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Our recent spell of warm sunny days has been ideal for bowling, sometimes the evenings being better than the hot afternoons! But us bowlers are not complaining. The warm weather has encouraged more people to come and have a try on Friday evenings, with all the rinks in use some nights. A number of people have become members and are now joining in club competitions, which are open to all members however inexperienced or experienced.

Fun Friday evenings will continue throughout the summer so please feel free to come down and give it a try. You will find a friendly welcome and a coach and members willing to help you. Afterwards there is a chance to relax in our clubhouse and have a welcome drink.

Fun Fridays start at 6.30 p.m. at the Bowls Green, Fen Lane, Rickinghall, IP22 1DP (opposite the Greyhound Pub). Contact 01379 897251 for more information.

Rosemary Setterfield Committee Member

### Thanks from the open gardens team

The organisers of the 2022 open gardens wish to thank everyone who contributed to this year's successful event. Including the stall holders at the village hall; the poster designer and printer; the people involved with making and serving food, tea and coffee; the villagers who willingly opened their gardens to complete strangers; the general public who enthusiastically looked round the gardens; the children who entered the miniature garden competition, (under 10's- 1st place Tyler Tate 2nd place Alice Bendell Over 10's- 1st place Poppy Bendell 2nd place Amy Tate); And anyone else who had anything to do with raising over £1000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Do you enjoy ballet?

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### **Community Woodland**

We are into the season of fruit picking and I thought you might be interested to know what the fruit trees are in the circle in Northfield Wood.

The following eight trees were donated by Paul Read of Thrandeston and are specimens of apple trees that have been grown in East Anglian's old orchards.

Norfolk Colman, a large, dark red apple, Sept/Oct, not a good keeper;

Isaac Newton, an ancient-looking, knobbly apple, good to eat and cook;

Langton Green, from a tree near Eye, golden yellow, good flavour, best eaten in February;

St Edmunds Pippin, aromatic russet, eat in September;

Beauty of Kent, big apples, eat or cook; Sandringham, dessert apple for Oct–Dec; Dunwich Heath, from a tree on Dunwich cliff; Ross Nonpareil, an Irish cultivar, several huge trees near Woodbridge, this one from Foxburrow Farm.

Donated by Mrs Maureen Chessell of Botesdale, a new apple tree named by her

Suffolk Stiles Pippin
Two further trees planted
Medlar and Quince

There is also a mulberry donated by John Preston, tree warden for Redgrave, but it is not in the circle of trees.

In Miller's Orchard, work is beginning on tidying up certain trees. Some preliminary work had to be done by UK Power first, and this month the felling we ordered will be done by Urban Forestry.

In Low Meadow, the cleavers were easier to pull this year as we did this job well before they seeded last year. It is now time to consider getting the grass mown to encourage wildflowers to flourish. They are increasing, but slowly.

Rosemary Jones, Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodland 9th July, 2022 01379 890238





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# Club News



### The Lore, Language and Healing of Hedgerows - Anne May

of the Heritage Circle was Anne May, her subject was The Lore, Language and Healing of Hedgerows.

People have used flowers and plants from the fields and hedgerows for medicinal and culinary purposes since time began, and poets have written many verses about their properties.

The plants used can be made into tablets, oils and infusions and some, such as nettles, can be eaten and are a rich source of vitamin C, similar to spinach. Dandelion leaves can also be used as a vegetable, containing Vitamin A, the sap is said to cure warts, and in wartime the ground root was used to make coffee.

Other examples of plant remedies are mallow, made into an infusion for coughs; St. John's Wort to help mild depression, disturbed sleep, and as a charm against witches. Rowan, if planted near the house, will keep witches away. Yarrow was used as a healing plant by Roman soldiers, and is said to stop bleeding. Elder flowers make excellent cordials and the leaves keep flies off meat. A remedy for pain relief still much used today is aspirin which is made from salix or willow.

