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Sadly, as I write the conflict in Ukraine is continuing with no end in sight. Regularly we are seeing and hearing about the extreme hardships people are experiencing. Communities and towns are literally being blown away. What we are seeing and hearing is difficult to comprehend. It's hard to know what to do. Our response has been varied, many have raised funds or donated to charities that are working in Ukraine. People have also responded by signing up to the UK Governments scheme, Homes for Ukraine, and I am aware of Ukrainians in our communities, so please accept this as a welcome to the UK and these villages.

We read and hear Mr. Putin being regularly denounced as a brutal oligarch dictator, a war criminal, evil incarnate. He is being compared to Stalin or Hitler. He most certainly has blood on his hands. However, in only demonising Russia's President we risk pushing him further into the darkness, from where even more destruction can be unleashed.

Throughout Scripture, the Bible, the prophets regularly communicated with heads of State, both in person and through letters and emissaries. These communications included intercession, as well as offers of specific counsel, warnings and outright denunciation too.

Jesus also challenged the religious leaders of his day, embodying a way for saving that incorporated active love for and intercession on behalf of enemies.

"But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you." (Lk 6:27-28).

Jesus' people, the Jews, despised the Romans because they oppressed them bitterly. But Jesus wasn't talking about having affection for enemies; He was talking about an act of the will. You can't "fall into" this kind of love, it takes a conscious effort. Loving your enemy means acting in their best interests. Jesus loved, and still loves the whole world, despite our rebellion against His Heavenly Father, God. A challenge to us all is to work at following Jesus' example by loving our enemies. This is not easy when an invader is destroying your land and killing your people, but the call is still there, love your enemy and give them the same respect and rights as you desire yourself.

The Apostle Paul was often imprisoned by the authorities of the Roman Empire, who had blood on their hands too, because he faithfully told about Jesus. He writes in Romans 12:14 "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse," followed by "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). Paul also wrote to Timothy, a church leader, words that are certainly important to heed now.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people -2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour," (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

We're very good at challenging people, just think of all the protests and petitions that happen daily! Worryingly, Mr. Putin has recently threatened to use nuclear weapons, which would lead to destruction like the world has never known. Can I encourage all to pray for this situation. Certainly now is the time to include President Putin and his political and spiritual advisors, and our own national leaders in our prayers, so "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." As we do this God will hear us, and peacefully His Kingdom will be extended here on earth as it is in heaven.

In our prayers let us also remember the Russian and Ukrainian armed forces, Ukrainian and Russian people, leaders of the Orthodox Churches in both Ukraine and Russia, and may we ourselves engage in active peace making from out of a commitment to prayer as the Apostle Paul urges in Ephesians 6:18.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Chis NobuM.

With every blessing.



#### No Changes to the Local Services Directory this month

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



#### Message from the team

Well the jubilee is finally upon us and there are lots of activities going on in the villages and beyond. See our packed events pages. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and everyone enjoys the celebrations.

As I write the swifts are skimming around above the house ready and waiting for the starlings to vacate the nesting sites in the roof. The first sign of summer I always think.

The PPG article on page 15 has details of wellbeing walks—a chance for people to get together and enjoy the countryside.

Thanks to all our advertisers and contributors as always.

#### Charles Murray

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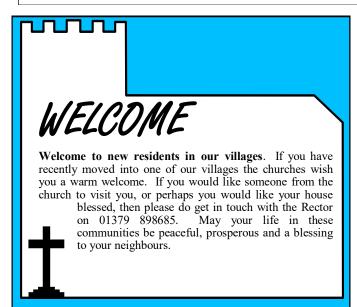
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- June issue 9 May(Mon) Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on 20 May (Fri)
- <u>July issue 13 June (Mon)</u> Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on 24 June (Fri)
- Aug issue 11 Jul (Mon) Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave—3.15pm on 22 July(Fri)

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

Best wishes The Parish Magazine Volunteers

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Tea & Chat



2:30pm at

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Thursday 9th June

Hall Mandy Wild will talk on

How to look good in a Bin Bag!

