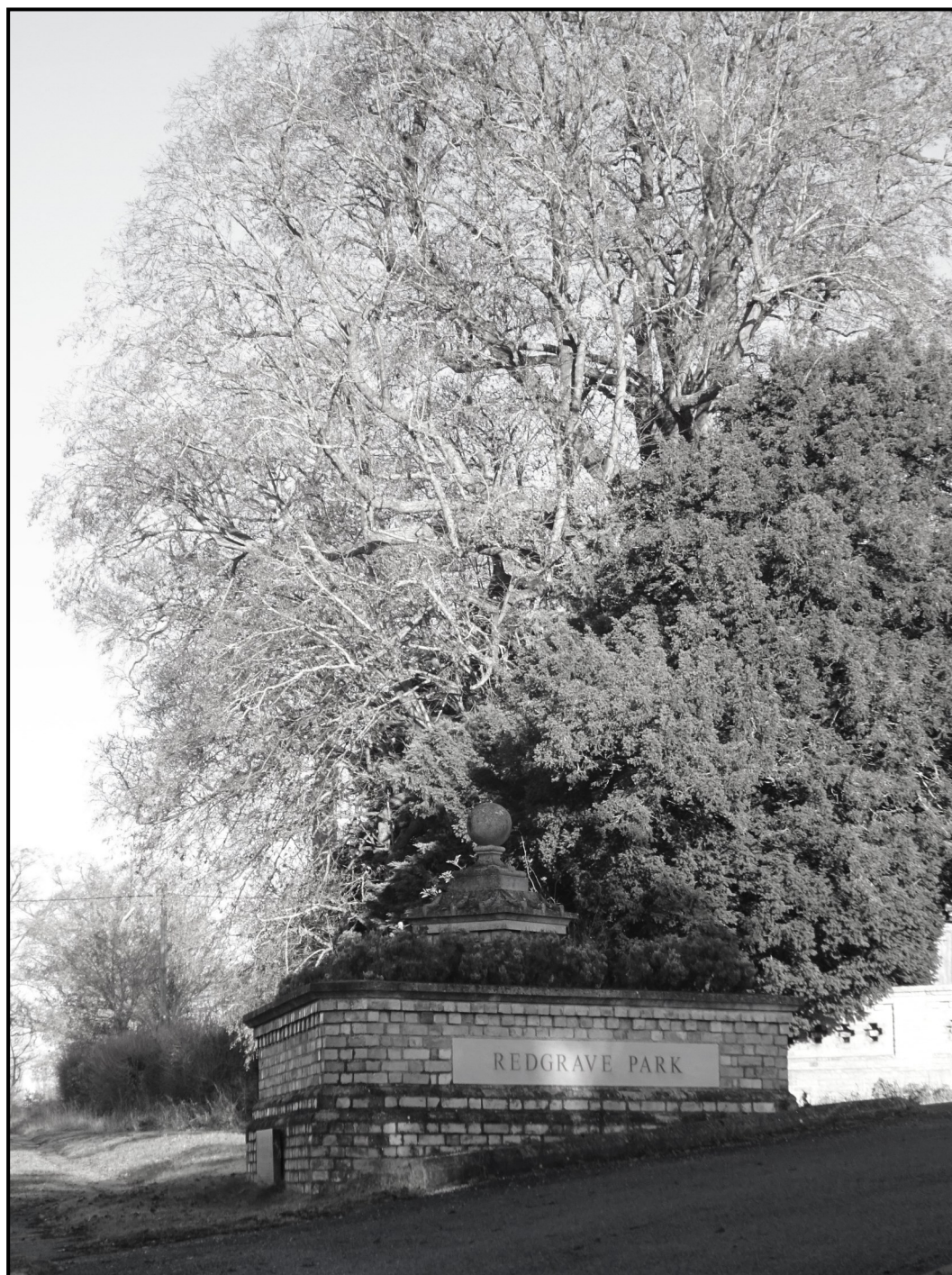


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Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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**Foreword from
Reverend Chris Norburn
Rector of
Redgrave cum Botesdale
with the Rickinghalls**
*The Rectory, Bury Road,
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The action of an American drone strike killing Iran's second most powerful leader, Maj. Gen. Qassim Suleimani, together with the Iraqi Shia leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis is very troubling. The killing of these two men on January 3, regardless of their offences, is evil, as it goes against God's command: *"thou shall not kill"* and Jesus' command: *"love your enemies."* (Deuteronomy 5:17 & Luke 6:27). It also threatens to plunge the world into further death and destruction.