The speaker ended her talk by giving the audience a recipe for sage tea, which is a very good remedy for sore throats and coughs.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be on Wednesday 24 August at Rickinghall Village Hall when Mike Wabe will talk about Witches and Witch Hunting in East Anglia. New members and visitors are very welcome. Further information is available at <a href="https://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net">www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net</a>

Angela Bigley



### Notes from the Green Redgrave Group

July is a quiet month, best suited to lazy afternoons with a G&T, quietly contemplating what we have done, what we have got and what needs doing in the Autumn. And so it has proved for the Green Redgrave Group. The Autumn will, hopefully, be busy with the planting of trees and bulbs, and carrying on with Green improvements around the Parish more generally.

We had a super Bat Talk & Walk on Tuesday 5 Jul 22 starting at All Saints Church but roaming around the village searching for bats with detectors in hand. Led by Jon Huckle, Redgrave's own resident ecologist, we found quite a lot. The detectors were registering bats of all types, high above the trees and swooping down low over our ponds. Soon we were trying to tell our Pipistrelles from our Brown Long-Eared. A good time was had by all.

There will be no talk in August but in September we plan to have a talk on Conservation Detection Dogs by Steve Gilham who is training to be an Ecologist at the University of East Anglia. He has a pair of dogs that he takes to each presentation to show what he does with them in the name of conservation. The talk will explain how dogs are used and trained to fulfil an important role in conservation and how they are being used to protect the wildlife of Norfolk. This will be a very interesting talk with a practical demonstration all included. It will be held on Tuesday 6 Sep 22 at 1900 hrs. More details to follow in due course.

Our plans for the development of the Old School Playing Field are still on hold a little until we know whether we are going to have to put a Children's Playing Area in here. We are getting quotes for this now. But we are also proceeding with plans for planting in the Autumn and we have been in touch with the Sicon Foundation who have offered to help provide trees and with planting. So we should be able to report something more positive later in the year.

We are still looking for people to let us know what they see in terms of interesting wildlife in the area as part of our citizen science work. We are starting to record butterfly sightings and moths also. Our aim is to have a comprehensive database of the wildlife in the village and to be able to log these in the national iRecord database to make sure that the existence of these (often rare) creatures are logged and noted. You can assist in this task with the recording of any unusual sightings. Our efforts are really valuable in this respect. Please let us know if you see more; details of what, where and when you see wildlife would be helpful.

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 <a href="mailto:awarnes@btinternet.com">awarnes@btinternet.com</a> or on 07478 337331) for more details.

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# Nyall's Notes LOHP Local News

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"Enjoy your day", the BBC presenter said as he closed the programme this morning. Most people think that we are here to enjoy life and that is what it is about.

A few days ago a man who had planned the operation for some time and made himself a gun, shot a Japanese ex-prime minister. There is evidence that he had planned it for some time, thus knew what he was going to do, and he achieved it. I don't suppose that anyone wishing him, "Enjoy your day," had anything like that in mind. We have had a spate of shootings in schools in the US, again these had been planned and the culprits had achieved their purpose. It is very difficult to get into the minds of such people but I can only conclude that these actions are a recipe against boring rotten lives and I suppose had produced some thrill or satisfaction. I often say to people, "Have a good day." It says more than, 'enjoy it' as it includes have a productive day. Does Putin sit down at the end of the day and say to himself, "I've got three feet more of land for Russia and killed a thousand more Ukrainians and even though I have lost a thousand of my troops, I've had a good day?"

People can enjoy themselves doing good or doing evil. What we are assuming is that people will not enjoy themselves doing others harm. What we would really like though, is for everyone to enjoy themselves doing good.

Someone might say, "I enjoy being a carer." It is an example of a job that does good for others and can produce considerable satisfaction. It may well be very hard at times but a doctor or nurse might enjoy their job for the same reason. They do good and it produces much satisfaction.

Jesus said, "Go the extra mile," and "love your enemies and do good to them." Taking that sort of attitude can produce considerable satisfaction and pleasure in what it achieves. As one would expect, he himself is the finest example for it involved much more than hard work. The Bible says of him, "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..."

