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There are many wonders in nature. One such wonder is seeing salmon swimming up river. They are designed to swim against the flow by jumping clear of the water in order to accomplish their purpose, to reach their destination, and so bear fruit in order to grow in number.

I believe Christians are called to go against the flow, to be counter cultural. This will involve making a journey that at times will be hard, with daunting and what appear to be insurmountable obstacles. But in Jesus we have been equipped with all that we need to perform the good works that God has called us to do. So there is therefore a time for us to swim and a time to jump out of the water, in order for us to make progress in extending God's Kingdom here. When we do this we will be going against the flow, for the world is hostile to the Kingdom of God coming here on earth as it is in heaven. But I'm certain that with God's grace we are able to embark on such journeys. Particularly if we have an attitude of serving God and one another first, before serving our own needs, for there are great blessings to be had when we serve God and others. In serving we are building up Christ's church (*Ephesians 4:11-13*).

The beauty is God has made each one of us with unique talents, personalities and skill sets. And when we ask Jesus into our lives, we're given at least one spiritual gift.

The glorious truth is this: we get the most joy and make the biggest difference when we use our God-given talents, gifts and abilities in service to build up the church (*Ephesians 4:14-16*). Such service results in blessings from God of which there are many.

Serving allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts. The church is made up of people with different skills and abilities.

Serving allows us to experience miracles. In John 2, Jesus was at a wedding and the couple were running out of wine for its guests. He tells the servants to fill to the brim several big jars with water. When this is served to the guests, it was wine! The guests never knew what happened; the servants were the ones who witnessed the miracle. The same is true for us when we serve.

Serving allows us to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience. Serving is a way of expressing gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given. (*1 Peter 4:10-11*)

Serving helps us to be more like Jesus. Through serving we begin to see others as Jesus sees them, and we see Jesus in others (*Matthew 25:40*).

Serving increases our faith. If our service is in response to our faith in God He reveals new potential — in ourselves and in His Church. When we see what He can do when His power is at work within us, we begin looking for the doors He's opening rather than trying to push our way through the one's He's closed (*Ephesians 3:20*).

Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways. Encouragement and healing go hand in hand. As we encourage others and they find healing, we're encouraged.

Yet, we make all sorts of rational explanations for not serving: I don't have time; I don't have any special skills to contribute; they don't need me. But the truth is the Lord doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. In essence serving is about making the best use of our time.

So at a recent "What Now, God?" (see back page of magazine) we spent time in prayer asking God for His strategy for our Sunday services. For the last year, and again for the current year we only have one churchwarden. This role is very important but demanding so to have one person in this role puts pressure on them and everyone else. We also recognise that we are truly blessed to have so many people doing so much for Christ's Church here. But at times we feel as if we are running around trying to keep the show on the road. The consequence of this is that fatigue creeps in; mentally, physically and spiritually. This then has a detrimental effect on the mission and ministry of Christ's Church here. So in asking God for His direction we asked Him to show us how He wants us to use time wisely in relation to Sunday worship. This is what we felt God saying to us:

- We are one body in and through His Son Jesus Christ, united by His love for us, our love for Him and our love for one another.
- That we should only have an early morning service of Holy Communion on the Sunday's we have All Age worship, which happens twice a month.
- On the other two Sunday's we would have a 10.30am service of Holy Communion, and Messy Church would continue on one of these Sundays. Also on one of these Sundays we would have Evening Prayer.

Thus we will reduce the number of 8.15am services by two. We discussed this at April's annual church meeting and agreed in principle to making such a change, with a view to trialling it for at least a year. The Church Council is going to discuss this further as we look at the nitty gritty, and so we anticipate that a change to our pattern of services will take place in the next few months. We will of course keep you all informed as to progress. In the meantime, we ask for your patience and prayers so that we continue to let God guide us in all our decisions.



Rev

Chris Norburn.

From the Registers

17.04.2018	Funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior of Michael James Sparkes Died 18 th March 2018. Age 77
19.04.2018	Burial at St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior of Henry Edwards Horrocks, following funeral service at Diss Catholic Church. Died 17 th March 2018 Age 72
27.04.2018	Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Inferior for the life of Shirley Ann Whiting. Died 14 th March 2018 Age 60

PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Hallo everybody. By the time you read this summer hopefully will be getting into full swing. The weather never ceases to surprise—who would have expected the huge (but localised) hailstorm on the 22nd April? Lucy Bishop has been a member of the team for the last 4 years compiling the advertisement pages (about half of the magazine) but is now having to take a step back due to other commitments. The team would like to thank Lucy for her work and it is good to know that we will still be able to call on her experience and expertise when we need to.

Charles Murray

*****Local activities directory update see p.17*****

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- **Aug/Sept** issue 9 Jul (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 20 July (Fri)
- **Oct** issue: 10 Sept (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 21 Sept (Fri)

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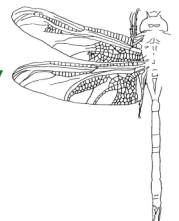
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Please note that due to the first May Bank Holiday, the Botesdale Parish Council meeting on May 14th missed the June Parish Magazine print deadline, so we have taken the opportunity to update you here on the Botesdale and Rickingham Neighbourhood Plan.



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An Update on the Botesdale & Rickingham Neighbourhood Plan

