

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

May 2018



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

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Thy Kingdom Come, is a global call to pray for our nation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Have you ever been caught in a wave and felt the surge of the water swirling around you as you're swept to the shore? Waves are a powerful force, a bit like prayer. They may start small on a distant horizon and build into a huge breaker. But unlike waves, with prayer anything is possible.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost (10th May through to Sunday 20th May 2018) are traditionally a time when the Church focuses on prayer. Just as the first disciples gathered after they had watched Jesus ascend into heaven, it says in Acts 1.14 "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus..."

The vision for *Thy Kingdom Come* builds on this tradition and aims to see the whole family of God joining together to pray for the Holy Spirit to help us witnesses for Jesus Christ so others know Him too, and therefore give them an opportunity to play their part in the renewal of the nation and the transformation of communities. An important focus of this time of prayer is that people will discover for themselves the difference that Jesus does make in their life.

Last year we, along with many others in Suffolk, got involved in a number of different ways, and in these villages we will be engaging in this initiative in several ways.

- **The church buildings of All Saints, Redgrave, St Botolph's Botesdale, St Mary's, Rickinghall will be open daily for people to pop into to pray, resources will be provided to help us pray, for the community and for our friends so that they too may know the love of God for them. Parkview will also be open on Thursday 17th May. Each building will be open from 9am to 6pm.**
- **We will also be encouraging people to engage in Prayer Walking and we will have a time of feedback for this on the evening of Thursday 17th May, at Parkview Chapel, Botesdale.**
- **There will be a Taizé style evening service of prayer and music on Tues 15th May at 7pm. The main thing is to pray and that is such a simple thing to do.**

The wonderful sense of God's presence

This is the experience of one church that got involved with

prayer walking:

"We had prayer walks each lunchtime from the Sunday through to the Saturday and managed to cover every street in the parish. (Not sure how many miles that is but it felt like quite a distance!). We kept a journal to write what we had felt the Lord was saying and our impressions from the time. Graham had the right approach - he specifically prayed for

opportunities to talk about Jesus with people on his walks and on one day he spoke to 12 different people. He prayed with one chap who was looking at a notice board and said to Graham, 'there's got to be more to life than this!' "

The Lord's Prayer contains the words "Thy Kingdom come" and when we pray these words we are seeking that in all things God may be glorified, not only in our Sunday worship but in our Monday-to-Saturday lives as well. Praying these words also entails being willing that "Thy (God's) will be done". Becoming Monday-to-Saturday Christians, which means being prepared to seek God's will in the whole of life, inevitably includes becoming aware of our calling by God. We are called not only to be disciples and to be part of the Body of Christ, but also to become the people we were created to be.

This is the third year that the Archbishops have called for this time of prayer and this gives us time and space outside our normal worshipping patterns to come closer to God. Due to the business of our daily lives it is too easy to forget about the importance of praying regularly and intentionally for our friends to come into a relationship with Jesus Christ. So these 10 days gives us a great opportunity to pray in whatever way we want, with whoever we want and wherever we can, that others might know Jesus Christ and see His transforming and loving power reaching out across these communities and impacting on the lives of all who live here in a positive, encouraging, uplifting, divine and supernatural way.

With every blessings for this season,



Rev

PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Welcome to the May edition of the parish magazine. It looks as if spring finally arrived and we hope everyone had a good Easter in spite of the weather

This month we have articles about the neighbourhood plan—important reading for all, an offer of free publicity from Park Radio and, for the energetic amongst you, tennis.

Thanks to everybody who has contributed and keep the articles coming in

Charles Murray

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Alternatively, please

write to: *The Parish Magazine, The Rectory,*

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Please note that **the copy date for the forthcoming issue is as follows:**

- **June** issue: 7 May (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 18 May (Fri)
- **July** issue: 11 June (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 22 June (Fri)
- **Aug/Sept** issue 9 Jul (Mon) come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on 20 July (Fri)
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We accept items for submission in any of the following formats: MS Word, e-mail, .jpg, .bmp, .pub. Notices from voluntary organisations within the Benefice are printed free of charge. We try to help similar organisations from outside the Benefice wishing to place a notice in our magazine; this is subject to space being available and we also make a small charge.

Best wishes The Parish Magazine Volunteers

WELCOME

Welcome to new residents in our villages. If you have recently moved into one of our villages the churches wish you a warm welcome. If you would like someone from the church to visit you, or perhaps you would like your house blessed, then please do get in touch with the Rector on 01379 898685. May your life in these communities be peaceful, prosperous and a blessing to your neighbours.



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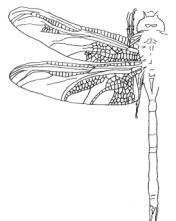
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23rd May at 7:30



Janette Robinson

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*The Creation of Brookwood Cemetery and
the use of trains to transport bodies*

New members and guests welcome.
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Redgrave Church Heritage Trust presents :

Spring 2018 History Workshop

at St Mary's Church, Redgrave
Saturday 5th May 10.30am- 4.00pm

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

Admission: £18 pp, including light lunch

**"Who advised that child prodigy Millais should be a
chimney sweep?"**

Intrigued?

If you would like to know the answer, do come along to this enjoyable study day, when popular art historian Jean Smith looks at the background, lives and influence of the three young artists who started the mid-19th century Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood movement. Jean Smith trained at Hastings School of Art and taught Art History and the History of Costume for 30 years at Norwich City College.

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Depart Activities Centre 10:00am
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Tuesday 22nd May 10.00 am – 12 noon



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Sunday 13th May

12.00 noon - 3.30 pm



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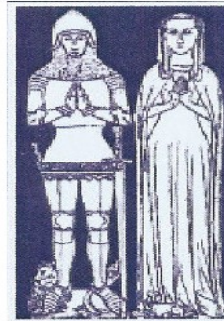
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The Botesdale Health Centre

Monday 14 May 2018 at 7.30 pm

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Regular events

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May

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- - No competition - -

- - Trading Stall : Plants - -

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APRIL REPORT – Leeann Jackson-Eve

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We then proceeded with the regular meeting of the Parish Council and apologies were received from John Abraham, Des Bavington-Lowe and Mike Bishop.

Public Forum: A resident enquired about recent flooding in the village, particularly in Bridewell Lane. It's thought that the recent flooding on Bridewell Lane stemmed largely from some blocked drain covers and blocked ditches. We will still be writing to landowners to make sure that ditches are dealt with and one of our councillors is going to see what can be done with the drain covers. The Clerk will also be requesting a street cleaning for some areas where silt and debris were deposited. Please see below for more information about flood risks.

Planning: There were two planning applications – a two-storey extension at 41 Park View and some replacement gates at The Priory, The Street. There were no objections to either application.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Plan is now in its first draft by our consultant! Please look for a special report on progress in this magazine.

Footpaths and Streams Project: This project is ongoing and run by two former councillors, Chris Lambert and David Green. They could really use some help so if you are interested in the project, more information can be found at <http://botesdalestreams.webeden.co.uk/> or call Chris on 01379 897053. Working parties are held regularly at this time of year.

