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Foreword from
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Brexit uncertainty: How should Christians respond? Our country is going through significant political and social upheaval. There are very high levels of private anxiety and mutual recriminations and confusion. So as Christians how should we respond? A good starting point is with thanksgiving. Philippians 4 talks about making your petitions with thanksgiving. But if I'm anxious, why should I give thanks? Well we should be giving thanks because God is sovereign. Psalm 46 says this, '*God is our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea*'. So in responding to our uncertainty and volatility the first thing we should do is to remember that our God is not tossed to and fro by Brexit; He is absolutely, totally sovereign over what happens and over all individuals. Even if the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, because we've crashed out with no deal, God is still on the throne and we should rejoice in that.

Don't forget that we have many reasons to thank God: we live in a secure land; water and electricity are in full supply; our security forces are on the side of democracy; we don't have to bribe people to get anywhere. So let's praise God for the good things we do enjoy rather than take them for granted. Once we start here we can then go on to petition God. 1 Timothy 2 teaches us to bring our requests and intercession before God, praying for our political leaders and Government. So when was the last time you thanked God for Theresa May, or Jeremy Corbyn, or our local MP, even if you disagree with them or not. When praying for our political leaders we are to ask that *"we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness"*. Why are we to do this? Well, the Apostle Paul says *"This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."* Therefore, we are to pray in such a way that will help usher in sufficient peace so that order prevails, that churches can thrive and the gospel can be preached. If we take this seriously, God will give us opportunities to point people to the security found in Jesus Christ. This in turn will encourage us to pray further that peace, justice and wisdom will prevail as we willingly let God save us from ourselves in such a way that we recognise His good and wise decisions, which we then choose to follow.

Finally, I think we should pray for deliverance from violence, civil disorder, intimidation and the coarsening of public discourse caused by misinformation, abuse, exaggerations, lies and deception. If we turn our backs on God this is what He will do, hand us over to corrupt behaviour. It is so important that we pray for His mercy to be poured out afresh over our nation.

To sum up we should be rejoicing, making petition and pleading for God's mercy in the midst of our current crisis so that, out of His love and grace, He will spare us from what is unjust and evil and give us opportunity to proclaim the gospel of peace and love.

I wonder when they set the date for Brexit they realised that it would be approximately half way through Lent! Lent is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial observed by many Christians in the UK and across the world. It begins with Ash Wednesday (6th March) and ends with Easter Sunday (21st April). The length of the Lenten fast was established in the 4th century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays). During Lent, Christians are encouraged to participate in some form of self-discipline, which for some could be giving up alcohol, smoking, watching TV, eating chocolate. Perhaps we could give up thinking negatively about Brexit!

Others decide to take something up that will have a positive and healthy impact on their life. This could be taking exercise daily, and eating healthier. Many make more of an effort to spend time with God through reading their Bible and praying, praying for Brexit as described above. Many churches encourage people to attend Bible Studies during this season.

This year the Christian churches across these villages will be getting together to look at the power of Biblical fasting. So what is fasting all about? Well, I believe that when you fast your spirit becomes uncluttered by the things of the world and amazingly sensitive to the things of God. When I have fasted this has certainly been my personal experience.

There are different types of fast, absolute, normal and partial. On an absolute fast you take in nothing – no water, no food. Such a fast should **only** be attempted with medical consultation and supervision. On a normal fast you go without food for a number of days, but you drink plenty of water. A partial fast can be interpreted in many different ways. One thing it is not is fasting between 11pm and 6pm when you are asleep! Instead a partial fast usually involves giving up particular foods and drink for an extended time.

What does fasting achieve? Fasting achieves many things, including helping you to receive what God has for you; helping you to taste the Bread of Heaven; waiting before the Lord; drinking the Living Water Christ offers; giving space for the Holy Spirit to lead you; and giving you time and space to rest in the presence of the Lord.

See the advert for when and where we will be meeting to explore the power of Biblical fasting, and if you would like to join us please do get in touch. With every blessing

Rev'd Chris Norburn

Text about Brexit based on an article by
a trustee of The Christian Institute.

From the Registers

31.01.2019	Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Redgrave followed by burial in the Churchyard for Mr Basil Grahame Hyde Mortimer: Died 5th January 2019. Age 81
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PARISH MAGAZINE — MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

It looks like spring is on its way—plenty of colour in the garden—and we certainly haven't had a hard winter. There are plenty of adverts in the magazine for services and supplies to help you get stuck in to the gardening and there are still allotments available to grow your own veg (p25). We have had a lot of contributions to include this month and there are plenty of opportunities for volunteering in various areas if you have a bit of time on your hands and would like to get involved.

Thanks as always to the production and delivery team, all our advertisers and those who contribute articles—keep them coming.

Charles Murray

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

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- **April issue 11 Mar (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on **22 Mar** (Fri)
- **May issue 8 Apr (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on **19 Apr** (Fri)
- **June issue 6 May (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—4pm on **17 May** (Fri)

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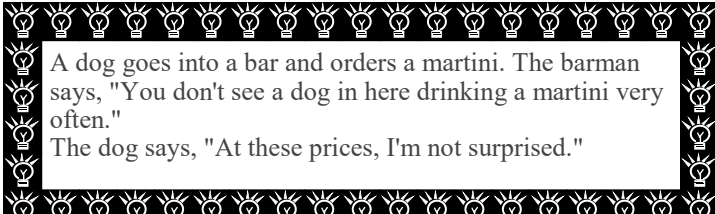
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Tues 16th April 2019 (7.30pm All Saints, Redgrave)

"Fasting"

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Breaking News : The diocesan Bishops, Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike, will be with us for the first session and will talk on their experiences and understanding of fasting. There will also be an opportunity to ask them questions.

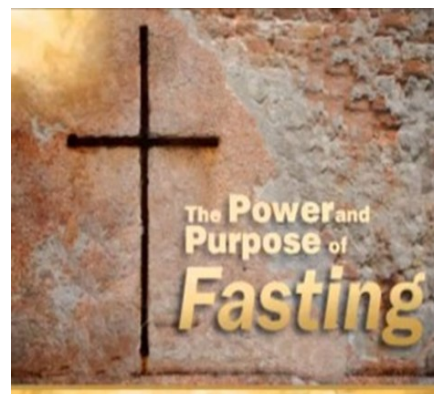
During 5 evening sessions we will be going step by step through the practice and reward of Biblical fasting. This will take us on a journey to a deeper, more intimate, more powerful relationship with God, with the talks sparking discussion as we learn about this important spiritual discipline.

Please sign the list in church in order to get the study guide (£6.50) you will need.