He did that, not for himself but for others. Not only did it bring forgiveness to millions but it has given them a future and a future with himself. Thus he now has millions of friends who will forever be with him enjoying eternity. He is now seated at the right hand of God and we can be with him. It was hard, very, very hard but Good Friday was a good day's work.

You can enjoy life doing good or doing evil but you can't enjoy eternity doing evil.

Enjoy your day.

"Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews Ch 12 v. 1 & 2



Conservation & Community

'Blackberry-Picking' by Seamus Heaney (1939-2013)

Late August, given heavy rain and sun For a full week, the blackberries would ripen. At first, just one, a glossy purple clot Among others, red, green, hard as a knot. You ate that first one and it's flesh was sweet Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for Picking.

This is a beautiful poem. I don't have room here to include all of it. Google it (other search engines are available!).

Cuckoos will have left us and the swifts (screeching overhead as I type) will be preparing for their long journey southwards, but the swallows will still be with us, some of them now rearing a third clutch of chicks.

August is probably the best month to see the bigger dragonflies when it's sunny. Small pools will have different species such as hawkers and darters, some flying in tandem, with the female dipping her tail in the water to deposit eggs. When the eggs hatch, the larvae will then spend two or three years maturing in the pond.

The magnificent flowering of orchids and fen plants will be coming to an end but others, such as hemp agrimony and marsh lousewort, will take their place. Butterflies LOVE hemp agrimony!

In early July our 'Festival on the Fens', held to celebrate twenty years of the LOHP, was a great success with close on five hundred people visiting on the day. A huge thanks to the organising committee for their tireless work to make this day such a success. Our special guest, Simon Barnes, ('Rewild Yourself',' How to be a Bad Birdwatcher') spoke about how 'small' is so important in conservation, so that groups like LOHP can combine with larger organisations like SWT to look after these really important areas of ours.

If you'd like to join as a member or, even better, come and volunteer, go to our website for details. <u>www.lohp.org.uk</u> . If you do, there might be cake!

John McCormack



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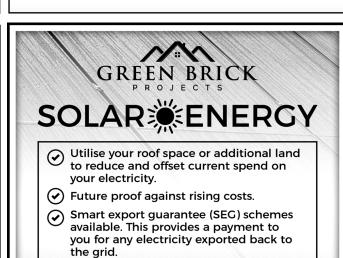
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# Exploring the Past

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# Elizabeth Craig

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My parents were married in 1938 and my mother's only cookery book was entitled Cookery Illustrated and Household Management, edited by Elizabeth Craig. My mother died three weeks before my wedding in 1959 and I inherited the book. By this date it was possible to buy fairly cheap cookery books but I often referred to my mother's book.

I did not give much thought to Elizabeth Craig.

When I moved to Redgrave in 1966 I discovered that Elizabeth Craig lived in St Catherine's, a lovely house in Botesdale, listed as 15<sup>th</sup> century I discovered later, which appealed to me much more than a cookery book. I later learned much more about Elizabeth and how important she was as a cookery writer.

Elizabeth was born in Scotland in 1883, one of eight children of a minister of the free Church of Scotland. As a child she had to take a wheelbarrow over a mile away to collect stoneground wholemeal flour, white flour and oatmeal and on her return had to bake bread for the family of 10 twice a week. In 1935 Elizabeth wrote an article for *My Home* magazine about bread and her mother's strict views. She also told how bread can be used to pad out other food economically.

She studied at Forfar Academy and George Watson's Ladies College before returning to Forfar Academy to teach. She studied Journalism in Dundee and her first article was written for the Daily Express in 1920. Elizabeth married American Arthur Mann in 1919 who had been a war correspondent during the first world war. She wrote over 40 books on cookery, wine, gardening, needlecraft and household management and recipes from abroad. She also wrote articles for magazines and newspapers.