Grant Funding: Local grants have been agreed for the Parochial Church Council for local churchyard maintenance, the Rickinghall Day Centre, the Neighbourhood Watch, Barwoods (for public liability insurance for Millers Orchard) and for part of the costs of the annual Remembrance Day event. A one-off grant of £100 was agreed for the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association for setting-up costs. Most payments will be made in May. If you are a local organisation with need of additional funding for a specific project, please contact the Clerk.

Flood Risks: Flooding is made worse when waterways/ditches become overgrown. If your property includes a ditch, you are a **riparian owner** and you have responsibilities as follows:

Under common law a riparian owner is a land or property owner who has a watercourse within or adjacent to the boundaries. Where a watercourse is sited between two or more property boundaries each owner may be equally responsible.

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The riparian owner of a ditch alongside a road is normally the adjoining landowner, as the highway boundary usually lies along the top of the bank closest to the road. Thus, although the road may drain into the ditch, the landowner is responsible for maintaining it. When the condition of a ditch is such that it is causing flooding on a highway, Suffolk County Council, as the Highway Authority, can take action against the riparian owner.

However, if the highways authority has 'piped' the ditch, they become responsible for its maintenance. Likewise, any pipe beneath the highway is the responsibility of the Suffolk County Council.

Why should we maintain our ditch? A ditch / watercourse forms a vital role in draining the land. If a watercourse is blocked or has a restricted flow, it means that the water can't leave the area quickly enough. This could lead to localised flooding for you or your neighbours. You have a legal duty to maintain the watercourse and if you don't and someone is flooded, you could be liable for the flooding.

If you'd like more information on riparian ownership, you can download a leaflet called 'Living on the Edge' at www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities.

THE NEXT BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MONDAY 14th MAY

at 7.30 pm

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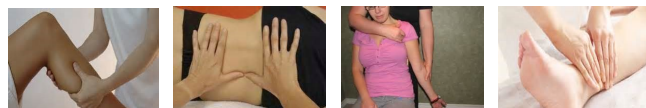
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Redgrave April Report – by the Clerk

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We then proceeded with the regular meeting of the Parish Council and councillors Angela Bigley, Mike Denmark, John Giddings, Bob Hayward, Richard Hilton, Ann Preston, Neil Smith and Jason Walker were present in addition to the Clerk and 11 members of the public.

Public Forum: A member of the public urged the Parish Council to contribute towards the costs of the Community Bus run by Gordon Lawrence. It was explained that the Council has allocated funds towards the eventual replacement of the bus but that it is understood that the takings from transport fees cover the cost of running the bus.

John Preston has resigned as Footpaths Officer after many years and we are very pleased to introduce Cllr Angela Bigley as the PC's new Footpaths Officer.

Planning: There were two planning applications - one for a single storey pitched roof garage/workshop and estate railings to the north east boundaries at Park Lodge, Hall Lane and one for a two-storey extension on Maplefield, The Street. There was no objection to either application.

If you haven't already heard, the planning application for the land adjacent to Charters Towers was refused. Thanks go to all who travelled to Ipswich for the planning committee meeting including Cllr John Giddings who spoke on behalf of the Parish Council.

Old School Playing Field: We are still waiting on a speed survey on Half Moon Lane for information on whether the private road to the playing field is sufficient for access should a planning application be submitted. The PC agreed to spend up to £500 on legal costs.

Redgrave Amenities Trust: The RAT has requested a £300 contribution towards the upkeep of the facilities at the Activities Centre. This has been paid every year for a couple of decades and it was agreed that the payment amount and purpose is due for a review. This will be looked at further at the meeting in May. The Trustees of RAT are appointed by the Parish Council every year in May and this year there will be a vacancy due to the resignation of John Preston who has been a Trustee for many years. If you are

interested in becoming a Trustee, please contact the Clerk. RAT is a small group who do a very worthwhile job for the community!

Redgrave Shop: You may recall that in 2016 the PC received notice under Community Right to Bid that the owner of the Redgrave Community Shop intended to dispose of the property. As the Shop is an Asset of Community Value, the PC or another community interest group has the right to trigger a moratorium period of 6 months during which the asset can't be disposed of. This gives the community the opportunity to make arrangements to purchase the property. The Parish Council went through this procedure last year and the owner opted not to sell to the PC and to put the property on the market after the moratorium period. After 12 months on the market, the whole process starts again if it is left up for sale. So, the PC has received notice again and this time has declined to trigger the moratorium period.

Neighbourhood Plan: March was a very busy month so the follow up on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation was pushed to the April meeting. Everyone had the chance to attend the presentation by Mid Suffolk District Council in February but there was no strong call that evening for doing a Neighbourhood Plan. This is something the PC cannot take forward – it must be a *community* undertaking. If the community can get together a group of around 10 people who are willing to stick with it for around 2½ years, then the Neighbourhood Plan can go ahead and the PC will support it in any way it can. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Future of the Phone Box: We've had an offer from someone interested in organising a book swap in the phone box, which was the option that got the most votes in the village survey. Watch this space!

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WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY at 7.30 pm
Redgrave Amenities Centre**

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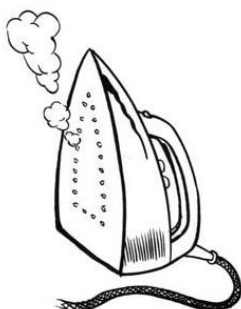
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Rickinghall Parish Council



Report for April 2018 – Councillor William Maskell

The April Rickinghall Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 5th April 2018 with apologies from Cllrs Gillian Crossley-Holland & Nicolas Joubert, all other councillors were in attendance as well as the Clerk and Mid Suffolk District Councillor Derek Osbourne & Suffolk County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

Public Forum

Peter Beck, from the Neighbourhood Watch, advised there were three areas requiring coverage. The areas are Water Lane/Bury Road, Rider's Way & Wheatfields. If anyone would like to represent these areas please contact Peter directly on 01379 890946 or email peter@pbeck.plus.com. Peter also advised there were no reported crimes for March.

Councillors also discussed on a general note that when reporting a crime, when phoning 101 the phone line is often busy and it can take a while to get through. Members of the public can also report a crime via the online service available:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

Gordon Lawrence, Community Bus Co-ordinator, noted concerns that now the bus is three years old and with the warranty expiring soon, running costs may increase and fares may not cover expenses. Donations can be made to Gordon to help keep this service running.

Planning

Land adjacent to 9 Rectory Hill – A meeting took place with a representative from Burgess Homes to discuss Councillors' concerns over specific details on the planning particulars. Five houses will be built on the plot and the following accommodating measures will be made; one Velux window to be removed, hedging will be reinstated to obscure view from neighbouring property, bi-folding doors will be replaced with French doors and one house to be moved 1 metre from original plan footprint. It was also reported that all properties will have soak-aways to prevent drainage issues. The representative also considered this site not to be part of a bigger development. Councillors had no objections.

Sumlan Place, New Delight Road would like to convert derelict pig sties into three abodes. Councillors had no objections.

