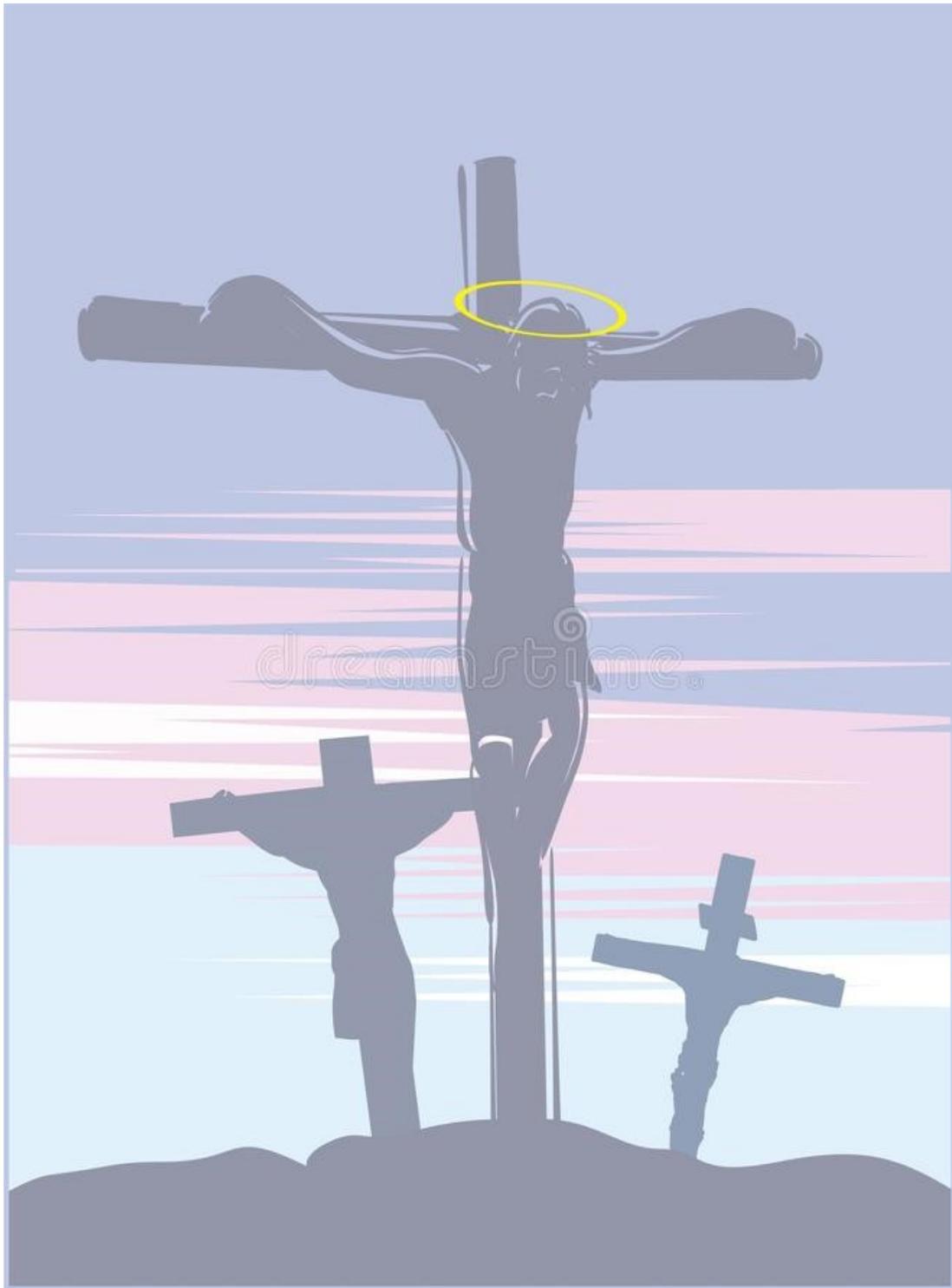


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Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

April 2022



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with the Rickinghalls
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Two years ago the whole world went into lockdown. Death was in the air, our streets were empty and the reality of our own mortality and so death was very much front of mind. We all hoped that when we came through Covid-19 we would be able to once again enjoy the freedom of the world, but sadly that is not the case. As I write this today, with Easter on the horizon, we still feel that death is in the air and very much front of mind as we seem to have jumped out of one hot frying pan into another with Russia's senseless invasion of Ukraine. Daily we are seeing horrific pictures of death and destruction on our TV as Russia is using great force to subdue people that they claim to need rescuing!

In the face of death what does the Christian faith have to offer? The answer is everything. In Luke 24:5-6 we are told: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." That is the central, most extraordinary claim of the gospel message. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Those that saw the risen Christ with their own eyes and touched him with their hands spent the rest of their lives talking about the resurrection.

In the Book of Acts we see that the early followers of Jesus were persecuted and martyred not because of what they said about His death but because of the resurrection. No one debated that Jesus died. The followers of Jesus were persecuted because they proclaimed that He conquered death and rose victorious. So Jesus is not dead. But His death paid the penalty for our sin, our wickedness, our wrong doings and the resurrection proves it. In rising from the grave Jesus stood against the evil of all satan's lies and schemes. Jesus' resurrection guarantees the greatest reality in the world. Hope in the face of death; victory over crushing sin and death. This is a message worth preaching in the midst of any situation where death is in the air.

This statement is not new: the gospel is drowned out more easily in times of economic prosperity and societal ease, for people forget fear. In times of fear, as we are now in, all should use every opportunity to witness to Him who conquered death by encouraging all who do not yet know Him to accept Him as their Lord and Saviour.

As Easter approaches let us all lift high the cross before the nation's eyes. Let us tell them of God who became man that we might be lifted to God. Let us tell the nation of Calvary and its painful groans and cries, and sweat and blood. Let us tell the nation about Jesus their Saviour hanging on a cross to save sinners. As we tell that Jesus saves let us tell them that He is able to save even at the eleventh hour, after all He said to the thief dying on the cross next to Him, "you shall be with Me in Paradise." God has a way of using whatever situation we are in to make himself known through simple acts of courage in a world paralysed and consumed by fear.

The Good News of Jesus rising from the grave proves He would eventually return and make all things right. Over the last 50 or so years in our nation we find evidence that this world is broken and breaking. Easter is another statement that our hope is as alive as Jesus. One day the world will be rid of sin, including all its causes and consequences, for one day God will wipe away every tear and there will be no more mourning and sorrow. But in God's wise and loving plan, that day is not today, yet today is a great day to tell everyone what will be one day.

For all intents and purposes the death of Jesus looked like the single greatest defeat God's people had ever experienced. Instead of ascending to a throne and conquering His enemies, the promised King had been humiliated and crucified. But at the precise moment when it looked like evil had won, God was wielding every ounce of wickedness to accomplish His greatest victory. Jesus rose to prove that God is sovereign even over the worst evil in the world. In the midst of this awful and senseless act of violence against Ukraine there is a love and a hope, and a Saviour, worth clinging to.

On Easter Sunday, however strange the circumstances, may we rejoice in Jesus and boldly declare Him to be the hope of the nations. The Christian Church in Ukraine is doing this, for which we are to give thanks and hold in prayer. As we do this we will be standing in solidarity with them in this war. We truly have Good News of a true hope to proclaim, that Christ is risen! Hallelujah! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

With every blessing.



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

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Message from the team

We must think about the terrible plight of the people of Ukraine and encourage our readers to donate via *DEC*, *World Vision* or the *British Red Cross*, as we are advised that cash donations are the best method of support at present.

Now the days are getting longer and Easter is almost here we should be well into spring. The early spring flowers have made a good show and we look forward to more.

