

# PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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Produced by the Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls, for the local community.

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**Rev**

The period of time from Easter to Pentecost Sunday (June 4th) is very much a time of waiting. The risen Lord appeared to his disciples and followers on many occasions, and finally ascended on Ascension Day (May 25th) to heaven to sit at the right hand of his Father. Before he Ascended he told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they had been clothed with power from on high. So they waited.

But going back to Easter Sunday, when this time of waiting started, Christians throughout the whole world celebrated a most extraordinary event – death. And death is the most final thing that we know as human beings. But it has been the basis for the greatest regeneration story of all times. Jesus, a man from Nazareth, handed over to the Roman authorities for execution and a cursed death, was raised to a kind of life never experienced before. He had a body, the scars were still visible, and he talked, listened and ate. Yet space and time no longer bind him.

When we look at the resurrection stories we see that they are about people who are confused and emotionally drained. The events of the week leading up to Jesus' death left them exhausted, and in their exhaustion they were unable to see and recognise what was happening. They were wondering and agonising over what has happened and were not immediately able to make sense of anything. And that is so human and so reassuring for us to read.

I'm sure that most of us can share this experience: that it can take years of living before we eventually grasp something of God's involvement in our journey or our pain. So often the evidence of his real, loving presence is staring us in the face, and yet we assume any number of other factors are responsible for what we see or are experiencing. At times we are so like Mary, one of Jesus' followers who discovered the empty tomb, who assumed Jesus was the gardener!

Perhaps a question we could ask is 'why wasn't Jesus sitting by the tomb waiting for his disciples and followers?' 'Why did he allow them to see the empty tomb?' There are no easy answers to this. But we do know from the Gospels that one disciple, who commentators assume to be St John, saw the empty tomb and believed that Jesus had risen from the dead. What a moment! He left with his fellow disciple, Peter, to spread the good news to the others leaving the original witness, Mary, in the garden to ponder the meaning of the mystery confronting them all.

And I also think that the resurrection stories of Jesus

Christ show how Jesus treats us: with great gentleness and courtesy. In his gentleness he brings us his peace. It appears, though, that he holds back on revealing the full power and vibrancy of his new life. And he does this so that we can be led at our own pace as we come to terms with this astounding truth – that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, thus conquering both the power of death and sin in one action.

As with the disciples he lets us see only what we are capable of understanding, for he loves us and has no desire to scare and overwhelm us. He knows that will not be helpful to us; it will not bring glory to his name. So in holding back Jesus wants us to seek him as our own personal Lord and Saviour, to do this for ourselves, not to seek him for someone else, because it is through our own journey with the risen Lord that he becomes real and personal to us. And if it is personal it will affect the whole of our lives by a renewal of our heart, mind, body soul and spirit.

But out of his grace, given so peacefully, Jesus will only act in our lives to the depth that we allow him to go. He does not force himself upon us. He did not force himself on Mary, she thought she was talking to the gardener. However, the deeper we go with Jesus the deeper we will also know God and so gain a greater understanding of the joy of the resurrection, and so the joy of our salvation will continue to grow.

Without Easter Sunday, when death is celebrated, faith would only be founded on a hopeful dream. If it were not for the Resurrection, the life and ministry of Jesus would remain a simple historical fact and a good and inspiring story rather than the source of life that it truly is.

As we wait on Jesus in our own lives may we share his risen life, because Jesus is risen, alleluia!

*Chris Norburn.*

**From the Registers**

14th February : Funeral and burial in the Churchyard St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior, of Elizabeth Jean Young ,  
Died 29th January 2017 age 89

## PARISH MAGAZINE—MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Happy Easter everyone! As with last month, our message has to be given over to the following announcement and request for support from the magazine team. Please do get in touch.

### YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

One of the Parish Magazine volunteers has decided to step down from the team, which leaves us with an important vacancy that we need to fill. We are looking for volunteers who could give 6-8 hours per month to help produce the magazine (10 issues per year). It is a great way to play a vital role in ensuring that our much loved parish magazine continues to be produced; and in supporting and getting to know the network of groups and organisations that make our community a great place to live.

To find out more, or express an interest, please contact Tim Shorten on either [editor@rbrparishmag.com](mailto:editor@rbrparishmag.com) or on 01379 898011.

To contact the team that produce the magazine, please use 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:**

- May issue: 10 April (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 21 April (Fri)
- June issue: 8 May (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 19 May (Fri)
- July issue: 5 June (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 16 June (Fri)

We accept items for submission in any of the following formats: MS Word, e-mail, .jpg, .bmp, .pub. Notices from voluntary organisations within the Benefice are printed free of charge. We try to help similar organisations from outside the Benefice wishing to place a notice in our magazine; this is subject to space being available and we also make a small charge.

Best wishes,  
The Parish Magazine Volunteers



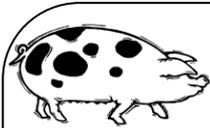
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All Saints Redgrave  
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by Peter Creswell



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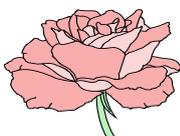
### Redgrave Ladies Club

**TUESDAY 11th April**

A talk by  
 GLYNIS SMY

Author of "Maggie's child "  
 Set in Redgrave

Meet 7:30pm at Redgrave Activities Centre  
 Contact Kay 897324 or Jacqui 890946



### BOTESDALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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The Annual General Meeting of Botesdale Village Hall will be held on **Monday 24th April 2017** at 7.30 pm in Botesdale Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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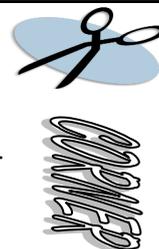
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**Saturday 8 April 9—12.30**

### CRAFTY

Thursday 20th April 7.30 pm  
 Parkview Chapel

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 : Email : [Kevin@parkviewchapel.co.uk](mailto:Kevin@parkviewchapel.co.uk) or  
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Thursday 27th April 7:30pm

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Enquiries/ Information 01379 890548  
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[redgravegardenclub.org.uk](http://redgravegardenclub.org.uk)



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Wednesday 26th April at 7.30 pm

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# April Events



## REDGRAVE & LOPHAM FEN

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Book online at [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org)

### Guided fen walk

Saturday 1 April 10.30am-1pm

£4 adult, £2 child

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### Weave a willow birdfeeder

Saturday 1 April, 2pm-5pm

£25, inc materials, booking essential

### Children's activity: Natural navigators

Tuesday 4 April, 10am-2pm

For unaccompanied 6-10 year olds

£7 per child, booking essential

### Wildlife Watch Group

Saturday 8 April, 10.30am-12.30pm

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Contact [marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com)

or call 01379 688333

### Family activity: Easter fun at the Fen

Thursday 13 April, 2pm-4pm

Wildlife activities, games and crafts

£4 children, £2 adults, booking essential

### The working horse in Norfolk

Tuesday 25 April, 7.30pm

Evening talk with Valley Fens Wildlife Group

£2 per person (includes refreshments)

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Friday 28 April, 10am-2pm

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## REDGRAVE & LOPHAM FEN

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Thursday 13th April

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# Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



## MARCH REPORT – Leeann Jackson-Eve

The majority of councillors were present, with apologies from Mike Bishop, and District Cllr Derek Osborne.

