

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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Rev

A question I am often asked is "Can I be forgiven?" David, Israel's greatest Old Testament king, got things very wrong. He had an affair with a married woman and then he had her husband killed to cover his tracks. Psalm 51 shows, filled with guilt, he cried out to God.

Whether in big things or little things, if we're honest, we've all messed up. We all struggle with feelings of failure and guilt. Was David unforgivable? Covering an affair with murder; surely that's too much, isn't it? Not according to God. The Bible tells us that those who genuinely say sorry to God, and turn back to Him in obedience, will find true forgiveness.

But what about those who can't shake off past mistakes or actions? And what about the shame and pain that is draining the life out of us? Have we gone 'too far'? Can God really forgive anyone - even the worst?

If you think you've gone too far, there's hope. God wants us to know that He can forgive all the things that haunt us. Why? Because the Bible says God forgives those who are truly sorry for how they have lived. He doesn't have to forgive - but He promises to forgive. When His son Jesus died on the cross God personally suffered in order to forgive us, even though we don't deserve it. In His love, God found a way to punish our wrongs (as we deserve), and yet still offers forgiveness to the worst of us.

To help us understand God's willingness to forgive we need to understand His anger. God created us to live with Him. But we prefer to live without Him, doing our own things, living our own lives, setting our own priorities and valuing ourselves above Him. And we are all guilty of this, as we all ignore God, our Creator, and by doing so, we hurt Him, hurt others and do selfish things. This is what the Bible calls sin. Sin makes God angry. This isn't the grumpiness or imbalanced rage of someone who feels they have been ignored. It is the right and correct anger of God, who sees everything that is not in line with His perfect ways as unacceptable. His perfect will for us is perfect and good. Yet, in doing things without Him, we show that we view our ways as more important than His (Romans 2:5-9).

Even though we deserve God's anger and judgement, Jesus didn't come to earth to judge. He came to save us from our sin and from the anger of God (John 3:17-18).

But if we deserve God's anger, I hear you say, how can Jesus promise to save us?

When Jesus came to earth to die for our sins, He said that we should trust ("believe") Him! He has done the work to save us - we just need to trust Him. But there is another thing He tells us to do: "repent". The basic meaning of "repentance" is 'a change of mind', which results in a reversal in our choices and behaviour. We

repent when we change our beliefs about God and ourselves. We are all weighed down with guilt, we all try to fix our problems ourselves and we don't really want to trust or obey God. Repentance is when we turn around to face the opposite way. Rather than trying to cope on our own, we say to God "Yes, I need You more than anything! I don't want to be in charge of my life any more, I make a mess of it. Please forgive me and lead me."

It's crucial to understand that repentance is a decision to trust Jesus and rely on Him, not ourselves. It is our recognition of our desperate need for Jesus! Perhaps you are scarred from decisions you have made, relationships you have broken or mistakes you have made. When you look at your life, do you desperately wish someone would help? This is where repentance starts.

"But what about the good stuff I do?" some people ask. "Surely God finds it easier to forgive me when I look out for others and do good things?" Without a doubt, the good, God-centred things we do are important to God. But good actions do not earn us forgiveness (Ephesians 2:8-10).

The truth is, rather than earning us forgiveness, good works are the result of forgiveness! Those who are saved through faith become God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works". We must remember that God forgave us while we were still His enemies (Eph. 2:1) by the death of His Son, which means God's forgiveness relies only on His love, not on us. As forgiven people, who have 'turned around' in repentance, good works are the sign of our new life with God. They show He is in command now and that we want to live for Him instead of for ourselves.

The good news of the Bible is

- that forgiveness comes through trusting Jesus
- there is nothing we can do to earn it!
- The great cost for this forgiveness was paid by God Himself when he allowed His son to suffer and die on the cross.

What an amazing, gracious and loving God we have.

With every blessing.

Chris Norburn.

PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

We regularly hear from readers that the Parish Magazine is a much loved reflection of life in our busy community and the services that are the product of so many people's passion and hard work. Community depends on volunteerism, and the Parish Magazine is no exception. Each issue represents inputs from a range of contributors, collated by a core team of six people, and distributed by a team of more than 40. Every month we're thankful for these volunteers' hard work to get the magazine out to 1225+ households on time.

We're also grateful to Rob and Philippa Rixon, who have helped with the magazine through providing a telephone answering service for magazine-related enquiries. They have included their home phone number below and in the telephone list so people have an alternative to emailing the magazine team. Sadly though, they have regularly received calls of an abusive nature from people who have concerns about the magazine, to the extent that they have requested their number be removed from this and all future issues and that residents do not call them about the magazine.

We recognise that the quality and accuracy of the magazine is important to contributors, and we do all we can to ensure we can respond to often high demand to use the magazine to advertise events and communicate important notices. Unfortunately we do make mistakes from time to time. But it is unacceptable that anyone should be subject to abuse when mistakes are made. We have therefore, with a heavy heart, taken the decision not to offer a telephone contact for the magazine going forward. Please use the following email and postal addresses below to contact the team.

We will keep this under review for future issues, but any reversal of this decision would require finding a new volunteer to include their phone number. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact us using the details below.

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Alternatively, please write to: *The Parish Magazine, The Rectory, Bury Road, Rickingham, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 1HA*.

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

For the Nov issue: 10 Oct (Mon)
For the Dec/Jan issue: 7 Nov (Mon)
For the Feb issue: 9 Jan (Mon)

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Best wishes, The Parish Magazine Volunteers



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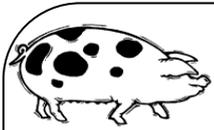
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10:30am to 4:30pm



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"Coffee down the Lane"
10:00am - 11.30 am

Tuesday 25th October

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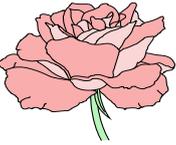
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8 years +

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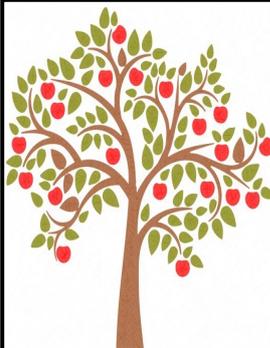
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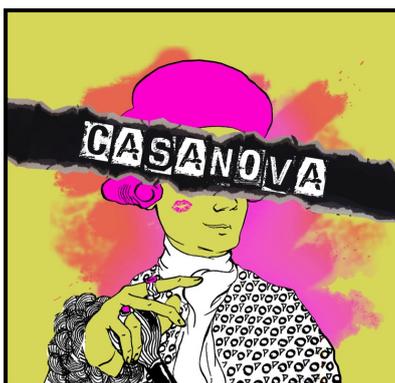
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Leeann Jackson-Eve



September Report – Leeann Jackson-Eve (Clerk)

All councillors were present with one member of the public and District Councillor Derek Osborne.

Public Forum: District Cllr Derek Osborne gave the PC some information about a free grant funding event for community groups which will be held at Lavenham Village Hall on 19 October. Booking is essential – call 01449 724654.

Planning: There were no applications or decision notices.