Covid restrictions have been lifted and hopefully everyone is now getting their lives back to normal. As last month we have some full events pages so lots to look forward to for the spring and summer. Thanks as ever to all our advertisers and contributors

Charles Murray

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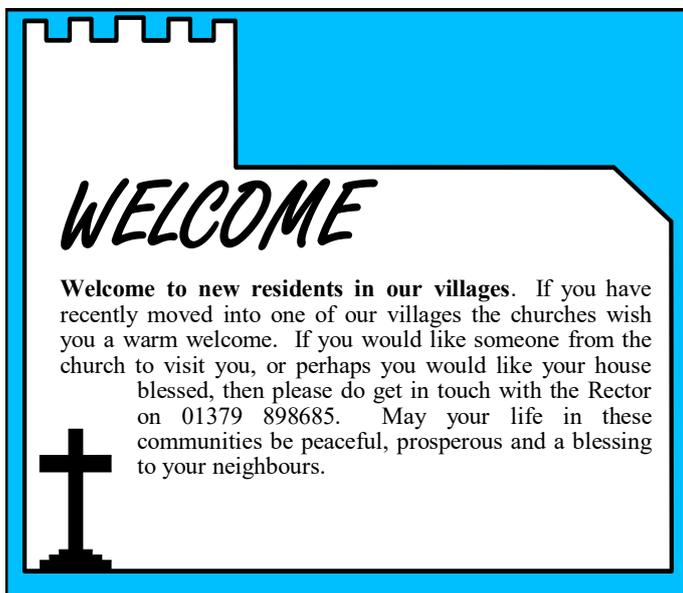
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- **Apr issue 14 Mar (Mon)** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on **25 Mar (Fri)**
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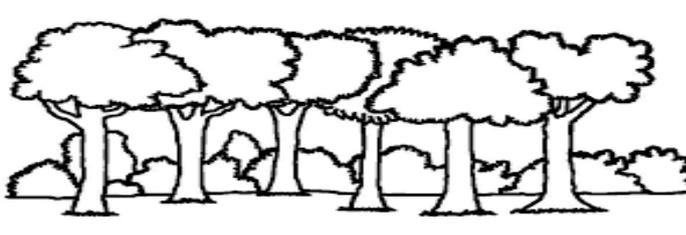
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SATURDAY	12 - 10	12 - 2.30 & 5 - 8.30
SUNDAY	12 - 6	12 - 3

Future Events:

Sat 16th Apr : *Easter breakfast -10am, children's egg hunt, crafts and games 12-2pm*
Sat 23rd Apr : *St George's Day Menu 6-8pm*
Tue 26th Apr : *Ian's Quiz Night 7pm for 7.30pm*
Sat 30th Apr : *Bike Meet & BBQ 12noon*
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- April 26th 7.00pm for prompt 7.30pm start Ian's Quiz Night
- April 30th 12 noon Bikes@the Keys and BBQ
- April 30th 8.30pm Norfolk karaoke and disco

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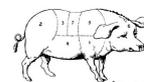
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- 6pm** Buffet at The Bell Inn Rickinghall

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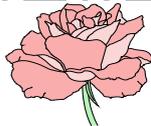
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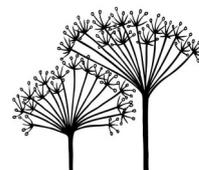
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What's On in May & June?



Green Redgrave Group "Saving Suffolk's Hedgehogs" talk

Thursday 5th May 2022
7pm at Redgrave Activities Centre

The Green Redgrave Group has been set up to help Redgrave become a Wildlife Friendly Village. Supported by our Parish Council the aim is to improve habitats for wildlife in our gardens and around the village. Please see articles in this, and previous, Parish magazines.

To coincide with Hedgehog Awareness Week, the Green Redgrave Group is very pleased to host a talk on "Saving Suffolk's Hedgehogs" presented by Paula Baker of Suffolk Prickles hedgehog rescue. Sadly hedgehog numbers in the UK are in very serious decline but there is a lot we can all do to help, including making our gardens hedgehog friendly.



Tickets for the talk are £3 per person (cash only please). This includes refreshments and a donation to the Suffolk Prickles charity. Available from Redgrave Community Shop or Elaine Brown on elainebbrown@btinternet.com (note extra 'b' in the middle). Or phone or text Elaine on 07944 196695. We hope to see you there.



Roy Tricker MBE will be giving a talk on the **history of Rickinghall Inferior Church** and his love of churches since the age of 4, on **Friday 13th May at 7pm** in

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Botesdale & Rickinghall Open Gardens

Sunday 19th June 2022 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

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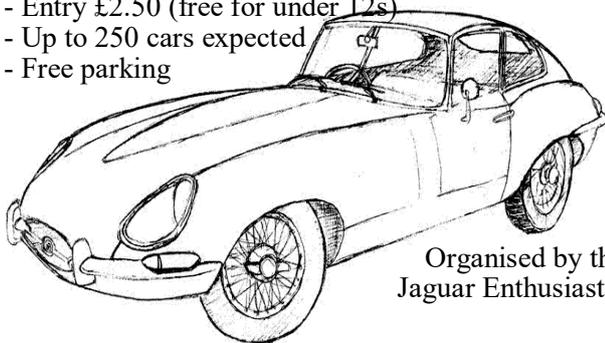
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25th June: "MIDSUMMER PIMMS IN THE PARK"

In Redgrave Park, by kind permission of Mrs A Topham With music by Hexachordia 6.30pm for 7.00 pm start Tickets £10. (From Paddy Richards, 01379 788010)
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4th Sept: "STEAMING AHEAD"-Open Garden Day

The Garden House, Chapel Lane, Botesdale, IP22 1DT 11am - 3.30pm. repeating the success of last September's happy event at this venue. A relaxed day for the family, with Guest Steam Engine, stalls and refreshments.

21st October: RAHOF ANNUAL QUIZ

Quizmasters: Mike Webb & John Kilgannon Hinderclay Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm start, Tables of 6. Light Finger Buffet, draw. Admission £9 pp. Book early! *Note: Please bring your own drinks & glasses.*

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Friends of St Mary's Church have agreed to host the **Food Museum's Touring Exhibition at Rickinghall Village Hall on 25th June 2022 from 10 am to 4pm** – see adjacent ad.

In addition to the Museum's exhibition there will be extra local displays and refreshments to raise money for repairs to Rickinghall Chancel roof.

Sarah Doig is organising a concert with **Hexachordia** and the Shakespeare Singers on **Saturday 13th August** in Rickinghall Inferior Church.

Further details next month.

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Sunday June 5th

- ◆ 10:30am : A community celebration service for Pentecost and the Jubilee hosted by the United Churches at St Mary's Church, Redgrave
- ◆ followed by a day of fun hosted by Rickinghall Village Hall and Park Radio :
 - competitions for baking, flower arranging, vegetables in the marquee
 - get your royal-themed fancy dress ready! 3 classes : 0-10; 10-16; 16-116!
 - dog competition - bring the corgis! Best under 1; best adult; best senior
 - over 35 craft stalls
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Botesdale Parish Council



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Report from the March 2022 Botesdale PC Meeting

All Councillors attended the meeting.

Public Forum: No members of the public attended the meeting.

Planning: There was one tree application to top a leylandii. There was no objection to this.

We also received an update on the development at Back Hills. All nine rented / affordable homes were handed over to Mid Suffolk at the end of January and some appear to be occupied already. Of the five shared equity homes, two are occupied with the remaining three expected to be occupied over the next month. This means Phase One is all complete. Two of the smaller private homes, beside the footpath, are also occupied, with a further five homes expected to be completed by the end of March. The final phase will now begin with an expectation that Burgess Homes will be finished on site in about a year. Some hedging, turving and planting has taken place beside the footpath and Burgess will continue with the soft landscaping as the build progresses. SCC has agreed to alter the street lighting in line with the main village. Finally, you might recall that the woodland is due to be handed over to the Parish Council, with sections to be used by the Pre-School and Primary School. Burgess is still a few months away from being able to provide safe access as this area still comes within the construction zone.

Recreation Ground Project: We are pleased to confirm that we have received £75,000 in District Community Infrastructure Levy funding and £15,000 from Mid Suffolk District Council's Capital Grants Fund for the Project. Other funding sources, including the National Lottery Community Fund, have been approached and we are waiting for the results. As part of our funding package for the project, the Parish Council has agreed a "Plan B", to complete the first step towards a Public Works Loan and get borrowing approval for £70,000 from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities. This will cover a shortfall if unsecured funding fails – an event we consider very unlikely – and would allow the project to go ahead on schedule. If necessary, it could be repaid with forthcoming Parish Community Infrastructure Levy. For an update on the construction phase and a new community art project for the Recreation Ground, please see our separate articles in this magazine.

Correspondence:

The PC has expressed interest in the work of an action group, Green Ixworth, seeking to form a strategic partnership of parish councils along the

A143, given the impact that new development in the area will have on the A143 traffic.

The PC has also agreed a request from the three Churches in the community to hold their annual Good Friday service in the Market Place on Friday, 15th April, at 10-11am.

