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Rev

'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation to everyone who believes'

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

As we stand at the beginning of a New Year and look forward to what is in front of us we can take great encouragement from these wonderful words of the Apostle Paul. This verse reminds us that we are to proclaim Christ faithfully to all people. This verse also reminds us that the Gospel is not just another human idea, but that it really is the active power of God by which we are saved from his just judgement upon our sins and brought to eternal life.

So the beginning of a New Year is a good time to rededicate ourselves to the service of this Gospel. If we are prepared to do this, then we must be prepared to find ourselves at odds with the world around us, for sadly the world is ashamed of the Gospel as it ignores the power that God has to bring salvation to all who believe in Him. As the world does this, it then puts itself above God, believing that it can do a better job than God. But if we are honest with ourselves we see that we have made a bit of a mess of things! There is too much war, bitterness and hatred in the world causing unnecessary destruction and death. Later this year we will remember the ending of the First World War, a war that was meant to end all wars!

The truth is, to the world 'self' is more important than anything else. Jesus clearly taught that this only leads to pride, greed, and intolerance towards others and a lowering of our understanding of morality to the point that we think that anything goes because we know best, so we don't need anyone to tell us what is right and wrong!!

If you choose to follow Jesus He will encourage and inspire you in such a way that you are more than happy to identify yourself with the risen Jesus Christ, that He is your Saviour. Hearing God's word is so important here for it helps to equip us in ways that makes us more effective in our witness of Jesus Christ. If we want to see the power of God at work, as stated in the verse from the Apostle Paul above, we have to stand by the truth of the Gospel, even when it is unpopular and costly to us.

With all this in mind the parish church is currently running a basic Christianity course called Christianity Explored, a seven session course with an away day. This has been developed by members of All Souls Church, Langham Place, an Anglican church in London, and is aimed at helping us get to the heart of the Christian faith; Jesus Christ. It poses questions like; "Who is Jesus?", "Why did Jesus come?", "What does it mean to follow Jesus?"

Each session will give you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why He matters. A huge variety of people, with different experiences and backgrounds, and different views and beliefs have nationally attended a Christianity Explored course. Sessions consist of watching a short film, followed by time to discuss what you've heard. The course is based on St Mark's Gospel and all

participants receive a copy of The Gospel of Mark, and a "handbook" which contains all discussion questions with space to make your own notes.

There is no shame in being reminded of what we are about, so this course is for everyone in our community. Whether you are a seasoned Christian, a new Christian, or just Jesus-curious, it will enable us to grow as individuals, and to grow as a community that is endeavouring to work out Biblical principles and truths in the everyday as we look at what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Through Paul's words (and others in the Bible) the Bible teaches us not to be ashamed. Shame is a powerful emotion, sometimes justified, sometimes not, but shame about the Gospel and being a follower of Jesus is never right. In the West we see the result of such shame: we are criticised for being out of step with a secular culture. All of us are vulnerable in different ways and so at the beginning of this New Year let us resolve to be disciples who have counted the cost and, in our weakness, step out trusting in the mighty loving power of God.

This is what Jesus encouraged all to embrace when He spoke these words that we find in what is known as the Sermon on the Mount; "You are the salt of the world.... You are the light of the world." (Mathew 5:13,14 NIV). These words tell us that at the heart of Jesus' message is an amazing evangelistic imperative: we are not to just "go and tell" but "live and transform". This means that we are to demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with every breath and every action and every God like value. Then, like salt, we will flavour the world with God's love, joy, peace and gentleness for that is the power of God's salvation to everyone who believes in Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

If you would like to join us on Christianity Explored, then please do get in touch with me as we intend to repeat the course later in the year.

Wishing you a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Chris Norburn.

From the Register

1.12.17	Funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Redgrave of Marion Ann Wilby. Died 5.11.17 age 82
19.12.17	Funeral and cremation of John (Jack) Chapman at West Suffolk Crematorium

PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Oh well the festivities are now over and we can start looking forward to spring
We now have some new volunteers in place including myself as editor So the magazine should continue into the future. I am sure I will get plenty of help and guidance from the experienced members of the team and I hope to be able to keep up the standard. I have put daffodils on the front cover . I know these are usually associated with March but it seems to me that plants flower earlier every year so we shall see

Charles Murray

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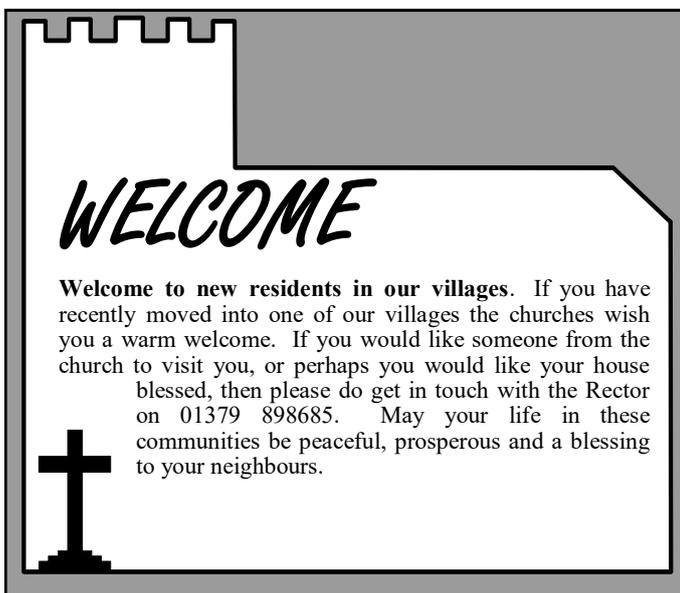
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- **March** issue: 5 February (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 16 February (Fri)
- **April** issue: 5 March (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 16 March (Fri)
- **May** issue: 9 April (Mon). come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 20 April (Fri)

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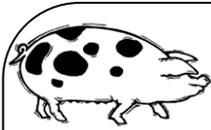
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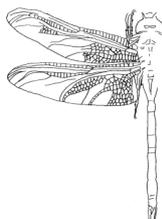
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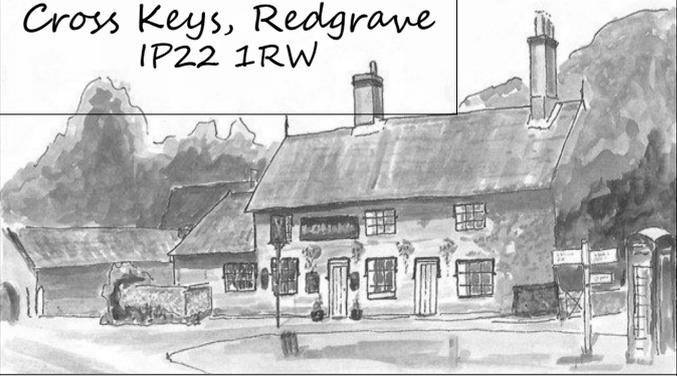
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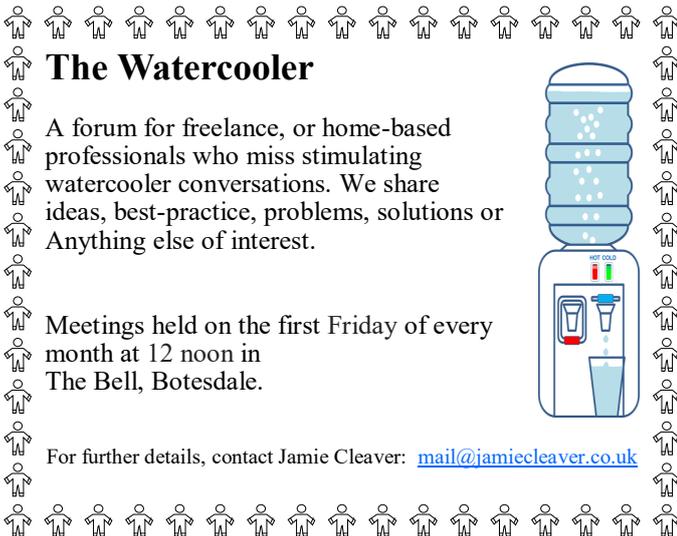


Forum Meeting

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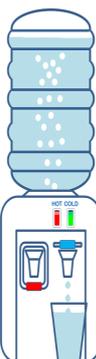
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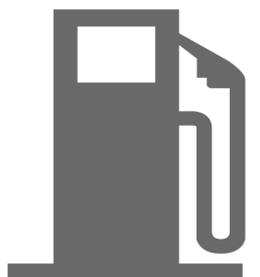
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DECEMBER REPORT

Councillors Bishop and Little gave their apologies. County Cllr Jessica Fleming, District Cllr Derek Osborne and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Peter Beck were also present.