**Public Forum:** District Cllr Osborne reported that the Council Tax increase would be only 1.64%, which added 5p per week to a Band D property. The meeting was well-attended by residents who spoke at length about the planning application at the corner of Back Hills and the B1113, with some support for a little development in Botesdale but reservations about the application before the PC.

**Planning:** There were three applications: the first for 40 houses at Land at Back Hills was discussed in light of comments from the public forum. The PC did not object to any development on this site. However, it was noted that all detailed matters were reserved (meaning that the mix, style, layout of houses on site as well as other details would be decided later) except for the access, which would be fixed with approval of this application. The PC felt that the access needed more thought, including further consideration of speed and visibility at that location and how the risk of additional vehicle movements could be reduced. It was suggested that a previous design for the site, which had the access off Back Hills and included widening of Back Hills and new parking, could be inspiration for an improved design. The PC objected to the application on this basis. The second application was for two new agricultural buildings, a machinery storage building and one dwelling at Land at Common Road. It was noted that the facilities would bring together a number of breeding centres and there was no objection to the application. The final application was for a distillery building at the Greyhound Inn. This was identical to a previous application which was now out of date and it was again supported by the PC.

**Police Incidents:** Peter Beck, the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, reported that he was no longer receiving information from the police about local incidents and had to rely on residents reporting to him. He had written to the Police Commissioner, Tim Passmore, to express his dissatisfaction. He asks that anyone who has an incident to report please notify the Neighbourhood Watch too (details in the parish magazine).

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Two meetings of the Steering Group had been held in February and a further meeting is scheduled for the end of March along with a larger Forum meeting. The PC gave formal approval for the drafting of the Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan and formal consent to Rickinghall PC taking the position of lead parish council as required by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 when a neighbourhood plan covers more than one administrative area. The PC has also agreed to commit funding of up to £1,500 to the production of the NP to be administered by Rickinghall PC alongside any grant funding secured. The Clerk has taken on an administrative role for the Steering Group and will submit the application for the designated area of the NP (to include both parishes with their existing

boundaries) to the District Council.

**Correspondence:** Councillors received an invitation to the Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm on Monday, 24 April. The management committee still needs new members so please attend to find out how you can help! There was also some information from Citizens Advice Bureau about the Surviving Winter project which helps vulnerable older individuals with winter fuel costs. For further information call 01473 219770 or email [SurvivingWinter@ipswichcab.org.uk](mailto:SurvivingWinter@ipswichcab.org.uk).

**Traffic Restriction Order:** We finally received the quote for the double-yellow lines at the Co-op and Garden House Lane, Rickinghall and The Drift, Botesdale. It is for of £6,284.73 and the cost will be shared by both PCs (Botesdale has one of the three sites so will pay £2,094.91). This has been agreed and the next step will be for Suffolk County Council to do the work specification drawings and carry out a legal consultation.

**Play Area:** We'll be receiving the three new springies in April and the play area will be refurbished sometime in the next two months.

**Market Place:** The PC agreed a request from the Friends of St Botolphs to hold a plant sale on Saturday, 22 April from 10am-12pm at the Market Place. There will be bedding plants and perennials for sale along with a cake stall. Any proceeds will go towards St Botolphs School. The Market Place will also be used as part of the annual garage sale trail, to be held on Saturday, 13 May from 9 am-12pm. This will include a cake sale and provision of tea/coffee/cakes, together with a small number of stalls.

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# Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

## Redgrave March Report – by the Clerk

Councillors Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Richard Hilton, Matthew Millard, Ann Preston, Neil Smith and David Snashfold were present in addition to the Clerk, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne, and 26 members of the public.

**Public Forum:** Paul Sutton from Strutt and Parker was at the meeting to speak about the proposed development in Hall Lane, following up on the scheme presented at the PC meeting in October 2016. The main changes are to the layout and mix of the houses which now number 20 rather than 25, with seven affordable homes (housing association/shared equity) and 13 market homes. This would include three 2-bed, twelve 3-bed, three 4-bed and two 5-bed homes. A wooded area has been placed at the south-east corner to soften the entrance into the village and a historic hedgerow on the southern boundary would be reinstated. The site itself is smaller and the larger detached houses have been placed at the roadside to reflect the character of the area. A member of the public asked what had changed – why would they be allowed to build in the Conservation Area (CA) and outside the village envelope. Mr Sutton explained that building in a CA is not prohibited if the benefits (to MSDC to help secure their housing requirements for the district) outweigh the disbenefit to the character of the CA. A member of the public asked why there were no bungalows and Mr Sutton noted that as the plans are very low-density, there is no reason why they could not be accommodated and this would be considered. Others expressed concern about how sustainable the development would be. It was felt that the existing infrastructure, particularly the school, surgery and the sewage/water systems can't cope without some investment. Mr Sutton explained that there is a tariff of charges on any large development for improving infrastructure (Section 106) but it would also be the duty of the sewage/water company to provide an adequate service. Many of those present were alarmed by the effect of 80+ more cars accessing Hall Lane near a very sharp bend and it was questioned whether the visibility splay is sufficient. Mr Sutton replied that the access is deemed to be safe according to technical guidelines, with the standard 43m visibility splay for a 30mph zone. However, if a speed survey shows that speeds at that location are in excess of 30mph, the access would need to be considered further. The prevailing mood in the public forum was that the village had very little say in the matter. Mr Sutton said that ultimately the process is dictated by MSDC and it currently does not have enough sites to demonstrate the 5-year supply of housing required by government. The Parish Council has agreed to look into the possibility of carrying out a housing needs survey and/or producing a neighbourhood plan. There will be further revisions to the scheme and Mr Sutton's contact details will be added to the website. County Cllr Fleming reported that Bird Flu controls remain in place at the Bridge Farm Redgrave. A 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone are in place around the premises. Defra have published full details of the controls in place on their website and Suffolk Trading Standards are providing updates via Twitter and Facebook. District Cllr Osborne reported that the MSDC budget has been set and there will be a 5p per week increase to Council Tax for Band D properties.

**Planning:** The application 3845/16 at land adjacent to Green Farm for a new detached dwelling and garage has been permitted.

**Redgrave Shop:** The moratorium on the sale of the Shop has ended and the owner can now sell to anyone within the next 12-month period, after which the designation as an Asset of Community Value will continue and the process will begin again if a sale is proposed.

**Play Area:** A quote for £11,875.85 plus VAT has been received for new grass mat safety surfacing at the play area. The PC will pursue other quotes for comparison.

**Footpath Cutting:** Two quotes have been received for cutting footpaths in the parish and it was agreed to accept the quote for £480 from David Newcombe. A cut will be made mid-late May and another in September if needed.

**What should we do with this?** The Parish Council now owns the phone box and the phone equipment will be removed. Other communities have done some wonderful things with their phone box. What would you like to do? Let us know!



**Next Meeting:** 5 April 2017

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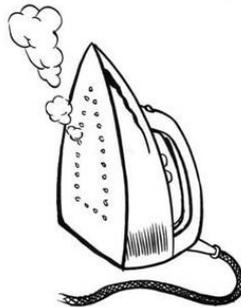
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# Rickinghall Parish Council



## March Report – Cllr Geoff Short

Our March meeting was lively and well attended, and we had apologies from Councillors Crossley – Holland and Ebert.

