

# PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

June 2015



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Day! 

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An old saying warns, "bad things always come in threes." Have you found this true in your own experience? That bad things (and good things) like to happen in threes? You say: we invent this connection by suddenly realising that we got a flat tire on the same day that a computer virus devoured our hard drive, shortly after our last contact lens just slid down the drain. Is there something significant about the power of three?

A week after Pentecost (when the church celebrates and remembers the event when the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples (see Acts 2) the church celebrates the Triune God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--on "Trinity Sunday." In this we recognize God as power (the Father), God as person (the Son), and God as presence (the Holy Spirit). Paul's final benediction to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13:14) switches this order a bit to better express each person's unique experience of the divine. For Paul, Jesus Christ comes first, for it is through the grace of his life, death and resurrection that humans may be reconciled to God. Only grace enables us to experience "the love of God." As we stand renewed and redeemed before this loving God, yet another gift is made available, "the communion of the Holy Spirit." The person, the power, and the presence of God come to us in a threefold design-package.

Many agree that there are forces that work against God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Traditionally these also have been divided into the "big three." Hence a stereotypical image of preachers is one that involves them warning their listeners to be on guard against the three evils--"the world, the flesh, and the Devil." If we really do experience bad things in clusters of three, it is the result of these Big Three: The World, The Flesh, and The Devil.

*The World:* This is not the world that the God of Genesis brought forth at creation. This is the "world" that has turned a deadly force against Christians, killing them on beaches whilst tied up and blindfolded. This "world" is the broken world where tsunamis and cyclones and tornadoes and hurricanes and earthquakes pulverize the landscape. This "world" is the barren world where food disappears and famine grips every living thing. This "world" is the bleak worlds where pestilence hunts its prey.

*The Flesh:* This is not the Adam-flesh created in the Garden of Eden by the God of Genesis. This is the "flesh" that now knows disease and death and decay. This "flesh" is fragile, subject to infection, physical fodder for plagues and pandemics. This "flesh" breaks down, breaks apart, and breaks our hearts and spirits with its decay.

*The Devil:* There is no Devil, nothing to oppose God's creative power in the first creation story (Genesis 1:1-2:4a). This Devil doesn't make an appearance until the second creation story, the tale

of the serpent and the forbidden fruit and the draw-down of desire. Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit so that they might become "like God," knowing good from evil. Wilful disobedience, a passion for power, seeking to de-throne God, this was the origin of the Devil. Our own irrationalities, hatreds, fears, and despairs bring the "devil" to life.

These three evils--the world, the flesh, and the devil--look like an unbeatable team, dooming us humans to have to struggle through life. It was a willingness of the Corinthian Christians to look to the world, and the flesh that kept them from experiencing the full embrace of Christ. So the apostle Paul was so troubled with the Corinthians who were causing trouble for others that he penned at least two (some say three) lengthy letters to this Christian community, offering advice, admonitions and out-and-out orders. The world, the flesh, and the Devil were doing a booming business in Corinth.

In his final words of his final letter to this argumentative and controversial community, Paul offered a positive, powerful, alternative Trinity to this struggling church. You see Paul's closing command lays out a new kind of three-fold pattern, a pattern that will lead to wholeness and holy living. They can be called the 3-Rs of holiness, or the 3-Rs of godly living, and they are: Respect, Responsibility, and Relationship. If you want to live a holy life, a life of godliness and truth, you must learn how to live with and live out these 3-R's with grace and humility. When these are woven into a relationship with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit we deepen our relationship with Him and our understanding of the one true triune God.

The truth is the Bible teaches that the Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1); that Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one", and together, they sent the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one" (1 John 5:7-11).

May God bless you with Respect, Responsibility and Relationship.

*Chris Norburn.*

**From the registers :**

Ricky Taylor : aged 46 : Died March 31st 2015. Funeral held on April 18th at St Mary's, Redgrave with cremation at Earlham on 2st April.

## PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

We were delighted to receive five emails from readers with their favourite jokes for this issue! Many thanks to Thomas, Jason, Jean and Ken for taking the time to send your suggestions through. We've included as many as possible, including the one below from Jason (with thanks!). Let's hope it starts a trend!

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that the 'accident of evolution' had created. 'What majestic trees, What powerful rivers, What beautiful animals' he said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7 foot bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on himself. He ran even faster, so scared that tears were coming to his eyes. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell to the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear, right on top of him; reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the atheist cried out "O MY GOD!... Time stopped.

The bear froze. The forest was silent. Even the river stopped moving.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:

"You deny my existence for all these years; teach others I don't exist; and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a BELIEVER?"

The atheist looked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask YOU to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR A CHRISTIAN?"

"Very well" the voice said.

The light went out, the river ran again, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And the bear dropped its paw.... Brought both paws together.... Bowed its head and spoke. "Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful."



The magazine has been put together under significant time pressure this month (even more than usual!), having had to compete as always with full-time work commitments. Consequently it has not been proof read as thoroughly as we would have liked, and may well contain typos etc. Please accept apologies in advance.

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For the June issue: 11 May (Mon)

For the July issue: 8 June (Mon)

For the August/September issue: 13 July (Mon)

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Best wishes, The Parish Magazine Volunteers

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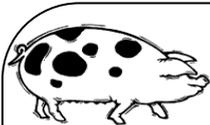
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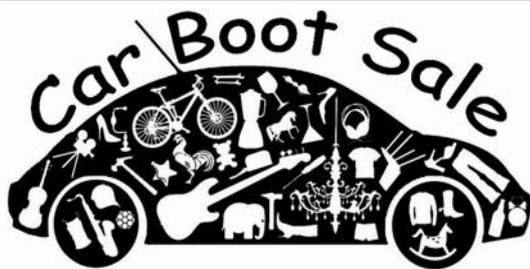
Free draw for a hamper of goodies from the market

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No car-booter charge this month!

Saturday 13 June 9–12.30



A Car Boot Sale will be held in conjunction with Rickinghall Farmers' Market at Rickinghall Village Hall on 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August and 12th September 2015, (the second Saturday of each month).

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- Set up from 8.00 am.
- Pitch fee £5 per car. £8 for trade stands.

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For more details please call Monty Cornell on 0774 784 6605.

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TUESDAY 16th June

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Refreshments

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Redgrave Activity Centre

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

8.30am to 11.30am

From £5.00

## St Mary's Church, Redgrave Open Day, 6th June

On this regular first-Saturday-in-the-month Open Day, some of the visitors will be members of Stowmarket Chorale, who will be on a day's outing - when they still choose to relax by singing! Having given formal concerts in this church in the past, choir members wished to sample the experience of singing together here again, before walking on Redgrave & Lopham Fen in the afternoon. This is not a concert, simply choristers singing together in a church they love, so please come along and enjoy listening, while relaxing with friends, coffee, cakes - and, if you like, a light snack lunch. We might even persuade the conductor to play the organ!!



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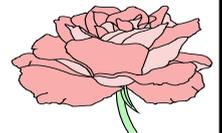
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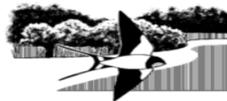
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# Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann-Jackson-Eve



This was the PC's annual meeting in which the PC votes in a Chairman and Vice-Chairman as well as deciding on individual councillors' roles in representing the local community. William Sargeant was happy to stand as Chairman again this year and Ernie Baxter took on the role of Vice-Chairman. Prior to the election, two councillors, Eric Hathaway and David Green, decided not to stand again and the Parish Council said goodbye to them with profound thanks for all they've done. This leaves five councillors including William Sargeant, Ernie Baxter and John Abraham, who continue on from before the election as does Mike Bishop, who is currently stationed in Djibouti. The Council welcomed Desmond Bavington-Lowe of Bavloue Carpentry as a new councillor. There are now four vacancies on the Parish Council and we really need your help to fill them. There are a lot of changes coming up on the local government landscape and indications are that more services will become part of the parish council remit than ever before.