Session titles are –

- Fasting for your breakthrough
- Every assignment has a birthplace
- Rewarded Openly
- God's priorities
- Fasting Foundations

We look forward to you joining us at All Saints. For further information, please contact Revd Chris Norburn, 01379 898685 Many thanks



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at the United Reformed Church

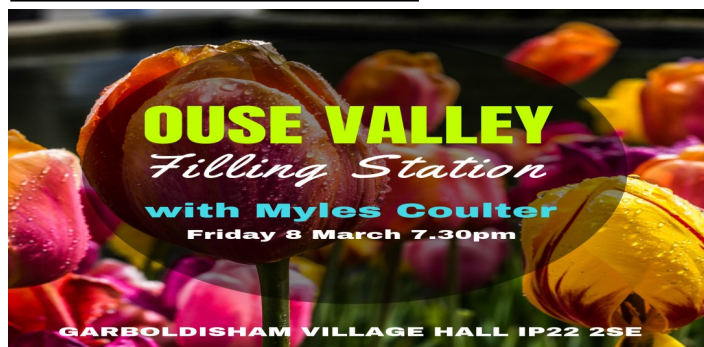
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Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



FEBRUARY REPORT – Parish Clerk

This month we had apologies from Cllrs Abraham, Green, Russell and Stratford, as well as District Cllr Derek Osborne.

Public Forum: County Councillor Fleming reported that Suffolk Highways has invested in Nu-phalt Thermal Patching technology to improve pothole repairs. This has been funded from £9.67 million received from central government in the autumn and has helped the County's Highways teams to carry out more effective, longer-lasting repairs to Suffolk's road surface. On 29 January, SCC's Cabinet agreed that the road bridge section (crossing A) of the Upper Orwell Crossings project is not deliverable due to escalating costs, but the Council and its partners are looking at ways to deliver crossings B and C in the Waterfront area.

The 2019 Great East Run opened for entry on 7 January and will take place on Sunday 22 September. Full details can be found at www.greatrun.org/great-east-run

Finally, Eye has bucked the trend by opening a modern new library on Cross Street to replace the 40-yr old former premises.

Two members of the public spoke about the third application at Bell Hill Cottage and Newsagents for change of use to a hot food takeaway. It was felt to be broadly the same as the second application, with the hot food takeaway section further back into the ground floor. There are still concerns about the loss of residential space in a largely residential area, the effect of noise, litter and smells on local residential amenity, insufficient parking and the effect of increased traffic on pedestrian safety near the premises. County Cllr Fleming confirmed that she will apply to call in the application to go before a planning committee and will request the same committee who considered the two previous applications.

Planning: There were three planning applications – two related to the addition of a first-floor extension and loft access to Crown Hill Cottage, The Street and there was no objection to these. The PC objected again to the application at Bell Hill Cottage and Newsagent for change of use to a hot food takeaway as it was felt that very little had changed in this version of the application and previous concerns – as outlined above – had not really been addressed.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council on 23 January 2019. MSDC will undertake their own consultation on the content of the Plan starting from Monday, 11 February 2019. The deadline for comments is 4pm on Wednesday, 27 March 2019. You can find all the information on the MSDC website at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/botesdale-and-rickingham-neighbourhood-plan/>

Correspondence: It was noted that there is a new Suffolk care services directory which can be accessed at www.carechoices.co.uk or by contacting Care Choices on 01223 207770. It includes information on how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important

issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout Suffolk.

There were two complaints from residents. The first, about youths setting fires in the A143 underpass, was referred to the Police. The second was about the new fencing on the footpath from the end of Cherry Tree Lane to Redgrave. The PC has confirmed that the fence will mark the boundary of land that has changed hands and it should not interfere with access to the footpath.

Play Area: The PC agreed to accept a quote of £3,487 for the consultation and design service provided by Groundwork UK East, a registered charity which focuses on improving local communities. The work will include consultation with the community on improvements at the play area, design work to incorporate those improvements and further consultation on the designs.

Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting: The pay for the Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting Contract has been brought into line with the Local Government pay scales.

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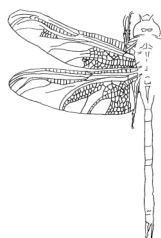
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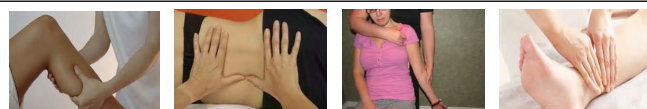
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Redgrave Parish Council



Redgrave February Report – by the Clerk

Councillors Angela Bigley, Angela Clarke, Mike Denmark, Richard Hilton and Jason Walker were present in addition to the Clerk and 6 members of the public. It was noted that Matthew Millard was no longer a member of the Parish Council.

Public Forum: There were several questions about funding for cutting the Old School Playing Field, which will be cut regularly again following a rough cut by a helpful resident. It was confirmed that this will be paid for out of the Parish Council's £1300 "Village Upkeep" budget. Consideration of the potential for development of the field has been put on hold while the PC investigates options for access.

Planning: There were two planning applications. The PC had no objection to the erection of a new dwelling and access behind Reed House, The Knoll as it was unlikely to have much impact on neighbouring properties. The new access would be from a track off Churchway. The second application was for pollarding a walnut tree at

Ivy House Farm. There was no objection to this either.

Correspondence: This included information and guidance about litter picks and the upcoming "Spring Clean" event which will take place from 22 March to 23 April.

PARISH of REDGRAVE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm ~ Wednesday, 3rd April 2019
Redgrave Amenities Centre

Everyone is invited to attend.
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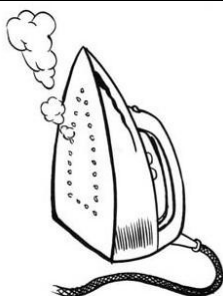
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Rickinghall Parish Council



Rickinghall February Report – by Councillor Sally Smith

The second Parish Council meeting of the year was held on 7/2/2019 with apologies given by Nick Free and Will Maskell.

Public Forum: Jessica Fleming, Suffolk County Council (SCC) Councillor outlined the following:

Three new thermal patching machines have been purchased by SCC to speed up the repair of potholes in the County. SCC have a deadline of end of March to repair all outstanding potholes.

SCC will not be funding the road section of Three Bridges Project in Ipswich.

Entries for the Great East Run are now open – due to be held on 22 September 2019 in Ipswich.

Mid Suffolk District Council have initiated an online tax and revenue system to enable people to manage their finances.

The developer contribution database on the Mid Suffolk website is now live and enables the general public to see what s.106 and/or CIL money has been paid by developers and the timescale within which it needs to be used.

The current owners of Bell Hill Cottage spoke about the revised planning application that had been submitted for the old newsagents' premises. Essentially many of the same objections stand in terms of car parking, sound, smell, loss of amenity in addition to the loss of further residential space by the prep restaurant being moved further to the back of the premises.

Planning Applications:

Priory Farm, West Hall Farm – no objection was given to the application for a farm-managers dwelling subject to there being an agricultural tie on the property.

Land at the rear of Broland, Garden House Lane – no objection was given to the outline planning application to build a dwelling at the rear of Broland.

Bell Hill Cottage, The Street – a long discussion was held whereby it was

decided that many of the objections put forward by the Council previously still stood and a further letter of objection would be submitted. It was also agreed that the application should be taken to committee for decision and Jessica Fleming would try and ensure it reached the same committee as previously.

Bell Hill Cottage – Listed Building Consent – it was agreed a letter of objection would be sent as new information had not been included in the revised application which was relevant.