Although Elizabeth mixed with many famous people and collected recipes, she also seemed to like good plain cooking. One of the articles she wrote about bread in 1935 for *My Home* magazine described her as 'The world-famous authority on Health and Food.' An advertisement in *Family Home* magazine in the same year shows a new oven-to-table glass casserole dish made by Phoenix, claimed to be designed by Elizabeth

Craig, selling for seven shillings and sixpence (37  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence).

Audrey Simonds gave me five books written by Elizabeth, one of which had received a gold medal in Frankfurt in 1956. This book is *Court Favourites, Recipes from Royal Kitchens*, with decorations by Sheila Dunn and published by Andre Deutsch Ltd in 1953, the year of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth the second. Elizabeth Craig wrote in the foreword that she had been collecting unusual recipes and interesting menus since the age of 12.

At a later date she had an Irish friend who was also friendly with a princess. Through this friend Elizabeth Craig was able to see a scrap book of recipes given to Queen Victoria when she was a young girl. It had originally been given to her by Princess Charlotte, the daughter of George the Fourth and Caroline of Brunswick. She was also able to see a leather-bound book given to Queen Victoria in 1831 on her birthday. Elizabeth later received a bundle of these royal recipes copied out and permission granted from the young Queen Elizabeth the second to use them. She was in her seventieth year by the time she wrote this book.

Elizabeth Craig published over 40 books on various domestic subjects in addition to writing articles for magazines and newspapers, and appearances on TV and programmes on radio. She was also used in advertising for food products and related companies.

When she reached her 90th birthday it was Robert Carrier, the famous chef who put Hintlesham Hall on the map as a prestigious hotel, who bought her fourteen red roses. Macdougalls sent her a birthday cake and another friend bought her a bound copy of *Woman's Journal* which Elizabeth had edited for 30 years. Elizabeth's husband, Arthur Mann, died in 1973 but she continued to live in St Catherine's.

Redgrave WI held a member's evening in 1970 when the members had to arrange an evening with a speaker and provide the refreshments. We invited Elizabeth Craig to give a talk which she willingly agreed to do providing we would collect her from Botesdale. After the evening she sent us a lovely letter thanking us for inviting her to our delightful party. She said "The table looked lovely. I ate 7 sandwiches, 1 sausage roll, a wedge of the sponge flan, a great chunk of the chocolate gateau. Most unusual. I had had nothing to eat since the night before so I was starving."

In an interview with Elizabeth Grice for the East Anglian Daily Times after her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, she told her how she had malnutrition when she was young just because she forgot to eat as she was so engrossed in journalism.

Elizabeth Craig died in 1980 aged 97.



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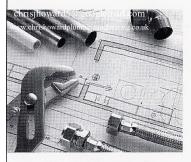
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# Exploring the Past Again

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### Memories of Margaret Hawthorn née Powell



My father was in the army and I had two spells of education at Rickinghall School, once when I returned from Germany and again when I returned from Hong Kong. I remember being punished for playing in the Seniors' Playground with my friend Pat Hill when I should have been in the Juniors' Playground. I was

taken into the Infants' classroom and had to stand in front of the class while Miss Phillips smacked the back of my legs. The punishment I could stand but the embarrassment lasted a lot longer!

We used to play a game called Stoolball on The Meadow. It consisted of a square white board on a pole about head height. The bowler had a type of cricket ball and the aim was for him/her to hit the board to get you out. The bat was round, a little smaller than a tennis racket and the rest of the game was like rounders. It was quite a dangerous game and how no-one was hurt is a mystery. Health & Safety rules were nowhere to be seen in those days!

I remember 4 classrooms; Mrs Phillips had an enclosed room for the infants, Mrs Stewart and Mr Compton shared the main room which was only divided by a wooden screen, and Mr Reynolds taught the seniors in a separate room. When in Mr Reynolds' class we had 20 mental arithmetic questions each morning before we were allowed to sit down. Mr Compton once told us that the world would end by way of volcanos erupting as the earth was boiling in the centre. This fact frightened me for a very long time and I hope I'm not around long enough to see if his prediction comes true.

