

# PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

December 2016 & January 2017



by Evelyn, Year 2

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Rev

Have you heard this Christmas parable written by Louis Cassels: "Once upon a time there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a Scrooge. He was a kind and decent person, generous to his family, upright in all his dealings with other men. But he didn't believe all that stuff about Incarnation (*God becoming man*) which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. "I am truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, who was a faithful Christian. "But I simply cannot understand this claim that God becomes man. It doesn't make any sense to me."

On Christmas Eve his wife and children went to church for the midnight service. He declined to accompany them. "I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd rather stay at home. But I'll wait up for you."

Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier. "If we must have Christmas," he thought, "it's nice to have a white one." He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper. A few minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another.

He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his living room window. When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the storm. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window. "I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "But how can I help them?" Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter.

He put on his coat and wellies and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the door wide and turned on a light. But the birds didn't come in. "Food will lure them in," he thought. So he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction - except into the warm lighted barn.

"They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself, "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety. . . ." Just at that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silent for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees in the snow. "Now I do understand," he whispered. "Now I see why You had to do it."

This was written several years ago and is a simple but beautiful way to explain the mystery of Christmas.

The Bible shows us the many ways God has reached out to us to communicate with us since the beginning. The climax of God communicating with us in the Old Testament was

when God formed the covenant with Moses on Mt. Sinai. God joined himself to us in a covenant and we were joined to God in a covenant. But we still sinned so God raised up prophets to call us back but only a small number of people paid attention to the prophets. All through the centuries of the Old Testament God pursued us like a lover but we had broken the covenant and God had to make a new unbreakable covenant with us. For this new covenant, God would become flesh and bones like us, and shed his blood in the person of Jesus to convince us once and for all to accept his invitation to be his people. Jesus was the climax of God reaching out to us. As we read in John's Gospel chapter 1, verse 14,

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

"Now I see why You had to do it" wrote Louis Cassels in his *A Christmas Parable*. And indeed God had to do it, had to become one of us to make us understand because despite God's best efforts throughout all the Old Testament we still didn't get the message. Sometimes you have to, as we say, rub their noses in it to make them understand. Christmas is, in a sense, God rubbing our noses in it to make us understand. Christmas is God saying, "Maybe this will grab your attention." The Letter to the Hebrews expresses it beautifully,

*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son (Hebrews 1:1-2)*

God has spoken to us; the Word has become flesh. Let us allow God's word to sink into our hearts as we journey to Christmas through Advent. As you do why not say this prayer that the Apostle Paul prayed for the Christian in Ephesus:

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19a)*

With every blessing.

*Chris Norburn.*

### From the Registers

13th October : Funeral at St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior, followed by burial in the Churchyard St Mary's Redgrave of Peggy Doreen Foulger. Died 3rd October 2016, age 89.

1st November : Funeral and burial in the Churchyard, St Mary's Redgrave of Arthur James Flatman, died 13th October age 80.

2nd November : Funeral and burial in the Churchyard St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior, of Kathleen Dorothy June Cotton Died 8th October 2016 age 93.

## PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

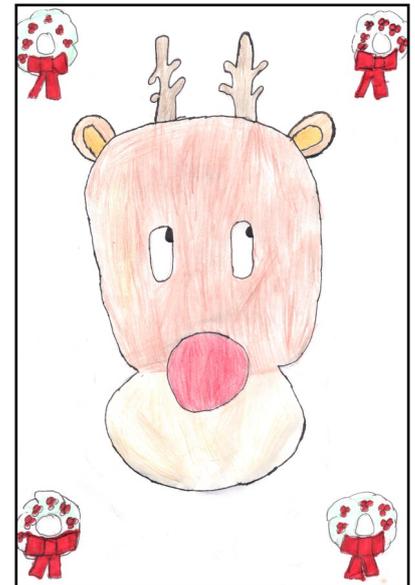
With this being a double issue, space is tight, but we had to find space for the winners of the Botesdale Parish Council Christmas Poster competition. As many of the 1st and 2nd prize entries as we could fit in are shown below, on the front cover, and on p11. Congratulations to all winners, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all in our villages. We'll be back for the Feb issue in early 2017.



1st, Yr 1: Laura Cornell



1st, Reception: Stanley Shorten



1st, Yr 4: Hollie Clarke

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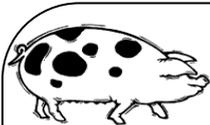
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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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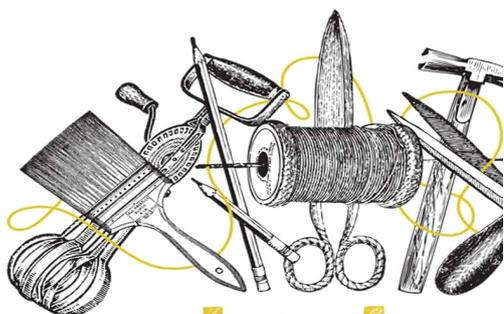
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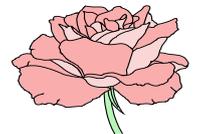
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# Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

## Redgrave November Report

At 7pm, prior to the meeting of the Parish Council, a public meeting was held to discuss the future of the Redgrave Community Shop. There were over 90 people present, reflecting the value of the Shop to the Community. Jenny Eason spoke on behalf of the Community Shop Association (CSA) about the history of the Shop which opened on 20 November 2007. The community was without a shop for about four years prior to that. The current shop premises are owned by Paul & Jody Taylor who live in the main house to which the Shop is attached. In July 2015 the CSA signed a lease for another four years so the Shop is secure until July 2019, but renewal of the lease cannot be guaranteed. And although planning conditions (related to the change of use which allowed the former shop to become the main house) dictate that the premises must be used as a lock-up shop, it does not necessarily have to be a grocery store.

Last year the Parish Council nominated the Shop as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). This is a government initiative that is intended to give communities the opportunity to save assets such as shops and pubs that might one day face closure. The decision to list assets as ACVs is taken by Mid Suffolk District Council and nothing happens until the owner decides to sell. At this point a six-month moratorium is triggered during which time the community has the opportunity to bid to purchase the ACV and raise funds. The owner is not allowed to sell to anyone else within the moratorium period. Unfortunately, the right to bid is not the right to buy so the owner is not obliged to sell to the community.

The Taylors have informed the District Council that they wish to sell the Shop premises and so we are now in the moratorium period. The Parish Council has until 1 March 2017 to raise £20,000 and arrange the purchase. If the Parish Council owned the property, it would lease it to the Community Shop Association for a peppercorn rent and the future of the shop would be far more secure than if it were owned by a private individual. The funding for the purchase and associated legal fees would come from existing Parish Council funds earmarked for village projects and any outside funding the Parish Council can secure.

