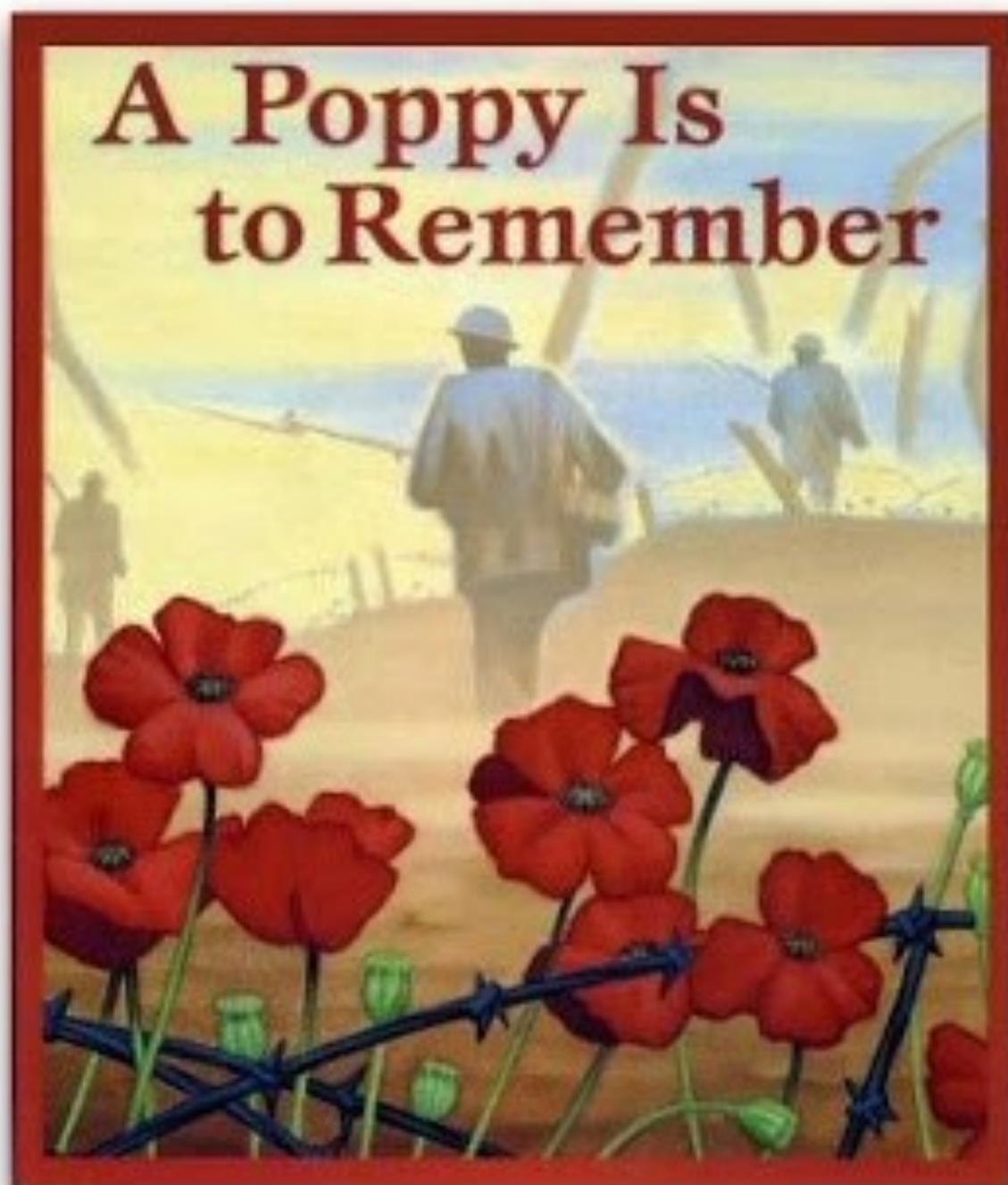


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Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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All Souls - A time to remember your loved ones



I am sure that you will appreciate that this year we can't have a service for All Souls Day as we have had in previous years. But as your local church we don't want to forget those who have experienced bereavement so we plan to do something different. On Sunday 1st November I will be in St Mary's Church, Rickingham at 3pm to light a candle and then read out the names of those who have died over the past year. If you would like me to include the name of a loved one you wish to remember, please do get in touch with me via the contact details above. Rickingham Church will be open on Saturday 31st October from 9.30am – 3.30pm for those who would like a time of private prayer. It will also be possible to add the name of the person you wish to be remembered on the 1st November to a list in church. (For Covid-19 reason please bring your own pen, use the hand sanitiser as you enter the building, and wear a face mask).

Why do we light candles on such an occasion? There are at least three reasons for doing so, and they are,

Lighting a candle is a prayer:

When we have gone it stays alight, kindling in the hearts and minds of others the prayers we have already offered for them.

Lighting a candle is a parable:

Burning itself out it gives light to others. Christ gave himself for others. He calls us to give ourselves.

Lighting a candle is a symbol:

Of love and hope, of light and warmth. Our world needs them all.

As I light the candle I will say these words:

We remember before God those whom we love and light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope. Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

You O Lord are our lamp
You turn our darkness into light
With you O Lord is the well of life
In your light shall we see light
Jesus Christ is the light of the world
A light no darkness can quench

Then I will speak out the names of those who have requested me to do so, and close with prayers of remembrance for all who have died, their families and friends.

I would also like to invite you, if it is convenient for you, to pause and be quiet, reflect and pray in the comfort of your own home on Sunday 1st November 2020 at 3pm when I am in church. Perhaps you could light a candle in your own home at 3pm as you remember those you love who have died. You may want to say the words above that I will use at 3pm. If this date and or time are not convenient then please do feel free to find an alternative time to be quiet, reflect and pray that suits your daily routine.

Please find below a prayer that you could use as you pause and reflect on the life of the person/people you are remembering.

Dear God, thank you for and for all they meant to me and to others. Help me to know that you are here with me now, holding all my hopes, holding all I love, and holding me this day. Thank you that your presence helps to ease the pain of my sorrow and loss. Thank you that your peace and hope are surrounding and comforting me now. In Jesus name. Amen.

You could also pray these words over the next few days that follow. Alternatively, you may wish to say your own prayers. Whatever you do be assured God will hear your prayers. You may also like to light a candle online at www.churchofengland.org/funeral-candle

With every blessing

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No Changes to the Local Services Directory this month

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



Message from the Team

We are pleased to have the magazine back in print and delivered to everybody—one little bit of normality even though everything else is still crazy and not getting any better. Most people seem to be coping with the situation so far but how long can we put up with it? So do keep looking out for each other.

There are still plenty of opportunities for volunteering in our community so if you have some spare time do consider helping out the various organisations which need you.

From the magazine point of view we do need some new delivery people. A bit of exercise 10 times a year strolling around part of your village delivering the magazine. Please do contact us (as below) if you can help—the more people we have the easier it is.

Charles Murray

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

Stuffing meetings have now resumed

- **Dec/Jan issue 9 Nov (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **20 Nov (Fri)**
- **Feb issue 11 Jan (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **22 Jan (Fri)**

We accept items for submission in any of the following formats: MS Word, e-mail, .jpg, .bmp, .pub. Notices from voluntary organisations within the Benefice are printed free of charge. We try to help similar organisations from outside the Benefice wishing to place a notice in our magazine; this is subject to space being available and we also make a small charge.