No objections were raised of intent to prune/remove trees in a conservation area.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently in progress and the first draft will be submitted towards the end of April.

Clerk's Report

The consultation period regarding the double yellow lines in Rickinghall and Botesdale has now ended. The parish council is hoping for it to be passed by the end of April.

A consultation on new electoral arrangements, regarding boundary change has commenced. There are now thirty-four councils and twenty-six wards. Rickinghall ward will now only have one councillor instead of two. Consultation closes 30th April 2018.

Correspondence

A letter was received from a member of the public regarding speeding on Bury Road. Councillors discussed the issue but unfortunately, as previously discussed, funding is not available from the Highways Agency for preventative measures at this time.

Chairman's Report

The latest VAS report was presented to Councillors, showing an eleven-day period during March. The location was Bridewell junction with The Street. The majority of vehicles were found to be travelling under the speed limit of 30mph. The maximum speed recorded was 57mph. It was agreed by councillors that this was an expected result due to the sign's central location in the village.

Grant Funding

The Parish Council considered grant funding applications made during 2017/18. Allocations were agreed as follows; Village Hall Toilets £2500, RBR PCC £600, Rickinghall Day Centre £300, RBGNS (Community Bus) £180, Royal British Legion (wreath & event) £60, Diss CAB £30 and

Neighbourhood Watch £30, Total £3700.

Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting Contract

It was agreed by the Parish Council that the hourly rate should be increased by 3% (in line with state pension increase for 2018) to £8.53/hour.

Hedge next to White Horse Cottage

A discussion between parish councillors regarding the maintenance of the hedge took place and was agreed that, to keep costs to a minimum, Councillors will club together and carry out the prune/trim themselves.

Highways Issues

The Chairman reported that it's currently just potholes, potholes and more potholes. It was confirmed by County Cllr Fleming that SCC is on to it!

Barwoods

Cllr Jones reported that the informal tree planting ceremony for the late Botesdale Tree Warden took place in March. Pollarding in Low Meadow will also take place weather permitting over the coming days.

Rights of Way

Cllr Free reported that the dip hazard left by work carried out in the verge on Rectory Hill adjacent to the path was filled and grass seeded by a local resident before anyone else did themselves harm after it was deemed a non-priority issue by contractors. Also, overhanging trees at Bury Road were reported to the responsible parties and agreed to prune. The newly installed dog waste bin has been a great success and is well used! Checks will be made that it is emptied on a routine basis.

Cutting Down and/or Pruning Trees

The Regulations: In certain circumstances binding regulations apply to the cutting down and the pruning of trees. For Botesdale, the controlling authority is the Mid Suffolk District Council and the Council's regulations will apply when the tree is within a designated conservation area or when the tree is covered by a preservation order. In these situations, an application to fell or prune a tree must be made in writing to the Council Tree Officer, identifying the tree that is involved, the nature of the work and the reasons for it. Help and advice is available from David Pizzey, Tree and Landscape Officer, 07801 587860, david.pizzey@midsuffolk.gov.uk.

Street Lighting

It is reported that a street light is not working at Bury Road. The street light near Jubilee House has an order in place to be relocated to its correct position off the path.

Bottle banks

Cllr Free reported broken glass and a dumped mattress need clearing from the Snape Hill site. Any unofficial dumping will be reported.

Parish Council meeting closed at 9.42pm.

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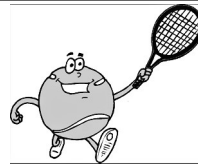
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At our Annual Review - "Know Your Hospice" - at Redgrave Amenities Centre in March, we looked back on a 2017 Anniversary Year which had good things - and some sadness. We lost both Marion Wilby, loyal committee member for 30 years, also the Hospice President, Canon Richard Norburn; bob of whom died last November. They will both be deeply missed. At this meeting, we welcomed Mike Bird and Roger Whomes from the Hospice Chaplaincy, as well as Miranda McCoy, Fundraising Co-ordinator, to speak about their work, which was most illuminating.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO our 2018 events: a Summer Coffee Morning on Thursday 21st June, at The Hollies, Botesdale, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Richard Green (10.30am to 12.30pm); our popular Annual Quiz Night on Friday 19th October at Hinderclay Village Hall with favourite Quizmasters Mike Webb & John Kilgannon (7.00 for 7.30pm start) - tables of six; A Christmas Evening on Friday 14th December in All Saints Church, Redgrave, 7.00 for 7.30pm start. WATCH THIS SPACE for all these events. We will be delighted to welcome you. Thank you everyone!! We really do appreciate your support.

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Village News



YOUR PLAN, YOUR FUTURE, YOUR SAY!

A Reminder and Update on the Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan and Why it Matters! The Current Climate - the Demand for New Houses...

We all know that *change will happen* (ie new houses are needed, and *will be built*).

There's no getting around that, but...

With a Neighbourhood Plan

...the Neighbourhood Plan makes us ready to react to whatever change is thrown at us. It gives us respect within the planning authorities, who recognise that we have made the effort to clearly state what we *do* want in our villages. *They have a legally-binding duty to take this into account*

What exactly is the Neighbourhood Plan?

A document that describes our villages' character based on existing housing, facilities, road layout, boundaries, and green spaces, and - very importantly - our aspirations about its future. It forces us to take a good look at all the benefits we have, write them down clearly and concisely, and describe how change should be controlled to retain the character of our surroundings

What it *isn't*

It is not a barrier to all new building in the village. We are expected to take our "fair share" of new houses, something that the authorities are currently assessing. As we're working closely with them, we understand the pressures they face, and can demonstrate our willingness to cooperate *in a controlled way*

Status and Timing

Working on the Neighbourhood Plan has provided the opportunity to gather significant knowledge about our villages. We started in mid-2017, since when we have re-

ceived independent professional reports on the area's landscape, its character in terms of buildings and layout, the viability of building on available land, and how such new building should be arranged to fit in with the village. If all the plans already in the pipeline produce the number of houses they describe, it's unlikely we'd be expected to accommodate any more houses until 2036. We aim to publish the first Neighbourhood Plan draft for Mid-Suffolk District Council's approval this Summer

What area does it cover?

The parishes of Botesdale and Rickinghall (Inferior and Superior)

Who's making this plan?

A group of concerned Botesdale and Rickinghall villagers, eager to regain as much control as possible over the decisions made by others about our villages

Why are you telling *me* this?!

We want everyone in Botesdale & Rickinghall to be aware of what's going on, so we're all well-informed, and so you appreciate that *your views do count*. We continue to canvas opinion following the 2017 surveys, at public meetings, via this magazine, through word of mouth, etc, so *please make your views known*, so we make the most of this opportunity - see this spot in the magazine each month for updates

Who's paying for this?

The Government provides grants and free assistance to encourage the development of Neighbourhood Plans, so we can include professional advice when needed to ensure the validity of the final document.

