

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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Foreword from
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What do we mean by believe?

The Apostles Creed, is a statement of what the Christian Church believes in. It is one of a number of professions of faith used by many Christian denominations. It starts with the words "I believe in God". So when this phrase (which in other Creeds can read "We believe in God") is used what does it mean? Maybe you have asked the question, or you've been asked it yourself, "Why believe in God?" The word God is a difficult one. How do you describe God? But God is not the only difficult word in the statement or question. What do we mean by believe? The word is used in two senses. It is used in an intellectual sense, as a little stronger than 'think'. I firmly believe that there is a God. I have weighed up all the arguments and I know there is a God. However, the word "believe" can also be used in a personal sense of trust. "I believe in God" means "I trust him". Clearly this second sense of trusting is far more significant, yet it is not unrelated to the other sense. It is difficult to trust someone if we do not believe they exist!

At the end of the day those who believe in the Christian God do so because their imagination has been stirred by the person of Jesus, His Son. We may have philosophical reasons for believing in God. We may be attracted aesthetically to the beauty of the Christian God, but our attraction to Jesus is in large part a moral attraction. He is the person in history who shows up all hypocrisy and self-centredness for what it is, and He personifies goodness and love. Response to such love is a moral act. We want to believe in him. We may still have intellectual doubts and difficulties; we may still be perplexed by the problem of suffering and evil in the world; but if we turn away from His attraction, His call, we have rejected what we can see to be good. In the end of the day the Christian believes in the Christian God because He has reached out and touched our lives and has given us the grace by which we can respond. Faith is a gift.

Intellectual doubt is not the opposite of personal faith; however uncomfortable it may be to hold them together. We have faith in a God who is too great for us to comprehend. The early Christians emphasised the mystery, the unknowableness of God. It was the gnostics – a group of people who thought Christianity was primarily about knowing the truth - who were major opponents of Christian orthodoxy in the early days and not the agnostics. There is at least as much danger in pretending to too much knowledge before God as to doubting the knowledge that we have.

A Christian who is asked 'Why believe in God?' can point to many arguments. But it is highly unlikely that such arguments are conclusive for everyone. The reason why we believe in God is likely to be much more specific and personal. There will be a multitude of reasons why a Christian believes in God. Perhaps your imagination was stirred by seeing or meeting other Christians and being attracted to their way of life; perhaps your imagination was stirred by hearing or reading the Bible or a talk on it, or watching a YouTube clip about God and Christianity; perhaps your imagination was stirred by sharing in an act of Christian worship; or, maybe you were brought up in a Christian family, whose treasured way of life you come to make your own by personal conviction through experience. We may explain this in a hundred different ways, but ultimately we will have been attracted, inspired, challenged, captivated, by Jesus of Nazareth. His story has been interpreted by the Christian church as the key to living, both in this life and beyond it.

For me I believe that Jesus' story shows us what God is like. I also firmly believe that behind and within the world, as we know it, is a loving God, a Father, who gives His Holy Spirit to inspire human beings. As a Christian I believe that this God is living and active now, at this very moment! He does not wait for us to find him, but calls to us first. I believe that somewhere, somehow God is as close as our breath and touches us with a sense of wonder at His mystery and glory. He does this during the height of our good times as well as during the painful depths of life. I believe that He speaks to me when I am at the end of my tether. Whenever He speaks I catch a glimpse of a vision of God's mystery and glory and I begin to pray and worship Him. Believing in God for me, and so for all Christians, is not primarily something we achieve. Churchgoing is not primarily a duty. Believing in God is our response to God's first coming to us; and worship and prayer are our response to God's prior call to us.

In a moment of quiet can I encourage you take time to listen to God gently calling you to believe in Him. If you hear Him, respond with these simple words, "Thank you for calling me to know you. I receive your eternal love and life into my heart as I welcome you through your Son Jesus into my life." If you wish to explore believing in God further do get in touch with me using the contact details above.

With every blessing.

Chris Norburn.



Please note the following changes to the **Local Services Directory**

The latest version of the directory is available online at

<http://stmarysrickinghallinferior.onesuffolk.net/local-information/>



Deleted	Entry	Notes
Ernie Baxter	Botesdale Parish Council	Resigned from the Parish Council

Message from the Team

Well it looks like summer has finally arrived—hopefully it will still be here when you are reading this.

I know the word volunteer strikes fear into the hearts of many but this magazine is produced and distributed by volunteers and some of them are reaching the age where they can no longer carry on. We could really do with some help with delivering magazines. Ten times a year doing a round close to you. The more deliverers we have the smaller the rounds will be.

We are also looking for people to provide us with some interesting articles—it doesn't have to be an ongoing commitment—we are always pleased to have a one-off. Please get in touch.

Charles Murray

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

STUFFING MEETINGS RESUME

- **Aug/Sep issue 12 Jul (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **23 July** (Fri)
- **Oct issue 6 Sept (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **17 Sept** (Fri)
- **Nov issue 11 Oct (Mon).** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **22 Oct** (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

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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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The old believe everything,
The middle-aged suspect everything
The young know everything
Oscar Wilde

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> > > Will We / Won't We?! < < <

That's the challenge the Parish Mag team has at the time of going to press - we do not know what decision will be made regarding the easing of restrictions on June 14th, with possible further return to normality on June 21st. This challenge is shared with those who want to advertise their events in this magazine - so please treat their entries with this in mind. Maybe they'll go ahead, maybe they won't. *Fingers still crossed...*



Back in Action!