As we hear critiques and defences, and brace ourselves for retaliatory violence and retributive counter measures, let us consider Jesus' seeing Jerusalem and weeping over it, and practice something like this ourselves, remembering his highly relevant words:

"If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:42

Jesus could see that his own people were rejecting him and his way of being Messiah through giving his life in selfless love. Jewish religious leaders and Roman authorities would soon collude to crucify him. Jesus warns his people of the consequences.

"For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." Luke 19:43ff

Jesus' warning came to pass in 70 CE, when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem.

Too often we witness a similar dynamic. So many world leaders who choose power and violence, become blinded to the things that make for peace. Jesus' warning of destruction is prophetic critique: *"those who live by the sword will die by the sword."* (Matthew 26:52). We have already seen too many deaths in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Yemen and places too numerous to mention.

How are we to respond? Now it is urgent (as it has always been) for followers of Jesus to publicly choose him and his way of suffering love over threats, sanctions and violence. Followers of Jesus are his ambassadors, called to embody his life-giving love, so clearly stated in the famous John 3:16-17.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Many people hold a passport, which helps to identify who they are. As a UK passport holder I am identified as British. But I believe that Christians are called to see that their primary identity is as citizens of Jesus' Kingdom. And as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God we must differentiate ourselves from our country of origin and its policies, bearing witness first of all to Jesus, Prince of Peace.

Christians are called to be in the world, but not of the world (John 15 & John 17). Such people have heavenly identities, and as such they are to distance themselves from leaders and policies that do not reflect Jesus Christ.

Know this Biblical truth - Jesus did not come to judge the world but to save the world, and we are called to join him in this his mission. We can make a difference, but it has to start with us, where we are. We can't wait for someone else to do it for us.

Prayer is so vital here. I have witnessed the power of prayer as the churches here have interceded for all sorts of people in our communities over the past years. Lives have been changed for the better. What appears to be impossible situations, mountains to climb, have gently, yet powerfully, been resolved.

Retaliation to acts of violence just does not work. They only escalate the situation and before you know it things are well out of control. I invite you to join me to pray and work for peace. I also invite you to pursue the renewal of your mind through turning to Jesus and living your life in a way that reflects him to the world. This will involve regular Bible study as this is essential to discovering the person of Jesus and what we are to do to live like him. As we do this we also discover the person of God, his and our heavenly Father.

If anyone wishes to explore this further do get in touch with me or one of the leaders at Parkview Chapel or the Methodist Church. My contact details are at the top of this page and for the other churches see the back pages of this magazine.

With every blessing

Chris Norburn.

Message from the Team

LOCAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY

Advance warning that we will be reprinting the LAD in March. If you know of any changes to contacts, phone numbers, email etc. please let us know by February



Changes to the Local Activities Directory

The latest version of the directory is available online at
www.stmarysrickinghallinferior.onesuffolk.net/local-information



Deleted Entry	Notes
Angela Clark	Resigned from Redgrave Parish Council
William Maskell	Resigned from Rickinghall Parish Council

Welcome to the first edition of the Parish Magazine of 2020. We hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year's eve celebrations and wish you all the best for the coming year. As always, thanks to our contributors, advertisers and delivery team.

I make my regular appeal for content for the magazine—we would love to have your recipes, articles about activities in the parishes, "letters to the editor" etc. Could I please remind all contributors to take note of the copy dates below. Late entries cause headaches.

