

# PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

May 2015



**International day of biological diversity  
22 May 2015**

## Rev'd Chris Norburn

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**Rev**

In the well known movie STAR WARS there is a lot of technology floating around, there is the Death Star commanded by the Evil Lord - Darth Vader, and there are the small fighter ships piloted by the Rebels. The movie is a classic adventure story - a battle between Good and Evil - but what is most fascinating about the movie is not the machinery and the technology that the film portrays with such stunning success, - but rather it is something that George Lucas calls the Force.

The hero of the movie is Luke Skywalker, a very young man - impulsive and eager to make a difference, and in the end he does make a difference - because he tunes into the force. The force in the movie is rather like God - it consists of the life energy, the life soul, of all living creatures, and that force, once you tune into it, can be used to do good, or do evil, - though the force is by nature, good. The force is stronger than machinery, stronger than any technology, stronger in fact than anything that was, is, or ever will be, and it is all around, to be touched and felt and responded too, whenever one is ready for it.

Luke saves the rebels from destruction in the first movie by remembering the force, and concentrating on the force, and allowing the force to guide his actions. Luke, despite being the hero, is not perfect in this - he does not easily open himself up to the force, but, in the end, he does manage to tune in, and the Force does work through him and so there is a happy ending to the movie.

There is a similarity between the Force and the Christian faith because something very much like the Force is at the heart of the Christian Faith - that which we call the Holy Spirit. That Spirit is the power of God and the Essence of God. That Spirit is the power which upholds the universe itself. That Spirit is that which was poured out upon the first believers in Christ on the day of Pentecost. Which the church celebrates 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This year we celebrate it on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. That same Spirit has ever since come to dwell within each one who confesses that Jesus Christ is their personal Lord and Saviour.

In all our prayers for new believers we pray that the Holy Spirit will live in and with them. And in all our thoughts about God we understand the Spirit of God to be that which enables us to hear God speaking to us for the Spirit leads, it teaches, it convicts us of our sin and communicates the forgiveness of God and His love for us. It gives us dreams and visions and helps us to understand them. The Spirit comforts, sustains, inspires, strengthens, and renews us; and in the end it draws us closer to each other, and to Jesus Christ our brother and to God our Father. It is the Spirit that makes our faith come alive, it is the Spirit that sets us free and it is the Spirit that does the work of salvation in our daily lives. As God is always present so the Spirit is all around us, and within us. That is what the day of Pentecost means.

Many chase around trying to set themselves free so that they can go free without fear or worry. Many try to do this in their own strength, neglecting to turn to the true author of life. But Christians know that their author is God, who works by his Spirit, because God is Spirit. And God wants us to let his Spirit catch us. And we can do this by letting it rise up from its home inside us, and to blow upon us as we go about our daily business. It is through our author that we have dreams; that we are able to listen to what people around us are really saying. So let us stop to listen to others and to read the Word (the Bible) that the wise have always held up before us, the Word that the Spirit uses in such wonderful ways at times to comfort us, challenge us or to build us up. As you do this expect to be surprised by God, after all He is the God of love and true love is often full of surprises. Expect good things to occur, after all true love brings many blessings. So believe in the Spirit and the Power of God, trust in it, and marvellous things will happen. For it is all around, to be touched and felt and responded too, whenever one is ready for it.

The wonderful thing about the story of Pentecost is that it reminds us that the unity and the understanding that we need so much in proclaiming the gospel message has come to us and will remain with us. As it did to the first disciples on that day in Jerusalem when they spoke with so much power and conviction (Acts 2).

So praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the One God in three gives us all we need to do his work thus enabling us to be moved in the way he wants us to be moved, ever closer to others and to him.

*Chris Norburn.*

#### From the registers :

15th March 2015 : Baptism at Rickinghall Inferior : Eloise Taliyah Govier, (b.16th October 2014)



## PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Each month the magazine has a different front cover which provides a loose theme for the content. Most months have an obvious theme, but a few, including May, are less clear. We decided to look at UN international days for inspiration, and thought biodiversity seemed different and interesting as a focus. The content is less connected to this theme than usual, but if it generates a few conversations or sparks your interest to find out more, we'll consider it a success! If you have a particular view or experience of the challenge of protecting biodiversity, please do get in touch using the contact details below, and we'll try to include any correspondence in the June issue.

**What is biodiversity?** Biodiversity is the variety of life. It includes all the different species on the entire Earth. There are between 3-30 million species on Earth, and some suggesting there may be over 100 million species on Earth.

**Why is it important?** Biodiversity is important to people and the health of ecosystems for many reasons. Biodiversity helps make life liveable on Earth, including through cleaning water and absorbing chemicals, to providing oxygen for us to breathe. Without a diversity of bees, plants, and soils, our supermarkets would have a lot less produce. Most medical discoveries were made because of research into plant and animal biology and genetics. And yet today, species are going extinct at an accelerated and dangerous rate, because of non-natural environmental changes caused by human activities. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, globally about one third of all known species are threatened with extinction. That includes 29% of all amphibians, 21% of all mammals and 12% of all birds. If we do not stop the threats to biodiversity, we could be facing another mass extinction with dire consequences to the environment and human health and livelihood.

### What can we do?

- Buy sustainable seafood. 80% of the world's biodiversity lives in the sea. The diversity of marine life is being eroded by overfishing. 75% of the world's fisheries are fully or over exploited. We can take action through choosing sustainable fish, eg avoiding Bluefin Tuna or Northsea cod, and buy seafood labelled with the MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) logo.
- Buy good wood to save our forests. Buy wood and wood products from a sustainable legal source. Look out for the Forest Stewardship Council(FSC) label. Also, use recycled paper Using 100% recycled paper saves 24 trees per tonne of paper.
- Create a wildlife habitat to provide food, shelter and water for native wildlife. More information on how to do this is available at the National Wildlife Federation.

If you would like to send us artwork for the front cover, please get in touch using the following channels.

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Best wishes, The Parish Magazine Volunteers



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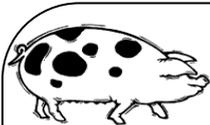
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## COPY DATES FOR NEXT THREE ISSUES:

Please note that the copy dates for the forthcoming issues are as follows:

- June issue: 11 May (Mon)
- July issue: 8 June (Mon)
- Aug/Sept issue: 13 July (Mon)

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Thursday 14th May : 17:00 until 23:00  
Friday 15th May : 11:00 until 23:00  
Saturday 16th May : 11:00 until 23:00

Further information is available at the  
website [www.midangliacamra.com](http://www.midangliacamra.com)



Peter Abery  
Press and Media Officer  
Mid Anglia CAMRA  
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### The New Eye Professional Theatre Botesdale Village hall Saturday 30th May.

Mystery thriller  
"A Pretty Row of Pretty Ribbons"  
features Rob Johnson and Daisy Jude Pizey,

followed by  
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### FEN

#### Guided fen walk

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for further  
information.

Saturday 2nd May 10.30am - 1pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen.