The group of people in the villages that are collating information and the plan itself are volunteers

For more details, see <http://botesdale.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/>, or contact the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 01379 890141 or email rickinghall_pc@btopenworld.com

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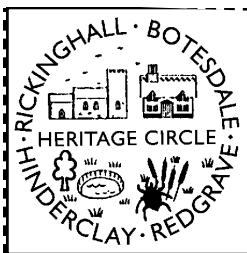
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Club News



Heritage Circle - March

Elizabeth Garrett Anderson – Doctor and Mayor of Aldeburgh

Mark Mitchels enthusiastically told the story of an exceptional woman, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, at the March meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickingham Village Hall.

Elizabeth was born in London in 1836. Her father, Newson Garrett, was a successful businessman who in 1840 bought a company that traded in barley and coal at Snape and moved his family back to his native Suffolk and settled in Aldeburgh. The business thrived as it produced malt for brewing which could be sent to London in the fleet of boats that Newson steadily acquired. Later, Newson bought a brick works and eventually built the Snape Maltings, now renowned as a concert venue.

Elizabeth enjoyed a very free childhood. She did not have much formal education until the age of 13 when she was sent to a girls' boarding school at Blackheath. The curriculum was largely concerned with the skills and accomplishments of a young woman in Victorian society. However, she had to speak French all of the time which would ultimately be helpful for her.

Elizabeth Garrett's life was changed when she met Elizabeth Blackwell in 1858 and became convinced that she should become a doctor. In 1849 Elizabeth Blackwell became the world's first qualified doctor in New York. She achieved this in the face of ferocious opposition. In 1858 she came to Britain on a lecture tour. The British press was very hostile. They asked how was it possible for a woman who had her hands constantly in gore to have the feelings of other women. Elizabeth Garrett and her father had a fierce row over the tour. Remarkably, Newson came to accept his daughter's argument and arranged for her to attend a lecture. He also gave his support for her ambitions to become a doctor despite the lurid stories about women in the medical profession. Elizabeth went to the Middlesex Hospital as a nurse and worked in surgery and managed to attend lectures for trainee doctors at the school of medicine. She did very well in the internal exams of the college but, as a woman, she was barred from taking the external exams which would accredit her as qualified doctor. With her father's help, Elizabeth did manage to enter the Society of Apothecaries and in 1865 gained a certificate to become a doctor. She later acquired the title MD through the Sorbonne in Paris. Unfortunately, no one would employ her. Again, her father's support was crucial to her future. He bought her a house in Upper Berkeley Square and she set up her own practice. She also opened the Marylebone Dispensary to provide care for the poorest of women and divided her time between the two institutions.

In 1871 Elizabeth married James Skelton Anderson, the heir to the Cunard shipping line. Her life became busier. In 1872 she opened the New Hospital for Women and Children which specialised in gynaecological care. She was to be its main surgeon for the next 20 years. She gave birth to her first child, Louise in 1873 but tragically lost her second daughter to meningitis in 1875. Her third child, Alan, was born in 1877. During this period she opened a medical school for the training of women doctors and overcame severe opposition to gain entry for her students into the University of London so that their training could be accredited. By 1892 when she retired to Aldeburgh, there were over 100 qualified women doctors in Britain. Her amazing career did not end with retirement. In 1896 she was elected as President of the BMA for the East Anglia region. This would have been unthinkable a few decades before. She became the first woman mayor in Britain in 1908 when she was elected Mayor of Aldeburgh. She was very vocal in support of the Suffragette movement. She died in 1917.

Mark Mitchels expressed his disappointment that such a remarkable woman is not commemorated in Suffolk. Her life is an inspiration to all as a model for how to overcome the seemingly impossible.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 May at The Village Hall, Rickingham. Janette Robinson will give a talk entitled *The London Burial Crisis of the 19th Century*. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net

Gerry Gurhy

Coffee On



Thank you to everyone who made it to April's 'Coffee On The Corner'. It is always fantastic to see the Church full of people, people who are enjoying coffee, tea and lots of cake!

This month the monies have been donated to the 'Gislingham Silver Band'. The band have played regularly at events since 1885. And give their time serving at these events for no remuneration. They also have a successful training band who are provided with instruments on loan. The main band is made up of a variety of ages, from which several have graduated from the training band.

Unfortunately, their current hut has come to the end of its life after many years. It's not only the band that uses the hut but also several village organisations. They have managed to get planning permission to demolish the current building with the purpose of building a new one with a kitchen area and an adapted toilet. I'm sure that the band are very grateful for the donations raised.

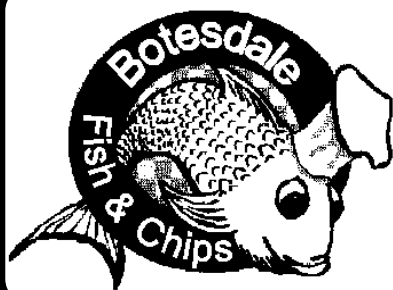
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We do not run Coffee On The Corner to raise money. However, so many of you want to give a donation towards your refreshments, and so those donations always go to charity. What could be a better way to spend your Tuesday morning than with old and new friends and a slice of cake or two!

Coffee On The Corner is next on Tuesday 8th May. Please do come if you can. Parkview also has 'Coffee On A Sunday' on May 13th. Details of this and other events coming up can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

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Calendar for May 2018

Tuesday	1 st	9:45am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Praise hour Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Methodist Christian Forum	Rickingham Village Hall Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Methodist Church
Wednesday	2 nd	10:40-12:35pm 9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Mobile library Headspace Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Redgrave Parish Council	See suffolklibraries.co.uk All Saints Redgrave Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre
Thursday	3 rd	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Church cleaning RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care Drop-in U3A Lecture : Swift Conservation Zumba Botesdale & Rickingham Runners Rickingham Parish Council	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church, Diss Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	4 th	10:00am 12:00pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Watercooler Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel The Bell, Botesdale Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	5 th	10:00am 10:00-4:00pm 10:30-1:00pm 10:30-4:30pm 11:00-4:00pm	Church open Model Railway Show Guided walk History Workshop Pre-Raphaelites Open Day	Rickingham Inferior St Mary's Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave St Mary's Bowls Club Fen Lane
Monday (Bank Holiday - check if your class/club is running)	7 th	All Day 10:00am 10:00-3:00pm 11:00-4:00pm 5:30pm	Samaritans Zumba LOHP Peat Fest Windmill open Slimming World	Bury St Edmunds Railway Station Rickingham Village Hall Thelnetham Windmill and nearby Thelnetham Windmill Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	8 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:45am 6:00pm 7:15pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan information and advice Pilates Zumba Yoga and Relaxation	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	9 th	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	10 th	9:30am 9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS Headspace Phoenix Luncheon Club Zumba Botesdale & Rickingham Runners Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall All Saints Redgrave Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	11 th	9:15am 10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Ouse Valley Filling Station Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Parkview Chapel Garboldisham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall

