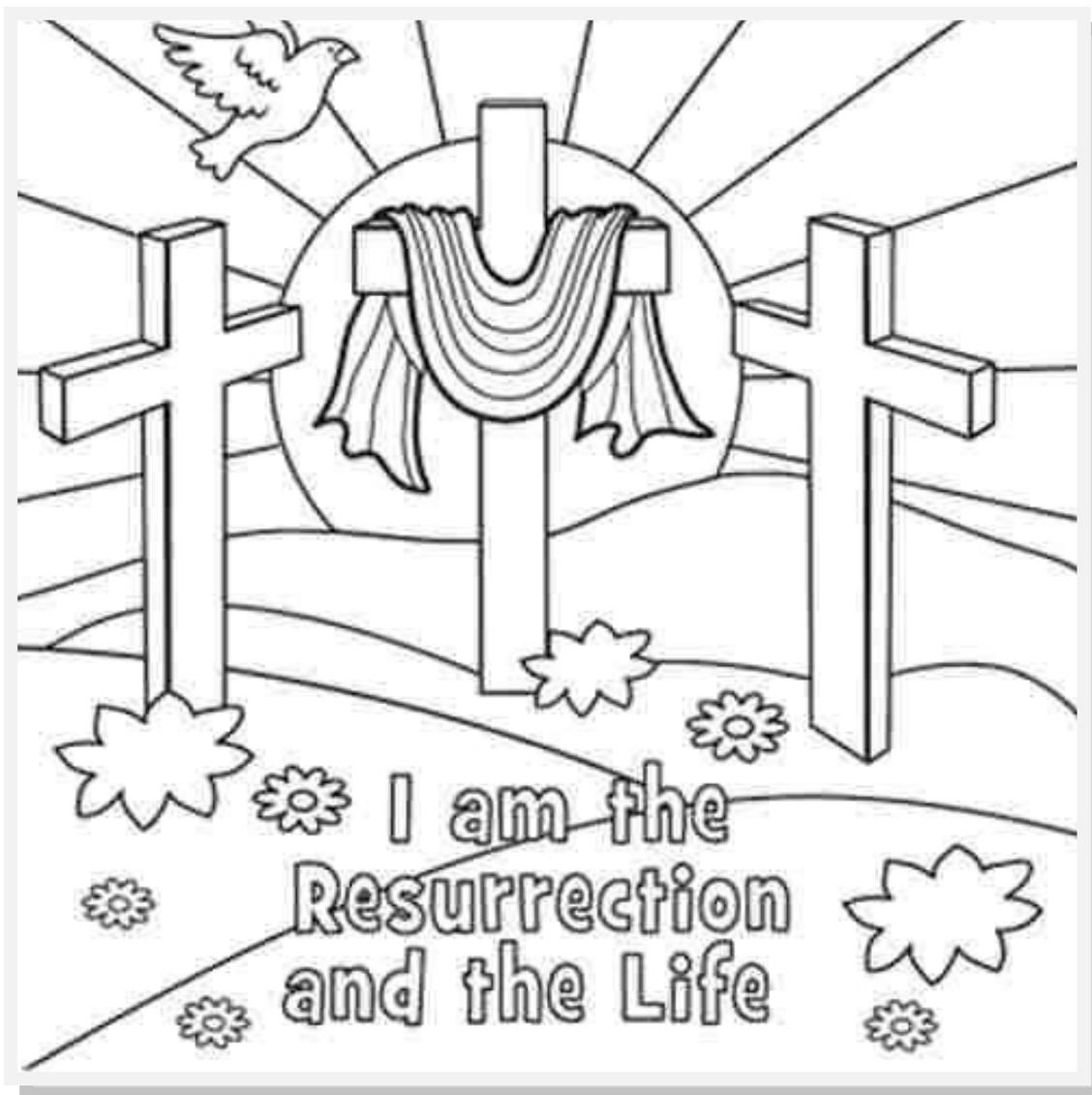


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Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

April 2018



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Rev

The term "brand" originally derived from the stamping or marking of cattle or sheep for identification purposes. Outside of that use, branding usually had a negative connotation. Slaves, criminals, and adulterers were branded or tattooed to indelibly mark their disgraces. To wear the mark of Cain or be branded a liar instantly attached a whole catalogue of incrimination and innuendo to any individual so named.

However, today brands get just as strong a reaction from us, but generally on a far more benign level. To us branding involves attaching a name or reputation to something. Over time, with enough exposure and constant reinforcement, the reality of a brand becomes indelibly etched in our mind, so much so that when we see a particular image we form associations and values. It's like having a relationship with that brand! Is there any manufacturer who doesn't want their product to have a strong brand with an unclouded image? The stronger the image projected, the stronger the relationship forged between brand and customer.

So what unshakable image, what instant message, pops into your head when they hear the brand Christianity? According to one recent poll these are three things the public think of when they think of Christianity: hypocritical, boring and judgmental. No wonder people aren't flocking to churches!

The Apostle Paul, and the writer of much of the New Testament, saw the church brand just a tad differently. In fact, Paul described his brand so differently that he shocked and embarrassed some of the members of the Corinthian church. From his letter to the Christians we learn that some saw themselves as spiritually advanced. They esteemed themselves well-versed in matters of divine wisdom and intention. Paul blasted their self-satisfied spirituality and self-importance by declaring blatantly and repeatedly that all their puny attempts at wisdom were folly. Indeed, Paul announced that God found no boasting rights among them but only – as the Old Testament prophet Isaiah had foretold – fodder for their destruction.

Instead Paul chose a wholly different, radical, and seemingly irrational image as the true brand of a Christian. *Christ crucified*. That's it. Christ crucified. That's Paul's brand name for a Christian. Christ crucified was the slogan Paul promoted. The cross – what a brand image! The cross was an atrocity. The cross was an image of execution. Crucifixion was a heinous, hideous, demeaning death. Paul chose the first-century equivalent of the electric chair as the brand symbol of this new church! The cross was the brand Paul brandished. And the soul of that brand was Christ.

But in this crucified Christ, in the ugliness of the cross, Paul revealed to his Corinthian listeners, and to all generations that have and will follow since then, that therein lay the genuine essence of Christ's mission. You see in Christ crucified God's wisdom and power is revealed as the only possible source of a righteous, sanctified, and redeemed life for all. The church's touchstone is, and must always be, Christ crucified. The churches brand isn't a set of rules or regulations. The touchstone isn't an ordered set of principles. The churches brand is the person of Jesus Christ. And we mustn't be afraid or ashamed to confess this.

Jesus Christ also shocked the

religious leaders and authorities of his day. On one occasion he cleared the temple in Jerusalem (*John 2*) because he saw business flourishing on the back of religion. Yet housed in this same Temple were the commandments, given by God so that his people could rightly order their lives and discover His wisdom for themselves personally. The contrast between the life envisaged by these commandments, a life of love and respect for God and neighbour, and the life being demonstrated by the guardians of the Temple, shocked Jesus.