This year councillors took responsibilities as follows (some left unassigned until the PC is at full complement):

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

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

**Public Forum** – It was a quiet meeting as only County Councillor Jessica Fleming was able to attend. She was recently elected onto the District Council after Sara Michell decided not to stand again but Jessica will be representing Wattisfield and Walsham le Willows rather than Botesdale, Rickingham & Redgrave. Derek Osborne will be our District Councillor following the election and his details are Cllr Derek Osborne, Grove Cottage, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3PZ, Tel: 01379 258930, Email: [derek.osborne@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:derek.osborne@midsuffolk.gov.uk). Mrs Jo Churchill was elected as this constituency's new M.P. following the resignation of David Ruffley. Her contact details are Mrs. Jo Churchill, M.P., 10 Hatter Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1LZ, Tel: 01284 488345, Email: [jo@jochurchill.org.uk](mailto:jo@jochurchill.org.uk).

PCSO Dave Faulkner was also unable to attend the meeting but sent in a written report. There will be a Catalytic Converter Marking event at Barley Green Garage on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 9:30 – 12:30. 4 x 4 vehicles and vans are welcome to this free event hosted by the police.

**Planning:** The PC looked at two applications. The first was an application at Lodge Farm, Mill Road for Change of Use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3). There was some debate about the

suitability of the building for accommodation but it was felt that there was insufficient information to make a valid comment on the proposed change. The second application was for Pantiles, The Street to replace six windows to front elevation and one window to the rear elevation. Cllr Bavington-Lowe declared an interest in this application as the next-door neighbour and having quoted for the work. It was agreed that the existing Crittal windows did not enhance the Grade II Listed building and there was no objection to the work.

**Notice Board:** It was agreed to accept a quote of £226.50 from Gary Cobbold to repair and refurbish the notice board on Osmond House. This was the lowest of two quotes received.

**Botesdale Bugle:** It was also agreed to accept the quote of £202.40 from Realise Futures in Bury St Edmunds for the printing of the annual newsletter. This is the same price as last year and the quality was very good. Because the PC is very reduced in numbers at the moment, it was also agreed to pay £35 to the parish magazine to distribute the newsletter with its July issue.

**End of Year Finance:** The accounts were agreed and the forms signed, ready to be sent to the Internal and External auditors. The Risk assessment policy was reviewed and agreed.

**Sports Facilities in the Parish:** The District Council had asked the PC to fill out a questionnaire about the availability and quality of local sports facilities, including venues for physical activities. It was noted that other than the playing field and basketball goal, most facilities were outside of the parish and it was felt that most residents of a rural area accepted that it would be impractical to expect otherwise. It was commented on the questionnaire that use of the playing field, etc was restricted by the size of the pitch / court and the condition of surfacing, as well as the lack of changing rooms and parking. If you have any thoughts on the subject, please get in touch with the Parish Council.

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# Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

The May meeting of the Parish Council was the first after the election and was well-attended, with apologies from Ann Preston and John Giddings. County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne, PCSO Dave Faulkner, five members of the public and the Clerk were also present. Jason Walker was re-elected as Chairman and Mike Denmark was elected as Vice-Chairman.

**Public Forum:** Derek Osborne introduced himself and explained that he has taken over Sara Michell's wards to cover Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickingham. Jessica Fleming reported on County Council issues concerning provision of broadband in Suffolk. The commitment is to provide all users with high speed by 2020 and 95% by 2018. Users receiving less than 2mb/s **access line-speed capability** at the end of 2015 are eligible for a voucher to enable connection to an alternative such as satellite cover as a temporary measure. (Check speed at Broadband speed check UK site). Jessica also reported that the County has been working with the main 4G mobile providers. 99% of Suffolk is expected to have service by the end of 2016. It was confirmed that confirm Mrs. Jo Churchill was elected to this constituency and is our new M.P. Her contact details are: Mrs. Jo Churchill, M.P., 10 Hatter Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1LZ, Tel: 01284 488345, Email: [jo@jochurchill.org.uk](mailto:jo@jochurchill.org.uk).

**Planning:** There were three planning applications: the first at Full Moon House, Half Moon Lane for a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension following conversion of existing garage. There was no comment other than it was considered to be overdevelopment of the site. The second application was at The Hollies, The Street for erection of a one and a half-storey rear extension. It was noted that the new extension was on the footprint of an existing building and there was therefore no comment. The final application was for Land adjacent Green Farm House, The Green for erection of a detached dwelling with garage. The PC didn't object to the design in principle in this location but commented that it was yet another 4 bedroom luxury home in an area which needs affordable smaller houses.

**End of Year Finance:** The accounts were agreed and the forms signed, ready to be sent to the Internal and External auditors. The Risk assessment policy was reviewed and agreed.

**Speedwatch:** The PC agreed to pay for the 3-yearly calibration of the Speedar Device at a cost of £150 plus VAT.

**Planting at Village Entrance:** A discussion was held with a representative of the Garden Club and it was agreed that it wasn't practical to plant flowers at the village entrance due to the overgrowth on the verges and the difficulty in getting to the site. The Garden Club had suggested planting two large barrels with all year seasonal interest to be placed on The Knoll. The suggestion was met with approval and the cost of approximately £300 was agreed by the PC.

**Sports Facilities in the Parish:** The PC was asked by the District Council to answer some questions regarding the availability and quality of local sports facilities. It was noted that other than the playing field and changing rooms, all other facilities were outside of the parish. It was reported on the questionnaire that two items were of interest to residents – fitness equipment for adults, i.e. a fitness trail of some kind, and a MUGA or Multi Use Games Area which might incorporate tennis, basketball, etc. If you have any more suggestions, please get in touch with the Parish Council.

**The Pond:** There has been a report from an individual about possible rat holes in banks of village pond and a visit from Environmental Health indicated that they were smaller than normal rat holes. The PC was asked to investigate further as it might be the habitat of voles. The PC will ask an

expert from the Little Ouse Headwaters Project before taking action. UPDATE: They are not rats; they are most likely bank voles!

**Street Name Signs:** It was noted that the street name signs for Hall Lane / The Street, opposite the entrance to Half Moon Lane, were around the wrong way. This would be reported to MSDC.

**Redgrave Amenities Trust:** If you'd like to get involved in a worthwhile organisation, please pop over to a meeting of RAT! Volunteers are needed to help maintain and improve the play and leisure facilities in Redgrave. The next meeting will be on Monday, 1 June at 8pm at the Redgrave Amenities Centre. Everyone is welcome.

**Win Orwell Bequests:** Finally, the PC wished to convey its appreciation for the bequests to local organisations, including the Redgrave Shop, the Redgrave Amenities Trust and the Redgrave Church Heritage Trust, for the benefit of the village.

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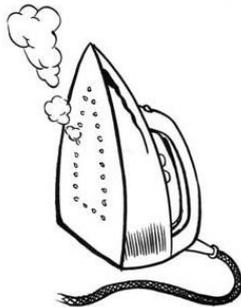
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# Rickinghall Parish Council



Cllr Rosemary Jones

This was the first meeting since the national and local elections and also since the Annual Meeting of this council. Geoffrey Short was re-elected as chairman and he welcomed Derek Osborne, the re-elected Mid Suffolk District Councillor, who will attend our meetings in place of Sarah Michell. Jessica Fleming has also been elected a Mid Suffolk District Councillor but will continue to attend our meetings in her capacity as a County Councillor. However, she was unable to attend this evening and sent her apologies.

Elections for this Council resulted in five of the same people councillors as before. Gillian Crossley-Holland remains the vice chairman and other offices remain as before.

## The Public Forum

The matter of the retrospective planning application for fencing in New Delight Road was raised. The property owner has been directed to paint the fencing a more acceptable colour and to hide it with a hedge.

## Planning

Five applications for property and two for tree surgery were considered and there were no objections.

Report from the chairman: Cllr Short had been to the Planning meeting about the fence and other developments in New Delight Road to express the council's support for the local residents.

There is to be an annual Mayor Making ceremony at Eye Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> June to which a representative is invited.

Report from the clerk: Some estimates had been obtained for the clearing and upkeep of the small garden beside the road at Maypole Meadow. The area is no credit to the village at the moment. It was decided to proceed with David Crawley's quotation, the money to be used from the village upkeep purse.

General items: It is proposed to publish and distribute the Village News as last year. Isabella Sheard, who is in Year 5 at St Botolph's Primary school, has drawn a pleasing picture of St Mary's church for the cover and she will win a £20 book voucher for having done so.