Charles Murray

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- **March issue 10 Feb (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **21 Feb (Fri)**
- **Apr issue 9 Mar (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **20 Mar (Fri)**
- **May issue 13 Apr (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **24 Apr (Fri)**

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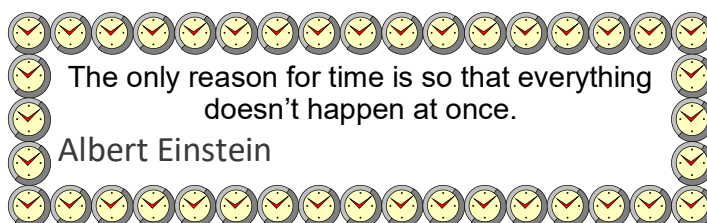
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February Events



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This year's **Lent course** is titled "From Now On" which focuses on hope and redemption found in the film "The Greatest Showman".

These 5 sessions are based on a book by Rachel Mann called "From Now On".

Sessions start Wednesday 4th March, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at All Saints Church, Redgrave.

Each participant will need a Bible and pen as there will be a work book.

To get us in the mood for the course we will be showing the film "The Greatest Showman" at 3pm, Sunday 1st March, All Saints, Redgrave. Do join us if you can.

The course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives. It is based around five weekly sessions entitled:

A Million Dreams'; Come alive; Rewrite the Stars; Never Enough; From Now On.

Please let the Chris or David know if you wish to join us. Contact details:

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Thelnetham Events

Heritage Event - Hedgelaying Course on February 22 & 23 09:30 – 15:00. Meet at Mayfield House, Thelnetham IP22 1JL. Attend 1 (£20) or 2 (£30) days. Light lunch and refreshments included. *Must* book with Phil on 01379 890327 or 07788 688480 with payment on the day (cash or cheques only).

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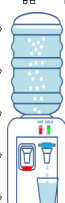
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WED 19TH	GAMES & SOCIAL AFTERNOON	2.30 - 4.30PM
WED 19TH	ACOUSTIC NIGHT - LIVE MUSIC	FROM 7.30PM
THURS 20TH	IT HUB IN THE PUB	3.30 - 4.30PM
TUES 25TH	COFFEE & CAKE MORNING	10.30 - 12NOON
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Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



DECEMBER REPORT – Leeann Jackson-Eve (Clerk)

All councillors were present.

Public Forum: County Cllr Jessica Fleming reported that the refurbished Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Gt Blakenham would continue trials through December. Once this process is completed, Suffolk Waste Partnership will resume tours of the facility for schools, groups and clubs. Suffolk County Council is promoting the Veterans Gateway and the Suffolk Military Covenant. The Veterans Gateway is a national resource supported by military charities and the web portal (www.veteransgateway.org.uk) helps veterans find suitable support. The School Travel Review is commencing in December, focussing on mainstream under-16 transport. Recommendations are expected to go to a February or March Cabinet meeting.

A councillor reported to Cllr Fleming that a pothole had been missed when others on The Street were being filled, despite it being understood that the new policy was to fill any nearby potholes not included within a work order. Cllr Fleming is going to pass on the feedback.

As District Cllr, Jessica reported the Council is working with the Suffolk Waste Partnership to reduce all waste generation, particularly food waste and packaging. Parishes have been sent messages on the Food Savvy programme and the information has been posted on the parish council Facebook page.

Planning: The PC considered the Discharge of Conditions application for the site at the corner of Back Hills. MSDC doesn't consult on this type of application but has accepted the PC's comments. There was a discussion about parking, landscaping and futureproofing in response to the climate emergency MSDC had recently declared. However, it was agreed to focus comments on issues relating to construction management. These included unsociable times of operation, the location of site compound close to existing dwellings and the use of reversing alarms, which, it was felt, should be "non-disturbing" due to the proximity of dwellings.