School Transport Consultation: Cllr Fleming reported that consultation on proposed changes to school transport will run until 28th February. Changes to the present policy will be brought in for September 2019. The changes promote the option to charge if students do not attend their "nearest" school. It was noted that this could result in Diss High School being the nearest school for local students. It isn't clear whether places or transport would even be available to a Norfolk school and the PC was advised by Cllr Fleming that there is no position on it in the consultation. She therefore urges families that could be affected to respond and make their feelings known. You can find the consultation at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

Public Forum: Suffolk County Council is launching a special appeal for carers interested in taking children with siblings. Cllr Osborne reported that the takeaway planning application would go before an MSDC Planning Committee on 3 January 2018. Peter Beck reported a theft from an unlocked car parked in Back Hills. Members commented to Cllr Fleming about the condition of road signs, many of which were heavily rusted at the bottom and starting to fall over. She explained that SCC placed repair/replacement of mandatory signs on an immediate work list but if they were not mandatory, they were placed on a very long waiting list. An explanation of which signs were considered mandatory can be found on the SCC website (search "road signs").

Planning: There were two planning applications. The first was for renovation work at The Priory, The Street, which was of a specialist nature. The PC felt it was not qualified to give an opinion on this work other than to comment that it supported bringing the accommodation up to a standard for modern living. The second application was a Prior Approval application to change a barn to a dwelling at Lodge Farm, The Common. It was not clear whether the proposal met the requirements for this type of application, which specifies that the footprint of the existing building cannot be increased, and the PC agreed to recommend to MSDC that the planning officer make a site visit to assess the characteristics of the existing building with respect to the planning requirements for a Prior Approval Application.

Highways Issues: There were several outstanding and concerning issues with highways defects. It was noted that there was a new "escalation protocol" on the online highways reporting tool and the Clerk would investigate.

Budget: The PC received correspondence from the organisers of the Community Bus. The Community Bus was covering its expenses very well, but it was clear that it would not be able to fund the purchase of a new bus from its own funds. The PC will be allocating £2,000 which will be earmarked for a new bus in the next 3-4 years.

JANUARY REPORT

Cllr Bishop gave his apologies. The meeting noted with sadness the death of Cllr Ken Little shortly after Christmas. A councillor for less than two years, Ken brought great enthusiasm to the role of Tree Warden and will be missed.

Public Forum: The PC welcomed Susie Philips representing Llanover Estates, which has held significant land holdings in Botesdale and Redgrave since the mid-60s. Ms Philips explained that the branch of the company with local holdings is headed by Ben Herbert, who lives in south Wales but has local ties having served an "apprenticeship" at a farm in Redgrave. The local disquiet over the application for 69 houses (Land south of Diss Road) had been brought to her attention and she apologised for the way it had been handled so far without prior consultation with the community. She explained that the application had progressed too far to withdraw but as an outline application, there would be a lot of flexibility with the details of layout, type and size of housing as well as landscaping, etc. Members of the public pointed out that this did not apply to the access which would be confirmed in the current

application and Ms Philips agreed to consider this further, particularly with the owners of Tollgate House. She said that she was committed to finding out what the village needed and wanted for this application and in the long term.

Dr Tim Cooke spoke about the need for extension of the Health Centre and additional parking. He noted that there would be a new footpath from the rear overflow car park to the centre and more people would be encouraged to park there.

Planning: There were three planning applications including one for extensions to the Botesdale Health Centre. The PC agreed that the expansion was needed to keep up with local need and supported the application. However, it was noted that residents were concerned about the effect on parking. It agreed that the strain on parking could be eased by publicising the existence of the overflow parking at the back of the Centre, accessed from The Drift, with better signage. The second application was for retention of an outbuilding at the Greyhound PH which had not been built in accordance with approved plans in respect of the roof materials used and the absence of a brick plinth. The PC agreed that retention of the corrugated metal sheet roof had not been justified and the original material – red reclaimed clay pantiles – would be more in keeping with local architecture. Finally, there was an additional heritage statement for The Newsagent application for change of use to takeaway and as this was specialist advice, it was agreed not to add to previous comments.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman reported that this was a period of high activity with consultants' reports to review, local site assessments and analysis and presentation of the data from the local survey. The NP Forum meeting planned for 10 January has been postponed and will now be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 21 February at the Botesdale Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, 9 April prior to the regular meeting of the Parish Council. If you would like to submit a report, please send it to the Clerk by 23 March.

Budget: The PC agreed to set a budget of £30,000 for the year 2018-19 and to retain earmarked funds of £25,200. This will require a precept of £28,700 from the District Council resulting in an overall 4.4% rise on the amount received in 2017-18. The Parish Council continues to fund replacement of old street lights, make improvements at the play area as well as other improvements to village facilities. Unfortunately, the PC does not have the legal power to fill potholes! (That's the County Council.)

Christmas 2017: The tree has been removed and a new year begins. The PC extends its warmest thanks to everyone who helped bring Christmas to Botesdale Market Place, with particular thanks to Chris Burnard, and to the team of helpers who assisted with Santa's visit, organised by our Chairman, William Sargeant. The bucket collection in aid of the Friends of Botesdale Health Centre resulted in a donation of £40.

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Redgrave Parish Council



Leeann Jackson-Eve

Redgrave December Report – by the Clerk

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

This was a short extraordinary meeting to discuss planning applications that needed to be determined before the next meeting of the PC.

Public Forum: Members of the public discussed the proposed airfield, airing concerns about the number of flights per day and resulting noise. Several residents still feel some concern about the plans for the Old School Playing Field and have stated a preference for leaving it as was. It was noted that the PC received no objections to the removal of the old play equipment some years ago and the provision of a new play area behind the Amenities Centre. In the intervening years, no-one has come forward with a suggestion for its use and casual enquiries about using it for grazing, etc have come to nothing. The intention is to provide funds for improvement of the village by a small development on a site which is currently benefitting no-one. The PC reiterated at the meeting that any proceeds from development of the site will be subject to a public village-wide meeting to decide about the use of the funds. The PC has no intention of making this decision without appropriate consultation with residents.

Planning: The PC discussed the application for change of use of agricultural land to provide airfield for light aircraft aviation operations at Land South of School Road, Hinderclay. There were concerns about the affect these proposals would have on both occupants of residential property and wildlife under the stated flight path.

There was another application for an extension at Chapel House, The Knoll and the PC had no objection to this.

The bells, the bells...! Cllr Hayward reported that the church bells have been removed to Dorset to be refurbished while the new steel frame is being installed. They will be reinstalled in April 2018 and in the meantime a recording of bells will take their place.

