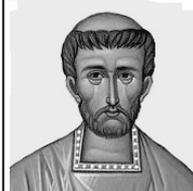
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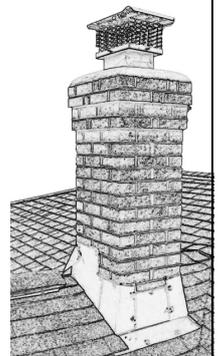


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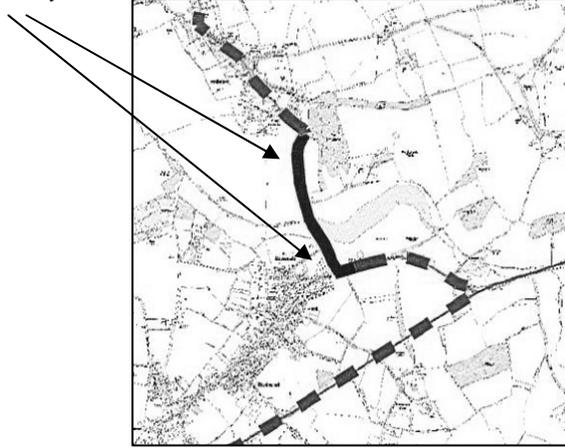


Club News 2

Botesdale Parish Council report contd

Road Closure – The B1113 Hall Lane will be closed from 27 May – 30 May with a further one-day closure to be confirmed. It is hoped that some of you will see this in time to be warned, as it will prevent access to the village from both Back Hills and Diss Road/The Street. Please see the map below for details (closure in red). *For those reading this in black and white, the 'red' shows as a heavy line!*

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the WI RICKINGHALL

In April Samantha Gay gave an excellent talk about Knettishall Heath, updating us with the progress of the work they are doing restoring areas. At 434 acres, it is the largest Suffolk Wildlife Trust site and is mainly heath and woodland. The Trust has involved many local interest groups as volunteers, including schools, dog walkers and locals, making areas for all interested groups to enjoy.

We had our AGM in May. Members voted for the resolution to encourage people to register as organ donors. It is vital not only to register but talk to the family to ensure all know of your wishes. Jennie Labdon provided a delicious supper of lasagne and salad followed by strawberries and cream. It was a lovely time to chat to friends.

We have a wonderful variety of speakers—do join us.

Philippa Rixon

P.S. Does anyone know the whereabouts of the WI tablecloth?



FORGET-ME-NOT-CLUB

On 10th April fifteen of us enjoyed our annual visit to Ixworth Club for a very enjoyable afternoon of entertainment and Easter Tea.



We have celebrated several birthdays over the last few weeks, including two '90's' and two Diamond Weddings. Congratulations to you all, well done.

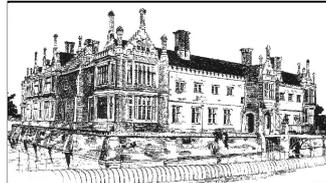
Wednesday 14th May brought us a visitor—Ruth Miller—who delivered a talk about 'Foundlings', not a word heard very often today. The Foundling Hospital in Bloomsbury was started by a Thomas Coram in 1739 after much discussion with the aristocrats of the day. Two of the benefactors were the painter Hogarth and the musician Handel, so art and music were very much in evidence. This was a very interesting talk and enjoyed by all.

Barbara Foster

Father - The Old Days

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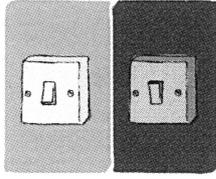
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Rickinghall Parish Council



Councillor Geoff Short, Chairman

The May meeting started at 7.35 pm after initial concerns that we did not have a quorum, but then proceeded smoothly. Cllr Stephen Pattenden had resigned at the last meeting, which also meant loss of the Chairman. Due to heavy commitments this year Cllr Gillian Crossley Holland did not feel able to step up from vice chairman, and so Cllr Geoffrey Short agreed to be chairman for the forthcoming year. He was duly voted in and signed the necessary acceptance. The roles of the councillors for 2014 / 2015 will be determined at the next meeting as we had apologies from Cllrs David Lister and Eric Longley.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved and signed, and the meeting was then opened up to the public and representatives. Mid Suffolk District Councillor Sara Michell advised that Roy Barker was the new chairman of Mid Suffolk – he is a farmer, and very experienced on the council. She had taken his place on the Environment Committee, and also retains her interest in schools and careers. A network of local businesses is being set up to help schools get more contact with local firms for careers assistance and placements.