Best wishes The Parish Magazine Volunteers

WELCOME

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



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Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results has obviously never had to reboot a computer.

—William Petersen

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> > > Not All Events Are Cancelled! < < <

Are You Boldly Struggling On?

- In spite of all the challenges we face today, are you, or is your club or organisation, putting on Covid-secure events?
- We're keen to continue to give your ventures a well-needed boost, so please keep us informed by the copy (cut-off) dates to make sure your latest updates are publicised here
- Remember that next month's issue will be a double issue for December and January



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Friends of St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior

The final evaluation of Historic England's Taylor Review Pilot Scheme for churches was published on Saturday 3rd October. This was a trial only tested in Suffolk as a rural area and Greater Manchester as an urban society. The grant was only available for listed churches and Rickinghall Inferior Church received seven and a half thousand pounds towards repairs needed at the church. Historic England organised publicity in the media and Rickinghall Inferior Church was chosen as a good example for Suffolk and appeared on Look East and Radio Suffolk and in the East Anglian Daily Times.

The whole point of the minor grant scheme was to encourage maintenance of the church building to help to prevent major repairs. The money was used on Rickinghall Inferior Church to replace deteriorating asbestos gutters and build new gullies to take rainwater away from the damp walls. Other roofing repairs were carried out excluding the north slope of the chancel roof which has to be completely retiled and a new ceiling put into the chancel. This is estimated to be in the region of sixty to seventy thousand pounds, for which we have to raise about half of the money as match funding for most of the bigger grants.

Although many of our fund raising events planned for this year have had to be postponed until next year due to covid 19, volunteers have carried out churchyard maintenance, cut hedges and put up new notice boards for which we are extremely grateful and would like to thank them. Plans are in hand to have water laid on at the church to eventually have a kitchen and toilet after the main repairs to the chancel roof have been carried out.

As well as giving the grant Historic England employed two officers to advise on maintenance of the building and other community advice including setting up a Friends group. We did not get enough people to start a formal group with chairman, treasurer and secretary we had help to start an informal Friends group with a memorandum of understanding with the PCC with Jackie Arnold as representative to the PCC.

We shall be having a **zoom meeting on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm**. If you would like to help in any way or attend the zoom meeting with ideas please contact the host Kit Brinkley on 07947414968 or Jean Sheehan on 01379 890237.

The Mobile Post Office

continues to visit the Parkview Chapel car park on Fridays at 2.45pm-3.45pm



Parish Gift Day

will take place during Advent on **Saturday 12th December** when I will be in Rickinghall Church to receive your gifts.

Gift Day is a way of giving thanks to God for the work and ministry of the church throughout these villages and beyond. Whether you attend and give to the church on a regular basis, or just attend on occasion, we're asking if you would consider contributing to help us to continue the work we do in the local community through the many things we are involved in.

Special Gift Day envelopes will be available in church. If you have any queries on this, please do contact me on 01379 898685. Thank you in advance for your support.



The Rector and the
Parochial Church Council
of this Parish.

Appeal to Redgrave, Botesdale & Rickinghall Residents

We'd like to have a **"Living Advent Calendar"** in the villages this year with windows decorated, numbered, & "opened" each evening from 1st Dec to Christmas Eve.

If you :

- live in a house or have a business that can be clearly seen from the street without people coming onto your property
- are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is "opened" until Christmas Eve
- are interested in participating or would like to decorate a window for someone

then please let Lynne Wills know on 01379 890732 as soon as possible or email lynnemgf@aol.com with your name, address and email address.

For this to be ready in time we'd be grateful for a quick response to be sure we have enough participants. There are many pictures on Google of villages who have taken part over the years. The decorations are up to residents and can be simple decorations or more elaborate, or a volunteer could decorate for you.

The first window on 1st December will be at All Saints Church Redgrave, finishing on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Inferior Rickinghall.

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Botesdale Breakfast and After School Club

is doing what it can to avoid closure, now only opening on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday due to a dramatic decline in numbers. They have a *gofundme* page at <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/botesdaleASC>. Please note that the breakfast club will move to Parkview Chapel from 2nd November. Contact : Bridget Simms-Baalham

Farmers' Market

Please see advert on opposite page

Pilates

at Rickinghall village hall, each Tuesday during term time. The current term runs from November 3rd to December 15th at 9:45am, 11:15am, 6:30pm and 8:00pm. Contact : Eleanore Garwood 07881 814146

Places of Worship

Please see the *Church Notices* page in this magazine for the denominations' activities



May be postponed or cancelled...

There is currently nothing in this category.



Have been postponed or cancelled...

Dance Fitsteps

The attempt to re-start these classes has been scuppered by Covid. Contact Jill Mitev-Will 01379 897055 / 07800 639141

Friends of Rickinghall Inferior Church

Please see update on opposite page

Heritage Circle

Group meetings cancelled until April 2021. Contact : Gerry Gurhy

Parkview Chapel

has had to stop all but its weekly services (see the *Church Notices page*), affecting *Coffee on the Corner/on a Sunday, Praise Hours* and its varied events for youngsters Contact Kev Gladwell on 01379 898924

RAHOF (Rickinghall Area Hospice Fundraisers)

The annual RAHOF event, "A CHRISTMAS EVENING", arranged for Friday 11 December 2020, at 7.30 pm, All Saints Church, Redgrave, is cancelled, due to the current Covid situation. The RAHOF committee apologise sincerely, but know you all realise this is out of our control. We appreciate your understanding, and look forward to better times next year, when we can resume our events. Watch this space! Contact : June Shepherd (RAHOF 2020 Chair)

Redgrave & District Ladies Club

regrets to advise that the 8th December meeting *The Magnificent Seven* with Jim Stebbings is cancelled. Contact : Rosemary Docherty

Redgrave Garden Club

regrets to announce that the club has closed with effect from its year end at the end of September 2020. Members have been asked to vote on a proposal for the distribution of remaining funds and the accounts will remain open until the end of November in order to clear cheques. The club has been very successful with 20-30 members meeting monthly at Redgrave Activities Centre or out on visits. Speakers have ranged from demonstrations to horticultural specialists to local gardening characters, all enjoyed by a group drawn from Redgrave and surrounding villages, many making new friends in the process. *Although the pandemic has naturally suspended all meetings since March, this is not the reason for the closure of the club.* Whilst the committee has striven to develop an innovative and exciting programme each year, the club is in need of new people with fresh ideas. With so many calls on voluntary help, a new committee has been impossible to find. The committee thanks all members for their regular support for outings, events and meetings

Rickinghall Further Education Group (RFEG)

The course *People Power - a History of Portraiture* which was due to start in September, has been cancelled. Contact : Sue Emerson

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BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Website and E-Consultation

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Patients can now complete an E-consultation form on the website and Patients are being encouraged to use this facility. You can use the form to request an appointment with a Doctor or to receive a vaccination. Your requirements will be triaged and a Doctor or appropriate person will advise you of the next steps to be taken either by yourself or your GP.

For Patients who are not so comfortable with technology, they can still continue to phone into the Practice as usual.

Social Prescriber

We have a new Social Prescriber, Jo Burnett, at Botesdale Surgery. If a Doctor considers Jo's service will assist you, then, as a Patient of the practice you can be referred.