The public session commenced with Derek Osborne (MSDC) advising us that the Council Tax increase would be only 1.64%, which added 5p per week to a Band D property. The move to Endeavour House in Ipswich would see the Council opening a local office in Stowmarket, where members of the public could enquire face to face with a member of staff. He also advised there is a possibility of a local postmaster offering an Outreach Service to serve Rickinghall and Botesdale – this is being actively pursued, and I will keep you informed of developments. Peter Beck – Neighbourhood Watch – advised that information on crimes in the area is not being easily obtained, as contact from the police to the local communities has declined. He spoke of recent deposits of rubbish by the Snape Hill bottle bank, and a recent break-in at The Bell.

Four members of the public spoke against planning applications that were to follow. Two related to the development of Chenderit in Garden House Lane, where a developer wished to replace a bungalow with two pairs of semi detached houses. Both thought this to be overdevelopment, and we were advised of considerable difficulties for lorries delivering to the top end of the lane, often resulting in them having to reverse all the way down again. On another occasion, a lorry was jammed between parked cars. Another resident objected to a proposed outbuilding at a neighbour's property in a Special Landscape and Conservation area, and the fourth resident advised us that they had received a letter from MSDC with a revised plan for the proposed development off Garden House Lane behind Ryders Way. This had not been advised to the Parish Council, and we will look into this further. It is evident the revised layout has less properties backing on to Ryders Way, and as the original planning application has yet to be determined we assume this large amendment is part of the negotiations.

The council then debated the Planning Applications for consideration, as follows; Chenderit, Garden House Lane, erection of two pairs of semi detached houses, Object. Stone Cottage, The Street, Conversion of garage and erection of outbuilding – whilst we had no issues with the garage conversion, we had issues with the outbuilding – Object. Beaumont Cottage, The Street, erection of single storey rear extension, erection of double garage to rear and change of house colour – No objection, similarly to Listed Building Consent.

We advised the meeting that the recent application for a new house to be built next to Tudor House in Bury Road had been refused by MSDC.

You will have seen reports of the Neighbourhood Plan that is now being started by a group of Volunteers; this will cover Rickinghall Inferior, Rickinghall Superior and Botesdale, and will be worked on

alongside the two parish councils. A grant is available for professional assistance, and the council agreed to nine points to keep things legal and allow the funding request to be submitted in due course. Rickinghall will be the Lead Council, necessary when the Plan covers more than one parish. The Neighbourhood Plan is becoming more necessary with the possible development of our villages in the next few years, and many surrounding Parishes are now considering a similar move.

We agreed to the expenditure for the much anticipated Yellow Lines at the Co-op and the Garden House Lane entrance, and also for the Vehicle Activated Sign, which will be shared with Botesdale, and moved between three sites. We hope both these projects will be installed in the next few months. People always express surprise at the cost of yellow lines – and the time it takes to get them – but the paint is a small part of the procedure, and the legalities and 'design' are what costs the money. The costs were reduced by joining with Botesdale, in lumping their proposed lines near the surgery with our two projects; total cost for the three £6284.73.

As always, we encourage villagers to attend the monthly meetings, and have vacancies should you wish to join us.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.15pm ~ Thursday, 6th April 2017

Rickinghall Village Hall

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### MAY Meeting

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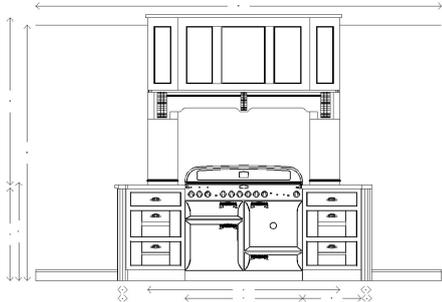
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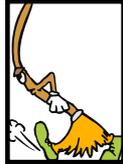
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Dwelling in the Word values listening deeply to God and to one another. So we read for spiritual formation by coming to the Word and patiently allowing the text to intrude into our lives, address us, in such a way that we encounter the wonderful God of Mystery and Love.

**Each session** will consist of listening to a passage of scripture, a copy of which you will be given, and in a period of silence (several minutes) you'll be encouraged to let the Spirit nudge you through the Word that is before you. As you reflect and reread the passage in the silence of your own heart you may find that a word, phrase or sentence, jumps out at you by the nudging of the Holy Spirit. There may be words that “stop you cold”, something may surprise you, even though you have read the passage many times before. We may also have a question for you to consider as we Dwell in the Word, such as “What is God doing in this text?”, or “How are we to be changed and transformed by this text in our personal and corporate life?”

After a period of silence, you will be asked to share for two-three minutes with one other person how the passage spoke to you. **This will be a listening exercise**, not a discussion. After you have both shared you will then be invited to form small groups and you will share what you heard from your partner. If time permits, we may than ask a few people to share what they heard to the whole group. Dwelling in the Word is both a practice of listening as well as speaking.

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*These sessions will start weekly from **Tuesday 7th March 2017** (the first Tuesday after Ash Wednesday) and run weekly until **Tuesday 4th April 2017** and will be held at **All Saints, Redgrave** starting at **7.30pm**. If you would like to join us please contact the Revd Chris Norburn on 01379 898685 to book a place.*

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# Village News

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In Botesdale Village Hall

ON

**MONDAY 24 APRIL 2017**

at 7.30pm

#### AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 18 APRIL 2016
3. TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE CHARIMAN'S REPORT
4. TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PRE-SCHOOL & B.A.S.C
6. TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIX VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS
7. TO ELECT THREE MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTING ORGANISATIONS

Co-opted members can be appointed at a duly constituted meeting of the Committee

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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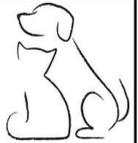
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**Fridays @ 10am Palgrave village hall**

# Club News



John Reeve, Marketing Manager of The Mid Suffolk Light Railway, or The Middy, as it is known, spoke to the February meeting of the Heritage Circle. He gave a brief history of the railway.

Construction began in 1902 with 19 miles of line from Haughley to Laxfield, connected with a short stretch to Kenton. The line was opened to goods traffic in 1904, but technical and financial difficulties prevented the line to Halesworth being completed. The Chairman and the railway went bankrupt, and the railway went into receivership. Despite this the railway operated successfully and opened for passengers in 1908, the first passenger being Lord Kitchener.

At the onset of WW1 the Middy came under Government control, and with the men gone to war, women became porters. Women again helped run the railway during WW2. Traffic increased with the USAF bases in the area, and the trucks were upgraded to take larger loads. After the war, lorries were beginning to take trade away from the railway, but two passenger trains a day ran each way.

In 1948 the railways were nationalised. School children were carried by train between Stowmarket and Laxfield until July 1952. The railway museum opened in 1990, on the site of the old Brockford Station goods yard, and is run by volunteers. Its aim is to educate people on how the railway served the community for many years. The track has been re-laid and items which were used on the railway are displayed, together with 4 wheel Victorian coaches, and the oldest horse box wagon. Permission has been granted for an extension to the track and grants received for the repair shed.

The museum has won many awards, and re-opens at Easter with vintage steam and other events throughout the summer. There is also a Santa Special in December.