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting were approved, ready for next year.

The mowing of the verges on A and B roads was discussed. The County Council proposes an early cut in May/June and a second cut in July/August. Concern was expressed about mowing wildflowers so early, when pollinating insects depend on their flowers. The prime issue is visibility for drivers. It was agreed that Cllrs Crossley-Holland and Jones would survey the relevant roads in order to make an application for special consideration well in time for next year's mowing regime.

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There will be Town and Parish Liaison meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June when this and other matters will be shared and discussed. The Village Hall committee had sent a letter of thanks for the donation towards the cost of a new tennis net.

Finance and governance: The annual return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 was approved and signed and the council's risk assessment police was reviewed and approved with no changes.

Highways issues: The chairman and clerk had met with the officer from the Highways department to highlight some issues, the loose pavers in the Street near Hinderclay Road, the yellow lines outside the entrance to the Co-op, and the proposed bollards on the pavement outside the newsagent's. A temporary repair had been made to the loose pavers but it was not satisfactory. There has been no progress on the other two counts, in fact a delay and further costs. These matters were discussed and suggestions made about progressing them. It was decided to approach County Cllr Fleming about some of them.

## Councillors' Reports:

Barwoods submitted a design for a new notice for Northfield Wood and possible alternative types of sign board were discussed. The clerk offered to investigate some for the next meeting.

The litter pick had been successful, with about 20 bags of litter being collected.

At the surgery on 9<sup>th</sup> May there was a complaint about loose gravel at the bottom of Rectory Hill, which had caused a cyclist to skid. It had been reported to the Highways department.

There has been an offer to pay for a "No Fly-tipping" notice at Snape Hill to replace the "Recycle" one, which encourages people to dump rubbish by the bottle banks but the offer had been turned down. Cllr Osborne would speak to a lady in the Public Realm department of the District Council about it.

The Village Hall reported that the Rickinghall Model Railway Show had been a great success and was likely to be repeated. There was some interest from classic car aficionados so perhaps a similar show might develop out of this.

The next meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m.

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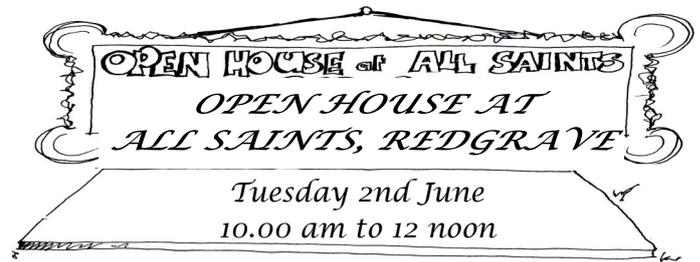
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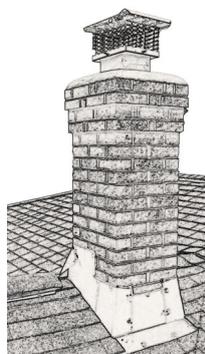
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# Village News

## Our man in Djibouti

Lt Col Mike Bishop, a Botesdale Parish Councillor, is currently serving a 9 month tour of duty with the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa. During his last deployment to Afghanistan in 2011, Mike shared some of his thoughts with family and friends. He has now kindly offered to share those reflections and his newer ones with us.

### Marking Time - May 27

My watch strap broke a few days ago. "Bugger" was my first reaction. Everything out here is "time critical" or "time dependent". How was I going to survive without a trusty timepiece on my wrist? I would be constantly late, missing appointments, forgetting briefs. People would die for Gods sake. Well, maybe not. Having now not worn a watch for a few days, actually it's not that bad. In fact, it hasn't really mattered at all. I am sat at my desk right now and I have three computer screens in front of me. Two say 1.05 pm - they are my NATO screens. I also have a UK machine that says 0837 because it's operating in ZULU time. Then, on the wall in front of me there are 7 massive monitors showing me what's going on. Above them is a large red display showing the times in

WASH DC - 0435  
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ZULU - 0835 - (there's a discrepancy there with my UK computer - I wonder if it matters?)  
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I also have a mobile phone which has the local time on its display. I don't think I will forget the time. You can't get away from it. It's posted everywhere. It started me thinking - and you know what I am like when I start thinking. My tour started on February 3rd and is due to finish on August 7th. That's 186 days, 4464 hours, 267 840 minutes, or if you prefer, sixteen million, seventy thousand and four hundred seconds. Trust me, sometimes it feels like the last. Today is May 27th. I have completed 114 (at the end of today) of those days. Not that I am counting of course. I'm not. Really. Lots of people have "chuff-charts". Elaborate excel spreadsheets or simple bits of paper on which they mark off the time they have spent in theatre and the time left till they go home. Most have only two key milestones - R and R and End of Tour. People are just counting the days till they can go home. Marking time till someone tells them the job is done and they can leave. For the civilians amongst you, in the military, "marking time" is when you march on the spot. Lots of activity but no forward movement. If that's not a metaphor for what we are doing here, I don't know what is. I am sure there are some very good people, doing some very worthy jobs and making some real progress here. I genuinely believe that we have made the lives of some Afghans safer and more secure. I just don't know how long all that will last when we pull out in 2014. What will happen when the Afghan government doesn't have a hundred thousand coalition troops, with advanced weaponry, high tech surveillance equipment and modern aircraft? What will become of the enormous military infrastructure that we have developed all over this country? Only time will tell, and there's an old Afghan proverb that the Taleban apparently use regarding the coalition. "You may have all the watches, but we have the time".

March 2011

### Model Railway Show success

The Rickinghall Model Railway Show, held on the first Saturday of every May, expanded this year with the addition of a marquee to the village hall's usual facilities. There were more exhibits than last year, more space to move around, and new attractions to make the event even more of an entertainment for all the family, as well as being a show for enthusiasts.

Children were offered trailer rides behind a live steam traction engine, there was an ice cream van, a Thomas layout for children to operate, and a great community atmosphere.

Some 600 people attended the growing show, and all seemed to enjoy the event. Exhibitors were delighted with the interest and enthusiasm of the visitors, and the few select traders invited had a good day too.

Thanks are due to the members of Diss & District Model Railway Society, with whom the village hall share the organisation and running of the show. Special thanks also to those hall committee members and others who worked so hard on the day, serving food and drink to an apparently never-ending flow of customers, running the raffle, parking the stream of cars, and generally making the event run smoothly.

Then to all those others who contributed in so many ways to make the day a success and, of course, to those many visitors without whom there would have been no show. Finally, many thanks to the local businesses who advertised in our Show Guide, and in particular to our sponsor, local building contractor and civil engineers NAP Anglia Ltd.

## The Herbalist

Try putting Mother Nettle down your cleavage.

I've been doing this for a couple of years now. Nettle really likes to get right in there.

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People immediately ask me "what's going to happen, what does she do". It's individual for each person. Some have dreams afterwards, some find it opens their hearts, some feel she's healing them.

Nettle was one of the Anglo Saxon nine sacred herbs, and is a herb of Thor, and a fire herb. According to folklore she is imbued with the ability to send curses back unopened. A few months after I first put her on my chest, I read a line by Rudolf Steiner in his biodynamic agriculture works, which said "Nettle should be around everyone's heart". He doesn't explain this statement, and nor shall I. I just encourage you to try it. Remember to say "Thank you".

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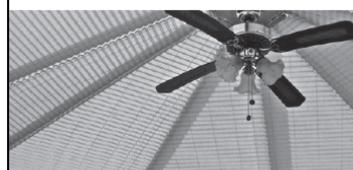
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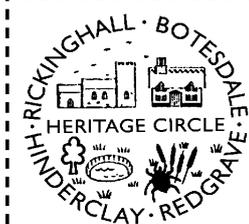
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# Club News



## Nick Sign, Servants in Suffolk Country Houses 1750-1900

Nick Sign explored different aspects of the life of a servant in a Suffolk country house between 1750 and 1900 when he spoke to the April meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall.

The upper classes were very dependent on their servants. The butler tended to manage the male servants but the housekeeper directed the females, except for the kitchen staff who were the responsibility of the cook. Servants had a rigid hierarchy. Junior servants were expected to defer to their seniors. For example, the housekeeper was always referred to as 'Mrs,' irrespective of her marital status. Her authority was shown by the large bunch of keys that she was likely to carry.