Finally, there was a complaint about parking on Chapel Lane blocking a resident's drive. Suffolk Police retains responsibility for dangerous or obstructive parking and you can contact them on 101 or at www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/6-report-anti-social-behaviour. Please note that you can report incidents of illegal parking where there are restrictions (double-yellow lines etc) to our local Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) authority which is West Suffolk Council at westsuffolk-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report_street_parking_infringement or email parking@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

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6.30pm ~ Monday, 4th April 2022
Botesdale Village Hall

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Please email local organisation reports to the Clerk by 27th March.

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Redgrave Parish Council



Redgrave March 2022 Report

Six Councillors attended the meeting. There were no apologies. Four members of the public were present. County Councillor and District Councillor Fleming attended the meeting.

Public Forum: There were no matters raised in the Public Forum. The Public were allowed to speak at the individual items on the agenda. Reports from Cllr Fleming were presented for Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. Full reports can be obtained via the Parish Clerk.

Planning: No planning applications were discussed.

Ongoing items:

Redgrave Recreation Ground: It was reported that there had been no response from Llanover to the PC's proposals of 24 Jan 22. After meetings in the past month with the BMSDC Chief Planning Officer and the Redgrave Amenities Trust it was confirmed that the Redgrave PC wished to avoid development on the Recreation Ground. A preferred option to allow continued recreational use of the land was to ask Llanover to consider reverting to an original development scheme proposed in 2018. Any agreement with Llanover based on such a proposal would be contingent on a new 25-year lease on all of the land currently allocated for recreational use. If such an agreement could be reached it would be reflected in the form of an amended Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan (RNP). The PC and BMSDC had previously agreed that the RNP would be progressed to Referendum in its current form and then reviewed immediately afterwards to reflect any agreement with Llanover. Llanover has been asked to consider this approach and the PC awaits a response.

Neighbourhood Plan: It was reported that some people in the village were confused by last month's PC minutes and the article in the Parish Magazine about the development of the Redgrave Recreation Ground. As noted above, the RNP has been submitted to the MSDC with no changes. It had previously been agreed with the MSDC that once the RNP had passed Referendum it would immediately be amended to reflect any agreement reached with Llanover. The Plan would then be put back for full consultation with the village.

Green Redgrave Group: The Green Redgrave Group (GRG) has formalised its position by the signing of its constitution. Initial funding has been provided by the PC and BMSDC. All funds will be placed in the Redgrave PC bank account until the GRG's account is made active, and for the time being all payments relating to GRG will be paid from Redgrave PC account. The PC confirmed that its insurance policy covered the GRG as its activities were being undertaken on behalf of the Council. It was also agreed that a tree would be planted on the Knoll to mark the Queen's Jubilee and that a plaque, to be purchased from the Royal British Legion Industries, would mark the planting of the tree.

Grass Cutting Contract: The PC agreed that activities in the Old School

Playing Field, and on the Knoll, required changes to the grass cutting regimes. The grass cutting contracts will need to be amended to reflect this.

Activities: The PC would welcome any ideas from the villagers regarding the Queens' Platinum Jubilee. Although the PC will not be organising any such event, it would be willing to support any event being planned by residents. Note that the Suffolk County Council is encouraging street parties and will waive fees for road closures and offer free assistance with traffic management. Applications for such support is required by Sunday 27 March.

www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent

Annual Parish Meeting: This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 6th April 2022 at 7pm. There will be reports from the various Community Activities.

Meeting Dates: The following meeting dates will all start at 7.30pm.

6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, (no August meeting) 7th September, 5th October and 2nd November. No meeting in December.

Vacancy: There is still a Councillor Vacancy available for co-option. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

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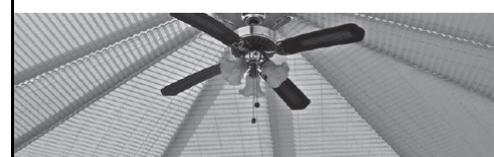
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Rickinghall Parish Council



Parish Council Report March 2022 by Cllr Brian Rhodes

Our March meeting was attended by five councillors; Cllr Stephen Pattenden had tendered his resignation due to poor health. The PC wishes Stephen well and thanks him for all of his service. The PC now has four vacancies and welcomes anyone who would like to become a councillor. Eleven members of the public were present at the meeting.

Jessica Fleming provided her reports from the Suffolk County Council and the Mid Suffolk District Council. SCC's 2022-23 Budget had been passed including a 1.99% increase in council tax. Suffolk is planning for a Festival of Suffolk in connection with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and details can be found on www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent. These include a Suffolk-wide Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June. It is also planned to plant 775,000 new trees (one for each resident) as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. The huge 2,792 acre Sunnica Solar Farm project in West Suffolk/Cambridgeshire has been found to be unacceptable to SCC. Also there are 850 children in care and SCC needs foster carers and adoptive parents www.suffolk.gov.uk/fosteringandadoption.

At the District Council level, it was reported that Mid Suffolk is not raising Council Tax this year. We were alerted to the outbreaks of Bird Flu particularly at a small holding near Westhorpe and at the Gressingham site in Redgrave. Owners of birds are reminded to report immediately any suspicions of disease to Animal & Plant Health Agency (Tel: 0300 020 0301).

The meeting then moved on to discuss the application for the Suggenhall Solar Farm where new documents have been added and a Re-consultation process is in progress until 15th March 2022. Members of the public noted the need for more non-fossil fuel energy sources but again voiced concerns over this application particularly with its immediate impact on wildlife, its impact on houses adjacent to the site, its visual impact on the immediate area and views from the Rickinghall documented walks. It was advised that information was available to state that St Mary's Rickinghall Superior church is in the top 2.5% of important listed buildings in the UK. While the applicant had reduced the area covered by the panels by 8%, this was not material and did not change the impact on local residents and the church. Further, the public believed the relocation of the DNO sub-station and associated buildings further away from Church Lane meant a greater impact both visually and potentially from increased noise. Although wider hedgerows were now proposed, there was significant concern that, given the number of years that these hedgerows would take to develop, they would not form an adequate barrier for many years and that this would not solve the issues of visual impact or those concerning glint and glare.

The public also expressed their view that this was valuable agricultural land and that, as the UK is not self-sufficient in agricultural produce, we should be using the land more. Additionally, it was felt that Suffolk was already "doing its bit" with nuclear plants and offshore wind farms at several solar sites and questioned the lack of government policy in siting new developments.

The PC recognises the need for moving to net zero and for new greener sources of energy but also felt that the suggested amendments to the application had not really changed its original view of the impact of the application to Rickinghall and particularly those living and working near the site. It was noted that the applicant had not responded to the PC's prior comment that the plans were not in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan and that the local environment, social and economic benefits were not proven. The PC agreed to write a further letter of objection offering more specific details on the reasons for its objection.

On other planning matters the PC had no objection to the re-instatement of wooden windows in the Grade II listed Hall House Cottage, The Street. The PC also had no objections to tree work at Redholme, The Street, at The Willows, Hinderclay Road, and at The Old Four Horseshoes, The Street.

It was noted that the Parochial Church Council had determined to close the churchyard at St Mary's Superior as this was now full. It was further noted that there was a request from an action group, Green Ixworth, requesting support from various parish councils along the A143, given the impact the many new homes in the area will have on the A143 traffic.

The PC had received a letter advising of a possible intention to apply for planning permission to build new houses on some land at the western end of the village. The PC will respond with information on the extent of the settlement boundary which might preclude development.

The PC had also received an anonymous letter from a resident concerning an issue he/she was facing. It is the PC policy not to respond to anonymous letters (in any case, since the letter was anonymous, we would not know who to reply to). Please note that we will keep your details confidential should you wish us to help with a matter of concern.

In terms of local events for the Queen's Jubilee, the PC was advised by a member of the Village Hall Committee, that a craft fair/fete is being planned for the holiday weekend. The PC advised it was intending to provide each of the village children with a commemorative coin.

Finally, work is underway with the fabrication of the new ramps for the Skate Park at Rickinghall Village Hall, which we hope will be installed later this month.

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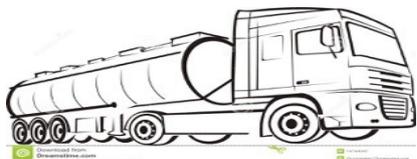
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OIL SYNDICATE



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Goff quoted a tentative price on Tues. 8th Feb. of 64.45 ppl, plus VAT, and expected this to rise by July.