Beyond the Wall gardens on the Thornham Walks estate open Sundays 12-3pm until 26.9.21 see www.beyondthewall.org.uk

Botesdale Breakfast and After School Club

The breakfast club will re-open from September, together with re-opening on a Monday. Both clubs will be running Monday through to Thursday. We will not be running a summer club this year. Bridget Simms-Baalham and Sarah Raynham, both leaving the club at the end of July/September respectively, would like to thank all the families who have supported the clubs during one of our most difficult trading years and hope that they will continue to support this very much needed business in the future. Contact Bridget or Paula on 07952 961285 or botesdaleoutofhours@gmail.com

Car Show and Craft Fair returning to Rickinghall Village Hall in May 2022

Dance Fitsteps every Thursday at 6:00pm in Rickinghall Village Hall. To book a place, call or text Jill on 07800 639141

Farmers' Market - See ad below. Contact : rickinghallvh@gmail.com

Pilates classes have restarted at Rickinghall Village Hall for more details contact Eleanore Garwood 07881 814146

Places of Worship - See the *Church Notices* on the back cover for the denominations' activities

RAHOF - See ad opposite

Redgrave & Lopham Fen  Celebrating Suffolk Wildlife Trust's 60th birthday, things are going wild again! See www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org or call 01473 890089

Redgrave Church Heritage Trust - See ad opposite

Redgrave Cross Keys Come and see *The Heaters* at 9:00pm on Saturday 24th July

Rickinghall Country Music Club - The country dances will resume in October

Rickinghall Ramblers Rambling July 9th, 19th, 30th, August 9th, 20th, September 3rd, 13th, 24th (start at RVH at 9.15am)

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust - See opposite for Ride and Stride event in September

Wattisfield Motocross is back! See ad below



Working on it!

Heritage Circle Meetings have been postponed until August at the earliest. Contact : Gerry Gurhy

Redgrave & District Ladies Club - Nothing new to report yet. Contact : Rosemary Docherty

Redgrave Church History Workshops

These history study days held in St Mary's Church, Redgrave, have had to be suspended due to Lockdown. Although it has not been possible to resume the programme this year, the position is under review. We will be in touch as soon as we know what can be arranged. Contact : June Shepherd / the Redgrave Church Heritage Trust

Redgrave Luncheon Club - In the current difficult climate the Redgrave Luncheon Club has had to be suspended.

Rickinghall Further Education Group (RFEG)

Rickinghall Further Education Group is delighted to announce that it has plans in place to run a shortened (5 weeks) course of lectures in October this year. Please know that if you are already on our mailing list as a regular attendee you will be written to soon. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, do please telephone Sue Emerson on 01379 897010 or email her at Emerson500@btinternet.com.



Rickinghall WI aims to resume its normal programme of events on the 2nd Thursday of each month from July 2nd.

Motocross Wattisfield Hall



Sunday 4th July

Solos - Allcomers, NGR and South Eastern Evo
Practice from 10.00 and 11.30 start for first race
www.dissmcc.co.uk

Rickinghall Farmers' Market

9.00 am to 12.30 pm



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Auto Jumble

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Saturday 10 July

> > > July-October Events! < < <



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Events in support of Rickinghall Inferior Church

July 2nd : **History of St Mary's Inferior** (Roy Tricker - see below)
Friday October 1st : **The Friendly Invasion**, further details to follow
August 13th-15th : **Art Exhibition** in Rickinghall Inferior Church
Saturday 11th September : **Ride and Stride** (see ad below)

Roy Tricker, who has written several books on Suffolk Church buildings, will be coming to Rickinghall Inferior Church to speak on Friday 2nd July at 7 pm.

The lower part of the round tower is the oldest standing building in our three villages and is about 900 years old, with the rest of the building dating from the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th centuries which makes this building of national significance. The panel of unusual glass in the east window of the south aisle was added to commemorate the millennium. A terracotta plaque commemorating Basil Brown and the discovery of the Sutton Hoo ship burial was presented by the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History to commemorate 70 years from the discovery.

Roy is an interesting and amusing speaker and has been interested in churches since the age of 4 and was awarded a British Empire medal last year for his services to churches.

Admission is free but donations for the fabric fund will be welcome as we had to cancel all fundraisers during the pandemic. Please would you ring Jean Sheehan on 01379 890237 to book a seat (and leave your telephone number or e mail address) to make sure we can socially distance if the restrictions have not been fully lifted.



Quatrefoil is pleased to offer a series of 15 books published on various aspects of the history of our three villages of Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall. Some of the books are available at Redgrave Community Shop (see their advert for hours of opening).

Books can be bought from Di Maywhort who lives near to the Co-op, Rickinghall, but please ring Di on 01379 898785 first. The books can be seen on the Quatrefoil website www.quatrefoil.org.uk

Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodlands

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Monday 26th July 2021 at 7.30 pm

In the Function Room of the Bell Inn, Rickinghall

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RAHOF (RICKINGHALL AREA HOSPICE FUNDRAISERS)

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Quizmasters : Mike Webb and John Kilgannon
Friday 22nd October
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We need volunteers who can also be sponsored to sign in Riders and Striders at the Churches and Chapels in Rickinghall, Botesdale & Redgrave through the day, if you can spare an hour or more contact Lynne Wills tel 01379 890732.

For downloading sponsorship forms and using "Just Giving", plus lots of information about the day see web site <http://ridestride.org/> or, contact the organisers below for information & paper copies of the sponsorship forms :

- Melanie Wildish for Methodist Chapel tel 01379 687286
- Bob Hayward for St Mary's Redgrave tel 01379 898726
- Lynne Wills for St Mary's Superior, St Mary's Inferior, The Chapel of Ease Botesdale 01379 890732

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SATURDAY	12 - 9	12 - 8
SUNDAY	12 - 6	12 - 3