The Suffolk Resilience Forum

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) of Botesdale Health Centre would like to notify Patients that the Suffolk Resilience Forum has launched a new support line to help people across Suffolk access information or support relating to debt, benefits, housing or employment.

This support service is in response to the financial impact that Covid-19 has had and continues to have on families across Suffolk.

Citizens Advice Suffolk Alliance, and Anglia Care Trust and Ipswich Housing Action Group will deliver advice and support to people through a single phone line - 0800 068 3131 is open 9-5 pm Mon-Fri.

The service is non-judgemental, impartial and knowledgeable about what is available to enable people to make the right decision.

The phone line is just one element of the Suffolk Advice and Support Service which pulls together work of the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, which can assist with food vouchers and furniture donations. Trained advisers are waiting to hear from people hit by the side effects of Covid 19. This service has been devised and delivered in a matter of weeks Mathew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council has stated, and is a true partnership of Agencies.

PPG

The Patient Participation Group will be holding their next meeting on Monday 1st March 2021. We have held regular Zoom Committee meetings throughout the Covid Pandemic months.

We are now ready to increase our Committee numbers as our last member to leave, did so, as she took up a place at St George's Hospital London to read Medicine. We pride ourselves on having an eclectic Committee of all age groups. A medical background is not required. If you would like to know more, please use the contact details below.

If the PPG can assist in any way, please do use the contact details below.

Janet Russell PPG Mobile 07787 148947 Email: BotesdalePPG@gmail.com

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VILLAGE NEWS



Little Ouse
Headwaters
Project

Local News November 2020

Conservation & Community

"I find sweet peace in depths of autumn woods,
Where grows the ragged ferns and roughened moss;
The naked, silent trees have taught me this,-
The loss of beauty is not always loss!"

wrote Elizabeth Stoddard (1823-1902) in her lovely poem, "November". If we're lucky though, this year's autumn display may still be with us. Experts say that a very dry spring, and a 'classic' summer gave most trees a good chance of keeping their leaves on until the colour started to develop as temperatures dropped. Fieldfares and Redwings should be arriving and you may see them in your gardens especially if you have berried shrubs or hedges. They will strip them and move on to the next source of food. The hedgehogs in our garden were active into late October, so if you're planning a bonfire on the fifth, check first that you're not putting them in peril!

I said in the October issue that the Creative Fen Group were planning an art exhibition at The Fox in Garboldisham in November. Sadly, this has had to be postponed, but will hopefully happen in May 2021.

November is also the month when we usually hold our AGM-(remember the record turn out last year!). It will not be possible to hold a live event this year, but we are planning to hold a 'virtual' AGM on line. More details will be available on our website; www.lohp.org.uk this month. We are also planning a short film detailing some of the work carried out this year being made by volunteer Penny Lindop. It should be live on the website towards the end of the month.

LOHP has just signed up to AMAZON SMILE. That means that if you register with Amazon Smile and chose 'Little Ouse Headwaters Project' as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the value of your purchase to LOHP at no cost to you! Our next newsletter, normally published in December, will now be in January 2021 so I will be doing some more scribbling next month!

John McCormack



Remembrance Day 2020

It is with deep regret that the Parish Council has had to give notice that due to the Coronavirus Restrictions, there will be no organised formal commemorative event for Remembrance Day 2020. This has been a difficult decision to make but in the interest of public safety we can not organise large gatherings, typical for this poignant event. We urge everyone to commemorate this event by standing on your doorstep at 1100; both on Remembrance Sunday (8th) and November 11th and observing a 2 minutes silence, broken with clapping at its conclusion. We urge those who wish to place wreaths or markers to do so before the 8th. If you do choose to pay your respects at the Memorial, please do so in a socially distanced manner and respect others privacy.

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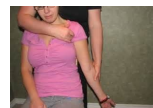
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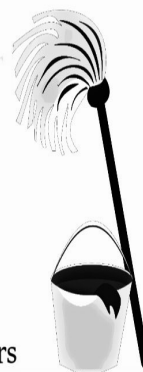


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I have been Chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch Group (NHW) for about 25 years, shortly after moving up here from Romford, Essex, where I had been a retired Police Inspector in London. The NHW group had already been set up by George Knowles of Fen Lane (now passed away) and he had done a magnificent job. Botesdale has 12 coordinators and Rickingham 14. Some of which are now vacant. George produced four large maps showing the boundaries of each group. Before the Police cutbacks, we used to have 2 meetings each year in the 1st floor meeting room of the Bell Hotel, by kind permission of the licensee. Each meeting was attended by a Police Officer and were fairly well attended by the Coordinators. We are kept up-to-date of local problems by the Police Community Liaison Officer, PC Stefan Henriksen from Stowmarket Police Station, who is very efficient and helpful.

At the age of 80 years old, I now feel it is time to hand over the Chairmanship to a younger person, who I am sure would be more capable of dealing with our circulation of information, through the new 'Social Media', much better than me. Of course I will hand over all the information and paperwork to whoever takes it on and I will always be available on the end of a telephone.

Peter H Beck.



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We are grateful to all of our contributors but would like to please ask that all submissions are received by the copy date shown on p3

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Patrick is going to start on the job of strimming the long soft growth of grasses and plants; we have to go before him, clearing space around the smaller trees so he doesn't chop them by mistake. They are particularly hard to see after the leaves have fallen.

Some of you may have been making jams, jellies and chutneys from the earth's bounty. Have any of you picked sloes for sloe gin?

In Miller's Orchard evergreen garden waste continues to be an eyesore. Please, please don't leave us to deal with it. You can get a brown bin from the Mid Suffolk District Council, or you can take your cuttings to a recognised dump.

Low Meadow was mown in September and you can now see the trios of shrubs that were planted all those years ago merging into bigger clumps. It definitely looks less abandoned than it did when we started to care for it. The black poplar is growing well and it has beautiful shiny leaves.

Rosemary Jones,
6th October 2020



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Coffee On



Once again, I am sorry to say that we have been unable to run Coffee on the Corner this month, although we are keen to restart again. It seems as though each time there is some light at the end of the tunnel, someone makes the tunnel a bit longer! We will get there and we really look forward to welcoming back all our usual visitors. In the meantime, we hope that you are all safe and well and coping with the current restrictions.

As well as running Coffee on the Corner every month, many of you will be familiar with the additional event, in the form of a Macmillan Coffee Morning, usually held on the third Friday of September. Well, this too was "put on hold" as it is unclear whether the "Rule of 6" applies to Coffee Mornings in the local Chapel hall.

However, you will be aware that all charities are now desperately short of funds and, if not now, then in the future, services will have to be pruned as the funds to support them will simply not be there. So what could we do?

I decided that I could do something, albeit smaller than usual and so, at the last minute (with only about 5 days to go) I contacted around 40 local people and invited them to come to my home ... not all at once, I might add! I invited small groups of 3 or 4 to come for an hour each to enjoy coffee/tea and cake, to purchase some delicious home produce, to browse a second hand book stall and to purchase Charity Christmas Cards and everyday greetings cards. As with Coffee on the Corner, I was amazed at the generosity of people - some donated cakes, others garden produce and the lovely Carol made scones (two varieties!) and lemon curd. There was plenty of hand sanitiser (particularly over used by me!) as tea and coffee and cakes were served and as much distance as possible was maintained between guests. Any produce leftover was hawked around my lovely neighbours on Saturday morning in the rain.