During our spells at Rickinghall we stayed with my Nan, Louisa Hammond, in Water Lane. We had a weekly grocery delivery by Mr Tom Marshall who ran the village shop. Once a week I used to have to take our accumulator, which ran the wireless, to Mr Marshall's and collect the old one which had been recharged. It was quite heavy and I was pleased that it was only once a week. We also had to collect the milk from the farm opposite Mr Marshall's. We would take a jug and get it refilled from the churn. We didn't have electricity, running water or an inside toilet. Our well was just a hole in the ground covered by a piece of wood so that we didn't fall down. I was never allowed to throw the pail down on a rope in case I went down with it! Every drop of water we used in the house had to come from the well. Thankfully that task was for the grownups but my mother always said it was the best water she had ever tasted. . We had to light a candle when we went to bed to show us the way upstairs and we had a Tilley lamp for use in the evenings in the living room.

Monday was wash day and the copper had to be lit underneath to boil the clothes which were then rinsed and transferred to a mangle

through which most of the water was squeezed out. It was heavy-going lifting the wet washing to the mangle. On Mondays, we always had cold meat from Sunday's joint, as there was no time for a lot of cooking, just potatoes and vegetables, which we grew ourselves. We had a large cast-iron range in the kitchen which we cooked on and which we heated the iron on to do the week's ironing. Saturdays were bath days, for which the water had to be heated by, again, lighting the boiler with sticks and coal. We had a tin bath which sufficed for two people, one after the other.

We had a cinema in the Village Hall twice a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mr Compton was the projectionist and the film often broke down and everyone booed while he fixed it. He used to play classical music before the film started and during the interval; I think it was his way of 'educating' us. The front rows consisted of wooden chairs at 3d, the middle chairs were a little better at 6d and canvas chairs, towards the back were 9d. The Village Hall was always well attended but the only film I ever remember that had a queue was 'The Dambusters'.

On Queen Elizabeth's Coronation day there was a fancy dress parade starting from Botesdale right down to Rickinghall Meadow. My friends and I were dressed in red, white and blue crepe paper dresses but it rained and the colours ran into each other and on our faces but it didn't deter us from enjoying the day. All children were presented with a Coronation mug, plate, cup and saucer, which I still treasure.

On certain days a group of girls would go to Miss Carpenter's house in The Street to learn about housewifery. Half the girls would learn how to clean properly, make beds, dust etc., and the other half of the girls would learn to cook a meal which we all enjoyed together when our work was complete. We were even taught how to wring out a dishcloth! The boys all went to the school allotments to learn about gardening.

In the past Rickinghall School educated you from start to finish but in the 50's the Secondary Modern Schools were introduced. If you passed your 11 plus exams you would go to the Grammar School or otherwise the Secondary Modern. Ixworth Secondary Modern School was newly built for this purpose. The schools and the people of the village were split up at this stage which was a real shame but then progress has to happen.

As most people will know, the village is divided between East and West but not in a straight line! In one house in The Street the boundary went through the house and when it came to deciding which school the girls would attend, Eye or Ixworth, they had to state which bedroom the girls slept in! Water Lane, where I lived, had the boundary running through it and the boy who lived opposite me went to Eye and I went to Ixworth. "Look East" came to film a documentary with Tom Marshall about the peculiar boundaries and is recorded on the Rickinghall, Botesdale and Redgrave Memories site on Facebook. The story is hilarious, with Tom Marshall trying to explain the boundaries to the presenter.

With Many thanks to Margaret for her memories.

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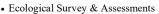


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### IN YOUR GARDEN

Enjoying your garden at the moment? Conscious of the words of wisdom from the media gardening gurus, I have been taking time out to stop and enjoy my endeavours rather than just making a mental note of all the tasks to be completed and forgetting to appreciate all the planning and hard work that has gone into creating a beautiful garden that is my haven of peace and tranquillity.