The application for Reserved Matters for that site was also under consideration but the deadline for comment had been extended to 10 January so it was agreed to consider this further at the January meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: The referendum on the question: "Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Botesdale & Rickingham to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan area?" was held by Mid Suffolk District Council on 28 November. The result, decided by a simple majority, was "YES" with 87.1% in favour on a 25.8% turnout. The plan now has full weight with MSDC as a material consideration in determining planning applications. A big thank you to everyone involved in this lengthy process and to everyone who turned out to vote!

Community Transport Service: The PC has received an update on the service's finances and future purchase of a replacement bus. Finances are healthy and it is thought that there will be enough funds available, both from the service and supporting organisations, to replace the bus at a cost of up to £40,000.

Play Area: The Recreation Ground Regeneration Sub-Committee is

open to Botesdale residents who would like to help the PC come up with ideas for developing the play area and take them forward to the installation stage. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 10 February at the Botesdale Village Hall. If you're interested in being involved in this project, just turn up to the meeting or contact the Clerk at botesdale_pc@btopenworld.com.

Flooding: The flooding on Bridewell Lane is still a problem and we are following up with two of the landowners who have not cleared their section of the waterway.

JANUARY REPORT – Leeann Jackson-Eve (Clerk)

Five councillors were present with apologies from Ernie Baxter.

Public Forum: A member of the public thanked the PC for supporting the Community Transport Service and spoke about plans for the Play Area, particularly against removal of any trees or provision of car parking.

Planning: The PC looked again at the application for Reserved Matters for the site at the corner of Back Hills. Councillors felt that it was generally an attractive development; the mix of styles and dwelling sizes was very good, and some care had been taken to ensure that it was in keeping with the village. The Parish Council was minded to support the application. However, there were some concerns that first needed to be addressed including the lack of information about the sustainability of the development; the need for more information about wildlife circulation within the development and to/from the woodland and nearby fields; clarification of rights of way for access to the woodland; and more consideration of access routes to the woodland. Although the location of the access was determined in the outline application, the PC agreed to remind MSDC that moving the 30mph sign further north, well past Back Hills, would improve the safety of this section of the road immeasurably and asked for their support. It was also agreed to remind MSDC that the Neighbourhood Plan policies should be applied when determining this application.

DON'T FORGET, OUR MEETINGS NOW START AT 7PM

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**THE NEXT BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL
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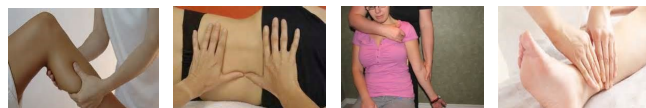
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Redgrave Parish Council



Redgrave November Report – by the Clerk

Five councillors were present at the meeting with apologies received from Ann Preston. We've had no-one come forward about the three vacancies on the Council so please get in touch if you are interested in joining.

Public Forum: A resident commented that the notice board across from the shop needs some work done as the backboard has perished and the lock is now difficult to open. Cllr Hayward agreed to have a look at it.

Planning: There were no planning applications.

Neighbourhood Plan: The drop-in events held at the end of last year were well publicised with a leaflet through each door and were well-attended, but there will be a further event in the Pub at 6.30-8pm on Tuesday, 28 January. The plan now is to analyse the comments and start drafting the Plan with the help of the consultant. The NHP group also has help from an organisation called Locality who provide technical assistance to NHP groups for free. They provide the services of a company called AECOM who will start assessing the sites that were submitted after the "Call for Sites" and it's hoped that will be completed by March. The Plan itself will be drafted in the next few months and the group will subsequently seek the Parish Council's permission to go out to formal consultation on the Plan.

Tree Planting: The event on 30 November appears to have gone very well and it's expected that more planting will take place later.

Play Area Repairs: The PC received a play inspection report at the end of last year which highlighted work that needed to be done to the equipment. Quotes had been obtained, though only one really addressed the project brief and so it was agreed to accept the quote from Mortimer Contracts for £1,890 to refurbish the equipment.