Redgrave January Report – by the Clerk

All councillors were present in addition to the Clerk, District Councillor Derek Osborne, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 32 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 March 2017. The main changes are to the layout and mix of the houses which now number 17 – down from 25 originally – with six affordable homes (housing association/shared equity) and 11 market homes. Previous feedback has led to a mix of six 1/2-bed, seven 3-bed and four 4-bed homes, including eight bungalows. It is likely that a full planning application will be submitted in time for it to be discussed at the February or March PC meeting. In the meantime, feedback on the current proposals has focussed on concerns about the loss of turtle dove, barn owl and grass snake habitats on site and the proposed house designs, which are considered too urban. Please go to the Redgrave website to see detailed plans and contact Paul Sutton with any further comments.

Planning: The Pound Farm (Land next to Charters Towers) planning application has been submitted and will be discussed at the PC meeting on Wednesday, 7 February. The planning agent from Llanover Estate will also be back to discuss the proposals for Churchway. Please note the meeting will start early at 7pm!

School Transport Consultation: Cllr Fleming reported that consultation on proposed changes to school transport will run until 28th February. Changes to the present policy will be brought in for September 2019. The changes promote the option to charge if students do not attend their “nearest” school. It was noted that this could result in Diss High School being the nearest school for local students. It isn’t clear whether places or transport would even be available to a Norfolk school and the PC was advised by Cllr Fleming that there is no position on it in the consultation. She therefore urges families that could be affected to respond and make their feelings known. You can find the consultation at www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/

Cross Keys Pub: The PC congratulates the village, volunteers and, most of all, the management committee on the successful purchase and ongoing renovation of the pub. It was noted that the Christmas opening event was a great success and a management couple will be starting on 22 January. We’ve been told that the pub will be open sometime in February.

Old School Playing Field: Further highways and ecological advice is needed to determine whether the Old School Playing Field, Half Moon Lane is suitable for development. All advice so far has been paid for out of grants from Locality.org.uk and further funding will be sought for the additional advice.

Speedwatch: As per normal, things have slowed down in the winter, but one positive report is that the police now regularly, usually once a month, do their own speed check in Hall Lane for an hour at a time. This is because it continues to show up as a hotspot for speeding. Cllr Matthew Millard has agreed to help download data from the vehicle activated sign.

Please note that the February meeting will start at 7pm!

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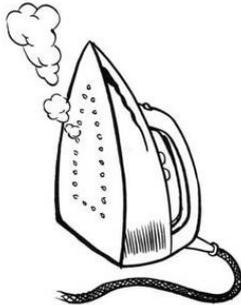
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Rickingham Parish Council



Report for December 2017 - Councillor Sally Smith

The December Rickingham Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 7 December with apologies received from Gillian Crossley-Holland.

The public forum was opened and Jessica Fleming (Suffolk County Councillor) advised that a consultation is taking place regarding free school transport. Members of the public can comment before 28 February at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel. She also noted that there is a call for more foster carers in Suffolk.

Derek Osborne (Mid Suffolk District councillor) stated that the new MSDC phone number is 0300 123 4000. Peter Beck advised on the ram raid at Co-op, but congratulations were given to the Co-op staff for re-opening the street by early evening.

Planning Applications: The Parish Council considered an application for change of use of agricultural land to airfield for light aircraft aviation uses on land south of School Road, Hinderclay. There were no objections to this change of use, but the Parish Council requested that no drones or microlites be allowed to use this land. A further planning application was submitted for an additional dwelling at the rear of White Horse Cottage. There were no objections. There were no objections to tree work requested at Church Rise, Rectory Hill or Crooked Cottage, Water Lane.

Neighbourhood Plan: The team had made site visits of potential development sites in order to establish an order of preference. A landscape appraisal was due to be provided in the next few days. A Neighbourhood Forum meeting will be held on 21 February 2018 at Botesdale Village Hall at 7.30pm to give everyone an update on progress.

Chairman's Report: The Vehicle Activated Sign is waiting for a new battery to be received. Post Meeting Note: a new battery has been bought and the sign is now up and working again. Data from the sign will be analysed during the next few months.

Clerk's Report: The legal order for the yellow lines in Rickingham and Botesdale is due in January 2018 for a 3-week timescale. Hopefully after this time there will be some progress and the villages will have the yellow lines needed to manage the various parking issues.

Correspondence: There were a couple of letters regarding the traffic accident on The Street. A discussion was held as to what could be put in place to try and prevent further accidents happening. Further '30' signs could be painted on the road or 'SLOW' signs could be used. However, it was also noted that drivers must drive responsibly, adhere to the speed limits but also be aware that the 30 limit is not a target to reach. Some parts of the village roads need to be driven slower than 30 in order to be safe.

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Report for January 2018 - Councillor Nick Free

The first Parish Council meeting of 2018 was opened at 19:30 by the Chairman, receiving apologies from Cllr Dominic Elbert. All other council members were present, along with the Clerk, District and County Cllrs and five members of the Public.

The agenda moved swiftly through formalities into the Public Forum, which lasted around 55 minutes in total. During her updates, County Cllr Jessica Fleming raised the School Transportation consultation. A core driver is to reduce cost, with one option being to scale back services to meet legal

minimum requirements. In layman's terms this may provide free School transport to the most local School, geographically. Potentially children from our local villages who attend Hartismere may be offered free transport to Diss High School only. There were concerns from Cllrs and Public that if this option was pursued, the increase in parents opting to drive their children to Hartismere would surely make travel into and around that area even harder than the current gridlock, as well as being environmentally damaging. Please have your say at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel before the deadline on February 28th 2018.

Planning: The owner of Bell Hill House spoke relating to the applications for planning for the former Newsagent / Post Office. The planning application and listed building application, proposing a Pizza take-away shop, was heard in Planning Committee on January 3rd 2018, having been 'called in' for greater scrutiny previously. During the application process, new details were added, which resulted in the Planning Committee deferring a decision in order to allow further consultation from the public. It was noted there are already some 50+ formal 'objections' and 1 'neutral' comment recorded on-line. The strength of public feeling is very clear with both District Cllr Derek Osbourne and County Cllr Jessica Fleming attuned to this. As a Parish Council we had only been formally notified of the extended consultation period for the listed building application. Cllr Nicolaas Joubert, with historic building expertise, will further review the application but initial concerns relate to preserving the fabric of the building, increased fire risk and issues with flue venting. The Mid-Suffolk Planning Committee will be attending the site on January 24th 2018, with the next Planning Committee scheduled for January 31st 2018. Anybody can add further comments on-line for these applications.

The meeting continued, noting permission had been granted for 'up to 5' new dwellings on Rectory Hill and there were observations the Bottle Bank area was again very messy. There were reported incidents of cars being 'keyed' in the village, a reported incident at Snape Hill relating to the travellers camped there, as well as a report from a local resident to the Clerk, stating they were highly supportive of the travellers at Snape Hill. Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland proposed a litter pick date for April 21st 2018, and Cllr Nick Free confirmed he could be contacted for Public Rights of Way issues, having managed to walk 50% of our network so far, with 5 signposts noted as damaged and 'down'. The meeting closed at 21:37.