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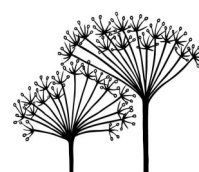
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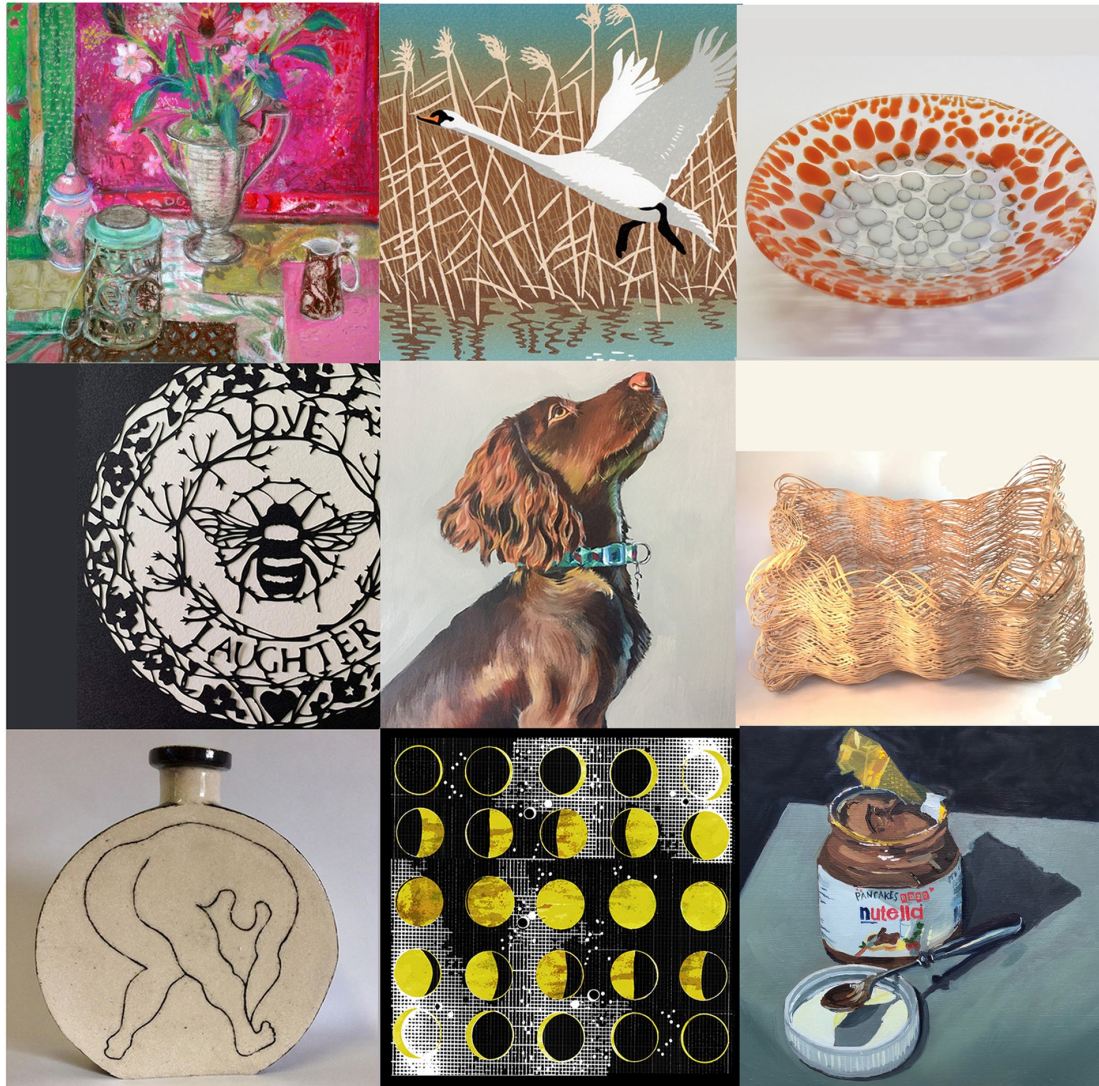
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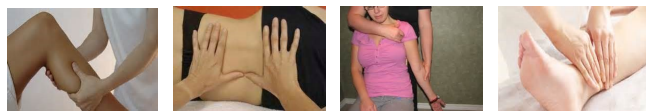
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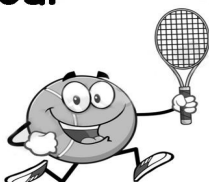
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Community Woodland

There seems a lot to report this month (June).

Our own inspection of Miller's Orchard was followed up by a professional one, which confirmed that there were no pressing issues to be dealt with. It's nice to have that reassurance as the trees are quite big.

The parking area outside Northfield wood and the main path have been mown on instruction by the Parish Council and the side paths were refreshed by Patrick, so it is very easy to see where they are and to walk unhindered. The summer season is catching up on us.

The bench in the central circle of fruit trees has been refurbished and is looking good.

We have just had a session on Low Meadow mainly to remove the cleavers from the hedge before they seed; it is a pernicious weed that is effective in dragging down young shrubs if left alone. The hedge is doing better than we expected and hides the fence with some greenery.

The AGM has now been booked for 26th July at The Bell (see the notice). Please feel free to attend and meet us all.

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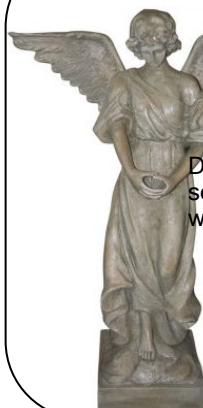
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This community-funded service has been flying for more than twenty years and needs to raise £15 million a year to deliver and develop the service. The teams have now been tasked more than 30,000 times and flying 24/7 has been a long-term goal. EAAA is passionate about making sure the same level of service is available to the people of East Anglia no matter what time of day and night they are taken ill or are involved in an accident. For the first time, thanks to the generosity of local people, that ambition is a reality.

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As we are expected at the current time to offer table service, there were three lovely ladies dressed in black with clean white aprons and little white caps, freshly hand sanitised and all ready to deliver freshly baked goodies to our guests at the table - well, two lovely ladies and me, that is!

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, word had not gone round. The posters were out for over a week beforehand, but it would seem that many didn't read them and our usual horde of visitors did not appear. Sadly, there were just 15 of us in total.

Having said that, those that came did their best with the lovely array of refreshments and perused what was on offer on the bric a brac stall, with one or two people going away with their new possessions.

We raised just over £52.00 - very generous considering the number of guests - and this money will go to Centre Point, the charity helping homeless young people in London and other cities. We are sure that the money will be put to very good use.

In case you were one of those who missed the chance this month, PLEASE NOTE ... we will be "doing it all again" on **Tuesday 13th July** and really hope that you can come along, enjoy the refreshments and the company and get to know some new folks.

As with this month's coffee shop, we will be offering table service, there will be hand sanitiser bottles on all the tables, and if the weather is fine we will have tables outside. We will be operating a one way in and one way out entry and exit system. If you have any questions, do please get in touch.

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Sue Allen

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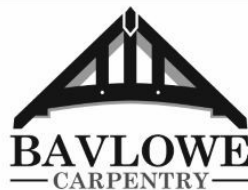
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Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



Report from the June 2021 Botesdale PC Meeting

Four members of the Parish Council were present, with apologies from Greg Russell.