£3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

#### Messing about by the water family afternoon

Tuesday 26th May, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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Saturday 30 May, 10am - 3pm

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For more information on the events go to:

[www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves-and-visitor-centres/redgrave-lopham-fen/](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves-and-visitor-centres/redgrave-lopham-fen/)

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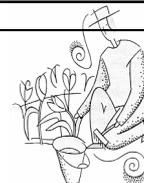
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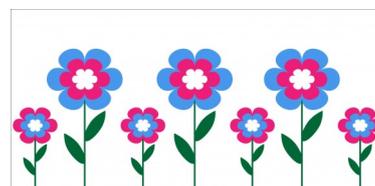
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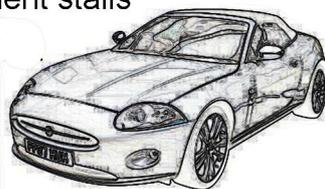
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# Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann-Jackson-Eve



All councillors were present at the meeting. The Chairman reported the resignation of David Green, who had been on the Council for many years and was particularly active in the work to the footpaths and streams project in Botesdale and Rickinghall. The Council were very sorry to see him go and send their thanks for all his hard work. The Clerk confirmed that everyone who had submitted nomination forms for the election on 7 May, including John Abraham, Desmond Bavington-Lowe, Ernie Baxter, Mike Bishop and William Sargeant, had been confirmed elected in an uncontested election. An uncontested election means that an actual election will not be held due to there being the correct number of or fewer candidates for the available places. The new council will come into effect four days after 7 May. That still leaves four "casual vacancies" on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option. The process is simple and painless (ignore J K Rowling!) so please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

**Public Forum:** The outgoing District Councillor, Sara Michell, sent her apologies, as did County Councillor Jessica Fleming. Cllr Fleming sent in a written report which highlighted details of the Highways Verge Cutting schedule. It was noted that A and B roads are usually cut twice a year. C and U roads are done just once. May/June will be the first cut for A and B roads and C and U roads will be cut in June/ July.

PCSO Dave Faulkner was also unable to attend the meeting but sent in a written report. He reported that every year around 3 million UK consumers lose a total of £3.5 billion to scams. Here are some of the things you should look out for. *Prize Draw:* You may receive an email, letter or telephone call that informs you, you've won a prize. But for you to claim the prize you either have to pay a fee or you need to order something from a catalogue. However, in the small print it states that you are actually entering a prize draw. If you receive something similar to this, you need to think if you have entered any prize draws? And is asking for you to pay any money? If so, this is probably a scam and should be ignored. *Poor spelling or grammar in emails:* Scammers will often put misspellings in their email in an effort to avoid triggering spam filters for common keywords in their messages, for example "money" or "gambling". This way they can maximize the number of people their messages reach by avoiding spam filters.

**Planning:** The PC looked at an application at Harwell House, Bridewell Lane for change of use from a log cabin in the garden to a hair salon. The PC had no objection to the application.

**District Council News:** The PC receives a newsletter from MSDC every month summarising issues that might be of interest to the parish. If you think this might be of interest to you, copies can be found online at <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/council-business/smaller-smarter-swifter-babergh-and-mid-suffolk-working-together/the-story-so-far/town-and-parish-newsletters-and-additional-information/>.

**Affordable Housing:** You may not be aware that the affordable housing at Churchway in Redgrave is available to Botesdale households. They are prioritised for households with a Redgrave connection but if there are no applications from Redgrave, they become available for households with a connection to neighbouring

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**Annual Parish Meeting:** The meeting will have taken place by the time you read this but the speaker for the APM will be from Suffolk County Council and the topic is confirmed as Superfast Broadband in Botesdale. This will be reported on at the next meeting but it's hoped that there will be some answers to all the questions we have about when and where Superfast Broadband will finally be available!

**May Meeting:** Please note that the May meeting of the PC has been moved to 18 May.

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# Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) was held prior to the regular meeting of the Council and an impressive number of reports from local organisations were displayed, as well as those from the Parish Council, the District and County Councillors and the Police. These reports will all be available soon on the website. The April meeting of the Parish Council followed directly after the APM and was very well attended with apologies from Bob Hayward. County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Sara Michell, 15 members of the public and the Clerk were also present.

**Public Forum:** A member of the public expressed concern that not enough young people were getting involved in Redgrave's social and volunteer activities and the atmosphere of the village had suffered as a result. The Parish Council agreed that this was the case everywhere and it would support/help all it could, but the input needed to come from the community and individuals needed to come forward. The Parish Council itself was struggling to get a full complement of councillors. Concern was also expressed that there was a question mark over the future of two important amenities in the village, the shop and the pub. The Parish Council responded that it would continue to do all it could to support the shop but the pub was a private business and the amount of support the PC could give was limited. Finally, it was suggested that the Litter Pick be held on a Saturday in future or over several days to make it easier for people to participate. The Chairman thanked everyone who had turned out for the Litter Pick in not very nice weather!

**Planning:** There were two planning applications: the first at Knoll Cottage, The Street for demolition of the porch on the front elevation and insertion of a new front door plus the installation of a replacement window on the front ground floor, re-using leaded glass panels. There was no objection to this. The second application was at Gressingham Foods Ltd, Hinderclay Road for construction of a bridge over the Little Ouse and a new concrete access road. It was noted that this was a duplicate of a lapsed planning permission and there was therefore no objection.

**Speedwatch:** The PC was happy to note that County Cllr Fleming had pledged £1,000 towards the cost of a new Vehicle Activated Sign. The PC agreed to contribute up to £3,000 towards the cost of the VAS, though the final cost is likely to be less than that and further grant funding will be considered. It was suggested that if the Highways department agreed, volunteers could save on the total cost by installing the four mounting posts.

**Verge Cutting:** It was noted that a contractor for SCC Highways department cuts the verges on A and B roads twice each summer, the first cut to take place in May/June, and the C and U roads are cut once in June/July. The Parish Council agreed to accept a quote from Les Bryant for £120 for further cuts, to be deployed when necessary.

**Town Pit:** This is being looked at as a possible site for new housing but in the meantime the PC considered the possibility of a tidy up and a quote had been received for £30/hour for grass cutting. However, as this required an undertaking on the part of the Parish Council to remove any and all hazards which might interfere with the equipment, it was agreed not to go ahead with it at this time. It would be difficult to say how many lumps of concrete, tree stumps and other bits of rubbish were waiting to damage the machines and impossible to ensure their complete removal!

**Flowers at Village Entrance:** It was felt that the PC and the Garden Club had been talking at cross purposes and the Garden Club members were not entirely on board with the idea of a flower bed at the entrance as this would be difficult to keep free of weeds. It was agreed to revisit the possibility of a planter or even a "window box" style planter on the village sign. The Clerk would contact Highways to clarify what was acceptable.

**Telephone Box:** Finally, it was agreed not to "adopt" the phone box as BT have very kindly agreed to paint it this summer.

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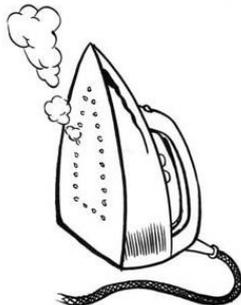
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# Rickingham Parish Council



Cllr Geoff Short

Our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April commenced with the Annual Parish meeting, which is a legal requirement, and gives the opportunity to summarise the activities of the previous year. It is also an opportunity for local organisations to submit a report, and all those invited to do so duly sent one in. These were put out on the stage for people to read if they wanted, and we will produce a "Rickingham News" in June with all the reports, so there are no plans to include them here.