Much to my absolute amazement, we raised an incredible £410 and, although the day was somewhat different to usual events, I think (and hope) that everyone enjoyed the experience and, just as importantly, felt safe in the situation.

This was not what I had hoped to do for Macmillan, but it was something and I cannot thank my helpers, bakers, makers, producers and visitors enough for this result!

SO hope that we can return to more normal times before too long.

Restrictions permitting, I hope to hold a similar event at the end of November (maybe with mince pies and mulled wine?!) and, if you know me, or are a regular visitor to Coffee on the Corner, and would like to be on the "guest list", do please get in touch and I shall try to organise a "safe", distanced, sanitised event to invite folks to that bit nearer to Christmas.

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Sue

Sue Allen

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Report of October Botesdale PC Meeting—by the Clerk

Four councillors attended this meeting on Zoom, with apologies from Ernie Baxter. Our District/County Councillor Jessica Fleming was also in attendance and there were no members of the public.

Cllr Fleming reported that a new COVID support phoneline for general assistance has been set up as of 1st October to help access information or support relating to debt, benefits, housing or employment. The phoneline, 0800 068 3131, is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Suffolk Public Health has set up a dedicated web site at www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch

School Year 2021 primary and secondary school applications open - Parents and carers can now apply for primary and secondary school places for September 2021. The deadline for applications for secondary school is Saturday 31 October 2020 and for primary schools it is Friday 15 January 2021. Parents and carers should apply for a school place online at suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information about support available for businesses during COVID-19 is available at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/features/support-available-for-businesses-in-babergh-and-mid-suffolk See also the Government's Support Finder tool for businesses and self-employed at: www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder Current advice can be found on the COVID-19 Business Support website at www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support and from the New Anglia Growth Hub at: www.newangliagrowthhub.co.uk

Visitors to Mid Suffolk's car parks can now use digital payment system MiPermit, as well as a cash payment option. The Council is also looking at future contactless payment options.

Planning: The PC had no objection to an application at 6 The Fairstead for works to trees.

Correspondence: The PC noted correspondence consulting on the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan and draft recommendations from the Boundary Commission on new divisions, division boundaries and division names for Suffolk County Council. The latter will have little effect on our area.

An offer has been received from Mid Suffolk District Council to plant trees and hedgerows on PC-owned land to improve wildlife corridors and the PC will express an interest while giving some thought to a location which might benefit. We've also had correspondence about Quiet Lanes and will be looking into this for Mill Road North. A Quiet Lane is a nationally recognised designation of single-track low usage road suitable for walking, cycling and horses with limited access for motorised vehicles.

Finally, there was a complaint about littering at the Recreation Ground. The PC thanks everyone who regularly collects rubbish at the Ground - this is much appreciated. The Ground is very well used in good weather and unfortunately not everyone who uses it treats it respectfully. We have spoken to the Police about this and they have in turn spoken to users of the Ground as have some of our councillors. We will continue to try to find a solution to this problem.

Remembrance Day: We are sad to say that the annual Remembrance Day event has been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. The Chapel of Ease can't be used as it only has one entry/exit point and is not able to separate out people whilst maintaining social distance. A service at the memorial would also suffer from the same difficulties of social distancing as numbers cannot be controlled. People are encouraged to commemorate the event in their own way, but we would discourage everyone from attending en masse at any point.

Christmas Events: Reluctantly, the PC has also made the decision not

to hold collective Christmas events this year, including the Lights On event and Father Christmas, due to the same issues. We will be erecting a tree of course as we all need a bit of festivity in 2020 and the usual lovely artwork from the school will be around the tree.

Recreation Ground: In early 2019 Botesdale Parish Council recognised that much of the current equipment in the Recreation Ground in Mill Road was nearing the end of its useable life and therefore consideration needed to be given as to what would follow. The Parish Council engaged Groundworks, a leading communities and environmental charity, to undertake an initial feasibility study. As part of that study Groundworks undertook a local survey to establish what the community wanted from the future Recreation Ground.

Based on the initial study and the survey, the Parish Council established a Sub Committee to drive the Recreation Ground Regeneration Project forward. The Sub Committee includes representatives covering the broad demographic of Botesdale.

Since late 2019 the Sub Committee have been working hard to establish a development path for the Recreation Ground. A detailed Project Brief was prepared, and this ensured that the future Recreation Ground would provide facilities for the whole community.

The Project Brief formed the foundation for an extensive tendering exercise to select a design organisation to develop the project. A local company, James Blake Associates (JBA) based in Bury St Edmunds, have been awarded the contract to prepare the design for the regenerated Recreation Ground. The Sub Committee have established with JBA a project programme that will see the design completed by the early summer of next year with a view to the construction works taking place in the following winter such that the regenerated Recreation Ground will open in the spring of 2022.

During the design phase there will be planned consultations with the community regarding the nature and extent of the regeneration. There will also be a significant effort over the next 9 months to raise the necessary funds for the construction works.

Much thanks go to the Sub Committee for getting the Project to this exciting stage. If you would like to get more directly involved with the project please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk on 01379 890141 or botesdale_pc@btpopenworld.com

THE NEXT BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

at 7.00 pm

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Redgrave Parish Council



Report of October PC Meeting by the Clerk

Four councillors attended this meeting on Zoom, with apologies from John Giddings and Frank Gillett. There were no members of the public.

The Parish Council accepted a letter of resignation from Bob Hayward. He has given decades as a parish councillor and has now decided to retire from the post. Bob has a wealth of knowledge about Redgrave and its activities and his input will be sorely missed. He leaves with the Council's heartfelt thanks for everything he has done for the community.

Planning: There were no new planning applications but it was noted that the application for parking on the field south of the Redgrave Business Centre has been withdrawn.

Neighbourhood Plan: The public consultation on the draft Plan began on 14th September 2020 and will end at midnight on 8th November 2020. There are copies of the Plan available in the Shop for you to borrow for a little light reading and instructions on how to comment on the Plan. Please make sure you get your comments in on time!

Redgrave Shop: We're very pleased to say that the Shop's status as an Asset of Community Value has been approved by Mid Suffolk District Council for another five years.

Council Documents: The PC's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment documents have all been reviewed and updated where necessary.

Correspondence: The PC noted correspondence consulting draft recommendations from the Boundary Commission on new divisions, division boundaries and division names for Suffolk County Council. The latter will have little effect on our area.

An offer has been received from Mid Suffolk District Council to plant trees and hedgerows on PC-owned land to improve wildlife corridors and the PC will express an interest while giving some thought to a location which might benefit. We've also had correspondence about Quiet Lanes and will be looking into this for Fen Street. A Quiet Lane is a nationally recognised designation of single-track low usage road suitable for walking, cycling and horses with limited access for motorised vehicles.

Play Area: The annual inspection has been concluded, thankfully with only minor issues to consider. The Chairman has kindly agreed to put a new backboard on the basketball goal.

Christmas Tree: The Chairman is going to be organising the tree again this year. Any offers of help are welcome!