P C Jackie Thomas advised there had been two crimes in Rickinghall since the last meeting, but these could not be divulged and were not 'in the public interest'. A Crime Prevention event was to be held on Sunday May 18th in the village hall car park, with security marking of cycles and equipment being available and items for sale as well as crime prevention advice. Peter Beck – the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – advised there had been a recent near miss where a car mounted the pavement to park by the post office, and a pedestrian had to jump out of the way. Clearly parking on the pavement is dangerous, and whilst space is at a premium in the area of the post office, it should be possible to park without resorting to causing danger to pedestrians or other road users. A local cold calling zone had also been considered for Water Lane, but the Trading Standards Officer had advised that the criteria had not been met at present.

A member of the public advised that the dwelling in the first planning application had been selected for erection at Maypole Meadow. This relates to the plot at the top of the hill beyond the Co-op, and the application was for a traditionally styled brick house that was passed at Appeal. A further application for a modern – style lower property had also been approved, and it remained to be seen which property would proceed to construction. Comment was also made about parking outside the post office/newsagents.

The meeting then reverted to the agenda, and there was only one planning application to consider this month. This was the erection of a single storey side extension and double storey front extension to Jubilee House, The Street. Councillors voted to support the application. Notification had been received from Mid Suffolk that the application for the White Horse public house to be converted to a private residential dwelling had been approved.

The clerk had been chasing progress of the yellow lines at the Co-op, and we discussed funding for the next Christmas Tree and the printing of the Rickinghall News to be delivered to each household. The Financial Statement was discussed, and the Annual Return signed and approved. A good session had resulted from the recent litter pick by a small but dedicated turnout. The benches in the village had been refurbished recently and are now looking good.

We welcome your attendance at the next meeting, and we would particularly welcome anybody who would like to consider joining us on the Council. You could come to two or three meetings to 'get the feel of it' before taking the plunge, and if you would like an informal chat you can either contact our clerk, Leeann, or myself on 01379 897164. You are eligible if you are 18 or over and living in Rickinghall. Meetings are the first Thursday in every month in the Village Hall.

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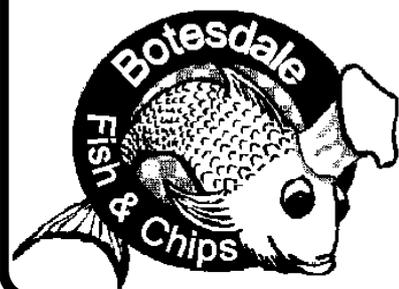
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Roger replies stolidly, 'There's a man over there covered in Corn Flakes and, I'm afraid that he's dead.'

'That's odd,' frowned the first police detective, 'didn't we have one covered in Bran Flakes yesterday and another covered in Weetabix last week?'

'You're right,' agreed the second detective, 'This is obviously the work of a cereal killer.'



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Sunday 1st June	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 2nd June	2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Needlecraft Slimming World	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday 3rd June	10.00 am 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm	ST BOTOLPHS RETURNS FROM HALF TERM Open House Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics	All Saints, Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday 4th June	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Macmillan Outreach Service	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre
Thursday 5th June	9.30 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Rickingham Parish Council Meeting	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday 6th June	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 Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 7th June	10.00 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Churches open Master Crafts Fair WARTS Quiz Night	St Mary's Red, R I & C of Ease Botesdale Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday 8th June	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 9th June	9.15 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rickingham Ramblers Needlecraft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council Meeting	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday 10th June	9.00 am 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Coffee on the Corner Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics Redgrave & District Ladies Club	Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday 11th June	9.30 am 10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Forget-me-not-Club Redgrave Parish Council Meeting	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Farnish House Activities Centre
Thursday 12th June	9.30 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	RABBATS Carol's Coffee Morning Phoenix Luncheon Club Fitsteps Rickingham WI	Rickingham Village Hall Caradale, The Common, Rick Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday 13th June	12 noon 10.45 am 1.00 pm 8.00 pm	LATEST COPY DATE FOR NEXT MAGAZINE ISSUE Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes. Phone 01379 783114 for further information	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 14th June	9.00 am 9.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Rickingham Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale Rickingham Parish Council Surgery Churches open Church Fete Wildlife Watch Group Redgrave Road Race	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall St Mary's Rick Inf & C of Ease Botesdale Village Hall Redgrave Fen The Knoll