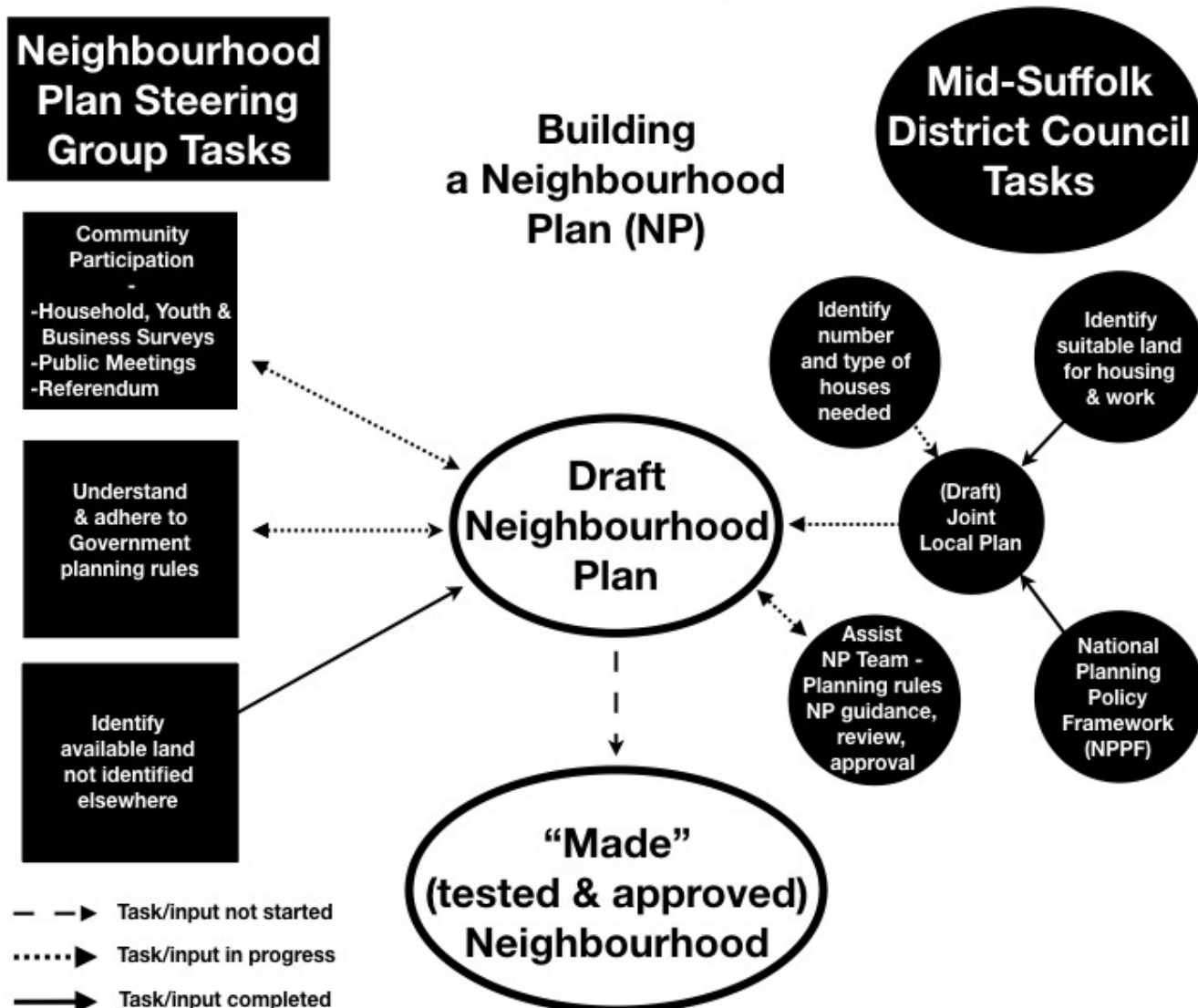
from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

We hope last month's summary of our Neighbourhood Plan was useful and answered any questions you may have had. If not, make sure you contact us (the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) on 01379 890141 or email rickingham_pc@btopenworld.com.

Our focus now (we're writing this at the beginning of May!) is on transferring all the information we've gathered into a draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan, which, by the time you read this should be close to completion, and ready for review by you and Mid-Suffolk District Council (MSDC).

Following MSDC's approval, you will have another opportunity to comment on whether the draft version serves its purpose, ie promoting your views on our villages and their future as well as we can, while remaining in alignment with MSDC's plans for the districts of Babergh and Mid-Suffolk - see <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/policy/new-joint-local-plan/> - this is *The Joint Local Plan*.

The Joint Local Plan is itself in draft form, so we have the opportunity to influence it and vice-versa, so we together produce dovetailing plans that will serve to smooth the way for a more controlled building environment over the years to come. The diagram below may be helpful in describing the process, and where we are in it - once again, please feel free to let us know your views, as it is these we want to represent in the Neighbourhood Plan



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Redgrave Parish Council

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Redgrave May 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 and 13 members of the public. Mike Denmark was re-elected as Chairman and Neil Smith as Vice-Chairman.

Parish Council Representatives: Members represent the PC on outside community groups including the Little Ouse Project (B Hayward) and the Gressingham Foods liaison group (J Giddings and A Preston), and they hold advisory positions such as Tree Officer (former councillor J Preston) and Footpaths Officer (A Bigley). They are also involved in appointing Trustees to other groups such as the **Charity for the Needy and the Mary Foster Charity**. This group meets twice a year for 30 minutes to distribute funds to anyone within the community who applies for support. The **Redgrave Amenities Trust** also needs a trustee to help with the running of the Activities Centre and playing field. **If you are interested in being involved with either Trust, please contact the Clerk.**

Public Forum: A member of the public spoke about his planning application at Mill House, The Street.

Planning: There were six planning applications. The first two were a planning and Listed building consent application for a summerhouse, shed and porch at The Maltings, The Street. The third was the submission of details for the outline planning permission for a new house at Charter Towers, Gallows Hill. The fourth was for a new house in the garden at Mill House, The Street and the fifth was for a new single storey garden room at the rear of Rose Cottage, Half Moon Lane. There were no objections to these applications. The final application was for reductions and removal of trees at Holt House, The Green and the PC was not happy about this as it was traditionally a wooded area. However, none of the trees being removed were considered to be "significant" enough to justify a Tree Preservation Order so no objection was made.

Redgrave Amenities Trust: There was a lengthy discussion about the £300 contribution the PC has paid every year towards the upkeep of the facilities at the Activities Centre. The PC has looked into the history of the payment which it turns out is for a contribution towards the playing field rent which was agreed some time ago. A vote was made, and it was agreed with 5 for and 2 against to continue the payment this year.

Future of the Phone Box: A nearby resident is going to fit out the phone box to house a book swap and the funds for the project – between £190 and £220 depending on the cost of paint – have been approved.

Weight Restriction: The PC has been looking into this for some time and we've been told that it will cost around £5,000-£7,000 to implement a weight restriction on the B1113. This would still allow vehicles over that weight to pass through if they need local access. It would need a legal order to implement it and if there were significant objections, it might not go through, with the payment due either way. Do you think it's worth the projected cost? The PC are going to investigate further and ask if the County Council can look into just how many lorries are going straight through the village, i.e. using it as a rat run from the A143 to the A1066.

Old School Playing Field: As reported previously, there has been a query about the ownership of the access road and this still hasn't been resolved. In

the meantime, the PC is still gathering information that might lead to a small development on the site.