Servants undertook a range of tasks within the house. Their working day began at dawn and finished at about 11pm. Holidays were unknown. The butler managed the footmen and valets who served meals and catered for the needs of the male members of the family. In addition, gamekeepers, gardeners, grooms and coachmen worked in the grounds of the house.

Female servants often had to undertake hard physical tasks. A lady's maid would care for her mistress, but the housemaids would carry coal to the many fires around the house and undertake the cleaning. Women employed in the laundry had a hot, wet, and smelly job. Kitchen staff had to ensure that the stoves were blacked and pots sparkling, as well as producing meals for the family.

There was a preference to employ servants from agricultural areas as they were thought to be more 'tractable.' Families often encouraged girls to go into service as it was respectable employment. Some women advertised their availability for posts such as companions in newspapers like *The Times*. There were also agencies offering servants and hiring fairs existed in some areas into the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

All servants were lowly paid. Accounts for Ickworth House in 1853 show the butler received £85 per annum. The groom earned £70 with a valet getting £26. The wages for women were lower. The housekeeper was given £30 for the year with a maid being paid £14. There could be perquisites, such as meals and accommodation, but there was always the fear of what would happen when the servant became too old to work. Many ended in the workhouse.

There were strict controls on servants. The invention of a bell system to call for service meant that staff were often not seen. Romances were not allowed with other servants. In Palladian houses, the ground floor was the workplace for servants and they often slept in the attic. However, in the later neo-classical houses, conditions deteriorated for servants as the family occupied the ground floor so that they could access the garden. Consequently, servants worked and often slept in the basement, deprived of natural light. The houses too could have problems of dampness, vermin and poor sanitation 'below stairs.' However, after the First World War, conditions tended to improve for servants as there were other sources of employment, especially for women in offices and shops. Employers had to offer more if they were to attract and retain staff.

Servant life did offer some security while they worked. They had food and accommodation, along with some other benefits. They could gain some social status but there was a loss of personal freedoms and a passive temperament was required to cope with the life.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on

Wednesday 24 June at The Village Hall, Rickingham IP221HD when Roger Kennell will give a talk about Pretty Corsets in Suffolk – a family and corset manufacturer. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, [www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net](http://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net).

Gerry Gurhy

## Coffee On



The Corner

It might have started raining this morning just as Coffee on the Corner was about to start and you might have preferred to stay at home ... but that did not appear to be the case. There were one or two familiar faces that were not there and, if that is due to illness, then we wish you a speedy recovery. If, on the other hand, you are away enjoying some rest and recuperation, then we hope you have a lovely time - see you next month.

On that subject, **PLEASE NOTE**, that due to circumstances partly beyond our control, the **June Coffee Shop will be on the THIRD TUESDAY**, rather than the usual second - that is to say, 16th June. If you read this and know anyone who normally comes along, do please let them know they will have to wait a bit longer!

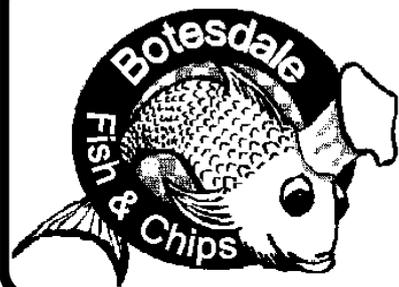
Following on from our successful Coffee Shop in May, when we supported "Toiletwinning", many of our kind visitors took the little cardboard "Toilet Toll" boxes away, so that they could literally 'spend a penny' during their visits to the smallest room during the last month. Many of those boxes were returned and we have added almost £25.00 to last month's £130 total. Some folks forgot to bring them back and some were so keen to continue with the idea that they gave us the money and took the box away again ... so watch the progress of the fundraising. In the next couple of months we shall send all the money in to the organisation and earn our three "This toilet is twinned with ..." frames for the doors of our toilets - when you come along and make use of the facilities you should see them there!

Today, however, the donations will be sent to "The Nagajuna Trust", who help to provide opportunities and schooling for impoverished Tibetan Children - this amounted to another £100, for which thank you very much. As you may realise this School is in the area affected by the recent earthquake in Nepal - and the news came out this morning that there has been yet another powerful earthquake in that region, so as I write this I do not know how this School and its children will have been affected.

As I said above, next month's coffee shop will be on Tuesday 16th June and any of your very kind donations on that morning will be given to the local Diss Branch of "Chernobyl's Children". Every summer a group of children from an area of Belarus affected by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster come for a month long holiday. During this break the children enjoy fresh food, breathe fresh air, receive vitamins and give their depleted immune systems much needed respite. The children stay with local families who feed them, clothe them and give them "TLC" for no remuneration. However, this year they need to find extra funds to help pay for visas for the children and their adult companions - I know that your kind generosity will not disappoint them! To find out more about this charity, do come along and see us!

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Sue Allen



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Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Open House Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Neighbour hood watch meeting	All Saint's Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Bell Inn , Rickingham
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Macmillan Information Outreach	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Orves Centre
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Rickingham Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
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Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
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Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Redgrave & District Ladies club Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Park View Chapel Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Fitsteps Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:30am 1-2 pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:30am	<b>Farmer's market</b> with Hamper Draw Car Boot Sale FETE Church open Wildlife Watch	Rickingham Village Hall R Recreation Ground Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Inferior Redgrave Lopham Fen

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Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodists Wives Club Outing	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview chapel
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 4:00pm	Church open Celebration of Mid Summer	Rickinghall Inferior Grundle Farm, Wattisfield
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am 2:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Needle craft RBL Women's section Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Farnish House Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre RAHOF Coffee Morning Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Fen street , Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Redgrave Garden Club	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10:30am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Butterfly tea party Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	"Brookview", Botesdale Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Church open	Rickinghall Inferior
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm 7:30pm	Needle craft Slimming World	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
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# Club News



F o B H C

We are pleased to announce that Mr Iain Smith (former Postmaster) will be the new Hon. Secretary for the Friends of Botesdale Health Centre from 1 June 2015.

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We look forward to welcoming Iain to the FoBHC, and working with new members of the Committee in our continued support for the Health Centre.

John Humphries  
Chairman

## Royal British Legion Women's Section Botesdale and District



The branch held its first meeting of the year in April with eleven members in attendance. The speaker for the meeting was Chris Mills who showed slides and gave a talk on the history of Thelnetham Windmill. This was most interesting and enjoyable.

A report was given on the recent Group Meeting in Eye, which eleven members had attended. The speaker for this meeting gave a talk and showed shawls and spoke of their history.

On a sad note, six members attended the funeral of Doug Cole, late husband of our Chairman Maureen. The next branch meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and the Group meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> July, both at Farnish House.

Margaret Brown

## BARWOODS

In May we have been doing a bit of fundraising at a couple of stalls.

The work has gone on hold temporarily as we are busy people, but we are keeping an eye on the three pieces of land that we manage. I noticed that nettles have already encroached on the path in Miller's Orchard since the showers at the beginning of the month; it doesn't take long.

It has been good to see cowslips in Low Meadow. There seem to be more about generally.

We are hoping to get some more permanent signs put up as the current ones have to be replaced rather frequently.



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## 'A little clip of what the Brownies get up to'

The 1<sup>st</sup> Redgrave and Botesdale Brownies last term had a whale of time and would like share what they got up to (part 1 – more to follow next month!).

“Brownies are 100 years old. Brownies have been up to lots of things like Farnish House, Jelly Baby night and some of us did our cook advance badge. Crime Prevention badge where the Police came in and we are going to two nights away in July that we are looking forward to. I like Brownies because it is fun and exciting”

Lauren

Brownies is for girls 7-11 years old who learn new skills and about the world around them, as well as having great fun. If you'd like to join don't hesitate to get in contact – Rhoda Brinkley 01379 898 743. We look forward to seeing you :)

## St. Mary's Church Rickingham Inferior.

Rickingham Inferior Church was unsuccessful in its bid for a grant of £67,500 from the government for roofs of listed places of worship. However, the grant is going to be offered again so we will try later when the details are available.