Gressingham Foods: A complaint had been received about noise/traffic from the site and this will be taken forward at a liaison meeting.

Redgrave Amenities Trust: The Trust requested an increase from 3 to 5 in the number of Trustees to look after the Activities Centre and playing field and this has been agreed by the PC. RAT will be renegotiating the lease for the site and would like to bring in further expertise.

Budget: The PC agreed to set a budget of £18,270 for the year 2020-21 and to retain earmarked funds of £17,100. This will require a precept of £18,000 from the District Council resulting in an overall 16.8% rise on the amount received in 2019-20, adding approximately £10.08 per annum (£0.84 per month) to the Council tax of a band D property.

Christmas Tree: The PC thanked the Chairman, Mike Denmark, for making the arrangement for the tree on the Knoll and his helpers to erect/remove the tree. At the next meeting, the PC will consider whether to plan a permanent Christmas tree rather than buy one each year. Any thoughts on this?

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at 7.30 pm

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Rickinghall Parish Council



Report of December PC Meeting by Cllr Nick Free

The meeting started promptly at 19:30 with no apologies and the Clerk, District & County Cllr Jessica Fleming and one member of the Public in attendance.

Public Forum: Cllr Jessica Fleming made a report that will be formally recorded in the minutes but included notification that the refurbished Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Gt Blakenham will continue trials through December. She noted Suffolk County Council had supported Veterans and Remembrance Day events and confirmed that work is commencing during December 2019 on the School Travel Review. This will focus on mainstream under-16 transport and recommendations will go to cabinet during Quarter 1 2020. Jessica urged that if anyone is experiencing any difficulties with school travel, to contact her at Jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk, on Twitter @jesstfleming or telephone 07714 597 980. She also noted the Government is consulting on changes to building regulations, to come into effect in 2020. This will be limited to new dwellings and is preliminary to a Future Homes Standard, due 2025. The consultation will include two options to reduce emissions and conserve energy for new homes: Option 1 targets a 20% reduction in carbon emissions, anticipated as achievable through better fabric, and Option 2 targets a 31% reduction in carbon emissions which will see additional carbon saving technology on top of Option 1.

Planning: An application to perform 'light pruning' of two Lime Trees at The Old School House, Hinderclay Road, was met with no objection. It was noted that five applications had been granted by MSDC, four relating to tree works and one related to the building of a replacement Chicken Shed. There were no Planning Appeal notifications received from MSDC, but Jessica Fleming confirmed that the appeal period related to the former Newsagents was due to conclude during December 2019.

Reports & Correspondence: The Clerk confirmed she has created a new information leaflet for new resident 'Welcome Packs' that we hand deliver. If you know of somebody who has recently moved to Rickinghall, please contact the Clerk so we can make sure they receive a welcome pack. Over the festive period it was agreed that our local streetlights would follow the County lead, with lights remaining on through the night of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve to help both Santa, and any late-night revellers. The Community Transport Service provided an update. This service provides 4,000 people journeys per annum. Efforts to secure funding to keep the service running and plan for future replacement transport, is ongoing. The Parish Councils of Rickinghall, Botesdale, Wattisfield and Stanton continue to support the service financially, as well as District Cllr Jessica Fleming. It was noted that efforts to gain support from other Parishes have so far been unsuccessful, despite the endeavours of volunteers who have attended a number of other Parish Council meetings to highlight the service and ask for support. There are up to 12 local Parishes that are served by this fantastic voluntary service and whose parishioners use the service regularly to access Diss and Bury St Edmunds but at this point those local Parish Councils appear unable or unwilling to provide support. This does not deter the volunteers though and they will always welcome any support that anybody can offer, through deeds, words or actions. There were a few other points noted which included a Finger Post down (footpath), the Village Hall Management Committee noted a small increase in hire charges and also appealed for local residents who can spare a few hours a month to step forward and help out if

they can. Local transport appears to be generally okay but it was noted that a recent Parish Council letter we sent raising concerns about some of the bus services had so far gone unanswered by the bus company.