Post Office Closure: The PC received the official notice of closure from the Post Office with assurances that they will find a solution that will provide a Post Office service to the Botesdale/Rickinghall community. The Chairman has been in contact with the representative of the Post Office who is responsible for securing PO services for the community and met her on site on 22 August to tour the villages to identify any retail outlets and public halls/spaces that may be suitable for mobile PO arrangements. The conclusion was that there are no suitable retail outlets (the Co-op is ruled out by an existing contractual issue). In the meantime, the Chairman liaised with the Community Transport team to arrange a special service to Worham PO on Monday and Friday afternoons. Call 897109 if you need to use the service.

Hole in the verge near the Blue Orchid: You may recall the report back in May that Suffolk County Council (SCC) contractors had investigated the flooding problem with a trial hole. SCC has only recently received the contractor's report and we are no further forward with an explanation. We are told that more investigation will be necessary. In the meantime, the PC is carrying out its own investigations and at least one resident has come forward to let us know that a brick culvert ran down the hill from Street Farm to Fen Lane as part of a water supply/drainage system for the Street Farm yards. If you have any more information about this let us know!

Traffic Issues: Over the holidays, councillors and the clerk had a site visit with SCC to get advice on double yellow lines. Our SCC Highways officer has agreed to draw up a quote for double yellow lines at the junction of Back Hills and The Drift, both opposite the junction and on either side along Back Hills following the advice in the Highway Code, i.e. no parking opposite or within 10 metres from (the centre of) a junction. We also looked at the junction of Mill Road North with The Street but the PC will not be pursuing lines at this location after being advised that there was no way to improve visibility even slightly, due to the curvature of the road, without removing parking from the junction of Mill Road North all the way down to the Blue Orchid. The PC should make significant savings by combining the Traffic Restriction Order, which is required before the lines can be installed, with Rickinghall's at the Co-op and Garden

House Lane.

Highways: It was noted that work is due to be carried out at Common Road as a preliminary to resurfacing, possibly next year. We've also been notified that some work will be carried out at Fen Lane over sometime in September/October, though we are trying to clarify the extent of the work. Some sections of Bridewell Lane are suffering from crumbling edges as reported in July and the Clerk will be following up on this. Finally, there have been a number of complaints about the laurel hedge at Warren Cottage (behind Tollgate House) blocking visibility as you exit the village onto the B1113. We are in the process of contacting the landlord of the property concerning the work.

Street Lighting: The nights are drawing in and we're doing our best to sort out the light on Bridewell Lane opposite Chapel Lane. However, UK Power Networks have been very slow in producing a quote for the work and SCC officers are pursuing this. It's hoped that once we have a quote the work will be carried out quickly as the job has been on the books for quite a while.

Rights of Way: The PC was pleased to receive a thank you from a resident for the new footbridge on the path from Cherry Tree Lane to Redgrave. We also think SCC has done a great job. In other news, the new Botesdale and Rickinghall walks leaflet is almost ready to print thanks to the efforts of a working party comprised of several councillors, Diana Maywhort and Chris Lambert.

Christmas Events: Christmas starts early for the PC as we have already put in the order for the tree with Elveden Estates. It will arrive in the Market Place on 25 November. More info on Christmas events to come!

Next Meeting: 10 October 2016

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Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

Redgrave September Report – by the Clerk

All councillors were present at the meeting in addition to the Clerk and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from District Councillor Derek Osborne and County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

Public Forum: There were no issues raised by attendees.

Planning: There were no planning applications but two decision notices were received: one granting Listed Building Consent for the bell frame repairs at St Mary's Church and the other granting planning permission for a new dormer window at Oak House, The Green.

Community Assets: The PC has received notice that the tribunal on 20 July reviewing the Cross Keys Pub's status as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) concluded in a partially successful appeal and ordered the removal of the ACV listing from the rear plot of land at The Cross Keys Public House, which was the recent subject of a successful planning application for three holiday units. The original listed title has been split.

The PC also received notice under Community Right to Bid that the owner of Redgrave Community Shop intends to dispose of the property. As the Shop is an ACV, the PC or another community interest group has the right to submit an expression of interest before 12 October 2016. An expression of interest would trigger the full moratorium period of 6 months during which the asset can't be disposed of before 1 March 2016. The Parish Council agreed with all in favour to submit an expression of interest. A meeting with the District Council's funding officer is tentatively planned for 21 September.

Traffic Issues: Suffolk County Council's survey of HGV traffic in the village took place over the summer and the conclusions were that the percentage of HGVs relative to other traffic is between 4.6% and 7.6% depending on the location. SCC's guide to lorry management says that typical HGV volumes for B class roads are between 4-8% so they do not suggest any action such as a weight restriction through the village. It has, however, been pointed out to SCC that it is not necessarily the volume but the difficulties HGVs encounter in particularly narrow parts of the B1113.

Speedwatch: Our PCSO has informed the Speedwatch co-ordinator, Brenda Prosser-Snelling, that the Speed Enforcement Team has made Redgrave Street a priority during September and it will remain on their list for future surveillance. In order to ensure that no argument can be put forward that the signs along the stretch of the main road through the village are obscured or unreadable, thus affecting potential Police prosecutions, Brenda and her husband have cleaned all road signs in The Street and cleared any surrounding vegetation. Their efforts are much appreciated.

Play Area: The PC has received the Play Inspection Report for 2016 and will be looking into any necessary actions in detail. It was noted that all but one item was rated Low or Very Low Risk – the swings were felt to be in too close proximity to the monkey bars. Members will

investigate whether the monkey bars can be moved. The Clerk has been looking into new safety surfacing for some of the items and presented grass matting as a cheaper alternative to soft pour, which can be very expensive. Grass matting consists of rubber tiles with regular openings through which turf can grow and provides an environmentally friendly, easily installed and easily maintained safety surface. This will be considered further in October.

Council Documents: The PC has fully reviewed its Financial Regulations and Standing Orders following a significant number of changes in local government legislation. These will be posted on the Redgrave website.

Redgrave Website: The PC has agreed to pay £50 per year to Community Action Suffolk who has taken over Onesuffolk website hosting from Suffolk County Council. The events and news section of the website has had very little take-up from community groups and councillor Matthew Millard will be taking over management of this section for the next six months to see if this can be improved. He will initially be taking information from the parish magazine but you can make his job a lot easier and give people much more advance notice if you contact him directly with event information. Matthew's details can be found online at www.redgrave.onesuffolk.net

Public Rights of Way: A letter has been received from a resident with concerns about the state of the pavement/verge along Hall Lane between entrances to Half Moon Lane. The PC feels the pavement itself is in reasonable condition and the verge has been cut by SCC since the letter was received. However, this did spark a conversation about the state of Redgrave's footpaths and the PC will be discussing this in more depth at the next meeting with the aim of improving upkeep. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for verges to be cut again by a local contractor at the end of September.

Next Meeting: 12 October 2016

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 12th October at 7.30 pm
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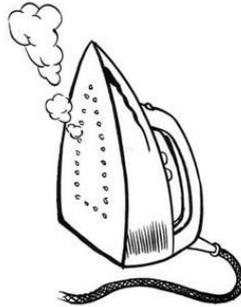
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Rickinghall Parish Council



Rickinghall Parish Council, 1st September, 2016 Councillor Rosemary Jones

An apology was received from Cllr Robin Brown.
Minutes were approved for the two previous meetings as the August meeting was just for planning applications.
The expected visit by MP Jo Churchill was cancelled at the last minute, surprisingly without explanation.