The normal parish meeting followed with five of our six councillors present, and no apologies. Councillor Gillian Crossley-Holland declared an interest in a planning item of the agenda.

In the Public Forum, several members of the public had attended to express their concern over a proposed Caravan Club site on the corner of West Hall Road/New Delight Road New Delight Road, and their fears that a small CL (Certified Location) site could increase into a much larger enterprise. The main concern was the mile-long section of straight road was single track and had no passing places, and this could mean vehicles attempting to pull into driveways and field entrances. They also expressed concerns about the appearance of the white caravans in the landscape and the effects on the wildlife, particularly as the area was close to a SSSI and there were barn owls in the fields. It seems that the matter would not proceed to a planning application to Mid Suffolk, and the residents had written to the Caravan Club to object. The Parish Council said they were also concerned about the road usage and would write to support the residents' concerns.

Another resident had talked about another issue, namely nearly getting hit by a car when coming out of the post office due to a car driving on the pavement. This is of great concern to the Council, and we have been in contact with Suffolk County Council to try to get some bollards installed. We have, in the past few days, been asked for suitable dates for a meeting with the Highways Department, and we are pressing to get this done as soon as possible as an urgent safety issue.

Returning to the main meeting, I also said that we are still pursuing the Co-op yellow lines, and we might be able to make progress on this at a meeting. We have even offered to pay for the bollards and lines – this does not appear to have speeded things up.

A member of the public expressed concern about the time it was taking to get the bollards and yellow lines, and suggested not enough was being done. Our clerk advised that quite a lot of "pushing" by letter had taken place, and we are in contact with the appropriate authorities – this is reviewed regularly.

Another issue has arisen with the brick section of The Street near Hinderclay Road, which is now becoming dangerous, so we will

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have three things to pursue.

In the planning section, we had no objection to tree works at Church Farm Barn and also discussed an interesting proposal for a Shepherds Hut to be installed alongside a holiday let barn at Burfields, Finningham Road. Councillors were happy with the application, which had been well prepared.

A letter had been received from Mid Suffolk re possible resiting of the Bottle Bank, due to the problems with fly tipping on Snape Hill, but we cannot come up with a location that would not be a nuisance to residents.

Hastoe Housing Association had contacted us about rentable housing opportunities in Redgrave and Hinderclay, and if this is of interest to you they can be found on the Gateway to Homechoice Scheme ([www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk](http://www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk))

We discussed a failed streetlight that now needs removing or replacing due to wear and tear. We felt the need was for replacing rather than removal so agreed to do so – at a cost of nearly £1000.

We had to issue a string of cheques this month but we were pleased to give a grant of £150 to the Village Hall for the purchase of new tennis nets.

Finally we were sorry to see District Councillor Sara Michel leave Mid Suffolk, as she is standing down at the forthcoming election after 17 years service. We sincerely thank her for all she has done for Rickingham and hope she has a happy and well deserved retirement with her husband Charles, also previously a County Councillor. Many thanks Sara.

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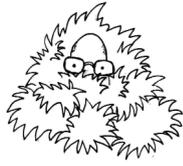
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During this time John developed excellent relationships with the local community police officers and worked tirelessly to ensure that our village remained a safe place in which to live.

The awards ceremony took place at Haughley Park Barns, Stowmarket, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.



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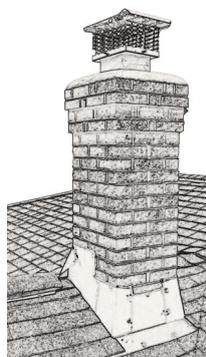
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# Village News

## 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.

### Mile high club - Kabul. 2011

I have fallen in love. It's beautiful here. OK, ignore the weapon I have to carry at all times, the suicide bombers, rocket attacks and constant threat of imminent, ugly death. Ignore all the doom and gloom emails and the depressing conversation. Ignore all that and just stop for a minute. Take a look around. It's baking hot but I turn a full circle and all I can see are snow topped mountains rising way above me.

When I say rising above me I mean it - and don't forget we are at about 5900 feet (or 1800m) above sea level. For those who know it, and as a comparison, the tip of Pen Y Fan, the highest mountain in the Brecon Beacons is at 2907 ft. That means it's about 3000 feet below me. I parachuted from a plane at a lower height than I am standing at now. I am, literally, more than a mile high and I am still surrounded by mountains rising up. I am on a plateau in a narrow valley wedged between the Hindu Kush mountains. If I can use a crap description - It's like being in a bowl. If I don't use a crap description - it's magnificent. The sky is completely and utterly blue, a rich, deep blue with not a single cloud in the sky. The lines of the mountains are the only things that cut straight through the sky, the black and white of the peaks in stark contrast. It's a mountaineers fantasy, a trekkers paradise, a backwoodsmans dream. Untouched by tourism, unspoiled by industry, unspoiled by progress.

Hindu Kush may translate as "Hindu slaughter", a dark hint at its 5000 year tragic past and a pointed reminder of the many genocides that have occurred here, but there is no denying their looming presence and timeless beauty. An Afghan poet once wrote of Kabul and the Hindu Kush - "May Allah protect such beauty from the evil eye of man!" Too late. I have seen it and I am smitten. I have joined the Mile High Club.

### The Centipede

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time."

But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time.

This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?"

This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

*From Charles Greenhough, Rickinghall*

### Parish Magazine Presentation

The population of Redgrave, Botesdale and the Rickinghalls Parish are very proud of their Parish Magazine and this is due to Lesley and Charles Greenhough who for 14 years have given so much of their time to its creation. The magazine is extremely informative regarding all that goes on in the combined Parish from the Churches to all clubs and activities. Local adverts help, especially those recently moved in, with names to contact.

Lesley and Charles have had to hand over the reins now to a new team. To show appreciation for all they have done, the PCC organised a presentation at All Saints, Redgrave on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Members of the congregations and all those involved in any way with magazine contributions, from advertisers to editorial content and its distribution was invited. It was a lovely social evening with wine and nibbles and chatting with friends. Lesley and Charles were delighted with the presentation of a meal voucher and a beautiful glass plate. The PCC would also like to thank all who made the evening so special.



### Male or female?

*You might not know this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually male or female. Here are some examples:-*

**Freezer bags:-** *They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.*

**Photocopiers:-** *These are female, because once turned off it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but you can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong buttons.*

**Tyres:-** *Tyres are male, because they go bald easily and are often over-inflated.*

**Sponges:-** *These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.*

**Trains:-** *Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking people up.*

**Egg timers:-** *Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.*

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*From Jean Wright*

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# Club News



## John Griffiths, Made in Ipswich

John Griffiths of the Ipswich Transport Museum gave a well-illustrated talk to the March meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. He explored the development of industry in Ipswich. He explained that 100 years ago Ipswich was one of the world leaders in agricultural

industry but manufacturing has declined markedly in the last 40 years.

From the Wash around the East Anglian coast there is no natural harbour before reaching Ipswich. Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft are ports but they are not natural. The site of Ipswich offered a protected harbour for sailing ships. This encouraged the development of manufacturing in the town, as did its location facing the continent of Europe.

The earliest known industry in Ipswich was pottery around 700AD but there is evidence of some earlier canalisation, possibly by the Romans, of the River Gipping which flows from Stowmarket. By the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Ipswich was a working port with a Customs House. Shipbuilding developed progressively in the harbour area because of the plentiful timber available in East Anglia.