The public meeting was very enthusiastic about retaining a shop in the village and there was a unanimous vote supporting the proposed Parish Council purchase of the Shop premises, barring any other offers of premises! There was also positive support for the idea of raising funds by subscription within the village should there be a shortfall in funding.

Following on from the meeting, the Parish Council will update residents via the notice board, website and parish magazine.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Most councillors were present at the meeting (Neil Smith sent apologies) in addition to the Clerk, District Councillor Derek Osborne, and a 14 members of the public who had stayed for the main meeting.

**Public Forum:** There was a complaint from a resident about heavy goods vehicles and the negative response by SCC to the Parish Council's request for a heavy goods vehicle restriction on the B1113. It was agreed that the PC would continue to pursue this and the Clerk will contact South Lopham PC to possibly join forces.

**Planning:** The PC received two planning applications, the first on land north of Elm Cottage, Fen Street for use of land for siting of 2no. holiday cabins with provision of parking, treatment plant and solar

panels and the second on land at Moneyplot Lane for a variation of condition 5 of planning permission 2354/13 for three holiday chalets to permit extended occupation of chalets. There was no objection to either application.

**Community Assets:** It was noted that the former play area off Half Moon Lane has now been fully registered with the Land Registry. Following the public meeting the Parish Council formally agreed to pursue funding for the purchase of the Shop premises after receiving overwhelming support from residents.

**Footpaths:** The PC has agreed to get quotes for an extra cut for Redgrave's footpaths, in addition to the single cut carried out by SCC on some of the paths. Where adjacent landowners already carry out extra cuts, the PC hopes that this will continue.

**Phone Box:** In October the PC discussed a letter from BT in October saying that the phone box had not been used in the previous 12 months and they were therefore proposing to remove it. The PC had no objection to the equipment being removed. It has now been agreed to adopt the box for the sum of £1. If a use requiring electricity is confirmed, BT will meet those costs in future but the PC would be responsible for maintaining the box.

**Budget:** The PC has agreed to set a budget of £13,840 for the year 2017/18 and to retain funds of £27,000 earmarked for general reserves and village improvements, making a total fund of £40,840. Out of the new budget sum, £3,000 is set aside for fees related to the Shop premises purchase. This will require a precept of £10,580 from the District Council and is an overall 3.1% rise on the amount received in 2016/17.

**Next Meeting:** 4 January 2017 – *Don't forget we are moving to the first Wednesday of the month!*

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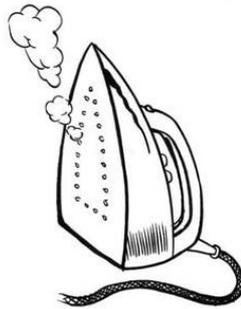
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# Rickinghall Parish Council



Rickinghall Parish Council November Meeting by Cllr Dominic Ebert  
All councillors were present and approx. 36 members of the public also attended.

**The Public Forum:** The majority of members of the public put forward their views on the recent Application for Outline Planning Permission for up to 42 new dwellings at land adjacent to Greenacres, Garden House Lane, Rickinghall, ref 3858/16. All speakers brought up numerous objections including loss of light to neighbouring properties, loss of the local amenity of the field in question for walkers and wildlife, increase in traffic in Garden House Lane and the ensuing dangers when exiting onto The Street. Additional objections related to increased flood risk down Garden House Lane as well as onto Ryders Way properties backing onto the proposed development site, pedestrian safety as there's no continuous pathway along the length of Garden House Lane as well as impact on infrastructure such as the primary school and Hartismere senior school, the Co-op & the GP's surgery and the recent closure of the Post Office. Further appeals were heard regarding the impact on individual properties and the impact on quality of life for those residents but the Chairman pointed out that each planning application can only be considered on its own merit and within the planning criteria applicable at the time and bearing in mind the county's urgent need for more housing.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming highlighted changes to the No 304 Diss/Bury bus service and that these changes had caused some inconvenience for users. She would urge residents to feedback to the County Council with their experience or suggestions. The availability of the Community Transport scheme was highlighted again. The vote on devolution would take place at Norfolk C.C. in early Nov and at Mid Suffolk D.C. and Suffolk C.C. later in the month.

District Councillor Derek Osborne reported that Arthur Charvonia has been appointed as the new Joint Chief Executive of Mid Suffolk & Babergh District Councils.

**Planning:** (report by the Clerk as Cllr Ebert declared an interest and left the meeting during the discussion): The PC discussed the application for "Land adj Greenacres, Garden House Lane" an application for Outline Planning Permission for a residential development of up to 42 new dwellings. Taking into consideration the comments during the public forum, the Parish Council agreed unanimously to object to the application due to five main concerns: 1) the effect of additional traffic on the narrow lane and at the already problematic junction with The Street; 2) no continuous footway along Garden House Lane through to Ryders Way, a safety risk that would only increase with the proposed additional traffic; 3) the close proximity of the trees bordering the new site to the public footpath would result in a narrow, damp, lightless tunnel affecting the quality and the security of the public right of way. The PC felt it would be an improvement to have an open "buffer zone" between the footpath and any development on site; 4) the effect further hard-standing would have on surface drainage in an area prone to flooding down the Lane and into The Street in heavy rain; 5) little consideration for the effect on nos 4 – 18 (even) Ryders Way. The

proposed site was higher than the houses backing onto it and there were understandable concerns about overlooking, loss of light from the new houses and tree barrier and loss of security as the footpath would become an enclosed alleyway. There was also a concern about water run-off into their gardens. The Parish Council further commented that fears about adequate capacity at the school and health centre needed to be addressed by the relevant authorities regardless of the result of this application. Finally, the PC noted that the application appeared to leave access open to a further development behind the site, something the PC would almost certainly oppose.

**Reports:** The clerk noted that with the installation of the Village Hall defibrillator imminent, signs would be posted on the bus shelter near the church and on the 'Chestnuts' notice board to make people aware.

**General Items:** It was agreed that street light no 54 on Rectory Hill would be replaced.

Meeting dates for 2017 were agreed as follows: 5 Jan; 2 Feb; 2 Mar; 6 Apr; 4 May; 1 Jun; 6 Jul; 3 Aug (Planning only); 7 Sep; 5 Oct; 2 Nov; 7 Dec

The previously proposed double yellow lines in various locations across Rickinghall and Botesdale are now out for quoting.

The council set a budget for the financial year 2017/18 resulting in a request of a precept of £20,390 for the year, an 8.2% increase over the previous year. It was noted the requested increase results in an average £1.44 per annum (£0.12 per month) per household in Council Tax.