Porters Farm, West Hall Road – no objection was given to the application for additional residential space.

Planning Decisions: Planning permission and Listed Building Consent has been granted to Sumlan Place, New Delight Road, Stubbings Entry, Slough Road, Jessamine Lodge, The Street and Barn at Jackamans Farm, Briar Lane.

Neighbourhood Plan Update: Following the recent consultation held within Botesdale and Rickinghall the Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to MSDC on 23 January. A further 6-week consultation will be held by MSDC from 11 February following which there will be a referendum held June/July 2019. Thank you to everyone who helped in putting this document together.

Correspondence: Snape Hill Encampment - A further meeting was held to discuss the encampment at Snape Hill. It was agreed by all parties that an eviction notice would be served stating the area is left on 1 March.

A new independent care services directory has been published giving readers information on how to access care services throughout Suffolk. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk or you can contact Care Choices at 01223 207770.

Vehicle Activated Signage Data – as in previous months there is still a large amount of speeding taking place throughout Botesdale and Rickinghall. All data received from the VAS is being sent to the police to highlight the problem. PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting: The pay for the Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting Contract has been brought into line with the Local Government pay scales.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN – PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

In 2016 we were happy to publish a report that related to Underwood House and the small plot of land abutting the street. Many people were unclear as to the ownership. This is still causing a problem to the owner and I am setting out the paragraph again below, three years down the line, and would reiterate that the Parish council has not owned the land in the past and it was conveyed to the owner of Underwood House on purchase as part of the garden area to the property.

Some villagers have wrongly assumed that the new owner had 'staked his claim' on the adjacent plot to the right of the Maypole Meadow drive – this is not the case. The Parish Council has never owned the land and Council items were placed there in 1991 with the permission of the lady who owned it at the time. The land was sold to Dr Bennett, who developed the new house, and gave the Council permission to erect the notice board. The land was then conveyed to the purchaser along with Underwood House and the Council engaged in an amicable discussion with the new owner about the arrangements. The comments and accusations of a small minority, and the distress caused, are regrettable.

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Redgrave, Botesdale & Rickingham Twinning Association



Vintage Car Rally in Brittany

Our friends in Tinteniac are very keen to help re-energise the association with Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickingham, and to that end have extended an invitation to take part in a vintage car rally in Brittany on 9th June 2019.

The President of the Comite de Jumelage de Tinteniac has extended an invitation

'to participate in an old car rally organised by the AVIV (The Vintage Car Association in Ile et-Vilaine) on the 9th June 2019. Obviously, you will be expected to come for the weekend and you shall be looked after (accommodation plus food plus wine plus plus)

The programme of this rally is as follows:

Start 10.00 am

A ride of about 45 to 50 km with quizzes on different locations of the course

Picnic lunch and games

An afternoon ride of about 30 km with quizzes

Finish 5.00 pm

Prize-giving

One condition is that cars must be older than 1970.

There is a participation fee per car of which we will cover no doubt. It is also possible to ride as passengers in the old cars if you wish.

The organisers would need to know the final number of participants/passengers by the end of May although we hope you could rally your team members before that time!

I would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking up the offer and indeed anyone who might be interested in getting involved with the Association to revitalise it and regenerate the friendships and links we have with France, particularly at a time when we seem to be drifting further apart.

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towards the new extension at the Health Centre.

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donating, helping on the day or coming to buy.

Pam & Monty

Redgrave Garden Club

- The speaker at the January meeting of Redgrave Garden Club was Karon Sanders of Stackyard Nursery Mendlesham. Her subject was Winter Colour. Karon spoke about the various ways colour and interest could be used in the garden to provide all year round attraction. Evergreen plants with attractive foliage and berries. Trees with attractive and colourful bark. Grasses left with foliage and leaves on, which moved with the wind, some flowerheads of summer perennial plants, e.g. sedums, gave interest and structure to the winter garden. Statues and garden furniture and interesting articles. placed in strategic positions in the garden made attractive focal points.
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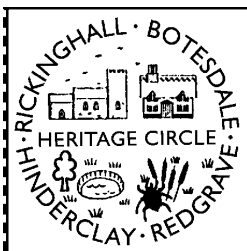
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Club News



Graham Higgins, The Real Robin Hood

Graham Higgins explored the complex origins of the Robin Hood story at the January meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall in an interesting presentation. He explained how the story of Robin Hood has fascinated people for centuries, and has been celebrated and embellished in literature, poems and films. The story we now have is an amalgam of the activities of a number of people who lived at the same

time.

The Normans conquered England in 1066 and William I rewarded his supporters with grants of land across the country. However, there were many examples of wealthy people who fell foul of kings and either had to leave England or forfeit their lands, like Robin Hood. One powerful figure was Bishop Odo who had commissioned the Bayeux Tapestry. He controlled the southern half of England but allowed a gang of robbers to pillage and steal from the people to increase his own already considerable wealth. Eventually William I had him imprisoned but Graham Higgins suggested that 'Robber Odo' may have been a precursor of Robin Hood.

Another strand of the story of Robin Hood is derived from the Fitz Warin family who held Whittington Castle in Shropshire. Fulk Fitz Warin came into conflict with King John in 1200 and was declared an outlaw. However, the ill feeling between the two men had begun in childhood. John was the fourth son of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine. He was known as John 'Lackland' as he was not expected to inherit any of his father's estates. His parents took little interest in him. John was brought up with other, non-royal, children, including Fulk Fitz Warin. John never forgave Fulk for hitting him during a dispute over a chess game.

In 1189 Henry II died and was succeeded by Richard I, his third son, as the older boys had died before their father. Richard was a warrior and almost immediately left England to fight in the Third Crusade. John was left in charge of England with his mother, Eleanor. In 1192 Richard was imprisoned in Germany while returning home from Palestine. He was eventually ransomed at great cost in 1194 and, on return, found his kingdom in turmoil. He raised an army to suppress opponents and sieged Nottingham Castle where two sheriffs stood against him. This offers another part of the Robin Hood story. Richard intimidated the occupants of the castle to surrender and taxed his enemies to fight wars in France. He left the country soon after and died in 1199 while fighting in France. He had spent just six months of his 10 year reign in England. Despite this, he has been immortalised by the title 'Lionheart.' Richard was succeeded by his brother John as he had no heir.

In 1200 John had the opportunity to gain revenge against Fulk as he would not allow him to inherit his father's estates. Fulk was outlawed when he clashed with John's retainers. He and his brothers took refuge in Babbins Wood near his former castle at Whittington for a year before fleeing to France where he was protected by the French King. These again are elements of the Robin Hood story. In 1203 John pardoned Fulk and restored his estates to him in exchange for his support.