Quatrefoil will be holding another local history exhibition in the church on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. A professional archaeologist from the Portable Antiquities Scheme will be available to identify any finds you may like to bring in for identification. There will be displays on the schools from the villages, as well as most of the census returns available and various other items regarding the villages of Rickingham, Botesdale and Redgrave. Sarah Doig will give a talk at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm on our schools through many centuries as it is hoped to also launch her new book on this subject, the eleventh book in the Quatrefoil series on local history. The exhibition will be open from 10 am until 4 pm, admission will be free but donations towards the repairs to the roof would be welcome. Combine this visit with a trip to the Farmer's Market and Car Boot Sale from 9 am to 12.30pm virtually next door at the village hall and playing field.



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# Exploring the Past

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## Redgrave School Log Book 1864/5

Redgrave and Botesdale School opened in 1845 although the first log book at the record office is dated from 1864. We thought the first log book was missing but Sarah Doig discovered that schools were not legally bound to have a log book before 1863.

On January 11<sup>th</sup> 1864 a new headmaster, Mr Harding, commenced his duties. The entries in the log book record that the weather was very cold and there was snow early in February leading to a reduction in attendance. On February 10<sup>th</sup> the children attended church as it was Ash Wednesday. This probably meant that they had to walk from the school to Redgrave Church which would have been very cold, with no heating.

The entry for February 15<sup>th</sup> said that owing to the illness of Mr. Harding, Rev. Stanbrough was in charge, and by the 17<sup>th</sup> Mr Harding's mother was called for as his illness became dangerous. Mr. Leggett, an ex-pupil teacher from Palgrave was put in charge of the school. A few days later the whole school was closed for a week by a medical man as Mr. Harding was suffering from a fever. He died on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the school was closed for a week again.

A new master, J. Boyles and a mistress E. Boyles commenced working at the school on June 13<sup>th</sup>, after the children had two weeks holiday. It seems that in August he had to cane Mary-Anne Hubbard on the hands at the request of the Rector as she had been inattentive and disobedient at church on Sunday several times. This must have upset him as he wrote in the log book '*At the recurrence of another like thing the master resolved to resign his situation*'. He sent his resignation on September 16<sup>th</sup> and left on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Another new master G.B. Mannock commenced work on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1865 with M Buckeridge as mistress. He thought the children were deficient in geography as the children did not know which side of England Norfolk was on.

There are many entries in the log book for punishments carried out, although it does not always say what the punishment was. The first time the cane was used was on January 27<sup>th</sup> 1864 but it does not say why. Henry and Thomas Bruce were punished on March 9<sup>th</sup> for stealing three pencils. The following day they were punished again along with John Mears, H. Greengrass, H. Boston and E. Flint for throwing stones at a horse and causing the rider to be thrown off. The following month John Mears was expelled from the school for '*interrupting the other scholars when on their way home*'. In June one boy was punished for misbehaving in church the previous Sunday, and Ann Clements '*for throwing down and trampling on another girl's bonnet purposely*'. The children may have been coming to school hungry. Mary Fuller was punished for stealing the master's currants during playtime and Blanche Hollands ate another child's dinner for which she was kept by herself all day. John Leggett stole apples from Mr. Reeve's orchard on his way to school. In June 1865 three girls were sent home for using bad language and were not allowed back for a week. There are several cases of petty theft for which the child is punished. Julia Watling was punished for bringing snuff to school and distributing it among the rest of the girls. There are also complaints from local landowners for damage to their property whilst the children were walking home from school. John Baker, James Foulger and James Chapman were all punished for indecent behaviour to schoolgirls. The following year James Chapman was severely caned for disobedience and then expelled.

The children were examined according to the standard for the government inspection. Nothing new!! The children managed to get off examinations twice due to lack of paper. The pupil teacher, John Cooke sent from Palgrave school was also examined and his arithmetic and geography were very good.

Annette Fulcher and Hagar Taylor were excused from school to go to Eye to give evidence against a boy named Rush for striking Mary Rose. The week before Hagar Taylor had been taken from school to go to Mr. Hustler, the magistrate, concerning Mary Rose being struck the previous evening by a boy in Botesdale. The log book does not say if Mary Rose is a pupil at the school.

Parents had to pay twopence a week to send their children to school. As Mrs Bullock had only sent twopence for both her boys Robert was allowed to attend school but John had to stay at home. A few children were allowed to go to school free.

The day the new master and mistress started the log book says there was a full school of 97 children. The weather often affected the attendance of the children and once numbers were as low as 21. The children were often kept away from school to work on the farms. School was closed for one month on August 11<sup>th</sup> 1864 for the children to help with the harvest. On October 7<sup>th</sup> the log book said '*Several children away at work*'. In March 1865 several were absent to go stone picking and seed dropping. The number of children decreased to 86 one day in June as several children were haymaking. In July several were away '*turnip thinning*'. After the harvest holiday in 1865 only 75 children returned to the school. This may have been due to potato picking which kept some children away the following week.

Sometimes the children were absent for more pleasant reasons such as Botesdale Fair, Diss Fair, school treat at the Rectory, a feast at Botesdale, and a flower show in Redgrave Park. A few older children were given complementary tickets to see 'Du Can the Northern Wizard' who was giving an entertainment at the Crown Inn, Botesdale the following day. On July 26<sup>th</sup> the children were given a half day holiday on account of the Rifle encampment at Mellis. On a very hot day in July the children had a half day holiday whilst the master played in a cricket match at the Rectory.

Odd snippets of information are in the log book which may have brightened the children's school life a little. One day a traveller showed some snakes and adders to them and explained some of the differences. Another day all the girls were given newly trimmed bonnets. When George Holt Wilson, the squire, married Lucy James in 1865, a marriage feast was held in the Rectory grounds and the next day some of the children were invited to the Rectory to receive some wedding cake.

December 21<sup>st</sup> was St. Thomas' day. It was traditional on this day for children to go round the village begging for money. As a result of this more than half of the children were absent from school on the morning of this day alms gathering in 1865. The children who went to school were taught about St. Thomas. In the afternoon Miss Wilson came to the school and distributed pence to the children who were present. The tradition of giving the money to the children continued. In the 1880s the Squire, George Holt Wilson, the Rector Rev Thomas Holt Wilson and his sister Anna Maria Wilson each gave a penny to any child who had two marks in the register. By 1891 this was called Tommy Money. When my children were at Redgrave School in the 1960/70s they were receiving five pence Tommy money.

An interesting entry on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1864 shows that "*Dr Pearce of Botesdale visited the school to vaccinate all children who had not been under the operation before*".

The school had a harmonium which was tuned by Mr. Hart [Philip] who was an organ builder from Redgrave.

The school was very much influenced by the Rector and the Church of England. The Rector's wife and daughter helped out at the school with needlework and reading lessons. Much of the needlework was returned to the Rectory. It does not make clear if this was repairing items for the Rector's family, or if they were making items for the many sales of work which were held.

I was given the impression from the log books that life for most of the children at the school was very hard, and not as bright and colourful as St. Botolph's School now.

Record Office accession number for log book is 1050/6.

*For more information on all our schools visit Quatrefoil's exhibition at Rickinghall Inferior Church on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Doig's new book on our villages' schools will be launched at this.*

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# Exploring the Past Again

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## Schools in Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall

The 1870 Education Act was the first legislation passed to deal with education in Britain. The 1880 Act made education between the ages of 5 and 10 compulsory. Later this was extended to 14 years.

However it appears that there had been schools in our villages for many, many years before this. A court roll from 1312 mentions a school master, 'Master Clement of the school of Botesdale' and as early as 1289 the court rolls mention other masters. The fact that these masters were married indicates that this early school in Botesdale was an elementary school, teaching pupils arithmetic and how to read and write. Elementary schools were run by clerks who were allowed to marry.

This school was probably established by the Abbey in Bury to teach boys who would then enter the church, becoming clerks and later chaplains. It appears that even sons of villeins (peasants) could enter this school although they would probably have to be sponsored and pay a fee.