The Public Forum

There was a better than usual attendance by the public and several issues were raised, some of which are already in hand (solutions to speeding, parking, hedge cutting on the way out of Botesdale onto the B1113), and a query about finances (see the budget in the Parish Newsletter).

There have been comments on the lack of actual policemen on the beat in the village but that is related to budget cuts and the fact that this area does not currently warrant a heavy police presence.

People are warned to be on guard if they are applying for a Blue badge for their car (which gives priority parking for disabled people) as there is an overcharging scam. Please refer to Peter Beck, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (see the yellow Telephone list).
Councillor Derek Osborne, MSDC, reported that, following the temporary closure of the Post Office, the community bus was going to run a trial service on Monday and Friday afternoons to take people to the Post Office in Wortham; it would pick people up at the stop by the church in Rickinghall, the market place and the stop known as Simonds in Botesdale and bring them back later. There are notices around the villages with details.

Cllr Jessica Fleming, CC & MSDC, reported that there had been some progress in Suffolk towards devolution of powers and funding from central government. Much money could be gained from this scheme. There would be public meetings about policing in September (Stowmarket) and October (Eye).

Planning

An application was considered for a new house next to Gable End on the corner of The Street and Garden House Lane. Various points were raised but the objection relevant to Planning was that it was too large on the site and too close to Gable End, a listed building, and it was agreed to oppose this application for those reasons.

Chairman's report

An email had been sent in response to a query about how funds were used for Barwoods and the allotments.
Cllr Short had learned that in Norfolk there were four large districts that were opposed to devolution, which was holding up proceedings. It seemed counter-intuitive as there was so much money on offer that could be used as local people wanted and not how the government saw fit. Manchester has already decided to go ahead. There is ongoing discussion about the necessity for and role of a directly elected mayor; the funding for the new post could be raised by the merging of the payrolls of the seventeen councils.

Correspondence

The Post Office had closed one month earlier than anticipated

because of the ill health of Sue Duggan.

Simon Gowen reported a dying birch tree on the corner of Fen Lane. It will be removed.

A letter was received regarding difficulties in parking for people with mobility problems who live on The Street close to the Co-op where double yellow lines are proposed. If you have mobility problems and trouble with parking, you can apply to the County Council for a disabled parking spot.

General Items

Site meetings had been held in Botesdale and Rickinghall with an officer from Suffolk CC about double yellow lines at the junctions of (1) The Drift and Back Hills, (2) Mill Road north and The Street, and (3) Garden House Lane and The Street. It was agreed that (2) did not require lines to be painted but the other two did and the application for these will be added to the one for the Co-op.

A new street light by Jubilee House is to be replaced at a cost of £1,970.

Parish Council documents had been updated and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Highways

Some of our minor roads are deteriorating. While it is anticipated that major roads take priority, please report any serious potholes or fractures.

Councillors' Reports

Barwoods was pleased with the bench which has been placed near the memorial trees in Northfield Wood.

Footpaths have become very overgrown since the June rains.

Please report any that need to be cleared.

The next meeting will be on 6th October, 2016 at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m.

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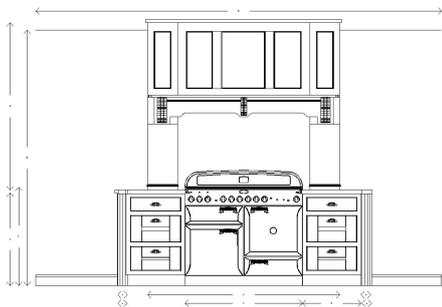
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Village News

"WHAT IS RAHOF?"

RAHOF events are regularly advertised in this magazine. In case some of you might wonder what the organisation is about: RAHOF stands for Rickingham Area Hospice Fundraisers. We are a support group for St Nicholas Hospice Care in Bury St Edmunds, your local hospice for this catchment area of Suffolk and Thetford. The group raises funds and friends for the excellent work of this Hospice, which provides a wide range of services to our community.

RAHOF has been in existence since 1987. The acronym was chosen because Rickingham lies at the centre of the immediate local area from which we draw support. The group raises awareness of the work of this Hospice, as well as funds for the cause, via an annual programme of events aimed to give pleasure as well as value for money.

Over the years RAHOF has put on many successful events including concerts, coffee mornings, sponsored walks & horse rides, auctions of promises, dances, marathons and musical cream teas, to name a few. We have never stopped. Some events, such as the popular Annual Quiz in October & Spring Lunches with prestigious speakers, have become popular fixtures in the local calendar. Many past chairmen and committee members continue to support us - and therefore the Hospice itself - either directly or in a few cases, by privately organising their own events. Our RAHOF events have raised an average of £10,000 each year (sometimes more), and gained many friends for "St Nick's". In a future issue of this magazine, we hope to outline the services provided by St Nicholas Hospice Care.

We could not do any of this without your help, so we would like to thank you sincerely for your unflinching support, and ask that you please continue to do so. Next year RAHOF celebrates its 30th anniversary. For special anniversary events - WATCH THIS SPACE!

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Jokes?



Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school?

A: Spelling.

Q: What do you get when you cross a Cocker Spaniel, a Poodle and a ghost?

A: A cocker poodle boo.

Two monsters went to a Halloween party. Suddenly one said to the other, "A lady just rolled her eyes at me. What should I do?"

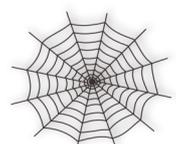
"Be a gentleman and roll them back to her."

Q: What can you say about a horrible mummy joke?

A: It Sphinx!

Q: Why are graveyards so noisy ?

A: Because of all the coffin !





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Club News



HERITAGE CIRCLE—July Report

The author and poet Georgette Vale took on the persona of Lucilla Reeve to tell the moving story of her life in the villages taken over by the Ministry of Defence as battle training areas in World War II.

Lucilla was born in the late 1880s and lived at Tottington with her grandparents and single mother who worked at the “big house” for Lord Walsingham. An anonymous donor paid for her education in London and after college she worked there for a printing company.

At the end of The Great War she returned to Tottington to live with and care for her grandmother who was now alone. She got a job as Land Agent for Lord Walsingham and also took up writing and broadcasting mainly on farming and countryside matters. She went on to serve on the Rural District Council and various food and farming committees.

In 1938 she managed to buy Bagmore Farm in Tottington. It was run-down and dilapidated but she managed to pull it round with good care and use of the land and was able to make a profit breeding sheep, whilst carrying on as Land Agent – despite the army manoeuvres being carried out in the nearby forest.

However, on 13th June 1941 an Officer from the War Executive Committee informed her that 90 acres of her fields were needed for the army. Despite her protests she had to accept the fact to help the war effort.

Exactly one year later it was announced that the battle area was to extend, taking over five villages – Longford, Tottington, Sturston, West Tofts and Buckingham Tofts & Hall – covering 18,000 acres. Eight hundred people were given one week's notice to leave. As Land Agent Lucilla fought to get that notice extended to one month and helped the villagers with the move ensuring they all had somewhere to live and they were told they could come back when war ended.