Other parts of the Robin Hood story appear to come from the exploits of Eustace the Monk who was a French pirate who was executed by John. Similarly, Hereward the Wake, who resisted the Norman invasion in Ely c.1070, offers a Saxon versus Norman element. *Piers Plowman* written c.1380 by Langland mentions Sherwood Forest. In 1510 Henry VIII added to the story by introducing the character of Maid Marian when playing the role of Robin. Howard Pyle continued the myth making with his 19th Century novel for children showing Robin as a good man fighting evil. Finally, the 1938 Robin Hood film starring Errol Flynn is thought to have been influential in swaying US public opinion behind Britain in its conflict with Nazi Germany. In conclusion, Graham Higgins admires Robin Hood but thinks that John was not all bad and Richard not all good.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th March when Sarah Doig will give a talk about Daniel Defoe's *Tour of the Eastern Counties*. New members and visitors are very welcome. Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website, www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net

Gerry Gurthy

Coffee On



The Corner

After last month's rather quiet Coffee Shop, it was good to see a great crowd this morning - lots of familiar faces and a few less well known folks. My neighbour Lisa and her lovely crowd of youngsters (all 5 of them!) joined us this morning and we

really enjoyed their company and chatter. Whilst we don't have that many really young visitors, folks of any age are welcome and for those who came along, we trust that you all enjoyed our hospitality. If you came along and enjoyed yourself, then do please tell others - we are open to everyone. If there is something that we don't get right, or which you feel we could improve on, then do let us know and we will do our best to rectify that.

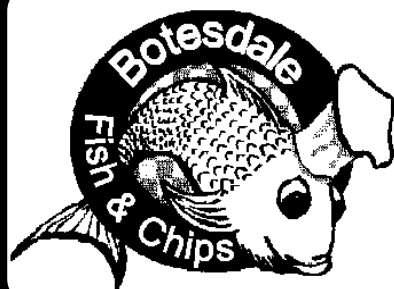
The donations this morning, which came to a very generous £103.00 will be given to Centre Point, the London based charity which supports homeless young people in London and other cities. Whilst this is not a local charity, they do fantastic work to support young people who come from all over the country, but who get into difficult times in the City. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Next month our regular Coffee on the Corner will be held on Tuesday 12th March, when we shall be there, with Coffee & Cake and other refreshments, just waiting for your visit! The nominated charity next month will be the R N L I - and although we aren't a seaside village, I know that you will all be aware of what they do and how hard the volunteers work to save the lives of others.

Between now and then we shall be holding our various services on a Sunday, Praise hour between 2 and 3 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon each month and home Bible Study groups at Parkview - for information on those, do look elsewhere in this informative Parish Magazine. We are also hoping to run an ALPHA course in the near future, so if you have questions about God or life in general, do please get in touch - either with me or Kevin Gladwell.

If you feel you would like to know more about our coffee shop or any of the happenings at Parkview Chapel, do please call me on 01379 890423.

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Calendar for March 2019

Friday	1 st	9:15am 10:00am 10:00-11:30am Noon 8:00pm	Rickingham Ramblers Positive Steps Wild Tots Watercooler Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Cross Keys, Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	2 nd	10:30am-1:00pm Noon 9:00pm	Guided Fen Walk First anniversary celebration Anniversary Disco	Redgrave & Lopham Fen The Cross Keys Redgrave The Cross Keys Redgrave
Monday	4 th	All Day 10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Samaritans Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council	Bury St Edmunds Railway Stn Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday	5 th	9:45am 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Brownies Zumba Yoga and Relaxation RAHOF : Know Your Hospice	Rickingham Village Hall St Botolph's School Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Redgrave Amenities Centre
Wednesday	6 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:45-13:05 10:00am 2:30-4:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Headspace MOBILE LIBRARY Day Centre Games and Social Redgrave Parish Council Wine tasting	Redgrave Activities Centre All Saints Redgrave See www.suffolklibraries.co.uk Rickingham Village Hall The Cross Keys Redgrave Redgrave Activities Centre The Cross Keys Redgrave
Thursday	7 th	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS St Nicholas Hospice Care Drop-in U3A AGM & lecture Botesdale & Rickingham Runners Rickingham Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre United Reform Church Diss Rickingham Recreation Gnd Rickingham Village Hall
Friday	8 th	10:00am 10:00-11:30am 10:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Wild Tots Rickingham Ramblers AGM Ouse Valley Filling Station Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave Activities Centre Garboldisham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	9 th	9:00am 10:30-12:30pm	Farmers' market Weekend Wildlife Club	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Monday	11 th	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	12 th	9:00am 9:30am 9:45am 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Coffee on the corner Macmillan information & advice Pilates Brownies Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Fasting course	Parkview Chapel Parkview Chapel Rickingham Village Hall St Botolph's School Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall All Saints Redgrave
Wednesday	13 th	9:30am 10:00am	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday	14 th	9:30am 9:30am	RABBATS Headspace	Rickingham Village Hall All Saints Redgrave

Thursday (continued)	14 th	12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Phoenix Luncheon Club Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners Women's Institute	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday	15 th	10:00am 10:00-11:30am 8:00pm	Positive Steps Wild Tots Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	16 th	10:00-11:30am 2.00-4.00pm	Wild Tots WI Jumble Sale	Redgrave Lopham Fen Rickinghall Village Hall
Sunday	17 th	11am-Noon	Coffee on a Sunday	Parkview Chapel
Monday	18 th	10:00am 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Zumba Needlecraft Slimming World BARWOODS AGM	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall The Bell Inn
Tuesday	19 th	9:45am 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm	Pilates Brownies Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Fasting course	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall St Botolph's School Botesdale Village Hall All Saints Redgrave
Wednesday	20 th	9:30am 9:30am 10:00am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm-10:00pm	Redgrave Art Club Headspace Day Centre Games and Social Acoustic Group	Redgrave Activities Centre Redgrave All Saints Rickinghall Village Hall The Cross Keys Redgrave The Cross Keys Redgrave
Thursday	21 st	9:30am 3:30-4:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	RABBATS IT Hub in the Pub Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners	Rickinghall Village Hall The Cross Keys Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground
Friday	22 nd	9:15am 10:00am 10:00-11:30am 8:00pm	Rickinghall Ramblers Positive Steps Wild Tots Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Parkview Chapel Redgrave Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	23 rd	9:00-4:30pm 5:30pm	Qigong training weekend Bingo	Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday	24 th	9:00-3:00pm	Qigong training weekend	Rickinghall Village Hall
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 10:30-2:30pm Noon 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm 7:30pm 7:30-9:30pm	Pilates Coffee down the Lane Activity Day for home educated children Luncheon Club 898615/898619 Brownies Zumba Yoga and Relaxation Fasting course Valley Fens Wildlife Group Talk	Rickinghall Village Hall Methodist Church Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave Activities Centre St Botolph's School Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall All Saints Redgrave Redgrave & Lopham Fen
Wednesday	27 th	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Redgrave Art Club Day Centre Heritage Circle Ian's Quiz Night	Redgrave Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall The Cross Keys Redgrave
Thursday	28 th	9:30am Noon 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	RABBATS (term time only) Headspace lunch Zumba Botesdale & Rickinghall Runners Redgrave Garden Club	Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Recreation Ground Redgrave Activities Centre
Friday	29 th	10:00am 10:00-11:30am 10:00-2:00pm 8:00pm	Positive Steps Wild Tots Time to Paint Dance Classes	Parkview Chapel Redgrave & Lopham Fen Redgrave & Lopham Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday	30 th	8:00pm	Rickinghall Country Music Club (Oct-Apr)	Rickinghall Village Hall
Sunday	31 st	From noon	Mothers' Day lunches	The Cross Keys Redgrave



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Club News

Mill Lane Allotment Association MLAA.