Later this school became a grammar school. In 1387 a court roll reported that a licence had been given to a chaplain, Richard Brok, to be 'master of the Grammar school in Botesdale'. But no further reference has been found to this particular school yet. (1)



Grammar school desk, now in Redgrave church

In 1549 Sir Nicholas Bacon purchased the building that had been a chantry chapel (and is now the Chapel of Ease) and in 1561 he was given licence to found a grammar school there. The chapel became the school room and in 1576 a house, now called the Chapel House, was built next to it, to house the master and pupils. The former market toll house was used as a house for the usher. The sons of poor men were to be educated free at this school but those of wealthier families had to pay. The boys had to be able to read when they entered the school. Sir Nicholas also endowed 6 scholarships to

Benet College, Cambridge (now known as Corpus Christi) from Botesdale School.

The school flourished, especially under Samuel Maybourne in the 18<sup>th</sup> century but by the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was in decline. By this time the Revd. Joseph Haddock had established a similar school in Botesdale, in the house which in the next century was a part of Simonds garage. These two schools amalgamated in the 1870s but in 1877, when the then master died, the school finally closed. (2)

In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries there appear to have been many small private schools established in both Rickinghall and Botesdale. Newspaper advertisements and census returns provide some

information about these schools. For instance in 1787 an M. Tipple advertised her school in Botesdale, in the Bury and Norwich Post. The fees were ten guineas per annum and nine for those children under ten years of age. In the 1790s two sisters Anne and Sarah Burroughs set up a boarding school for young ladies somewhere in Botesdale charging ten guineas per annum for those under 12 years of age and twelve guineas for those older.

In 1825 a school was established by John Dyer in Bridewell Lane. The 1844 Whites Directory stated that this was a 'free school for all the poor children of Botesdale and the neighbourhood'. Later he moved this school to Fen Lane erecting a building to house it. It was finally closed in 1917 although the building was still being used for various lessons, such as cookery, in the 1930s. Today it is a private house. John Dyer's gravestone is set against the wall of the Methodist Chapel in Fen Lane.

Mrs Taylor, widow of the bank manager who lived at Bank House in Botesdale, started a school for girls in 1877 after her husband died. It did well and she moved to Osmond House in the early 1890s. She later moved this school to Chapel House. She retired and the school closed in 1911.

After Mrs. Taylor retired Miss Ethel Scates, who had been educated at Mrs. Taylor's school, opened a day school for girls and a preparatory school for boys in her home at Mowbray House in Botesdale. This school continued until 1941 when she retired.

After this Miss Margaret Miles, who had taught at Miss Scates' school, opened a school next door in Bank House, to accommodate the older pupils from Miss Scates' school. And Miss Warren, who had also taught at Miss Scates' school, and her sister started a school for younger pupils at their home, Jubilee House in Rickinghall. This school continued until they retired in the early 1960s.

The National School was built in Rickinghall Inferior in 1853 for £700. The Revd Maul had donated some glebe land next to the church for this. The children from Rickinghall Superior also attended this school. Redgrave National School was built in 1845, probably on town land. Children from Botesdale as well as Redgrave went to this school. After the 1870 Act these schools were run by 'school boards'; locally elected bodies which drew their funding from local rates. Both these schools closed in 1994 and a purpose built one, St. Botolph's School, opened the same year in Botesdale to serve children from the surrounding villages.

(1) Bacon Collection Court Rolls 11/1 & 28/6

(2) See Jean Sheehan's Parish Magazine articles November and December 2011

**If you wish to find out more about these schools Quatrefoil's 11<sup>th</sup> Book called 'A Rural Education The History of Schooling in Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall' will be published in July and launched at our 'Bringing History Alive' exhibition on 11<sup>th</sup>**

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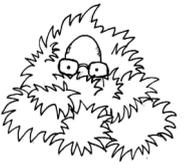


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# Nyalls Notes Bills Birds



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What have people got against Christianity? I know many atrocities have been committed in the name of Christianity but these would never have happened had people taken notice of what Jesus had said. He talked of turning the other cheek, going the extra mile, serving rather than being served and loving your enemies. He demonstrated his own teaching in action in that he did not fight as he was falsely accused and executed and when he prayed for forgiveness for those that executed him. The early Christians emulated him as they offered no resistance when thrown to the lions. There is nothing in Christianity that encourages people to fight.

Would we not have a much better society if people were willing to turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, love their enemies and forgive like Jesus did? What do people see as wrong with it? Is it not within the capability of everyone to think and act in this way?

I tried to make up a set of guidelines that might create a better society, a sort of new Ten Commandments that everyone could accept. It came out like this:

- Love others as much as you love yourself. Treat them as you would want to be treated.
- Be kind and generous with others even if they aren't with you. You could change them with kindness.
- Do not kill or do violence to others. In fact do not get angry or as hate these are often the source of harm to others.
- Do not steal or lie to each other. It destroys trust.
- Do not commit adultery as it is stealing the partner of another whose life you might well destroy. Your actions might involve them living a life of resentment and hate towards you. These things start in the thought realm so avoid such thoughts.
- Don't hanker after your neighbour's wife/husband/car/possessions etc. It is the beginning of the route to crime, adultery and possibly worse.
- Don't try and get your own back. Revenge only breeds escalating revenge.
- Avoid resentment and envy for there always be someone around who has better than you have or is richer than you are. Resentment and envy doesn't make you happier, in fact they make you miserable so why hang on to them.
- Forgive, forgive and forgive as by this you will avoid living a life of hate and resentment neither of which will give you one ounce of extra happiness, peace or contentment.
- Care for all others but especially those less fortunate than you are. It will be a reward in itself.

Would not society be better if we all stuck to these guidelines? Is it not within the capability of all of us to have decent go at it. So why is society like it is?

If these things are within the capability of all of us I can only conclude that, on the whole, we prefer it as it is. Although Christianity is about being forgiven rather than being good, it does entail admitting we aren't good and need forgiveness. We can't do that if we would prefer to be bad. Is that is why the message of forgiveness through Jesus is so unpopular.

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It is early May and the weather has been appalling with strong winds and heavy rain which threatens the ardent bird watcher. However, in spite of such opposition, the Spring migrants have been arriving. Sand Martins were early in April and House Martins before the end of the month, but over our villages the Swifts were later. I saw my first on 7th May.

The Cuckoo was on Redgrave Fen by 18th April, at least two of them. The Blackcap, Whitethroat and Reed Warblers were all there before the end of April, but the Willow Warbler not until May.

At this time of the year I listen for the Nightingale and Turtle Dove. I tried the Lackford Lakes without luck. The Nightingale was not in the right mood for me on 2nd May but it had been heard—still no Turtle Dove. Incidentally, watchers in Malta have yet again lost their vote to 'stop' hunters murdering our migrating Turtle Doves.

So what about a visit to Minsmere, usually a certainty, but no song from the Nightingale although it had arrived. The reserve was full of newly arrived Swifts and the Bittern was heard 'booming' through the strong wind. Everywhere was the short powerful song of the non-migrating Chetti Warbler. The Marsh Harrier showed off beautifully at the Island Mere hide, but, of course, I missed the Bearded Tits. From the 'Scrape' hide Avocets abounded. Springwatch workers have now erected very costly fencing to keep out last year's marauding badger which accounted for the small number of young which were raised. Only Sandwich Terns were seen, though the Common Tern was known to be present. The beach little ternary no longer exists.

In spite of the weather at last I was rewarded with a solitary Spoonbill. This splendid bird was feeding just below the Scrape hide and it was amusing to watch its spoon-like huge bill shifting too and fro in the mud and water for food.



Spoonbill

Nearer home, I have had an excellent view of a female Marsh Harrier flying over fields near Wortham's Fen Road in bright sunlight—a rich brown bird with a patch of yellow on its forehead. Perhaps one day it will breed on the Fen?

In Thetford, of all places, there is some good bird watching to be had on the lakes near the Nunnery Bridge. They are close to the British Trust for Ornithology headquarters. I was fortunate enough to see a Short Eared Owl flying over the fields on the way to these lakes. So, of course, I rushed to the BTO headquarters and alerted the staff to what I had seen. Two of their number rushed out to view it. However they missed!

One last interesting report from a watcher who has spent many years in France. He saw a Grey Shrike on Redgrave Fen. This Shrike, the size of a small Thrush, has a raptor-type beak, as does its equally rare cousin the Red Backed Shrike (called the 'butcher Bird'), and it impales its catch on nearby 'spikes' of plants, which is known as its 'larder', ready for eating later.