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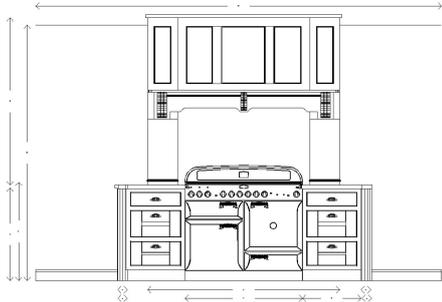
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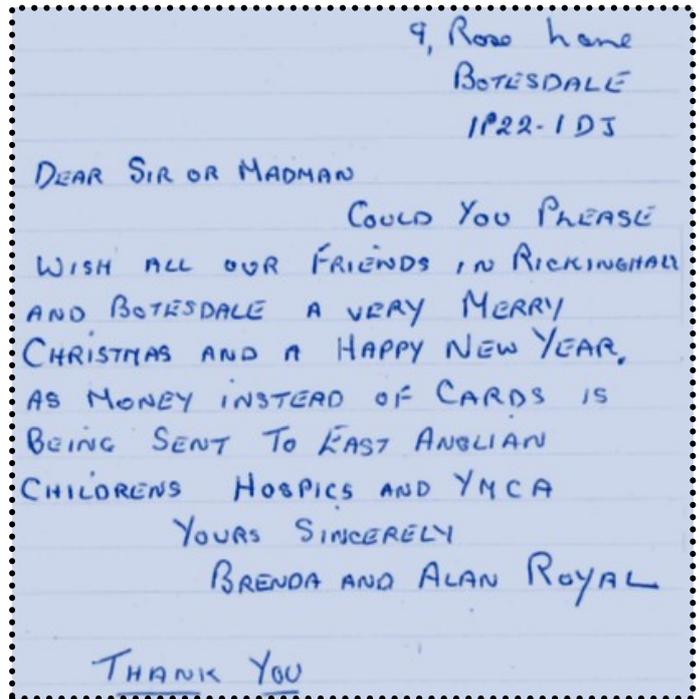
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Police volunteers run weekly sessions usually in groups of three at designated locations in the village. We are funded by the Parish Council and other council grants, and supported by local SNT officers. We choose different times and locations but concentrate on times of top speeding and traffic volumes, i.e. mornings and late afternoons. Speeders are reported to the police, they then receive warning letters and possibly a visit.

Earlier this year the Parish Council bought a vehicle activated speed sign, and we negotiated locations for its operation. It displays speed on approach, up to 40 mph. We cannot randomly stick it on a post anywhere, in the same way that we cannot stand anywhere we like during sessions. The sign also gathers data on speeds and volume of traffic and will prove useful in helping us to decide where and when to operate.

When we first started in 2012, we hoped that our efforts would slow traffic down generally through the village. We quickly realised that was not the case: drivers slowed down for the hour we were around, but many carried on as usual for the rest of the time. Disappointing though this seems, we must take heart by looking at the bigger picture: regular motorists through the village now know that they need to look out for Speedwatch, and nearly all motorists react positively to the vehicle activated sign, which we move regularly. We are getting the message across that it is not acceptable to zoom through our village.

Team members can do as little or as much as they would like, there is no pressure and it is unusual for volunteers to do more than two or three sessions a month. If you care about speeding in the village, please consider joining us as we now need to replace a couple of people who have moved or left. Contact, Brenda Prosser on 01379 898975.

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# Village News

## FIREWORKS : YOU'RE FIRED!

A spectacular display of fireworks rising through the mist was the highlight of a fun family evening organised by the Rickinghall Village Hall Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The large crowd also enjoyed the delicious hog roast and barbeque food offered by the excellent Anglia Catering, and the quality bar and hot drinks service from the Bell Inn. Inside the Hall Diss's own Park Radio entertained before and after the firework display, and added even more to a thoroughly enjoyable family night out.

The success of this event relies on the team of volunteers from the Hall Committee and from elsewhere who so freely give of their time before, during and after it, as well as on the professional service providers. The generosity of the local company who provide the crowd barriers, and the skill of the team of volunteers who actually set off the fireworks, all go to make this event the success it is. Thanks are due to them all, and also of course to all those who came along to support us. Thank you.

## REDBRICK WATERCOOLER

The kick-off meeting for the Redbrick Watercooler took place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Bell in Botesdale with six enthusiastic attendees. We are excited about the group's potential to be a resource and focus for home-based professionals to share ideas and learn from each other. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Jamie Cleaver ([mail@jamiacleaver.co.uk](mailto:mail@jamiacleaver.co.uk)) or find our LinkedIn group *Redbrick Watercooler*.



Meetings are planned for the 2nd Friday of the month at 12 pm in the Bell, Botesdale, i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, and 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## Rickinghall Further Education Group

Rickinghall Further Education Group is delighted to report that **Andres Hernandez Salazar** will return to Rickinghall Village Hall in the new year to deliver a series of 8 lectures entitled "**The Voice**".

Previous attendees at Andres's earlier courses here will know that this Venezuelan operatic tenor is also a very engaging and diverting speaker, illustrating what he is talking about with musical extracts to reinforce the learning. Of this course he says –

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**Please Note:** Andres has other commitments which have led us to adjust our normal routine. The course starts on **TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> January** and runs through until **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February** with **NO** break for half term. Additionally, each lecture in this series will last from 2pm to 4.15pm. As usual, the lectures will be held in Rickinghall Village Hall.

We are able to offer this course for a remarkable £36 for the 8 lectures of 2¼ hours each, including free refreshments. If you would like any further information, or if you think you might be interested in attending, please contact either Lesley Greenhough on 01379 890109 or Janet Swann on 01379 650615.

## St Botolph's & District Bowls Club

The end of season dinner and prize-giving was a great success. Guest of honour, Malcolm Pryke, ex-President of the Suffolk County Bowls Association, proposed the toast and said some very nice things about the Club and presented the prizes to the individual winners of the Club competitions.

Jennie Labdon, provided the excellent catering and we are all looking forward to Jennie's food at our Christmas Dinner in December.

Early December also sees our AGM, where a substantially new committee is expected following a major re-write of the Club's constitution.

Work on the green and its surrounds will continue throughout the winter as will improvements to the club-house and its furnishings.

Every Thursday night is social night, to which all are invited and there are vacancies for the quiz in January and the monthly whist drives. If you are interested please contact David Maycock on 01379 890275 or email [davidmaycock@btinternet.com](mailto:davidmaycock@btinternet.com).