Their price by the time the order was placed on Feb. 28 was 74.45 plus VAT, still significantly cheaper than their then 'normal' price of 77.95 plus VAT. They also needed 12 working days, as opposed to their usual 10, which meant in fact another 4 days, as this spanned another weekend.

They offered a quicker service, for a fee, but this quickly expired due to heavy delivery demand. All other suppliers were either more expensive, needed longer delivery times, or both, if they even bothered to quote.

David Sloan.



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Gordon Lawrence
Co-ordinator

Eco Church!

Red Brick Church is now a registered Eco Church! Our participation in the scheme run by Christian charity A Rocha, was unanimously approved at our last PCC meeting. The programme awards churches bronze, silver and gold awards based on their efforts to heal and steward God's creation – planet earth! The goal is for us to better learn as Christians what it means to steward the world, as we are told we must in the Bible. A Rocha forefronts community engagement and action in this scheme. We will be looking to interact more with the local community in a positive way, by working with the brilliant existing community projects operating here, and by organising our own. We already do some great things for the environment - like using a green energy provider, leaving areas of our church yards wild, and never using disposables. But there is, of course, more we can do. Going forward, we will be working on leaving as small an imprint as possible on Earth. If anyone would like to chat about Eco Church or has any questions, please contact Martha Duxon via email (marthaduxon1@gmail.com)

LEN NICE

A memorial is to be held in memory of Len Nice, late of Riders Way

The events are on **Saturday 9th of April** and are as follows:-

11am - Interment of his ashes next to his wife Mary at Botesdale Methodist church.

3pm - Football match at Diss Town FC which we have sponsored in his honour (He was President of the club).

6pm - Buffet at The Bell Inn Rickingham.

Anyone who knew our dad is welcome to come to any or all three events but we would especially love people to come to the pub to help us celebrate Len's life.

David Nice

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HERITAGE CIRCLE

The Worlingworth Feast Painting - Geoffrey Robinson

Geoffrey Robinson gave a very interesting talk about the Worlingworth Feast Painting to the February meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall. It is a painting displayed in St Mary's Church, Worlingworth which commemorated the Golden Jubilee of King George III in 1810.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations had begun on 25 October 1809. They were the first jubilee events organised for a British monarch. The day was a public holiday in London. There were fireworks, gun salutes and feasts. They showed a genuine affection of the people for George III. There was no mention of his occasional poor health, the loss of the American colonies or the King's possibly excessive interest in agriculture which had earned him the nickname, 'Farmer George.' Britain seemed to be in need of events to raise the spirits of the people. The country had been involved in an almost continuous war with France since 1793 which had led to a significant rise in taxation.

The jubilee celebrations concluded with the Worlingworth Feast which was held on 25 October 1810. It was organised by John Henniker-Major, 2nd Baron Henniker. He was an extremely wealthy and influential man. He had extensive estates in Kent and Essex, but his principal landholdings were in Suffolk where his main country home was Worlingworth Hall. The feast was attended by over 4,000 people who seem to have been residents in the Worlingworth area and employees of John Henniker-Major. A huge ox was roasted and considerable amounts of beer were consumed. The event was reported in the national and regional press.

An unusual feature of the feast was that it was commemorated in a painting by an unknown artist. This now hangs in the church at Worlingworth. The painting shows working people sitting on long tables enjoying the beef, bread and beer. There was dancing to a fiddle, hornpipe and drum. Pedlars are shown selling different goods, as if at a fair. A man appears to be taking the King's shilling to enlist in the army, with his wife trying to stop him. Some boys are playing cricket. There also seems to be a wedding party near the church. This is used as evidence that the sketches the painting is based upon were made at the time, as parish records indicate that there was a wedding in the church on the day of the feast. The Henniker-Major family are depicted on the fringe of events in front of Worlingworth Hall.

The painting has had a chequered history. The financial problems of the 5th Baron Henniker-Major forced him to sell off much of the estates in the late 19th Century. This was the result of an expensive lifestyle, combined with an agricultural depression and the need to support his 10 children. By then, the family had left Worlingworth Hall and moved to Thornham Hall where they still live. The family finances did not improve. The feast painting was part of a sale of family possessions in 1937. It was in a poor condition and was not bought at the auction. It was given to the community and has been displayed in the church since then. It was eventually restored in the 1990s.

The painting is unique as it is a record of social history as well as a representation of an exceptional event. It shows many aspects of the life of a rural community in the early 19th Century.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be on Wednesday 27 April at Rickinghall Village Hall when Martyn Taylor will give a talk entitled *Ghostly and Macabre - Chilling tales of Bury St Edmunds' supernatural past*. New members and visitors are very welcome.

Further information is available at www.heritagecircle.onsuffolk.net

Gerry Gurty

Coffee On



COFFEE ON THE CORNER

Once again, the sun shone on our Coffee Morning. I am never sure whether that means we get more visitors, or if they prefer to come in as a place to shelter from the rain on a less inspiring day!

Whatever the situation, we had five tables out that were fully occupied for most of the morning - how fantastic! We weren't sure if the ladies at the table in the far corner added something to the tea and coffee we had provided, but there was certainly a lot of laughter coming from them!

As we were supporting the fundraising for the new Community Bus, we had the company of Gordon Lawrence, the co-ordinator for the service, with us and he spent the morning chatting to our patrons. If you haven't used this service before, it really is great. If you are without transport and need to visit friends, get to the doctor or dentist, go shopping or to the coast or if you need to get to the hospital, either as a visitor or as a patient, then do get in contact. The number is 01379 897 109 and there is a 24 hour ansaphone if no-one is available to take your call immediately. The bus has 8 passenger seats and is wheelchair friendly.

Once again, our kind visitors made some very generous donations for their teas and coffees, cakes and savouries, as well as for some of the very useful items we had for sale on the bric-a-brac stall. In all, just over £116 was raised to add to the fundraising for the new bus. Thanks to all who donated and to the team who help me to put the whole event together ... I can't do it without you!

Next month, I am hoping that we shall be supporting the fundraising for a charity called "Starlight". They were set up originally to help grant the wishes of seriously ill children, but now do so much more, and recently, during the pandemic, they organised isolation packs to safely provide items to distract and delight children in hospital, they hosted virtual parties and normally offer anything else suitable to create a sense of escape from the difficult reality in which many of these children find themselves. In order to find out more about their services, do please come along next month when we will be "doing it all again" on **Tuesday 12th April**, with more refreshments and an opportunity to chat and make friends.

Also if you are someone who likes to take part in a quiz, do look out for the advertising for the Parkview Quiz Extraordinaire ... taking place on Saturday 2nd April.

Wishing you all the very best,

Sue Allen

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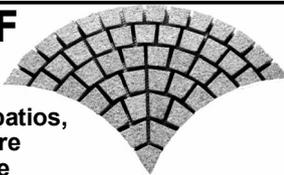
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How God might write to Mr Putin

Dear Mr Putin,

I see that you have taken part in Christian baptism and purport to being a Christian. May I take this opportunity to remind you of what I have had written in the Bible?

I am not accusing you of anything wrong as that is for the judgement which comes after death but as you consider your ways I would like to remind you of one or two things.

It tells you that "It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." It also states, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." Judgement takes place on what is done in the body. That means what you do here and now on this earth. What you and others are doing now will be judged. I'd like you to note that judgement takes place immediately upon death. There is no period of grace between death and judgement. There will be no pleading your cause. There is no mercy in heaven, as you have the here and now to plead your cause, and all may find forgiveness through Jesus Christ. That simply means confessing your wrongs and repenting of them. Repentance means turning from them and putting them right. Anyone can do that now and find peace with me.

Let me give you another picture of the judgement that occurs in the Bible: "I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

That is why the previous quotation talks of dying once and then the judgement. There is a second death after the judgement in which those who are deemed guilty are thrown into a lake of fire. It is presented as a place of torment that goes on for ever.

You can avoid this by repenting, by ceasing any evil activities and embracing the gift of life through my Son Jesus Christ. Grace is available to everyone here and now.

This is simple but that doesn't mean it is easy. It means ceasing any wrong that you are doing, it is likely to mean a loss of face and it means, where you can, putting right all those wrongs. It isn't easy but will give you peace and eternal life in heaven.