A significant development for manufacturing came after 1789. Robert Ransome moved from Norwich to an existing iron works in Ipswich. He began to make self-sharpening ploughs which ingeniously had blades with harder cast iron on one side.

Unfortunately, he set a tradition which ultimately undermined Ransomes as a company. He was too flexible and produced ploughs and other agricultural equipment with too many different designs, rather than more standardised products.

In the 1830s Ransomes bought a licence from Edwin Buddings and began to produce lawnmowers. They became a world leader and in 1902 produced their first powered lawnmower, following this up in 1926 with electric mowers. Posters advertising Ransome mowers often used the secretaries of the directors as models.

The company was very innovative. In 1902 it made an early model tractor with an internal combustion engine. Similarly, electric powered trucks were used to move equipment around the factory site. During the First World War, aircraft were produced. However, Ransomes were particularly associated with manufacturing the trolley buses introduced into Ipswich after 1923.

Ransomes adapted tanks to clear landmines and made other military equipment during World War II. The post-war period saw the manufacture of forklift trucks and combine harvesters. However, photographs of the factory during the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century suggest that the wide range of different designs of the same item meant that mass production methods could not be adopted which limited volume and made their products relatively expensive. This eventually contributed to the demise of Ransomes in 1989.

Ransomes and Rapier, an offshoot of the original company, concentrated on the manufacture of railway goods, including steam engines, rails, turntables and cranes for a global market. Perhaps one of its most famous products was the revolving restaurant at the top of the BT Tower which opened in 1965.

John Griffiths mentioned a number of other engineering companies in Ipswich which have now gone into receivership. He bemoaned the loss of manufacturing from the town. British Telecom is still a significant presence at Martlesham but it has mainly been a research and development facility. There are still some engineering works, such as Christy Turner, and Spirit Yachts is keeping alive the shipbuilding tradition. Many memories and artefacts of manufacturing in the town are now retained in the Ipswich Transport Museum.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 May at The Village Hall, Rickinghall IP221HD when David Eddershaw will give a talk about Pakenham Watermill. 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

The sun was shining on the day of the Coffee Shop and gosh, doesn't that make you feel better. We had a really good stream of visitors from early on and by 10am the room was buzzing with conversation over coffee, tea and some lovely refreshments - if you haven't tried our cakes, then what are you waiting for?!

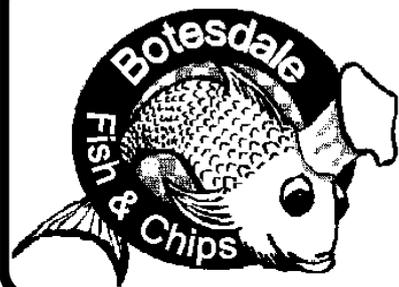
The money that was donated during the morning - an amazing £130 in all - will be used to "twin" the w.c.'s at the Chapel with toilets in other parts of the world. There is an organisation called "toilettwinning.org" who are aiming to flush away poverty, because 1 in 3 people worldwide, that is some 2.5 billion folks, don't have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet. By funding these health programmes, we can help to improve people's lives in Africa and Asia by one simple solution - ensure that they all have a loo! The next time you make yourself comfortable in the smallest room, spare a thought for those who do not have that luxury and if you would like to have a "toilet toll" box to collect the cash each time you "spend a penny", then do please give me a call and I can ensure that you receive one.

Next time we will be donating to an organisation called "The Naga-juna Trust", who help to provide opportunities for impoverished Tibetan Children. If you would like to find out more then please do come along next month (Tuesday 12th May - 9am to 12noon) and encourage any neighbours, especially anyone who is new to the village, to drop in and find out what goes on around here.

I often have a list of charities that we could support in future months, but at the present time it is still rather a short list ... if you know any charity, preferably local, but not necessarily, that would really welcome a boost in terms of funds, then do please get in touch - as you can see from the comments I write regularly in my Coffee on the Corner reports, our visitors really are a generous bunch!

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Sue Allen



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Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<del>10:00am</del> 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	<del>Model railways show</del> Rickingham Church open Art Exhibition - Hopton Guided walk	<del>Rickingham Village Hall</del> Rickingham Inferior Methodist Church Redgrave Lopham Fen
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Open House Zumba Julie's Aerobics	All Saint's Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</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	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Rickingham Parish Council meeting	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 10:30am	Farmer's market Parish council surgery Rickingham Church open Wildlife Watch Heritage Trust Spring History Work-shop	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Inferior Redgrave Lopham Fen Redgrave St Mary's Church
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm 7:30pm	Needle craft Slimming World	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Coffee on the corner	Park View Chapel
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	<del>9:00pm</del> <del>6:00pm</del> <del>7:30pm</del>	<del>Zumba on the corner</del> <del>Zumba and relaxation</del> <del>Julie's Aerobics</del>	<del>Rickingham Village Hall</del> <del>Botesdale Village Hall</del> <del>Botesdale Village Hall</del>
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30pm	Julie's Aerobics Club	Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am 10:30am 10:30am	Redgrave Art Club Redgrave Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30pm	Redgrave Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm 12:30pm 12:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	RABBATS Botesdale Tencheon club Botesdale Tencheon club Fitsteps Winstanley's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Winstanley's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 11:20am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Beginners Tai Chi	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
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Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am 6:00pm	Jaguar Enthusiasts club event Zumba	Ickworth House Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Needle craft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	19 <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	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club Bills Birds—presentation	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church All Saints, Redgrave
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview chapel
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:45am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 10:30am	Rickinghall Church open RAHOF coffee morning	Rickinghall Inferior Hinderclay Village Hall
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm 7:30pm	RBL Women's section Slimming World	Farnish House Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Luncheon Club : call 898615 or 898619 Family activity afternoon Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Activities Centre Redgrave Lopham fen Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Redgrave Garden club	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am 1-2 pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Beginners Tai Chi Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 7:30pm	Botanical illustration day Theatre	Redgrave Lopham fen Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall

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Some more trees have gone into Northfield Wood, including a rowan tree.

We have again been asked where our patches of land are.

Northfield Wood, Rickinghall, is next to the Allotments along Mill Lane, the right hand turn off Hinderclay Road, after the Village Hall. A path leads through it and there is a bench to sit on within the circle of fruit trees.

Low Meadow, Rickinghall, lies to the left of Bury Road as you leave the village, just past the last house on the left. A footpath passes through it to the south and across the bypass, one of many walks that can be taken in the village.

Miller's Orchard is on Mill Road, Botesdale, on the right as you leave the village, one field before the bypass. A byway, known as the Hollow Way, leads down from there to pass under the A143.



Rosemary Jones  
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## St. Mary's Church Rickinghall Inferior.

Rickinghall 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 Rickinghall, 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



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## Sudoku

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# Exploring the Past

Jean Sheehan, 01379 890237

## Redgrave Festival 1975

At the Redgrave Annual Parish Meeting in April 2015 a member of the public mentioned that there was nothing in the village for young people nowadays. This reminded me of the Redgrave Festival we had in 1975. At the time there was no public hall available in Redgrave, apart from the Mission Room which belonged to the Church. A fund had been started after WWII to try and build a village hall. Although money was raised at this time it was never enough to build a hall and the committee had lapsed. A group of enthusiastic villagers decided it would be a good idea to raise money for a village hall again, and formed a new committee. One of the post war fund raisers, Cynthia Trott, became chairman of the new committee and the money already raised was used towards this fund. The idea of a Mid-Summer Festival was born.