So there are rarities about—remember the Ring Ouzel in Rickinghall? Now, another 'mega tick'.

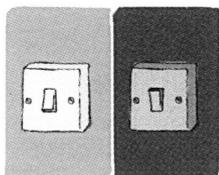
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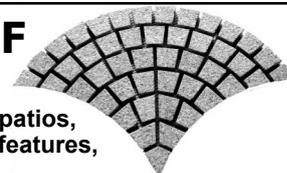


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\* When May is out... the bedding plants can safely come out, as the risk of frost has passed. Prepare the area for planting with a sprinkle of fish, blood and bone, and water beforehand, as well as when you plant, making sure they don't dry out for a week or so. Young plant growth is prone to damage from winds at this time of year, so protect taller growing plants such as Sweet Peas, Delphiniums, Hollyhocks etc, with support from canes, Hazel branches, garden netting etc.

\* Soft fruit is highly appealing to wildlife as well as ourselves, so this is another candidate for protection. Netting will keep birds off the berries but make sure it is pegged down otherwise blackbirds particularly can sneak in and then get trapped. For many gardeners the vegetable patch is now in full swing with salad crops and early potatoes coming up for harvesting in June. Two tasks are key to this area at this time of year; hoeing little and often, and watering during dry spells.

\* For those lucky enough to have a greenhouse, watering is essential, but shading from the south sun may be necessary to prevent scorching. Traps for white fly and other flying insects can be put in place, and French marigolds can be planted to help deter white fly too. Begin adding a regular liquid feed to growbags when the first truss of tomatoes begins to set. Whether you're growing under glass or in the open, remove tomato side shoots as they appear, unless you're growing a bush variety.

\* Lawns look great after they've been mown, but the daisies and other lawn weeds can spread too. If you want to deter these, cut low enough to remove the flower heads and thus remove their ability to seed. For removing them altogether, treat the area with some 'feed, weed & mosskiller' such as Evergreen, or just give the weeds a hit with a selective herbicide such as Verdone.

\* Happy Gardening!  
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In the Cookbook, we'd like to share your favourite recipes with baking enthusiasts in our villages.

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## Adele's Spicy Crumb Cake

12 oz (325 g) plain flour	1 tblsp lemon juice
7 oz (200 g) sugar	8 fl oz (225 ml) milk
1 tsp cinnamon of soda	1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
¼ tsp nutmeg	1 egg
½ tsp ground cloves	2 tblsp treacle
4 oz (100 g) butter / marge	2 oz (50 g) currants or walnuts

Oven 180 deg C, 350 deg F, Gas 4.  
Sift together flour and spices, add sugar, and cut in butter / marge till it resembles breadcrumbs. Reserve ¾ cup for topping. Combine lemon juice and milk, add bicarbonate of soda and stir to dissolve. Add to the dry mixture, then add beaten egg, treacle and currants or roughly chopped nuts. Mix well and pour into greased tin 11" x 7" (approx. 28cm x 18cm). Sprinkle reserved mixture over the top. Bake for 35 – 45 minutes.

*(Given to me 40 years ago by our Canadian friend.)*

*Frances Lamb.*

## Thanks to Jean for the following joke:

The Burglar entered the darkened house, quietly.  
Suddenly a voice shouted ' God is watching you'  
He stayed silent for a moment and heard nothing, so moved and the voice shouted again, 'GOD IS WATCHING YOU'  
Then... he saw the parrot. 'Was that you?' the burglar asked.  
'Yes' replied the parrot, 'My name is St.Peter.'  
'What fool would call a parrot St.Peter' the burglar said.  
The parrot replied... 'The same fool who named our Doberman, God!'

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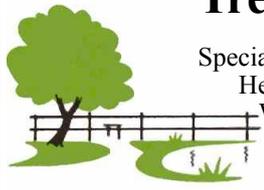
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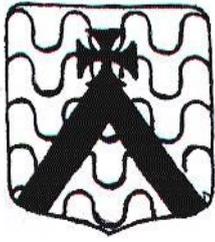
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# School news

On world book day the whole of St Botolph's embarked on an exciting writing project. Our mission was to show off our writing skills by creating a story as a whole school. Each class in the school was given a different job to do and once completed the story was passed on to the next class! The children really worked hard and applied themselves to the task and produced a wonderful and entertaining piece of writing. We shared the finished story in a special assembly and many of the children were so inspired by what they had achieved that they began their very own sequel! We also shared the story with the mums, dads and grandparents who joined us for our Easter assembly.

In the last edition we share part 1 of our finished story with you. Read on for Part 2!...

## Super Squirrel and Bully Badger (part 2)

Ollie was minding his own business, carefully locking up his Oaktree 5000 bike. Bang! Without warning the heavy iron door of the bike shed suddenly slammed shut! Ollie's excellent eyesight enabled him to clearly see who the culprit was. As quick as a flash Ollie noticed that his bright green lunch box had vanished!



Angrily, Ollie Owl banged on the door, shouting, "help let me out I'm trapped!" At the top of the tree, Super Squirrel heard the yelling from the bike shed. swooping down, his tail flying behind him, he appeared outside the bike shed. He opened the door to find Ollie Owl yelling, "Someone's stolen my lunch box!" Suddenly Super Squirrel realised who the culprit was. He turned invisible by eating a nut and zipped around the school at the speed of light.

There at the edge of the school field, he spotted Bully Badger burrowing a hole. Beside him lay Ollie Owl's precious lunch box. Diving down Super Squirrel snatched Bully Badger, dragging him out of the tunnel. "What are you up to?" Super Squirrel demanded as he appeared visible again. Bully Badger glowered.

"No comment," replied Bully Badger.

"That's Ollie Owl's lunch box," said Super Squirrel crossly. "You have greedily eaten it all!"

Bully Badger knew he had been caught out this time. He felt disappointed in himself.

"I was jealous of the treats that the other animals had," he said sadly.

"You will have to give your lunch to Ollie Owl," said Super Squirrel. Just then Ollie Owl arrived.

"Sorry I took your lunch box," said Bully Badger as he passed him his rusty old lunch box.

Ollie Owl carefully opened the box.

"Strawberries my favourite," gasped Bully Badger. "My mum did give me a treat after all. I hope you enjoy them Ollie."



I hope that you have all enjoyed our story. The children enjoyed working on it and it made for a great day with a focus on writing.

The first half of the summer term has been a busy one. Our Yr6 children have completed their SAT tests and all demonstrated great determination and courage during the week.

The second part of the term will be equally busy with lots happening. We have Sports Mornings, our Music and art festival and preparations for the new academic year to complete. So we have a busy but exciting term ahead.

Hopefully we'll get some sunshine too as many of the children will be out and about on trips linked to the topics they are learning about.

We will also be launching a new school website soon, details of which I will include in the next issue of this magazine.

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**All about us:** We are a registered charity operating on a not for profit basis. We provide care for local children from the age of 2 years and are based at Botesdale Village Hall. We work closely with St Botolph's Primary School to assist in a smooth transition for our children to primary school.

**This term:** Our themes this term are "Summer" and "Under the Sea". We are looking forward to spending lots of time outside playing with sand and water! We will also be welcoming work-experience students from Hartismere and West Suffolk College.

**Committee:** As a charity, our pre-school is required to have a committee in place comprising parents/guardians. Our committee meets every couple of months to discuss matters relating to the general running of the pre-school. Joining the committee is a great way to get to know the staff and other parents, and get more involved in your child's experience. It will also make a real difference to how our setting is managed!

**OFSTED:** We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to receive particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". Please let us know if you'd like a copy of the full report.

Daddy, I love you  
For all that you do.  
I'll kiss you and hug you  
'Cause you love me, too.

You feed me and need me  
To teach you to play,  
So smile 'cause I love you  
On this Father's Day.

## Rainy day fun

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How many words containing three or more letters can you make from the letters in the grid above? About 80 words are possible. Plurals are allowed, proper nouns are not. Can you find the nine letter word?

Can you replace the missing vowels to spell out these popular classic books? The spaces are not necessarily where you would expect them to be!