*March is the time of New Beginnings and nowhere is that more apparent than down the Allotment. The hive of activity begins about now with Spring seeing a flurry of seed counting and greenhouses being refurbished in readiness for the new seasons crops.

Those that had the time, and of course weather permitting, are saying 'thanks' for the soil rough dug in winter and which has broken down nicely ready for early planting...There are many crops that can be started this early, Brassicas and root vegetables to name but two. If you were wondering if an allotment is for you, wonder no more, give us a call, and we can fill you with enthusiasm to join us and start to enjoy fresh and healthy fruit and vegetables. We are all concerned with rising prices and the quality of what we eat but by growing your own you can ensure that only the very best reaches your table. It is a great opportunity to get the whole family involved in something, even the family dog (as long as it is on a leash!) we actively encourage the 'young ones' to have a go and would love to see more families working the land at Mill Road. With this in mind we are thinking of adding to our annual B-B-Q a few light-hearted activities they could join in with, like a scarecrow and sunflower competition. Full and half plots are offered at Mill Lane but if a full plot is daunting why not consider starting with half, or sharing one with another family member? Annual fees are small, water is free, and there is no joining fee for The Best Gym and Workout you could get in 2019!

Don't delay, call the Club Secretary, Mark Wiseman on 01379 898805 for the latest availability

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

The Ride and Stride Day will be held on Saturday September 7th this year. For several years I have represented Rickingham Inferior and Superior Churches as a local organiser for the Ride and Stride Day, but this year I will be giving it up and we need to find another volunteer to take on this job. This involves organising a rota for other volunteers to man the churches to welcome the cyclists and walkers into Rickingham Inferior and Superior churches and to sign their sponsorship forms, and to offer them drinks and biscuits. It also involves putting up posters (provided by SHCT) and giving out sponsor forms to the people who volunteer to take part and account back to SHCT. Fifty per cent of the money raised by the volunteers is used by SHCT to support churches needing repairs and the cyclist or walker can choose which church, of all denominations, he or she would like the balance to go to. In 2017 three participants, raised £431, which was the most ever raised by Rickingham. Over the whole of Suffolk in 2017 over £160,000, including gift aid, was raised by Suffolk people. SHCT donated money for roof burglar alarms to many churches recently to try and prevent lead theft. In March, Melanie Wildish the Area Organiser, will be contacting the local churches to see which ones will be taking part, to produce the list of churches which can be visited, and later will provide all forms needed. The trust gave Rickingham Inferior Church £3,000 in 2010 towards repairs and also gave a grant when the tower was repaired earlier this century. It was recently announced that 111 churches in Suffolk are on the Buildings at Risk Register. Please will you help to stop this decline.

Rickingham



The first Saturday of February saw the annual and ever popular Jumble Sale at Rickingham Village Hall, with enthusiastic buyers queueing to get the best bargains when the doors opened at 2.00 pm. We had a substantial team of volunteer helpers supplementing Hall Committee members, and the really exceptional support which they all gave in setting up on the Friday, as well as looking after the stalls on the Saturday, was much appreciated. Without them the event would not have been possible. Our customers found some real bargains, and the profit of over £500 was a significant contribution to Village Hall funds. To all who gave items for sale, to all who bought them, and to those who contributed in other ways, and again to all our helpers, *thank you.*



Botesdale and Rickingham Community Woodland Group

Our February work party was in Low Meadow, at the Bury end of Rickingham. It was a lovely morning

and we spent it tidying up around the trees and hedges, also planting some snowdrops and aconites. The trees alongside the path have grown quite well and we were able to remove the protective sheaths. One exception is a small oak that had to be replaced after the original oak died.

The weather has been variable and despite some frosty nights and a small amount of snow, the birds seem on the brink of spring breeding activity. People are reporting early signs of spring, as they did last year and in previous years. We plan to introduce some more nest boxes as the old ones have seen better days. Miller's Orchard is awash with snowdrops, both single and double. They can even be seen from Mill Road. We have Anita Burnard to thank for setting them out and they are doing very well. Northfield Wood is also doing well. The hazel catkins are long and yellow with pollen. Is it too early for the pollinators?

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Rickingham Churches help during WWII

This year is the 80th anniversary of the commencement of World War II. There are many reminders of the way Rickingham churches were involved in the war, with the evacuees and, after 1943, the Americans.

When the prime minister Neville Chamberlain broadcast that war was declared on Sunday morning 3rd September 1939 many people were already at church. The announcement did not send people rushing off to church in the evening as the Church collection book for Rickingham Superior Church in the morning showed 34/3d (£1.71 ½ p) and 7/3d (35 ½ p) for the evening service.

The rector Revd. John Cotton wrote to the Bishop and suggested temporarily closing the church for the duration of the war. As children from London were being evacuated he suggested that the church should be used as a school which was accepted. Jack Corcorran was one of the evacuees and he wrote to George Stebbings in 2002 telling him of his memories. He had to walk through deep snow, which came over the top of his wellingtons, to get to school. He wrote *'wellingtons were stacked, upside down, on the grate over the heater under the church aisle to dry, looking as tho' a whole lot of children, had been shoved, head down, thru' the floor.'* Although the church was closed, a wooden board showing baptisms in the church includes two children who were baptised there in 1941.

The rector received a letter in July 1942 to say that Miss Rollinson, the London County Council headmistress who had come with the children was retiring in October and as the numbers of children had dropped the LCC were not prepared to send another teacher, and that the children would have to be absorbed into Rickingham School and Mr. Baglee, the assistant teacher, would stay to assist the headmaster. Mr Baglee had been cultivating an allotment with the London children and this would have to be given up. The church was offered £75 in May 1944 as compensation for part of Rickingham Superior Church which had been used as a school.

Rickingham Inferior church was also affected by the war. The rector received a letter from the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich in August 1940 saying that during the winter months the church could hold their evening services in Rickingham School as it was impossible to black out the windows in the church.

A schedule was sent to the Rector and churchwardens on behalf of the War Department Land Agent describing the erection of Dannett defence wiring across the the Inferior churchyard to the school. Michael Bailey can clearly remember this wiring being rolled up along the churchyard western boundary when he walked across the churchyard to Rickingham School in the 1950s, long after the war had ended.

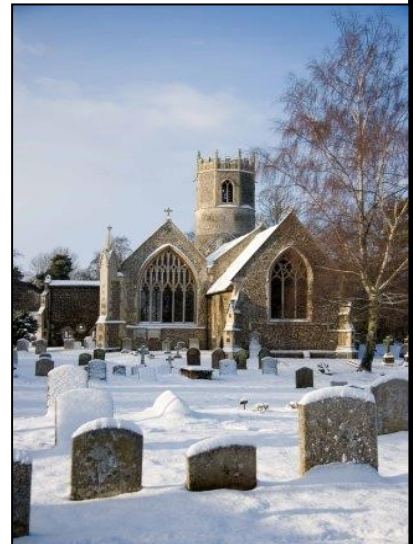
A service sheet exists for the laying up of the colours of the 9th Battalion Middlesex Regiment on 6th September 1941, which is still hanging in Rickingham Inferior church. This Battalion became 60th (Middlesex) Searchlight Regiment RA and men from this regiment manned the searchlight which was situated in a field in Hall Lane opposite Redgrave Hall and Park. A wooden plaque explains the colours were left in the church for safe keeping between 1941 – 1947. A contemporary newspaper article said they were brought from war-scarred London but the location of the Suffolk church was not mentioned.