President, Anthony Foulger receives the President's Cup from Malcolm Pryke

More information about the Club can also be found on our web-site: [www.stdbdc.btck.co.uk](http://www.stdbdc.btck.co.uk)

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# Club News



## Geoffrey Robinson, Place Names of High Suffolk

Geoffrey Robinson gave a fascinating talk to the October meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall about place names in High Suffolk. He provided a concise summary of a subject that he described as 'wide ranging and complicated.'

He explained that there has been a slight Roman influence on place names in this area. For example, Colchester derives its name from the Latin words 'colonia' and 'castra' which meant the colony fortress, although it was known as Camulodunum during the Roman occupation. However, many place names in Suffolk come from the Angles, Saxons and Jutes who settled in this area from the sixth century AD. It is possible to identify the origin of names by analysing their component parts. Of the 500 parishes in Suffolk, 101 end in the suffix 'ham' which meant homestead or village. Examples include Syleham and Debenham. Leiston and Middleton are among the 100 parishes that have the suffix of 'ton' which was a farmstead. 'Field' implies land cleared of woodland. There are 34 villages with this suffix in the county, such as Laxfield and Bedfield. 'Ford,' as in Yoxford or Marlesford, would have been at river crossings whereas 'worth' indicates an enclosure. Finally, the suffix 'hall' tends to mean hollow or bend in a river.

Anglo-Saxon suffixes were often combined with other words which may suggest the origins of a community. It is common to find 'ing' as part of a place name. It meant 'people or followers of.' Consequently, Rickinghall may have been the hollow settled by the followers of Rika. Similarly, Fressingfield may have been the open land of the followers of Frisa.

A major source for place names is the Domesday Book of 1086 which was a survey of all of the towns and villages of England conducted by the Normans. This combined with the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle and town charters shows how place names have evolved over time. At about 1000AD Rickinghall was spelt as 'Rikinghale' but it was Rikingahala by 1086. Fressingfield was recorded Fessefelda in 1086 but had become Frisingefeld in 1185.

The origins of some place names are less obvious. For example, Lound is derived from an Old Norse word, 'lundr,' meaning wood. Snape comes from an Old Scandinavian word 'snap' which meant poor or boggy ground. In addition, some place names are easily misinterpreted as its spelling has changed over time. Woolpit was written as 'Wifpita' in 1086 which was a pit for trapping wolves. Similarly, Herringfleet has nothing to do with fishing because in 1086 it was 'Helingaflet' which meant the creek or stream of Herela's people.

A variety of further factors has influenced the names of places. 'Plough' or 'meadow' suggest how land was used in the past either as arable or pastoral fields. A 'pightle' was a small field. 'Close' indicates a fenced or hedged area. A 'drift' was where cattle were driven from a farm.

Geoffrey Robinson concluded his presentation with a plea to try to link the place names of future developments locally to their history. For example, a development in Worlingworth has been called Jessop's Close after an 18<sup>th</sup> century tower captain of the bell ringers who lived by the new houses.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 December at The Village Hall, Rickinghall will be the Christmas Social. David Reeve will be talking about his life as a royal bodyguard. The price of £10 includes a buffet. Entry is by ticket only. These are available from Brenda Deaville on 01379 898561. Tony Diamond will speak about Rudyard Kipling at the meeting on 25 January. 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

Once again a most enjoyable morning at Parkview - lovely refreshments and a really nice air of friendliness and chatter. It was great to see a few folks who either haven't been before or who have not been for some time and I trust that you enjoyed the visit. Do please come again.

Your very kind donations this morning, totalling a fantastic £105.00 will be sent off to the local Co-ordinator for Samaritan's Purse, better known by many of you as the charity that organises "The Shoebox Appeal". Whilst we did not have anyone at Parkview filling shoeboxes or delivering them, we felt we could ensure that the money donated is used to help fund the transport costs, which I am sure are considerable. Thousands of boxes are shipped and in many instances these are going to quite remote villages. We were fortunate enough this morning to have a film clip shown of the boxes arriving in a remote village in Liberia. If you did not see that clip this morning then you can check out the Charity's own website. To see the faces of the delighted children who receive these parcels is really heartwarming - both for those of us who may be involved in the filling of the boxes or donating towards the costs of transport to the children themselves, on the receiving end of your generosity. Once again, I thank you for your contributions - you really do make a difference.

Next month the coffee shop will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and as it is the nearest event to Christmas, we really hope that some of the children from St Botolph's School will be coming over to entertain us with their singing - if you are coming along, then do get there promptly as we are usually quite busy! Any donations next month will be given to East Anglian Children's Hospices (EACH) who are currently fundraising for a hospice to be build near Cambridge intended for teenagers - there are hospices for children and hospices for adults, but not so much for those young people in between. Do come along to find out more and support this very valuable project.

The January Coffee on the Corner will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - watch out for local posters with more details!

If you feel you would like to know more about our coffee shop or any of the happenings at Parkview Chapel, do please call me on 01379 890423.

Sue Allen

## BARWOODS



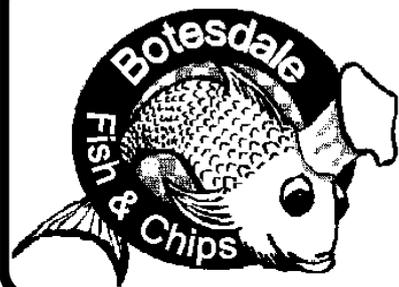
At the end of October we heard the news that the permissive footpath next to Northfield Wood was going to be withheld from public access immediately.

This will have an impact of the walkers who have been using this route to make a circular walk. If they cannot exit the wood at the bottom, will they just pass by it? We hope not. All suggestions welcome. In the meantime, we hope the landowner will have a change of heart.

We have not heard reports of any people mis-using this path although other landowners do complain that some dogs are let off the lead and wander all over their land. In this agricultural area there is no general right to roam and walkers are asked to respect private land and keep their dogs under control.

We're into the planting season now and welcome donations of young, local trees, if you find any seedlings in your garden. We specifically plant native trees, not foreign specimens, as we are trying to re-create a natural English woodland. We'd also welcome help to plant them!