These guardians had made it very difficult for people to get close to God in the way he intended by an enormous array of laws and regulations. It was an abuse of the people!

In clearing out the temple Jesus was angry about this abuse of people, which included the shady dealings of the traders and money changers who were in cahoots with the Temple authorities. He knew the Jewish religion should be life-giving and liberating, the touchstone of life, not bound up by rules that gave easy opportunities for exploiting people. Jesus also knew that true religion was not practiced in sacred temples alone, but in one's heart, through the Spirit of God. The Temple that Jesus cleansed could and would be destroyed, but the temple of God within the human soul will not, and cannot, perish. Jesus teaches that God is not contained in temples, churches or cathedrals, for whatever we try to do to God, he rises again and he lives in human hearts.

This is the power of the Easter story. The crucifixion and all the events of Easter are evidence that people may abuse and kill each other; they may even abuse and try to kill God, but ultimately they and their hateful efforts will fail. Perhaps that is one of the sobering, and yet at the same time inspiring, lessons of Good Friday and Easter: we cannot destroy God. We can't destroy the love he pours into the world; we can't destroy hope or a sense of justice and compassion. The truth is Christians are born again of God through the brand Christ crucified. They become the indestructible temple of God. In the sanctuary of their temple God lives and will never die.

Is the cross of Christ crucified brazed on your very core for the entire world to see? Yes, we all get it wrong and make mistakes, I know I do, yet all who are born again of God are called to be the living stones of His Church. This means we are to house the commandment to love God first and, then we are to take that love to others. As we do this we experience God's forgiving love, grace and mercy.

If you would like to explore further Christ crucified then please do get in touch using the contact details above.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

Chris Norburn.

From the Register

09.02.2018 | Funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior of Frederick Demoore

PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM



Local Activities Directory



- - - Please note the following changes to the new directory - - -

The latest version of the directory is available online at

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Added Entry	Contact	Telephone	Email
New Botesdale Parish Councillor	Victoria Curry	01379 890939	-
Changed Entry	Contacts (no change)	Updated Telephone Numbers	New Email
Rickinghall Village Hall	-	-	-
Hall & Sports Area Hire	Mr Charles Greenhough	07709 962658	rickinghallvh@gmail.com
Chairman & Farmers' Market	Mr Bob Clark	07930 188472	-
Deleted Entry	Notes		
Aerobicise	The Aerobicise classes have now finished, as the instructor has retired		

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- **May** issue: 9 April (Mon). come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 20 April (Fri)
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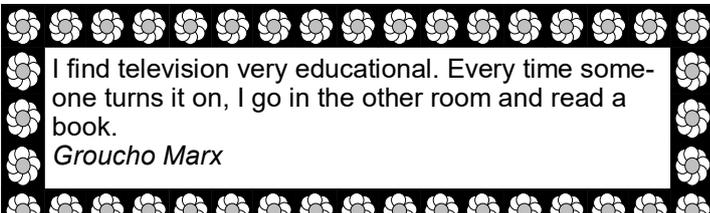


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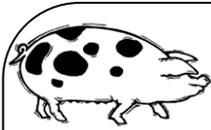




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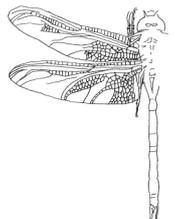
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Botesdale Parish Council



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BOTESDALE MARCH REPORT - by the Clerk

The Parish Council is at full complement again with nine councillors after Victoria Curry joined the PC at the March meeting.

Public Forum: A resident expressed concern about the state of Diss Road. There are some pretty significant cracks down the middle on Diss Road and The Street, something the PC has reported repeatedly to Suffolk County Council with no success. The PC is pursuing resurfacing of the Botesdale end of The Street and Diss Road and County Cllr Jessica Fleming has taken this up on our behalf.

Cllr Fleming reported that the County Highways teams are aware of the number of new potholes and drainage problems due to the recent severe weather, and request patience while these issues are addressed. You can continue to report issues on the website: <http://highwaysreporting.suffok.gov.uk>. The draft revised National Planning Policy Framework has been issued for consultation, which runs until 10th May.

Planning: Unusually these days, there were no planning applications! However, there was an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. A forum meeting was held on the 21st February to make everyone aware of the progress the Steering Group has made. It is hoped to have the draft Plan completed by the end of March, aiming for completion by mid-2019.

Grit Bins: Although it is unlikely that we will receive more snow/ice after the publication of this issue, please note that the grit bins are there for use on public areas. Anyone can use the grit provided. Don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. And don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.

Vehicle Activated Sign: The data from February was similar to January's with over 50% of all cars recorded speeding. Although it is currently moved between two locations at the entrances to Botesdale and Rickinghall, there is an additional post on The Street near Bridewell Lane and this will be used less frequently.

War Memorial: The War Memorial is now a Grade II Listed building!

Anti-Social Behaviour: There have been several instances of anti-social behaviour in the village recently. Please see below for a leaflet recently distributed by Suffolk Police. One incident involved the litter bin near the fish and chip shop and might result in its removal, which would be a shame!

Play Area Damage: In the same vein, someone recently started a fire under the youth shelter at the play area which required the attendance of the Fire Services. As a result, the PC has decided to restrict access to the play area between dusk and dawn. The youth shelter is one of the few areas available for young people in the village to gather outdoors and it would be a shame if it were damaged to the point where it had to be removed.

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Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

Redgrave March Report – by the Clerk

Councillors Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, Neil Smith and Jason Walker were present in addition to the Clerk, District Councillor Derek Osborne, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 14 members of the public.

Public Forum: Cllr Osborne gave an update on the state of waste collections after disruption from the recent snow and ice. Cllr Fleming noted that a new draft National Planning Policy Framework had been issued and consultation will be open until 10th May. One of the aims of the new NPPF is to make Neighbourhood Planning easier. Cllr Hayward asked both district councillors what they were doing about the current planning situation which had led to excessive development in small villages. Cllr Fleming explained that there were limits to what they could do but that many councillors had concerns about disproportionate growth in villages and understood that communities felt a loss of control. This could be regained through a Neighbourhood Plan, but it was a long process and couldn't address problems quickly. She suggested that it might be helpful if she asked Jo Churchill MP to come and talk to the community, possibly including Botesdale and Rickingham. She had regular contact with her and confirmed that Ms Churchill was aware of the issues.

The upcoming Planning Committee for Land at Charters Towers was also discussed, and it was agreed to ask Cllr Giddings to attend on behalf of the PC if he was available.

Planning: There was no objection to an application for two new houses and garages at The Cottage, The Green. They would not be visible from the road and were in keeping with nearby houses in size and design. It was agreed that infill was the sort of development the PC wanted to promote.

Cross Keys Pub: The opening night on 3 March was a roaring success and the pub started serving food on 7 March. They are still looking for volunteers to work behind the bar so just pop by if you're interested.