Grace is still on offer but if you wish to reject that grace, remember, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Yours,

God

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans Ch 6 v.23



Conservation & Community

*'From you have I been absent in the spring,
When proud pied April dress'd in all his trim
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,
That heavy Saturn laugh'd and leap'd with
him.'*

Will Shakespeare, Sonnet 98.

Everything starts to happen in April, as the days get longer and the temperature rises.

One of the earliest spring flowers is dog's mercury, which is a low growing woody plant with tiny greenish flowers between the leaves. Vivid yellow celandines will appear and sweet violets will be flowering.

Chiffchaffs will have been singing for some time now and some, like blackcaps, have not migrated at all because of climate change. In fact, there is evidence that some blackcaps have moved northwest from central Europe to the UK where they have been using bird feeders to see them through the winter. Lapwings should be incubating by now. Last year, a few pairs were successful in raising chicks in the Little Ouse valley - let's hope for more of the same this year!

We took a battering from the storms last month with trees damaged or down across several of our sites, blocking paths and landing on fence lines. Most of the damage was cleared up by our wonderful volunteers, though an experienced tree surgeon had to be employed in some cases.

We are continuing to put up waymarker discs on our sites. These have a QR code on them so if you scan the code it will take you to the relevant page on our website; www.lohp.org.uk We are also in the process of introducing new membership categories, so why not become a 'Friend of the Fens' (£10 a year) or a Supporter of the Fens' (£42 a year for a whole household).

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HISTORY WORKSHOPS AT REDGRAVE: Farewell Notice from Redgrave Church Heritage Trust

The History Workshop Study Days presented by Redgrave Church Heritage Trust for over 10 years in the Spring and Autumn at St Mary's Church, Redgrave, had to be put on hold in 2020, due to the Covid Lockdown. At the time we reported that an announcement would be made as soon as it was known whether these could continue post-Lockdown. Unfortunately, because of several logistical factors including the diminishing size of our active team, it is not now at all possible to continue these enjoyable study days. We are very sorry about this, and apologise sincerely for disappointing our many loyal supporters. The RCHT team has enjoyed these days as much as you all have. The Trust thanks everyone for their support, and for helping RCHT in its important work of maintaining St Mary's Church in Redgrave.

Bob Hayward (Chair, RCHT)
*June Shepherd (History Workshop
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At our March meeting we found ourselves in groups of 4, and one of 3,

for a quiz by Geoffrey Kay whose topic was entitled "Do you know your Monet from your Manet". Members were soon chatting away discussing the answers as the quiz covered much more than Monet and Manet.

It covered traditional artists such as Van Gogh, to L.S. Lowry, up to modern artists such as Picasso and Banksy. There were also questions about sculptures, including one by Sir Henry Moore and fashion designers. There were 46 questions covering a wide span where we were asked to not only name the artists, but in some cases the painting or sculpture title and where they are sited. Two teams tied on 40 so the winners were decided on a tie-break and won a prize of some miniature chocolate easter bunnies. Geoffrey was impressed by how knowledgeable most of us were, the quiz being deemed a success.

We had to cancel our February *Soup and Natter* at the last minute as the storm arrived with a vengeance on the 18th February but our March *Soup and Natter* is going ahead on Friday 18th March in Rickinghall Village Hall.

Rosemary Setterfield

First, a reminder of our public meeting, in case you wish to come:

Annual Meeting of Barwoods

Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodlands Project

7.00pm on Monday 11th April

at The Old Coach House, Water Lane,
Rickinghall

Northfield Wood is looking good right now and we are awaiting the spring burst of buds into leaf.

Birds are singing and, I hope, nesting. The early spring flowers have been lovely.

The funding for tree work in Miller's Orchard has been approved and we expect it to be done very soon. The annual Health and Safety check has been made with no new problems emerging. It is a real pleasure to walk along the footpath; even though it is close to the road, there is a sensation of peace and quiet inside the wood. Perhaps we should have a bench there too?

The only issue that spoils Miller's Orchard is the unremitting dumping of rubbish that continues - even though one transgressor was identified and penalised! We do have good waste disposal places (Stowmarket, Bury St Edmunds, Brome, even Thetford) not far away. Please use them; take your litter home and dispose of it properly!

Low Meadow, too, is awaiting spring. Dog walkers use the path regularly - there are a number of walks of different lengths leading off it. Do come and discover them.

Regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are not planning to put in a number of trees as we already have a lot to look after. However, we might plant one special tree in her honour. Watch this space!

The next work party will be on Sunday 3rd April, typically from 10.30am to 12.30, place undecided as yet, so it's worth checking.

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Exploring the Past

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Ukrainian Prisoners of War in Redgrave Park

I am writing this the day the English government has asked English people to take Ukrainian refugees into their homes due to the bombing of civilians in some of the major cities in Ukraine.

Women and children have been trying to escape the cities which are being bombed. At the start of the war they were escorted by their husbands to other countries on the borders of Ukraine, and then the men bravely returned to their towns and cities to defend them with guns and blockades against the Russian tanks and soldiers who were trying to invade their cities. Last night the Russians used 30 cruise missiles on a military base close to the Polish border. Many people died including a US news reporter. The noise of the sirens going off which we hear on the radio reminds me of the bombing raids in London during WWII. This will not be the first time we have had Ukrainians in our villages.

I was unaware that we had Ukrainian prisoners of war in Redgrave Park until I received a letter in the year 2000 from an NHS Doctor, living in England, asking if I had any information about his Ukrainian father in the POW camp in Redgrave Park. I suggested he wrote to George Stebbings, who was a teenager at the end of the war and had spent time at the American Army Hospital site and kept in touch with many of the doctors and nurses. The hospital in Redgrave was on the opposite side of the lake to the camp which was in Botesdale. George replied to him that he did not know his father but had worked alongside German POWs and later, Ukrainians. I have since collected all the information I can and I have a copy of a document dated August 1948 sent to the commandant of the POW camp saying that he would be receiving 80 Ukrainian POWs. I had always thought this was late as the war ended in 1945 and I assumed all POWs would have been repatriated. George refers to them as displaced persons. Many Ukrainians had been incarcerated in Italy and then sent to Britain.

Memories of local people speaking about Camp 56 at Botesdale refer to Germans and Italians living at the camp during the war who worked on local farms and seem to have been accepted by most local people. They were doing agricultural work and often walked through the villages to the local farms. They made toys in their spare time which they gave away to local children; they were probably missing their own children. They also made boxes which they exchanged for cigarettes. Some of them were even billeted with local farmers although there were strict rules for the farmers and prisoners to observe.

Beryl Churchyard, who lived in Botesdale most of her life, went to work for the War Agricultural Executive Committee (War Ag) at the camp site in 1945 at the age of 15. War Ag was set up to improve productivity on British Farmland and German POWs continued to work in agriculture in this area, before re-patriation. Some of them even chose to stay and work in Britain.

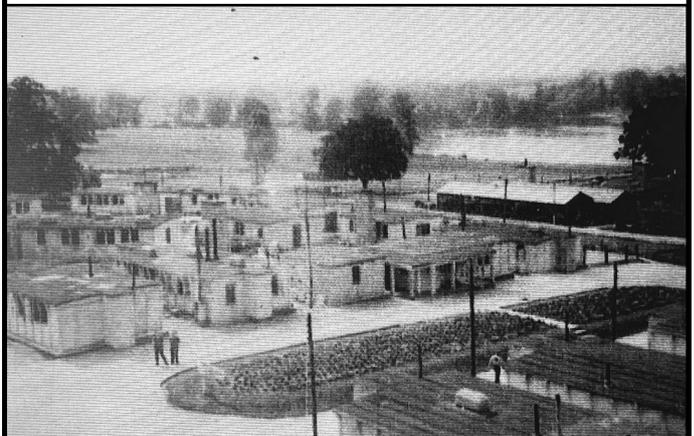
After the Germans left the Ukrainians occupied the camp until 1948. At least two of the Ukrainians remained locally. The father of the man who first wrote to me moved to Ipswich and started his own watch making business and married an Irish lady. Another man married a lady from Eye and lived there until he died at a late age. His obituary in a local paper said that he was born between the first

and second world wars in Ukraine after the Red Army's invasion and the Ukrainian Society Republic was founded. After the Nazi invasion of Ukraine and occupation he was conscripted and deported to Germany. He was forced to march through the night across Europe and eventually ended up in a POW camp in Italy, and was later shipped to the United Kingdom. After working at many farms around Britain for War Ag he eventually ended up at Botesdale.