Closing: The Chairman, supported by all members, put on record our thanks to Will Maskell, who moves out of the area during December and will no longer serve as a Parish Councillor. Will has been involved for nearly three years making a very active contribution to the parish and will be missed by all. For the Parish Council this means that we have moved from a full allocation of nine members to three vacancies over the last 12 months, following a resignation due to new work patterns, a retiree, and of course Will moving completely out of the local area. It would be great to see more local residents get involved and come along to see what happens at the Parish Council. We are a friendly bunch, who care about our Parish but usually the time commitment is quite small. It can be just a few hours a month, including some pre-reading, and we have a reasonably diverse group with Gillian, Sally, Lesley, Geoff, Robin and Nick on the council. Leeann works very hard for us all as our employed Clerk, and Jessica attends as our District and County Cllr. If you would like to come along, or ask anything to find out more, please contact any one of us and we'll try to help. The Parish Council wished everybody a happy and safe festive period before closing the meeting at 20:40.

Report of January PC Meeting by Cllr Geoff Short

The January meeting saw a full contingent of councillors - barring vacancies - and whilst the agenda was light, there were a couple of involved discussions.

We noted that despite the efforts of the Parish Council and MSDC, the Planning Appeal regarding the former post office at Bell Hill Cottage had resulted in the pizza take away being allowed in that location. This is subject to certain conditions, but basically it can go ahead. Signage will be subject to a further application. There is no further action the Parish Council or MSDC can take.

The Neighbourhood Plan was the subject of considerable discussion. It has now been finished, the public referendum has taken place, and it will be adopted by MSDC at their meeting in late January. The point now is that it cost a lot of money and time to produce and should be used to best effect. The councillors will have a definitive document to refer to, and to assess future planning applications to the policies within it.

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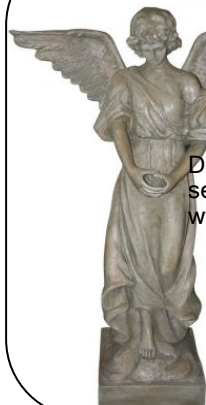
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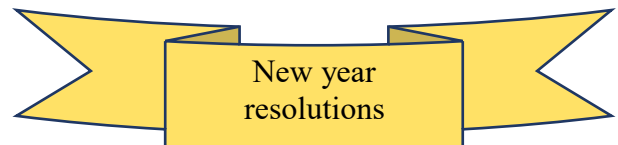
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A SINCERE "THANK YOU" -

from RAHOF chair and committee to all who supported our happy "Christmas Evening" at All Saints Church, Redgrave, on December 13th. The full audience enjoyed a varied programme of community carols, music, words & fun with delicious non-alcoholic punch and mince pies, and supported our annual Hamper & Christmas Turkey draws. The event raised the splendid sum of £580. for St Nicholas Hospice Care, Bury St Edmunds, the local catchment area hospice which performs such a valuable service to our community. Your continued support for this worthy cause is very much appreciated.

June Shepherd (RAHOF chair) & Committee -

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HERITAGE CIRCLE

'The Pre Raphaelite Brotherhood'

Geoffrey Kay

On Wednesday 27th November, The Heritage Circle were presented with a talk entitled "The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood" by Geoffrey Kay.

The talk started with a brief history of the Pre-Raphaelite movement which was founded in 1848 by a group of English painters, poets & art critics including William Holman-Hunt, John Everett Millais & Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

Mr. Kay went on to speak about the group's main objectives & themes of medieval culture, Romanticism and nature and how they expressed them through their art, lifestyles & personal relationships. He peppered his talk with fascinating stories about the various artists including a story of how whilst working on the painting "Ophelia", Millais had to use candles placed beneath the bath to keep his model warm in the water!

After a break, the members of the club were invited by Mr. Kay to ask questions and discuss their own thoughts about some of the artworks that had been shown. This proved to be a fascinating insight into the subject and people's views on the paintings they had seen.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be at the Rickinghall Village Hall on Wednesday 26 February 2020 when Tony Diamond will be talking about *The History of Chocolate*.