Saturday	12 th	9:00am 9:00am 9:00-1:00pm 10:00-11:00am 10:00am 10:30-12:30pm 7:30pm	Farmers' market Car Boot Sale Garage Sale Trail Border weeding Church open Wildlife Watch Burgate Summer Concert	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground £1 maps on day at Farmers' Market/Parkview Rickingham Inferior Rickingham Inferior Redgrave & Lopham Fen Burgate Village Church
Sunday	13 th	11:00am 11:00-4:00pm 12:00-3:00pm	Coffee on a Sunday Windmill open (National Mills Weekend) Blossom Day	Parkview Chapel Thelnetham Windmill Walled Gardens Thornham Magna
Monday	14 th	10:00am 10:00-4:00pm 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Walk - from Heath to Fen Needlecraft Slimming World Friends of Botesdale Health Centre AGM Botesdale Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Knettishall Heath Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	15 th	9:45am 2:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Praise Hour Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Progressive Whist Drive	Rickingham Village Hall Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre
Wednesday	16 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Headspace Day Centre Methodist Wives Club	Redgrave Activities Centre All Saints Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Outing to Dad's Army Museum
Thursday	17 th	9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	RABBATS Zumba Botesdale & Rickingham Runners	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground
Friday	18 th	10:00am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	19 th	10:00am 10:00-12:00pm	Church open Redgrave Garden Club plant sale	Rickingham Inferior Fox Cottage, Redgrave
Sunday	20 th	11:30am	Motocross	Wattisfield Hall
Monday	21 st	9:15am 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Rickingham Ramblers Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	22 nd	9:45am 10:00am 10:30-2:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Pilates Coffee down the lane Activity day for home-ed. Children Zumba Yoga and Relaxation	Rickingham Village Hall Methodist Church Redgrave & Lopham Fen Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	23 rd	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	24 th	9:30am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Headspace RABBATS Zumba Botesdale & Rickingham Runners	All Saints Redgrave Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground
Friday	25 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	26 th	10:00am	Church open	Rickingham Inferior
Monday (Bank Holiday - check if your class/club is running)	28 th	10:00am 11:00-4:00pm 5:30pm	Zumba Windmill open Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Thelnetham Windmill Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday	29 th	9:45am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Pilates Wildlife Whodunnit! Luncheon Club 898615/898619 Zumba Yoga and Relaxation	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday	30 th	9:30am 10:00am 10:40-12:35pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Mobile Library	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall See suffolklibraries.co.uk
Thursday	31 st	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Church cleaning RABBATS Redgrave Garden Club to Flatford Mill Zumba Botesdale & Rickingham Runners	Redgrave St Mary's Rickingham Village Hall Depart Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Recreation Ground

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Club News

Barwoods Report for May 2018



As the first Sunday in April was Easter Sunday, we brought forward our work party to 25th March. This was also the day chosen to plant a silver birch tree for Ken Liddle, former tree warden in Botesdale. A small group of people gathered around while the hole was dug and the tree put in, staked and protected. In addition to Ken's immediate family, our volunteers and some tree wardens were present; the gathering included William Sargeant, chairman of Botesdale Parish Council, and David Green, the new tree warden for that parish.

Northfield Wood comes into its own at this time of year, with all the white blossom on the fruit trees. For those who don't know, it is just where the bridleway starts leading from Mill Road North in Botesdale down towards the underpass. If you are passing that way, do venture in and explore the path.

About half of the willows in Low Meadow, at the western end of the main road through the village, have now been low-pollarded and the meadow will benefit from increased light levels. There are two benches there that provide a quiet spot to sit and relax, especially in the evenings as the sun sets westward. Enjoy.

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

REDGRAVE GARDEN CLUB

The speaker at the March meeting of Redgrave Garden Club was Tim Fuller of Plantsmans Preference of South Lopham. His subject was Herbaceous Perennials, and he spoke about less well known and new varieties, and showed slides of them. Tim gave the properties of each plant, height, soil preference, and growth habit. A selection of plants from Tim's nursery were available for members to purchase.



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Exploring the Past

Jean Sheehan, 01379 890237

Redgrave Charities

I have written articles for the past two editions about Redgrave Charities and the poor people of Redgrave. The last one is for the poor's firing allowance which was an area of eighty acres of Redgrave Fen allowed to the poor at the enclosure award of 1818.

Before this act the poor were allowed to dig peat and collect firing from Redgrave Fen to burn in their cottages. The paragraph in the Enclosure Award says "Poor's Firing – the piece of waste land of 80 acres called Redgrave Fen,



Redgrave & Lopham Fen

was assigned, set out and allotted unto the Lord of the Manor of Redgrave and Botesdale, the Rector, Church-wardens and overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Redgrave for the time being, and to their respective successors for ever – In Trust for the use and benefit of such poor persons and in such manner as is directed by the said first recited Act."

This charity was administered by the trustees until 1894 when an act was passed that villages of over 300 people should have a parish council. The Rector at this time, Rev Thomas Holt Wilson, knew that the council would take over the running of the Poor's Allotment and he was worried about this so he wrote PARISH NOTES FOR PARISHIONERS OF REDGRAVE to make sure everyone knew their rights. In this he wrote a short history of the Fen since 1881, the year he became Rector, as follows "Many years ago the Fen was chiefly valuable for the peat cut on it, but since coal has become more accessible, it has been found more valuable to cut the sedge and use it or sell it. In 1881 there was very little peat cut, and now in 1894, there is hardly any cut. Before the sedge cutting became general, stock used to be allowed on the Fen – and the money paid for their pasturage – after expenses were deducted – used to be distributed in bread. Stock are not allowed on the Fen and consequently there has been no income except Four Pounds a year for shooting, and occasional sale of peat or sand – varying in amount – generally from twelve shillings to one pound per year. The income of the Fen is generally under five pounds per year, and as a rule the expenses consume most of it. It is necessary to clear out the river continually, and sometimes the expense attending this consumes considerably more than the income." He then continues to talk about the expenses of the Fen and mentions that in 1887 he personally paid the balance of the debt of £4.11.3 ½ owed for expenses to clear the Fen of debt as it was Jubilee year.

In the parish magazine of November 1887 there was a paragraph which said "The Rector personally employed men out

of work to cut the sedge for those without grounds and for the widows. By this means men out of work earned money and those in need benefited. However, this year someone has stolen sedge so the work must stop. The Rector will give a reward to anyone who can help apprehend the thief."

The income from the sedge and the shooting rights was given out to the needy parishioners in the form of coal vouchers. In April 1897 in the Hartismere Deanery Magazine under Redgrave there is the offer of a plot which has come up for allocation. It reads as follows:- "Any man who is eligible to apply for a Fen Allotment at Redgrave is hereby asked to give in his name to Mr. Berridge before the first of May. On the first of May there will be a vacancy, if not more than one vacancy to fill up. If a person leaves the parish or dies before the first of May in any year, the trustees have decided that such person's allotment is vacant on "the first of May" – but if a person should leave or die on the first of May in any year, such person's allotment is not vacated until the following 1st of May -should any near relative wish to carry it on."

The Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation (now Suffolk Wildlife Trust) was formed in 1961 and in 1967 they leased Redgrave Fen for 60 years at a lump sum of £607. This was their first nature reserve. The lease money was invested by the Charity Commissioners who paid the income to the trustees to be distributed. The income in 1969 was about £35 pa gross. (1). In my first article on the poor in Redgrave I explained about the Town House. Since then I discovered in the Redgrave overseers book for September 1803 there is an entry paying Searles for digging clay for the Town House Shed. This is followed by several entries for payment of loads of turf, which is another name for peat. I get the impression that maybe he had been employed to build a shed of clay lump at the Town House to store peat in, either for the poor people who lived in the Town House, or to store peat for other paupers living in cottages to burn as fuel. (2)

The Town House eventually came into the hands of the Holt Wilson Family. It is possible that this property was sold by the Guardians of the Poor of the Hartismere Union around 1855 when they sold The Pock House at an auction to the family who were buying up property in Redgrave for the new young squire. Mervin Cater worked for the Holt Wilson family and he told me that Black Cottages were painted with tar regularly. They were occupied by workers on the Redgrave Estate. Ethel Erith (formerly Ethel Sharman) whose mother lived in Black Cottages, told me there were four cottages but these were converted into three whilst Mrs Sharman lived there. Eventually Mrs sharman and her neighbour were moved into new houses situated nearby in Half Moon Lane before the Redgrave Estate was sold off. Black Cottages were demolished and four new houses built behind the school.

Joanna Todd (decd) – previous history recorder and Redgrave Parish Clerk.

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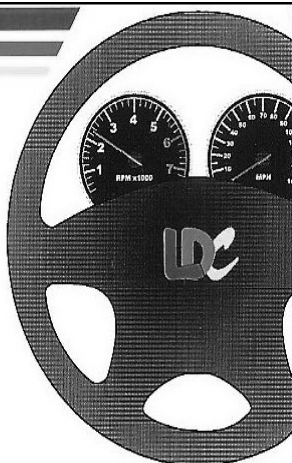
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Exploring the Past Again

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The Black Death of 1349 in Rickinghall, Redgrave and Botesdale..... continued

Throughout the country between 40% and 60% of people died in the 1349 plague. The figure of 60% has been suggested for Redgrave and Botesdale.(1) However it appears that it could be revised downwards a little for our villages. For instance, in Rickinghall Inferior of the 130 or so tenants who died, over 50 still had sons and daughters, often more than one, who came to take over the land rented by their parents so obviously the whole family did not die.

In the May court seven of the 30 brewers and brewsters, having to pay for their licence to brew ale, had the word 'mort' (dead) written over their name; just under a quarter. However another five, possibly more, had died by July and of the six ale tasters (officials who checked the standard of the ale) three had died.

The death of about 50% of the population meant that the remaining villeins simply could not do the labour services that they were required to do for the lord of the manor. Many took the opportunity to move to other manors or to towns. The court rolls record heirs not coming to take up the land that was theirs even if they were still alive. In Rickinghall, William Fuller's son Amor and John Howard's son Robert simply refused to make payment to take on the land of their dead fathers.

In the Rickinghall court for the September of 1351, over two years after the plague, the lord's steward reported that the land of 12 villeins who had died had still not been re-rented. No relations had come forward to take on the land of these people and no one else wanted it.

However, many villeins did acquire land that had been abandoned. There was also a rise in the number of widows paying for the licence to marry, presumably to get help in working their land.

In many villages and towns there weren't enough healthy family members to bury the victims individually so people were buried in pits, piled on top of one another. Where were the plague victims in our villages of Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall buried? No record was kept of where in the churchyards the pits were dug. In none of the churchyards have mass graves been found. Possibly there were no pits and the victims were buried in family plots with villagers helping to bury their friends and relations. In the 'plague' village of Eyam in Derbyshire in the 17th century families were often buried on their own land, which was consecrated later, but as far as we know no bodies have been found from the 14th century in our villages or outlying areas.

Unfortunately, we also haven't yet found where in the villages the people, whose deaths were recorded, lived. So we haven't been able to find if, for instance, the people who lived around the market were affected more than those who lived in outlying

areas such as Allwood Green or if the plague spread through the villages in a certain order as it has been found it did in Walsham-le-Willows.

Throughout the next centuries plague would break out again and again. In 1361 there was an outbreak which came to be called the childrens' pestilence as it mainly affected those who had been born since 1349 and who therefore had less resistance to the disease.

The last outbreaks of plague recorded in Britain were near Shotley, Suffolk, not that far from here, between 1906 and 1918. In these outbreaks 22 people had the symptoms, 16 died and 6 recovered.

In 1910 seven members of the same family became ill. One of the three survivors, Honora Rouse, aged eighteen, made a statement which gave an excellent account of the symptoms and how rapidly the disease could take hold.

'There was my father and mother, myself and two sisters, Carrie and Alice, and two boys, Willie and John. On Sunday December 19th my mother had a headache when she awoke. She got up about 10 o'clock and was sick. ...on Wednesday 22nd she went to bed about 4.30 p.m. I went upstairs with her and helped her into bed. I went downstairs and at about 5 p.m. I went up and found she was dead.

On Sunday my sister Carrie turned up ill, she and Willie were both full of sores, and Carrie had a knot on her neck. Dr. Hart was sent for on 2nd January, he came and attended to her and she died on 5th January. She was buried on the 8th January and on this day Alice fell ill. She was ill in the same way as the others, and had a knot and she died on the 10th January. My father also fell ill on the 8th January. On the 11th January my two brothers, Willie and John, were taken to Barham Workhouse. On the Sunday following I heard that Willie was ill. He had the same symptoms as the others and had a knot on his neck. He died on the 17th January. On the 22nd January I fell ill and went to the hospital till the 3rd February. I was ill in the same way as the others and had spots on my legs and also a knot inside my thigh and my face and arms were swollen. My brother John was also taken to the hospital and is still there (5th February).' John and her father survived.(2)*

At the time some rats, rabbits, hares and cats were found to have the plague bacteria, *Yersinia pestis*. There have been no outbreaks in Britain since.

*bulboes= swelling of the lymph glands

(1)Razi, Zvi and Richard M Smith Eds., Medieval Society and the Manor Court Clarendon Press Oxford (1996) (2)Website: Last Epidemics of Plague in England by David Van Zwanenberg

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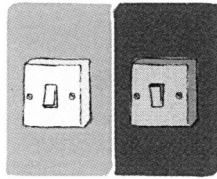
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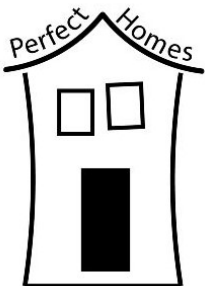
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Nyall's Notes

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Gender pay gap UK: Theresa May vows to tackle 'burning injustice' as firms race to report figures by midnight. I wonder what she makes of what Jesus said. Here it is updated to today.

The kingdom of heaven is like a factory boss that went down to the job centre and finding some people in the queue he said to them, "I'll give you sixty quid to work the day in my factory."

He went several times during the day and similarly hired more workers telling them that he'd pay them what was right. He even hired workers with only an hour left of the working day.

At the end of the day all of them received £60, the same amount whether they had worked all day or only an hour. As is only human the ones that had worked all day grumbled at the boss saying that they had toiled all day whereas others had only worked for an hour.