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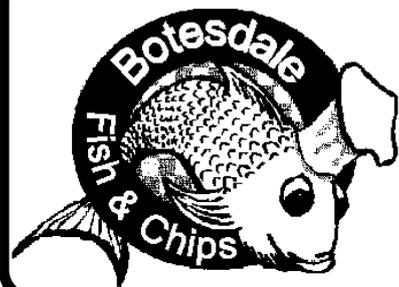
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Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Fitsteps Rickinghall Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 6:45pm 8:00pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Carols on the Knoll Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Knoll Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 10:00-3:00 7:30pm	Church open Master Crafts Fair Redgrave Singers Concert	Rickinghall Inferior Botesdale Village Hall Wortham Church
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30-3:30	Christmas Craft Fair	Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Open House Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics LOHP AGM	All Saint's Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Hinderclay Village Hall
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:15 for 7:30	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives Christmas dinner	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Tea Shop, Wortham
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 12:30pm 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Headspace Lunch Fitsteps Women's Institute	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Midday 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Redbrick Watercooler Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall The Bell Inn Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:30-12:30 10:00 -5:00	Farmer's market Wildlife Watch British Crafts	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Blackthorpe Barn
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 -5:00 3:30pm	British Crafts Christingle Service	Blackthorpe Barn Chapel of Ease
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm) Botesdale Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall

Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information and Advice Zumba Yoga and relaxation Redgrave Ladies Club Julie's Aerobics	Park View Chapel Park View Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview chapel
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps RAHOF Christmas Evening Well, There You Have It	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 7:30pm	Christmas Nativity Exhibition Well, There You Have It	Rickinghall Inferior Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10:30am 3:00pm 4:00pm	Christmas Nativity Exhibition Carol Service Carol Service Carol Service	Rickinghall Inferior Methodist Church Rickinghall Inferior Park View Chapel
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	END OF TERM Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	St Botolph's School Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm	RABBATS Fitsteps	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Crib Service	Rickinghall Inferior
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon 6:00pm 7:30pm	Luncheon Club 898615/619 Zumba Julie's Aerobics	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Redgrave Garden club	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00pm	Rickinghall Country music club	Rickinghall Village Hall



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Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30-1:00	Guided walk	Redgrave Lopham Fen
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Botesdale Parish Council Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information & advice Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Redgrave & District Ladies club	Park View Chapel Park View Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	12 <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	13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Midday 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Redbrick Watercooler Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall The Bell Inn Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall

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Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:30- 12:30	Christmas Farmers' market Wildlife Watch	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Park View chapel
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 7:30pm	Church open Quiz Night	Rickingham Inferior Bowls Club
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>			
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Coffee down the Lane Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Methodist Church Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Redgrave Garden club	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	R'ham Country Music club	Rickingham Village Hall
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Luncheon Club 898615 or 898619 Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall

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## Street Farm, Redgrave.

The farmhouse which belonged to Street Farm, was sold at auction recently. (This is not to be confused with The Street Farmhouse which is situated at the other end of Redgrave Street which was part of a completely different Street Farm).

The triple gabled house is a typical seventeenth century house with a timber frame as described in the listings. This house and farmland were part of the marriage settlement between John Rix Birch and Mary Jessup dated December 1768. At this time the farm included 'a malting office, malt kiln, mill house, barn, stables, and other outhouses, edifices and buildings in which Robert Fisher lived.' It also included 'an adjoining tenement with all the buildings, yards and gardens belonging occupied by John Brooke, also the closes, inclosures, pieces and parcels of meadow and pasture and arable land divided into two inclosures called Church close in the field called church field.' This land stretched right up to Bier Lane which led from Redgrave Church to Fen Street. By 1799 another deed mentions '5 messuages, 5 cottages, 70 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow and 20 acres of pasture, 20 common rights and common of pasture for all cattle with the appurtenances in Redgrave and Wortham.'

By the time of the Tithe award in 1845 Street Farm was owned by William Henry Debenham. At this time it included the house and yards, barn and yards, stackyard, cottage and yards, and also another barn and yards on its own in a field not far from Redgrave Church. The total acreage amounted to just over 139 acres, consisting of arable land, pasture and 3 plantations. It also included a field where Sandhurst, is now situated in Mill Lane, although there was no house at this time. The maltings is not mentioned on the tithe award but White's directory of 1844 says that William Debenham was a farmer and maltster. Arthur Debenham was a maltster and farmer in 1855 but by the time of the post office directory of 1869 there are no maltsters mentioned in Redgrave.

There was a Debenham family of yeoman farmers living in Redgrave from at least 1500 named William. William Henry may not have been a direct descendent of this William, but it is very likely there is a family connection somewhere as a Thomasine Rix married a Debenham. There were many Debenham's living in Rickinghall and Sapiston at various times.

A court for the Manor of Redgrave held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1860 shows that The Honourable John Major Henniker Major bought over eighty six acres of this copyhold farmland. Although the farmhouse is not mentioned it may be that this was freehold so would not be in the manor court books. It seems that previous to this date the fields, which were much smaller then, were rented out to many different people. The farmhouse was situated near to the Guildhall and in a manor survey of 1433 the Street was called Outhatch which is still mentioned in the nineteenth century documents. On the 1904 OS map a lane lead from the rear of Street Farm through to Mill Lane where Golpet Mill, also mentioned in 1433, was probably situated. This farm has obviously been prominent in Redgrave in the past.

Acknowledgements to Mrs. Aldous deceased for the loan of title deeds to Rose Cottage and Walnut Tree House which were built on land originally part of this farm until the nineteenth century.

## War Time Christmas

Today Christmas items start to appear in the shops in September or even earlier. Christmas has become a consumer festival. However during and just after the Second World War many items were scarce.

Probably the most difficult thing for the housewife to cope with was rationing which meant ingredients such as sugar had to be saved for weeks beforehand to make the Christmas cake and pudding. Grated carrots were used instead of raisins or sultanas and dried egg instead of fresh ones.

Life was often easier in our villages as ingredients such as eggs, butter and even chickens would be obtained from family and friends living on nearby farms. Butter was often made on the farm and chickens were kept by many people to provide eggs which could be preserved by putting them in a container of isinglass.

Children didn't expect as many presents as they do today. Many presents were handmade; knitted dolls, toys made from pipe cleaners or carved wooden toys. They were often made from left over materials; Jean Sheehan remembers having a handmade teddy bear made from green corduroy but she also remembers receiving a new 'Blondie' doll – a character from a popular cartoon of the time. Another friend remembers her sister getting five small dolls in a box, all new. People used what they had, she remembers getting a lovely doll that had belonged to her mother.

Presents were often useful, such as handkerchiefs, knitted gloves or hats. Make-do-and-mend was expected; dresses were made from curtains, trimmings were cut off worn-out clothes and reused.

Children still had a stocking. At the beginning of the war these would have had an orange in the toe but as the war went on these became difficult to get. People I have spoken to remember always having a walnut in the toe, sugar mice and other sweets. A 6d was sometimes put in the stocking.

Arthur Bryant remembers 'One of the things about food rationing was the sweets. We were allowed two ounces a week. About six months before Christmas we would try and start to save some for the holiday. We three children each had a jar and every week we ate a few sweets and saved a few in our jars. By Christmas we had saved a pound or two in weight. There were all sorts, boiled sweets, chocolate, chocolate toffees and plain toffees all mixed up. On the appointed day, after lunch we were allowed to eat our own sweets. By bedtime we were either sick or feeling very sick.'(1)

Christmas decorations were usually handmade from bits and pieces. Paper chains and garlands made from coloured paper, or from old newspapers painted and glued together with flour paste were hung in homes and class rooms. Christmas trees, often a branch from a large tree, were decorated with homemade decorations. Christmas lights from before the war were used - however if the bulbs went it was difficult to replace them.