Neighbourhood Plan: We've had only two expressions of interest in working on a Neighbourhood Plan. This is going to be the last call for anyone who would like to push this forward and without at least 10 people involved, it will have to be shelved. We've discussed before that policies in a Neighbourhood Plan would hold equal weight to the policies in the District Council's Local Plan and that a Plan would give the community a measure of control over development in the village. But you might want to consider the effect on the Community Infrastructure Levy. This is a Levy the District Council places on new build in communities and so far the PC has received £4,297.60 for one new property in the village, albeit a large one. CIL is calculated at £115 per square foot and a community without a Neighbourhood Plan gets 15% of the total with a cap of £100 per dwelling. It's estimated that 15% of the CIL for a development of 30 3-bed houses would be around £47,000. With the cap per dwelling (there are 267 in Redgrave), the community would receive only £26,700 of that money. Please note that this is just an example as there is no development agreed in Redgrave for 30 3-bed houses, but it IS something to think about!

Parish Infrastructure Plan: The Community Infrastructure Levy is going to add up as new houses are built, and the PC has been asked to draft a Plan to guide how it is spent. This will be done in consultation with the community so please have a think about what you would like to see improved in the village. There are typically 3 broad categories of infrastructure that qualify:

- Physical infrastructure: e.g. highways, transport links, cycleways, energy supply, water, flood alleviation, waste management
- Social infrastructure: e.g. education, health, social care, emergency services, art and culture, sports halls, community halls
- Green infrastructure: e.g. parks, woodlands, play areas, public open space

Lease on the Playing Field: This is coming up for renewal in 2021 and will need to be renegotiated over the next few years. Before that takes place, there will be some consultation to determine what the community wants to do.

Data Protection: Policies have been adopted in line with government recommendations.

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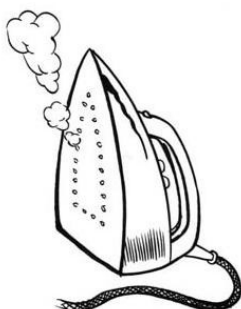
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Rickinghall Parish Council



May Report - Councillor Rosemary Jones

An apology was received from Cllr Smith. Cllr Geoff Short was re-elected Chairman for the coming year and he accepted this office. Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland was re-elected as Vice Chairman. All other councillors were re-appointed to various posts representing issues or outside bodies and it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Nicolaas Joubert would join the Planning Working Party. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Public Forum

Much of the public forum was taken up with planning issues, primarily the proposal to convert the former newsagent's and post office into a pizza and kebab take-away, which seems to have no support from the villagers but has nevertheless re-presented. The council will write again to re-iterate the most cogent objections, such as the lack of space for members of the public to park while picking up their orders, and the absence of technical information about suitability of the extractor and filter proposed, and we will ask for the application to be called in for Planning.

Opinions were sought for a possible new development on Garden House Lane to include a small amount of executive housing and paddocks.

A complaint was raised about parking on the footway outside Northview, which obstructs and prevents use by buggies and wheelchairs.

Planning

The revised plan for the proposed take-away (see above) does not include a fire risk assessment and does not take into account the loss of residential use incurred by the changes to be made.

There were no objections to the felling of a tree, albeit an ash tree, in Warren Lane as it is undermining a wall and touching the electric lines.

Approval of plans at Priory Farm, West Hall Road, and at land adjacent to 9 Rectory Hill were noted.

A draft of the Neighbourhood Plan would be presented for review in the coming week.

Correspondence

The first grant has been received from the Community Infrastructure Levy. This comes as a direct result of new planning conditions and will be ring-fenced for specific improvement projects wanted or needed in the village. The Council will be consulting sometime in the next year about how it is spent. Grants will be paid twice yearly and will vary in amount according to the size of the building that qualifies for it. The first tranche is £3,457.94.

There will be a liaison meeting with the Police Commissioner at the Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket, on Wednesday 11th July which the Chairman will attend.

There has been a complaint about young people cycling on the pavements; cyclists over 10 years old should stick to the road and follow the cycling proficiency guidelines.

There was a plea from a six-year-old for a zebra crossing over The Street near the footpath to Ryder's way. Unfortunately, these are very difficult to get from the County Council, but there was some discussion about having a lollypop lady. Again, there are costs; perhaps someone will come up with a brilliant solution.

General Items

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 5th April were approved.

The new vehicle-activated sign has again reported some excessive speeding in The Street, confirming what people suspected. The data is being recorded and saved for future use.

Data Protection procedures have been received in line with government policy and have been duly noted.

A Plan needs to be drafted for the use of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) grants. It will be proposed that we do this in conjunction with Botesdale Parish Council.

At the Litter pick morning on 21st April, 35 - thirty five! - plastic bin bags were filled. This was in conjunction with Botesdale.

The next meeting will be on 7th June 2018, at the Village Hall.

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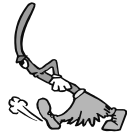


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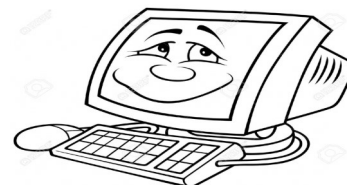


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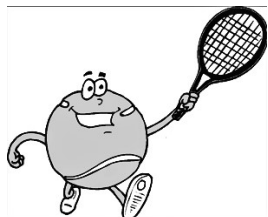
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The volunteers continue to play a crucial role in the life of the pub, and the table service and bar tending is virtually all done by them – and always with a warm welcome and a smile. There is now a good core of volunteers, but we are actively looking for more so, if you are interested in getting involved and helping out, do please get in touch. Shifts can be varied to provide flexibility and fit in with other commitments.

The front of the pub has had a makeover, again thanks to several committed volunteers, and is now looking very smart. Gone is the tired and shabby look with the peeling paintwork. Round at the back, too, with smart new fencing, benches and tubs of flowers, the pub garden is now looking like a garden rather than just a piece of untended waste ground.

The Cross Keys is one of a limited number of pubs in the area which is open on a Monday.