Old School Playing Field: Councillors agreed that the ecological advice to determine whether the Old School Playing Field, Half Moon Lane is suitable for development was very thorough and encouraging. It was possible that further investigation might be needed into the pond habitat, but this would need to take place later in the year. This will be discussed further in April.

The Land Registry had notified the PC that a resident had contested ownership of the access to the Old School Playing Field. Documents proving parish ownership will be forwarded to the Land Registry in response.

Farming Hours: A complaint was received about some very early/late activity at the north end of the village. It was assumed that this

was sugar beet harvesting and the PC noted that the factory in Bury St Edmunds dictates specific days for delivery so harvesting usually needs to be carried out very quickly. As it is only done every two years, the PC agreed that it is not necessary to write to the landowner to request more social hours.

Gressingham Foods: The PC's Gressingham rep, Cllr Giddings, attends regular liaison meetings and sent a report saying that the company has been carrying out a lot of work on site which will make it a better neighbour.

War Memorial: The War Memorial is now a Grade II Listed Building!

Village Clean Up: This would take place on Sunday, 25 March @ 10.30 (meet outside Reed House).

Redgrave Amenities Trust: A grant for upkeep of the hall has been requested and this will be discussed further at the April meeting. The Trust maintains a valuable community asset and like many volunteer groups, it relies on a very small core group. If you have some time to give, please get in touch with Mrs Joyce Orves, 01379 898619, joyce@orves.gmail.co.uk.

PARISH of REDGRAVE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm ~ Wednesday, 4th April 2018
Redgrave Amenities Centre

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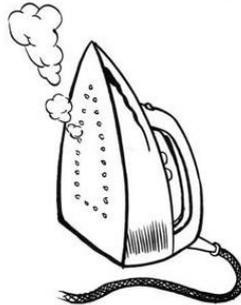
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March Report by Cllr Nicolaas Joubert

The council received apologies for absence from Cllrs Geoffrey Short, Sally Smith, and William Maskell. All other Cllrs were in attendance as well as the Clerk, Leann Jackson-Eve. Two members of the public were in attendance.

The Public Forum

No contributions were made.

Planning

A planning application for the erection of a single storey extension to No.1 The Chestnuts, was considered by the council. The purpose of the application is to provide granny annexe accommodation to the property. The council was unanimously in favour of the application.

Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk council was received for the Planning and Listed Building applications on The Newsagent, Bell Hill Cottage. The applications included; Part change of use to form an A5 hot food takeaway with extraction equipment and flue as well as the insertion of internal extraction equipment with external flue, internal sound proofing, fire - proofing partitions and a new internal door. The council was informed that the applications were withdrawn. The applicants indicated that they may submit a revised application in due course.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Robin Brown reported on the progress of the neighbourhood plan. A forum meeting was held on the 21st of February which was well received by the attending parties numbering 23 people.

It is planned to have the Plan in draft form by the end of March. A provisional date for its approval by Mid Suffolk County Council is estimated for mid-2019.

Cllr Rosemary Jones raised concern over the future of North Field Wood which is owned by the RPC. Her concern was to ensure that this parcel of land will not be developed in the future. A proposal was made to include this area as a designated green space within the local plan. Cllr Robin Brown will investigate.

General

The council was informed by the Clerk that a formal eviction notice would be served on the unauthorised encampment on Snape Hill by the end of the following week. Once it has been served the travellers will have a week to vacate the site. In failing that, the Suffolk County Council will send a court bailiff to enforce the eviction order. It was established that the District Council will have the responsibility to clean the site once it has been vacated.

A survey about SCC's Community Self Help offer to enable town and parish councils to undertake work that SCC Highways does not have the budget for was completed. The council felt that further clarity is required to the financial implications and expectations of the SCC on the RPC. Awaiting response.

The council has agreed a budget for the repairs to the bus shelter on Bury Road / The Street. The repair works will be carried out by a local contractor in due course.

The council discussed the latest data it received from the recently installed Vehicle Activated Sign. Although there was a slight improvement in speeding as shown by the data feedback, the proportion of speeding cars versus competent and considered drivers are unacceptably high and pose a real risk to the residents of Rickingham and Botesdale. The council has decided to reinforce this message by way of its Annual Newsletter. Other speed managing / calming alternatives are being considered. The latest data is available to view on the RPC website.

The council has appointed LCPAS as an internal auditor for the RPC.

Next Meeting: 5th April 2018 at 7:30pm

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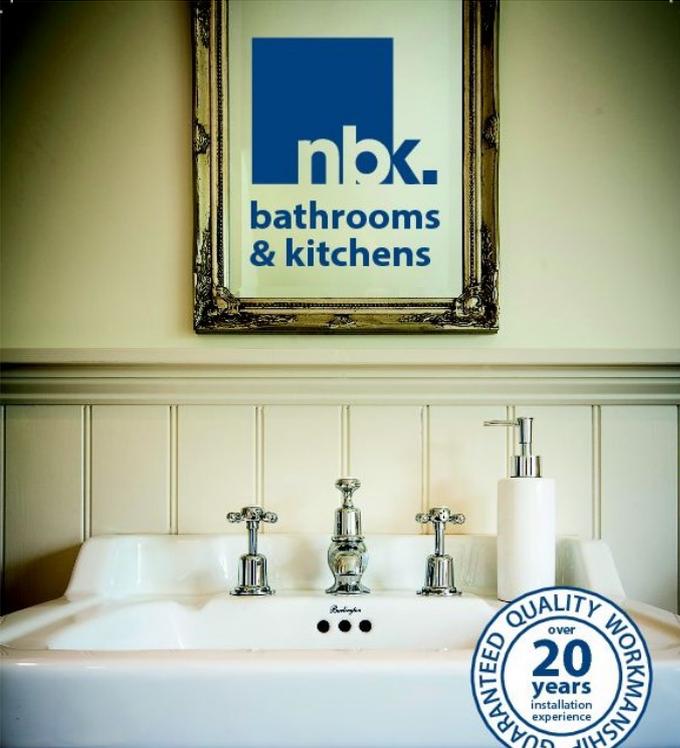
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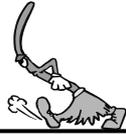
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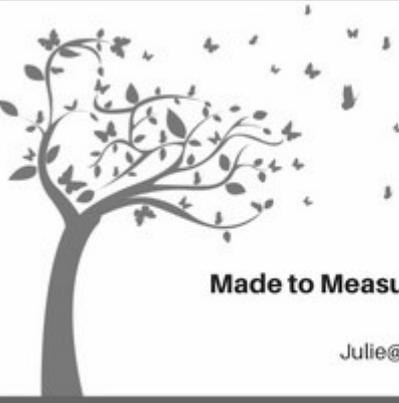
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Despite a few last-minute hitches – professionally printed menus not arriving in time as the couriers weren't braving the weather, and a fractured pipe in the kitchen to name but a couple, the pub opened promptly at 5:30pm on Saturday 3rd March.

The snow did little to reduce the number of supporters who turned out that evening; one of the huge advantages of being a 'local' – nobody has too far to come! And what a wonderful jubilant atmosphere!