New members are always welcome!

Angela Bigley



Well, HI FOLKS ... and I hope this finds you all well. Coffee on the Corner was a bit quiet this morning and we certainly missed some of our regulars, although I understand that quite a few people are unwell and we do hope they are back to full health soon. Having said that, those who came seemed to enjoy the chance to have a chat, as well as the opportunity to indulge in some delicious cake and refreshments, including sausage rolls, cheese scones, fruit cake and victoria sponge. If we didn't see you, for whatever reason, we hope and trust that you will be back with us in February.

Although there were less visitors, it always amazes me at your generosity - £73.00, which will be given to Centre Point, the charity based in London and other cities, which helps homeless young people off the streets back into accommodation, education and work.

We had lots of extra visitors last month when the youngest children from St Botolph's Primary School came along to see us and to sing some carols, some Christmas songs and at least one song from their Christmas production. What a treat! The visitors on that occasion donated over £115.00, which was sent to Tayfen House in Bury St. Edmunds, again another charity that deals with the problem of homelessness. This seems to be a problem that is getting worse and, at this time of year, with cold, wet and generally inclement weather, it must be even harder if you do not have a roof over your head and a place to call home. On behalf of those that will benefit from your donations, we thank you!

Next month our regular Coffee on the Corner will be held on Tuesday 11th February, when we shall "do it all again"! The nominated charity then will be the RNLI and, as we all like to visit the coastlines of this lovely country of ours, especially Southwold and Aldeburgh, there will be times when we may need their services. Do come along to find out a bit more and to enjoy our hospitality.

If you haven't been before, we would love you to join us and if you know of a neighbour or acquaintance who might benefit from a morning out and some restorative tea and cake, then do please invite them! We also have a bric a brac stall each month and would welcome donations, especially books or jigsaw puzzles - or anything else you think someone else might have a use for - do bring any such items along with you.

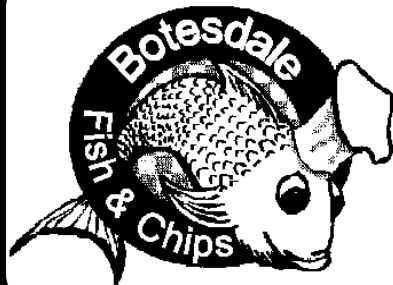
Between now and then we shall be doing holding our various services and home Bible Study groups at Parkview - for information on those, do look elsewhere in this informative Parish Magazine. If you have questions about God or life in general, do please get in touch - either with me or Kevin Gladwell.

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.

Sue Allen

HERITAGE CIRCLE HELP IS REQUIRED URGENTLY

For over 30 years, the Heritage circle has been an active and successful feature of village life. There is a group meeting with a key speaker who gives a talk on local or broader aspects of history on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The meetings are attended by 40-50 members and visitors. Unfortunately, the Heritage Circle is faced with the threat of closure in December if we cannot get two more members on to the committee to help with the secretarial activities required for its operation and organisation. The finances of the Heritage Circle are sound and last year there were 53 paid members, along with five or six visitors attending each talk. The committee has been working hard to organise an interesting programme of speakers, managing the finances, organising the venue for meetings, and publicising events. However, the burden has been falling on a small group who are willing to continue in their roles but who need the help of two further committee members. Appeals at meetings for support in recent months have yet to be successful in gaining new committee members. This leaves us in the regrettable situation that the Heritage Circle will cease to exist in December if people are unwilling to help. The time commitment is not onerous. There is a committee meeting of about one hour on the second Monday of each month. Committee members then spend 2-3 hours per month preparing the group meeting. However, this time commitment is increased when the committee has only a small number of members. A decision to continue the Heritage Circle has to be made by the end of April as speakers for the 2021 programme need to be booked during May. Please give serious consideration to joining the committee to ensure that this valuable part of village life continues to exist. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Maggie Mittens-Ladd on 01379 890916 or email duke@waitrose.com. The Heritage Circle has a website at www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net.