Public Forum: County/District Cllr Fleming reported that the annual meeting of the County Council took place on 27 May following County elections. The Conservatives have retained a majority at Suffolk County Council and Matthew Hicks continues as Council Leader. Priorities for the new administration are supporting vulnerable residents, strengthening Suffolk's economy, focussing on the environment, and providing value for the taxpayer. Councillor Matthew Hicks said that in the next four years, Suffolk County Council will increase educational standards, engaging with programmes from the National Literacy Trust; maintain the OFSTED Outstanding rating for Children's Services; address local road conditions and flooding through a £20m investment; invest £14.5m in upgrading or building new waste recycling centres; and continue construction to provide 800 new places for children with Special Educational Needs.

Cllr Fleming also reported on **SCRAP – Suffolk's Fly tipping Action Group** which includes all councils, the Environment Agency, Suffolk Constabulary, the Forestry Commission, the Broads Authority, the National Farmers' Union and the Country Land and Business Association. The main message of the SCRAP code is for homeowners to exercise caution when considering using any independent provider of disposal services. Just follow the SCRAP code:

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Correspondence: The PC had quite a lot of correspondence this month but would like to draw your attention to one item in particular – an offer of trees and hedgerow plants from Mid Suffolk District Council. They are offering a rolling programme of planting over the next few years and also support establishing new meadows and open spaces. Identifying potential locations for trees or hedges is the first phase of work. If you have any questions, please email to biodiversity@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan: Please see our special article in this magazine.

Recreation Ground Regeneration: Along with this magazine you should receive a copy of the Botesdale Bugle with an 8-page article on our plans for the Botesdale Recreation Ground. There is lots still to do so please have a look at it and get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Footpaths: We are still working to get Suffolk County Council to address the flooding issues on Bridewell Lane and repair the surface of the footpath but it is slow going. We have also reported the worn steps near Hilltop. If you find any other problems with footpaths please report them at <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> It's quick and easy!



Sarah's Wood



We've talked a bit about Sarah's Wood, as we are now calling it, but you may not know the background of the upcoming transfer of this site to the Parish Council's ownership. The wood next to the school has long been a popular hangout spot for the young people of the village courtesy of the late Sarah Holt-Wilson. Her daughter Sophie Chappell of Redgrave tells us that she talked often of the local children and the importance that they "had a place to run and play and discover nature, herself being such a fantastic gardener and nature lover". Thus, it was her condition of sale to Burgess Homes that the wood be made available to the pre-school and school. The Parish Council is committed to seeing this through and has consulted with the pre-school and school to check that everyone is happy with the results. We are liaising with Burgess Homes to make sure that Sarah's Wood comes to the Parish Council in tip-top condition, and we are pleased to ensure that it will remain in community ownership in Sarah's memory.

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Redgrave May 2021 Report – by the Clerk

Seven councillors attended this meeting with apologies accepted from Angela Bigley, Frank Gillett and Jason Walker. The Parish Council was pleased to return to the Activities Centre for the meeting which was properly masked and socially distanced!

Public Forum: There were no members of the public.

Planning: There was one application for Listed Building Consent for Minton House, The Street to make timber frame repairs and replace the concrete render with lime render. The PC had no objection.

Neighbourhood Plan: The revised version of the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council on 11th May 2021. There will now follow a period of public consultation to allow for comments on the revised plan to be made. The consultation period will run from 26th May to 16th July 2021. The consultation is being run by Mid Suffolk District Council and all of the details including how to comment on the revised Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan are on their website at:

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-mid-suffolk/redgrave-neighbourhood-plan/

All comments must be submitted in writing to Mid Suffolk District Council and not to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group or Redgrave Parish Council. Once the consultation period is over, the Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to an Independent Examination which will take place over the summer. Please keep an eye on both the Mid Suffolk and Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan website (www.redgraveneighbourhoodplan.com) for updates.

Activities Centre Site Lease: The Parish Council has been assured by the Redgrave Amenities Trust that it has the lease negotiations with the Llanover Estate in hand. The PC is of course keen to ensure that the facilities on the site remain available to the community and has reiterated its offer to help in any way it can with the negotiations.

Traffic Matters: Gressingham Foods has kindly offered to purchase a new speed gun for the Speedwatch group which will be more reliable and lighter, making those long sessions a bit easier!

Active Travel Consultation: If you haven't already contributed to the Consultation, please do. Mid Suffolk District Council is asking residents and communities about improvements they would like to see in their local walking and cycling routes and facilities. It is a

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www.baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is and you will be asked to place a marker on a map showing the location you are interested in. You will then be asked to fill out a short form with some details and your suggested improvements. The more people who respond, the better! The Parish Council has made its own response requesting pavement on the B1113 from Charters Towers to the junction with Fen Street.

Do you need trees or hedgerow plants? Mid Suffolk District Council is offering free trees and hedgerow plants to groups in Mid Suffolk - regardless of whether you are planting on council, parish, church, or private land. All you need to do is let us know what you want to plant and where including:

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If you need advice, you can contact the Redgrave Tree Warden, John Preston, on 01379 890974. Otherwise, please contact the Parish Council and we will let you know how to apply.

Play Area: We have ordered an inspection of the zip line and hope to have it back in good working order as soon as possible.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 2nd JULY

at 7.30 pm

Redgrave Amenities Centre

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Rickinghall Parish Council



Parish Council Report June 2021 by Cllr Stephen Pattenden

Rickinghall Parish Council met on Thursday 3rd June at 19.30 in Rickinghall Village Hall; the first face to face meeting this year although face masks and physical separation were observed. As usual, the meeting was chaired by Geoff Short and parish councillors Gillian Crossley-Holland and Stephen Pattenden were in attendance. Cllr Sally Smith gave her apologies for absence.

Currently Rickinghall Parish Council is very short of councillors and needs additional councillors to bring it up to its full complement. Being a parish councillor helps keep your village in order, sorts out problems, keeps an eye on and advises on planning issues and it is a really interesting way of giving to the community.

Before getting down to its monthly business the meeting is opened up to the public so that items of importance to people in the village can be aired and if they impinge on the matters of the meeting, they will be taken into account. This ensures that everyone in the village can be heard.

Members of the public attended this month to express their concern about a planning application at The Homestead, The Street for a new bungalow at the back of the property. The land surrounding the proposed bungalow has an existing access on to St. George's Drive, but there are right of access issues, and concerns about safety and visibility from that access. While right of access issues are not a concern of the parish council for planning matters, it would be a significant issue for future owners of the bungalow since they might well find they had no legal access. There was also concern about the access of builders and other supply vehicles blocking St. Georges Drive and The Street.