A roll of permanent staff exists dated June 1947 which consists of a camp leader; deputy; chief cook; 9 cooks; 3 stokers; (dining hall) 2 cleaning, 1 service, 1 butcher; 1 canteen; 5 sanitation; 3 barbers; 4 tailors; 4 cobblers; 10 police; 2 teachers; (information room) 1 preacher; (next bit missing) 2 gardeners; 1 clerk (typist); 8 bakers; 4 store; and 4 woodmen. All the names sound Ukrainian.

After release, many of the POWs emigrated to North America. Some of them were sadly returned to Ukraine and were shot as deserters.

In a local paper, probably Eastern Daily Press or East Anglian Daily Times, date unknown, was an article headed Botesdale P.O.W. Camp in which it states that the MP for Eye, Edgar Granville, asked the Minister of Works in The Commons, what the camp was being used for, and when was the accommodation going to be released for agricultural purposes. The reply was that it was still being used for POWs and when they left in June part of it was proposed to be turned into a hostel for civilian agricultural workers.



Redgrave Park Prisoner of War Camp

The POW camp was then used as prefabricated houses until the council houses were built in Park View. The site of the camp in Redgrave Park was known as The Warren and the only part remaining is the old water tower which can be seen from the road leading from Botesdale to the bypass, the former A143.

Jim Healey was employed to work at the camp at the end of the war, and he took the photos of the camp from the top of the water tower, kindly made into a panorama by Chris Bell. His wife is Marcia, Jim's daughter, who has kindly given me some of the documents relating to the camp.

I pray that by the time you read this Putin will have ceased this unnecessary war.

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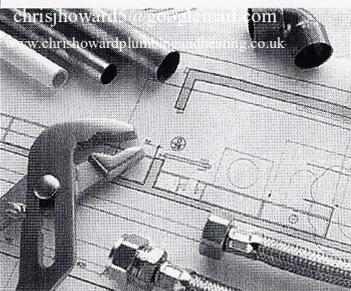
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Exploring the Past Again

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Memories of Redgrave School from Marcia Bell née Healey

I started primary school in Rickinghall at the beginning of the summer term in 1959 when I was nearly five. As I wasn't progressing very well my mother, Peggy Healey, arranged for me to be transferred to Redgrave School in September 1962. This was also more convenient for her as she had taken on the job of the headmaster's secretary there the year before.

I really enjoyed my three years at Redgrave School, despite the fact that my maths was way behind everybody else's and it took time to catch up. During the first term I was there I had to stay in nearly every morning break time to do mental arithmetic because I had failed to get the requisite five out of ten in the mental arithmetic test!

The morning timetable was very similar to the timetable my mother followed at Rickinghall School thirty years earlier. After school assembly we had religious instruction, followed by mental arithmetic and then arithmetic, using 'B & A Arithmetic' text books. At break time we were each given a small bottle of milk (one third of a pint), after which we had an English lesson that was interrupted once a week by a singing lesson on the wireless called '*Singing Together*'. Mr Smith, a peripatetic music teacher from Palgrave, gave us additional singing lessons. On the lead up to the eleven plus we also practised answering IQ questions. Many schools didn't do this but both Mr Cottle and his successor Mr Latimer thought that this was essential. We ate lunch in the classroom as the Victorian school only consisted of three classrooms and a teachers' room which also served as my mother's office and a library. Two of the classrooms were only really one large room divided by a sliding partition which could be moved back for assemblies and school productions etc. Mr Cottle taught the 8-11 year olds, Miss Bendall taught the older infants and lower juniors and Mrs Harvey the younger infants. We studied some subjects, for example maths and English, according to our age and other subjects were studied by the whole class. After I had been there for a year or so, Mr Cottle left to take up a post in Hampshire and Mr Latimer arrived.

There were two ladies who worked in the school canteen. When I say canteen I mean a wooden hut next to the school. The school cook was Ella Watts, ably assisted by Mrs Matthews. When Mrs Matthews retired Brenda Nunn took over, eventually becoming the cook when Ella retired. Ella organised the ordering of the food and the menus. I believe that she had the freedom, within a certain budget, to cook whatever she liked, as long as it contributed to a well-balanced diet. The most popular dish by far was chocolate crunch. I can remember that one day ham was on the menu. I don't know how I did this but I was cutting the ham without paying too much attention, the knife slipped and some of the ham ended up in my glass of water. Mrs Harvey, the infant teacher who was on dinner duty, was not amused and accused me of deliberately putting the ham in the water so that I didn't have to eat it.

The school afternoon was given over to lessons such as history, geography, sport, with needlework for the girls and pottery for the boys. My needlework and knitting were so bad that the teacher said to my mother that she had tried 'every which way' to teach me but had a problem because I was left handed. She asked my mother if she minded if I did pottery with the boys, which I thought was great! In the winter we played shinty on the school field which was a few minutes walk up Half Moon Lane. It was a game very similar to hockey but you could use both sides of the stick which could be raised above head height. It was a game that gained popularity in some Suffolk schools just before WW2.

The teachers in Redgrave seemed very forward thinking in some of the things we did. We watched a range of television programmes for children. Topics included: *Mont Blanc*, *The Lightermen of the Thames*, *Types of Wood and their Uses* and *Pottery Making with Judith Chalmers*.

About a year before I started at the school, the children, parents and staff saved pennies towards the purchase of a swimming pool for the school

playground. Presumably they also had some funding from the local authority. Consequently, when I arrived I was able to take advantage of swimming lessons during the summer term. The school pool consisted of a metal frame standing on the playground with steps up to get in. A blue liner was attached to the inside of the frame and filled with water to the depth of about three feet. I don't think that many schools had this facility in the early 1960s.



Redgrave School in the 1990s. Note the swimming pool.

My mother did very little secretarial work on a Wednesday morning in the second half of the summer term as she went with the headmaster and the older children to Diss swimming pool. She was asked to help teach swimming as there was no one else available to go. There were no pool instructors or life guards then; you brought your own. Fortunately my mother was a very good swimmer and could also do life saving, having learned in Redgrave Lake before the war.

We played lots of playground games in teams, including tag. In those days, children used different truce words according to which part of the country they lived in. We used 'exes'. My father who came from Hertford would say 'fainites', while my husband from Northampton used 'kings'.

We had to use outside Elsan chemical toilets, which were freezing cold in the winter. This was a step up from what many of us were used to, which was a lavatory up the garden, with a bucket that was periodically emptied into a cess pit!

Once a week we were allowed to bring in our own 'pop' records to dance to, such as hits by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the Dave Clark Five. We still had to do country dancing but if we all behaved well we could have ten minutes of dancing to our own records at the end of the lesson. This was extremely popular, so much so that the needle of the record player would often skid across the record because of us jumping up and down in the infant classroom which had a wooden floor.

Redgrave school had the unusual custom of issuing 'Tommy Money' just before Christmas. This dated back to around 1865 when Anna Maria Wilson, a sister of the squire, gave a penny to each child present on 21 December, St Thomas' day. This was to encourage them not to take the day off school to beg, as was the tradition. I think that it had gone up to a shilling (5p) by the late 1960s. This event was still going strong when I was at Redgrave.

When I left in July 1965, I had certainly received a good grounding in maths and English and made lots of new friends from Botesdale and Redgrave.

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Initially, the camp was too far from Bandar Abbas for us to have a land line telephone connection (No mobiles in those days), so each Friday morning we drove into Bandar Abbas to use the telephone in the sponsor's Agent's office. Halfway to Bandar Abbas on a long straight section of road TL pulled over onto the opposite carriageway, wound down his window, reached under his seat and then threw something that looked like bottle out into the desert. None of my colleagues commented and I chose not to be inquisitive. We returned to the correct side of the road and continued our journey.

The Agent's office was on the first floor of a building beside the fish market. Because of the war there were power cuts for most of each day so no air conditioning, and we sat in a hot, fishy stench whilst we took it in turns to dial out – 15 generally fruitless minutes each – and dialling a country code successfully would have been a reason for celebration, if the system didn't dump the call on the next digit dialled. We often returned to the camp without contacting the outside world. I don't think anyone bothered to write letters and I certainly never received one.