When the USA entered the war a temporary military hospital was

built in the grounds of Redrave Park. The 231st Station Hospital arrived there in October 1943 and the Rector and PCC of Rickingham Superior Church offered to loan the altar and chancel equipment to the chapel of the hospital. The 231st were moved to Wymondham in February 1944 and before they left, the senior Chaplain Louis Wickham, wrote to the Rector thanking him for the loan of the altar and said *'We proudly insist that we have the finest looking and most reverential chapel of all American units in the United Kingdom'*. They presented a wooden plaque thanking the church, to be hung in Rickingham Superior Church, or Inferior Church if Superior never re-opened. The 65th General Hospital replaced the 231st in February 1944 and continued to use the altar. When they left after victory in Japan in 1945 they presented their standard to the church, which was later put into Rickingham Inferior Church. Many of the staff and patients came back to Rickingham in 1992 for a re-union and one of the nurses was distressed to see that the standard was deteriorating and tried to get another stars and stripes flag with only 48 stars as two more states had been added by this time. It took several years to find it and by the time it was presented to Rickingham Inferior Church, George Stebbings, who had kept the original flag safe in Rickingham after the Superior Church was made redundant, had died.

Another reminder of the time the Americans were in our area is a wafer box which was presented to Rickingham churches. Part of the inscription reads *'by the wife and daughters of Col. Petro Ludwig Waldemar Platou, chief of the 231st Stationary Hospital US army who worshipped in this church in WWII.'*

Patients at the hospital also attended our churches. 'Lefty' Nairn re-visited Rickingham in 1981 and later sent a photograph to George showing Rickingham



Rickingham Inferior Church

Photo: Charles Greenhough

Inferior Church and wrote on the back *'I attended this church in Apr/May 1945 while a patient at the 65th General Hospital located in Botesdale-Redgrave area. I was wounded on the 21st Mar 45, bombing raid over Nandorf, Germany.'* He also sent a photograph of himself with his arm in a sling sitting on the old Red bridge straddling Hall Road on the boundary between Redgrave and Botesdale.

There are still people around in our villages who remember the Americans being here and most of them have fond memories of them. Fortunately George Stebbings, who was a teenager when they left, kept in touch with them, which is why we have so much information about their time here, although they have all died now. When the Heritage Circle held an evacuee re-union in 1991 we also learnt about the Londoners' time in our villages.

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Inns and Pubs in Botesdale - Part Five

Through the ages there have been several inns, pubs or beer houses situated around the market place in Botesdale. For years, from the medieval period, this was the centre of the village with shops and businesses in many of the houses on either side of the market place. The market, held each Thursday, attracted many visitors so the taverns would have been well used at this time.

Diagonally across the market place from 'The Greyhound', which I wrote about in October, is a house now called 'The Old Cock House'. Until the 1960s it was a public house called **The Cock Inn**. Publicans often moved from one building to another taking the pub name with them. In the 1648 survey of Botesdale The Cock Inn was situated on the south side of the market and the publican was John Bennett, but by the early 18th century it was in the present position. Thomas Slapp and his wife Sarah were the licensees at this time. Both have left wills, Thomas in 1728 and Sarah in 1730. In Sarah's will The Cock is mentioned by name. In the mid 20th century, as with most pubs, it had a darts team which competed against the teams from other pubs. In a letter to his mother from Iraq in 1942 Gordon Ray, who was killed in 1943, wrote *'I went round the dart board in doubles the other day in 1¾ minutes, they'll have to watch out at the Greyhound next summer and then I'll show them all how to play'*. There are several photographs of pub outings, one of which from the 1930s shows Gordon and others in front of a coach enjoying a beer or two!



The Cock Inn Darts Team in the 1930s

In the early 20th century there was a barrel organ in the bar, this was changed to a jukebox in the 1950s for the benefit of the American servicemen and their families many of whom were stationed at Shepherd's Grove but lived in the village.

Just up the hill from The Cock, at the beginning of Cherry Tree Lane, stands 'Cherry Tree House' which was probably built in the 17th Century. In the 19th and early 20th centuries it was a public house called **The Cherry Tree**. The Tipple family owned land along Cherry Tree Lane and in 1830 Ann Tipple, a very appropriate name, was the licensee. In 1916

the licensee was Frederick Wilby, brother of Thomas who was killed in WWI and whose name is on the War Memorial. It stopped operating as a pub in the 1930s. As with many pubs in the village it has a large brick cellar with a chute for delivering the beer barrels and supports for holding these barrels.

From 1830 until about 1867 there was a pub called **The Kings Arms** in the building now called 'Honister House'. In 1830 the licensee was Richard Share. (1) In 1844 it was sold and Henry Everard became the innkeeper. The sales document says that it was *'An Inn called or known by the name or sign of the 'Kings Arms' situated in Botesdale in the County of Suffolk in a certain place called the Market Place. (Next to) a certain lane or way called Chandlers otherwise Colches Lane'*. As with other pubs it has extensive cellars.

Up the hill on the other side of the road from the Chapel of Ease stands 'Angel House'. This is probably where the old toll house for the market stood in the 14th century. However by 1357 a new toll house had been built and for the next hundred years or so the old toll house was rented out to people who were brewing ale. During this time it appears to have been an alehouse, certainly by the 1420s it was, as at this date Rose and Robert Crane occupied it. Rose brewed and sold ale and Robert was a baker. (2) In the medieval period when husbands and wives brewed ale and baked bread as a business, and paid a licence for so doing, it usually meant they ran an alehouse or tavern. The present building dates from the early 18th century. It was a public house called **The Angel Inn** from the 19th century until 1969. Like many village pubs it did not have a bar and there was a hatch for off sales. After it closed in the 1960s it became a private house. It has cellars which extend under the road. Mr. Michael Bailey remembers, as a young man, playing his accordion in the Angel in the 1950s.

In the 17th and 18th centuries a pub called **The Three Kings** appears to have been situated on the South side of the market place, approximately where Hazeldene or Oakdene stand today. The first reference we have to it is in the 1648 survey when Edmund Fisher was the tenant. (3) In 1718 a Robert Wallidge surrendered it for the use of Robert Bryan 'innholder'. In 1728 another of the Tipple family, Katherine, was the owner. The last we hear of it was in 1742 when Robert Howlett owned 'one fourth part of The Three Kings'. After this reference nothing has been found in the documents about it.

(1) 1830 Pigot's Directory.