These issues were then discussed in council and while the Parish Council could raise no objections to the planning applications, it was agreed that the planners should be made aware of the potential issues.

We next discussed the planning application of The Uplands (a listed building) to replace their existing sash windows with like for like replacements. The Parish Council had no objection.

News from Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) was that they are asking for input on what the parish need in terms of improved routes for cycle tracks and foot paths, so do go online to www.baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is if you have any good ideas. Also, there will be a fund for planting trees and wildflower meadows provided via MSDC. Contact the PC for more details.

Rickinghall Village Hall has requested funding for a firework display around 5th November. There was some discussion around this and it will be reviewed once it has been confirmed that the event will go ahead.

There was a short update on the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan funded out of CIL funds from the development sites around the villages with a Consultancy Article now published. One of the projects is the Skate Park and we are just waiting for confirmation of funding from MSDC. It's hoped to start the project in the autumn.

If you are new to the village, do let the parish clerk know and we can provide you with a welcome pack that will introduce you to what happens in the village and where everything can be found. Please also let us know if there is anything you'd like to bring to the Parish Council's attention as we are here to help, and should you wish to support the two Rickinghalls by becoming a parish councillor, you will be very welcome.

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Giving instructions for cats

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=Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa.

Cradle cat in right arm and repeat process

=Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away

=Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm while holding the rear paws **tightly** in left hand. Force clamped jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of 10

=Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Summon spouse from garden or wherever. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, holding the front and rear paws **tightly**. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing mouth open with a wooden ruler. Drop pill down ruler, remove ruler quickly, close mouth and rub cat's throat vigorously to encourage swallowing.

=Retrieve cat from curtain rail, discard soggy pill and get another from foil wrap. Make a note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered Doulton figurines from hearth and set aside for gluing later.

Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visibly protruding from beneath the armpit. Place pill in drinking straw, force cat's mouth open with pencil, place drinking straw in cat's mouth and blow down drinking straw.

=Check pill wrapper to make sure pill not harmful to humans, have a glass of water to take taste away.

Apply dressings to spouse's forearms and remove blood from carpet with appropriate Stain Devil.

=Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill.

Place cat in cupboard and close door on neck with head showing. Force open mouth with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band catapult.

=Fetch screwdriver from toolbox and replace cupboard door on hinges. Apply cold compress to your cheek and check records for date of your last tetanus shot.

Throw tee shirt away and get another one from wardrobe.

=Ring fire brigade to retrieve cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

=Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind to leg of dining table. Find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed. Force open cat's mouth with a small spanner. Push pill into mouth followed by a large piece of fillet steak. Holding head vertically pour a pint of water into mouth to wash pill down.

=Get spouse to drive you to A&E. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill from right eye. Call into the furniture shop on the way home to order new table

=Arrange for the RSPCA to collect the cat and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters



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ice

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Lemon slices

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Exploring the Past

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Parish Magazine- July 2021 Camper Van

Due to the covid pandemic people have been unable to go abroad for holidays, and staycations are in vogue at the moment. People are beginning to appreciate how beautiful the British Isles are and, as a result, camper vans have become very popular.



We bought an ancient Bedford dormobile in the 1970s and had some lovely holidays in it. We bought it mainly because we had one of the two village shops in Redgrave, Waveney Stores, which also housed the post office. We had three young children and found it difficult to get away for holidays. The post office did not pay holiday money so if we wanted to go away we had to pay for a replacement postmaster. By having the dormobile my husband and I took it in turn to have a holiday and take the children in the school summer holidays. We also went off some Saturdays after the shop closed to places like Cromer and stayed for Sunday when there was no Sunday opening at this time.

The dormobile was also useful for going to the wholesalers on our half day to stock up the shop. Frank did a free delivery service in Fen Street, Blo Norton and Hinderclay so it was used for this. I had started a boutique in one end of Waveney Stores and we were often being asked to put on fashion shows in local villages for various charities. My children modelled the childrens' clothes when we first started to do this and my long-suffering friends modelled the ladies clothes, with Frank acting as compere. Sometimes the groups liked to model the clothes themselves. I packed the clothes in long brown boxes which our stock arrived in from the East Anglian clothing wholesalers and these fitted in the dormobile well. I also used to travel to the clothing manufacturers in the East End of London to buy clothes.

The dormobile also came in useful for events happening in Redgrave. In the 1970s a group was formed to try and raise money

to build a village hall. Frank was on this committee and several fundraisers were arranged. One of these was regular discos, one for young children in the early evening followed by another for teenagers. The committee bought a large deck for the records with loud-speakers etc. The discos were held in the large garage at June and Brian Shepherd's home at Crossways, Redgrave. This property had belonged to James Francis earlier in the twentieth century who carried on a steam threshing business, so the garage may have originally held his machines.

The village hall committee organised a week-long Redgrave Festival in 1975 with at least one event on every night. When the events were held on the knoll or the school playing field our dormobile was used for the record deck and PA system. June and Brian's garage had been converted by volunteers into a theatre named The Dog House and many events for the festival were held here. Fortunately, there were no health and safety regulations to comply with in those days. Although the festival was a great success and raised quite a lot of money the costs for a village hall always rose quicker than the money available over the next few years and in the end the money was used towards leasing the playing field and building the present activity centre.

The first journey in the dormobile that the children and I had ended in disaster when we went to stay with my cousin in Hampshire. We had only had it three weeks and the driving experience was completely different to the Hillman Minx I had previously. It only had three gears, instead of the four I was used to, and the gears were on the steering column instead of the floor of the car. The hand brake was to the right of the driving seat instead of to the left. On the journey there I had managed to come off the A3 and ended up in Guildford which was having road works at the time. We had to stop at traffic lights on a steep hill and although I had put the brake on I was gradually going backwards. One of the children said the man who was in the Mercedes Benz behind us was looking very angry and it turned out I had hit his headlight. As the lights had changed and we were holding up the traffic I signalled to the driver I would go round the corner to exchange names and addresses for insurance which we did but this was a mistake. We were in Guildford High Street which was even steeper and we were in the wrong lane of traffic as I needed to turn right. I edged into the right hand lane and had to stop again with the men mending the road at the bottom of the hill. The car started to go backwards down the hill again and I pulled on the handbrake but nothing happened and my foot slammed to the floor as I pressed the foot brake so I steered to the right and ended up in a Rumbelows van parked outside its shop and wrote their van off. At least I did not hit the men working in the hole at the bottom of the hill! The AA took the dormobile to a garage who repaired both sets of brakes and my cousin came and collected me and the children. Frank asked me why I did not put the car into gear but I was confused by the gears being on the steering wheel and did not think of this.