The support and enthusiasm for all that has been achieved at the pub in such a relatively short time was amazing. We hope it will be enjoyed on a regular basis by many more local residents, and visitors from further afield, in the months ahead.

All the refurbishment and repairs have clearly come at a price, even with the greatly reduced labour costs, thanks to our many volunteers. One item which we were not able to afford, but would like to buy for the pub, is a good coffee machine. With the re-introduction of meals, we would like to be able to offer a decent cup of coffee afterwards! We shall be leasing a machine until we can afford to purchase one of our own.

The pub offers a wide variety of ales including two from our local Star Wing brewery, Adnams and Greene King. Lunchtime and evening meals are available - please check out the new Cross Keys advertisement for full details on times. A new website is currently under construction. Tel: 01379 779822 Email: gm@crosskeysredgrave.co.uk

BEWARE - Closing day is Tuesday!

We are planning on holding a Quiz Night on the last Thursday of every month, commencing on **Thursday 26th April from 7:00-9:30pm**. On this particular occasion it will be a fundraiser for the coffee machine. Participation will be £5, with payment either beforehand or on the night.

Another date for your diaries, if you enjoy fine cars, is midday on **Sunday 22nd April**. The Jaguar Club are having an outing and will be arriving for lunch so there should be a wonderful assortment of lovingly polished cars on display outside.

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Heritage Circle - February

Unfortunately, the February meeting had to be cancelled due to the snow, so Shakespeare has had to take a back seat for the time being!



Coffee on the Corner

It's your favourite event of the month, Coffee on the Corner!

April's Coffee on the Corner is being held on the 10th April. Make sure

that you put this date in your diary! There will be our usual bric-a-brac stall to browse while you are enjoying a slice of cake or two. Everyone is welcome to come along. There isn't a better way to spend your Tuesday morning!

Thank you to those that came to March's Coffee on the Corner, it was a great success. It was lovely to see so many faces come out and join us. During the morning we helped raise money for Icanho (Suffolk Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre) which is based in Stowmarket. Icanho provides specialised community based care rehabilitation for adults with brain injuries. They offer a range of treatments and services from physiotherapy, speech and language therapy to specialist staff, doctors and psychologists. All the services are held in one place which has proved to be a huge benefit to the patients.

Icanho is a service which is part of Livability, a national charity that works with people with disabilities. It is funded from a variety of sources including statutory and non-statutory, private and charitable, and treats both statutory and private patients.

Icanho has proven to be a major help in helping those with brain injuries regain their confidence and ability to live out a normal life again.

Fun Fact: The name Icanho comes from the name of a local seventh century monastery set up by the East Anglian monk, St. Botolph. (This was probably on the site of modern Iken in Suffolk). St. Botolph was known for his pastoral care, wisdom and holiness. He is buried in the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds.

If you would like any more information please log onto their website www.icanho.org.uk.

If you have a charity close to your heart or would benefit from donations then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Parkview on 01379 898924 or check out our website www.parkviewchapel.co.uk

Kevin Gladwell

parkview youth



PYP (Parkview Young People)

Every Sunday at Parkview the young people get together from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

PYP, as we call it, is a group aimed at young people who are in school years 7 to 13. We do lots of social stuff but the main reason for this group is to help young people think through issues that they are experiencing right now, and being a Church run group we do this using the Bible as a help.

This term we have started to look at the teachings of Jesus in what is known as the Sermon on the Mount, and thinking about how this applies to us today, whether we are Christians or not. So far we have thought about such topics as anger, making promises and relationships.

We do this using everything from multi-media, to quizzes, to small group work. We then come together towards the end and explore with each other what we have learnt and ask any questions. We then finish each session with prayer. And this is all done in a fun and relevant way, with plenty of drinks and cakes!

We have social events too. For Christmas last year we took the group ice-skating and recently enjoyed a film night with pancakes galore!

If you, or you know anyone, who may be interested in joining our group, or you would like to find out more, please contact Kev Gladwell at Parkview on 01379 898924.

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May....*What was the third child's name?*

2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers....*What does he weigh?*

1. Johnny of course
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April Calendar

Sunday	1 st	-	Easter Sunday	-
Monday	2 nd	All day 10:00am 11:00-4:00 5:30pm 7:30pm	Samaritans Zumba Open Day Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Bury St Edmunds Station Rickinghall Village Hall Thelnetham Windmill Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	3 rd	10:00-2:00 6:00pm	Bird bonanza for children 6-10yrs Zumba	Redgrave & Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	4 th	9:30am 10:00am 2:00-4:00 7:00pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Springtime dipping for families Redgrave Parish Council	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Activities Centre
Thursday	5 th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 10:00-2:00 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Church Cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Diss U3A Young naturalists Praise hour Zumba Rickinghall Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church Redgrave & Lopham Fen Parkview Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	6 th	10:00am 12 noon 8:00pm	Positive Steps Watercooler Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel The Bell Inn Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	7 th	10:00am 10:00am 10:30-1:00	Church open Church open Guided walk	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	9 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	10 th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information & advice Zumba Redgrave & District Ladies club	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	11 th	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	12 th	9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon club Zumba Women's Institute	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	13 th	10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Whist Drive Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall

Saturday	14 ^h	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:30-12:30	Farmers' market Car boot sale Church open Church open Wildlife Watch Group	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Inferior Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Sunday	15 th	10:00-3:00 11-noon	Plant sale Coffee on a Sunday	Redgrave & Lopham Fen Parkview Chapel
Monday	16 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World Village Hall AGM	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	17 th	6:00pm 7:30pm	Zumba Progressive Whist Drive	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday	18 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	19 th	9:30am 2:00pm 6:00pm	RABBATS Praise hour Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	20 th	9:15am 10:00am 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Parkview Chapel Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	21 st	10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Church open Church open Quiz night	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Inferior Parkview Chapel
Monday	23 rd	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	24 th	9:45-10:45 10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Coffee down the lane Zumba Yoga and relaxation Talk: Garden birds and Wildlife	Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Wednesday	25 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle	Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	26 th	9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Zumba Redgrave Garden club Storm Chasing in the Great Plains of America	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	27 th	10:00am 10:00-2:00 8:00pm	Positive Steps Time to paint Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	28 th	10:00am 10:00am 8:00pm	Church open Church open Rickingham Country Music club	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Inferior Rickingham Village Hall
Sunday	29 th	4-7:30am	Dawn Chorus walk	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	30 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	31 st	9:45-10:45 12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm	Pilates Luncheon Club 898615 or 898619 Zumba Yoga and relaxation	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall



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Club News

Barwoods Report for April 2018



It seems strange to be thinking of spring for, as I write, the ground is covered in a few inches of snow. By the time you read this there should be some blossom on the fruit trees in Northfield Wood, always a joy and a reward for those who planted them not so long ago. Looking forward, there is a proposal to plant another memorial tree here, as it is a community wood. Local tree wardens have suggested this as a memorial to Ken Liddle, who was the tree warden for Botesdale. More of this later.