Various organisations and individuals in the village organised their own events as part of the festival, co-ordinated by the committee. The Racqueteers were an Old Tyme Music Hall Group who already held their rehearsals at Crossways, the home of June and Brian Shepherd. June and Brian kindly suggested that a barn/garage in their garden could be used as a theatre, and every Sunday morning a group of men from the Racqueteers and the Village Hall Committee met to convert and then decorate the building. Although on the official programme this was called 'Crossways Theatre' it was known affectionately as 'The Dog House'. The conversion happened at the time when it was traditional to have a roast dinner at lunchtime on Sundays, and all the wives spent Sunday mornings preparing this, (no microwaves or fast foods then) only to have it ruined as all the men were late home because they were in 'The Dog House'.

Frank Sheehan, the secretary of the Redgrave Village Hall Building Fund Committee, wrote in the official programme "*We hope that all villagers and visitors to Redgrave will find the Festival Week to their liking. It is an ambitious project and while we sincerely hope that it will be financially rewarding we are more excited by the prospect of putting Redgrave on the map once again. In recent years the trend has been for all the major activities to disappear and as there was nothing for the youngsters in particular we decided to try and stop the rot. Over the past year we have been most successful thanks to the help and support from so many in the village and from outside. We feel that there is a new feeling of unity in the village and we trust that this Festival Week will help cement this.*"

The programme was extremely varied with something to suit all ages. The festival opened on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> with Claire Shepherd being crowned Festival Queen by Peter Holt Wilson on The Knoll. Claire was chosen at a junior disco held earlier in the year, by a team of three judges, one each from the Diss Express, South Norfolk News and East Anglian Daily Times. There was also a children's fancy dress competition held after the crowning. A bygones exhibition was held in the Mission Room from Saturday until Tuesday. A flower festival was held in Redgrave Church, organised by the flower arrangers from the church from Saturday until Monday. On Saturday evening a bumper Disco was held in The Doghouse.

A special Festival Week Service was held in Redgrave Church Sunday morning with the Bishop of Dunwich preaching the sermon. In the afternoon a dog show was held in the school playground organised by Cynthia Trott. (One dog bit the judge and was disqualified). At the same time Six-a-Side Football Finals and a fete was held on the School Meadow. On Sunday evening members of Redgrave Methodist Chapel arranged for Diss Salvation Army Band to play on The Knoll.

Monday morning the WI organised a coffee morning at the Red House, the home of Mrs. Elsie Young. In the evening a Pram Race, Yard of Ale contest and a Tug-of-War were held on The Knoll and a Darts contest held afterwards in The Cross Keys.

Tuesday evening the Rickinghall Players, an amateur drama group from Rickinghall, held an evening of comedy, drama and poetry at Crossways

Theatre.

Redgrave School held an Open Day on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening the Fengrave Singers, a small amateur singing group, held a concert in Redgrave Church.

The Over 60s Club held a coffee morning at the Mission Room on Thursday morning. In the evening there was a "*Royal Command Performance before H.R.H. King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra of an Old Tyme Music Hall presented by the Racqueteers*" at Crossways Theatre. Maisie and Bernard Bellingham from Rickinghall made an excellent King and Queen and were transported from Redgrave School to the theatre by pony and trap. The same show was also produced the next evening. During the interval, coffees and teas were served from June's kitchen and the audience wandered round June and Brian's large garden. Fortunately the weather was very good for the festival week.

The festival closed on Saturday with a Country and Western Dance at Redgrave School with a barbecue and licensed bar. During the day an all-day tennis tournament was held at Fir Tree Farm by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Higham. They also allowed the use of one of their fields at the cross roads for parking for all events held at Crossways Theatre.

The document section of the Bygones exhibition was organised by Joanna Todd the history recorder at the time. I borrowed the Bygones from various people from Redgrave and surrounding villages. Teas for the exhibition were available at Joanna's house, Glebe Cottage, almost adjacent to the Mission Room. Miss Scipia Hawes from Half Moon Lane, Redgrave, and Miss Doe from Money Pot Hill, Redgrave, met at the exhibition and they had not seen each other since they were at Redgrave School together. Scipia was at Redgrave School from 1898 until 1907. This was just one of the happy occasions uniting people at the festival.

The whole village really came together for this week. Every event was very well attended. Most of the committee were fathers of teenage children and the whole family were involved. In fact there was an initial meeting held at the Mission Room for teenagers to have a coffee bar club organised by the Village Hall committee, when they first formed. The young people were so enthusiastic about this that they decided to organise it themselves and formed a committee of eight people with Cheryl Cater as Chairman, John Buxton as vice chairman and Claire Shepherd as secretary/treasurer. These coffee bars were held at Redgrave School initially and later developed into the discos organised by the adults, eventually held at The Dog House after conversion.

Most of the organisations who helped to put on the festival in 1975 are no longer in existence. St. Mary's Church was made redundant, although it is well used now thanks to the Redgrave Church Heritage Trust. Redgrave school closed and is now united with Rickinghall School in a new school at Botesdale. The Redgrave Methodist Chapel closed, Redgrave WI and Over 60s club and the various amateur groups are no longer in existence. The Village Hall was never built as costs always outweighed the money raised. Ivy House Barn and 'The Flat Iron' were kindly offered to the village hall committee, but both of these had problems and were unsuitable to build a village hall. The fund was eventually used many years later towards the lease of the current playing field and building of the Activities Centre. The festivals continued for a few years. Redgrave Community Council evolved from the Village Hall Committee and carried on providing events for several years. The only member of the original committee still living in Redgrave is Mervyn Cater. He and his wife Pat and other members of their family were stalwarts in helping with the festival.

Acknowledgments to Bernadette Sheehan for her school project on Redgrave compiled in 1975, which included newspaper reports and ephemera on the Redgrave Festival.

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# Exploring the Past Again

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## Field Names

Most fields in parishes in Britain have names to help the farmer distinguish them. Today many field names are simple descriptive ones, such as 8 acre field or Top field. However some of the field names, in our villages, are still the same or similar to the names they had many years ago. In some cases they have had these names for over 700 years.

The field to the west of West Street in Rickinghall, through which the stream runs, is known as 'Duckingstool Meadow'. It has had this name for many years, once being known as Cokestole Meadow. A Coke or Cuke stool was a ducking stool. There is a large pond next to the stream in this field it is possible that this where the ducking stool was situated.



Snape Farm and fields

Several fields in Rickinghall in the area of Snape farm still have names similar to their medieval ones. Long and Lower Waites were once part of a field called Thwaites. Thwaite is an Anglo Saxon name meaning a clearing. Snape is an Anglo Saxon name meaning parcel of land. Snape Green is mentioned in a Court Roll as early as 1273 but it must have had its name from much earlier. Lime Kiln Field was where lime was burned. A field called Foxborrows is still known by that name and there is a field called Galley Field which was recorded as Gallows Field in a 1437 survey and in later centuries. It is on the boundary between Rickinghall and Hinderclay. Gallows were often situated on boundaries between villages. No evidence of felons being hanged there has yet been found.