Angela Bigley

## Coffee On



The Corner

The day dawned bright and sunny on a lovely Tuesday in the middle of half term week. We had set out our stalls as usual and we had a lovely crowd of people who came in to enjoy each other's company and the refreshments on offer.

Whilst we do not pretend to be the height of culinary delights at Parkview Chapel, the cake and scones on offer were delicious - I was on quality control duties!

If you have not come along to our COFFEE ON THE CORNER before, my question would be whether you realise what you are missing out on? We offer a warm and welcoming event, once every month on the second Tuesday and we really like to see all our regulars and new faces too. If you are new to the local villages and don't know many folks, then this could well be the place to come. We do not gossip, but we do like to know what is going on - there is a mixture of information and interest, both about people, local events and services that are available.

Also included in the event are three stalls - a bric-a-brac, jigsaw and book stall and the proceeds of all sales go to the charity that we are supporting that particular month, my Phoenix cards stall, selling greetings cards and lovely stationery and the Macmillan stall. We have a representative from the charity there every month and she is there to offer advice and information, either for you if you are struggling with Cancer, or indeed for anyone you know who might like some assistance.

During the February coffee shop the donations totalled an amazing £111.80, and this is to be sent to the "My Wish Charity", in particular their "Love your Nodes" campaign, which is raising money for a brilliant, but expensive SentiMag machine to assist in the treatment of Breast Cancer at the West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds. During the March Coffee Shop we shall be supporting SENSE, the charity that helps with those who are deaf/blind. Do come along to find out more. We are also planning a Coffee on the Corner Plus, in the next few months - do watch out for the advertising!

One thing I would also like to remind those of you who are keen jigsaw fans is the fact that Mrs Elizabeth Moss has now added her collection of jigsaws to that of Mrs Brenda Green at The Hollies. A small donation of 50p is asked per jigsaw and the money will go to the Health Centre. For more information please call Brenda Green on 01379 898577.

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



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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			<b>4.15 - 8.00 pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY</b>	<b>11.30 am - 1.30 pm</b>		<b>4.15 - 10.00 pm</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>			<b>4.15 - 8.00 pm</b>

### April Calendar

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 10:00am 10:00am 2-5pm	Guided walk Church open Church open Weave a willow bird feeder	Redgrave Lopham Fen Redgrave St Mary's Rick- inghall Inferior Redgrave Lopham Fen
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:15am	LOHP spring walk	Activities Centre
Monday	3 <sup>rd</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 Activi- ties Centre Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10-2 6:00pm 7:30pm	Open House Natural navigators Zumba Julie's Aerobics	All Saint's Redgrave Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Diss U&A Fitsteps Rickingham Parish Council	St Mary's Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes RAHOF – Who are You?	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Activities Centre
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am	Farmer's market Car Boot sale Church open	Rickingham Village Hall R Recreation Ground Rickingham Inferior
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10-3	Plant sale	Redgrave Lopham Fen
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Botesdale Parish Council Slimming World (5:30pm and 7:30pm)	Rickingham Village Hall Activi- ties Centre Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information & advice Zumba Julie's Aerobics Redgrave & District Ladies club	Park View Chapel Botesdale Health Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 12:30pm 2-4pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Easter fun at the Fen Fitsteps Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall

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Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps St Luke Passion Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave St Mary's Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Church open	Rickingham Inferior
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 11:00am 7:30pm	Zumba Windmill open Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Thelnetham Windmill Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	SUMMER TERM STARTS Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activi- ties Centre
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Crafty Corner	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Parkview chapel
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am 7:00pm	Church open Quiz night	Rickingham Inferior Park View Chapel
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>			
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Villagem Hall AGM Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-10:45 10:00am 12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Coffee down the lane Luncheon Club 898615 or 898619 Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics The working horse in Norfolk	Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen
Wednesday	26 <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	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Fitsteps Redgrave Garden club	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:00am 8:00pm	Head space Positive Steps Dance Classes	All Saints Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 10-3 10-4 8:00pm	Church open Basic hedgehog care Art exhibition R'hall Country Music club	Rickingham Inferior Redgrave Lopham Fen Hopton Methodist Chapel Rickingham Village Hall
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am 2:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activi- ties Centre Rickingham Village Hall

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# Club News

## Redgrave Garden Club

The speaker at the February meeting of Redgrave Garden Club was Dr Ian Bedford. He told of his childhood fascination with insects, which has led to him becoming Head of Entomology at the John Innes Institute in Norwich. His talk was entitled ' Bugs '. He told us that there are good and bad bugs, and depending on the type, have to be controlled or protected either biologically or physically or a combination of both. Fungi are being used as a natural protection for crops by being watered into the ground. Dr Bedford has travelled extensively throughout the world advising farmers on protecting such crops as casavas, rice, tomatoes, cucumbers and peas. He the told us about Spanish Slugs which have invaded his garden and occur in many other parts of the U.K., having been brought into the country on produce from abroad. They are very large, and will eat almost anything, totally destroying crops. He recommended the only way to deal with them was to gather them by hand and destroy in a bucket of soapy water. Dr Bedford concluded by saying that everyone who has a garden is responsible for preserving the environment.



Angela Bigley.

## BARWOODS

We have been busy planting snowdrops and aconites in our woodlands and have also done a risk assessment at Miller's Orchard. Miller's Orchard is looking lovely with the early blossom out already (5th March).



The closure of the permissive path beside Northfield Wood and along the bottom of the field towards Botesdale has been a disappointment as it made a popular walk that gave people an additional reason for passing through the wood.

There should soon be a new permanent notice for Low Meadow, similar to those in Northfield Wood. We are grateful to Tony Emerson for designing these and to Dissigns for making them.

Volunteers are welcome to join in our work parties, normally on the first Sunday of each month. Just get in touch to check and let us know.

Rosemary Jones, tel: 01379 890238, email: [rjones2000@btinternet.com](mailto:rjones2000@btinternet.com)

Thelnetham Windmill will be open on:  
Monday 17 April (Easter Monday)  
Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 May (National Mills Weekend)  
Monday 29 May (Bank Holiday)  
Sunday 23 July  
Monday 28 August (Bank Holiday)  
Sunday 10 September (Heritage Open Weekend)  
Sunday 8 October  
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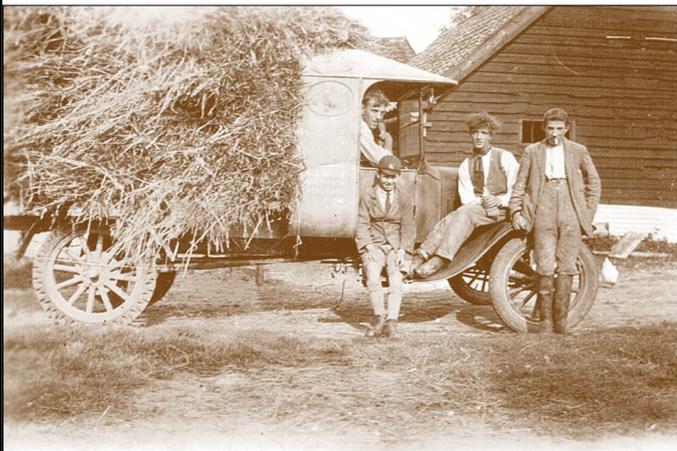
# Exploring the Past

Jean Sheehan, 01379 890237

## Three Generations of Family Farms in Fen Street, Redgrave

Redgrave was mentioned frequently in the media in March when Avian Flu at Gressingham Foods hit the headlines. In February it first came to Bridge Farm which is actually in Hinderclay across the stream on the western boundary of Redgrave. Unfortunately, 55,000 birds were culled at Gressingham Foods and 23,000 at Bridge Farm.