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On my first Christmas on site the camp manager organised a discrete celebration for a small group of Europeans from the camp. It was held in the old school house which was the building furthest from the nearest occupied home and, more importantly, from the camp gate. On arrival I was directed to a table where there were plates of cheese biscuits, and bowls of caviar. I was presented with a small stack of waxed paper cups with a white liquid I assumed was water in the top one. I was wrong as the first sip showed. It was vodka, and very potent as I quickly discovered as I found liquid trickling over my fingers as the vodka made short work of the waxed coating. The drink was poured from a large unmarked plastic bottle and there were several more lined up by the wall. Clearly smuggled from somewhere – Islam and alcohol are not a good combination!

I enjoyed the experience but was pleased to return quietly to my prefab after a reasonable time, and be away from a potential danger zone.

To be continued JML

IN YOUR GARDEN

In last month's column, I talked about steps we gardeners could all take to help reduce the damaging trends to our environment that human activity has wrecked on our planet and this month I'll focus on one very big villain - plastic.

When you look around most gardens, you will not be surprised by just how much plastic exists. Tucked away in sheds, greenhouses and secluded corners lurk a plethora of used plant pots, seed trays and plastic netting. In my garden alone, I find I have four plastic watering cans plus three Dalek black compost bins. On top of that any plants bought from garden centres invariably seem to come in plastic pots adding further to the mountain of man made detritus!

The most damaging thing of all is once we have finished with all this plastic, the majority of the waste ends up in landfill where it defies the rules of decomposition lingering around for virtually ever.

Thankfully, there are a few simple swaps we can make to almost eliminate plastic in the garden. Firstly only choose biodegradable pots made from natural materials that are now more readily available at garden centres. Here I am thinking about the traditional favourite, terracotta but don't be afraid to embrace pots made from bamboo, woodchip, pressed straw, instead of the ubiquitous plastic.

Some garden centres have been offering to take redundant plastic pots for recycling. Worth looking out for this very useful facility.

The UK as a whole is witnessing a sharp decline in many of our wildlife species. This has to be a rallying cry for us to seriously consider ways to make our gardens a wildlife haven. We are of course talking here not about escaped denizens from the local zoo but hedgehogs, birds, especially song thrushes – very rarely witnessed last summer in my garden, amphibians, butterflies and bees to name but a few.

Creating a refuge where wildlife feel at home, safe, and close to a regular source of food is a relatively easy task that will not destroy the aesthetics of your garden or cost you the earth. Doing nothing is more likely to be the outcome in that direction.

Plant up flower and shrub borders to provide food for bees and butterflies and also shelter for birds. Adding flowering climbers to creep along fences and walls not only provides sources of nectar but creates safe places for birds to roost and nest.

Create a small pond. Water adds a magical element to any garden and will become a magnet for wildlife not least birds, frogs, newts. A pond can be as simple or elaborate as you want to make it and next month I will cover points you need to consider before you start digging. As I am in the throes of creating a new pond, I will relay my experiences first hand!

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Botesdale Recreation Ground Regeneration Project: Community Art Installation

Take part in an exciting new Art project!

As part of the exciting regeneration of the Recreation Ground in Botesdale, there is going to be a Community Art Installation, and this is your chance to take part!

Background: As you will probably have read over the past months, the new design for the Recreation Ground will provide a sustainable environment, with amenities that develop physical and mental wellbeing, for people of all ages and abilities, in our community.

The new design of the Recreation Ground makes use of the existing natural environment and when it's completed there will be an even better connection between the space itself and the natural habitat outside.

This means the borders marking the perimeter will be even more important and this is what has inspired my idea for our community sculpture.

The plan: The art piece will be placed on the edge of the new Recreation Ground, that is, bordering the field. The idea is to create a kind of sculptural Picket Fence, where each upright post will display a different drawing of everything that grows and lives in the edges of our fields.

There is an abundance of nature living there, as well as the wildflowers that bloom there, there are different grasses, many of which are native only to East Anglia. There are birds, beetles, butterflies, caterpillars, mice, bees, dragonflies and so much more living there, all of which could be included on our fence panels.

How you can take part: The way you can take part is by taking photos and making sketches of everything that catches your eye as you walk around the beautiful countryside surrounding our villages. Look out for the ordinary and the extraordinary!

Your photos and sketches then need to be submitted to me by the end of May. We will hold an exhibition on Sunday, 19 June at Botesdale Village Hall, where all the work you submit will be exhibited for anyone who would like to see. This will take place at the same time as the Open Gardens event so there will be loads to do related to the natural world!

At the end of the exhibition, members of the Recreation Ground Sub Committee will choose whose work will be translated into illustrations, to be printed onto the fence posts.

The competition is open to people of all ages from Botesdale, Rickingham and Redgrave and we hope there'll be lots of entries for us to choose from!

All you have to do is to email your photos or sketches of the wildlife in our surrounding countryside, in jpeg format, 300 dpi,

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The prevalence of this duping is increasing and it is suspected, many more incidences are taking place but go unreported due to the embarrassment of the victims.

Spot the signs

- You've struck up a relationship online; they are asking a lot of personal questions about you, but seem reticent in telling you much about themselves.
- They steer conversations to date of birth, name of pets or home address to aid identity fraud.
- The picture purporting to be them is just too perfect. Invariably a copied shot of an actor or model.
- They invent a plausible reason to ask for financial assistance, using the emotional attachment you've built. They will warn the relationship will depend on you sending money.

If you have been the victim of a dating scam, you can report it in complete confidence to **ACTION FRAUD ON 0300 123 2041**

TEXT MESSAGES IMPERSONATING ENERGY COMPANIES.

Be vigilant to text-messages from fraudsters preying on concerns about soaring energy bills claiming that your energy supply has switched provider and that you should now set up a new direct debit.

Another recent fraud involves scammers purporting to be the energy company Eon telling people they are eligible for an £85 refund. Recipients are directed to a fake Eon log-in page that enables criminals to access personal details.

Eon advise they will never ask you for your passwords, payment details or your address.

COLD CALLS CLAIMING TO BE FROM CITIZENS ADVICE

Be aware, telephone calls claiming to be from Citizens Advice have been received by local residents.

The caller asks a number of questions about family debts before mentioning they could reduce these or even write off the sums owed.

To facilitate the process, personal and financial details are requested.

Citizens Advice **DO NOT** cold call or authorise others to cold call on their behalf.

If you receive one of these calls, do not give out any personal information and quickly, hang up.

Report any such approach to the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on Free phone 0808 223 1133.



I love live music and now that restrictions have lifted, I'm keen to start going to events again. I've booked tickets for some gigs over the next few months, but I'm still a little worried. I can't quite believe things are fully back to normal. What will happen if restrictions come back in?

It's understandable to be feeling apprehensive when there's been so much change, and knowing your rights will help you deal with anything unexpected.

If you've got tickets to an event which goes ahead, but you change your mind about going or realise you're no longer able to go, you have no legal right to a refund. However, if the event is cancelled, your right to a refund will depend on how you bought the ticket.

If you booked through an official seller and the organiser cancels, moves, reschedules, or makes the event behind closed doors, you should get a refund.

This is true even if it's cancelled due to a government ban on large events. If this happens, contact the official seller to find out how you can get a refund.

If you bought your ticket from a ticket-reselling website, your refund will depend on the site's terms and conditions. If you're worried about the event being cancelled, it's a good idea to look at the terms and conditions before booking.

If you bought from a private seller, unfortunately it's unlikely you'll be able to recover your money, even if the event is cancelled or rescheduled. We recommend contacting the seller to see what they can do.

Ahead of any events you've booked, keep checking the information from the official seller or organiser to make sure you know straight away about any updates, like changes to the date or cancellations.

Another thing to be aware of is that scammers exploit these situations for their own benefit. If your event is cancelled and anyone - whether it's a person or a company - offers their services to try to recover money on your behalf, be suspicious. Make sure that you're aware of the signs of a potential scam and always be on the lookout. Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolcab.org.uk.

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Notes from the Green Redgrave Group

We have moved up a gear in our activities in the recently formed Green Redgrave Group (GRG). Very appropriate now that Spring is just around the corner. We held our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 1 Mar 22 and will hold our next one on Tuesday 5 Apr 22. All welcome! These meetings are used as the springboard to define the activities that we go on to undertake. So, this month we have been busy.