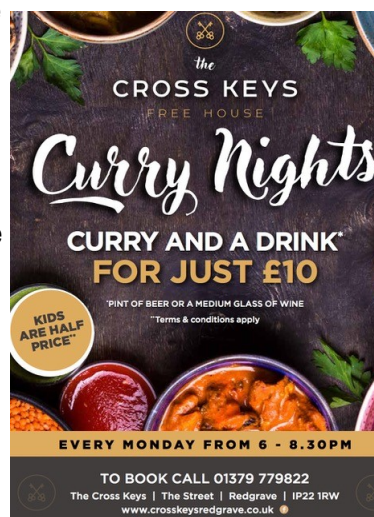
Lunchtime meals follow the usual menu but, due to popular demand, Monday night is now "Curry Night" so, if you are partial to a good curry, you know where to come!

Quiz Nights are going to be held regularly on the last Wednesday of each month.

Georgina and Naomi were invited to join in the Bank Holiday Business

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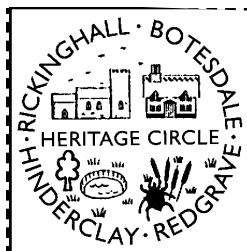
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Sorry no heritage circle report this month so try the quiz below

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1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

Answers To Quiz:

1. *The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends ... Boxing*
2. *North American landmark constantly moving backward . Niagara Falls (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)*
3. *Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons . . Asparagus and rhubarb.*
4. *The fruit with its seeds on the outside . . Strawberry.*
5. *How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. (The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.)*
6. *Three English words beginning with dw . Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.*
7. *Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar . . Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses*

Coffee On



Coffee on the Corner - May

The traveller has returned - you may have noticed that the last couple of months' reports from Coffee on the Corner had a different author - Kevin

Gladwell, ably assisted by Becky, for which I thank them.

A lovely sunny morning with every good reason to go out for the day, which is what quite a lot of our usual visitors did - I gather a trip went from Wortham and I do hope that they had a great trip. Having said that, we still had a good crowd, with chat, laughter and interesting things to catch up on.

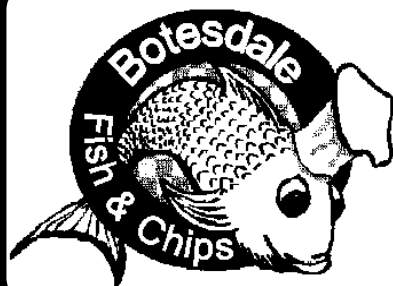
The donations this morning will be given to the Rickinghall Community Bus, which you may well use. You will probably realise that the existing bus will not last indefinitely and so they are trying to raise funds now to meet the need for a replacement bus when the time comes. The donations totalled £89.20 and we would like to thank those who donated money, or goods for sale on the bric-a-brac stall - every little helps!

Last month the donations were given to the Gislingham Silver Band, who many of you will have had the chance to see and hear. The Band have been playing for community events since 1885 and, although their members give their time for no remuneration and they have a thriving Training Band where players receive free tuition, they are in need. Their current band hut has come to the end of its useful life, having served the band for many years. Whilst they have permission to demolish it and to replace it with a purpose built hall with small kitchen and toilet, they still need money for the actual build. The kind donations last month, in the form of £61.60, will be added to their coffers - thank you very much.

Next month we will be supporting another good local charity, but I don't have details as yet, so look out for the Coffee on the Corner posters nearer the time and do come along. We hope to see more of you next month!

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Calendar for June 2018

Friday	1 st	10:00am 12:00pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Watercooler Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel The Bell, Botesdale Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	2 nd	10:00am 10:00am	Church open (Apr-Oct) Church open (in the Summer)	Redgrave St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior St Mary's
Sunday	3 rd	10:00-4:00pm	20th anniversary celebration	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	4 th	All Day 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Samaritans Zumba Needlecraft (not Bank Holidays) Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Bury St Edmunds Railway Station Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	5 th	9:45am 6:00pm 7:15pm	Pilates (term-time only) Zumba Yoga and Relaxation (term-time only)	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	6 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Headspace Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	All Saints Redgrave Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre
Thursday	7 th	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care Drop-in U3A - The Diss Mere Project Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners Rickinghall Parish Council	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church, Diss Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	8 th	10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Ouse Valley Filling Station Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Garboldisham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	9 th	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30-12:30	Farmers' market Car Boot Sale (Apr-Sep) Church open (in the Summer) Wildlife Watch Group	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground Rickinghall Inferior St Mary's Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Sunday	10 th	11:00-5:00pm	Open Farm Sunday	Shotford Hall Farm, Harleston
Monday	11 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft (not Bank Holidays) Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	12 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:45am 1:15pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan Information & advice Pilates (term-time only) Redgrave & District Ladies Club Zumba Yoga and Relaxation (term-time only)	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Meet at Redgrave Activities Ctr Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	13 th	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall

Thursday	14 th	9:30am 9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Headspace RABBATS Phoenix Luncheon Club Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners Women's Institute WARTS - The Vicar of Dibley	All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Friday	15 th	10:00am 8:00pm 7:30pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes WARTS - The Vicar of Dibley	Parkview Chapel Botesdale Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	16 th	10:00am 7:30pm	Church open (in the Summer) WARTS - The Vicar of Dibley	Rickinghall Inferior St Mary's Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	17 th	11:00am 11:00am	Coffee on a Sunday Thelnetham Windmill open	Parkview Chapel Thelnetham
Monday	18 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft (not Bank Holidays) Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	19 th	9:45am 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates (term-time only) Zumba Yoga and Relaxation (term-time only) Progressive Whist Drive (not Dec)	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre
Wednesday	20 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Headspace Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Methodist Wives club (not Dec/Jan/Aug)	All Saints Redgrave Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church
Thursday	21 st	9:30am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	RABBATS RAHOF Summer Coffee Morning Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners	Rickinghall Village Hall The Hollies, Botesdale Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground
Friday	22 nd	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	23 rd	10:00am 2:00-9:00pm	Church open (in the Summer) Summer Wildlife Photography	Rickinghall Inferior St Mary's Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Sunday	24 th	-	-	-
Monday	25 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft (not Bank Holidays) Slimming World	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday	26 th	9:45am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Pilates (term-time only) Coffee down the Lane Luncheon Club 898615/898619 (not Dec) Zumba Yoga and Relaxation (term-time only)	Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	27 th	9:30am 10:00am 10:40-12:35pm 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Mobile Library Heritage Circle	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall See suffolklibraries.co.uk Rickinghall Village Hall
Thursday	28 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning Headspace RABBATS Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners Redgrave Garden club	Redgrave St Mary's All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground Redgrave Activities Centre
Friday	29 th	10:00am 10:00-2:00pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Time to Paint Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	30 th	10:00am 7:30pm	Church open (in the Summer) All in a Garden Green	Rickinghall Inferior St Mary's St Mary's Redgrave



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Club News

Barwoods Report for June 2018



How many people spotted that last month Northfield Wood was transported to Botesdale, I wonder! When I was young there was a weekly radio programme that featured "This week's deliberate mistake" and we had to try and identify it.