Despite the often grim news, rationing and scarcity of materials people made the effort to have a traditional Christmas. The care taken in making presents and decorations seem to have added to the festivities.

(1)From 'Arthur's Airing, Tales of Botesdale, Redgrave & Rickinghall 1930-2016' by Arthur Bryant, Quatrefoil's 13<sup>th</sup> book will be available at the next Farmers' Market.



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# Nyalls Notes Bill's Birds



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The message of Christmas:

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

I have often had people say, "I cannot believe in God with so much evil in the world." It is an interesting statement and worth some examination. It suggests that they believe that God has to be good, that he should be doing something about the evil in the world and be concerned for our good. That is the god that they could believe in.

So, what would this god do about the evil in the world? He could have some form of heavenly ray gun and simply zap anyone who does wrong such as to, in Dalek style, exterminate them. It seems to me that in doing so he would decimate the world's population. There wouldn't be many left that would meet the standards of this 'good god.' Presuming that there are some left, what would their lives be like? Given the punishment for doing wrong they would be living lives of fear, frightened to do anything. In not allowing evil this 'good god' has created something nearer to hell than the ideal sin free world of peace and happiness he wished to create. Eliminating wrong has created even bigger wrong.

Given that a 'good god' would find evil unacceptable he has to have a way of dealing with it that leaves, not fear, but peace and righteousness. Killing off those that do wrong clearly won't work so what is needed is some method of providing forgiveness, creating the wish to do right and producing in human beings that sense of peace that they long for.

Threats from the sky don't work so why not abandon the threats and come down from the sky? Hence what we call the incarnation, God becoming man in the form of the baby Jesus. He is God with us, even one of us and, as a baby, completely non-threatening. He is 'Mighty, God, the Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.'

Being a 'good God' he demonstrates what it means to live a good life. He does not repay evil with evil, or reviling with reviling which leaves him open and defenceless when those around him feel jealous and threatened. He does not defend himself when his way of life threatens their position and power and they seek to do to him what he has, in his righteousness, refused to do to them. He takes the punishment they deserved.

He now offers that forgiveness to those who, knowing that they have done wrong, will accept it. He could have left us as we were not knowing the outcome of our deeds, fearful, worried or just trying to ignore the possibility of a judgement but he didn't. In his death he revealed wrong at its worst and now proclaims complete forgiveness. Can there be a better way of producing that personal peace we all desire? He is indeed the *Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

I wish you a Christmas full of joy and peace.  
Nyall

Here we are at the end of October 2016 and the Autumn migration is in full swing. Locally we notice flocks of Golden Plover in the fields, rising as one showing their golden flanks. I have had reports of the Blackcap, a common Summer warbler visitor, and now coming to our feeders. A group from central Europe has decided the trip to the Mediterranean too far and warmer winters in the UK can supply their needs.

We get a good idea of a general Autumn migration north to south from watchers on our coastal reserves. Here regular counts are carried out at Landguard Reserve and we have reports of hundreds of Goldfinches passing through and even daily counts of fifty plus Robins.

I was recently phoned by a colleague who watches at Spurn Head, Yorkshire, and there there have been phenomenal counts of common and rare birds. I note unusually high daily counts as follows :

11th October	399 Goldcrests
	713 Robins
15th October	28 Bearded Tits
	12,300 Redwings
	1,700 Fieldfares
16th October	330 Bramblings
17th October	300 Skylarks
	911 Goldfinches

How do these little birds, so often from isolated areas, such as Robins in our garden or Bearded Tits, always rarities in our marshes, and Goldcrests in fir trees, inform each other and get together as one flock? Amongst these vast gatherings have been rare warblers and finches. The most exciting being a Siberian Accentor, a relative of our Hedge Sparrow, (or Hedge Accentor). This bird breeds in northern Siberia and winters in East China and Korea. It has a distinctive yellow flash above its black eye band and a yellow breast.

In the past we have had our coastal migratory hot spots. I remember in the of Autumn of 1965 an elderly friend had a few days holiday in my senior partner's caravan at Dunwich. He came back with stories of the crowd of rare birds he had seen. I, as a new boy in both local birding and as a budding general practitioner, tended to under hear what I was told, however shortly afterwards the local press confirmed his information. Motto : "Tend to believe what you're told unless you can prove otherwise."

Still, we can be on the lookout for local excitements—the murmur of Starlings, the movement of northern thrushes to our countryside (Redwings and Fieldfares). Every day there are reports of continental Song Thrushes and Blackbirds flying across the North Sea as well as the Fieldfares and Redwings from the north.

Amongst the Autumn moving flocks of tits, Great, Blue and Long Tailed, there may be a small bird of similar size, the Yellow Browed Warbler, so called because of its marked yellow brow band. I saw one many years ago in Southwold Churchyard (only because a group of 'watchers' pointed it out to me!). This bird breeds in the conifer forests of northern Siberia and usually winters in south east Asia and the Philippines.

Happy Christmas and remember your winter garden Robin maybe a temporary migrant from mainland Europe.



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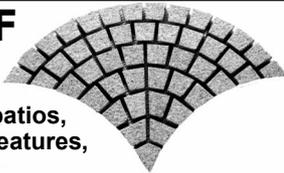
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\* December may be cold but on dry sunny days it can be really refreshing to get out and do some work to keep warm. There are usually some tasks which December is suited for, especially pruning, as without there being leaves on deciduous plants, the branches and stems are easier to see and cut to shape. Use sharp bladed secateurs and loppers or pole pruners for difficult to reach branches. Fruit trees can be pruned from now onwards up to mid-February, removing dead or diseased wood, and up to a third of last season's growth, and autumn Raspberries and Currants can be cut back too. \*

\* Gather up the last of fallen leaves from lawns and ponds and mix them into the compost heap. Dead herbaceous stems can be dealt with in the same way or shredded. Hellebores and other winter flowering plants may start to show signs of early growth depending on the mildness of the weather. December is a good month for planting providing the ground isn't too wet. Plants are dormant and any root interference is minimal. As soil temperatures stay warmer in the winter, root growth begins earlier so new plants will start putting on root growth before the spring. For the same reasons, digging up and re-locating plants can be safely done this month too, but do make sure you tramp the ground afterwards to firm plants against rocking winds. \*