Remembrance Day: We are sad to say that the annual Remembrance Day commemorative event has been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. Unfortunately, it is in the interest of public safety to discourage a large gathering as is usual for this event. We urge everyone to commemorate this event by standing on your doorstep at 11:00, both on Remembrance Sunday (8th) and November 11th and observing a two-minute silence, broken with clapping at its conclusion. We also urge those who wish to place wreaths or markers to do so before the 8th. If you do choose to pay your respects at the Memorial, please do so in a socially distanced manner and respect others' privacy.

Meeting Dates 2021: 6 Jan; 3 Feb; 3 Mar; 7 Apr; 5 May; 2 Jun; 7 Jul; 1 Sep; 6 Oct; 3 Nov.

For now we will continue to hold meetings on Zoom. We have had several members of the public attend Zoom meetings and it can be done on a tablet, smartphone or computer. If you don't have any of those available, you can call in on your landline. Just ask the Clerk for instructions.

THE NEXT REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER at 7.30 pm

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Botesdale :	Village Hall	12.00 – 12.15
Botesdale :	Backhills	12.20 – 12.35
Redgrave :	The Knoll	12.45 – 1.05

will be calling: **Wednesday 11th November, 2020**



Rickinghall Parish Council



Report of October PC Meeting by Cllr Geoff Short

Our October meeting took place on Zoom, with apologies from one councillor, and five members of the public joined us. The public forum provided an opportunity for two parties to put their views on a Planning Application for a single house to be built on vacant land in The Street. The councillors felt it would be a suitable property for the plot, had off road parking, and had no objection. Similarly, there was no objection to the erection of one property in West Hall Road on the same footprint as the existing house.

There were two applications for tree felling and reduction in Water Lane, and again there were no objections. Tree works seem to feature each month at the moment, and it is to be expected with some of the properties being built close to existing trees.

Another planning matter arose concerning the flue on the roof of the proposed pizza shop, next to The Bell, where it would appear that the positioning differed from that submitted to Planning, and the council have drawn this to the attention of MSDC. We await an inspection and response.

We have had various complaints by people over the last few months about the overgrown state of the footpaths and wrote to Suffolk County Council enquiring why they had not been cut. It appears that nine paths were removed from the cutting schedule, without notification. Apparently, the network of paths in the county is the same size as the road network, and the budget is only £200,000. So, they say with 5600 kilometres of path, there is not enough money to cut the network once. So now we know!

Plans are continuing to install a defibrillator in the old BT phone box near the marketplace. We now have grants of £2500 towards the project, and the box should be refurbished soon.

As the year draws to an end, we will provide a wreath for the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, but there will be no ceremony this year due to the virus. Similarly, the two parishes will be going ahead with the usual large Christmas tree in the Market Place, but there will be no activities or Father Christmas in attendance. The Village Hall also advised there would be no

fireworks display this year. All a great shame, and this current 'normal' was totally unheard of this time last year - who could have predicted what a disastrous year 2020 would become?

Various documents were approved, the bills approved for payment, and correspondence noted. Redgrave are getting on well with their Neighbourhood plan, which has now gone to public consultation, and we will shortly be setting up an Infrastructure Steering Group as a result of the Botesdale and Rickinghall Plan to work on some of the policies raised.

We were asked to consider whether we had any council owned land where trees or hedges could be planted. There is a campaign at the moment to improve wildlife corridors, and there are also supplies of disease resistant elms. We have parcels of land that have sufficient trees, and don't have any large verges or greens. From the foregoing, we obviously don't wish to plant any trees too near properties (creating overgrown tree problems for the future) or plant hedges too near footpaths (where clearly they would never get cut) so if anybody has a brilliant suggestion, do let the clerk know!

As always, I would mention that there are vacancies on the Council if you would like to consider joining us. You are very welcome to contact the clerk or a councillor to chat about what it entails, should you wish to know more.

THE NEXT RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

at 7.30 pm

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Village News

RICKINGHALL SKATE PARK UPDATE

Detailed plans have been developed during the past year for a complete redesign and replacement of the existing Rickinghall Skate Park. Village Hall committee volunteers, helped by outside enthusiasts, have put a lot of work in on this, including planning with potential suppliers, and also in the demanding process of applying for grant funding from multiple sources.

One of the major funders was to be Sport England, which was supportive of the project in principle but had one additional specific requirement: that the facility be floodlit every night to create 'more impact'. There was no flexibility on this requirement, and since floodlighting is not a desirable option in this location the redesigned facility will not now go ahead.

Quite apart from the fact that planning permission would have had to be sought for such major floodlighting, besides the requirement to go out to tender AND to find the extra money required, enquiries made of other locations where skate park floodlighting was installed suggested very negative outcomes for the local communities concerned. Such floodlit facilities seem to attract all sorts of people from beyond their local areas, and the lights end up being taken out of use or even removed.

It doesn't seem like a good idea to continue with a project which would probably not only cause problems for the Village Hall's neighbours, but also for the wider village community, thus the decision to abandon it.

We now hope instead to replace the time-expired quarter pipe with a similar new one. This will mean that local youngsters will be able to continue with their many uses of the existing facility, including riding small-wheeled scooters and BMX bikes, just running up and down the ramps, and even actual skate boarding!

So a shame, especially given all the wasted time, but going forward we will still have a facility which continues to be ever-popular amongst our local children, both young and old.

Redgrave's Neighbourhood Plan



WORKING TOGETHER TO PLAN OUR FUTURE

Public Consultation of the Draft Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan

ends on **November 8th** 2020

Despite the turmoil of the past few months, the development of the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan has progressed and is now at an important pre-submission phase known as REG14. During this phase—residents, businesses and statutory agencies are invited to comment on the **Pre-submission Consultation Draft Plan**.

This Consultation Period started in September and lasts until midnight on **8th November 2020**.

If you would like to comment on the Draft Plan, you can do so by filling in the Pre-Submission Consultation **Response Form**.

The Draft Plan and the Response Form can be downloaded from the RNP website.

Alternatively, there are a small number of printed copies of the Draft Plan available for loan from the Redgrave Community Shop.

Please feel free to borrow a copy and collect a paper copy of the Response Form to complete at home and be returned by **November 8th!**

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Exploring the Past

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Rickingham Inferior Church East Window and Chancel

The Taylor Review Pilot scheme has just published its final review of the scheme trialled in Suffolk and Manchester. One of the conditions of being awarded a grant was to maintain the church building for the next five years.

One of the jobs in hand at Rickingham is renewing the metal guards for protecting the stained glass of the east window of the chancel. This window is important in the history of the church as it was installed in memory of the Rev Richard Compton Maul's daughter. Beneath the window internally is a narrow strip of brass with the following inscription: *To the glory of God and the memory of Sophie his dear wife, George Badeley-Marke Esq of Wood Hill Liskeard Cornwall affectionately dedicates this window. She was the eldest daughter of the Rev. R.C. Maul Rector of this parish and lies asleep beneath the snows of Mont Blanc where she accidentally met her death August 2nd 1870 aged 22 years.*

George and Sophie had been married in Rickingham Superior church the month before. The couple travelled to Switzerland and the day before her death, arrived at their hotel in good weather, with a friend of Sophie and two guides. The following morning they left the hotel at 3.30 am with an extra guide to climb Mont Blanc. By 10 am the weather had turned very windy so George went ahead with two of the guides to see if it was safe to continue and told the two women to stay with the remaining guide and said he would be back in about 15 minutes and told them to stay where they were. The guide accompanying the ladies decided it would be best to go back, so they set off down the mountain with the three of them tied to one another and Sophie holding on to the guide's arm with her friend behind them. Suddenly the guide and Sophie fell into a crevasse covered by snow. Fortunately for the friend the rotten rope broke and she was left standing on the ledge terrified. George heard her cries and rushed back and shouted into the chasm but there was no answer. The bodies were never recovered although they were searched for and their deaths are not recorded.