The wood in Botesdale is Miller's Orchard and it is on Mill Road North, on the corner where the bridleway leads down to the underpass. Most of the fruit blossom has gone now (early May) but there is still some apple blossom high up on the edge of the wood. The spring bulbs have been overtaken by nettles and cleavers already. The bluebells we planted (with permission) have not thrived so no bluebells this year.

Northfield Wood is in Mill Lane, next to the allotments in Rickingham. With all the rain and now the hot sun, it is doing well and the apple trees are blossoming.

Low Meadow, at the very end of the Bury Road, is now benefiting from increased light levels after the low pollarding and many flowers are growing. Sit on the low benches and some of the flowers are at head height. Already recorded are meadow cranesbill, field bindweed, field scabious, black knapweed, yarrow, meadow buttercup, dandelion, bugle and more, possibly red deadnettle, false parsley.

Rosemary Jones
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Work parties are usually on the first Sunday morning of the month - all welcome

REDGRAVE GARDEN CLUB
No report this month.
See future events on p 5



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MLAA Mill Lane Allotment Association DOWN THE PLOT

The first time I visited the lovely gardens at Wicken Vineyards I was interested in the way they had planted their herbs and vegetables known as companion planting, nearly all the vegetable beds had herbs or other plants amongst them. This inspired me to look at the pros and cons of this idea, the only cons I could see was the planting that would not mutually benefit each other. If you have or are establishing an asparagus bed, keep onions and potatoes away, peas don't like onions, garlic and shallots, beans don't like chives, fennel or garlic and never plant tomatoes next to cauliflower! Instead plant cauliflowers next to celery, beans and edible nasturtiums. It certainly is very worthwhile researching companion planting as in some cases for example French marigolds can deter many pests and look very decorative too.

Talking of companion planting reminds me that the Allotment members are a very friendly companionable bunch and as I write during this wonderful stretch of weather over the early May Bank Holiday there is a lot of chatter and laughter amongst our fellow allotmenters. So as we still have some plots available why not join us? Contact Mark Wiseman Assoc Secretary on 01379 898805 Or mark.wiseman@virgin.net
Tip of the Month Earth up the spuds!

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Special thanks to Botesdale fish and chip shop for supplying approx. 80 meals and to Jean Wright as question master with help from husband John, for keeping the evening running smoothly. Thanks also to the hardworking team of helpers with all their individual tasks.

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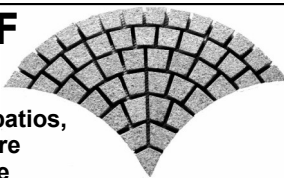
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Exploring the Past

Jean Sheehan, 01379 890237

Memories of the Cross Keys

The Cross Keys was successfully opened on Saturday 3rd March after a lot of hard work by Redgrave Community Society Limited with the help of volunteers. A manager, Georgina, and Chef, Naomi, have been employed and a trainee sous chef and part time kitchen assistant. There is also a lot of help from volunteers. A community Bank Holiday weekend was organised for the 1st weekend in May.

I have lots of memories of the Cross Keys even though I am not a drinker, but it has been the centre of community events in the past. I moved to Redgrave fifty-two years ago and at this time there was only the public bar and the publican was Leslie Driver. I have been told that the seating consisted of old bus seats. Mrs Driver came into the post office one morning and whilst I was serving her she suddenly realised she had not brought her door key and was worried about getting back in to the pub. The following week I asked her how she got on and she told me that she had asked John Gomer, a builder who lived in the Old Bakery next door to the Cross Keys at this time, if he would climb up to the third floor where she had left a window open. He used one of his long ladders and kindly did this for her but when he got down to the door he found she had not locked it in the first place!

Lacons sold their breweries to Whitbread in 1965, who closed the brewery in 1968. After this date they began to close unprofitable pubs, and when the Cross Keys was finally put up for sale as a Free house there was uproar in the village when the villagers thought it would close. One of the local TV companies came out to film the locals and one of the elderly men filmed was invited to give his opinion. He and his wife did not have a television of their own but neighbours had offered to let them see it on their TV. The following morning, when his wife came into the shop I asked her if she had seen Sid on the TV, and she said she had but that the people who owned the TV only had a small screen so she could only see his head. Fortunately for the village the pub was purchased by Bob Godfrey who refurbished it in 1972 and opened the other bar. Bob sold it to Marion Wilby in 1974 and she ran it for five years. Marion continued to live in Redgrave until she died in 2017. Redgrave Village-Hall Building Fund Committee organised a Midsummer Festival Week in 1975 when 25 events were held over a period of 8 days. The whole village joined in with various groups, churches and private people putting on events. Monday evening was 'pub night', with events held on the Knoll and The Street. This started with a pram race at 6pm, with men dressed up as babies and mothers. (This was at a time when there were still basinet prams around but not for much longer). This was followed by a tug of war and then a yard of ale contest and finally a darts contest in the Cross Keys.

Marion sold the pub to Joe and Hilda Meyer in 1979. When Joe came to look at the pub he had the feeling he had been here before and when he passed the entrance to Redgrave Park he realised that he had trained there with the Hertfordshire Yeomanry in WWII. After two years he retired and sold the Cross Keys to George and Joyce Barber in 1981, who extended the private bar the following spring to make room for tables to supply more meals. The pub had been providing food in baskets in the bar before this which was fashionable in pubs then. When they took over in October they

said they were going to carry on the tradition of the Halloween night on the 31st.

I have also been given other people's memories of the Cross Keys. Brian Grover sent me happy memories of the war years when his grandfather, Frederick Grover had the tenancy. Brian was born in 1939 and he and his mother went to live with his grandparents until 1945 when his father was in the forces and continued to visit there until 1949 when his grandfather died, shortly after leaving the Keys due to ill health. Frederick became the publican in 1935/6, mainly to use as a poultry farm as he came from a farming family and the Cross Keys had several acres with it then.