(2) Bacon Collection, University of Chicago number 3

(3) Ipswich Record Office HA 240 2508 1489 1648 Extent, HA 240 2508/1480 & 1482 Court Books

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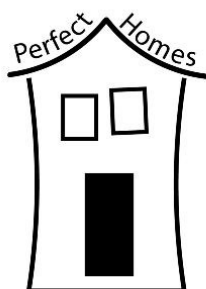
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I don't know what Donald Tusk, the head of the European Council does apart from draw a salary of over £300,000 but he will be remembered as the fellow that suggested that there would be a special place in hell for those who promoted Brexit without even a plan. I thought hell had been totally forgotten.

For a long time now one of the big arguments against believing in God has been the question of how can a God of love send anyone to hell. It is a strangely circular argument as it depends on a Christian concept, that of God being love, to argue against his existence. It seems to me that if you argue against there being a God you can't invoke any of the qualities of this non-existent God. If there isn't a God he doesn't have any attributes to use in an argument. The non-existent just doesn't have qualities to invoke. Alternatively, this God might be nasty and vindictive with seven layers of hell, the seventh being Donald Tusk's special hell.

I'm not particularly arguing for or against hell but it is a question for everyone to answer, "What would you do with the goodies and what would you do with the baddies?" Let us imagine heaven: it would be full of the goodies but no one is perfect so wouldn't they be still exhibiting what we would call little sins that we all suffer from? Things like jealousy and resentment and inflated egos and so on. Those three have caused many a murder. Put them together and it won't be long before our heaven is no better than earth. Perhaps we are all baddies in God's sight.

That would leave hell very full and heaven very empty with only Jesus present. That's not a good use of the space available especially as the better place wouldn't be used at all. Clearly we need a better plan and it can't be based on being good or bad.

Here's the plan. Don't separate people on the grounds of being good or bad, that won't work, but on whether they love the one in charge and deep down inside wish to please him. We'll also make it as easy as possible for them by having done everything possible for them. People love those who give them gifts so if you give them the biggest possible gift they should respond in love. Give them love, give them forgiveness, give them everything, even give them yourself. They are bound to respond in love so the gift of heaven automatically comes on top of it all.

The result is that God does indeed become a God of love. It isn't a matter of a God of love doesn't send anyone to hell but a God of love, out of love offers himself to those who will respond with love.

I'd like you to think about this next question carefully: where would you put yourself?

*In this we see the love of God,
that God sent his only Son into
the world, so that we might live
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1 John 4.9

Bill's Birds

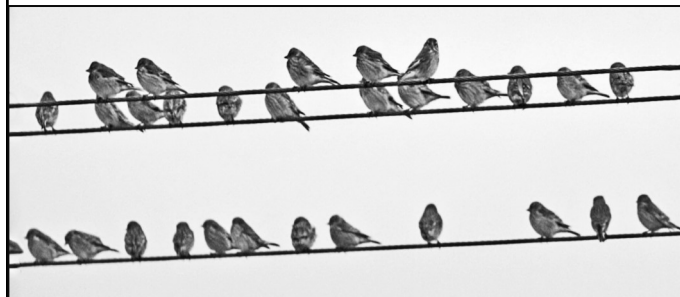
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Before the cold weather arrived again I had some hope that Spring might have come early. On 17th January I saw, once again, a Goldfinch in the garden and in the distance heard the sound of the Song Thrush, which was amazing since I have not even seen one for many months. However, the cold weather returned later with a frost of -7°C .

On 27th January we had the RSPB's Garden One Hour Bird Watch. I hope many of you participated. I sat at the window watching for the one hour. A grey sky, no sun, a drizzle of rain, a strong cold wind. Any sensible bird was taking cover despite the well-filled bird feeders. I recorded one Wood Pigeon (of course), one House Sparrow, one female Chaffinch, one Blackbird and one Bluetit. I suspect many recorders recorded similar poor records. Still, perhaps there were some gardens with sun, fewer clouds, and no rain (and more enticing feeders?). After all, the final result will be an average of all returns.

Similar to my days as a country GP I still get calls for 'home visits' - this time to look at birds and not patients. One afternoon I received two such requests! The first was to a garden with two birds to look at. I missed one of them which must have been worried by my coming but was able, I hope, to identify the other one. Birds in the garden, or anywhere, don't always look like the ones in the book and are the wrong sex, age, or at the wrong time of the year. A bird book artist always shows the 'perfect' bird with all its distinguishing features for the reader, perhaps using a photo or having perfect light conditions. Don't be disappointed. I always try and visit at your request, and come to some conclusion!

The other visit was unusual, to view a 100 plus birds lined up on a telegraph wire crossing a neighbouring field, part of which had been specially sown with bird seed-producing flowers. No wonder they were there. Intermittently, they were flying down in mobile bundles to feed and return to their wire gazing into the setting sun. What a joyful sight to watch small clouds of these birds—Linnets—bunched together on the wire or in the air as they descended on the farmer's specially provided feast. My 8 x 42 binoculars were not good enough to identify the birds clearly at a distance so I made a repeat visit with my x30 telescope.



Linnets

The pinkish flush on the breast and the white streak in the flight feathers confirmed my sightings. They were Linnets. Returning home to peruse my bird books, mainly the previous year's 'Suffolk Birds' compiled by The Suffolk Ornithologist's Group and published by The Suffolk Naturalist Society. A wonderful accurate annual booklet of Suffolk birds of that year in which under 'Linnets' was a detailed list of all their previous winter gatherings. Not only of 2017 but all the previous six years recordings. Strangely enough not any previous records from Rickinghall (soon to be put right!).

You never know as a known bird enthusiast what the occasional 'home visit' may reveal.

This report will reach you in March. Is it too much to expect to see that early Spring migrant—a Chiffchaff, a small dull coloured warbler singing from a tree or bush not yet covered with leaves, or even a Swallow?

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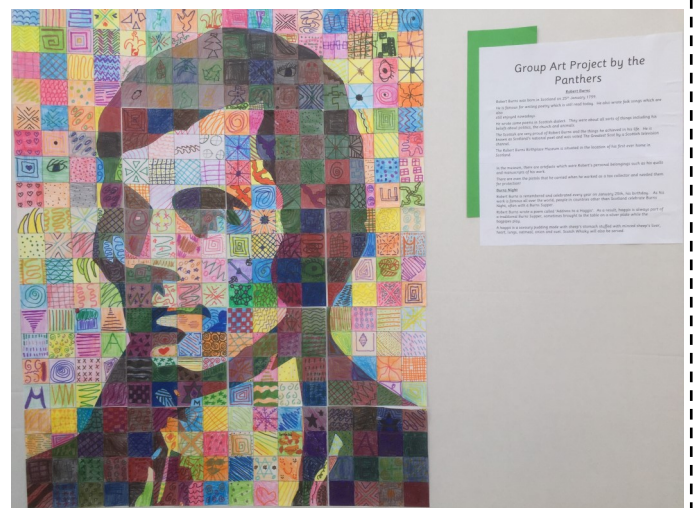
The children continue to enjoy a wide range of experiences at school. We now have more children learning musical instruments including brass, guitars and recorders.