In Low Meadow we are about to have some of the willows pollarded. This is done on a rotation basis so those that are not trimmed this year will be done another year. Pollarding these trees lets more sunlight into the meadow as they are all on the south side and they shade the meadow.

At this time, we think about health and safety and two of us take a look at all the trees in Millers Orchard. Since our last survey, there have been one or two trees that unexpectedly lost some branches. With an old wood this is bound to happen from time to time. Thanks largely to William Sargeant, I believe, the branches have been cleared off the path and no doubt the "habitat pile" is enjoyed by wildlife in the wood.

Rosemary Jones

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us, but we still have plots available. For more information please contact MAAA Secretary Mark Wiseman on 01379 898805 or mark.wiseman@virgin.net

TIPOF THE MONTH.

Reserve that plot NOW!

Come and play at the Museum of East Anglian Life's 2018 exhibition

Visitors to the Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, will enjoy a new, playful exhibition in 2018. *Play and Display* is an interactive look at paper and card toys over their long history and the fun they have brought to generations of children. Over 75 objects and prints will be on display, alongside a variety of traditional paper games and toys for visitors to play with and make. The exhibits date from the 1880s through to the 1960s and include puppet theatres, models, dolls and moving books. Famous names such as Cadbury's, Bluebird Toffee, Disney and Barbie are represented, alongside favourite stories of Cinderella, Rupert and Noddy. Lisa Harris, Collections and Interpretation Manager at the Museum of East Anglian Life, says:

"Whether it's dressing up paper dolls or watching Fingermouse on the TV, everyone has happy memories of toys made of paper. This is a fantastic chance for visitors to share those memories and see how generations of children have enjoyed paper toys, back to Victorian times and before. Although the materials are simple, these toys are beautifully designed and the games played with them are full of imagination. We want visitors of all ages to try them for themselves and recapture the joy of paper toys."

The exhibition opens on the 24th March 2018, marking the start of the museum's new season, and runs until late October 2018. A busy programme of events inspired by the exhibition will take place throughout this period, see our website for further details www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

MLAA Mill Lane Allotment Association

DOWN THE PLOT

The seed catalogues have been dropping on our mats since February, tickling our taste buds for this year's seed and plant choices. Last month's Beast from the East stopped play down the allotment for a while, pushing back spring but allowing us a little more time to get actively started on the plot. Those members who took advantage of the newly delivered horse manure will be feeling glad that nature is helping to break down the soil, and get that manure where it needs to be to get the best from it.

April is a prime month for sowing in containers and planting direct into the soil. How could we manage without Potatoes, Onions, Cauliflower, Kale and Courgettes, Strawberries, Asparagus, French and Runner Beans, the list goes on... April is a time of harvest as well as sowing with the first summer spinach ready for picking along with early strawberries and kale hearts.

Support from Mid Suffolk and the Parish Council enables us to report further progress on the installation of the new sanitary facilities for the community shed. The ground has been broken in readiness of the pipe being run so the committee will soon be calling for work party volunteer's.

Following the success of our column we have a new member joining



Farmers' Market Happy Hamper!

Rickinghall's Farmers' Market holds a free draw for a hamper full of local goodies from our stall holders, several times a year. Each adult visiting

the Market is offered a free ticket for the draw, with extra chances available for only 50p each. This year's Valentine's Market featured such a draw, and the winner of a very full hamper was Richard Green from Botesdale, seen in the photograph eagerly anticipating checking out the contents.

The next Hamper Draw will be at the 9th June Farmers' Market, so be sure to come along and get your chance to win!

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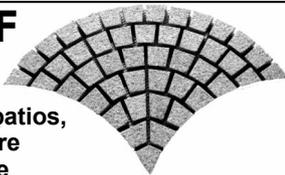
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Exploring the Past

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Redgrave Charities

Last month I wrote about the responsibilities of Redgrave 'Town' Trustees to care for the poor of the parish of Redgrave. Various laws for dealing with the poor were brought in during the sixteenth century and the overseers of the parish responsible for the poor were appointed due to an act of 1563. Before the reformation the monasteries had helped paupers but in 1535 a law was brought in stating that parishes were responsible for the care of the impotent poor and people were not allowed to give alms privately. The priest and churchwardens were permitted to ask for donations in church on Sundays for the poor. Beggars were encouraged to go to work and could be punished for not working. A similar law was passed in 1494 when beggars could be whipped, have their ears cut off or hung. From 1388 a labourer could be sent back to his own parish unless he was provided with a testimonial from the Justices of the Peace. Settlement certificates came into use in 1662 when the law of Settlement was introduced.

The poor law act of 1601 divided the poor into three groups, the able bodied for whom work was found, the impotent poor who were unable to work, and those who were not willing to work. The churchwardens and two or more substantial landowners were to act as Overseers, and to collect the poor rate. This was to be used in four ways: to find work for children whose parents could not maintain them: to set to work all adults who were able to work and did not have a trade of their own: to provide flax, hemp, wood, thread, iron and other necessities for them to work, and relief for people who were unable to work (1).

In addition to the overseers, wealthy residents of Redgrave also provided help privately in other ways.

One of the earliest was Sir Nicholas Bacon who built Redgrave Hall in the mid sixteenth century. The schools which had been run by Bury St. Edmunds Abbey closed after the Reformation and wealthy landowners began to provide schools. Sir Nicholas bought the Chapel of Ease in Botesdale which had been closed by Edward VIth in 1547 when Chantry Chapels were abolished. Unfortunately for the villagers of Botesdale the Chapel had been used as a Chantry Chapel by John Shereve for his wife and mother-in-law around the turn of the fourteenth/fifteenth century and it was closed as a result of this. Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper to Queen Elizabeth 1st, was granted Letters Patent by the Queen to found a grammar school in 1561 for the sons of men from villages in the surrounding villages, for which he left a fixed endowment. The school ran successfully, (occasionally unsuccessfully) for many years and eventually closed in 1878 after the death of the last headmaster, as the endowment was not sufficient to pay for the school and the last few boys were already being taught by the Revd. Haddock at his school. This was in the house which was attached to Simonds Garage in the twentieth century. Queen Victoria approved conversion of the funds into the Bacon Exhibition in 1881. This is still in existence and is now given out to children from the original villages to help with books etc. needed for further education. One of the desks, covered in graffiti, used in the original school can still be seen in St. Mary's Church, Redgrave.

Another educational charity was given by Mary Foster in 1686, wife of the Redgrave Rector Revd. Samuel Foster. A field was

purchased in Barningham, the rent of which was used to teach four poor children to read. This field was exchanged for Steeple Meadow, next to Redgrave Church,

in the nineteenth century, and the proceeds from the rent was given to Redgrave School.

John Hubbard left money in his will of 1727 to buy bread to be distributed every fourth Sunday in the year to those poorer inhabitants of the parish who went to church on that day or would have attended if well enough. The money for this came from the rent of a field called Clapper Close or Chalkpit Close which is a six-acre field to the north of

Churchway, east of a footpath leading through to Fen Street.