Brian said there was no plumbing and the water came from a cast iron pump in the corner of the kitchen, which is now the present commercial kitchen. Rain water was also stored in a barrel outside. Hot water was heated on the cast iron range which had to be



L-R: Arthur Grover (Landlord's youngest son), Evelyn Grover (Landlady), Mildred Grover (Brian's mother), Frederick Grover (Landlord)
Front: Brian Grover with Rosie the dog.

cleaned with black lead and they were fortunate enough to have an electric stove also. Hot water had to be carried upstairs in a large jug to the wash stands situated in the bedrooms. The only bath was a tin bath used in the kitchen which had to be filled with hot water from kettles and emptied with great difficulty. There was a toilet block outside in the back yard, about fifty yards from the property. The contents of the large buckets beneath the toilets had to be carried to holes dug in the fields behind the pub to be emptied. The ground floor was made of flag stones which were washed over with a mixture of water and red ochre, applied by mop and bucket. In the early years of the war, lodgings were provided in the attics for the men brought in to build the runways on the airfields in the area. Brian remembers the pub being a very busy and happy pub, with British and American airmen singing in the bar in the evenings. Redgrave Park had a temporary American military hospital built in the grounds in the latter years of the war. Frederick also had help from trusted prisoners of war from the camp in Redgrave Park. Brian loved the time he lived in Redgrave and still comes back to visit.

(to be continued).

Acknowledgements to Brian Grover, Ivan Debenham, Bernadette Sheehan and Frank Sheehan. I would be interested to hear of other people's memories of the Cross Keys.

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The Peasants' Revolt

In the last two articles I wrote about the plague of 1349, the so called Black Death, and how it affected our villages. The other major event that appears to have affected our villages in the 14th century was the great rebellion (the peasants' revolt) of 1381.

Immediately after the 1349 plague, because of the great shortage of people to work the fields, peasants realised they and their labour were in great demand and started to ask for higher wages. In many places, especially in the smaller manors, the hated labour services were abolished. However in 1351 the Statute of Labourers was brought in which set the wages and services at pre-plague levels. In the next years there was much discontent as people began to feel the freedom they had glimpsed had been taken away. Increasing unrest was felt throughout the country but especially in East Anglia and Kent in the years and months before the 1381 rebellion.

There was much unrest on the manors, especially those owned by the very rich landlords such as the Duke of Norfolk and the Abbot of Bury St Edmunds, the lord of the manor of Redgrave and Rickinghall Inferior, who were especially harsh to their peasants. In the years prior to 1381 many peasants were fined for infringements such as not performing labour works, letting their livestock into the abbot's fields and generally not complying with manorial rules.

Edward III had been at war with France since the 1340s. Taxes were raised to pay for this expensive war. What triggered the uprising was a vote by the parliament in early 1381 to introduce the third poll tax in four years. Everyone over the age of fifteen was to pay about 12d. This had gone up from the previous poll tax in 1378 which had been 4d. The poorest peasant would have to pay the same as the greatest lord.

In early June of 1381 Wat Tyler, Jack Straw and John Ball led a rebel band of several hundred men from Kent to London having first attacked Canterbury. Rebels from Essex also converged on London. They had several demands such as an end to serfdom and an end to the hated labour services they had to perform for the lords of the manors. They also wanted rents fixed at 4d per acre.

The rebels attacked the city, burning down many of the great buildings such as the palace of the hated John of Gaunt. The Tower of London was attacked and Simon Sudbury the Chancellor, who was also Archbishop of Canterbury, was dragged out and beheaded along with any of the king's counsellors the rebels found within the Tower, where they had taken refuge.



Simon of Sudbury's head. (Kept in the Vestry of St Gregory's church in Sudbury)

Richard II, the fourteen year old king, met the rebels at Smithfield outside the city. Wat Tyler was killed by the mayor of London who then raised the citizens of London against the rebels who, with their leader dead were forced to disband.

At the same time throughout East Anglia there were acts of rebellion against those in authority. John Wrawe, a priest, led an attack on St. Edmund's Abbey in Bury, which was ransacked. The Prior of the abbey, John of Cambridge was beheaded. Sir John Cavendish the chief justice of the King's Bench was caught in Lakenheath, where he was trying to escape across the river to safety, and beheaded.

The immediate area around Botesdale appears to have been a major area of rebellion. It is thought that John Ball, the priest who became one of the leaders of the rebellion, had lived in Thrandeston for some years. Before the rebellion he had been preaching sermons on equality throughout the South East. His theme was 'When Adam delved and Eve span, who then, was the gentleman', a popular proverb at the time.

Many people who took part in the rebellion throughout the country were not landless labourers but, although peasants, were in fact the leaders of their communities; people such as the reeves and haywards. It appears that many innkeepers who ran the local hostleries were also involved. In Botesdale Robert Piers was an innkeeper and John Rytup (sometimes called Upryt!), with his wife Alice were brewers and bakers probably running an alehouse. Several prominent peasants from Botesdale such as Thomas Sampson, Peter Catelyn, William Tesard and Walter Manton are known to have been involved.

Botesdale market would have been a natural meeting area for those discussing their grievances and discontent and later planning rebellion. People could meet in groups without the authorities suspecting anything. The taverns and inns would have been used for this. Pedlars and mendicant friars would have carried the news of planned rebellion from one place to another without suspicion.

The rebels were well organised and communication appears to have been good. In the middle ages there were official messengers who took documents from place to place for the Crown. Fresh horses would have been stationed at different places along major highways as happened in later centuries with the stage coaches. It is now thought that the rebels organised the same sort of system and they had certain towns and villages, especially market towns and villages, as these staging posts where messages were taken and distributed. It is thought that Botesdale market could have been one of those places.