Creativity around the school continues to provide the children with opportunities to express themselves through art, technology and physical activity and sport remain important. The school sports team continue to compete of a regular basis in competitive events in the High Suffolk area.

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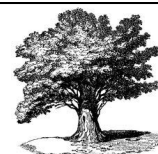
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We will also be celebrating Easter with lots of activities and an Easter Egg hunt with squirrels from St. Botolphs

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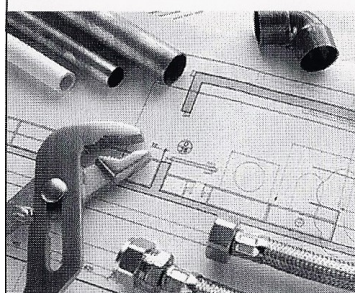
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March Cookbook

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

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Something spicy this month.... With a feisty little Chicken Satay - easy to prepare, and can be varied to meet your own 'heat' requirements.

Chicken Satay (Serves 2)

Ingredients:

- Chicken breasts- 2 cut into bitesize pieces (or use leftovers from a roast!)
 - Garlic - 1 clove crushed
 - Dark Soy Sauce –2 tablespoons
 - Tomato puree –1 tablespoon
 - Dried Chilli flakes - 1 teaspoon (to taste)
 - Pineapple juice –200 ml
 - Peanut butter—2 tablespoons
1. Mix sauce ingredients in a bowl until well blended
 2. Add chicken pieces and mix until coated. Cover and leave to marinade for at least 30 mins.
 3. Place in oven proof dish and cook for 20-25 minutes
 4. Serve with rice and stir-fried vegetables.



Rickingham - News

Jam and gin tasting this month - something to please everyone!

Our speaker was Janet Peachey of Peachey Preserves based in Alburgh near Harleston. Janet began making jams, chutneys and liqueurs using excess produce from her parents' garden but what started as a hobby, alongside a full time job, eventually became a thriving business. A few years ago, when the trend for gin drinking was just beginning, she decided this was the way to expand her range and began distilling her own gin. Members were given a chance to taste this gin (and many of her jams and chutneys) and we thought it was delicious.

There were only three entries in the flower of the month competition - despite the recent warm sunshine many of us still have little flowering in our gardens. I suspect it will be much harder to pick a winner in the summer.

A good selection of outings were offered to us this month, including trips to Thursford Christmas Spectacular and Highclere Castle (known to many as Downton Abbey).

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th March when we will experience 'The World of Optical Illusions' presented by Colin Hopper.

Do feel free to come along and join us!



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BREAKING NEWS!

DR TIM COOKE IS RETIRING ON 30 APRIL 2019.

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- Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday)
- Sunday 15th September (Heritage Open Days)
- Sunday 13th October

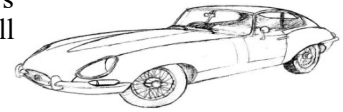
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Village Hall Management Committee are agreed.

In addition to confirmation of the nominated
representatives of the 6 village organisations, 3 members
can be elected who are not representatives of these
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Nominations for elected members willing to stand can
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Date	1st reading	2nd Reading
3 rd March	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	Mark 12:41-44
10 th March	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 19:1-10
17 th March	2 Kings 4:18-37	John 11:29-37
24 th March	Psalm 103:1-12	Matthew 18:21-end
31 st March	2 Cor. 5:16-end	Luke 15:1-3 & 11b-end


Urgent help needed for the Role of Churchwarden

Jeff Lamb will be stepping down as Churchwarden at our
Annual Parochial Church Meeting, on Sunday 7th April 2019.

We are entitled to two and for the last few years Jeff has been our sole Churchwarden.

A copy of the duties of a churchwarden is available from the Rector (contact details on page 2 of this magazine), alternatively you can speak to Jeff on 01379 890204. Jeff has been Churchwarden for the last nine years and we warmly thank him for all that he has done.

Church Services and Flower Rotas							
Service	Task	3 rd March	Ash Wednesday 6th March	10 th March	17 th March	24 th March	Mothering Sunday 31 st March
9:15 Redgrave All Saints Holy Communion	Lector	Mrs F Lamb	Joint Service HC Methodists 7.30pm	-	Mrs J Shepherd	-	-
	Sidesman	Mrs L Wills		-	Mrs C Hilliard	-	-
10:30am Redgrave All Saints All Together	Lector	Mrs S Schofield	-	-	Mrs C Davidson	-	-
	Sidesman	Mrs C Davidson	-	-	Mrs S White	-	-
9.15am St Botolph's Chapel of Ease Holy Commu- nion	Lector	-	-	-	-	Mrs L Wills	-
	Sidesman	-	-	-	-	Mrs M Stewart	8.15 Rickinghall HC Rector / Mrs M Self
10:30am St Mary's Rickinghall Holy Commu- nion	Lector	-	-	Roy Clarke	-	-	
	Sidesman	-	-	Pam Clarke	-	-	
3:00pm St Mary's Rickinghall Evening Prayer	Lector	-	-	-	-	Rob & Philippa Rixon	
	Sidesman	-	-	-	-		
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Sunday 3 rd	One service at 11.00am (including Communion)	
Sunday 10 th	Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am	
Sunday 17 th	Communion service at 10.00am and 'Coffee On A Sunday' at 11.00am	
Sunday 24 th	Communion service at 10.00am and Main service at 11.00am	
Sunday 31 st	No Services	
Events at Parkview Chapel		
Thursday 7 th 2:00pm	Praise Hour	
Tuesday 12 th 9:00am	Coffee On The Corner	
Thursday 21 st 2:00pm	Praise Hour	
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March	Services - - - every Sunday at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated - - -	
Sunday 3 rd	Rev. David Ely - Holy Communion	
Sunday 10 th	Local arrangement	
Sunday 17 th	Rev. Heather Sorrell. Church anniversary followed by lunch	
Sunday 24 th	Pat Mottram	
Sunday 31 st	United Service at the Methodist Church led by Sue Goodwin	
Events		
Monday 18 th & 25 th	Bible Study	10.00am
Tuesday 5 th	Muriel Stubbs : Update on Work in Zambia	7.30pm
Tuesday 26 th	Coffee down the Lane	10.00am-12.00pm
Wednesday 20 th	Wives Club Anniversary Lunch	-

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3rd March '19 Sunday next before Lent



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10:30 All Saints, Redgrave
All Saints Altogether

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10th March '19 1st Sunday of Lent



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

17th March '19 2nd Sunday of Lent



9:15 All Saints, Redgrave, BCP Communion

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24th March '19 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:30 St Botolph's, Botesdale, CW Communion



10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale
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3.00pm St. Mary's, Rickingham, Evening Prayer

31st March '19 4th Sunday of Lent

8.15 St Mary's, Rickingham BCP Communion

10.30 Botesdale Methodist Church, United Service

Also this month: 6th March '19 Ash Wednesday



Sat. 16th March 8.30am

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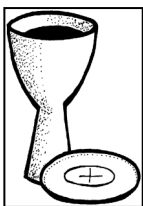
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"Midweek Communion"

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