Lucilla was offered two packing sheds on a nearby duck farm. She converted one to living accommodation and used the other, together with some sheds she built, for her sheep and she carried on breeding lambs. In 1943 she bought Gt. Ellingham Farm, outside the battle area, putting a tenant in the farmhouse and continuing to live at the duck farm. She got workers to help on the new farm and this way managed to make a living out of the two. She sold it after the end of the war to the tenant, hoping to use the money to retire and move to the Broads.

The war ended but there was no indication of moving back for the villagers; the area was total devastation. Years of arguing with the M.o.D. followed until in 1948 it was announced that the villagers would never be going home.

Lucilla said they were told they would be compensated so they waited, and waited, then in January 1950 they were informed their compensation would be at 1938 prices – when property prices were of course a lot lower.

Several who had been tenants before were given council houses with rent fixed for their lifetime at 2s 6d, but previous home-owners had to accept their meagre compensation, including Lucilla who had inherited her grandmother's home. So her plans for the move to the Broads fell through.

She was devastated, not just for herself but because she felt she had let everyone down in the end, and she went into deep depression. She was admitted to hospital in August suffering from “melancholia and delusions”. On her release she returned to Bagmore Farm but was still depressed and unable to cope; in October she hanged herself in the Barn. She was buried outside the boundary of the Churchyard in her beloved Tottington. Later, in churchyard clearance by the army, the boundary was moved to around her grave.

The emotional story kept the members of the Circle enthralled and raised many questions and much discussion.

Gwen Smith

Coffee On



The Corner

There is no ‘Coffee on the Corner’ report this month but we hope to be back with more news in the next issue.

HERITAGE CIRCLE—August Report

Tessa West, A History of Bury Gaol

Tessa West gave a very interesting talk to the August meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. Her subject was the history of Bury Gaol in the 18th and 19th centuries but she drew interesting comparisons with the modern penal system.

Tessa has a background of working in education in a prison and of being a member of the Parole Board. This contributed to her writing a biography of the penal reformer, John Howard, who visited prisons to study their conditions. He visited Bury Gaol on four occasions between 1774 and 1782. The conditions were very poor. There were two principal categories of prisoners, debtors and felons but other people were incarcerated because of their mental health. The prison, like others of the time, was run as a private business. Inmates had to pay for straw to sleep on, food, water and medical care. Felons were chained at night in dungeons. There was no separation of men and women. In 1773 five prisoners died of smallpox. The gaoler sold beer and wine to outsiders as he had no other salary. Howard urged reform to regularise and improve conditions in prisons. In addition to the gaol, Bury also had a bridewell which was a combination of a gaol for petty offenders and a workhouse at what is now Moyses Hall. In 1804 a new gaol was built for Bury which could hold 140 people. John Orridge became the governor of the prison which was designed using the panopticon principle. There was a central Inspection House with corridors leading off from it housing the prisoners. There was a window in each cell and some provision of toilet facilities but a 24 foot wall separated the prisoners from the town.

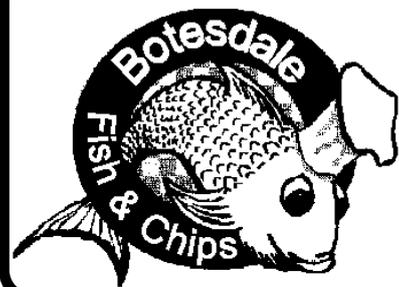
Orridge believed that the prison's functions were to keep prisoners secure, to preserve the health of the inmates and to ‘ameliorate their morals.’ He appears to have been successful at least in the first two aims. There was only ever one escape from the gaol and doctors did provide some medical care for prisoners. Prisons in the 18th century had been notorious for their high death rates from diseases such as ‘gaol fever,’ a form of typhus. Hard labour was proposed to improve the ‘morals’ of prisoners. In 1819 Bury Gaol became the first prison in Britain to have a treadmill. It was hard, demoralising work. Prisoners spent an eight hour shift walking on the treadmill. It has been calculated that they stepped up about 11,000 feet per day. Much of the work was pointless as the prisoners simply ‘ground air.’

Records suggest that many of the people committed to Bury Gaol were charged with offences that appear trivial today. One prisoner had stolen three lettuces, another stole turnips to the value of 1d and a further person had taken two eggs. A vagabond was gaoled along with deserters from the army and a man who had thrown stones at a railway carriage. The ages of inmates ranged from 11 years and upwards.

The prison had a flat roof for public executions. In 1828 William Corder, who had committed the Red Barn murder at Polstead, was hanged at the gaol. The last public execution in Bury occurred in 1851. It was watched by a crowd of up to 5,000 people who were mainly women with their children. In 1880 the prison was closed and its remaining inmates were sent to Ipswich Prison.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 October at The Village Hall, Rickinghall. Geoffrey Robinson will be talking about the History of Suffolk Place Names. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net

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Saturday	1 st	10:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Church open Church open Willow weaving course Guided walk Harvest Supper Ceilidh Cinema "Eddie the Eagle"	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior Redgrave Lopham Fen Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall Palgrave Cinema
Sunday	2 nd			
Monday	3 rd	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	4 th	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Open House Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	All Saint's Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	5 th	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	6 th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice care : Drop in morning Fitsteps Rickinghall Parish Council	St Mary's Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	7 th	tba 10:00am 8:00pm	Ramblers Annual Lunch Positive Steps Dance Classes	The White Horse Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	8 th	9:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Farmer's market Church open Wildlife Watch	Rickinghall Village Hall St Mary's Redgrave Redgrave Lopham Fen
Sunday	9 th	11:00am	Windmill open	Thelnetham Windmill
Monday	10 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Botesdale Parish Council Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	11 th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information and advice Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Redgrave Ladies Club	Park View Chapel Park View Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	12 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	13 th	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Fitsteps Women's Institute	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall

Friday	14 th	10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	15 th	10:00am 10:00am 7:30pm	Church open Children's Society Coffee morning Casanova - theatre	Rickingham Inferior Anglian House, Chapel Lane Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	16 th	10:30 am	Apple day and Plant sale	Redgrave Lopham Fen
Monday	17 th	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	18 th	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	19 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	20 th	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Parkview chapel
Friday	21 st	9:15am 10:00am 7:00pm 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps RAHOF Annual Quiz Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Hinderclay Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	22 nd			
Sunday	23 rd			
Monday	24 th	10:00am 2:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	SCHOOL HALF TERM COMMENCES Zumba Needle craft RBL Women's Section Slimming World	St Botolph's Primary Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Farnish House Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	25 th	10:00am 10:00am 12 noon 6:00pm 7:30pm	Coffee down the Lane Children's activity day Luncheon Club 898615 or 898619 Zumba Julie's Aerobics	Methodist Church Redgrave Lopham Fen Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	26 th	9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Family activity Heritage Circle Stargazing evening	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
Thursday	27 th	9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Young Naturalists Fitsteps Redgrave Garden club	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	28 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	29 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Botanical Illustration course Rickingham Country Music club	Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickingham Village Hall
Sunday	30 th			
Monday	31 st	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall

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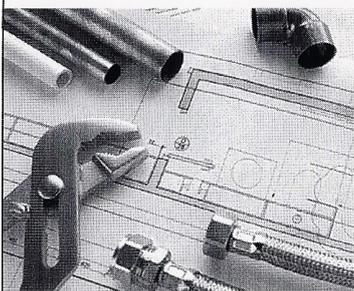
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Club News

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When you read this article, the season will be over; the scoreboards, mats and jacks put away for the winter. The green will have been 'ripped up', scarified, tined, top dressed and reseeded in preparation for the next season which will start in April 2017.