At the time of writing this piece, I am sitting looking out over the garden and enjoying the glorious summer weather we are currently experiencing (Early July to meet the copy date for this edition) Looking around, it is all too easy to focus on the colourful flowering perennials and annuals bringing diversity to the borders, that I tend to overlook the shrubs, relegating them to the role of the poor relation. This is a pity as summer flowering shrubs are great value for gardens large and small and, in mine, provide pleasing contrasts and structure to the mixed borders. Many have a long growing season, too, which provides points of interest throughout the year.

Some have the capacity to bloom throughout the summer and on into the autumn but currently my favourite summer flowering shrub has to include the hydrangeas. They provide an exuberance of lush foliage and huge flower heads with numerous varieties to choose from, with one for pretty much every garden setting.

Another favourite plant is *Spirea japonica*. This flowers from early to late summer and the bees and other flying pollinators adore it. I have it planted alongside a *Caryopteris 'Dark Knight'*, whose blue flowers are normally still going strong in late September, and the silvery deciduous foliage is equally attractive.

I support the school of thought that you should grow your plants and shrubs virtually next to each other if you think they will make good neighbours and forget about whether they are shrubs, herbaceous plants or even bulbs. That is why I would never be without a *Weigela* as it is one of the most valuable companions for the plants. It carries an abundance of scented flowers into early summer and then makes its main contribution right into December with pale yellow and variegated foliage.

If you are tempted to buy shrubs now, go for smaller sizes and keep them in pots until the autumn so you can enjoy this season's flowers. Shrubs are best planted in the ground in the autumn so as to give them plenty of time to establish.

Lawrence

### Calling all ballet fans!

The Arts Society Diss is starting its new season of talks, beginning on Tuesday 20 September.

We meet at the Corn Hall, Diss, 2 p.m. Our speaker for September, Rosamund Bartlett, will be talking about **Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes**, telling the story of the fabled Company and how artists such as Picasso and Matisse worked with composers and choreographers. Rosamund is currently writing a history of the Russian avantgarde, and regularly contributes to BBC opera broadcasts.

After that, talks will continue on the third Tuesday of the month (except for December):-

18 October: Indians, Buffaloes and Storms: The American West in 19th century art

15 November: "Mind the Gap": Graphic and Poster Design on the London Underground

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The Arts Society Diss draws its audience not just from Diss but also nearby villages, including Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall. Guests will be asked to contribute a donation of £7. Membership for 10 lectures per year is £43.

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### Dubai - Tower Hotel (1)

In early 1994 I was reassigned by my employer, the Consulting Engineer W.S.Atkins, to supervise the construction of a new building called the Tower Hotel in Dubai. As is often the case I knew nothing about the project, and had to rapidly familiarise myself with the available details in the office before catching my flight. The new building was sited offshore, and would be built on an artificial island. When I arrived on site there was a strong Shamal (gale) blowing, and from my office window all I could see was sand to the crest of the beach and, to the horizon, the very disturbed sea of the Persian Gulf (Arabian Gulf if you were an Arab). To my right was the still open Chicago Beach Motel (later demolished) and beyond this building was the site of the Tourist Hotel which was also part of the overall development. To my left was a housing estate known as Chicago Beach Villas.

Chicago Beach is clearly not an Arabic name. It is a reminder that two oil storage vessels had been constructed in a temporary drydock on the beach some years before by an American Company.

The Main Contractor's first task was to build a temporary road bridge from the shore to the site of the island. It was a simple structure of precast beams and in-situ concrete slabs supported on tubular steel piles. A casting yard was constructed on vacant ground on the opposite side of Jumairah Beach Road. Construction did not go according to plan because of the unusual number of Shamal events that year. This inhibited the use of a floating crane in shallow water; it was needed to install the bridge foundation piles. Consequently, it was no surprise when the contractor requested permission to construct a temporary rock access road beside the bridge location to remove some of the reliance on floating equipment because of the time being lost due to the weather.

At the island location the contractor had another floating crane and was busy installing the anchor piles that would stabilise the cofferdam when the centre of the island was excavated to allow the basement to be constructed below sea level.