\* Now is as good a time as any to clean up garden machinery especially mowers and especially under the decks to prevent corrosion and to facilitate a good airflow. This area can be tricky to get to, and if you do have to tip it, as a rule of thumb, the oil filler position should be lower most. Remove as much of the old cut grass as you can, and while you're there, check the blade for sharpness. Rotary mower blades don't need to be razor sharp, but should be sharpened once a year. Hedge-trimmers will benefit from a clean and oiling too. \*

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## Fruity turkey tagine

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp
- 1 red onion, thickly sliced
- 3 carrots, thickly sliced on the diagonal
- 3 parsnips, thickly sliced on the diagonal
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tsp ras el hanout
- 500ml turkey or chicken stock
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 140g mixture of dried apricots and prunes, roughly chopped
- 300g leftover turkey, cut into chunks
- good drizzle of clear honey
- ½ small bunch coriander, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp flaked almonds
- couscous, to serve
- Greek yogurt, to serve

### Method

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan, add the onion and cook gently for 8 mins or until softened. Add the carrots and parsnips, and cook for 8 mins until starting to soften and brown a little. Stir in the garlic and ras el hanout, and cook for a further 30 secs. Tip in the stock, tomatoes, chickpeas, dried fruit and 150ml water. Season, bring to a simmer and cook for 25-30 mins until the vegetables are tender.
2. Add the turkey and simmer for 5 mins to warm through. Stir in the honey, then scatter over the coriander and almonds just before serving with couscous and Greek yogurt.



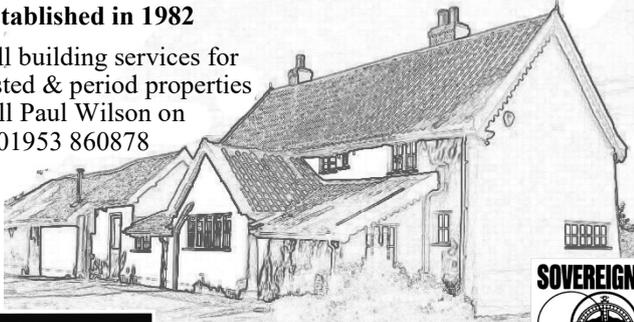
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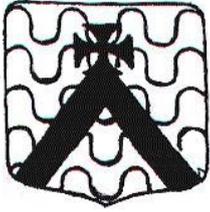
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# School news

The run in to Christmas is always a busy one. It really is a magical time of the year and the children enjoy the build up to the big day. The challenge is often to keep the children going as they become quite tired towards the end of a busy term.

This year our EYFS and KS1 children have been working hard to learn and perfect their Christmas performance. As a parent myself, I know how much parents enjoy the enrichment that is involved in the Christmas productions. These memories are to be valued and treasured as I'm sure many grown-ups remember being Mary or Joseph or in my case a Shepherd! Our whole school joins in the Christmas celebrations and our KS2 children present their Christmas service to parents at Park View Chapel. This event is always well attended and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to go out into the local community.

Our Sports teams have been back in action this month. We have taken our teams to be involved in the Cross country event, Netball and both boys and girls football. I enjoy watching the children compete and at St Botolph's we focus on coaching the children so that they feel that they are able to express themselves in a competition. This leads to very exciting games and children who play without fear of the result.

Our Yr 6 pupil had a wonderful week away during the first week of November. They spent the week at Aylmerton field study centre where they experienced a variety of valuable learning experiences including learning about Cromer, coastal erosion, rock pool habitats, orienteering and working as a team. The children returned tired and happy. For many of our children this was the first time they had spent more than a night away from home. They all behaved superbly and supported each other well. As you can imagine, I was very proud of each and every one of them.

Many of our children have also taken the time and effort to produce a Christmas box! The children take an old shoe box and turn it into something amazing for children who are less fortunate and who may not receive a gift at Christmas. This is such a wonderful thing to do and encourages the children to think of others around the world at Christmas. I'm sure that the children who receive the gifts are so grateful and appreciative. The picture shows some of the children from St Botolph's who have taken part in the Christmas box appeal this year.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Mr M. Cobbold  
Head teacher.

## Diary Dates for December

Fri 2nd	Christmas Fayre
Mon 5th	Nativity week
Tues 13th	KS2 Rock around the flock
Wed 14th	Leopards & Panthers to Hartismere for day of drama
Thur 15th	Whole school to Norwich Theatre Royal
Fri 16th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 19th	Christmas Lunch
Tue 20th	Last day of term, Open Assembly 2.30pm



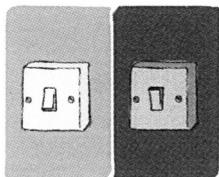
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**OFSTED:** We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to have received particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". A copy of the full report is available on request or you can find it on the Ofsted website.

**Committee:** The Committee is responsible for the management of the pre-school. Parental involvement is key to a child's successful development and volunteering for the Pre-school Committee is an ideal way to be involved in both your child's development and their life at preschool.

Committee members also help to shape how the pre-school setting is managed. New members are always welcome (and needed). You can choose how much time to commit and there are lots of ways to contribute so please contact us if you would like to get involved

## This term at pre-school

This is a very busy time of the year with the children taking part in a walk in the village to post their letters to Father Christmas, having a Christmas party where they will meet Father Christmas and then singing hopefully loud enough for all their family and friends to hear at our Christmas concert..

The children will get an opportunity to take part in various winter theme activities as well as lots of lovely Christmas crafts for parents to keep and treasure in years to come.

The children will use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences,

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Ask questions about why things happen and how things work, Recognise numerals 1 to 9 and Say and use number names in order in familiar contexts.

We are very excited that the log cabin is now finished and after a long wait the children can now start using it for different activities, it will also help during the transition in the afternoons where the pre-school has to tidy up for the after school club to set up all their activities. We just need to fundraise now for heating which hopefully will not take too long.

If you can help in anyway please call the pre-school.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

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1. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it and grey when you have finished with it?
2. They have no flesh or feathers or bone but have fingers and thumbs of their own.
3. I am not alive but I can grow, I don't have lungs but I need air, I don't have a mouth but water kills me.
4. What can go up a chimney down but can't go down a chimney up?
5. I have two arms but no fingers. I have two legs but cannot walk. I am very good at carrying but only when my legs are off the ground.
6. What gets wetter the more it dries?
7. What gets whiter the dirtier it gets?
8. What object has keys but no locks, space but no room and you can enter but not go in?
9. What can go round the world but stays in the corner?
10. What demands an answer but asks no question?