Despite the terrible start we continued to have lovely holidays but I always felt panicky if I had to stop on a hill, especially when I was driving in the Peak or Lake districts or Scotland, and even on Grapes Hill in Norwich with the dormobile packed with boxes of tinned beans or dog food etc. after visiting the cash and carry for the shop.

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Exploring the Past Again

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Memories of Brushing from Ray Cook

Brushing, as it was called in the village, was a term given to organised flushing of wild game birds by beaters in order to drive the birds towards sporting gunmen.

There were lots of organised shoots in and around the village when I was young. Local boys and men were recruited for the day to act as beaters. Shoots took place on most Saturdays throughout the winter shooting season, but I was only able to go along on National holidays, such as Boxing Day and New Years Day as I had a Saturday job.

It was normal to go along to Broomhills House and hope that not too many turned up because only a few boys were taken on for the day. I was always lucky enough to be picked. We got into the trailer and went off with the gamekeeper to the first drive. 'Wop' Garnham was gamekeeper at the time and other men were there to help and to direct the boys.

This was, at the time, an all male activity. Although we didn't mix with the shooters at any time, I don't recall ever seeing any ladies present.

As this was a winter activity the weather was often cold damp and miserable. There was lots of walking involved through woods, marshes and wet ground. Most boys still wore shorts all year and we had no such things as wax jackets to protect us from the brambles and thorns. On wet days Wellingtons would often become heavy with mud sticking to them. We all carried sticks to help push through the undergrowth in woods, and to beat the grass or foliage to flush the birds towards the waiting guns. We did a variety of drives each day though the woods, fens and agricultural land.

The area known as The Butts was a regular drive and before it was drained it was just wild rushes and reed beds. This was a huge area of valley fen with cross drains and a few well hidden wooden plank bridges. The fen followed the stream from Botesdale to Redgrave road near Redgrave Lake, westward below Broomhills House almost to Crackthorn Bridge near Buttons Duck Farm (now Gressingham Foods). A real wilderness full of wildlife including the now locally extinct Cooty.

The shot birds were collected by the gun dogs and hung up in a covered trailer. Pheasants were the main prey as well as partridges, and surprising numbers of woodcock and snipe.

At the end of the day we were driven back to Broomhills and paid for the day's work. I can't remember what the pay was, but if there had been a very good bag we were sometimes given a brace of pheasants as well. My brother and I used to help prepare these for cooking. Hen pheasants were easier to pluck but both produce enormous amounts of feathers.

I haven't participated in any shoots since I was a boy and it seems cruel to me now, but at the time it was considered a normal part of rural life. At least all the birds were eventually eaten and the meat is superior to farm raised birds. It was a way for us to get our hands on some cash in the days before pocket money became the norm.

We finished the day cold, scratched and tired but were assured of a good night's sleep.

Robin Davey's Memory of 'Brushing' for the Squire's Saturday Shoot 1954/55 1955/56.

As a young teenage lad growing up in Rickinghall in the mid-fifties, one way of earning some pocket money, during the winter, was to 'go brushing'.

I would leave home armed with a packed lunch and a big stick, to be picked up by lorry on the corner near the Lower Church. The lorry, which also collected men and boys from Hinderclay, Botesdale and Redgrave, had low sides and an open top, therefore open to the elements, but considered a perfectly safe mode of transport.

My stick was probably the same one I used to chase rabbits in the harvest fields. Most boys in the village had a stick along with a catapult and either a pocket or a sheath knife. Interestingly, none of these items was considered dangerous to carry either by parents or the authorities.

We would be taken to the starting point of the first 'drive' and get our instructions from either Mr (Jock) McDonald or Mr (Wop) Garnham, who were employed by the squire as gamekeepers. Both were amiable enough gentlemen as long as you did as you were told. Lads who played around were soon dismissed and had to make their own way home.

There would probably be about twenty of us, a mixture of men and boys. I don't recall any girls taking part. We would line up several yards apart to walk across fields and meadows, through spinneys, copses and woods, driving or 'brushing' the birds towards the guns. We kept in a straight line as much as possible which was fairly easy across open ground but much more difficult in woodland. Flooded ditches and hedges also provided interesting obstacles. There would always be an experienced beater on the end of the line to keep us in order.

The 'game' consisted mostly of pheasants and partridges with the occasional woodcock. Some of the birds would sit as tight as possible and used to frighten the life out of me if I nearly stood on one. They would also run along the bottom of a dry ditch to try to get back behind the beaters so we were sometimes asked to stand in a ditch to stop this from happening. This was also a bit unnerving as pheasants are large birds and can be quite aggressive.

Perhaps the worst crop to 'brush' through was kale especially when it was wet. The kale was taller than I was so it was like getting in a cold shower. Most of us would be wearing Wellington boots and a coat of sorts but nothing very sophisticated in the way of waterproofs so some days we got pretty wet.

During the course of a few weeks we would cover most corners of the squire's estate. Hinderclay wood (much larger then), How Hill, Broom Hills, Osier Beds, Botesdale Butts, Redgrave Park and Lake, New Waters, Burgate Wood, Stubbings Wood and Barley Birch are all places that come to mind.

We stopped for lunch at some strategic point and then the squire and his friends would disappear into a farmhouse or cottage for refreshments. The beaters, on the other hand, had to make do outside but we were all offered a bottle of beer. Unfortunately, I hadn't acquired a taste for alcohol at that age.

The shot birds would be hung by their necks on a special rack in the back of the lorry, so as the day went on, if we needed a lift, we had to share the space with the dead birds. I don't recall being fazed by this. As I've already mentioned, I found live birds much more frightening.

The last shoot of the day would be about 3.00pm, after which I would either make my own way home if only a short distance, or be given a lift. As I often arrived home wet, cold, muddy and scratched 'brushing' was not an easy way to earn spending money.

I don't know how much the adults were paid but I think I was given 10/-. By today's standards this may not sound much but in those days I could buy a bag of chips from Mo Wills or Mr Shaw's fish and chip shop for 3d.