Another consequence of the windy weather was the need to take the floating equipment further offshore, and moor it so that it could ride out the storm. This was not successful on one occasion as a floating crane broke free from its moorings and started to drift towards the shore. A tug was mobilised but the crew found the erratic movement of the two craft made it too dangerous to attempt to board the crane barge, and we could only watch as it beached itself in front of the Chicago Beach Motel, much to the surprise of the residents.

It must have been the most photographed beached barge in history. A cutter suction dredger was mobilised to the site, and used to excavate the seabed under the shore end of the island site to ensure the whole foundation was at the same level, and exposed to the same wave activity.

A hotel built offshore was a novel solution that produced a large number of rumours in the local ex-pat community. The most popular reason proposed was that a casino was to be installed in the hotel. The rumour mongers totally failed to consider the fact that the hotel would be inside the ten mile limit, and still liable to follow UAE laws. Gambling, like alcohol, was banned at the time. The real reason was much more mundane. The designers realised that the shadow cast by the hotel in the afternoon would "blackout" the pool area of the tourist hotel if the Tower remained on shore. Hence the relocation.

To be continued. JML

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During the last year, The National Fraud and Cyber Crime Centre statistics revealed a 10 percent increase in ghost broking reports, with a third of 17-29 year olds most at risk.

However, the way the ghost brokers operate, anyone could be a victim.

Ghost brokers usually advertise online on money saving websites, particularly aiming to attract young drivers or expensive car owners.

Ghost brokers appeal to drivers by claiming to have a special relationship with legitimate insurance companies and they can help with getting you a cheap insurance quote. They can also offer fake No Claim Bonus certificates. A No Claim Bonus is **not something you can purchase** - it can only be earned. So if you are approached to purchase a No Claims Bonus, it's definitely a scam!

Once you have agreed to proceed and given your payment details to a ghost broker, you'll receive fake insurance documentation normally copied from a genuine car insurance policy but amended to re-sell numerous times to innocent drivers making the policy instantly invalid.

Buying a fake policy could mean you don't have a valid car insurance policy in place. Third Party insurance is the minimum legal requirement to drive in the UK and the penalties for driving without insurance mean penalty points on your licence, heavy fines and even your car being impounded. On top of that, if you are involved in an accident and need to claim, you discover you don't have cover in place!

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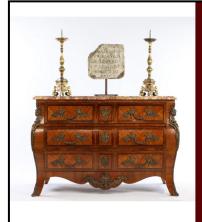
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The PPG will continue to run the short Wellbeing Walks every Tuesday morning all through the Summer from the Parkview Chapel in Botesdale from 10 am - 11 am - starting at the side door entrance and with refreshments post walk.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

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We are particularly welcoming towards students (who are also Patients at the Botesdale Practice) who may be considering a nursing, paramedical or medical career and who may find the volunteering roles a great experience for their future careers.

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The PPG wish all Patients a very happy and healthy Summer.

If you, as a Patient of Botesdale Health Centre, have any comments you would like the PPG \* to be aware of, please contact the below email or phone number. Your comments as a \* Patient are of immense importance to us.

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# **August/September Church Notices**



## Message From Mel

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Hello everyone, x

It's the summer holidays and the new academic year is around the corner. My oldest boy starts school. I look at him and see how big he is. I'm reminded that time goes so fast. I need to try and enjoy each day that life brings me with my children, whatever we do and whatever new things we enjoy together as a family.

I hope you can enjoy the holidays this summer, but if you get stressed or things get tough, know that we are here for you as a church and community. I love a good playdate. Just connect with me/us using the details above.

Breakfast Church on August the 28th is a picnic in the Rickinghall playground and we're back to in the Village Hall September the 25<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless you lots and see you soon 😊 Mel





#### Short Note to Mums

In August 1883 Gabrielle Chanel was born. Gabrielle grew up in a convent and she was surrounded by nuns dressed in black and white. She was taught how to sew in the convent, and she tailored her craft and dreamed dreams as she grew up. One day, a friend gave her the money for her own fashion shop in Paris. Gabrielle took up her singing name "Coco" and used it as her fashion label.