This brought in £3.5.0. per annum, five shillings (60p) per month for the bread. When Joanna Todd was researching this in the 1960s the Bread Charity was still in existence but was given out as bread vouchers (2).

John Hubbard left another charity in his will known as the Almshouse Charity. He built a house in Redgrave Street (now known as Charity Cottage) and two of the rooms were to be used rent free for the industrious poor of the parish. The rent for the rest of the house was to be used to give fifteen shillings annually to the two families living in the two rooms and the rest of the money to be used for repairs to the whole house. Amos Burrows was the postmaster here in 1844 and he was also a tailor. By 1877 William Berridge was the postmaster, as well as a grocer and draper, before moving to the larger premises next door in 1877. (The post box from this period at Charity Cottage is stored in Redgrave Church.) By 1916 Miss Martha Thompson had a sweet shop here and was still running it in the 1930s. An elderly widow was living in the two rooms by 1966 and the rest was rented by Ernest Garnham, the retired butcher, but it was condemned by the Rural District Council housing department in 1969. Mr and Mrs Donald Day bought it in 1972 and restored it fit for habitation. John Brundish also had made provision for the poorer people of the parish by 1667. He left a field to let from which the income was used for four of the poorer men or women of the parish. The field to be let was situated off Bier Lane and was later known as The Widow's Pightle. By 1967 the money was being given to between 9 and 12 widows but the parish council decided that the terms of the original will should be observed.

Eighty acres of Redgrave Fen was allocated to the poor people in the enclosure award of 1818 known as the Poores' Fuel Allotment. (more about this next month).

- (1) The Local Historian's Encyclopedia.
- (2) Joanna Todd (previous history recorder and parish clerk).



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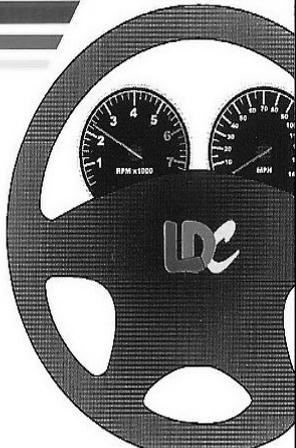
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The Black Death of 1349 in Rickinghall, Redgrave and Botesdale

In April 1349 the plague, later called the Black Death, but at the time called the great pestilence, reached Botesdale, Rickinghall and Redgrave. It had arrived on the south coast of England the previous year and the villagers must have heard reports of it moving nearer towards them from village to village, a terrifying prospect.

It was a highly infectious disease which, once caught, proved fatal to many within a few days, sometimes within hours. Because of the rapid spread, short incubation period and duration of the disease, it is thought that it was a pneumonic disease; probably the pneumonic form of the bubonic plague. It was primarily spread by droplet infection. Throughout the country it appears to have killed between 40% and 60% of the population.



Sufferers of the Plague

It is possible that it was spread in our villages through visitors to Botesdale market. There is no indication in the documents that the market was closed whilst the plague was raging but presumably it was. It reached Rickinghall Inferior and Superior, Redgrave and Botesdale sometime in April 1349. It swept through the villages lasting until late June or July. In Redgrave and Botesdale 70 deaths were recorded in the May court and about 150 in July. In Rickinghall about 130 deaths were recorded by July. The administration of the manors continued almost as if nothing had happened. The manor courts were held in early May, in July and October of that year. Deaths were recorded only because the court was anxious to reassign the land the dead had held to their heirs or, if there were no heirs, to any new tenants who wanted it. Only people who held land, both men and women, were recorded as dying but not their families or dependants so we do not have accurate numbers of deaths. It is notoriously difficult to determine the exact population of the villages at the time but in 1344 there were, an estimated, 800-1,000 people living in Botesdale and Redgrave.

Some families were completely wiped out but in others several members of the family survived to claim their inheritance; of the 130 landholders who died in Rickinghall Inferior only about 50 had no relations to take over their land. It is not known why some survived.

Were they living in a different part of the manor where plague did not reach or were they for some reason immune?

The court roll entries do not show the full horror of the disease. They are dry matter-of-fact statements. For instance one entry merely says that Cristiana Payn should pay for her licence to marry John Thurston but in the margin a later entry says that she had been pardoned from paying as she had died before the marriage took place. One can only imagine the horror and misery caused by this death and all the others.

A typical entry from the Redgrave and Botesdale May court reads *'Item that Juliana atte Chaumbre held from the lord on the day she died 2 acres and 1 rod of land with half of one cottage. And that Matilda her sister is her nearest heir who did not come.'* The following three entries note that her sister Isabella, her brother John, who was a chaplain, and William, Isabella's son, had also died. Presumably Matilda had died as she was not mentioned here or in any later manor court, however she may have gone to live in another manor. She never claimed her inheritance.

In the same May court of 1349 Roger Cuttyng was recorded as having died. His brothers Thomas, Walter, Bartholomew, Simon and Denis paid the fine to take over his land. But by the July court Thomas, Walter and their sisters Isabel, Matilda and Mariot had all died 'since the last court' in other words between May and July. However Simon and Denis had survived. They paid the heriot* to take over their siblings' land. Bartholomew had also survived. The work of the court was nearly back to normal by July as Simon was fined for not paying back a debt of 4s 6d to one Simon Valiaunt. Simon and Bartholomew were fined for not carrying out some of their labour services to the lord. So despite the awful tragedy they had suffered with three brothers and three sisters dying they were still being fined for minor infringements. Walter's wife Cristina Cuttyng had also died and her land was taken by her nearest relatives Roger and Walter Manton, probably her nephews. Walter Cuttyng appears to have been the only one of the family to have been married but did not have children; or perhaps they too had died of plague at the time. However we do not know if any of the others were married with families, if they were and their wives had no land of their own they would not have been mentioned. Cristiana was only recorded as she had her own land. Bartholomew must have married later as in 1378 his daughter Alice was fined 2s 9d for marrying Richard Crane without getting permission to do so from the lord of the manor.(1)

Many young people of working age died so the labour force was severely depleted. In the October court many people were fined for not coming to help thresh the lord's corn. But although there was a fall in labour services to the lord there appears to have been no breakdown in law and order. Again we learn nothing of the struggle by the villagers to get their lives back to normal from the court rolls.

**Heriot = a death duty, normally the best beast, levied on the estate of the deceased tenant.*

(1) Bacon 21

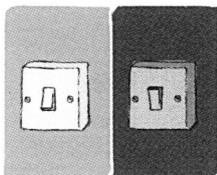
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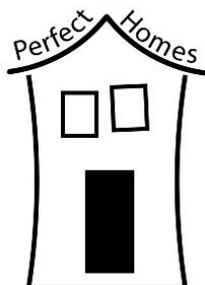
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Nyall's Notes

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Easter is a problem. Firstly, we have Good Friday which is bloody and where the hero dies a horrendous death. Then, we all know that people don't come back from the dead. It doesn't happen. It is something totally outside our experience.