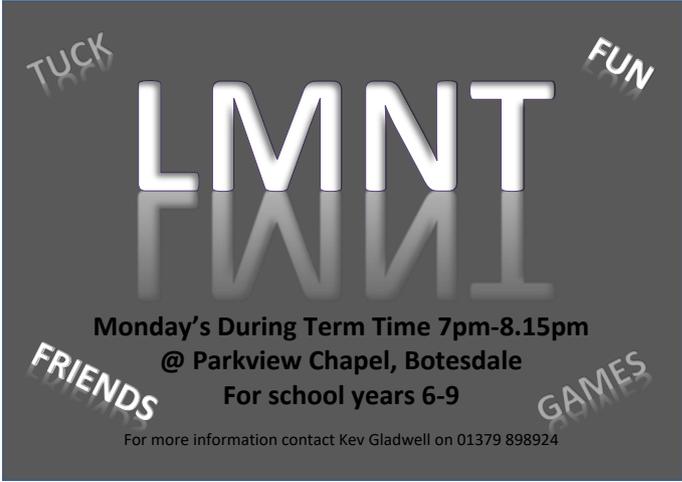
However, although there will be no more bowling for some 6 months, the Club is still active throughout the winter with social functions including, Prize Giving dinner, Christmas dinner, New Year's Eve party, Quiz night and Valentine's Day supper. Also the club is open every Thursday for a social evening, and anyone interested in our club is more than welcome.

Want to know more?

Contact David Maycock on 01379 890275 or email davidmaycock@btinternet.com.

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Margaret Brown

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As we have now lost two of our three outlets we will be selling our twelve current books at the Rickinghall Farmer's Market in October and November. If this proves successful we may be able to have a stall at future farmers' market.

BARWOODS



By the time you read this, Low Meadow and Northfield Wood will be looking much tidier. Currently we are waiting for Peter Frizzell to cut Low Meadow and Patrick Robinson is in the middle of brush-cutting Northfield Wood with help from others to tackle the worst weeds. The new bench is now in place by the memorial trees in Northfield Wood, somewhere for people to sit and reminisce.

There has been plenty of fruit in Miller's Orchard. I hope people have been making jams and jellies with it.

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Exploring the Past

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Post Office – Part one

The last remaining post office in our three villages closed at the end of August. It had moved to a new home in The Paper Shop two and a half years ago when Iain Smith retired and was taken over by Sue and Mick. Unfortunately, despite trying to sell the business, they were forced to close the shop and post office due to Sue's ill health. I know what it is like to close down a shop and post office as Frank was the sub-postmaster of Redgrave post office from 1968 until 1989.

The first post office in our villages was in Botesdale, in existence by 1830 according to Pigot's directory, and run by Benjamin Taylor and was also used by Redgrave and Rickinghall inhabitants. At this time the mail came by coach and horses via Scole. Letters arrived at the post office at half past six in the morning and were despatched every evening at half past seven. In the Holt Wilson papers were many letters addressed to Redgrave Hall, Scole. This was before the 1d post had been introduced on 6th May 1840 and at this time the recipient paid for the carriage instead of the sender. The introduction of the 1d black stamp changed all this.

In Whites Directory of 1844 it is recorded that the post office is at Benjamin Taylor's in Botesdale. He is also a bookseller, stationer, bank agent, stamp seller and agent to Norwich Union Fire Office. He lived at Bank House which is the house opposite Mill Lane so this was probably where the post office was.

Whites Directory of 1855 recorded that the post came to Redgrave from Botesdale via Scole. At this time Amos Burrows was a tailor and postmaster, and lived in the house known later as Charity Cottage in Redgrave. When this house was restored in the 1970s the old post box was removed from the wall and is now in Redgrave Church. In 1869 the Suffolk Post Office published its own trade directory and said that Amos Burrows was the receiver for Redgrave and the post was still coming via Scole at this time.

Wm. Berridge bought the old Redgrave shop in 1877 and by 1891 he is recorded as grocer, draper and postmaster. This shop was next door to the previous post office.



The photograph shows the shop in 1890 with a sign saying Redgrave Post office over the door. Wm Berridge is recorded as postmaster in 1911 but by 1916 his daughter Louisa is recorded as sub-postmistress. Louisa was named as postmistress in Kelly's

directory of 1925 but by 1933 there is no named postmaster or postmistress in the directory. John Morley can remember Miss Berridge as post mistress when he walked to school aged 4 around 1930. Charles Fisher had the shop in 1911 and was recorded as grocer in the 1912 directory, but not post master. He purchased Waveney Stores also in 1918. At one time he closed Redgrave Stores to avoid competition with the Waveney Stores shop. This may have been when the house adjoining Redgrave Stores was used as the post office as that was called The Old Post Office.

At a later date the post office moved to a bungalow next to the Red House with a crinkle-crankle garden wall and Miss Abbs and Miss Green ran this post office. Mr. C.M. Campling was a later postmaster. When we moved to Redgrave in 1966 the post office was situated in this bungalow and Mr. Rodney Rich was the sub-postmaster. He employed a lady from Blo-Norton to run the post office as he was still working in the Cameroons.

After we had the shop for a year Rodney Rich asked us if we would like to run the post office at Waveney Stores for him as he wanted to turn his property back into a private house, which we accepted. The following year we purchased the post office business from him for £1,000 on loan, paying him back £10 per month. The bungalow became a private house again and when sold was re-named the Kyles and has since been demolished to build a new house, At this time the sub-postmaster was paid on a points system calculated on previous years business, and Frank's salary was £10 per week. The biggest earners for points was the payment of pensions and family allowances and selling National Insurance stamps. Employers would come and purchase stamps for themselves and their employees. The largest employers at that time were Button's duck factory, Aves Builders and John Sharp from Hall Farm. After a few years national insurance was taken directly from employees' wages so this business was lost. Pensioners were gradually persuaded to have their pensions paid into bank accounts so this also reduced the income. Before this, Mondays and Thursdays were very busy days in the post office as these were the days when the pensions were paid out on a weekly basis. The other business of the post office was selling postage stamps, TV, dog and gun licences, and the Post Office Savings Bank.

Telegrams were phoned through to us and we had to write them out and deliver them. Telephones were beginning to replace telegrams, and fortunately I only had to deliver one sad telegram. The busiest day for telegrams was the day Professor Werner's daughter was married from Tudor Limes and so many telegrams came that no sooner had I delivered one than the next one was coming through. I still have the little black leather telegram purse which was used to carry telegrams before we had the post office.