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for sixty quid? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

I have had someone tell me that the boss was extremely unwise to give them all the same amount. That person missed the point. The story Jesus told was a parable. There weren't any workers and there wasn't a factory boss who could have chosen to do differently. A parable is a story made up to make a point and this one neatly answers what someone put to me a few years ago.

He said, "I've lived all my life and am getting on in age. I've done some rotten things at times and if I turned to God now, I'd feel a fraud. I can't expect God to accept me now."

Jesus would have replied, "But he will and not only that, he wants to do so. There is nothing that would delight him more than if you turned to him now even if it is late in life."

The kingdom of heaven is not earned. You don't get any more if you have been a Christian for fifty years or fifty minutes. It is for everyone who has put their trust in Jesus Christ.

Jesus was crucified alongside two others, both criminals. One railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

The other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." He then said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*For by grace you have
been saved it is the gift
of God.*

Ephesians Ch.2 v. 8

Bill's Birds

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Every time I start Bill's Birds we have another visit from 'The Beast from the East' and even now after two of its visits another is threatened over the Easter Weekend. The wildlife affected appeared to be birds, such as the Woodcock, seeking refuge in our country by flying westwards from similar storms in Europe, never made it, and many of our shores were littered with dead birds and marine life such as star and shell fish which could not cope with the extra and unusual drop in sea temperatures.

I fear some of our northerly migratory birds may have been similarly affected, but one such bird, a Blackcap, appeared at a neighbour's feeder in mid-March. This may well have been an over-wintering visitor from mid-Europe and not one from a spring group moving north from the Mediterranean. This bird appeared at the same feeder as six Green Finches. Green Finches have been very scarce recently due to the ever-present infection—an organism called trichomonosis—which affects the throat and they are unable to swallow. (Do clean your feeders regularly). Though I have not seen Green Finches recently I have heard them. They have a loud 'wheezing' call in between their songs.

Another occasional bird has been seen at a local bird table, the Reed Bunting, a male. This bird is usually seen in marshy areas with reeds (typically Redgrave Fen) where the male sings from an isolated bush in the middle of the reeds. Once heard, not forgotten. When you hear it, keep looking. It is recorded as being seen in our gardens, typically in times of bad weather, when their usual habitats are unrewarding (viz our recent very cold spells). It looks like a male House Sparrow in appearance but with stronger black and white markings.

Another bird, the Grey Wagtail, has been seen locally. It has the typically wagging tail of the wagtail family and is quite colourful with some yellow and blue feathers. It is seen near running water, in our case, Water Lane, Rickingham, and under the bridge on the Redgrave Road. Of our three wagtails the Yellow is the brightest and most obvious. It is the only one which makes a distant migration. Lastly, the 'common' Pied (black and white) Wagtail, usually seen and heard on roof tops. It migrates locally in large winter numbers. I have seen such migrations near to Morrisons in Diss and The Manor House at Wortham.



Pied Wagtail

But you will be reading this in our May edition so the above is in the past and you should be hearing and seeing our common migratory birds. The Cuckoo, I trust, will have been heard by you. If not, I can practically guarantee one on Redgrave Fen. There have been two there annually for several years. Don't be deceived by such birds as the Collar Dove, whose call is sometimes similar, though you may be right and you have heard an early arrival.

The twitter of the first Swallow is always rewarding. Suddenly you hear it and, for a moment, because of the winter's lapse of time, you are puzzled and then, joy of joy, it is a Swallow.

Well, enjoy the warmer weather, the Swift should be with you (6th—8th May). Its 'screaming' flight declares its presence. Its numbers are decreasing, largely, I think, from the lack of its food—flying insects. When was the last time in the summer were you cleaning your car's window screen of dead flies? And please don't destroy your Swift nests from under your beams—appreciate the antiquity of your home. Imitation nest sites are available.

I have been writing this in abnormal late March weather and dreaming of the balmy summer months ahead. Enjoy!

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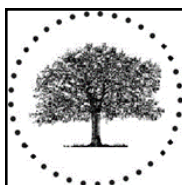
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Perhaps we take for granted what we see around us, but look again at many a front garden in the countryside and you will see the influence of the cottage garden style. It's not just in the country gardens either as this style of gardening softens an urban or modern setting just as well. To sum up the style, the phrase 'looking like it's naturally evolved' comes to mind. But of course it's clever design and management that's behind it all. A cottage garden can often be the results of an initial plan that has changed according to nature's course, with some plants such as Clematis and Honeysuckle clambering over others while annuals re-seed themselves filling the gaps and at the same time providing continuity. But nature needs our assistance to achieve this, by the removal of weeds and invasive species, and by careful plant selection.

Step back in time a few decades and an understanding of how the cottage gardener would have lived will give an insight as to the ingredients of their gardens. For starters, they wouldn't have dreamed of buying plants; exchanging and seed collecting would have been the main means for introducing new varieties to the flower border. They might also have taken cuttings, from neighbourhood plants which took their fancy.

Plants easily propagated, such as Dahlias, Geraniums, Lavenders and Periwinkles were definitely popular. The true cottage dweller would also have an eye for flowers for cutting, for both colour and scent. Cottages have poor levels of natural daylight, so bright flowers brought indoors would have a cheering effect, and in the days before air freshener came in aerosols, scented cut flowers, such as Pinks and Roses, provided a pleasant relief from the normal household aromas. The cottage garden wasn't just for decorative flowers though. Space for vegetable growing was often more valuable, but crossing into both, herbs presented both ornamental as well as practical uses.

If you are thinking of adding a cottage garden touch to your own garden, then now is the best time to plan and plant. Herbaceous perennials (plants which emerge in the spring at ground level from their winter dormancy), are now popping up and putting on root growth. Buy healthy looking young plants and plant in groups of three's or five's to quickly build up effective clumps. Choose your colour scheme from a section of the colour circle and then select accordingly. Red's, yellows and oranges look great in the summer reflecting the bright light. They also go well with purple-leaved shrubs. Whites and creams go well with most other colours, as do grey-leaved species. Blues, mauves, purples and pinks go well together in any garden.

A cottage garden isn't just about the herbaceous plants either,



though they're often the main element. Soft shrubs such as Lavender, Rock Roses, Cotton Lavender and Sages give year round leaf colour and long flowering seasons. Seed sowing was both intentional, scattered by the gardener, and haphazard through nature's own methods. Aquilegia, Cosmos, Marigolds and Nasturtiums are just some of those which will spread themselves about a bit.

During the first year or two the maintenance of a cottage garden patch entails keeping the weeds under control, whilst being careful not to remove all the flowers that are self-sown (these are usually noticed by their tendency to emerge in patches of synchronised germination). Be sure to add canes and Hazel sticks to support rambling sorts such as Nasturtiums, clematis and Sweet peas, but don't worry too much if they don't conform, as this style is very informal. You may not live in a cottage, but that need not stop you from enjoying a cottage garden, even if it's just in a small part of your plot. You'll be continuing an English tradition, and the results will be rewarding in many ways.