How do we react if reported fact doesn't match up to our experience? One's first reaction is to doubt the credibility of the witness. Let us imagine that those people who had put Jesus to death had put one of his disciples on trial for causing trouble as a result of claiming that Jesus was alive.

The first witness is Peter who confirms that, after the crucifixion and burial of Jesus he appeared to him. Eleven more witnesses follow and they too are willing to swear that Jesus also appeared to them. Many more witnesses for the defence are called, five hundred in all, and each claims that he was with that crowd of five hundred and that they all saw Jesus alive. They then find James, Jesus' brother and he too is prepared to swear on oath that he saw Jesus back from the dead.

Last of all they get Paul, in knowing that he was persecuting the Christians at one time and he says, "I've had to change my mind. People don't come back from the dead. I agree but when I saw him somewhere up there in the Golan Heights, I had no choice but to reassess the situation. Let me say that what I have spent my life doing and will continue to do would be a complete waste of time if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead. I am 100% certain of that fact."

The evidence that Jesus is alive is overwhelming but everyone knows that people don't come back from the dead. He can't have died is the conclusion so the court brings in the witnesses of the crucifixion. These were Roman soldiers who crucified him and Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, two men of high repute from among their own rulers. The soldiers are certain that he died as one of them thrust a spear into his side to prove he was dead. Nicodemus and Joseph protest that they wouldn't have buried him if he hadn't been dead. Even the chief priests and the lawyers who were there at the cross have to admit that they believed Jesus was dead as they couldn't explain why they didn't object when the soldiers took him down from the cross.

What does the jury do? It has been given evidence which is outside the experience of any of them but it is their job to assess evidence and not import their own evidence.

They do what scientists have done many times in the history of science. You have a theory that has stood the test of time. Much has been built on it. Newton's laws of motion were exactly that. Society was built on Newton's laws, the movement of the planets conformed to Newton's laws and then came Einstein and they had to change their minds.

Like Paul, you assess the evidence and operate accordingly but few do.

Jesus said:

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hell.

Revelation Ch.1 vs.17 and 18

Bill's Birds

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The 'Beast from the East' appears to be having a final (?) go at us, a couple of days before spring, if you call 1st March spring. Just before the snow, I walked beyond Botesdale's Fen Lane bridge on a bright and cheerful afternoon—not a cloud in the sky. A dozen thrush-like birds flew to the trees above me, with a cheerful 'chatter'; they descended to the fields beyond the lane's 'gate'. (Still no latch). They were Field Fares in early spring plumage, the size of our Mistle Thrush, but flocking together unlike our similar-sized bird. I am often asked what it is, so thrush-like but a much more colourful plumage. They were looking to the north as they settled in the field but continued with their 'chatter', wisely stating with inward knowledge, 'it is too early to make the long migratory flight north'.

During a morning walk on two occasions I have seen a Wren. It moved quickly and does not wait to be identified. It is our second smallest bird and has an upturned tail. Most likely heard before being seen. An angry 'chatter' and then a lovely song—very loud. Surprisingly so for such a small bird. It sings summer and winter. It is widely spread in our gardens, woods, marshes and reed beds. I had not seen a Redwing this winter until the following morning when one flew above our garden, its colours lit up by the rising morning sun. It is the size of a small thrush with pale under parts and I imagined I saw its under-the-wings flash of red.

This winter series of BBC Nature Watching taught us to distinguish the four large-sized blackbirds. The Raven, the Crow, the Rook and the Jackdaw. I recently saw a blackish large bird flying over our valley. And what is black to dark brown in the winter light? This bird I recognised by its flight. The size of a large Crow, it took a few wing flaps and then glided in a straight line. It did not circle like a buzzard but seemed to have a purpose in its straight line journey. It was a Harrier, probably a Marsh Harrier from our Redgrave Fen. Perhaps one of last year's two male Marsh Harriers on the lookout for other remote breeding areas and having been told by the Fen's other male Marsh Harrier that it was not wanted this year.

A fellow Rickinghall nature observer recently told me he had noticed a bright watchful 'eye' observing him from nearby woodland ground cover. On nearer inspection, it belonged to a bird. It was the watchful eye of nature's best camouflaged bird, the Woodcock. It may have been a resident bird or one of several thousand that come here in the winter. The female is practically invisible on her nest in the daytime. I recall seeing a pair in late spring on Thetford Chase (we were listening for Nightjars) flying ('roding') together in the dusk. They have known fly paths through wooded areas which gamekeepers are aware of and the birds are caught in nets. Trees were planted in rows to become pathways and became 'roding' areas.

A bird you may have read about this winter but may not have seen is the Hawfinch. It is uncommon. I once saw one (sadly a dead one) in the hand of my grandfather who had picked it up in his garden. I must have been about ten years of age at the time but it made quite an impression on me. This year hundreds of them have come from continental mainland, possibly in search of berries. (Perhaps they have taken turns in replacing the winter arrival of Waxwings of which there have been very few this year).

Hawfinches have very strong beaks and can crack a cherry or an olive nut for the pip. Presumably not interested (like us humans) in these fruits delicious flesh. The area to see them locally has been the Arboretum at Munford. A local watcher was fortunate enough to see them this year, presumably guided by a group of fellow watchers with bins or scopes.

I think I had better stop here and start scraping up some of the six inches of deep snow around our home! I hope you are reading this in more clement weather!



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* Winter bedding plants such as Pansies, Violas and earlier bulbs will be finishing this month, so remove these from pots and planters and if they are worth caring for over the summer then plant them temporarily in a quiet corner. Then freshen up the planters completely as the compost will have been 'spent' but this doesn't mean it cannot be used in the borders or vegetable plot. Roses should have been pruned by now but if you haven't yet done so at least give them a light prune. It may mean they flower a bit later than otherwise but be sure to remove old dead wood and stems which cross others in the wrong direction.

* We all know a gardener or two who we believe to have green fingers! They often get this label as a result of their great looking plants, but in reality, it's often their feeding habits that create such great results, and I don't mean it's what they eat! Feeding garden plants is the easiest way to boost healthy growth, resist pests and diseases and produce fantastic flowers and fruits. Now is the time to give all your plants a boost and there's a plethora of foods available from the almost instant liquid feeds such as Phostrogen and Miracle Gro liquid, to the longer term slower releasing ones such as the organic Bone Meal and Fish Blood and Bone, or the traditional gardeners favourite Growmore. Some feeds are specific to different species and others can be used on virtually any plants.

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Butter a 9" cake tin (with loose bottom), and press crumb mixture into the bottom and up the sides.

For the Cheese Filling:

- ¼ cup of milk
- ½ teaspn vanilla essence
- 1 whole egg
- ¼ cup hot water
- 2 egg whites & 2 egg yolks
- 1 packet lemon jelly
- ¼ cup castor sugar
- juice and rind of one lemon
- 1 lb curd cheese or Philadelphia cheese

Make a custard of 1 whole egg + 2 egg yolks, sugar & milk.

Add jelly dissolved in the hot water and stir well. Allow to cool.