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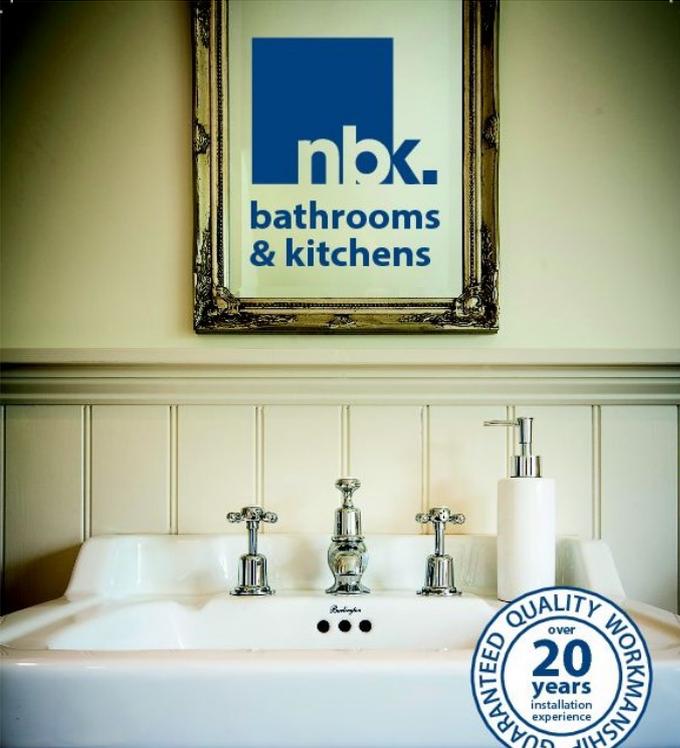
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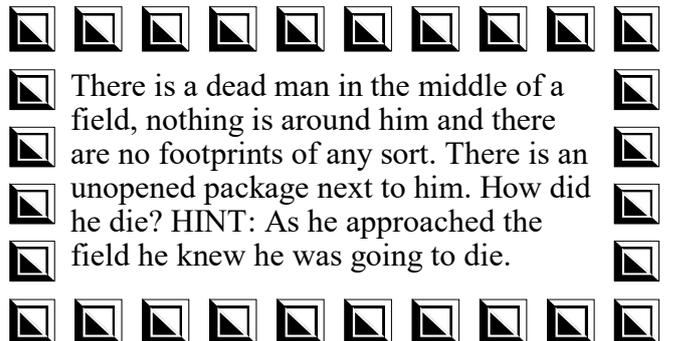
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Regards,

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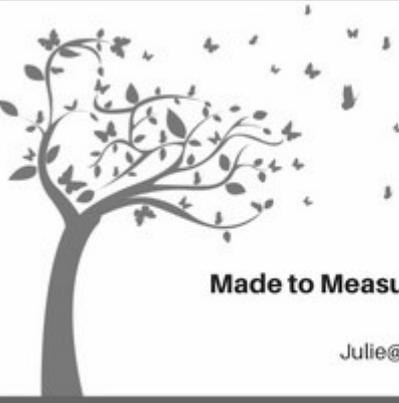
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The Glory of the Garden

OUR England is a garden that is full of stately views,
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But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,
You'll find the tool- and potting-sheds which are the heart of all
The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dung-pits and the tanks,
The rollers, carts, and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise ;
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the
birds,
The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows ;
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:-" Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,
You will find yourself a partner In the Glory of the Garden.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!

And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away !

Rudyard Kipling



CROSS KEYS UPDATE

So much has happened over the past two months! Not only have we bought the pub, but considerable progress has already been made with the refurbishment thanks to the hard work of so many wonderful volunteers. The three bedroomed accommodation upstairs is almost complete now, and the flooring up there is due to be laid before this issue of the magazine is printed. Additionally, chimneys have been swept, the boiler serviced and the electrics inspected. More visibly, the signage has now been removed in preparation for repair work and re-painting.

We were very fortunate receiving a good number of high quality applications for the positions of Manager and Chef and now look forward to Georgina Earland and Naomi Miller-Howard joining us to take the Cross Keys forward as our community pub. They commence on 22nd January. We wish them every success and look forward to sampling Naomi's cooking!

Despite busily decorating, we still found time for a night of celebration just before Christmas – and what a night it was! Having been billed as 'low key' and a 'limited bar', the pub was heaving with countless people arriving to share a truly memorable evening. Special thanks go to everyone who helped with the cleaning beforehand, or brought along plates of food and Christmas decorations to add to the party atmosphere.

The downstairs refurbishment is now well underway, but the kitchen still needs quite a bit of attention to bring it up to standard so it is still too early to provide an official opening date. Nonetheless, it will be worth waiting for!

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Club News



HERITAGE CIRCLE

Stuart Bowell – History from old photographs

Stuart Bowell gave a very interesting talk about the early development of photography and the historical value of surviving photographs at the November meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall.

In his introduction, Stuart explained that some technical advances in the use of chemicals for photography dated from the mid-1830s. The developments were often made by gentleman amateurs, like William Henry Fox Talbot. However, by 1860 photography was well established. Major towns and cities had professional photographers listed in local business directories. They often combined photography with other artistic work or picture framing. Some travelling fairs had photographers who took photographs of family groups. By the 1860s there were well established photographic societies, like those in Norwich.

There were many early photographers in East Anglia. Several worked in Ipswich and we are fortunate that some of their fragile photographic plates have been preserved in local museums and archives. For example, in the 1960s the Suffolk Record Office bought the collection of Richard Dykes Alexander's photographs of Ipswich which date from the 1850s. Similarly, it preserves the photographs Cleer Algar took of Diss and the Waveney Valley in the mid-19th Century.

There were some photographs of the Crimean War (1854-56) but the American Civil War (1861-65) was the first conflict to be well documented. Early photography had the problem of taking cumbersome equipment into the streets or countryside. In addition, it needed for the people or animals to be absolutely still for a period of time otherwise the image was blurred. These difficulties were gradually overcome by the late 19th Century, a time when the police began to take photographs for criminal records.

Photographs are a valuable historical source as they provide evidence of how life was in the past. Surviving photographs show changes in fashion, transport and the nature of work. Stuart Bowell showed a number of images which were full of fascinating detail. A number were street scenes from the late 19th Century. Buildings, such as the Rising Sun Inn in Bury St Edmunds have barely changed and features like a hayloft and a carriage entrance have been adapted for modern needs. Photographs of roads in Ipswich illustrated the gradual evolution of transport. Horse drawn buses and trams were slowly replaced by electric trams with overhead wires. About 1906, the tram rails in Ipswich were removed and trolley buses were introduced as they were more manoeuvrable. One photograph showed the last trolley bus in the town in 1963. Horses were also used on the railways, for example for shunting at Woodbridge and for moving the level crossing at Halesworth. A photograph of a work's outing had a crowded charabanc pulled by three horses. This image also hinted at the presence of different social groups as one man, possibly a clerk, was wearing a straw boater.

Photographs can record significant events. There was an image of the last election hustings at Bury St Edmunds about 1868. A large group of predominantly well-dressed men, many with top hats, were watching a platform set up in front of the Angel Hotel from which votes were being cast. The use of a secret ballot for voting was introduced in 1872. Two other photographs showed the collection of first old age pension payments in Framlingham and Wickhambrook in 1909. One of these was a postcard.

Stuart Bowell did warn of the need to be cautious in interpreting images. A school photograph had all of the boys smartly dressed in their best clothes and wearing boots. They may not always have looked like this.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28 February at The Village Hall, Rickinghall. Geoffrey Robinson will give a talk entitled *Shakespeare Buff*. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net

Gerry Gurhy

Coffee On



The Corner

As there has been a double issue of the Parish Magazine over the Christmas period, there is twice as much to report now ... since my last comment we have had two Coffee mornings at Parkview Chapel.

The first was in December and a few people were very keen and arrived just after 9am - they were more organised than I was, as I spent some 20 minutes trying to get my car off the drive in all the frost! They were rewarded by an early coffee and cake and the room gradually filled up with proud parents and grandparents of our soon to arrive choir! The children arrived at 10am prompt and, having stood in beautifully neat lines, they were asked to "put on their smiles" which they duly did! The singing was delightful and, having spoken to one of the parents, I was told how much they enjoyed coming up to sing for us - just to let them know that we really appreciate their efforts, as well as the time put in by their hard working teachers. It is something of a tradition now and we hope it will continue. Thanks!

The charity that we were supporting was "Crisis for Christmas" and many of you will be aware that this brilliant organisation opens its doors to feed folks over the Christmas period in many of the cities around the country, but it isn't just that though. They also organise various services and support agencies to have a presence there, in the hope that they will be able to support the homeless in their move away from the streets and assist with whatever other needs they may have. Your donations totalled £90.00 and as always your kindness astounds me. Thank you so much.