These messengers would have needed horses to get from place to place. At a court held at Redgrave in September 1381 Thomas Heirde 'from Fynchinfeld' (Finchingfield in Essex) was fined for stealing 3 horses and 28 mules at the time of the rebellion and John Blake of Wyverston for stealing 2 horses. Four peasants from other villages were fined for breaking into the manor house. It appears that these people were never caught as the fines were being debited in the account roll of that year. Unfortunately at present there is no more information about this incident.(1)

To be continued in July

Information in this article from Dr. John Ridgard
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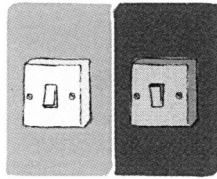
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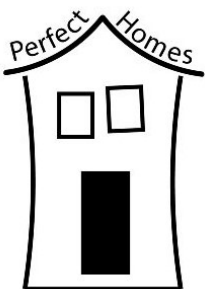
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Nyall's Notes

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Amongst a load of books that my granddaughter decided weren't wanted was a thin yellowing one called, if I remember correctly, The Second Flood. Wondering what it was about I spent ten minutes skim reading it. It seems that the Noah family of the Genesis flood continued to live on the mountain on which the ark settled. They were farmers and traded their produce receiving a visit from the bank manager once a year to hand over a gold bar presumably the result of the year's trading. The Bible says the rainbow is God's promise that he wouldn't flood the earth again but Mr Noah (the 101st) decided that there was going to be a second flood. Rainbows had long since gone due to the atmospheric pollution and the water was coming from the melting ice caps. He got out the plans for the first ark and commenced building a second one. Mrs Noah, reading up on the requirements of the various animals, started stock piling food for them. In time Mr Noah sent out his sons to collect in the animals but a large proportion were now extinct and he had far too much space even though they bought from zoos with their gold bars. Now, men were building a colony on the moon and moving out. As the flood crept up the mountain, Noah saw the pollution coming with it. Mixed with plastic were bodies of dead sea creatures, dugongs being particularly of mention. The stench was awful. Noah, realising that human beings had done this decided that it was time to end the human race on this earth and shut out his sons and their wives. Fortunately for them this coincided with the last visit of the bank manager who came over in a balloon and the sons and wives left with him to get a lift on the final moon rocket. End of story. (For the human race???)

A silly child's story? Yes, but before the book went out my wife looked at the date it was published. It was 1973 and I thought that I was ahead of the game in realising the significance of global warming and what we were doing to the earth somewhere before 1990. It seems someone else could see it in 1973 which means that we have lost a lot more years than I'd previously thought in which to do something. Vested interests have kept global warming on course and are likely to continue to do so.

Of course it won't happen like that although I would think that there is a good possibility that global warming may well cause God to finally intervene. He did it once in coming in the person of Jesus Christ. In dying on the cross for us, he has provided the finest example of all time, of someone with no vested interests. He paid the ultimate price for others leaving us not only an example but an act that selflessly bought forgiveness, enough for each and every individual's part in the destruction of our world. If each and every one turned to him and repented of their sin, because that is what it is, Christianity could yet save the world.

At present the score stands at: Christianity 1: Vested Interests United 101.

God said, "My bow in the clouds - this is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature"
(Genesis 9.12)

Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new covenant for the forgiveness of sins."
(The Gospels)

Bill's Birds

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Since I wrote my last article, the weathermen did at last make amends and we had days of record temperatures (29°C). At last those fields of Field Fares realised they were free to fly north. Many of you had noticed their large gatherings and some were fortunate enough to have Field Fares coming to your feeders which they rarely visit. An attractive thrush when seen at close quarters.

But all was not over, for on 22nd April for 20 minutes in the late afternoon we were the receivers of the heaviest hailstorm I have ever experienced. Stones covered the terrace, small streams of stones and water rushed down the side of our bungalow. Thank goodness I cut short my afternoon ramble. Our roads and drives became white streams. I do trust birds were able to seek shelter in time. I am told we had experienced a Super Cell Storm!

What about this year's spring arrivals? After seeing our first Swallow on 9th April, the next day there were up to a dozen on Diss Road, Botesdale near the Round House. I have noticed such a group annually on this site; within a few days they have flown on. Why there? There must be a good supply of insects present for a 'pit stop'.

Next, the Chiff Chaff, that early spring arrival a bit later this year. My first was outside Botesdale Village Hall on Sunday morning 15th April. Loud and clear its song burst out with a ray of sunshine. In the next few days it seemed to be everywhere, possibly following up the River Waveney. I can picture them coming up by night and then surprising us all the next morning, saying 'yes', spring is here (I do trust they miss the hailstorm). And, the Cuckoo. Did you hear it on Redgrave Fen? I gather a pair was there on 19th April. My first hearing was 28th April (again on the Fen).

I gather that Redgrave Fen has got its annual Bittern. Several recordings of its 'booming'. Also, Bearded Tits have been seen. I have been unlucky over these sightings, but every time I visit the Fen I see a pair of Marsh Harriers. This will be their third year. Now well established.

The Cetti Warbler has been heard during the winter but its numbers were reduced by the extremely cold spell. Not a migrator. Present summer and winter. This brown skulking warbler sings all the year round. An explosive 'cetti-cetti' (a soft 'c') comes intermittently from a low bush. First seen in Britain in 1961. First seen in Suffolk, at Minsmere, in 1971.

Other birds of note, a single Brambling on Botesdale Common in April. Usually seen with a winter finch flock. Also, a Ring Ousel (blackbird with a white chest) in a field by Maggie Green at Wortham. Unmistakeable. Last recorded in this area in Rickingham two years ago by an observant teenage boy who conveniently proved it with a photo in an email!

And, lastly, on a Redgrave Fen winter walk, a Tree Creeper. I saw it very clearly and was able to get close to it. It flew to the trunk of a tree and typically started walking from the bottom upwards. Very well camouflaged with a very dark back and a light front. Apparently it is well known to let watchers get quite close. I expect it realises how well its size and colouring camouflage it from passers-by.

When you get this article in the June magazine, do watch out for the Turtle Dove (last year only one on Botesdale Common) and the Spotted Flycatcher. Did you know that the Flycatcher winters in Angola and has to cross two deserts to get to us? Thank goodness for geo-locators.



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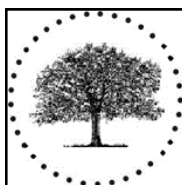


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* vesting can continue into the autumn. Two important jobs
* at this time of year are hoeing and watering. For hoeing,
* there is the conventional Dutch hoe, the draw hoe, or their
* short handled equivalents for closer attention, whichever
* you are happier with. Dry periods can spell disaster for ma-
* turing vegetables so try to prevent the soil from drying out,
* and water in the evenings so that the soil soaks it up before
* it evaporates. Leaf scorch is also less likely.