Soon after we bought the Post Office business Girobank replaced the Post Office Savings Bank in 1968 and Frank had to go on a training course as this was a completely new way of saving in the post office. Girobank was purchased in 1990 by Alliance and Leicester which in turn has been taken over by Santander bank.

Decimal currency was another major change we had to deal with in 1971. Some of our elderly customers were so confused by this that they would just tip the money out of their purses for us to take what was needed!

(to be continued).

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Churchwardens' accounts (part 2)

In last month's article I wondered why two men were paid 11s for lodging in Rickinghall Inferior churchyard in 1742. As I said some of the writing is difficult to decipher and I now think it was not 'lodging' in the churchyard but 'hedging' in the churchyard which makes much more sense! The year before, in 1741, the same men were paid for ditching in the churchyard and a Mrs Kerry was paid for 500 hedge stakes and 2 loads of bushes so presumably a new hedge had been put in which needed hedging the following year.

As well as being responsible for repairing the church and looking after the churchyard the churchwardens were also responsible for the town house and town land belonging to the parish. These houses had often been former medieval guild halls which at this time were either rented out or were used to house poor parishioners. The town house in Rickinghall Superior appears to have been on the other side of the road from the church, a building was drawn at this point on the 1819 Enclosure Map. However we do not know where the Rickinghall Inferior town house was situated.

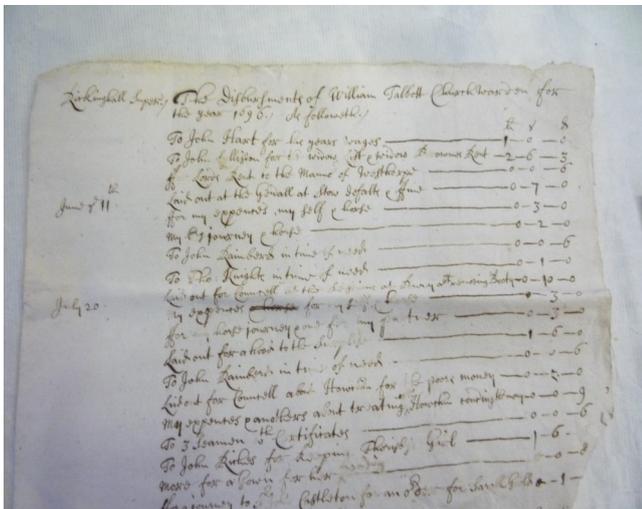
The churchwardens were also responsible for repairing the gates to the various commons, for instance Allwood Green and Mickewood Green. At this time these commons had gates to prevent the livestock grazing upon them from straying.

There are frequent references to repairing the gates and fences at these places. In 1694 Jacob Bennet was paid 2s 'for mending Summerlanegate' and 1s was paid for 'irons at Micaelwoodgreen gate'. In 1738 a total of 6s 8d was paid 'for Gate Irons to Allow Green Gate for a Post, Spare, Raile & Work to the Same Gate'. In 1722 Robert Parker, a carpenter, presented his bill to the churchwardens of Rickinghall Superior:

Mar 24th 1721/2 Robt Parker Bill for worke done for the Towne of Rickinghall Sup

a new gate att arlwood green	00 05 00
one post	00 01 06
a new gate att Micklewood green	00 03 06
carriage to the places	00 02 00
a days work of self & boy	00 02 00
for a raile & pales & work att the Town Close	00 05 00
	00 19 00

But by 1728 he needed to put in another new gate. He was paid 13s 8d for 'a new gate & post at allwood Green & at the Town house'.



Disbursements of William Talbot - Churchwarden for the year 1696

The churchwardens and overseers of the poor were also responsible for looking after the poor and anyone in need. In 1695 6d was given to 'Wido Lyst in time of her Boys sickness'. In 1696 John Rainbird received 6d and Thomas Knights 1s 'in time of need' and in the same year three loads of wood worth £1 10s were delivered to eight people.

The overseers were responsible for collecting rates from landowners to pay for the poor. They were charged with paying people to care for children left destitute. In 1696 6s was given to John Riches for keeping 'Thornsby's girl' with 8d to pay for a gown for her. In 1719 John Mulinger was paid 3s a week to care for the three Lillystone children. It seems one child died as in 1720 the following entry appears –

Nov 29th 1720 agreed with John Mulinger of Gislingham to provide for Susan Lillystone & John Lillystone Children of Henry Lillystone for one year & till Michaelmass next which will be the year of our Lord 1722 with suitable provision & cloaths & wee are to give him for the same two shills & sixpence a week
Witness our hands Mich. Barnes Henry Elmy Churchwardens John Hunt overseer

The churchwardens administered wills with bequests for the poor. People often left money in their wills to be given to the poor. In 1741 an entry for Rickinghall Inferior reads - 'Gave the Poor ten Shillings worth of Bread according to Mr John Browns Will'.

In Redgrave in the 19th century money from the Mary Foster Charity went to pay for poor children to be educated. This money came from the rent of land in Barningham. In 1814 and 1816 Mrs Mitchell was paid for the schooling of between 4 and 7 children. Later this money was given to the National School for teaching children to read.

Sparrows were treated as pests and vermin in the past. In many churchwardens' accounts people were paid for catching them. For instance in 1703 John Talbot bill's read -

A Bill Catching sparrows in upper Rickinghall 1703

For 23 dozen at 3d the dozen 00 05 09

Jno Talbot

Aprill the 17th 1704 this bill was paid by Henry Elmy

In 1742 Thomas Brown was paid 5s for catching 20 dozen sparrows and John Amys and George Elmy were paid 3s 4d for 13 dozen sparrows.

Outside events occasionally make their way into the accounts. At time of war soldiers and sailors travelling through the villages with certificates would be given money to help them on their way. In 1692 Henry Elmy churchwarden for Rickinghall Superior gave 1s to '2 men with an order that lost 2 ships taken by the French'. He gave 3d to 'a souldger that came out of Ireland'. This was during the nine years war 1688-97.

In my last Parish Magazine article I wrote about the bells being rung for 5th November 'Gunpowder Treason'. Although this isn't mentioned again in the Rickinghall accounts the custom appears to have carried on in Redgrave until the early 19th century. On 5th November 1813 12/- was paid for 'beer at the Cross Keys for the ringers'. In on 5th November 1814 they were paid for beer at the Fox Inn.

Taken from Churchwardens' Accounts SROI FB121/E/1-38, FB122/E/2/1, FB132/E/1/1-23 & Overseers' Accounts FB121/G1

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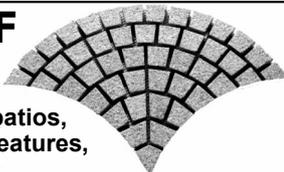
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"No one knows." Three words which I have heard quite often. They are there to demolish any reasons I might give to support my faith in Jesus Christ. Only three words but they say quite a lot.

They often mean, "I don't know so you don't know," an assumption with no basis whatsoever. There are many things that others know that I don't and, I presume, things that I know that you don't.

I would reply, "I do know," and will explain why. Let me take the example of a schoolgirl about to do her exams. She is a believer and prays, "Please, God, help me remember what I've learnt and be able to use my mind to apply it." Is she being reasonable in praying like this?