And then in January.... this month we were supporting, as we always do in January, the work of Centre Point. For anyone who buys the Big Issue on a regular basis, you will know that this charity works with the homeless in London and other places. Not only do they offer shelter for those who have no home, but they also offer counselling and support to get them off the streets and back into a life where they feel valued. Whilst our donations this morning were slightly lower than usual - of the order of £68 - it is these small donations that can make a big difference. Thank you and we wish those of you who were not able to come this morning a speedy return - either to health if you are suffering, or simply to Coffee on the Corner - we missed you!

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Sue Allen



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February Calendar

Thursday	1 st	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care: Drop in Zumba Rickinghall Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	2 nd	10:00am 8:00pm 12:00 noon	Positive Steps Dance classes Watercooler	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall The Bell Inn
Saturday	3 rd	10:00am 10:00am 10:00-4:00 10:30-1:00 2:00pm	Church open Church open Beekeeping Guided Fen Walk Grand Jumble Sale	St Mary's Redgrave Rickinghall Inferior Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave & Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall
Sunday	4 th	10:00-3:00	Marmalade making	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	5 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	6 th	9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday	7 th	9:30am 10:00am 10:00-12:00 7:30pm	Mobile Library Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Volunteer recruiting Redgrave Parish Council	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave Activities Centre
Thursday	8 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:00-4:00 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Headspace RABBATS Two colour woodblock printing Phoenix Luncheon club Zumba Women's Institute	All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	9 th	9:15am 10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Whist Drive Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Bowls Club Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	10 th	9:00am 10:30-12:30	Farmers' market Wildlife Watch group	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	12 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall

Tuesday	13 th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00-2:00 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee on the corner Macmilland information & advice Super furry animals Zumba Julie's Aerobics Redgrave & District Ladies club	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Redbrave & Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre
Wednesday	14 th	9:30am 10:00am 2:00-4:00	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Family Activity: Nest box building	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Thursday	15 th	9:30am 10:00-2:00 6:00pm	RABBATS Young Naturalists Zumba	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	16 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	17 th	10:00am 7:00 for 7:30pm	Church open WARTS Valentine Variety Evening	Rickinghall Inferior Botesdale Village Hall
Monday	19 th	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	20 th	9:45-10:45 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre
Wednesday	21 st	9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 2:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Headspace Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club Bring & Buy Redgrave N'bourhood Plan (NP) meeting Botesdale/Rickinghall NP Forum Meeting	All Saints Redgrave Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church Redgrave Activities Centre Botesdale Village Hall
Thursday	22 nd	9:30am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Headspace RABBATS Zumba Redgrave Garden Club Spring Dinner	All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall The Kings Head, North Lopham
Friday	23 rd	10:00am 10:00-12:30 8:00pm	Positive Steps Time to Paint Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	24 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Church open Country & Western Dancing	Rickinghall Inferior Rickinghall Village Hall
Monday	26 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needle craft Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	27 th	9:45-10:45 10:00am 10:30-2:30 12 noon 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Pilates Coffee down the Lane Activity Day for home-educated children Luncheon Club 898615/619 Zumba Yoga and relaxation Julie's Aerobics Birds, Whales and More in NZ	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Methodist Church Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen
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Barwoods Report for February 2018



As I write (1st Jan) the birds are singing as if it were spring. It is unseasonably mild and early bulbs have been showing their spears for a couple of weeks in my garden despite the sharp frost that visited us briefly before Christmas. However the snowdrops in Miller's Orchard have not appeared yet - a difference in the microclimate of these two places.

We will be out in Northfield Wood next weekend, the first Sunday of January, tending the young trees and planting saplings - native seedlings from our own gardens or gifts from other people. Now is the time to put them in; the ground is full of moisture after the rain.

We have applied successfully for a grant from the Sapphire Fund to buy a good strimmer, which will allow us to share the strimming duties. Until now Patrick has been doing it all with his own strimmer. It is a lot of work for one person and also adds to the wear and tear on his equipment.

Are you aware that there are similar projects nearby: community spaces, woods and meadows cared for by the residents for the residents? Stanton, Elmswell, Kenninghall, Braiseworth, Eye, Diss, to name but a few. They are all open to the public and worth a visit.

Rosemary Jones

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The Redgrave and District Theatre Club annual Review with cheese and wine will be held in

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NUMBER RIDDLES

1. A marathon runner timed himself and found that if he wore a white outfit he ran 20 miles in 80 minutes but when he wore a black outfit it took him an hour and twenty minutes to run the same distance. What are the implications for his next race?
2. What is the least number of chairs needed around a table to seat four fathers, two grandfathers and four sons?
3. A car's odometer shows 72927 miles - a palindromic number. What is the minimum number of miles you would need to travel to form another?
4. How many times can you subtract 5 from 25?
5. Two men were playing tennis. They played 5 sets and each man won 3 sets. How is this possible?
6. When asked how old she was, Sue replied, "In two years I will be twice as old as I was five years ago. How old is she?"
7. How far can a dog run into the woods?
8. A farmer has 17 sheep and all but 9 of them die. How many are left alive?

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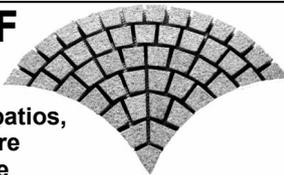
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Exploring the Past

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St. Marys Redgrave – Church Bells

Redgrave Bells away for Refit

The 6 bells and bell-frame at St Mary Redgrave were carefully dismantled between November 20 and 23 and have gone to Nicholson's for repair of the frame and minor works to the bells. Reinstallation is expected, complete with new fittings, in 2018.



The refurbishment has been made possible by a generous bequest by Albert Driver who rang the Redgrave bells for 80 years. The last time the bells were refitted was in 1898 by Frederick Day of bellhangers George Day & Son of Eye. That was reported in The Bell News and Ringing Record of November 26, 1898. When the bells were reopened the first company to ring included Frederick and George Day of Eye and James Driver of Redgrave. The Driver connection spanned 3 generations.

The bells, frame, and fittings have remained unchanged since 1898 and the frame and fittings were near the end of their useful life. The Churches Conservation Trust which owns St Mary's Redgrave decided not to add bells to the existing ring which would have required a new frame but to repair and strengthen the old frame to the highest standards.

It had been originally proposed to add more bells on a new steel frame and rebuild the old frame and fittings for exhibit in the silence chamber below. The dilemma of potentially losing a complete set of 1898 Days of Eye fittings has been mitigated by the local Redgrave Church Heritage Trust retaining one complete set of headstock, wheels, slider, pulley, and bearings for exhibit in the silence chamber together with photographs plus a short story of Days of Eye. The dating is very accurate with the gunmetal bearings stamped F.Day Eye 1898.

Five of the bells are from 1736 by Thomas Newman of Norwich and the sixth by Thomas Osborn of Downham Market dated 1785.

The church tower blew down in 1782 and was replaced by the current one in 1784 and the bell frame seems to have been made in the estate workshop 300 metres from the church from estate oaks. The bell frame is made of interlocking trusses which can each be lifted up or down the tower through hatches in the floors. The bellhanger who rehung the bells on the frame was William

Wincen of Walsham le Willows who also was part of the team of ringers at the opening.

Days of Eye was started in 1802 and their 1908 record of testimonials shows that they had done work on 70 churches in Suffolk, 70 churches in Norfolk and at least 40 further afield. The firm closed in 1952 on the death of Hubert Day.

Chris Davies tower captain & Bob Hayward

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Chris Davies and Bob Hayward have written the above article about the latest development to the bells after several years of negotiations with English Heritage and the Churches Conservation Trust on behalf of Redgrave Church Heritage Trust.