Many thanks to Ray and Robin for these memories.



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I was amazed to see so many people in London demonstrating against the Covid vaccine when hundreds of protesters took over Parliament Square. Many in the crowd claimed the coronavirus pandemic is a hoax while others protested against the idea of vaccine passports. There were placards that read: "My body, my choice". Several people set off smoke bombs and one launched a firework. One anti-lockdown protester said he was protesting "because I want to be free and I want you to be free and the government are lying to us". Another woman said she was attending the protest because the press "are lying to us". Many of the demonstrators had travelled from other parts of the country. I don't know what these people hope their demonstration will achieve but, for some reason they do seem to want to impress their beliefs on others.

I do know someone who is vehemently opposed to 'getting the jab.'

"I'm not prepared to be a guinea pig," he said.

"Not even the 33 millionth one," I replied.

As the conversation continued he became more and more vociferous, less and less logical, claimed that he had proof having watched some YouTube videos and I ended up thinking that he must simply have needle phobia.

It seems to me that people believe what they want to believe and don't wish to be confused by the facts. When emotions clash with facts emotions usually win.

That makes my life, as an ambassador for Jesus Christ, very difficult. When I look at it I find the evidence for there being a God who sent his son, Jesus, into the world in order to rescue us overwhelming. Unlike the anti-vaccination crowds, I have a good reason to tell others but I know I am up against, in the words of one protester, "I want to be free and I want you to be free and the government are lying to us".

How many deaths do we have to see before that man will believe? The worldwide figure is approaching 34 million. How many cases? The figure is put at 172 million. How much suffering is required? How much will governments spend? Yet these people will go out of their way, spend their time and money getting there to protest that this is all a hoax. You only have to look at the data, to use an in expression.

So where is my data when it comes to my role as an ambassador for Christ? Where are the records telling us how Christianity arose? What is the character of the founder? What did he teach? Are his teachings good or bad? Does he appear good or bad or mad? If we embodied those teachings into our beliefs would the world be a better place. I'm thinking of: turn the other cheek – go the extra mile – love your neighbour as yourself – love your enemies.

The death rate for the human race isn't a mere 172 million. These teachings tell us how, while we might die, we can live. Even their claims make them important, they are readily available, yet rather than read them people would prefer to pick up their ideas from YouTube.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians Ch 5 v.20



Little Ouse
Headwaters
Project

*'In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.
And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day.'*

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-94)

That little poem prompted bitter sweet memories for me (from many years ago!) as we move into the height of Summer. This is butterfly time. Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers are commonest on grassland. Dragonflies will be zooming over water, the largest being the Emperor; the male is blue and the female green.

Meadowsweet, with its heady scent, should be in bloom in damp places and the heather should be starting to flower on Hinderclay Fen. The orchids on Middle Fen in Thelnetham may well still be in flower due to a slow start in cold May and they are worth a look. If you are in that area, we have cut a wildflower walk on the river end of Reeves meadow and all other paths have been mown so walking should be easier.

Kingfishers will be using the Little Ouse so look out for a flash of brilliant blue. One of our members spotted a Red Kite over Rickingham so maybe these beautiful birds are moving into our area!

Our work parties have been in full flow since lockdown eased in May, but we are being cautious about planning events in July and beyond until it is clear where we are with 'unlocking'. As I write this, things seem a little uncertain. Updates will be on our website: www.lohp.org.uk, and at www.facebook.com/lohproject or www.twitter.com/lohpproject

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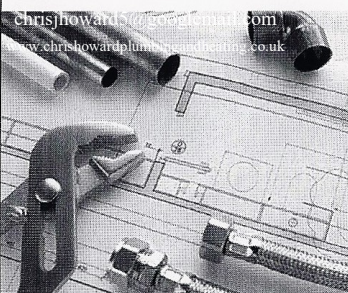
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B&R Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) - Update

The *PIIP Steering Group*, made up of parish councillors and residents, has met to document, assess and prioritise the responses from individuals and organisations in Botesdale and Rickingham. Please see the resultant *Draft Project List* below. You can find more information about how this list was put together and more project details at www.botesdale.onesuffolk.net or www.rickingham.onesuffolk.net

If you are unable to get online and would like copies of documents, please call 01379 890141.

The *Project List* is a guide to help Botesdale and Rickingham Parish Councils prioritise infrastructure needs and aspirations of the community alongside future spending decisions, particularly where funds generated from local development are concerned. All projects were initially prioritised using an objective scoring system (see *Guidelines for Prioritising Projects* online), followed by a review by the *PIIP Steering Group*.

A project is considered a *lower* priority because :

- it benefits too few people
- there are barriers to taking it forward, eg no land available
- it is the responsibility of another local authority to deliver it, eg roads and signage

However, some project priority levels are boosted despite these barriers - for example, public rights of way projects. Footpaths and pavements are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council, but they featured so prominently in the consultation responses that they were moved up the list.

Finally, some suggestions that came out of the consultation were simply impractical to take forward or were considered the responsibility of the local organisation that would benefit. In those cases, we have given organisations advice on getting grant funding.

The Draft Project List

Please note that, although the PIIP consultation has identified the following projects to be addressed in the order shown, further investigation may expose unforeseen difficulties that delay them, or prevent them from being completed.

First Priority:

- Botesdale Recreation Ground – large regeneration scheme to existing site
- Rickingham Recreation Ground – new skate park to replace existing equipment
- St Botolph's Primary School – Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for playing field
- Parkview Chapel – new equipment for Youth Club
- Public Rights of Way:
 - improvement to surfacing of footpaths after local consultation
 - widening of pavement on Hall Lane between Redgrave and Botesdale
- Cycle Routes – establish new routes and connections following local consultation
- Community Transport Scheme – contribute to a replacement vehicle

Second Priority:

- Natural and Wildlife Features and Habitats Recording Project
- Blue Plaque Scheme
- Botesdale Village Hall – improved storage
- Rickingham Village Hall – new heating system
- Public Rights of Way :
 - establish new Permissive Path routes following local consultation
 - set up a marked 5K & 10K route for local runners
- Sarah's Wood, Botesdale – establish access, security and management plans
- Parking Provision – survey public parking areas within the centre of the villages

Third Priority:

- Local History Information Boards at churchyards and Botesdale Market Place
- Feasibility study for a purpose-built multi-use community building
- Rickingham Day Centre – provision of new seating
- RABBATS – provision of new equipment, if this service can be re-instated
- Allotments – provision of additional plots
- Roads and Signage:
 - Repairs to minor roads
 - Replacement of damaged or missing road signs
 - Directional signage for Methodist Chapel and Bowls Club

If you have any comments or queries, please email, **by 30th July**, rickingham_pc@bopenworld.com with the subject line "PIIP" or write to PIIP, Wayside Cottage, Cherry Tree Lane, Botesdale, Diss, IP22 1DL

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Rickinghall

At last! The first meeting of Members since before Lockdown last March took place on a lovely sunny afternoon in the gardens of our former President Jennie. We had held several Tea and Chats in Committee Members' gardens, limited to 6 people of course, over the last 2 months, but this was the first time we had all been able to meet.