Atheists will say, "No because there is no God." That demonstrates that there are a lot of people that won't say, "Nobody knows." Their statement makes it clear that they think they know however it's hope rather than knowledge.

There are just as many people who would say that they don't know. They say that they neither take sides with the atheist nor the Christian. They are the ones that, in the words of Donald Rumsfeld, know they don't know. However, I observe from their lack of concern and inaction that they don't want to know. They appear to be convinced that there is no need to know. In other words they have clearly concluded that the great claims of Christianity, that there is a heaven and a hell and God that we have to deal with are worthless. They'll risk knowing that it is unimportant.

The young lady doing her exams is, in fact being totally consistent with Christianity in that she believes that there is a God and that he can influence our minds, in her case, enabling her to remember what she has learnt and reason from it. That God can speak into our minds is a Christian belief.

Jesus said that when his Spirit comes he will convince or convict people of the wrong that they have done and guide us into the truth and comfort us. All these require God to be able to influence our thinking. That means that I can know. It also means that those who do not hear God don't know and that is why they presume that others can't know. We both have an attitude that we can claim stands up to reason but can never meet.

Why am I a Christian? Firstly because I have the God in me and can experience that. Secondly I look at the Bible and see the way that God has similarly inspired the writers such that 66 different books written over many hundreds of years knit together to form a whole. I can see the supernatural accuracy of prophesy and the way the Bible and science agree.

"In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth" Yet it has taken scientists until well into the twentieth century to establish that there was a creation event.

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As the summer and the sun have come and gone so have our migrant birds. The most visual and noisy were probably the Swifts. I usually state their departure will be early August, about the 6th. This year most had gone before the end of July. Did you notice their figure of eight races ceased a little earlier and in their place, in the sky, House Martins were there, silent and feasting on what the Swifts had dismissed. I don't think Martins and Swifts hunted these insects together. I noticed once a Swift actually chasing a Martin. Perhaps they have always chased them off 'their territory' and when the Swifts depart, the Martins have the skies to themselves.

About two weeks after the Swifts had disappeared, I saw a lone Swift—but was it a Swift? It was larger than a Swift but appeared to have the same fast straight flight and then the sudden turns, (defying gravitational forces) of the Swift. It was a small raptor, a Hobby. Hobbies will have bred on local areas of water, in our case Redgrave Fen.

A question I am often asked, and sometimes brought to me, is a sick young bird mistakenly fallen from its nest (or being chucked out) too early. I always advise phoning the BTO or RSPB. The answer is often that 'nature will not usually let it survive, put it gently in a quiet shady area'. Not an instinctive thing to do. Some of you have raised fledglings on insects and worms, and they have survived. Well done. But it does need patience and devotion.

The other day a young House Martin, fully grown, was discovered as described. It was taken to the outskirts of our village where there were nesting House Martins. Suddenly it awoke to its noisy adult relatives and chirped back excitedly to them. It then flew off to neighbouring bushes, where, hopefully, it was fed and comforted by its relatives. A somewhat rare and, hopefully, happy conclusion!

At the Chapel House, Botesdale, we had Swifts nesting under the rafters. Such was the exposure of the eaves it was the perfect nesting site. Sometimes young birds on their first flight, or a sick adult, would start its flight—a low dipping one to gain momentum—but collide with the lawn. If you got to it before a cat, you found the bird unharmed and a throw in the air would send it happily on its way.

You may have heard of a local charity, The Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. This has provided many owl boxes locally as part of the Waveney Owl Project. One of these boxes is just off Fen Lane, Botesdale in a glade of poplars. These boxes are visited routinely and recently this box contained two baby owls, one large and one small. Followers of BBC Springwatch will have been informed that not all hatched baby birds survive. If one appears sick it may be removed from the nest, thereby giving the remaining chick(s) a better supply of food from the adult birds. Nature can be cruel but it is evidence of survival of the fittest.

I observed at the beginning of August on the internet the presence of an adult Western Purple Swamp Hen at Minsmere RSPB Reserve. The photograph showed a beautiful bird, twice the size and similar to our Moorhen, with a noticeable bright red beak and red legs. It is one of the species Gallinule and usually known as a Purple Gallinule, not nearly so fanciful as its full name. A few of these birds reside in south Spain and Portugal coastal regions. They frequent the Nile, Syria and the Caspian Sea in much larger numbers. It is not migratory. After a week it disappeared. Was it an escapee? An exciting mystery. You may have seen photographs of rows of 'twitchers' plus binoculars and telescopes in the local press. I was not one of them. For most of them this bird would have been a 'mega tick' or a 'lifer'.



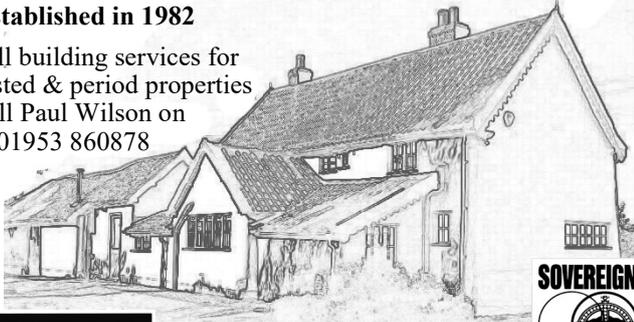
*Minsmere Western Purple
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To end, I have been told of the sighting of four Kingfishers together on a pond in Botesdale! To me this sounds even more exciting and it is local!

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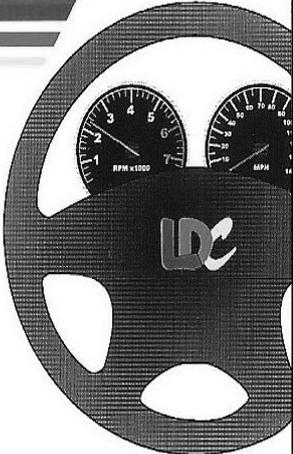
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* There's a feeling in October as evenings shorten that we are running out of time for winter preparations. If the fences and sheds need a protective coat then make use of a dry day to do this. Climbing plants are generally past their best and can be pulled or cut away to allow access to fences and walls for treatments. *

* Thinking ahead to spring, bulbs such as Crocus, Hyacinths, Daffodils and Tulips can all be planted now. Use a trowel and plant at about 2-3 times the height of the bulb, so remember small bulbs will be much shallower than larger ones. For pots and tubs, use fresh compost, either a multi-purpose grade or a specific bulb compost. *

* Climbing Roses can be pruned now and herbaceous plants can be safely divided. The word herbaceous in a gardening sense refers to those perennial plants which die down to the ground in the autumn. Admittedly dead shoots can remain for some time before they weather away, but the gardener can safely cut and remove these. By this definition, Rhubarb is also herbaceous and this too can be divided now. *

* The more tender plants which did so well in the summer, such as Fuchsias, Geraniums and Begonias are not hardy enough to survive the winter outdoors, but they are all perennial and with proper treatment will perform the same again next year. This means bringing them under complete protection from frost, allowing the compost to dry a bit and cutting them back. Begonias will die back to the 'corm' but Fuchsias and Geraniums can retain some shoots. One method of protection for the softer growth of Geraniums is to tease the roots away from the compost and put them into dry sand, or even wrap them in old newspaper. *