A funeral service was held in the English chapel in Chamonix a week later. George not only replaced the glass of the East window of Rickingham Inferior Church he replaced the whole of the stone tracery. The previous window, shown in 'Parish Churches' published in 1848 and drawn by R. and J.A. Brandon is completely different.

Beneath the window is another memorial to Sophie. This has been made from parts of the rood screen which the historian, Rev Edmund Farrer dated to circa 1430. This would have been removed at the



**Chancel East Window
at Rickingham Inferior**
Photo: Charles Greenhough

reformation but was found in with some old pews. The panels have been painted but the carving has been left unpainted. Beneath the panels is written "In memory of Sophie Marke August 1st MDCCCLXX." (August 2nd 1870).

This was not the only tragedy to hit the rector's family. His son, Richard Compton French Maul, was a lieutenant with the 3rd (East Kent) Regiment of Foot, The Buffs. He was sent to India but was invalided out of India in 1874 and was returning to England where he died on the journey on the 25th April, less than four years after the death of his sister. His father wrote next to his entry in the burial register "*died at Southampton on his way home from India.*" In Rickingham Church yard is a tall memorial which many people take to be a first world war memorial but this was presented by Richard's fellow officers in The Buffs. On the base facing east it reads "*To the glory of God and to the memory of Richard Compton French Maul late Lieutenant 3rd Reg The Buffs. His brother officers affectionately dedicated this cross July 1875.*" The west side says "*R.C.F.M. Died April 25th 1874 aged 27 years. Veteri Frondecit Honore.*" Translated this means "*Its Ancient Honour Flourishes. Its Ancient Honour is Ever-Green*" which is the Motto of the 3rd (East Kent) Regiment of Foot ("The Buffs"). Unfortunately, the cross has disappeared from the top of the memorial but old postcards exist showing the cross on top.

Rev Richard Maul did a lot of good work for the parishes of Rickingham Inferior and Superior. The livings were purchased for him by his elder brother John in 1850. At this time the rectory, situated in Hinderclay Road, was described as a cottage, but Richard enlarged it at the front, making it look much grander. He had 3 children by this time, and had three more children whilst living in Rickingham. At the bottom of the wall of the Victorian extension are bricks marked with RCM 1850 and RCFM his eldest son.

He gave part of his glebe land adjoining Rickingham Inferior churchyard, on which Rickingham school was built and opened in 1853.

The Rector's younger brother, Rector of Drinkstone, died aged only 35 in 1861 and he is buried in the churchyard just south of the chancel.

Rectors of churches were financially responsible for the upkeep of the chancel before 1923 and the parishioners responsible for the upkeep of the remainder of the church. Rev Maul employed the architect J.D. Wyatt to draw up plans for major restoration of the church in the late 1850s. The medieval stone piscina to the right of the altar was restored and new Minton floor tiles laid in the Sanctuary, with black and red tiles laid in the rest of the chancel. Silk was bought for an altar cloth which may have been the Victorian frontal used for the altar until recently. His total expenditure on the chancel was £222.18.4d.

Rev. Richard Maul died on the 4th October 1888 aged 67 and was buried next to his brother in the churchyard to the south of the chancel. There is a memorial window dedicated to him in the south wall of the chancel given by his widow. I feel the chancel owes much of its appearance to this man and his family.

For further information read Victorian and Edwardian Rectors of Rickingham and St Mary's Church Rickingham Inferior, both published by Quatrefoil.

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The Bypass and Main Road through Rickinghall and Botesdale

This month it will be 25 years since the Rickinghall and Botesdale bypass was opened by Jeffrey Stansfield the County Surveyor. The main road had run through the villages since they were first settled. As it was the main route from Bury St Edmunds to Yarmouth and Norwich there was a great deal of traffic going through the villages and the medieval market was established in Botesdale in the early 13th century to take advantage of this.

The main road entering Rickinghall has had its route changed many times through history. It was thought by Basil Brown that in the Roman period the road may have gone from Botesdale through Burgate to the Roman road, now the A140. He also thought that the original road that runs from Bury into Rickinghall ran north of the road that has itself been replaced by the bypass. Apparently Snape Hill, once called Gallows Hill, where the gallows had been situated, was so steep that the 18th century coaches had difficulty ascending it so a new road was made to the south. He thought the line of very old oaks that cross the field south of Snape Farm lined the original road.

Upon entering the village of Rickinghall the road went down what is now the drive of Stanley Cottage, to what used to be the front (and is now the back) of Bridge House, across Water Lane and continued approximately where Brook House stands today, nearly forming two sides of a triangle. It appears like this on the Enclosure Map of 1818 but by 1839 when the Tithe Map was drawn the road was in the present position in front of Bridge House. A sales map dated 1837 has the new road pencilled in as if it was in the process of being changed.

In the medieval period the villages had the responsibility of keeping the roads repaired. In many wills of this time people left money for the roads to be mended. In 1455 Walter Skynner, who had a house on the corner of Fen Lane and the Street, left 2 marks (26s 8d) 'To the repairing of the road in Rickinghall from the lane called 'Saryslane' as far as 2 marks will go.' In 1471 Alice Hervye left 12d 'To the reparation of a way called 'Bussyscloth.' Perhaps this was Bush Lane which used to lead off to the right at the end of Water Lane and was probably the packway to Allwood Green. (1)

In the 18th century, Turnpike Trusts were formed to improve and maintain the roads, with tolls charged along the roads. The main toll gate was situated at the end of Botesdale village where the toll house still stands. In the 1920s many roads were still dirt. It was then that they were sealed - stones were laid and tar poured over them - giving work to men returning from WWI.

The road through the village was a busy one and it is thought that as early as 1936 a bypass had been suggested. After WWII the road became busier until in the 1980s there were, apparently, over 8,000 vehicles passing through the villages every day.

Although many people wished to have a bypass because of 'the heavy volume of traffic with its attendant safety risks ... the trouble caused by traffic jams and the disturbance caused to those living in properties adjoining the Street', there were those who thought it would cut off the village and that trading would be drastically reduced.

In 1987 a public meeting was organised in Rickinghall Village Hall to discuss the four routes that a bypass could take. They were:- *Route A* – Outer Southern Option. (This was the one adopted).

Route B – Inner Southern Option. This would go nearer to the village than *Route A* and join the Diss Road near the water tower beyond the end of Botesdale village.

Route C – Inner Northern Option. This would go north of the villages, crossing the Hinderclay Road just beyond the Church Meadow houses, going north of Rose Lane and again joining the Diss Road at the Water tower.

Route D – Outer Northern Option. This would go north of Snape Farm and the Rectory, crossing the Hinderclay Road it would continue to the south of Broom Hills and again go north of Rose Lane joining the Diss Road at the water tower.

Most people preferred *Route A* and this is where the bypass runs today.