We held a Strawberry Afternoon Tea with food provided by our committee members, who worked hard to see everyone got a drink, their fair share of savouries, scones (some with clotted cream and jam), strawberry sponge cake and strawberries and cream. As the sun shone members chatted away catching up with each other, some of whom hadn't met since before the lockdown.

Lesley, our Treasurer, held 2 fun quizzes, the first on 'Decorum or Deceit – Which Etiquettes Tips are fake'. For instance – 'Women should use flowers to attract men – True!', 'A lady never wears brown boots – False! ; obviously etiquette from a different era to now. The 2nd one was on facts related to Tea and Caffeine – very relevant at a tea party. It is true that the dust from ground coffee beans is used to put the caffeine in Coca Cola!

There was no charge for the tea but donations were requested for Multiple Sclerosis, a cause close to the heart of one of our committee members, and £135 was collected.

Our Programme of Events for the rest of the year was distributed. Our first meeting at Rickinghall Village Hall is on THURSDAY 24th June at 19.30. This will be an open social evening, the theme is 'Lockdown Projects' asking members and guests to bring along something they have made/done during the lockdown. If the easing of lockdown is delayed the meeting will be held outside (fingers crossed for good weather!). From July our meetings will re-commence on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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 4oz mushrooms, cooked and sliced
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 Thick slices of tomatoes for topping
 3-4 eggs and a little milk
 Seasoning

Roll out the sausage meat as if it were pastry and line a fairly deep flan tin.
 Layer in onions, bacon, mushrooms and cheese.
 Pour on seasoned egg and milk mixture and decorate with tomato slices.
 Cook for approx 40 mins @ 180 degrees (160 fan) until the filling is set and the sausage meat cooked.
 (a recipe taken from my Mum's cookbook)
 Thanks to Sara Schofield



This little fellow has been seen wandering around the end of Bridewell Lane recently. We think he may be a leucistic pheasant. Has anybody got any ideas?

A baptist minister observed a Roman Catholic priest blessing a horse before a race and noted that his horse always won. Seeking to take advantage of this observation, on seeing him bless a horse the next time he placed a substantial bet on it. When the horse came in last he accosted the priest and complained. "Your trouble," said the priest, "is that you are a baptist and can't tell the difference between a blessing and the last rites."

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Church Notices



Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls Church Services
(assuming the Government's Road Map is on schedule)

- ◆ 4th July – All Saints Redgrave
 - ◆ 11th July – St Mary's Rickinghall
 - ◆ 18th July - All Saints Redgrave
 - ◆ 25th July - All Saints Redgrave
 - ◆ All services start at 10.30am and will take the form of a service of Holy Communion. The service from All Saints, Redgrave will be live streamed on the "RBR Church" YouTube channel. We are investigating if we can stream from St Mary's Rickinghall
 - ◆ If restrictions continue we will have to comply, so please be patient if this means the above cannot happen
 - ◆ Both the Chapel of Ease, Botesdale and St Mary's, Rickinghall continue to be open for private prayer :
 - ◆ Chapel of Ease, Botesdale on Wednesdays 9.30am-3.30pm
 - ◆ St Mary's, Rickinghall on Saturdays 9.30am-3.30pm
 - ◆ If mask wearing and hand sanitising etc. continues please follow the guidelines on display in our buildings
- Rev Chris Norburn revchris@rbrchurch.org.uk

Parkview Chapel Sunday Services and Events

All services will be at Parkview Chapel and will include Communion.

Refreshments will be served to you at your seat from 10.30am each week - please wear a mask if you plan to join us, unless health dictates otherwise. All services will also be live-streamed on the 'Parkview Chapel' Youtube channel.

We are and will continue to pay full attention to government advice.

Please note that our "Virtual Coffee Mornings" on Thursdays are now discontinued.

Please call Kev Gladwell on 01379 898924 if there is anything we can do to help.

Sunday 4th	Service at 11.00am
Sunday 11th	Service at 11.00am
Sunday 18th	Service at 11.00am
Sunday 25th	Service at 11.00am
Events	
Tuesday 13th June	Coffee on the Corner at 9:00am
<i>At this stage there will be no other groups or meetings, and although we remain really keen to restart all youth and children's groups, you will understand why we cannot at present. http://www.parkviewchapel.co.uk</i>	

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

We have held services in the Church since late February, while being suitably distanced and safe. Despite not being permitted to have communal singing, our worship leaders have been innovative with audio visual alternatives. As far as we are aware, social distancing and wearing of masks may still be required, but we are hoping for relaxation of some rules when it is safe to do so. If you would like to come to a service it is helpful for us to know in advance so that we can be sure seating is socially distanced - please phone 01379 890898 for more information. Everyone is welcome to come to our services.

Services (all at 10.30am)	
Sunday 4th	A Local Arrangement
Sunday 11th	Rev. David Ely
Sunday 18th	Rev. Harold Wilkinson
Sunday 25th	A Local Arrangement
Events	
Tuesday 27th July	Coffee Morning

From the Registers

28-5-21	Funeral service and Burial of John Marshall, St Mary's Rickinghall. Died 11-5-21, age 92
29-5-21	Marriage service of Fred Barker and Sarah Dowsett, St Mary's Rickinghall
3-6-21	Internment of ashes of Maude Garnham, Hinderclay Church. Died 21-3-21, age 91
25-6-21	Funeral service of Janet Whiteside, West Suffolk Crematorium. Died 27.5.21, age 78

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