Redgrave has had many poultry farmers and dealers for over one hundred years. The late Arthur Flatman and his brother Christopher, farmers of Fen Street Farm, Redgrave, are the third generation of their families to own farms in Fen Street. Arthur James Musk, their maternal grandfather bred ducks and lived in Poultry Farm situated next to Bier Lane, which leads from Fen Street to Redgrave Church. He is described as a poultry farmer in Kelly's directory of 1912 right through to 1933. Arthur Musk employed 20 plus seasonal workers, including maids sent from Redgrave Hall, so that they could be taught how to process the ducks. The processing was carried out in sheds in the field where Waveney Croft now stands. He did much of his business in local pubs, but he probably later changed this to telephone as by 1933 his number was Botesdale 12, one of the first people to be on the Botesdale exchange. His son Edwin also kept chickens at Poultry Farm at a later date.



*Arthur Musk's lorry, the driver is Fred Fellingham his brother-in-law who drove the ducks to London for sale.*

Arthur's daughter Mildred (known as Mil) was a pupil teacher at Redgrave School. In 1934 she married James Flatman, her cousin. James was born in South Lopham, served his apprenticeship in Yorkshire and on returning to Suffolk worked on local farms. James and Mil had a bungalow built, Waveney Croft, and he also bred ducks on this land. The field next to Waveney Croft has the boundary of Wortham running through it and Fen Street changes to Low Road through Wortham. During WWII War-ag sold off farms if they considered the farmers were not producing sufficient food on their farms for the war effort. When Fen Street Farm came up for sale in 1940 James Flatman purchased it. This farm consisted of 58 acres which was added to the small acreage at Waveney Croft.

The soil being light James grew barley for malting and feed, also feed oats. These crops were sold to Saville's at Mellis and Eastern Counties Farmers. The meadows were used for hay for his own

working horses, and later on with no horses on the farm he sold the hay on. James' first tractor, bought in 1953, was a grey Ferguson which ran on petrol and paraffin. The first combine harvester was bought second hand in the 1960s. Sugar beet was sold to the sugar factory in Bury. Five hundred free range chickens were kept with the eggs being sold to Shave and son of Bacton. James bought cattle for fattening and then sold them at Gaze's and Apthorpe's auction houses in Diss, who held livestock sales on alternate Fridays. Some were sold to a local butcher, pigs were sold to a private slaughterhouse in Bunwell and cattle to another private slaughterhouse in Bury. The farm produced its own vegetables and milk, Mil made her own cheese and butter and had a round selling butter in the village. Ducks were kept in the fields at the rear of Redgrave Church.

Fen Street Farm, including the land at Waveney Croft, now has 117 ½ acres including a small part of a field next to the church which is rented from the church, and the field known as the Widow's Pightle is also rented. Electricity and water did not arrive at the farm until the pumping station was installed on Redgrave Fen in the 1960s.

James and Mil had four children, Arthur, Rosemary, Rosalind and Christopher. Arthur and Chris worked on the farm and became partners on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1970 when their father retired, and they took over running the farm. James died in 1976 and Millie died in 1987. Arthur died last year and Chris is still farming the land. Although James Flatman only bought Fen Street Farm in 1940 it is possible that the family rented Fen Street Farm at earlier periods. David Flatman is described as a farmer at Fen Street Farm in 1896, 1900 and 1904 in Kelly's directories. This could have been the brother of Christopher's great, great grandfather. Herbert Flatman who died in Fen Street Farm in 1921, in the presence of his son John who was Christopher's great grandfather. Other Flatmans lived in Fen Street in the nineteenth century although not described as farmers or living at Fen Street Farm.

It gives a sense of continuity when one family has farmed land in Fen Street through generations and that this land has been used as farmland dating back to the stone-age.

A group field walked the whole of Fen Street Farm fields with the retired county archaeologist Stanley West. We found pottery sherds from medieval times to the 20<sup>th</sup> century and just one piece from the iron-age. We also found worked flint flakes dating back to the Neolithic period, the first people to settle in the area probably six thousand years ago. In another part of Fen Street we found evidence of a Mesolithic camp, which could date back to ten thousand BC. These people were hunter gatherers and did not settle in one area.

The legacy of duck production has continued in Redgrave through Arthur E. Button who started his duck business in Redgrave in 1920. This business continued in the same family until 1990 when it was sold to Kerry Foods, and later sold to Gressingham Foods who recently opened a new five million pound distribution centre in Redgrave.

*Acknowledgements to Christopher Flatman and Rosemary Walker for information on the family and to Chris and Marcia Bell for the photograph.*

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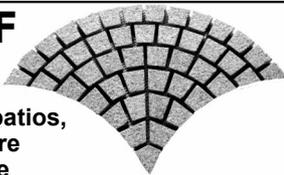
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# Exploring the Past Again

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## Village Commons and Animal Pounds

In the past, before the Enclosure Awards of 1818/19, many cottagers and smallholders had the right to graze their livestock on the various commons and greens around our villages. This right was called 'commonage'.

The main commons were at Backhills, (called Micklehill until the 19<sup>th</sup> century), at Botesdale Common, (called Micklewood Green), at The Green and the common in Redgrave and at Allwood Green which was at the time an enormous common used by several parishes; Rickinghall Inferior and Superior, Gislingham, Finningham, Westhorp, Walsham and Wattisfield.

There were many rules and regulations applying to livestock on the commons. By the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries the rights of commonage were strictly enforced. Stocking levels were carefully regulated and each tenant's use was linked to the size of his landholding. The tenant, who had insufficient stock, could let his commonage to others if they held the right. For instance in a Court held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1735 in Botesdale the following was written:-

*Commonages We agree and order that if any person or persons in the said Parish have any Commonage or Commonages more than they use for their own Cattle that the Constables shall allow for each Commonage the sum of Three Shillings and dispose thereof at the same price to any person that have any Right of Commonage within the said Parish and that the constable Enter those which are not disposed of into the Town accounts.(1)*

No one was allowed to put an animal on the Common between the middle of March and the beginning of May, presumably to let the grass grow after winter.

*Times of Commoning We agree that no person shall put or keep any Beast from the tenth day of March next to the first day of May then next ensuing on pain of forfeiture Five Shillings for every Beast so kept there to the Constables of the said Parish.(1)*

This was still being implemented in 1782:-

*We do likewise agree that during the time of seven weeks which is from March the twenty first to the eleventh day of May no Hog, Goose, Ass or Beast of any kind shall intrude on the common without incurring the under mentioned Penalties, that is to say for every stray Horse or any other Beast the property of an Inhabitant of this parish, six pence, for every Stray Horse etc. of any out of Town Inhabitant one shilling. For every Hog, two pence, for every sow and pigs six pence, for every Goose or Gosling one penny.*

*In respect to the Geese, this is to continue the whole year. Asses not to go on the Common, except the owner pays two shillings and six pence for a Commonage.(2)*

Animals were driven down to Allwood Green along Summer Lane for summer grazing after the beginning of May and also along Nan Hazel's Lane to Allwood Green or to Stubbings Green in Burgate. Gates were situated at the end of these lanes and onto all the commons which suggests they were in some way hedged or had ditches to keep the animals from roaming into the surrounding fields.