* Fruit on fruit trees will also be swelling now but there is a
* phenomenon with apples at least, known as 'June drop' so
* don't think you've got a bumper harvest quite yet. This is a
* quite common and normal occurrence and cannot be pre-
* vented, but in a way it helps to ensure that the tree doesn't
* have too much fruit to cope with. For the gardener it serves
* as a reminder that fruit shouldn't be thinned quite yet.
* Strawberries will be needing two types of protection; net-
* ting to keep the birds off the ripening fruits, and matting to
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* If you have shrubs which have flowered since winter then
* they can now be pruned back. This will be good for them as
* the healthy young growth this inspires will bare next year's
* flowers. Roses, the bush, climbing and rambling forms, will
* all be in full growth now, but such young shoots and leaves
* are vulnerable to attack from both aphids and black spot
* fungus. It's always better to spot these nuisances early as it
* will take less effort to deal with and won't affect the plant so
* much.

* Lawn mower heights can be lowered now and this practice
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* Also try to cut the lawn edges, using a strimmer with a swiv-
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- 4 eggs
- 110g butter
- 450g sugar

Grate the rinds of the lemons—make sure you use the yellow zest only!)

Squeeze the juice from the fruit.

Put the lemon rind and juice, butter and sugar into a double saucepan (or bowl over a pan of hot water).

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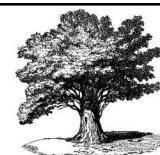
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Summer term is well and truly underway!

The sunshine has finally arrived and the children and staff at St Botolph's have settled back in well after the Easter break. Our Yr 6 and Yr 2 children have now completed their national tests and assessments and the Yr 6 children are busy preparing for the transfer to high school in September. This term is always a busy one; as children and staff alike continue to work and learn hard and prepare for the new academic year.

The children are busy preparing for their school sports mornings, the children have a variety of competitive and non competitive sports to take part in and the focus is very much on being physically active and promoting a healthy lifestyle. We believe in the benefits of physical activity and sport at St Botolph's. As a school we strive to offer our children with the chance to represent our school in competitive sport. We have good quality PE lessons and also have high quality coaches who come into school to work with our children. This academic year we have been successful in many of the competitions that we have entered. We have also been doing the "Daily Mile". This is an initiative that has been used in many schools across country to promote physical activity and improve concentration and well-being. The children are enjoying their participation and thriving on the concept

of being able to run further each time they take part.

We have recently held our book week and had lots going on including an author visit and a very talented story telling. We also held a book sale which was well supported by parents and staff. Many of the children created their own "potato characters" which were absolutely amazing! We finished the week with an assembly to share the work completed during the week.

During the summer term we will be holding our annual music and art festival as we believe that inspiring, developing and enhancing talent is essential. We have several children who have successfully completed musical examinations. The music and arts festival will be an opportunity for parents and carers to view a range of art work produced by the children. Parents will then be treated to a concert displaying the wide range of musical talent we have at St Botolph's.

The school is constantly updating the information on the website. Please feel free to visit <http://stbotolphs.suffolk.dbprimary.com> and have a look for yourself.

Let's hope that the sun keeps shining.

M. Cobbold

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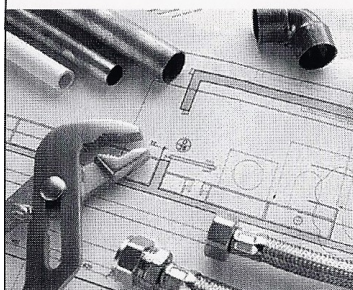
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School transition

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

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...

Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who came and supported our Easter Bonanza. Your kind support and generosity raised over £200 for the pre-school. Thank you.

School Trip

The children will be going on a coach trip to Easton Farm Park in July.

Summer time playing!

After the madness of the snow and winter weather we are now able to fully enjoy the playground and woodland area in all its glory in the sunny weather. The children will be enjoying lots water based fun in the warmer weather. Please don't forget to sent your child to school with plenty of sunscreen and a hat in the warmer weather.

All about me!

The children are currently enjoying this terms theme 'All about me'. They will be making family books and talking about families from around the world.

The pre school is now a member of **Easy Fundraising** where online shoppers can raise funds for us.

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Time to paint

Friday 27 July 10am-2pm

£5 donation, includes tea and cake

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July

Children's activity: Brilliant bugs

Tuesday 31 July, 10am-2pm

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Bringing Local History Alive



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10th June	1 Samuel 8:4-11	Mark 3: 20-end
17th June	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	Mark 4:26-34
24th June	Isaiah 40:1-11	Luke 1:57-66, 80
1st July	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-end	Mark 5:21-end

Lector/ Sidesman Rota	Chapel of Ease			Rickinghall Inferior			Redgrave All Saints		
	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service	Sidesman	Lector	Service
3 rd June	Mrs J Wright	Mr J Wright	8.15am HC	Mr R Rixon	Mrs J Bennett	6.30pm EP	Mrs S White	Mrs C Davidson	10.30am ASAT
10 th June	Mrs L Wills	Mrs J Shepherd	8.15am HC	Mrs F Lamb	Mrs Whitehead	10.30am HC	-	-	-
17 th June	-	-	-	Mr & Mrs Miles	Mrs C Davidson	10:30 am WT	Mrs R Walker	Mr J Walker	8.15am HC
24 th June	-	-	-	Mrs J Sheehan	Rector	8.15am HC	-	Mrs K Gunn	10.30am HC

Flower Rota	Redgrave All Saints	Redgrave St Mary's	Rickinghall St Mary's
3 rd June	F Lamb	-	Mrs Whiteside
10 th June	No service	-	Mrs Rixon
17 th June	R Walker	-	Mrs Rixon
24 th June	R Walker	-	Mrs Sheehan

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Sunday 24th	Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am

Refreshments served on all Sundays from 10.30am

Events

Thursday 7th	'Praise Hour' – 2.00pm
Tuesday 12th	'Coffee On The Corner' – 9.00am
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Sunday 24th	Rev Colin Hough

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3rd June '18 1st Sunday after Trinity

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



10.30 All Saints, Redgrave
All Saints Altogether

*An interactive service for people of all
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6.30pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

10th June '18 2nd Sunday after Trinity



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

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17th June '18 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10.30 St Mary's, Rickinghall
Worship Together

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24th June '18 The Birth of John the Baptist

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

10.30 All Saints, Redgrave CW Communion



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

1st July '18 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints Altogether

6.30pm St Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

Also this month:



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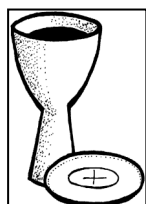
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St Mary's, Rickinghall

Thur. 21st June 9.45am

Farnish House, Botesdale

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Thurs 7th June 7.15pm

St Mary's Rickinghall

Tues 19th June 7.15pm

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