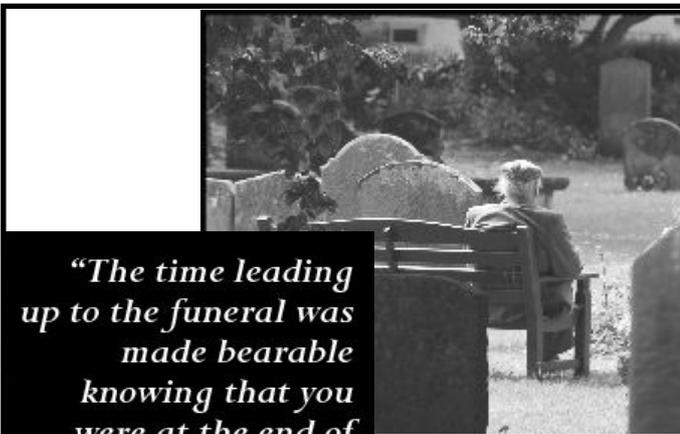
At the time of a survey of all the bells in Suffolk in 1553, in the reign of Edward VI, there were 3 'great' bells in the parish of Redgrave-cum-Botesdale. It is possible that these bells were recast by Charles Newman in 1691, when he cast 5 bells. Thomas Newman, his son, recast them again in 1736 when the tenor bell had been broken and the inscription read 'CHARLES NEWMAN MADE ME 1691 GOLDSMITH CHVRCH W.D. The four other bells only mentioned the maker, not the churchwarden. After recasting, the inscription on the bells can still be read clearly which are all inscribed 'THOMAS NEWMAN OF NORWICH MADE ME 1736'. The tenor bell also mentions John Munns and John Goldsmith who were the Church Wardens at the time. John Goldsmith may have been a descendant of John Goldsmith of Redgrave, a bell founder who was buried in Redgrave churchyard in 1714, although he did not make any bells for Redgrave. A treble bell was added in 1785 and this was made by Thomas Osborne. The Inscription clearly reads 'T.OSBORN FECIT 1785 CUM VOCO VENITE'.

The original tower of the church collapsed in the 1620s and was rebuilt in 1640 with red bricks from Redgrave brick kiln. A drawing of this tower by John Ives exists in the Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University. Unfortunately this tower also collapsed in 1782.

Rowland Holt of Redgrave Hall had the hall re-designed in Suffolk white brick by Capability Brown in the 1760s and he also landscaped the parkland and widened the river to form a serpentine lake. Rowland paid to have a new church tower built in white brick, and it is possible that he was using this as a folly for his landscaping. In the Holt-Wilson papers, now deposited in Ipswich record office, are two receipts to Rowland Holt Esquire from Richard Todd for rebuilding Redgrave steeple. One is dated April ye 23rd 1784 for £100 and the other May ye 15 1784 for £110. On the inside face of the North pinnacle is an inscription which says "Todd built me 1784". Richard Todd lived in Botesdale at the Georgian house in Rickinghall which was Botesdale Post Office a few years ago. Although the outside of the tower is in Suffolk white bricks, the interior is lined with red bricks as they are cheaper than white,

We are grateful to Bob Hayward and Chris Davies and their helpers for all the hard work which has been entailed to keep the bells ringing at Redgrave Church, and to Albert Driver for his generous bequest.

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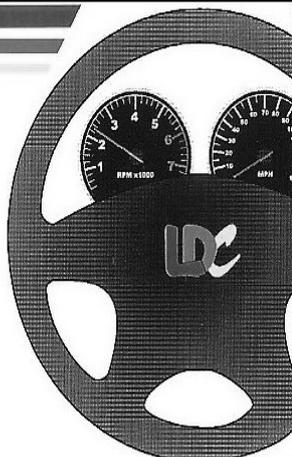
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Exploring the Past Again

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Philip Astley and the Circus

This year, 2018, it will be 250 years since Philip Astley (1742-1814), regarded as the 'father of the modern circus', first marked out a 42 foot diameter ring with a rope and started to put on shows of trick riding with his horses in London. He had been in the cavalry where he learnt how to train horses. After he left the army he started a riding school but as well as an equestrian rider he was a showman and an entrepreneur. At that time anyone performing tricks on horseback usually rode in a straight line Astley was the first one who thought of riding in a circle. This meant people could watch everything that happened. He had found that a ring which was 42 foot in diameter allowed stunt riders galloping around it to keep their balance through the generation of centrifugal force. This circular area later came to be called a circus and today the central area in a circus is still 42 feet in diameter.

Philip Astley built an amphitheatre, Astley's Amphitheatre, to house his riding school and in the afternoons people could watch the performances of trick riding which he put on. At first these performances were only of the horses and stunt riders. However he then introduced other acts such as acrobats, strongmen, tightrope walkers and clowns. Originally they only performed between the various horse riding acts. But gradually the whole entertainment was what people came to see.

Circuses became very popular in the 19th and early 20th centuries and would tour the country going to different towns and villages. As well as performing horses they also had other animals, such as elephants and dogs, doing tricks. Many circuses also had lions with lion tamers to make them perform. By the middle of the 20th century this was considered cruel and animal acts were phased out. Although the circuses no longer have performing animals they still have acrobats, jugglers, trapeze artists and of course clowns. Many circuses are being reworked and now perform in theatres. However many still tour with their big top tent and with the performers living in caravans. Even now when children have electrical entertainment of all kinds they still love the atmosphere of the circus with the clowns and other acts.

In the past circuses did not tour in winter and would usually 'overwinter' in the same place each year. In Australia they always overwintered in the twin towns that straddled the Murray River, which is the boundary between New South Wales and Victoria. The children of these two towns, Albury and Wodonga, were fascinated by the circus and in the 1970s for something to do in the winter the circus people started to teach any children who were interested the various circus skills. A group of these children started to tour Australia in a circus called the 'Flying Fruit Fly Circus'. There is now a special circus school there where the children are taught circus skills as part of the school curriculum. They continue to perform throughout Australia and overseas.

Rickingham also had some circus people bringing their animals to overwinter here, although not on such a large scale. Both the Bell Inn and Astley House, in Rickingham, have had connections with circuses. It is said that Astley House was named after a Colonel Astley who ran a troupe of performing horses which he used to overwinter in the fields behind the Bell Inn. It is thought he was probably a descendant of Philip Astley. I have been unable to find out anything else about this Colonel Astley so I would be grateful if anyone knowing more would contact me as it would be interesting to find out about him and his connection to Rickingham.

In the early 20th Century the Bell Inn was taken over by the owner of Crick's circus, Freddie Crick, who used to train his animals in the field behind the inn. In the 1940s and 1950s Tom Dunkley, one of the circus clowns who had married into the Crick family, was the manager of The Bell. Freddie gave a cup to the Bowls Club, which was at that time behind the Bell; this is now known as the 'Bell Cup' and is still presented each year. The actual cup was one which originally Freddie would present to anyone who could ride his cantankerous mule for a certain time in the circus ring. Olga Dunkley, his daughter, who had an act with performing dogs, also trained her animals at the Bell. (1)



Olga Dunkley with her performing dogs

This year there will be many celebrations throughout the country to mark this 250th anniversary of the start of the circus. Museums will be putting on special exhibitions and the New Vic theatre has commissioned a play called 'Astley's Astounding Adventures'. In July this year the Norwich Lord Mayor's show will be in the form of a circus with acrobats and life size elephant puppets. There will also be a Big Top Circus festival in Chapelfield Gardens, Norwich. Norwich and Great Yarmouth are two of the six towns playing key roles in the Circus250 celebrations.