Some names described the location within the village for instance in the medieval period in Rickinghall there was a South and a North field. These were large fields divided into strips commonly called 'strip fields'. A map from 1799 shows that North Field was still being farmed in strips by different people.

Some names described a feature that distinguished it from other fields. In Redgrave a field called Fyfokes (five oaks) would, presumably, have had five oaks in the field, Onappiltre presumably would have had one apple tree and Hesilhegges would have had hazel hedges around it! Unfortunately we have no knowledge of where these fields were or what they are called today.

A field was often known by the name of the owner or the family who farmed it. In Botesdale in the medieval period there was a Barker's Field and a Docke or Dokke's Field. The Docke family had land in both

Redgrave and Botesdale in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Enclosure Award map of 1819 for Botesdale named a 'Docks Close' which was situated between Mill Road and Bridewell Lane with its south side running along Hollow Lane. However even then it already had another name - Bridewell Close. Barker's Field was one of the two 'strip fields' in Botesdale, Botesdale Field was the other one. This field was situated between Bridewell Lane (called Watersledeway before the 17<sup>th</sup> century) and the path which is the boundary between Botesdale and Rickinghall.

The field in Rickinghall across the boundary path from Botesdale Field and running parallel to Garden House Lane was called Patlot Field in earlier times and Garden House Lane was at that time called Patlot Lane. Patlot Field became Houchen's Field in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century when the Houchen family owned it and remained Houchen's Field well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Sometimes the name described what the field was used for or what had happened to it. For instance in the past there was a Reding or Reading field in Rickinghall. 'Reding' means a field that has been cleared of trees for cultivation. Stubbing has the same meaning. Today Stubbing's Field has returned to being woodland; Stubbings wood. Le Frythe was a wood situated next to Houchen's Field (the bypass now cuts through it). Frith is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning open woodland.

An interesting field name in Botesdale is Barley Birch. From the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century Barley Birch was the field where horse races, both 'hurdle' and flat, were held – it measured exactly a mile round the edge. The village cricket pitch was situated in the centre of this field. John Cordy Jeaffreson in his memoirs, remembering his school days in the 1840s in Botesdale, said that it was the 'finest cricket ground in the county'. In the same book Jeaffreson wondered why *'the great meadow where barley never grew, nor birches flourished ... came by its name'*. (1) It is possible that this name originated as 'breche', which means land that has been cleared for cultivation so extending the arable land in the village, (often this land would return to its former state when no longer needed). A field of that name, called le Breche, is noted in the 1289 survey. The 'r' and a vowel were common for 'sound flipping' (metathesis) in the medieval period. So 'breche' would become 'berche'. It could have been originally cleared to grow barley, hence the name. Other villages have fields with similar names that had been cleared for cultivation, for instance Coney Weston had both a 'whetebreche' and a 'barleybreche'. (2) Barley Birch was taken out of cultivation, to be used as a race track, sometime in the 18<sup>th</sup> century but was ploughed up during the Second World War and was never reinstated as a sports field. Today it is used as arable land once again and possibly soon, as with many other fields in the villages, its name will have been forgotten.

- (1) John Cordy Jeaffreson *Book of Recollections Vol I 1894*
- (2) *Medieval Suffolk* by Mark Bailey Boydell Press 2007 P.74

My thanks to Charles Greenhough for the photograph of the Enclosure Map.

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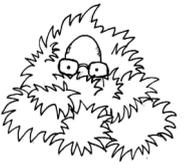


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Eph 2:12 Remember that you were separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

Why does a young man deliberately fly a plane into the side of a mountain killing 150 people? The police, the medics and the psychologists have and probably are still investigating Andreas Lubitz's motive. Was it because his girlfriend wouldn't marry him even when he bought her an expensive car? Was it a medical condition? Was it depression? We may never know but one thing I do know is that he was without hope in this world.

Another man who was without hope comes to mind. When Jesus was executed by crucifixion two others were crucified at the same time. Once the nails are banged in and you are hanging on a cross surrounded by Roman soldiers there isn't much hope left. They were swearing and cursing at their fate when he suddenly stopped. He realised that what he was suffering was the result of his own crimes while Jesus had done nothing wrong. He turned to Jesus and said, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

In those few words Jesus gave this man hope. He was without hope but now there was the promise of being with Jesus. The three words, 'you with me' give hope.

The same words of hope are given at Christian funerals: "Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there is a lot of room. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that *where I am you may be also*. YOU WITH ME.

The night before he was crucified Jesus prayed to his father in heaven. "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be *with me* where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. He was facing arrest, a false trial and conviction. A scourging would follow culminating in one of the most painful deaths known to man and on his mind was the fact that he wanted his friends to be WITH HIM.

At the last supper Peter was seething inside. John had the place of honour beside Jesus. Peter was the servant of the feast. He should have been the one to wash the feet of the disciples, now Jesus was doing it. When he came to Peter, Peter's frustrations burst out, "You shall never wash my feet."

"If I do not wash you, you have no part *with me*," Jesus quietly replied.

Jesus was acting out a parable. His death on the cross would provide forgiveness of sins whereby those who make use of it are regarded as clean by God in heaven. Peter initially refused to let Jesus wash his feet. In the same way we can either refuse it and deny the hope that Jesus offers or we can accept it. In accepting, those words of hope become a living reality. Life can be full of hope. Each new day is a day of hope. There is a purpose for living.

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As predicted my first Chiff Chaff was in the woods near Little Fen at Redgrave on 23rd March. My next was in the woods at Thelnetham Fen, singing out loudly from the tops of the leafless trees proclaiming its territory before any colleagues arrive. Brave birds, they maybe the first but will the weather be right to support their food supply? So far this seems to be a good year.

The other spring song I heard on Redgrave Fen, also on 23rd March, was that of the Little Grebe. I have missed it in recent years, but there it was, a high-pitched trilling song, easily picked up with those of good hearing, or—albeit for those of later years—hearing aids. The Little Grebe, also a water bird, is much smaller than the Great Crested Grebe, and is a black bird of the 'there it is, no its gone' habit, as it is a frequent diver. Incidentally, the other bird with a similar but finer trilling song is the Gold Crest which is now audible to me with the help of a hearing aid.

The other report to me (I don't necessarily see them all) was a Sea Eagle over land between Palgrave and Rookery Corner, Worthing. I queried it but the reporter knew all about Red Kites, and this bird was 'much bigger', added to the fact that I had noted in the local press that the Sea Eagle had been seen elsewhere over Suffolk at the same time.

Another unusual raptor, the Merlin, was seen at Sapiston. This is our smallest raptor and was surprised having a free meal of a dead Wood Pigeon. This bird nests on mountains and moors in the north. It is not common. It is occasionally seen in Suffolk in winter. Piotrowski's 'Birds of Suffolk' mentions 'one or two individuals visit annually in north west Suffolk', so it may be a family winter haunt.

On 27th March I was phoned by an excited watcher who had seen an early Cuckoo whilst golfing on the Suffolk coast. Not recognised by 'cuckooing' but in flight—similar in size and shape to the Sparrow Hawk but a straight flight from tree to tree—it flaps its wings and then glides. At the other end of the Cuckoo's summer visit to us, I once saw a Cuckoo in our old garden in Botesdale where it had been happy to consume all the caterpillars on my Spring greens (4th October). I was too late in observing the caterpillars but had the reward of a very late Cuckoo!