An Action Group was formed in 1989 to monitor the bypass proceedings and put pressure on the County Council to get the bypass built at the earliest opportunity. (2) In December 1992 the action committee heard that they had not been included for a bypass in 1993. However at last in October 1994 they were informed that work on the bypass would start in February 1995 to finish by September. Field walking and excavations were carried out by the Suffolk Archaeological Unit before work started. (3) The total cost was about £4.3 million. The approximate length is 2.6 miles.

The bypass was officially opened following the two minutes silence at 11 am on 11th November 1995 at the junction of Bury Road with the new bypass.

This was followed by a barbeque at the Bell Inn, Rickinghall. Events such as a Vintage Car Cavalcade along the bypass at 11.45am, a pram race between the Bell Inn and the White Horse Inn at 1.00 pm and a procession of decorated floats at 1.30 pm were organised to celebrate the opening.

Several businesses reported an increase in trade after the opening of the bypass because customers could park and cross the road more easily. As more people have more cars the village street is again getting busy but so far it is not as bad as in the pre-bypass days.

(1) *Wills of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, Suffolk Records Society*

(2) See Brian Chandler's articles *Parish Magazine*, November & December 2005 (3) *SCC Sites & Monuments Record RKS, RKN & BOT* see Brian's article April 2009

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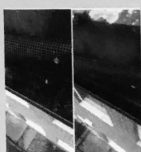
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Nyall's Notes

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I have a friend who is a Christian. He has a great nephew who is in his teens and is into such things as skate boarding. Recently he had a very bad accident; something that involved him hitting his head very hard on the concrete producing significant damage to his skull, bleeding on the brain and brain damage itself. Things looked very bad and it was questionable whether he would live and if he did, whether he would be a cabbage or able to live anything like a normal life again. He was in hospital and under intensive care.

The Christians in the family prayed about the situation asking God for healing and peace for his parents as well as the rest of his family. His parents aren't Christians. Whether they prayed about the situation and asked for God to intervene, I don't know but what I know is that they not only encouraged the Christians to pray but asked that they did so. They showed considerable enthusiasm in their requests for prayer for their son.

Considering the initial situation, what happened was remarkable in that the lad made great strides in his recovery and now is back at school and, although still suffering a level of memory loss, is able to learn and is expected to do well.

One would have thought that having seen what the Christians there would describe as an intervention of God, that those parents would be making some move towards God and wanting to explore Christianity more but none of it. There can be no doubt that the medical profession did a really excellent job but they did ask for prayer, they got that prayer and God can use the medics to accomplish what he wants.

This isn't the only case I have experienced recently when someone has asked for God's help but once they had what they wanted, have totally ignored him. I have come across a man whose hands were badly injured and promised God that if he would provide healing he would follow him only to forget about it for years and years.

What does God say about this? What is his attitude to those that treat him in this way? He could say, "Human beings are ungrateful sods," and turn off any concern or love for them completely. We'd be very tempted to do exactly that.

We don't go much for the word sin these days but wouldn't it be reasonable to consider such lack of gratitude sin? If you are prepared to go that far you will find that God doesn't turn off his love and care but has gone the extra mile giving the life of his Son, Jesus to pay the price and purchase forgiveness for it and has that forgiveness on permanent offer for those that will turn to him.

That is all it needs. You may not understand church or what is said there, you may find it tedious and boring, you may not see the need for it and hate the idea but you might just find some people there who have experienced the love of Jesus and can help you to get to know about him better.

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5 v. 8

Bill's Birds

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How strange that a male House Sparrow has a wife who is a dull grey, whereas he, himself, is a multi-coloured brown, black and white. His cousin, the Tree Sparrow, looks like him except for a brown back of neck, BUT, the Tree Sparrow's wife also looks like him!

The House Sparrow is No 7 in national popularity, whereas the Tree Sparrow is only No 28. We all know the House Sparrow as the one that we see most of, but the Tree Sparrow, with its look-alike wife, frequents shrubs and bushes—well away from human beings.

Does the House Sparrow do better with no competition from his grey wife and the Tree Sparrow fare badly because of a look-alike wife? I picture a somewhat grumpy Tree Sparrow resenting a wife who looks like him all day, and this mirror-image wife, whereas the House Sparrow has no such pictorial competition! Just think of that.

I was musing such thoughts when wandering through the hides at Minsmere National Nature Reserve, without a heavy telescope. There are plenty of proud owners who are willing to show off, what is more they enjoy telling you what they have seen down the telescope. I was doing this once when I heard there was a Roseate Tern to be seen. It is similar to the 'Common Tern' with their red bills and legs and otherwise white all over. 'Could I have a look please?', I tentatively asked. 'Of course', and out came a wonderful description of this rare tern, visiting our East Coast in very small numbers in the spring. So, I got an excellent description of this rare bird, which has a black and red slender bill, a long thin body and a white tail.

What a sighting and description from a knowledgeable enthusiast, and happy to describe it to an ardent listener. What is more, he had a camera attached and I saw the tern as it had been in different postures earlier in the day. I am told that the male only had a loud rasping cry. How like human males, I thought!



Question :

Which looks the most disgruntled, the House or Tree Sparrow?

Let's be sensible — bird watchers should be looking out now for winter Field Fares and Redwings.

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GOING POTTY

A number of you have posed questions on the ethics of using plastics in the garden and in particular plastic pots.

I find plastic a useful material in the garden but only if I reuse it as many times as possible. Pots, seed trays, plastic cloches etc. all do their duty many times over. I do not see plastic as an enemy. It is the way we use it and dispose of it is the crucial factor.

We are all familiar with the appalling scenes of plastic pollution with discarded bottles and other detritus swilling around in rivers and the sea but at some point these articles will have been useful. Sadly the fault is people think they can simply throw things away and as if by magic, it will go away for ever!

I happen to prefer using plastic pots as they are far more robust than terracotta and are certainly lighter and don't dry out quite as quickly as their clay cousins.

All plastic pots should be washed and reused. It is as simple as that but most gardeners will have stacks of used pots especially if they buy in plant from nurseries and garden centres.

Ideally, I suppose it would help if garden centres could take back clean unwanted pots for recycling but the big problem is the commonly used black pot is difficult for pre-cycling machinery to 'read' so that route has reached a dead end.

I put this problem to my contact in the horticultural industry and was told there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to look for alternatives to the black plastic pot.

In fact, many more plants are now being sold in beige coloured fibre pots which the industry is keen to adopt as the norm.

These fibre pots, once surplus to requirements, can be disposed of in your home recycling bins. Best check first with your local authority.

It seems to make sense to me to create a circular economy for pots; by making them in this country, using them, then recycling so they can be turned back into more pots



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salt & pepper

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Thanks to Sara for her Mum's recipe

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Christmas is coming and you may find it difficult to go out to buy a present with the restrictions due to covid 19. If you have friends and relations who live, or have lived, in the villages of Rickingham, Botesdale or Redgrave they may appreciate the book of old photographs of these villages published by Quatrefoil in Portraits of Village Life. The photographs range from the Victorian period through to more recent times. The book sells for £10 and is available from Di Maywhort who lives in The Street, Rickingham, but please phone her first on 01379 898785.