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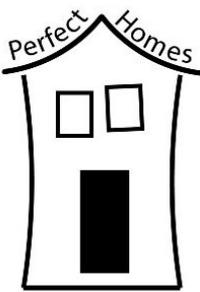
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Recently some of the presenters on Radio Four's Today programme said that it was time that 'thought for the day' was done away with. They claimed that all that was ever said was that Jesus was nice and that we should be nice. I'm not sure what they think is wrong with being nice but I do wonder if they had Jesus do 'thought for the day' whether they would come out thinking that he was nice. It isn't a word I'd naturally use to describe Jesus. His searing honesty wouldn't make him a popular participant in 'thought for the day.'

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." These are the plain words of Jesus and they aren't at all popular in our pluralistic society. Yet it has been the basis of Christianity for 2000 years. It makes Christianity unique, Jesus unique and all other claimed ways to God wrong. It even makes atheism wrong in that through it Jesus affirmed that there was a way to a god and that accordingly he must exist. There would undoubtedly be repercussions after that as a thought for the day.

"Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." When modern Christianity decided to quietly forget about hell, it didn't take Jesus' words out of the Bible. They are still there and I could almost hear the outrage as I typed it. Assuming that the presenters meant what they said, the obvious retort is, "Jesus is nice. He wouldn't send anyone to hell."

I don't know whether you think of yourself as nice, but try and be nice as I give you a little thought task. The Bible says, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." Now Jesus says to you, "I want you to do my job for a while."

So there you are sitting in the judgment seat and you get all sorts of people appear before you. What are you going to do with them?

Today's headlines include the recommendation by the parole board that John Worboys be allowed back into society after having served 10 years in prison for raping twelve women. The police believe that he may have done the same to over a hundred women. His victims are described as terrified at the thought that he has been released.

Remember you are being nice and a nice Jesus wouldn't send anyone to hell. I presume you'd send him to the nice place.

A little while later one of his victims appears before you. You send her to the nice place whereupon she spots the fellow that you just allowed to go in there and exclaims, "With him in there, it will be hell."

Judgement isn't easy, especially righteous judgement. You cannot have righteous judgement and unconditional mercy. That is why God has chosen to offer pardon here on earth (in the body) for deeds done in the body. It has to be received on earth for there is no unconditional mercy in heaven.

God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Acts Ch.17 vs.30 & 31

Bill's Birds

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Welcome to another year of Bill's Birds. Though I do not walk far these days, I know of nearby familiar walks which may well produce some interesting winter bird life. Near our Rickinghall home I could hear birds in the tops of local Ash trees. I last heard and saw Siskins in Alders at Lackford Bird Reserve not far from its Centre. High in the tops of these trees and singing and 'bird chattering' to each other. Not easy to see in a strong setting sun and a brisk wind. They have a lovely soft chatter to each other, by way of communication in their winter flocks. In summer they stay north and they are a charming sight at the feeders in bird reserves such as those off the Whinlatter Pass in the Lake District. The bird is finch-sized with lots of green plumage, especially the males.

And then, believe it or not, a Great White Egret at a much-visited pool on the Redgrave Fen adjoining the Redgrave to South Lopham road at the county boundary. This was a thrilling sight. It's first appearance in Suffolk was in 1984. Much bigger than our now common Little Egret. This attractive bird, the size of a Heron, has gradually been spreading sporadically through



Great White and Little Egret

England. It has a yellow bill except in the breeding season. This was a 'geriatric twitch', best seen from the main road. Last 'twitched' by my wife in the marshes north of Stiffkey (North Norfolk), who was also with me on this sighting. I remember the excitement when the first Little Egret was seen in Suffolk in the 1960's. See how it has thrived and is now common enough on the coast. I have seen twelve together on this mentioned Redgrave Fen pool, also one annually in the valley below our home. What next? When shall we see the third member of the egret family, the Cattle Egret, named because it feeds off insects on the backs of cattle. A few have been seen in England since 2001.

One of the winter scenes I love is the appearance of flocks of Lapwings, mostly from the Continent. This year I saw a flock of about 200 birds in early December in the morning light over Redgrave lake. The flocks bunch and stretch in a characteristic manner. The black and white colouring distinguishes Lapwings from other winter flocks.

I have already mentioned a Redgrave murmuration of Starlings but I was thrilled to see a much larger one on a visit to Southwold. After a beautiful afternoon with a setting sun over the Common and Walberswick, we were returning home when I noticed from afar the fascinating changing shapes of a murmuration over the Hen Reed Beds Reserve. As we approached the zig-zag turnings of the main road, the murmuration was overhead and we parked at the Reserve car park just in time to see the birds dipping into the reed beds, literally in their thousands, and immediately start their friendly chattering (do they chat to each other in flight?). Directly overhead the sky was amass with thousands of Starlings. What a memory to be literally surrounded by this huge gathering of roosting birds. This flocking instinct is brought to perfection by Starlings. Other birds have roosts but their flocking seems more of individual birds (eg Rooks), and not 'en masse'. This instinctive close-flocking is similar to fish shoals. It is a method of survival. If you 'fall out of line' of roost or shoal there is bound to be a predator ready to pick off the sick bird or fish.

And lastly, what about our Redwings and Field Fares? Fewer reports except for a single Field Fare in a Rickinghall friend's orchard. It soon finished off the remaining apples, chattering away happily to itself or, indeed, to the orchard owner.

As I write the New Year is upon us. The shortest day is past and we have had one camellia flower bloom in one of our outdoor pots.

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* Because the deciduous leaves have yet to flourish, it's easier to prune hedges, shrubs and trees at this time of year, and before bird nesting begins. There's a range of tools to make the task easier, but they will all work best if they are sharpened for the job. This applies to shears, loppers hedge-trimmers and chainsaws. You will get a cleaner cut, which means a reduced chance of fungal infections, and the job will get done quicker too. Fruit trees also need pruning at this time of year before buds begin to 'break'. As a rule of thumb, reduce last year's growth by around a third, cutting just above an outward facing bud. Also take the opportunity to prune out dead and diseased wood and any growth which is 'crossing' the centres.

* Look out for early signs of emerging plants and make sure that they aren't obstructed by dead leaves and other debris. Flowering stems of Hellebores, Primulas and spring bulbs will now be rising so give them a chance to do their best. In the vegetable plot Rhubarb will be doing the same thing but for this it's possible to cover the crowns to keep the light out and the resulting bright pinkish stems will be luscious and sweet. Rhubarb is of course a herbaceous plant in its true sense, but for other ornamental herbaceous plants, we're now at the last part of the season for dividing and re-planting.

* Also emerging before very long, will be the lawnmower. Before you need to use it, give it a quick check out to make sure it will still start easily and that the blades are as sharp as they should be. Sharp blades will reduce the workload on the engine and give a finer cut.

* Happy Gardening! Ian Shilling, Marlow's Home & Garden *



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Fruit Loaf

Provided by Val from the W.I.

"Below is a very old recipe from the 60's, I still make it occasionally for a change from your usual fruit loaf."

Ingredients

- 8 oz/ 227 g Self-raising flour
- 2 level teasp. Baking powder
- 4 oz/ 113 g demerara sugar
- 4 oz/ 113 g margarine
- 2 eggs
- 1 x 8oz/ 227 g can pineapple slices
- 4 oz/ 113 g sultanas
- Warmed honey or syrup to glaze

1. Preheat oven to 160c. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin.
2. Place flour, baking powder, sugar, marg and eggs in a bowl. Drain syrup from pineapple and measure 6 tablespoons into the bowl. Reserve 1 and 1/2 pineapple rings for decoration and chop remainder finely. Cut the reserved pineapple rings in half through the thickness and then each whole ring in half to give 6 semi circles.
3. Mix ingredients in bowl using an electric mixer. Beat for 2 mins until mixture is smooth and glossy. Fold in the chopped pineapple and sultanas with a metal spoon. Spread mixture in prepared tin and level top with a metal spoon. Arrange the pineapple slices down the middle of the cake slightly overlapping.
4. Bake cake in centre of oven for 1hr 50mins to 2 hours. Test by pressing with fingers.
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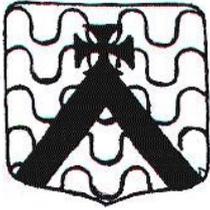
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School news

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The Spring term is now well underway and it was great to see the children again after a two week break.