Officials were elected annually to help regulate the use of the commons. At the same 1735 Court it was written:-

*Pindars We appoint James Warren and John Manning Pindars for the year ensuing and we appoint for drivers of the Common the Constables and Jury.(1)*

'Drivers of the commons' oversaw the use of the commons. The Pindars' job was to check the animals on the commons and to collect the money for these. They would round up any stray or unmarked animals and put them in the village pound. A fine had to be paid to retrieve them. If no one claimed the animal it was sold.

Every village and town had a pound. In Rickinghall the pound was on the corner of The Street and Garden House Lane. The name survives in Pound Farm, across The Street. There used to be a Pound field approximately where Wheatfield stands today. We know the pound was there in 1886 as it appeared on the Ordnance Survey map for that date, it also appeared on an 1850 sales document, but it seems to have disappeared by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

It is not known where the pound was in Botesdale. The Redgrave pound was probably at the end of the village near the junction where the road turns right to Lopham and a lane goes off to the left. There is a Pound Farm near this junction.



Village pound in Walsham le Willows

This all changed when the Enclosure Act was implemented in our villages in 1818/1819. This Act gave the right to enclose common land and the large 'strip' fields. This created property rights to lands that had formerly been common lands. The common at Backhills, was given to the village and managed by trustees who rented it out until it was sold for housing in the 1960s. 'Charity' land in Botesdale and Rickinghall, which had been left in wills specifically to support the poor, was exchanged for land at Allwood Green. This was still rented out with the money going to the poor. However the right of commonage was taken away from the poorer people, which meant many had nowhere to graze the few animals that had made them self-sufficient. In villages throughout the country this was disastrous and many had to go to the towns or the industrial north for work in order to survive.

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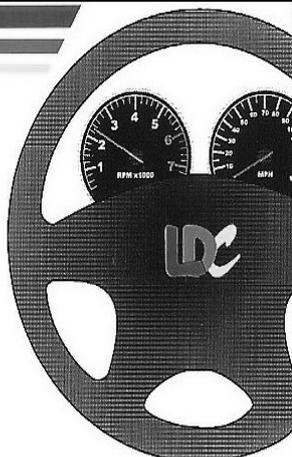
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# Bill's Birds

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Easter brings us to the crux of the matter as far as Christianity is concerned and even here we can miss the heart of the matter. I will always remember the moment when I asked someone what he thought was the crux of the matter and he answered, "The resurrection," not realising that crux means cross. I was somewhat amused at the time. The 'crux of the matter' became embedded in the English language due to the cross being the central point in Christian thinking and even people who call themselves Christians have forgotten about it.

For the Christian 'the crux of the matter' is more than the central point; it is the very heart of Christianity, the make or break point; it is the crunch point.

There were times in Jesus' life when the temptation to avoid the cross was thrown at him. None more so than when he was attempting to explain to his disciples that he must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed. Peter, shocked by what he was saying, said, "This shall never happen to you."

Jesus saw it as the temptation of the devil to turn him from his life's purpose. He responded, "Get behind me Satan, you set your mind on the things of man, not of God." The cross was central to Jesus' purpose. It was the crunch point.

As it was for Jesus so, for the true Christian, it remains so. It is the matter that determines whether someone is a Christian or not. It determines life or death, heaven or hell. Without the cross Christianity would be nothing yet, strangely, it is the cross that prevents so many people becoming Christians.

To join the club you don't just sign on the dotted line and hand over your subscription, you need to believe. The early Christians were called believers. Believing means accepting the cross not just as a fact of history but as something personal. It means that I have to accept that I cannot do anything to make myself acceptable to a perfect God and that only the sacrifice of Jesus is sufficient to do that. Crucifixion is the death penalty by torture. It isn't pretty and it isn't nice and to have to accept that I needed Jesus to do that to pay the price for me isn't easy. Few people are willing to do it. Thus the cross becomes the crux of the matter.

People are funny, they play the lottery hoping to win millions for doing nothing but, offer them money when they are hard up, and they are too proud to accept. Pride gets in the way. God offers heaven, where there are no tears and no pain. He offers eternal life and he offers the price paid. It is so easy, you only have to accept it. It is so very easy but the cross makes it so very hard that most people refuse the offer of the greatest prize of all. What gets in the way?

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When you read this article, there should be sights and sounds of spring being with us. In our garden we had an early forecast of spring. We had a Collared Dove nesting on February 6th discovered when cutting back a shrub. The bird could not even be disturbed by the proximity of snapping shears. This of course answers the question of the amazing increase in numbers of the Collared Dove in recent years. I remember my first sighting of one in Walberswick in the early seventies and being justifiably thrilled. This bird starts breeding early in the year and goes on until November. No wonder it has done so well. It reminds me of seeing Puffins on the Trishnish Islands off Mull in their breeding season. There were dozens of them in or over old rabbit burrows on the edge of cliffs. They (like the Collared Doves) brazenly stood their ground in spite of photographers within a few feet! It amused me seeing photographers on their knees creeping close to the breeding birds. You couldn't touch them. No wonder the photos came out so well.

You should have heard by now the plaintive song of the first of our migrating warblers - the Chiffchaff - typically high in the as yet leafless trees, singing in spite of the late blustery spring winds and sleet showers. With the warmer climate the early twittering of the swallows should be heard and seen if only "passing through". However I note a swallow was seen over a reservoir near London in January.

We say goodbye to flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares, the latter in chattering flocks going North overhead. Our Blackbirds started singing again in January, just before the Song Thrush (though I seldom ever see the Song Thrush these days). There has been a report of a Blackbird in Wortham with a white chest. This may well have been a Ring Ousel, which is overwintering from the North. Sometimes there is a winter influx of Ring Ousels on the East Coast. These birds nest in the Northern hills and moors over 1000 feet, having a distinctive song heard in lonely countryside. I last saw a pair that were nesting in some skiing buildings in the Glen Shee ski area at the top of the Cairnwell Pass.

One bird I have been fortunate enough to see and observe for several minutes is the Goldcrest. I thought it was a Wren, a small bird flitting in and out of ivy clinging to a tree. I usually see it in evergreens and am attracted by the typical high pitched twittering song. This one did not appear to be frightened of me and I was able to appreciate the vivid gold and red stripes on its head and wings in excellent light.