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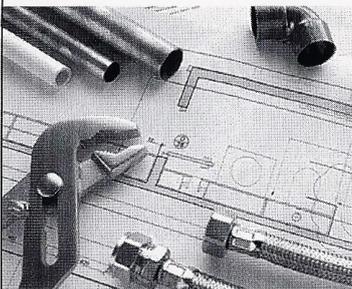
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**DECEMBER and JANUARY : Readings for Parish Church Sunday Services**

Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
Dec 4th	Isaiah 11:1-10	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec 11th	James 5:7-12	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec 18th	Isaiah 7:10-16	Matthew 1:18-end
Dec 24th	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-7
Dec 25th	Isaiah 52:7-10	John 1:1-18
Jan 1st	Psalms 8	Luke 2:15-21
Jan 8th	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 15th	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan 22nd	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Jan 29th	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40

ROTAS	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickinghall	
	<i>Sidesman</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Sidesman</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Sidesman</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Dec 4th	Mrs C Hilliard	Mr L McGrath	Mrs C Davidson	Mrs J Dickman	Mrs M Self	Mrs J Bennett
Dec 11th	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	No service		Mrs J Sheehan	Rector
Dec 18th	No service		Mrs D Hodson	Mrs S McGrath	Mr R Rixon	Mrs P Rixon
Dec 24th	No service		The Lambs and The Dickmans		No service	
Dec 25th	Mr J Lamb	Mrs F Lamb	No service		No service	
Jan 1st	Mrs C Hilliard	tba	No service		No service	
Jan 8th	Mrs L Wills	Mr L McGrath	No service		Mrs S. White	Mrs J. Whitehead
Jan 15th	No service		Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	Mr & Mrs Miles	Mrs C Davidson
Jan 22nd	No service		Mrs J Wilson	Mr K Wilson	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector
Jan 29th	United Service , Parkview Chapel				Mrs J Sheehan	Rector

**Flower rotas**

	Chapel of Ease	Redgrave	Rickinghall
Dec 4th	Mrs Heath	Advent Wreath Mrs D Culley	Advent
Dec 11th	Mrs Moss		Advent
Dec 18th	Mrs Moss		TBA
Dec 24th	All helpers please		No Service
Dec 25th			No Service
Jan 1st	Mrs Canning		No Service

*Thank you*

I would like to say how delighted I was on the occasion of my 90th birthday, celebrated at Botesdale Village Hall, to see so many family and friends from as far away as The Azores, Plymouth, Lincolnshire, Cornwall, London and our surrounding villages. I was overwhelmed by your generosity as reflected in your donations which totalled £550 to be given to the Teenage Cancer Unit in Cambridge .  
Thank you Jean Bennett

It has been a difficult six months for Syd and Jane Dorling but things are on the "up" now. Many thanks to family and friends who helped with hospital transport and shopping and for the cards, flowers, gifts and visits. A special thank you to the medical and caring staff for their kindness and expert se. We look forward to a happier 2017.

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## December

Sundays 10.00 am Communion on 11<sup>th</sup>  
11.00 am All Age Worship on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Except 18<sup>th</sup> – Carol Service at 4pm followed by tea. All welcome.

No morning service that day.

Christmas Day: 10.30am – Christmas Day Service  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>: 9 am – 12 noon 'Coffee on the Corner'  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>: 2.00 pm Praise hour.  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Crafty Corner Christmas Special.

## January

Sundays 10.00 am Communion each Sunday apart from 1<sup>st</sup>.  
11.00 am All Age Worship

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

January 29<sup>th</sup>: United Service  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>: 9 am – 12 noon - 'Coffee on the Corner'  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>: 2.00 pm Praise hour.  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Crafty Corner

Regular activities : Weekly home groups on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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## BOTESDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Services are held every Sunday at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated.

A friendly welcome to everyone to services and all meetings

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Roy Sayer
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr David Freeman
18 <sup>th</sup> December <u>Carol Service</u>	Mrs Jane Drury
25 <sup>th</sup> December <u>10 am</u>	CHRISTMAS DAY Rev David Ely

Bible Study 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am. All welcome.  
Christian Forum Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm Christmas Evening  
Wives Club Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.15 for 7.30 pm  
Christmas Dinner at The Tea Shop, Wortham

No "Coffee down the Lane" in December

Services on Sundays in January 2017 as usual

No Christian Forum in January

No Wives Club in January

Coffee down the Lane Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 10.00 – 11.30 am



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### Services in December 2016

#### **4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8.15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease  
10.30 All Saints Altogether, All Saints, Redgrave  
3pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's, Rickinghall

#### **11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8.15 BCP Communion, St Mary's Rickinghall  
10.30 Footprints, The Rectory, Rickinghall  
3.30 Christingle, Botesdale Chapel of Ease

#### **18th December 4th Sunday of Advent**

8.15 BCP Communion, All Saints, Redgrave  
3pm Carol Service, St Mary's Rickinghall



#### **24th December Christmas Eve**

5pm Crib Service All Saints, Redgrave  
11.15pm Holy Communion, All Saints,  
Redgrave



#### **25th December Christmas Day**

9.30 Family Communion,  
Botesdale Chapel of Ease

### Services in January 2017

#### **1st January The Naming of Jesus**

8.15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease  
10.30 All Saints Altogether, All Saints, Redgrave  
3pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's, Rickinghall

#### **8th January Epiphany**

8.15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease  
10.30 Communion, St. Mary's, Rickinghall  
10.20 "Footprints", Rickinghall Village Hall

#### **15th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

8.15 BCP Communion, All Saints, Redgrave  
10.30 Worship Together, St. Mary's, Rickinghall

#### **22nd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

8.15 BCP Communion, St. Mary's, Rickinghall  
10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale  
Village Hall for tea, cake, crafts,  
songs, stories and fun for all ages.



10.30 Communion, All Saints, Redgrave

#### **29th January Presentation of Christ**

8.15 BCP Communion, St. Mary's, Rickinghall  
10.30 United Service, Parkview Chapel, Botesdale

### Sunday 5th Feb. 4th Sunday before Lent

8.15 BCP Communion, Botesdale Chapel of Ease  
10.30 All Saints All Together, All Saints, Redgrave;  
3.00pm Evening Prayer, St Mary's, Rickinghall



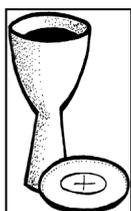
#### **"Open House"**

All Saints, Redgrave  
6th December  
3rd January  
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#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Tues 17th Jan,  
7.30pm  
United Prayer  
meeting, All  
Saints, Redgrave



#### **"Midweek Communion"**

Albert Close, Rickinghall  
Wed 7th December, 10.00am  
Wed 4th January, 10.00am  
Farnish House, Botesdale  
Thurs 15th December, 9.45am  
Thurs 19th January, 9.45am  
All welcome to these services



**The Rectory, Bury Road, Rickinghall**  
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