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Di often sells the books at Rickingham Farmers Market but this is dependent on the weather at the moment with outside stalls. Any of the books which include Redgrave are also sold at Redgrave Community Shop. (Please check their opening hours)

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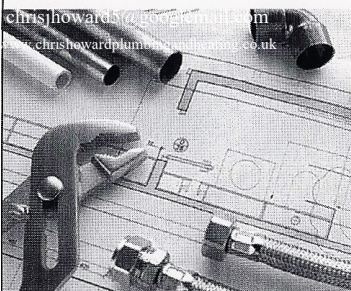
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FAKE POLICE SCAM TWO LOCAL LADIES

This month we are highlighting recent scams involving two elderly ladies living locally.

The con artists pretended to be from the police called the two separate victims homes saying they were investigating fraudsters and wanted the victims help with their enquiries and to that end they needed to withdraw cash from their bank.

What made it more plausible in one case they knew the name of the victim's grandson.

Both ladies were instructed to order a taxi to take them to their bank and withdraw £5000 in cash and return home to await a courier. They were given a code word to confirm with the courier.

Luckily, one of the ladies had a narrow escape. She became so confused at her bank she was unable to remember her PIN number correctly and the bank would not sanction the withdrawal and she left empty handed.

The other victim however did manage to obtain the money and later that day the courier duly arrived pass words were exchanged and the cash handed over. It was only later the victim realised she had been scammed. Understandably, she is feeling shaken, upset and very vulnerable.

A police spokesman said 'sadly this is a common and callous crime and the criminals are very convincing, so people must be on their guard.

Police officers never call people in this way and ask you to withdraw money or disclose personal or financial information. Anyone who receives a similar call should hang up immediately and not get involved in any dialogue with the caller'

If you are a friend, relative or carer of someone you think might be vulnerable to this type of trickery, please warn them and reinforce this advice. You might be the only person who can stop them falling victim to this despicable type of scam.

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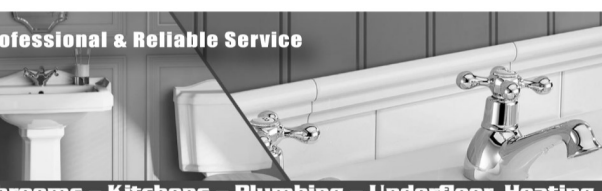
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November Church Notices



⇒ The **All Saints, Redgrave weekly 10:30am Sunday Holy Communion** service continues with a maximum capacity of 20 people to meet current guidelines - so we must ask people to book a place. Bookings are taken on a first come first served basis, and in response to an email that goes out towards the end of the preceding week. Those not on the email list can reserve a place by emailing Rev Norburn, revchris@rbrchurch.org.uk. The weekly email also has a YouTube link to our channel RBR Church for the live streaming of the service, or for later viewing. Thank you for your support.

⇒ Our service on **Remembrance Sunday** will start at 11am with the observance of 2 minutes silence.

⇒ We have some ideas for **Christmas**, but are reluctant to commit to too much detail at present. If and when things become clearer we will let you know as soon as we can. Christmas has not been cancelled!

⇒ Churches open for private prayer

The Chapel of Ease, Botesdale is open every Wednesday 9.30am-3.30pm.

St Mary's, Rickinghall is open every Saturday 9.30am-3.30pm.

Please follow these guidelines :

- wear a mask before entering the building
- sanitise your hands on entry to the building using the sanitiser provided
- leave contact details in the book (please use your own pen)
- maintain social distancing of 2m at all times, unless you are with people in your social bubble

Enjoy the space, peace and the time to know God's presence. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Parkview Chapel Sunday Services and Events

Doors open for services from 10:30am each week for refreshments

For more details on any of the following, please call Kev Gladwell on 01379 898924 or see <http://www.parkviewchapel.co.uk>

Please be aware that we are really keen to restart all youth and children's groups, Coffee On The Corner, etc. however you will understand why we cannot at present.

- - All services will also be live-streamed on to our 'Parkview Chapel' channel on YouTube - -

Sunday 1st	One service at 11.00am (including Communion)
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Sunday 8th	One service at 11.00am (including Communion)
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Sunday 15th	One service at 11.00am (including Communion)
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Sunday 22nd	One service at 11.00am (including Communion)
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Sunday 29th	One service at 11.00am (including Communion)
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At this stage there will be no other groups or meetings

- - Throughout our re-opening process we are continuing to adhere to Government advice - -

A friendly welcome to everyone at Botesdale Methodist Church services and events

At the time of going to press we are just starting to open for services. This is still a trial - details below may be subject to change. Please call 01379 890898 if you wish to attend a service to check the situation

Services (every Sunday at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday 1st	David Freeman
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Sunday 8th	Jane Mottram. Remembrance Sunday
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Sunday 15th	Local Arrangement
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Sunday 22nd	Rev David Ely
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Sunday 29th	Sue Goodwin
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From the Registers

19.9.20	Marco Di Cesare and Amanda Blazewicz married at Rickinghall St Mary's.
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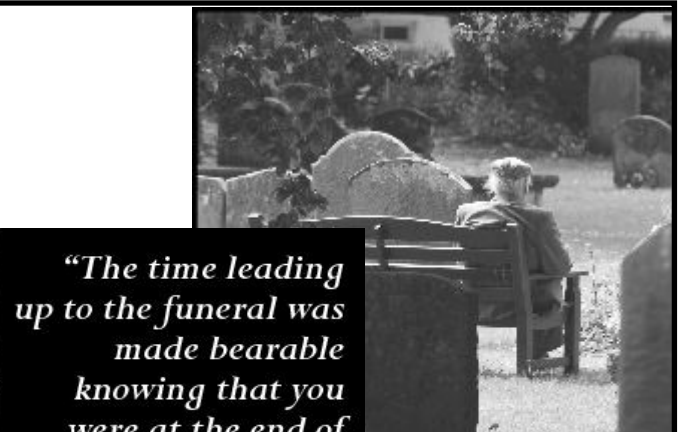
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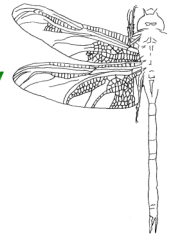
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To ALL Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall Residents

COVID-19/Coronavirus Outbreak

These are worrying times but as a community it is good to know that we have been helping and supporting each other. Many of you are already helping friends and neighbours, so thank you for all that you are doing.

This is a reminder of the coordinated plan that we've established to safely offer assistance to anyone, in the community, so that everyone can receive the help they need.

During this time of lock down many people have volunteered to help with the following:

- Shopping
- Picking up a prescription
- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call
- Walking your dog
- Light gardening

We are also happy to talk to anyone and, when required, to refer people to other organisations offering support locally and nationally.

If you **need help with any of the above**, **or** can **offer** to help with any of the above please contact one of the following:

Rev. Chris Norburn	(Church of England)
01379 898685	or revchris@rbrchurch.org.uk
Mr. Brian Shurmer	(Botesdale Methodist Chapel)
01379 890898	or b.r.shurmer42@gmail.com
Mr. Kev Gladwell	(Parkview Chapel)
07557 784152	or kevin@parkviewchapel.co.uk

Volunteers will then be offered any relevant advice and guidance before their name is passed on to people in need as and when they are requesting help.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1Peter 5v7

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N.B. Coronavirus/Covid-19 is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash hands regularly. Items should be left on the doorstep.

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