Oystercatcher

If you want a quick local revision of different wild duck nearby, go to the small lake at Little Fen, Redgrave, just near the South Lopham/Redgrave road. There are Mallard, Tufted, Widgeon, Teal, Shoveler and plenty of Gadwall. Somehow only about one pair of each, except for the Gadwall. To add to my list of unusual birds on this lake, on 7th April there was a pair of Oyster Catchers, a wader, black and white with bright red bill and legs.

This little patch of water at Little Fen never ceases to surprise.

At last a Song Thrush has been singing from a silver birch in our garden, seen and heard. Also we have a Robin's nest, no wonder one, and possibly two, have been singing all through the winter.

Late news : a Swallow has been seen on 8th April at Hinderclay. Spring is moving on.

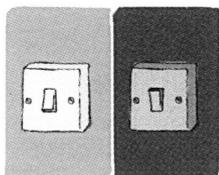
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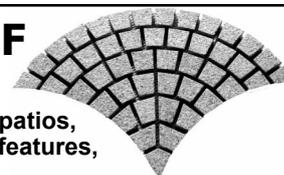


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# In your garden Herbal remedies



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\* Seed sowing of vegetables can be safely carried out this month, but try to sow at 3 – 4 week intervals so you get a succession of crops. Herbs are often an afterthought, but eaten fresh, they bring great flavours and colours to the table, especially for salads for which dried herbs just won't do. Some varieties are easily grown from seed and others are best bought as young plants;

\* Sweet Basil – can be easily sown from seed, or some supermarkets sell pots containing several seedlings which can be carefully separated and planted out or potted up. Very useful in Mediterranean dishes, and with any tomatoes.

\* Parsley – two main sorts; flat-leafed for cooked dishes and green salads, and curled leafed for decorate purposes, or chop very finely. Beware that if you allow this to go to seed then you're likely to get seedlings popping up next year.

\* Dill – Use with salmon and other fish, cream cheese, egg dishes and salads. Can be sown now.

\* Oregano – Ideal with cheese, tomatoes and grilled fish. Sow outdoors any time now and this will become a perennial. Also very attractive to bees.

\* Rosemary – Add a sprig to roast or barbequed pork for a great fragrance. Best bought as a young plant, and pruned or cut regularly as the new growth is more flavoursome and is the easiest to use.

\* Chives – Gives a fresh taste of onion to cream cheeses, scrambled eggs and mashed potato. There is a variety called Garlic Chives which gives an opportunity to give a garlic flavour to salads without having to use garlic.

\* Sage – best bought as plants, the green or purple varieties give the same flavour.

\* As with all herbs, try to grow them close to the house, perhaps in pots, so that they are convenient to pick whilst in the middle of cooking – you won't get fresher than that. They all favour sunny sites with fairly free-draining soil, and actually benefit from regular picking and when they get woody, don't be afraid to cut them back severely, and they'll reward you with fresh new growth.

\* Happy Gardening!  
\* *Ian Shilling tel. 01359 250268*

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Hilary Holden lives in Stanton. Her family has been either farm labourers or farmers in the area for at least 300 years. Hilary was a nurse, health visitor, then a senior manager in the NHS, and did a herbal medicine degree and practised for 9 years. Hilary offered to share her passion for herbs, and it seemed to tie in very well with this month's theme of biodiversity! Hope you enjoy reading.

## Nettles

One herb I shall be gathering this month for the hens, is nettle leaves. Hung up in small bunches in a dark airy place until dry, then, wearing a mask, rubbed down to finer pieces. Store in paper bags, glass jars or tins, in a cool dry place. Avoid kitchens and bathrooms, where the air is moist.

Nettle contains a host of nutritive goodness, and is packed with vitamins and minerals. For the hens, it can be powdered with a pestle and mortar, and put in their feed to increase egg production.

For people, nettle tea is a supreme cleansing, nutritive, restorative herb, and very safe. It is most definitely a "super food".

As a general rule, you can gather nettles up until June, or before they flower. They develop crystals in their leaves after this, which can irritate the kidneys.

Nettle is fantastic herb, and she helps us with many ailments, from skin conditions, to gout.

To make tea, simply steep about three nettle tops (top two inches) or a heaped teaspoon of dried leaf, in boiling water for ten minutes. Strain and drink.

You can also use nettle as a vegetable in soups, pies, risottos. Treat as you would spinach.

Gathering, whether bare handed or with gloves, is always best preceded by asking her permission, and thanking her afterwards. Yes, I know you'll feel daft the first time you do it, but try it. After a few rounds of this, you'll find she barely stings you!



Sadly we've received no recipes to put in "In the Cookbook" this month. Please do send in your favourite recipes to [editor@rbrparishmag.com](mailto:editor@rbrparishmag.com)

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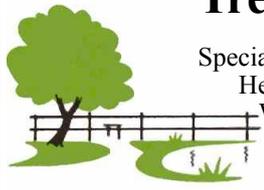
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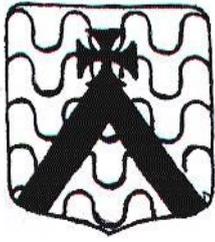
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# School news

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.

We hope you enjoy part one of "Super Squirrel and Bully Badger." Part 2 will be in the next edition.

M Cobbold, Headteacher

## Super Squirrel and Bully Badger (part 1)

One lovely sunny morning, Super Squirrel was resting in his tree house when he saw that Bully Badger was up to no good!



Oak Tree Hollow was alive with activity. Spiky hedgehogs were burrowing into piles of crunchy leaves; owls were hooting; sleek powerful wolves were on the prowl and rabbits gathered beneath a giant oak. With a protective eye Super Squirrel watched over Bully Badger.

That morning, Bully Badger had pleaded with his mother to put some tasty treats into his packed lunch for school.

"They'll rot your teeth," she explained sternly. Sulking, he trudged off to school. As he arrived at the school gates, he spotted all the other woodland animals' boxes of treats. Jealous of them, he decided to coax the sweets from them. Ollie the Owl, a rather timid pupil at the Acorn Academy, was his first victim.



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!



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**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! The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 May at The Bell and it would be great to see you there.

**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.

## Gloop!

We love getting messy (none more so than Karen and the other ladies!) and this is one of our favourite messy play activities.

What you need: Large plastic bowl  
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1 cup of water  
Few drops of food colouring  
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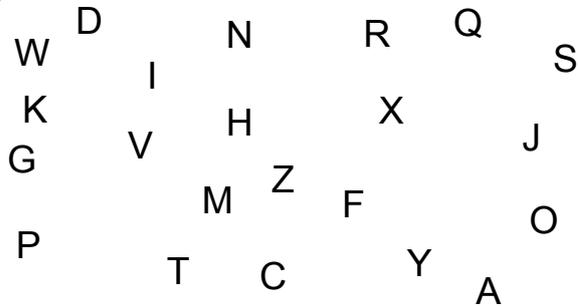
Pour the cornflour into the bowl and gradually add water and food colouring until you have a gloopy mixture.

Squish!