The children have settled back into school well and we continue to focus on improving the key skills through the delivery of our broad and balanced curriculum. I have been very impressed with the art, design and music which were covered last term. It was wonderful that three of our children were keen to play their recorders during our end of term assembly. It is such a wonderful gift and the children not only impressed all present but also provided inspiration for others who are considering learning an instrument.

I have been so impressed with all of the project and design work that the children have been experiencing. So much time and effort has been put in and the learning has been absolutely amazing.

This term we will be welcoming the children from pre-school who will be joining us in September. It is so important that the school works closely with the pre-school and starts the transition process as early as possible. It is a process that is mirrored with our Yr6 children who also start to visit Hartismere on a more frequent basis. Good transition can help to make sure that when children do arrive in their new setting they feel confident, safe and ready to learn.

I was delighted with our recent Ofsted report which supported and confirmed the good work we do at St Botolph's. The report is available to download from the school website or the Ofsted website.

I am very much looking forward to the remainder of the Spring term and the challenges it will surely bring.

Mark Cobbold, Head teacher

Consultation on School Transport - Have Your Say!

Suffolk County Council is currently running a consultation on proposed changes to school and post-16 travel policies in Suffolk, as has been raised at January parish council meetings. The consultation runs until 28th February 2018, and has the potential to affect all our villages; details can be found on the Suffolk County Council website:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/>

There are three main proposals being put forward:

- Option 1 – From Sept 2019, change the school travel policy all at once in line with legal requirements
- Option 2 – From Sept 2019, introduce changes year by year in line with legal requirements
- Option 3 – No changes to school travel policy, and make savings from other services

As in many things, the devil is in the detail, and in this case, the detail is in the form of a 36-page consultation document which focuses on the legal requirement for the council to provide free transport for pupils if their nearest 'suitable' school that can accommodate them is more than 2 miles (up to the age of 8) or 3 miles (for pupils aged 8 to 16).

How will this affect Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall?

Both Options 1 and 2 specify that the nearest suitable school to a home is '...regardless of whether the school is in Suffolk or in a neighbouring county'. This means that for most children in our villages, the nearest suitable school would be in Diss, and not Hartismere. Some primary age school may also potentially be affected.

The consequence is that Suffolk County Council could potentially be obliged to provide free travel from the villages to Diss but not to Eye, and that seats on transport could be sold to pupils – the current average cost is **£960** per year, according to the consultation document.

This could have far-reaching impacts, including increasing travel journeys to and from Hartismere, as well as imposing a financial burden on families. Potentially, the change could make our villages less attractive to young families, and lead to serious effects on our rural communities.

If you want to have your say – you can take part in the consultation by visiting the website above. Suffolk CC is also holding a series of consultation workshops (one in Eye on 17th January) and a 'Have your say' event in Bury St Edmunds on 30th January 2018.

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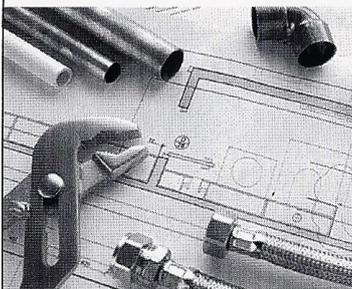
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School transition

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Committee

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

Committee members also help to shape how the pre-school setting is managed.

New members are always welcome (and needed). You can choose how much time to commit and there are lots of ways to contribute so please contact us if you would like to get involved.

This Term...

This term we are talking about where the children come from and their families. If they have any family traditional recipes that they would like to share please let us know. On Friday this week we are having a dad come in whom originates from Sweden. He is bringing us some Swedish food to taste and another child from Bulgaria has passed on some recipes that we are going to try to make with the children.

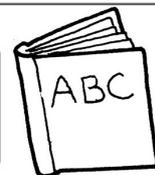
We will be inviting the Squirrels from St. Botolphs over for an Easter egg hunt. We will also be starting our transitions into school for the Butterfly children with their first visit for a story and play in January.

We received a grant from the locality grant offer from Cllr Fleming which is going towards the cost of heating and lighting in the log cabin. This enables us to now install solar lights and heating in our wonderful log cabin. We would like to say a big thank you to them for their help in making this happen.

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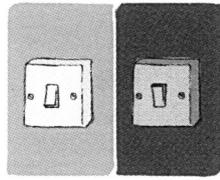
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11th February	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
18th February	1 Peter 3:18-end	Mark 1:9-15
25th February	Romans 4:13-end	Mark 8:31-end
4th March	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22

Lector/ Sidesman Rota	Chapel of Ease			Rickinghall Inferior			Redgrave All Saints		
	Date	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector
4 th Feb	Mrs C Hilliard	Mr L McGrath	08.15 HC	Mrs M Self	Mrs J Bennett	3.00pm EP	Mrs S White	Mrs Whitehead	10.30 ASAT
11 th Feb	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	08.15 HC	Mr R Rixon	Mrs P Rixon	10.30 HC			
14 th Feb	Mrs I Wills	Mrs J Shepherd	7.30 UHC						
18 th Feb				Mrs S White	Mrs Whitehead	10.30 WT	Mrs R Walker	Mr. J Walker	8.15 HC
25 th Feb	Messy Church	Messy Church	10.30	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector	8.15 HC	Mrs F Lamb	Mrs K Gunn	10.30 HC
4 th March	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	08.15 HC	Mr R Rixon	Mrs J Bennett	3.00pm EP	Mrs C Davidson	Mrs J Stokes	10.30 ASAT

Flower Rota	Redgrave All Saints	Redgrave St Mary's	Rickinghall
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Sunday 18th – Communion service at 10.00am and Coffee on a Sunday at 11.00am

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18 th February	Mr David Freeman
25 th February	Rev David Ely - Holy Communion

<i>Christian Forum</i>	Tuesday 6th February 7.30pm—A Norwegian Evening with Rosemary and Brian Shurmer
<i>Coffee down the Lane</i>	Tuesday 27th February 10.00 - 11.30am
<i>Wives Club</i>	Wednesday 21st February 2:30pm : AGM : Bring & Buy Stall



**All Saints
Redgrave**



**St. Botolph's
Botesdale**



**St. Mary's
Rickinghall**

4th February '18 2nd Sunday before Lent

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



10:30 All Saints, Redgrave

All Saints Altogether

An interactive service for people of all ages starting with coffee

3.00pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall, Evening Prayer

11th February '18 Sunday next before Lent

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

10:30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall, CW Communion



14th February '18 Ash Wednesday

7.30pm United Holy Communion, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

18th February '18 1st Sunday of Lent

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave, BCP Communion



10:30 St Mary's, Rickinghall

Worship Together

An interactive service for people of all ages

25th February '18 2nd Sunday of Lent

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



10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale Village Hall for tea, cake, crafts, songs, stories and family fun.

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave, CW Communion

4th March '18 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave All Together All Saints

3.00pm St Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

Also this month:



Sat. 17th Feb 8.30am

Men's Breakfast at All Saints

Please contact Mark Duxon on 01379 890987 if you wish to join us.

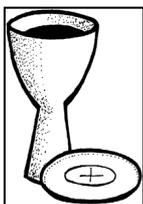


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Wed. 7th Feb 10.00am

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Thur. 15th Feb 9.45am

Farnish House Holy Communion

These services follow the order of BCP



Tues 20th Feb 7.15pm

Bracken Wood, The Street, Redgrave

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For more information: Revd Chris Norburn 01379 898685