Six of the best Cottage Garden Plants

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- ✿ Pinks (Dianthus)
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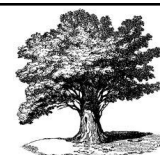
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Nature notes

Bluebells In Bradfield Woods

By Jon Huckle of Huckle Ecology

May Bank Holidays offer great opportunities for exploring the natural jewels around us and early May is the perfect time to venture into bluebell woods.

Here in Suffolk, Bradfield Woods is an absolute gem (but other bluebell woods are available). This is an ancient woodland that is expertly managed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in a style of management known as 'coppice with standards'. Much of the wood comprises hazel and ash coppice with mature trees including some fine standard oaks rising majestically above the coppice layer.

The result is a splendid wood with a wealth of wild flowers that are indicators of ancient woodland - bluebells (of course) but also some marvellous early marsh orchids, wood anemones, carpets of wild garlic, and of particular note are a good population of oxlips (a rare species nowadays).



After leaving the car park and visitor centre, you are immediately immersed in a woodland paradise. All around, you are surrounded by wonderfully uplifting hazel coppice, each stool spreading from the base into a network of stems. Beneath the canopy, the ground layer is a mesmerizing mass of colour - vivid blues from bluebells, lush violets from spikes of early marsh orchids and occasionally the pale yellow forms of oxlips, a delight to see.

Further on, the nose detects the presence of a pungent and lush carpet of white and green wild garlic - which often excludes most other species.

Treat yourself and get and out and about if you can!

Cookbook

In the Cookbook, we'd like to share your favourite recipes with baking enthusiasts in our villages.

To include a recipe in the column below, please send it to editor@rbrparishmag.com

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Picnic Pie

Thanks to Philippa for this delicious sounding pie!

Ingredients

500g salad potatoes,	55g crispy bacon,
200ml crème fraiche,	2 tbsp milk
6 eggs,	95g butter,
200g filo pastry,	chopped chives,
seasoning	

Use a 23cm round tin and preheat the oven to 190C, Gas Mark 5

Melt the butter, wrap the pastry in a damp cloth, hard boil 2 eggs and cook the potatoes with the skins on.

Next, put the crème fraiche, milk, seasoning, chives and 4 eggs in a bowl—beat together.

Peel the potatoes when cool enough to handle and slice into 1 cm thick slices. Quarter the hard-boiled eggs lengthwise and mix into the crème fraiche mixture. Add the bacon.

Brush each sheet of filo pastry with butter and line the tin, overlapping the sheets and allowing a few layers all round.

Pour in the mixture, and fold extra layers of pastry over the top—brush with butter.

Bake in the oven for 40 minutes or until brown and crisp. Eat cold.

Apricot and Coconut Slice

Thanks to Jennie!

Ingredients

200g cooking Chocolate, dark	225g fine coconut,
4 eggs,	175g caster sugar,
175g dried apricots, chopped	

Melt chocolate in bowl over hot water. Pour into tray (18cm x 28cm x 4cm) lined with foil, retaining about 1 tspn. Spread and put in fridge to set.

Beat together eggs and sugar. Add coconut and apricots and mix thoroughly. Pour into tray and spread evenly.

Bake for 30 minutes 180C Gas 4 until golden brown. When cold, use the remaining chocolate to drizzle over the top.

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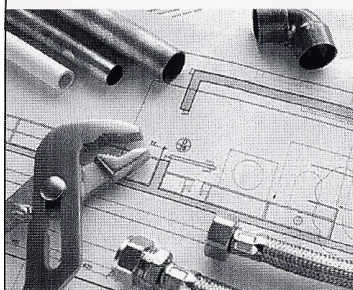
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Committee

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...

To celebrate **Mother's Day**, we invited mums or grandmas in to pre-school to join us for lunch.

The children helped to celebrate **Chinese New Year** with food tasting. The children were able to sample and enjoy lots of Chinese food.

With the **snow** came fun! We enjoyed a day in the snow with the children running around on a sledge and making a snowman. Due to the heavy snowfall we took the decision to close for the later part of the week meaning that lots of children got to enjoy snow days at home.

We have been enjoying our **woodland days**, finding treasure from our pirate ship, drinking hot chocolate and warming up by the camp fire.

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20th May	Acts 2:1-21	John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15
27th May	Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17
3rd June	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Mark 2:23-3:6

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27 th May	R Powell	-	Mrs Whiteside
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Thursday 3rd	'Praise Hour' – 2.00pm
Tuesday 8th	'Coffee On The Corner' – 9.00am
Thursday 17th	'Praise Hour' – 2.00pm

**Parkview
Chapel**

Activities for children & young people

PARKVIEW YOUTH - all at Parkview Chapel, Botesdale	
Junior Church Reception - Year 6 Sundays 11.00am - 12.00pm	Junior Friday Reception - Year 6 Fridays 6.00pm - 7.00pm
PYP Years 7 - 13 Sundays 7.00pm - 8.30pm	Senior Friday Club Years 7 - 11 Fridays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Botesdale Methodist Church

A friendly welcome to everyone to services and events

Services	
- every Sunday at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated -	
6 th May	Mrs Sheila Jobs
10 th May	Ascension Day service
13 th May	Mrs M Chamberlain
20 th May	Rev David Ely—Holy Communion
27 th May	Local Arrangement

Events		
Bible Study	14 th and 28 th May 10.00 am	-
Christian Forum	Tuesday 8 th May 7.30pm	Treasure of Persia with Alison Bannister
Coffee down the Lane	Tuesday 22 nd May 10.00 am – 12 noon	-
Wives Club	Wednesday 16 th May	Outing to Dad's Army Museum, Thetford and lunch

Free to every household thanks to the local businesses that advertise here. Please support local businesses.



**All Saints
Redgrave**



**St. Botolph's
Botesdale**



**St. Mary's
Rickinghall**

6th May '18 6th Sunday of Easter

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*

6.30pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

13th May '18 7th Sunday of Easter

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



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

20th May '18 Pentecost Sunday



8:15 **St Mary's**, Red-
grave BCP Communion

10.30 Methodist
Church,

United Service

Followed by a bring and share lunch

27th May '18 Trinity Sunday

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.

3rd June '18 1st Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave All Saints Together

6.30pm St Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

Also this month:



Sat 19th May 8.30am

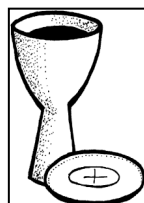
Men's Breakfast

All Saints, Redgrave

Please contact Mark Duxon on 01379
890897 if you wish to join us.



United Service,
Thurs 10th May,
7.30pm
Methodist Church,
Botesdale



Wed. 2nd May 10.00am

St Mary's Rickinghall Holy Communion

Thur. 17th May 9.45am

Farnish House Holy Communion

*These services are open to everyone,
and follow the order of BCP (Book of
Common Prayer)*



Thurs 3rd May 7.15pm

St Mary's, Rickinghall — *A time of prayer
for the work and ministry of the church in
the community*

Tues 15th May 7.00pm

Chapel of Ease, Botesdale — *A service of
prayer and music for Thy Kingdom Come*



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