We held our first GRG Litter Pick on Tuesday 8 Mar 22 and picked up an unconscionably large amount of litter; we received much gratitude for our efforts from the Suffolk County Council folks when they picked up the collected rubbish the next day. This was extremely well supported by residents and we will be continuing this on a regular monthly basis. All who wish to get involved please get in contact. We also planted a thousand snowdrops on the Knoll opposite the Cross Keys pub. We will be planting more bulbs (daffodils and crocuses certainly) in the Autumn. So, the Knoll will hopefully be a riot of colour next Spring. And to cap it all on Sunday 13 Mar 22 we planted a tree on the Knoll, a mountain ash, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Preparations for our development of the Old School Playing Field continue apace. We received confirmation this month that our application for funding from the MSDC Locality Fund had been approved and we also submitted an application to the National Gardens Scheme Community Garden Award for further funding. We hosted consultation visits to the site by Paul Read of the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group and by Reg Langston of the Little Ouse Headwaters Project. They provided invaluable advice. We hope to start work on the pond soon.

We are now the proud owners of 12 bat boxes that we will start to mount around the village soon. We are also moving forward with our hedgehog project and there will be a talk by Paula Baker of Suffolk Prickles hedgehog rescue during Hedgehog Awareness Week in May. The talk will be entitled "Saving Suffolk's Hedgehogs" and it will be held on Thursday 5th May in the Redgrave Amenities Centre. More details to follow.

We are already blessed with a considerable variety of wildlife in the area. And one species present in our village is the Turtle Dove. This is top of the endangered list in the UK and we were fortunate to have a visit by Eliza Leat, the local representative for the RSPB Operation Turtle Dove project. She gave us excellent advice which we hope will help us preserve habitats in and around the village and encourage visits by this increasingly rare bird.

Swifts, one of our favourite summer visitors, will hopefully be back in the village again around May. They thrill us with low-level acrobatics as they scream around the skies, prospecting for potential nest sites. They feed, sleep and even mate on the wing, landing only to fashion a minimal nest cup and breed. But Swift numbers have fallen by almost 60% over the last 25 years. This is because their opportunity to find nesting sites has been dramatically reduced; renovation and conversion of older buildings results in loss of existing nest sites. Swifts need our help. Save Our Suffolk Swifts, a joint campaign between Suffolk Bird Group and Suffolk Wildlife Trust, is working to reverse the downward trend in Swift numbers. SOS Swifts has offered to help us by:

- Providing Swift boxes and a call system to attract the birds to the boxes. Swift nest boxes need to be installed at first floor window height or higher where there is a clear line of flight for the swifts to swoop in and drop out. They're communal nesters so best to fit boxes in a minimum of groups of 2 or 3 if practicable. They make almost no mess around the nest boxes.
- Offering us a free Community Swift set of 4 boxes, which ideally would be on a prominent elevation of a building in the centre of the village.
- Providing more individual boxes for a donation of £25/box, Gift Aided if possible. The GRG will be able to install the boxes for you.

Please email greenredgravegroup@gmail.com if you live in Redgrave and are interested. If you live in Botesdale or Rickingham and are keen to find out more let us know and we'll put you in touch with SOS Swifts.

We are continuing our Citizen Science work and are starting to log wildlife sighting in the iRecord database. Please let us know if you have any sightings, ideally with a photo and grid ref or W3W location. These can be emailed to the GRG at greenredgravegroup@gmail.com

We are still keen to get enthusiastic volunteers to help us progress our activities. If you want to contribute or just learn about wildlife friendly activities then please join us. We would love to hear from you. Contact Andy Warnes (by email awarnes@btinternet.com or on 07478 337331) for more details.

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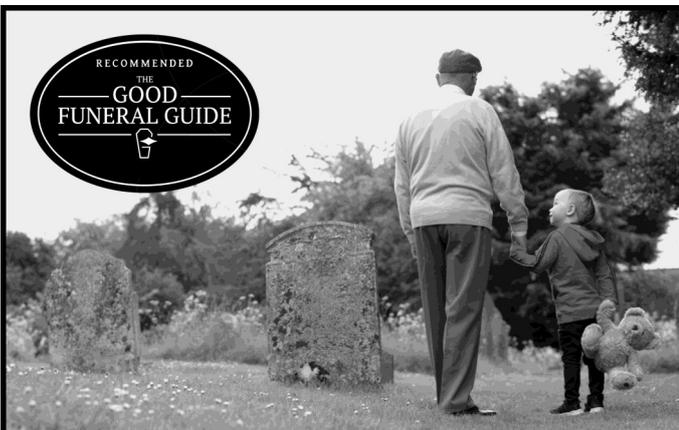
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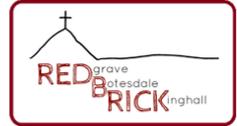


April Church Notices



Message From Mel

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Hello everyone, x
What a huge month March was. The war on Ukraine, the economic state of the UK and the world, as well as the aftermath of COVID, it makes me cry... but, I also cry with joy at the love and kindness that we all give to one another. It warms my heart that we are a community that care. As a church we care for you too and if you would like prayer or help in any way, please reach out.

This month is Easter and we have many awesome things for the whole family to get involved in and enjoy. At St Mary's Rickingham, there is an interactive Palm Sunday service as well as an Easter Egg Hunt after our Easter Sunday Celebration. The week after on the 24th of April, is Breakfast Church and we'll be carrying on the story with what happened after Easter Sunday. It's going to be a fab April.

Enjoy all the sunshine and the new life of spring.

God Bless you lots and see you soon 😊 Mel

Short Note to Mums
Last month was International Women's Day. Women are sensational human beings. They deal with so much pain, trauma and life around them. This it makes them stronger. I love these words written by Laura Whitmore. She is YOU!
Mums have a huge strength that is built inside them. I think about all those women who are struggling here, across Europe and throughout the world. Your strength is powerful beyond compare. At Easter we remember Jesus beating death and coming back to life again. If Jesus is with you, there is nothing you can't do. Just ask Him, chat with Him and He will help, always.

Parkview Chapel Sunday Services and Events

All services are at Parkview Chapel (unless noted otherwise), include Communion, and are live-streamed on the 'Parkview Chapel' Youtube channel. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am.

Please call Kev Gladwell on 01379 898924 for more details or check out www.parkviewchapel.co.uk

Sunday 3 rd	Service at 11.00am	
Sunday 10 th	Service at 11.00am	
Sunday 17 th	Easter Sunday service at 11:00am	
Sunday 24 th	Service at 11.00am	
Events	Quiz Night with Fish 'n' Chips (see ad in this magazine) Coffee on the Corner Men's Breakfast	Saturday 2 nd April, 7:00pm Tuesday 12 th 9:00am Saturday 30 th 8:30am
	PARKVIEW Youth Junior Church	Sundays 11:00am - 12:00pm
	Junior Friday Club	Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm
	PYP	Sundays 7:00pm - 8:30pm
	Senior Friday Club	Fridays 7:30pm - 9:30pm

A warm welcome at Botesdale Methodist Church to anyone who wishes to join our services

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Sunday 3 rd	Susan Goodwin
Sunday 10 th	Palm Sunday Communion Service led by Rev D Ely
Sunday 17 th	Easter Service David Freeman
Sunday 24 th	Local Arrangement
Events	
Tuesday 5 th	Afternoon meeting for tea, conversation and activity 2:30pm - 4:00pm at the Methodist Church Schoolroom. Open to all in these villages
Tuesday 26 th	Coffee Down the Lane 10:00am-12:00pm. Everyone welcome.

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Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls Lent and Easter Services

Sunday 3rd April

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Pause for refreshments 11.15am

Continue with Holy Communion, 11.30am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

All Together Communion, 10.30am, St Mary's, Rickinghall

Maundy Thursday 14th April

United Holy Communion, 7.30pm, Chapel of Ease

Good Friday 15th April

Walk of Witness, starting at Rickinghall Village Hall, 9.30am

United Service, Botesdale Market Place, 10.00am

Easter Sunday 17th April Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Communion Celebration Service, with Easter Egg Hunt 10.00am, St Mary's, Rickinghall

Sunday 24th April

Family Breakfast Church, 9.30am, Botesdale Village Hall

Holy Communion, 11am, St Botolph's, Botesdale

Sunday 1st May

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Pause for refreshments 11.15am

Continue with Holy Communion, 11.30am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

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A reminder...

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- St Mary's, Rickinghall on Saturdays 9.30am-3.30pm
- Please sanitise hands on entry. many thanks.

From the Registers

12.3.22	Interment of the ashes of Audrey Ball, St Mary's Churchyard, Rickinghall. Died 8.2.22, age 93
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