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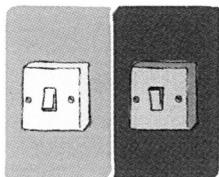
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\* Spring is now well under way and the soil is warming up, which in turn means unseen by us, roots will have been putting on growth and seeds will be germinating. Unfortunately that also means weed seeds, so gardeners will be advised to get the hoe out when the sun dries out the surface a bit and a regular hoeing in the beds and borders will do no harm at all. If you want to be more labour saving then using a ground cover fabric with mulching material on top will be a far more permanent remedy and now is a good time to lay it down. \*

\* If you are lucky enough to have a conservatory and manage to keep Citrus plants then this is the right time to top up the food supplies in their pots. In fact all longer term indoor potted plants should be fed now as they'll be exhausting their winter supplies as they start to want to put on growth. A slow-release feed now can be supplemented later on with more regular liquid feeding when they have flowers or fruits to support. Also, glossy leaved indoor plants can do with a good leaf shine and although you can buy purpose made liquids, milk and a tissue does a reasonable job too. \*

\* Outdoors, lawns are growing strong and are needing regular cuts, and new areas can be sown or laid to turf now. Grass clippings can come in handy if you still have main crop or second early potatoes to set, as these can line the holes or trenches and provide some added nutrients when they decompose. Outdoor vegetable sowings can be made now, keeping them regular and proportionate to the demands of your table. Root crops and salads can be sown and if you can also provide some additional glass or polythene protection then germination will come sooner. Greenhouses can be prepared in readiness for growbags and salad crops too. \*

\* Happy Gardening! \*

*Ian Shilling,*



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## Simmel share 'n' tear buns

### Ingredients

- 300g strong white bread flour
- 140g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 50g golden caster sugar
- 7g sachet fast-action dried yeast
- zest 1 lemon
- 200ml warm milk
- 2 tsp almond extract
- 1 large egg
- oil, for greasing bowl/proving

### For the filling:

- 50g butter, at room temperature
- 100g light soft brown sugar
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 50g mixed peel
- 50g currants
- 50g marzipan, coarsely grated, plus 50g/2oz extra for the 'Apostle' balls

### To finish:

- 85g apricot jam
- 85g icing sugar, sifted
- 2 tbsp toasted flaked almonds

### Method

1. Mix the flours, sugar, yeast, zest and 1 tsp salt in a big bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the milk, almond extract and egg, then stir into the dry ingredients with a cutlery knife. Leave to rest for 10 mins.
2. Knead the dough for 10 mins on a lightly floured surface until smooth and no longer sticky, then put in an oiled bowl, cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise somewhere warm-ish for at least 1 hr until doubled in size.
3. Line the base of a 25 x 35cm tin, or 30cm square, with baking parchment. Mix the first 4 filling ingredients to a smooth paste, then stir in the dried fruit and 50g marzipan.
4. Roll out the dough to a rectangle about 35 x 25cm. Crumble over the filling and press into the dough. Roll up tightly from one long side and, using a floured knife, cut into 12 even pieces. Put these into the tin, spiral-side up, leaving 0.5cm space between them. Cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise for 30-45 mins until nearly doubled in size. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.
5. Bake the buns for 25-30 mins. If they are browning too quickly after 15 mins, cover loosely with baking parchment. Take the buns out of the oven and, while warm, melt the jam and brush all over the top. Leave to cool in the tin. Once cool, mix the icing sugar with a little water to a runny consistency and drizzle over. With the remaining marzipan, make 11 balls to represent the Apostles – without Judas – and scatter over with the almonds. Best eaten the day of baking. If making ahead or freezing, warm through in a low oven before serving to give that just-baked flavour.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, January 2015

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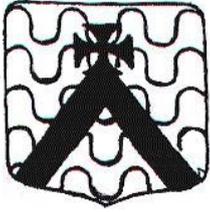
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# School news

Where has the spring term gone?

I have been very impressed with the effort that the children have been putting into improving their writing skills. Improving the quality of our writing, especially our spelling, punctuation and grammar, is our prime area for improvement at St Botolph's and something that as a school we are committed to.

Writing remains our main challenge as a school as our reading and maths are strong.

Recently we have been fortunate to have had lots of parents in school to share their children's learning experiences through our class assemblies. We also had several parents come into school to assist Lions and Tigers with their visit to Norwich Museum. This is always welcome and a great experience for both parents and children alike.

The rest of the school have been equally busy. Many of the children in Squirrels have been busy trying to track down a greedy fox who took their ginger bread men!

The Foxes have been looking at report writing. Many of them have been busy reporting an incident we had in school with a Tyrannosaurus Rex!

The Rabbits have paid a visit to Moon and have made some amazing Moon buggies.

I'm just thrilled at the level of imagination and creativity that's on offer at the school and so proud at the level of enthusiasm that the children display.

I hope you all have a great Easter.

M. Cobbold, Headteacher

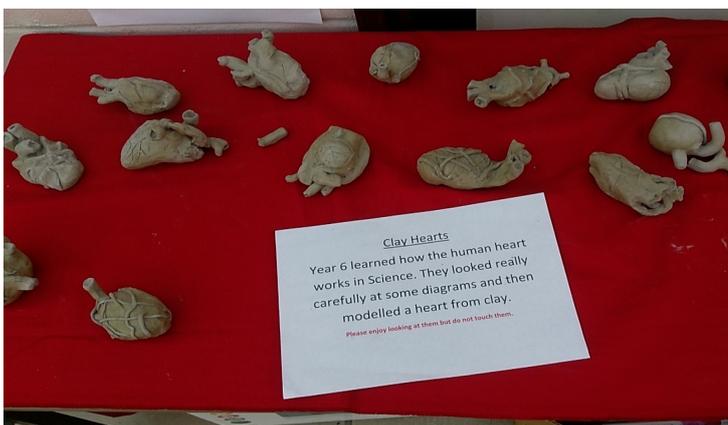
## Dates for your diary

### April

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> First day of Summer term  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Panthers Class to Gressenhall Victorian Workhouse

### May

8 – 12<sup>th</sup> Leopards Class SATs week  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale Trail around the villages  
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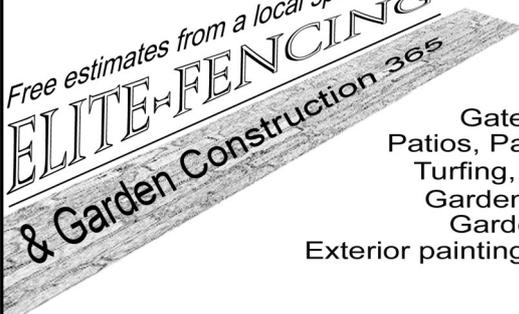


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**School transition:** We work closely with St Botolph's Primary School to ensure a smooth transition for our children into primary school. In the academic year before they start school, our pre-school children graduate from being "Caterpillars" to "Butterflies" and our Butterflies benefit from specific activities, such as phonics and numeracy, to help them prepare for school. We also make regular visits with the children to St Botolph's to take part in activities such as assemblies, stories and lunches.

**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

## Bags of Help

We are very pleased and excited to win the maximum amount of £5,000 from the Tesco bags of help scheme. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who went in Diss and Stowmarket stores in December and voted for us.

The grant is for woodland activities and over the next few months we will be purchasing new equipment for the children at pre-school and developing our woodland area. With a mud kitchen and sink, a wooden crittacabin for the children to investigate different creepy crawlies, the children will be able to access mini beast, gardeners, maths and literacy grab-and-go kits for lots of new exciting adventures in the wood. There will also be a willow hut for them to hide in and a wooden play tent, and lots more.