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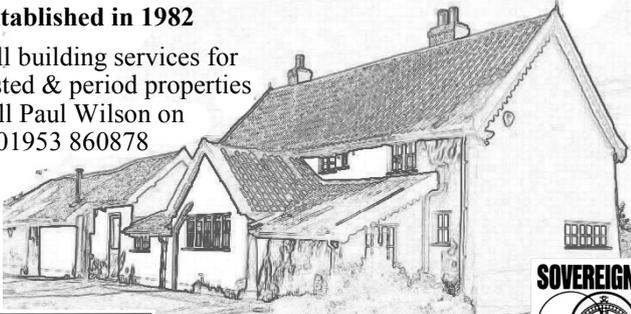
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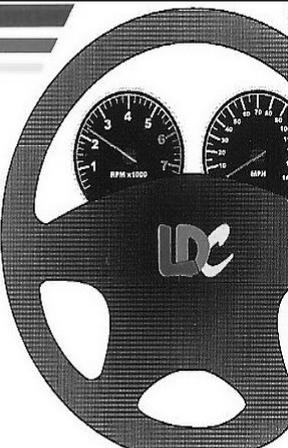
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# Future Events

Wives Club



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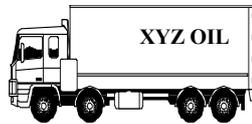
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Donations may be made to the charity Mountainchild Refreshments and a raffle

More details from Janie Whitehead 01359 250326

## Advance notice

Saturday 11th July

Rickinghall Inferior church

Quatrefoil will be holding another local history exhibition in Rickinghall Inferior church on Saturday July 11th. A professional archaeologist from the Portable Antiquities Scheme will be available to identify any finds you may like to bring in for identification. There will be displays on the schools in the villages, as well as most of the census returns available and various other items regarding the villages of Rickinghall, Botesdale and Redgrave. Sarah Doig will give a talk at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm on our village schools through many centuries as it is hoped to also launch her new book on this subject, the eleventh book in the Quatrefoil series on local history. The exhibition will be open from 10 am until 4 pm, admission will be free but donations towards the repairs to the roof would be welcome.

Combine this visit with a trip to the Farmer's Market and Car Boot Sale from 9 am to 12.30 pm virtually next door at the village hall and playing field.

Further details later or contact Jean Sheehan 890237



*My Dad and I  
My dad and I-we think alike,  
He knows just what I mean  
Before I even say a word  
He reads, well, in between.*

*My dad and I-we like to fish  
Or build a model plane,*

*Or fix a broken chair or two  
Or just a windowpane.*

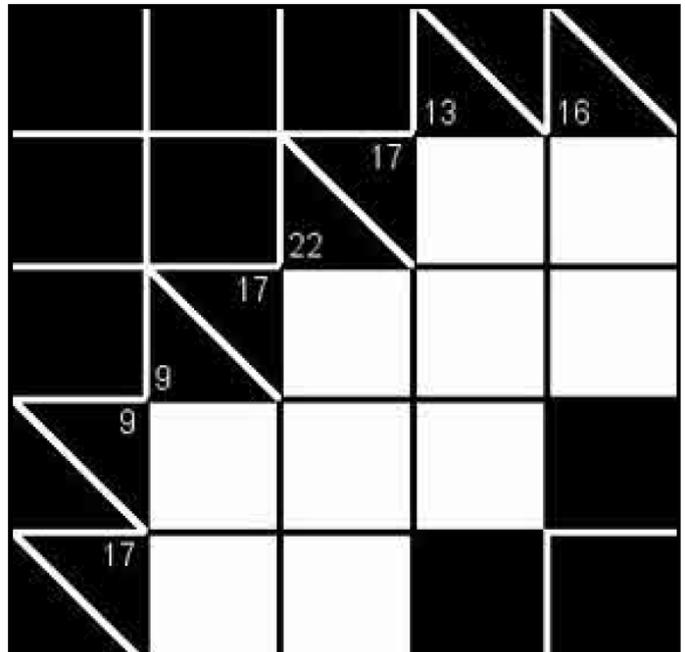
*My dad and I-we know the score  
Of every single game;  
Sometimes he's really busy, too  
But he takes me just the same.*

*My dad and I-we go swimming too,  
Each year and sometimes twice,  
My dad and I-we do everything;  
My dad-he's really nice.*

*Phyllis C. Michael*

## KAKURO

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7 <sup>th</sup> June	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-end
14 <sup>th</sup> June	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
21 <sup>st</sup> June	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-end
28 <sup>th</sup> June	2 Corinthians 8:7-end	Mark 5:21-end
5th July	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13

Rotas	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickinghall	
	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs C Hilliard	Mrs J Shepherd	Mr J Robinson		Mrs B Foster	Mrs J Bennett
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright			Mr Rixon	Mrs Rixon
21 <sup>st</sup> June			Mrs D Culley	Mrs S Purdom	Mrs White	Mrs Whitehead
28 <sup>th</sup> June			Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector
5th July	Miss A Horten	Mrs S McGrath	Mrs F Lamb			

April flower rota			
	Chapel of Ease	Redgrave	Rickinghall
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Canning	Mrs R Powell	Mrs Sheehan
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Cordeaux		
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Mrs Cordeaux	Mrs P Button	Mrs Draper
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Heath	Mrs P Button	
5th July	Mrs Heath	Mrs R Powell	Mrs Rixon

## Visit report

**Visit by Michael Green**, our Church Mission Society (CMS) mission partner in Jordan. Michael spent a few action-packed days in our Parish from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015. On Friday morning he visited St Botolph's School for assembly and a classroom visit, and in the evening he visited the two youth activities at Parkview Chapel, and enjoyed the interaction with the children. Saturday evening at All Saints, he talked about God leading him to train as a learning disability children's nurse and then sent him out to the Christian TB hospital in Mafraq, Jordan! As some of his adult patients couldn't speak Arabic or English, the techniques he had learned in his training were very useful. We heard about wonderful friendships and leading people to become 'followers of Jesus'. On Sunday Michael did 'back to back' church visiting, with an enjoyable fellowship lunch at All Saints, a quick cat-nap in the afternoon, and then preaching at Evening Prayer. Michael stayed with us while he was here, and was a relaxed, easy guest to have. He must have the most incredible stamina, because we were exhausted at the end of his time here. He did have several cat-naps, which refreshed him, but we were still impressed. We were blessed by his visit, and would encourage everyone to have visiting speakers to stay.

*Jeff and Frances Lamb.*

# Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting of the Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch Groups will be on

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7-30pm**

in 1<sup>st</sup> floor functions room of The Bell Inn, Rickinghall, by kind permission of the licensee. Any person having an interest in joining the group is welcome to attend.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Farmers Market at Rickinghall it is hoped to have another 'Cycle Security Marking' event by PCSO David Faulkner, which is to be confirmed. Notices will be displayed in the usual locations in the villages.

### Local Contact Details

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

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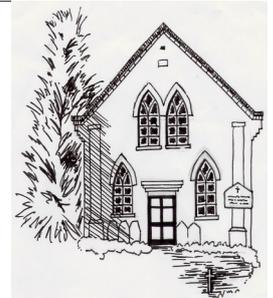
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7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Janet Browne	
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Sheila Jobes	
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Mrs Jane Drury	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Brian Trudgian	Holy Communion

Bible Study Alternate Mondays at 10 am. All are very welcome.  
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**All Saints  
Redgrave**



**St. Botolph's  
Botesdale**



**St. Mary's  
Rickinghall**

**7th June '15 1st Sunday after Trinity**  
8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion



10:30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints  
Altogether  
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ages starting with refreshments*  
6.30pm Upper Church, Rickinghall Evening  
Prayer

**14th June '15 2nd Sunday after Trinity**  
8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion

10:30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall CW Communion  
with children and young people starting  
in Rickinghall Village Hall for  
"Footprints"



**21st June '15 3rd Sunday after Trinity**  
8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall  
Worship Together  
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people of all ages*

**28th June '15 4th Sunday after Trinity**  
8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion

10.30 St Mary's, Redgrave CW Worship  
10.30 Botesdale Village Hall Messy Church in-  
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ages



**5th July '15 5th Sunday after Trinity**  
8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale, BCP Communion  
10:30 All Saints, Redgrave, All Saints Altogether  
6.30pm St Mary's, Rickinghall, Evening Prayer

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