# Rainy day fun

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What is the mystery colour?  
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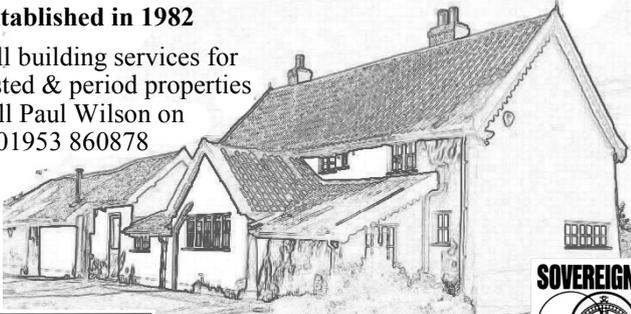
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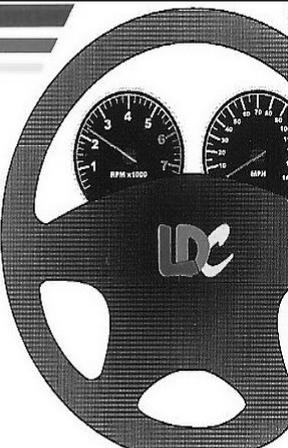
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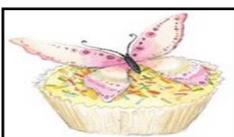


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	1st reading	2nd Reading
3rd May	Acts 8 : 26 to end	John 15 : 1 to 8
10th May	Acts 10 : 44 to end	John 15 : 9 to 17
17th May	Acts 1 : 15 to 17 & 21 to end	John 17 : 6 to 19
24th May	Acts 2 : 1 to 21	John 15 : 26 to 27 & 26 : 4b to 15
31st May	Isaiah 6 : 1 to 8	John 3 : 1 to 17

Rotas	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickinghall	
	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector
3rd May	Mrs J Cordeaux	Dr W Cordeaux	Mrs F Lamb		Mrs B Foster	Mrs J Bennett
10th May	Mrs E Moss	Mrs E Young			Mrs M Self	Mrs J Wilson
17th May			Mrs B Davies	Mr C Davies	Mrs S White	Mrs J Whitehead
24th May					Mrs J Sheehan	Rector
31st May					Mrs J Sheehan	Rector

April flower rota			
	Chapel of Ease	Redgrave	Rickinghall
3rd May	Mrs Moss	Mrs B Cavanagh	Mrs Rippingall
10th May	Mrs Moss		Mrs Rippingall
17th May	Mrs Whiteside	Mrs R Stimson	Mrs Whiteside
24th May	Mrs Whiteside	United Service, Park View	Mrs Whiteside
31st May	Mrs Canning		Mrs Sheehan

# Thankyou

Thank you to all who attended the 'surprise party' at All Saints to celebrate our retirement after 14 years' editorship of the parish magazine. Everyone present had supported us in some way, to help create the successful magazine that it is. The magazine is a team effort with some 50 regular deliverers, some 120 advertisers and numerous people who contribute articles and news items, and not forgetting those who contributed the jokes! The editor's task is simply to co-ordinate their efforts and bring it all together. All this work went on without meetings or red tape, people just did their bit and we did not have to chivvy people very often! Special thanks go to the Rector and PCC members who did a magnificent job in organising the event and provided the excellent buffet. We were presented with a piece of modern glassware, a meal at a local restaurant and a delightful flower display. These gifts are much appreciated and will be a reminder of the many happy hours we have spent over the years producing your parish magazine.

*Charles and Lesley*

# Neighbourhood Watch

## 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 red-grave.nwatch@outlook.com

## Contact Details;

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

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

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

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



“Each species on our planet plays a role in the healthy functioning of natural ecosystems, on which humans depend.” - William H. Schlesinger

“Cultivating and conserving diversity is no luxury in our times: it is a survival imperative.” - Vandana Shiva

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Sundays 10.00 am Communion  
11.00 am All Age Worship

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

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May : Pentecost Sunday - 10.30am United service in Botesdale Village Hall

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May : 9 am – 12 noon 'Coffee on the Corner'

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 2.00 pm : Ladies meeting (Praise Hour)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> : 7.30pm Crafty Corner – time for those pastimes that you don't ever have time for. Bring your craft projects and spend an evening working at it in company.

Thursday evenings : 7pm Alpha – providing an opportunity to explore some of your questions about the Christian faith. Get in touch for further details.

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup>: Church walk around the Buxhall and Rattlesden area. Meet at 10am in car park at Parkview Chapel  
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### PYP

School Years 9 - 13  
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School Years 6 - 8

Mondays 7.00 pm - 8.15 pm

### JUNIOR FRIDAY CLUB

School Years Reception - 6  
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School Years 7 – 11  
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898924

## Botesdale Methodist Church

Services and Sunday Club for children are held every Sunday at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated.  
All are very welcome.

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mr David Freeman	
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev Harold Wilkinson	Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr G Eastwood	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	United Service for Pentecost at Park View Chapel	
31 <sup>st</sup> May	United Service	4 pm Songs of Praise led by Irene Sayer

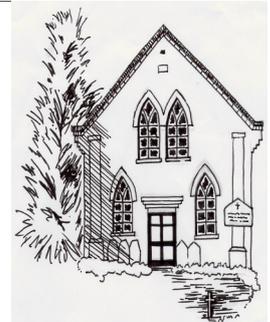
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Bible Study alternate Mondays at 10 am.

Christian Forum 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Quatrefoil Sarah Doig

Wives Group Summer Evening Dinner  
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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May United Ascension Day Service

29<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May Flower Festival "Women of the Bible"



## Café Church – answering your questions

10.30 Sundays at The Redgrave Activities Centre

What are your questions? Hasn't science disproved God? Why would God allow so much suffering in the world? Who was Jesus? Why did he die? Do I need to forgive? How can I forgive? What is morality? What is the purpose of life?

Contact number – Nyal Davies 01379 897067





All Saints  
Redgrave



St. Botolph's  
Botesdale



St. Mary's  
Rickinghall

**3rd May '15 5th Sunday of Lent**  
8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion



10:30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints  
Altogether  
*An interactive service for people of all  
ages starting with coffee*

6.30pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

**10th May '15 6th Sunday of Lent**  
8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion



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

**17th May '15 7th Sunday of Lent**  
8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall Worship  
Together with Baptism  
*An informal and interactive service for  
people of all ages*

**24th May '15 Pentecost**  
8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion

10.30 **United Pentecost Service**, Botesdale Vil-  
lage Hall concluding with a fellowship lunch.

**31st May '15 Trinity Sunday**  
8.15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall, BCP Communion  
10.30 Parkview Chapel, Botesdale, United Service

**7th June '15 1st Sunday after Trinity**  
8.15 St Mary's, Rickinghall, BCP Communion  
10:30 All Saints, Redgrave,  
All Saints Altogether  
6.30pm Upper Church, Rickinghall,  
Evening Prayer

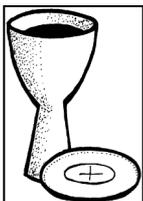
**Also this month: Ascension Day Communion Service,  
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Tue. 5th May 10—12noon  
**"Open House"** at All Saints  
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Thurs 14th May 7.15pm  
**"Spearhead"** A time of worship and  
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Wed. 6th May. 10.00am  
**Albert Close** Holy Communion  
Thur. 21st May. 9.45am  
**Farnish House** Holy Communion

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Thur. 7th May 7.15pm  
**St Mary's, Rickinghall**  
Tues. 19th March 7.15pm  
**All Saints, Redgrave**  
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