Coco Chanel transformed the Little Black Dress, a colour that was normally associated with funerals, to something perfect for a glamourous evening. Many clothes that we wear today, are inspired by Coco Chanel.

What I love about Coco, is that she came from humble beginnings, but she dreamed and she went for it. Coco also had the support of a friend. Her friend gave Coco the boost and opportunity to fulfil her dreams, that's what being a mum is all about. All our children come from humble beginnings, our job is to encourage and help our child to dream. I am inspired by Coco's friend who helped her and lent her the finances for the shop. It's so important to support other women and their dreams. It's so easy to get dragged down by the world. I question myself; what can I do to physically to support and give one of my fellow females a "leg up" and encourage them? Let's cheer each other on in the small, so they can be inspired to go BIG!

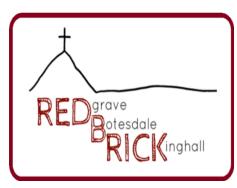
### Parkview Chapel Sunday Services and Events

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

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

Aug	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am		Sept Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am	
	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am		Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am	
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	'Coffee On A Sunday' service 11.00am.	PARKVIEW CHAPEL	Sunday 18 <sup>rd</sup>	No Parkview service	
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am	CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am	
	Events	Coffee on the Corner	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 9:00am & Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 9:00am			
PARKVIEW Youth Junior Church			Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm	Reception-Year 6		
Junior Friday Club			Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Reception-Year 6		
		PYP	Sundays 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Years 7-13		
		Senior Friday Club	Fridays 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Years 7-11		

#### A warm welcome at Botesdale Methodist Church to anyone who wishes to join our services Services (all at 10.30am) - for further information phone 01379 890898 Section Service at Diss Methodist Sunday 7th September Sun 4th To be advised **August** 10.45am. No Botesdale service at Sunday 14th Mr John Brown Sunday 11th To be advised Sunday 21st Sunday 18rd To be advised Local arrangement Sunday 25th Sunday 28th Mr David Freeman To be advised **Events** Fortnightly Bible Study 10-11.30am. Call 01379 890747 for details and dates. Everyone welcome August Tuesday 23rd Coffee Down the Lane 10:00am-12:00pm in the Church. Everyone welcome September Tuesday 6th Social Afternoon meeting 2:30pm - 4:00pm (no meeting in August) September Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee Down the Lane 10:00am-12:00pm in the Church. Everyone welcome Some of the above may be subject to change. For details contact 01379 890898



### Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls **August & September 2022 Services**

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Pause for refreshments 11.15am

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

### Sunday 14th August Trinity 9

Holy Communion, 10.30am, St Mary's, Rickinghall

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 10

Holy Communion, 10.30am, All Saints, Redgrave

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11

Family Breakfast Picnic, 9.30am, Rickinghall Playing field

Holy Communion, 11am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 12

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Pause for refreshments 11.15am

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

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 13 **All Together Communion**, 10.30am, St Mary's, Rickinghall

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 14

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Pause for refreshments 11.15am

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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15

Family Breakfast Church, 9.30am, Botesdale Village Hall

Holy Communion, 11am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Trinity 16

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Pause for refreshments 11.15am

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

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

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#### Reminder

Both St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale and St Mary's, Rickinghall continue to be open for private prayer and reflection:

Chapel of Ease, Botesdale on Wednesdays 9.30am-3.30pm

St Mary's, Rickinghall on Saturdays 9.30am-3.30pm

Please sanitise hands on entry. Many thanks.

### From the registers

Interment of ashes of the late Mr. Kenneth Bryant, St Mary's Church, Rickinghall Died 3.4.22, age 88 24.6.22 Funeral and Burial of Mrs. Beryl Churchyard, St Mary's Church, Rickinghall. Died 12.6.22, age 93 5.7.22

10.7.22 Baptism of Kayden Baxter, St Mary's Church, Rickinghall