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4.00pm - 9.00pm

<i>Date, start and end time</i>			<i>> > > What's On in February 2020 < < <</i>	<i>Location</i>
Saturday 1 st	2:00pm	-	Jumble Sale	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 3 rd	2:00pm	-	Needlecraft	Redgrave Activities Centre
	5:30pm	-	Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall
	7:30pm	-	Botesdale Parish Council	Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday 4 th	9:45am	10:45am	Pilates	Rickingham Village Hall
	5:30pm	7:00pm	Brownies	St Botolph's School
	6:00pm	-	Fitsteps	Rickingham Village Hall
	7:15pm	-	Yoga and Relaxation	Botesdale Village Hall
Wednesday 5 th	9:30am	-	Redgrave Art Club	Redgrave Activities Centre
	10:00am	-	Day Centre	Rickingham Village Hall
	10:45am	1:05pm	Mobile Library	See details opposite
	2:30pm	4:30pm	Games & Social Afternoon	Cross Keys Redgrave
Thursday 6 th	7:30pm	-	Redgrave Parish Council	Redgrave Activities Centre
	9:30am	-	Headspace	All Saints Redgrave
	9:30am	-	RABBATS	Rickingham Village Hall
	10:00am	-	St Nicholas Hospice Care Drop-in	Botesdale Health Centre
	10:30am	-	U3A Hogarth - The Harlot's Progress	United Reform Church, Diss
	12:00pm	-	Watercooler	Cross Keys Redgrave
	7:00pm	-	Botesdale & Rickingham Runners	Rickingham Recreation Ground
	7:00pm	10:00pm	Arty Party	Lilac Cottage Studio
Friday 7 th	7:30pm	-	Rickingham Parish Council	Rickingham Village Hall
	9:15am	-	Rickingham Ramblers	Rickingham Village Hall
	10:00am	11:00am	Positive Steps	Parkview Chapel
	10:00am	11:30am	Wild Tots	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
	1:00pm	2:00pm	Wild Babies	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
	7:30pm	-	Whist Drive	Bowls Club, Fen Lane
Saturday 8 th	8:00pm	-	Dance Classes	Botesdale Village Hall
	9:00am	12:30pm	Farmers' market	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 10 th	10:30am	12:30pm	Weekend Wildlife Club	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
	2:00pm	-	Needlecraft	Redgrave Activities Centre
Tuesday 11 th	5:30pm	-	Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall
	9:00am	-	Coffee on the corner	Parkview Chapel
	9:30am	-	Macmillan Information & advice	Parkview Chapel
	9:45am	10:45am	Pilates	Rickingham Village Hall
	10:30am	12:00pm	Coffee and Cake Morning	Cross Keys Redgrave
	5:30pm	7:00pm	Brownies	St Botolph's School
	6:00pm	-	Fitsteps	Rickingham Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th	7:15pm	-	Yoga and Relaxation	Botesdale Village Hall
	9:30am	-	Headspace	All Saints Redgrave
	9:30am	-	Redgrave Art Club	Redgrave Activities Centre
Thursday 13 th	10:00am	-	Day Centre	Rickingham Village Hall
	9:30am	-	RABBATS	Rickingham Village Hall
	7:00pm	-	Botesdale & Rickingham Runners	Rickingham Recreation Ground
Friday 14 th	7:30pm	-	Women's Institute	Rickingham Village Hall
	-	-	Valentine's Day Special Menu	Cross Keys Redgrave
	10:00am	11:00am	Positive Steps	Parkview Chapel
	10:00am	11:30am	Wild Tots	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
	1:00pm	2:00pm	Wild Babies	Redgrave & Lopham Fen
	7:30pm	-	Ouse Valley Filling Station	Garboldisham Village Hall
	8:00pm	-	Dance Classes	Botesdale Village Hall