* Happy Gardening! *

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Hooting Hallowe'en Owls



Ingredients

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- 200g self-raising flour, minus 1 rounded tbsp
- 1 rounded tbsp cocoa powder
- 6 medium eggs

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- 200g butter, softened
- 280g icing sugar, sifted
- 1 tube orange ready-to-use icing
- 1 small bag Maltesers
- 1 tube choco M&Ms minis (use just the brown sweets) or Cadbury's mini buttons
- 1 tub jelly diamonds (just the orange ones)



Method

1. Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with brown muffin cases. Beat the first 5 ingredients to a smooth batter and spoon between the cases, almost filling them to the top. You may have a little left over. Bake for 20-25 mins until risen and spongy. Cool on a rack.
2. Beat the butter and icing sugar until smooth. Slice off the very tops of the cakes and cut each piece in half. Spread a generous layer of icing over each cake.
3. Working on one cake at a time, squirt a pea-sized blob of orange icing onto two Maltesers and use to fix a brown M&M on each. Sit the eyes, two pieces of cake top (curved edge up) and a jelly diamond on the icing to make an owl.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, October 2004



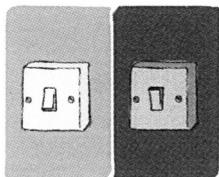
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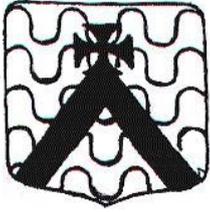
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School news

Wow! What an amazing summer! It's great to be back at school and even better than the sun shine stayed with us so that the children could get out and about and enjoy the fresh air.

The autumn term is up and running and our new children have arrived looking smart and keen. It's great to welcome them to St Botolph's and to consider how they will grow and learn as they progress through the school. It always makes me reflect on the journey that our old Year 6 have successfully navigated; they have all moved on to Hartismere where I'm sure they will flourish and grow into fine young adults. This year is the first time we have received a full class of reception children at St Botolph's and along with several other new admissions our school has now grown. We now have 181 children on roll.

At the time of writing we are preparing for Harvest. This year the children will be working together to produce a display for our church. This will be led by the children and staff so that they can consider and reflect on what Harvest means and why we give thanks. I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes which I'm sure will be wonderful. Reverend Norburn will also be coming into school to lead our Harvest assembly. One of the children's favourite harvest songs is called "Conkers." I've included the lyrics below, just in case you're in the mood to sing!

We have also welcomed two new teachers to our school. Mrs Eardley and Mrs Brewer who are working together on a job share basis to teach our Rabbits class while Mrs Fitch is on maternity leave.

We have much to look forward to during this first half term and in the lead up to Christmas and we are looking forward to the rewards and challenges that working in education involves.

As a school we will continue to work closely with our local primaries and Hartimere so that we can share ideas and prepare our older children for the move to high school.

Let's hope for another good year at St Bot's.

M. Cobbold
Head teacher.

Diary Dates for October

- Tue 11th Parents' Evening 3.40-5.30pm
- Wed 12th Flu Vaccinations for Rabbits, Foxes & Lions
Open afternoon for 2017 Sept Intake
- Thur 13th Panthers' Class Assembly 9.05am
Parents' Evening 4.00-7.30pm
- Thur 20th Tigers' Class Assembly 9.05am
- Fri 21st Disco
- 24-28th Half Term
- Mon 31st Leopards' Class to Aylmerton Field Centre, Residential Visit

Conkers

CHORUS

Conker's! I'm collecting conkers,
I'm trying hard to find the biggest
and the best.

Conker's! Lots of lovely conkers,
I want a conker that is bigger than the rest.



Under the chestnut tree,
There waits for me,
A sight so marv'ulous to behold
It gleams at me,
A conker, beautiful and bold.

CHORUS

Under the chestnut tree,
Where no-ones been,
The spiky shells lie on the ground.
Beneath their armour green
There hides unseen,
A conker, smooth and shiny brown.

Under the chestnut tree,
I stretch to see,
A final conker to be mine.
If I can only reach
To pull it free,
I'll add it to my ninety-nine! (one hundred!)

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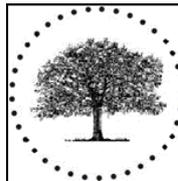


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OFSTED: We were thrilled to receive a fantastic OFSTED report in December 2014 and were very proud to have received particular praise for providing an "extremely calm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere". A copy of the full report is available on request.

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This term at pre-school
 This term we will be looking at mini beasts, autumn and different celebrations, including Diwali, Fireworks and Christmas. The children will have an opportunity to take part in, a witches and wizards day in wood and a Christmas party.

The children will have a range of learning opportunities, including to:

- Create constructions, collages, paintings and drawings
- Explore...shape, form and space in two or three dimensions.
- Show an awareness of change.
- Find out about, and identify, some features of living things, objects and events they observe.
- Show care and concern for others, for living things and the environment.

We will also be making vegetable people for the harvest Celebrations in Botesdale Village hall at the beginning of October.

Diary date: Tempest photography will be in pre-school on 20th October from 8am.

Rainy day fun

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Oct 16 th	2 Timothy 3 : v14 to 4 : v5	Luke 18 : 1 to 8
Oct 23 rd	2 Timothy 4 : 6 to 8 & 16 to 18	Luke 18 : 9 to 14
Oct 30 th	Ephesians 1 : 11 to end	Luke 6 : 20 to 31

ROTAS	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickingham	
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Oct 9 th	Mrs C Hilliard	Mr L McGrath			Mr & Mrs Miles	Mrs C Davidson
Oct 16 th			Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	Mrs S. White	Mrs J. Whitehead
Oct 23 rd			Mrs J Wilson	Mr K Wilson	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector
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8:15 All Saints, Redgrave
BCP Communion



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

23rd Oct '16 Bible Sunday

8:15 St Mary's, Rickinghall
BCP Communion

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave
CW Communion



10.30 Messy Church
Botesdale Village Hall
*A time for families to share
together in fun and fellowship,
with crafts, songs, games and Bible stories.
Refreshments are served*

30th Oct '16 All Saints' Day

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave
BCP Communion

10:30 Methodist Church, Botesdale
United Service

6th Nov '16 3rd Sunday before Advent

8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale
BCP Communion

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave
All Saints Altogether

3pm St Mary's Rickinghall
All Souls Service of Remembrance

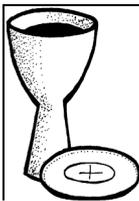
Also this month:



Tue. 4th October 10—12noon
"Open House" at All Saints
For coffee, cakes and chat



Sun. 6th November, 3pm
Service of Remembrance in memory of
loved ones. St Mary's, Rickinghall
Followed by refreshments



Wed. 5th October 10.00am
Albert Close Holy Communion
Thur. 20th October 9.45am
Farnish House Holy Communion
*These services are open to everyone,
and follow the order of Book of
Common Prayer*



Thurs. 6th October 7.15pm
St Mary's, Rickinghall
Tues. 18th October 7.15pm
All Saints, Redgrave
*A time of prayer for the work and
ministry of the church in the community*



**"Together in these villages we offer Christ's healing grace through our worship and service."
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