Add curd cheese, lemon juice and rind with vanilla essence. Beat egg whites until stiff and add to the cheese mixture. Mix well and pour into crumb base.

When set remove from the tin by pushing from the bottom.

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Spring is here and the summer term is almost upon us.

We have had a very hectic but enjoyable half term. The children have produced some wonderful examples of learning (see pictures below). Watching children learn and progress really is the best part of working in a school.



We have also had our Spring Parent Consultations. These meetings give both parents and staff the chance to discuss a child and work together to support and challenge them in their progress. It's always a busy evening but so valuable for all involved.



Towards the end of March we supported Sport Relief fund raising by dressing up as Sporting Icons. Our Sports leaders also organised and ran fun activities for the younger children to participate in. Our sports teams have also been in action this term. Unfortunately we were unable to retain our Basketball or Rugby titles from last season but I was very proud and impressed by all of the children who represented the school so well.



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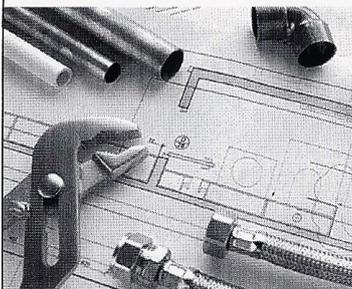
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Last October we also dissected barn owl pellets to find the tiny bones of their small mammal prey. More recently, in February half term, families made bird boxes and feeders to help their feathered friends. The Easter holidays will bring the chance for some pond dipping, which we will also do in the summer along with treasure hunts and other wildlife-themed afternoons.

Our activities for unaccompanied children give them the opportunity to make new friends and have fun, whilst exploring the fen and learning about wildlife. Skulls and skeletons, wild fun and games and bushcraft are past favourites, and we have a wildlife whodunnit coming up in May half term, which will see children turn detective. On our Young Naturalists days for 11-15 year

olds, we get out onto the reserve learning some seasonal identification skills - from birds and bugs to pond creatures and plants.

More details about our activities can be found on the Trust website www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org and bookings can be made online or by calling 01473 890089.

Come and join us at the Fen and get closer to nature. We look forward to seeing you.

Many thanks to Deborah Key of the SWT Education Team for providing us with this article about the events and activities at Redgrave & Lopham Fen.



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Spring 2018 History Workshop

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"The Pre-Raphaelites - Their Work, Lives & Loves"

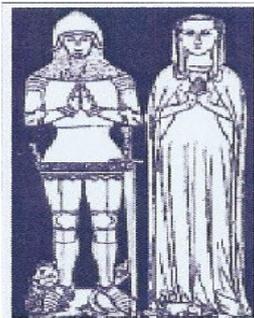
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Activity day for home-educated children

Tuesday 22 May, 10.30am-2.30pm

For 5-9 year olds. £7. Please book

Children's activity: Wildlife whodunnit!

Tuesday 29 May, 10am-2pm

For unaccompanied 6-10 year olds. £7. Please book

For further details and to book, visit

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Saturday 5th May
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Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
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8th April	Acts 4:32-35	John 20:19-end
15th April	Acts 3:12-19	Luke 24:36b-48
22nd April	Acts 4:5-12	John 10:11-18
29th April	Acts 8:26-end	John 15:1-8

Lector/ Sidesman Rota	Chapel of Ease			Rickinghall Inferior			Redgrave All Saints		
29 th March	Maundy Thursday : United Holy Communion : Botesdale Methodist Church : 7.30pm								
30 th March	Good Friday : Walk of Witness : Rickinghall Village Hall : 9.30am								
	Good Friday : United Service : Botesdale Market Place : 10.00am								
	Good Friday : Devotional Service : Rickinghall Inferior : 7.00pm								
	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service
1 st April	Mrs J Wright	Mrs C Davidson	10.30am	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector	08.15 HC			
8 th April	Mrs I Wills	Mrs J Shepherd	08.15 HC	Mrs S White	Mrs Whitehead	10.30 HC			
15 th April				Mr & Mrs Miles	Mrs J Stokes	10.30 WT	Church Warden	Mrs J Shepherd	08.15 HC
22 nd April				Mrs J Sheehan	Rector	08.15 HC	Mrs S White	Mrs K Gunn	10.30 HC
29 th April									10.30 United

Flower Rota	Redgrave All Saints	Redgrave St Mary's	Rickinghall St Mary's
1 st April	-	R Powell	-
8 th April	-	R. Powell	-
15 th April	-	F. Lamb	Mrs Sheehan
22 nd April	-	R. Walker	Mrs Sheehan
29 th April	-	R. Walker	Mrs Rippinghall

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Please note...

- residents of Botesdale & Rickinghall can receive a Neighbourhood Watch email circular on request from Peter Beck
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Neighbourhood Watch Contacts...

- Botesdale & Rickinghall** : Peter Beck on 01379 890495; email : peter@pbeck.plus.com
- Redgrave** : John Campbell on 01379 890946; email redgrave.nwatch@outlook.com
- Suffolk Constabulary** : Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team, telephone 101 (non-emergency & queries)
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Sunday 15th	Communion service at 10.00am and 'Coffee On A Sunday' at 11.00am
Sunday 22nd	Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am.
Sunday 29th	No services at Parkview Chapel.

Events

Thursday 5th	'Praise Hour' – 2.00pm
Tuesday 10th	'Coffee On The Corner' – 9.00am
Thursday 19th	'Praise Hour' – 2.00pm
Saturday 21st	Men's Breakfast- 8.30am
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15 th April	Mr David Freeman
22 nd April	Local Arrangement
29 th April	United Service at St Mary's, Redgrave at 10.00am ; Mrs Sue Goodwin

Events		
Bible Study	9 th and 23 rd April 10.00 am	-
Christian Forum	Tuesday 3 rd April 7.30pm	A missionary nurse in the Gambia with Donna Ely
Coffee down the Lane	Tuesday 24 th April 10.00 am – 12 noon	-
Wives Club	Wednesday 18 th April	Norfolk Bloodbikers with Peter Sorrell

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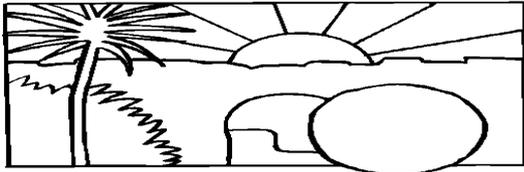


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10.30 St. Botolph's, Botesdale
Family Holy Communion



8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

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



10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall
CW Communion

15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

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22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter

8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave CW Communion



10.30 Botesdale Village Hall
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29th April 5th Sunday of Easter

8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave United Service

6th May 6th Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave ASAT

6.30pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

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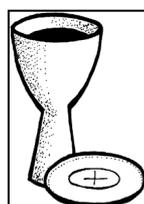


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All Saints, Redgrave

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Wed. 4th April 10.00am

St Mary's Rickinghall Holy Communion

Thur. 19th April 9.45am

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