## Open Morning

We will be holding an open morning on Tuesday 9th May for anyone who is interested in having a look around the pre-school and meeting the staff, please call in between 9.30-11.30am

## Paper needed

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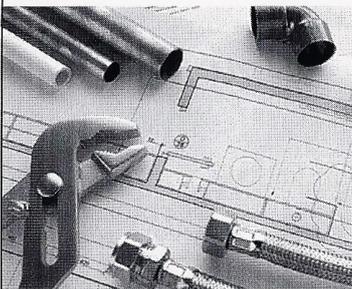
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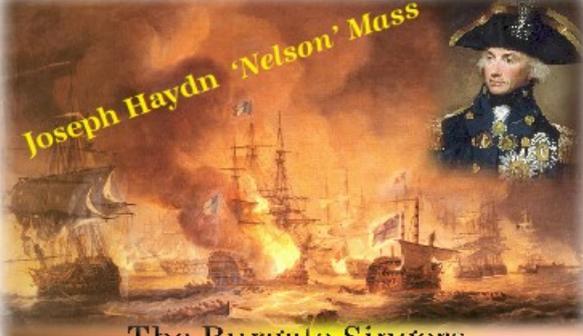
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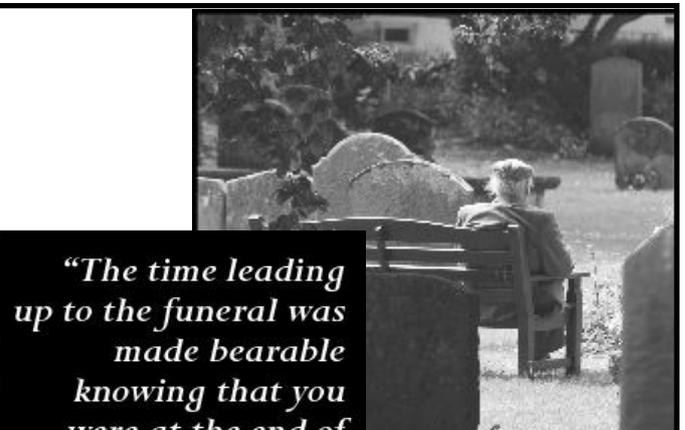
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EASTER DAY	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
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Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team. Stowmarket Police Station, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1NJ.  
Tele. - 101.

Email. [Stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

Our local safer Neighbourhood team are stationed there.

Non-emergency calls and enquiries to the Police Ring 101.  
Emergency calls- Fire, Police Ambulance dial 999.

## Open House at All Saints Redgrave

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

So believe that the season for Open House has now run its course and it will finish after Easter 2017, with the last two mornings for coffee, cake and chat to be held on

**Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 4th April .**

Thank you to everyone for your great support over the past 8 years : it has been a pleasure and a privilege to see so many of you each month.

All Saints is now firmly established in our local community as a place of welcome and friendship, with many new groups using the building. We look forward, with optimism, to growth of these and many other social activities over the next few years and thank you all once again for being part of such a fun opening venture

Jane Wilson

### Neighbourhood Watch

Due to recent Police cutbacks, incidents of crimes and unsocial behaviour, are no longer circulated to Neighbourhood Watch Groups (NHW), other than from the 'www.police.uk' website. When entering your 'postcode', crimes etc are listed, but the information is normally at least two months old. We therefore urge, residents of Botesdale, Rickinghall and Redgrave, to report such relevant information, to either Peter Beck or John Campbell, by telephone or email, to the below shown contact details. This will allow us to then circulate the information throughout the NHW coordinators network.

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## April



Sundays 10.00 am Communion

**Except** April 2<sup>nd</sup> when communion will be included in the 11am service not at 10am

11.00 am All Age Worship

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

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am United Service at St Marys. Rickinghall

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: 9 am – 12 noon ‘Coffee on the Corner’

Thursday 2.00 pm: Praise Hour on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Crafty Corner – time for those pastimes that you don’t ever have time for. Bring your craft projects and spend an evening working at it in company.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April: 8.30am men’s breakfast- come and enjoy a hearty breakfast, and an opportunity to learn more of the work of the Gideons.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Quiz night – phone to book tickets.

Also regular activities for children and young people.

Phone 01379 898924 or 783216 for more details.

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### PARKVIEW YOUTH

(All held at Parkview Chapel, Botesdale)

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Kev Gladwell on

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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

2<sup>nd</sup> April Local Arrangement

9<sup>th</sup> April Mr Neville Hodson

16<sup>th</sup> April Rev Harold Wilkinson Holy Communion

EASTER DAY

23<sup>rd</sup> April Mr Steve Aspinall

30<sup>th</sup> April Mrs Sue Goodwin



13<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

14<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 am Good Friday Procession of Witness

Village Hall car park

10.00 am Service in the Market Place, Botesdale

Bible Study, Monday, 10<sup>TH</sup> April 10.00 am.

Christian Forum Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm In the steps of Jesus

Rev David Kemble

Wives Club Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April The History of Goldwork

Mrs Jean Wtight

Special Spring “Coffee down the Lane”

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 10-11.30 am

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**All Saints  
Redgrave**



**St. Botolph's  
Botesdale**



**St. Mary's  
Rickinghall**

**2nd April '17 5th Sunday of Lent**

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion



10.30 All Saints, Redgrave  
All Saints All Together

3.00pm St Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

**9th April '17 Palm Sunday**

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion

10.30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall CW Communion



Children starting at Rickinghall Village Hall,  
for "Footprints" (10.20am)

**13th April '17 Maundy Thursday**



7.30pm All Saints Church,  
Redgrave,  
United Holy Communion  
Preacher: Revd David Ely

**14th April '17 Good Friday**



9.30am Walk of Witness from Rickinghall  
Village Hall to Botesdale Market Place for  
**10am United Service**

2.00pm St. Botolph's, Botesdale  
Devotional Service

**16th April '17 Easter Day *He Is Risen!***

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion

10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall Family Communion



**23rd April '17 2nd Sunday after Easter**

8.15 St Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion

10.30 **St Mary's Redgrave** CW Communion



10.30 Botesdale Village Hall, Messy  
Church

**30th April '17 3rd Sunday of Easter**

8.15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion

10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall United Service

**7th May '17 3rd Sunday of Easter**

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale, BCP Communion

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints All Together



**6.30pm** St Mary's, Rickinghall  
Evening Prayer



Also this month

Tue. 4th April from 10.00am  
**"Open House"** at All Saints  
*For coffee, cakes and chat*



Sat. 15th April, 8.30am

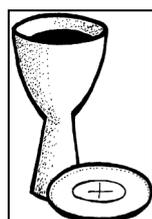
**Men's Breakfast**

All Saints, Redgrave  
Please contact Mark on 01379 890897  
if you wish to join us.

Wed. 26th April, 7.30pm

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

All Saints, Redgrave



Wed. 5th April. 10.00am

*Albert Close* Holy Communion  
**NOW MEETING** at St Mary's  
Rickinghall!

Thur. 20th April. 9.45am

**Farnish House** Holy Communion

*These services are open to everyone*



Thurs. 6th April 7.15pm  
**The Rectory, Rickinghall**

Tues. 18th April 7.15pm  
**Bracken Wood, Redgrave**

*A time of revitalising prayer for the  
work of the church in the community.*



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For more information; Revd Chris Norburn 01379 898685*