Competition: Create a pantomime caption 7:30 pm at Rickinghall Village Hall

A warm welcome to all ladies awaits



"Coffee On the Corner" Parkview Chapel Botesdale 9:00am Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Contact Sue Allen at brookview@clara.co.uk / 01379





**FoBHC** 

The Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Botesdale Health Centre will be held in Botesdale Village Hall

Monday 13 June at 7.30 pm

**Dr Donald MacEachern** will talk about the future of the Health Centre, followed by questions, etc.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available – we look forward to seeing you

Take this opportunity to meet up with other members, patients, and the FoBHC Committee



#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 7.00pm All Saints Church, The Street, Redgrave Ben Potterton – Wildlife Gardening

The Green Redgrave Group are excited to say Ben Potterton will be at the All Saints Church, The Street, Redgrave on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Ben, of Shorelands Wildlife Gardens, Dickleburgh, has worked extensively to promote wildlife and diversity across Suffolk, Norfolk and further afield. His work includes the River Waveney Biodiversity Partnership, Otter Trust and RHS among other organisations.

Ben will be discussing wildlife gardening and how both big & small projects can help the natural world, along with many stories and experiences he has gained along the way. It will be a fun, entertaining evening of interest, ideas and questions answered.

Everyone very welcome.

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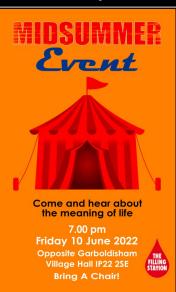
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In the past there has been a lovely atmosphere in both villages as people gain new ideas for their own plots or have the opportunity to meet other villagers and explore parts of the area which they haven't seen before.

Tickets (£5), refreshments, stalls and toilet facilities will be available at Botesdale Village Hall. This year there is also a children's miniature garden competition, with prizes.

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Regular Events

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Young Naturalists for 11-16 year olds 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Guided walk Fourth Monday of the month, 10am-12noon. A sociable stroll for adults looking at seasonal wildlife

Time to paint Creative & social session for adults. Last Friday of the month, 10am-2pm £5 donation. No need to book

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Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022 10:00am – 4:00pm Rickinghall Village Hall **Hinderclay Road IP22 1HD** 

Further details of the day will appear later in the year on the main theme of this year's event – **MEMORIES**.

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# BOTESDALE HEALTH CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) WELLBEING WALKS

The Botesdale Health Centre Patient Participation Group have been organising their Wellbeing Walks since 12 April 2022 in conjunction with One Life and our Botesdale Social Prescriber. The Walks have been much welcomed by 'clients' - namely any Patient of the Health Centre who is recovering from an illness, feeling isolated since COVID, or just wanting to get back to regular walking exercise.

The Walk is about 1/2 hour (2,000 steps) every <u>Tuesday at 10 am from Parkview Chapel Botesdale</u>.

If you would like to join in, please just turn up - or if you would like further information, please contact the PPG via the email or mobile below. Refreshments and chat follow the Walk.

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The speediest way to contact your GP if you have access to a smart phone or online facility is to use the online form EConsult which can be found on the Botesdale Health Centre Website. There are two forms one for Administrative queries and one for Medical Conditions.

The form is sent online to a GP (Medical EConsult) who decides the appropriate course of action for the condition, and you will receive a speedy response from the Health Centre. The EConsult form can be completed by the Patient, at their convenience, at any time of the day or evening. The Administrative EConsult form will be acted upon speedily by the Administrative Team.

The above EConsult process frees the phones for those Patients who do not have access to an online facility. Please note - the phone calls in the mornings re appointments are answered by a Team from the Health Centre. Therefore, if you are say 20th in line for your call to be answered - a response will be quite speedy, as response to the calls is shared between a number of people.

The Health Centre has found it increasingly difficult to recruit Reception staff in the NHS. In some cases the recruitment of Receptionists has been adversely affected by Patients not understanding or respecting the Receptionists Care Navigation role. We recognise that Patients are often feeling stressed by the events that require them to contact Reception and we have been asked to request your support to exercise the best behaviours of courtesy and patience.

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If you are interested to learn how The Patient Participation Group assists Botesdale Health Centre (all Health Centres are required to have a Patient Participation Group now) please do contact <a href="mailto:botesdaleppg@gmail.com">botesdaleppg@gmail.com</a> or 07787 148947



#### Notes from the Green Redgrave Group

This month's usual meeting of the Green Redgrave Group was moved to accommodate the first of our planned series of talks by wildlife experts from around the county. So, on Thursday 5 May 22 we heard from Paula Baker of Suffolk Prickles hedgehog rescue about her activities, together with her husband, to save hedgehogs around Suffolk. The talk was inspiring and humbling in equal measure, showing how much can be done by a dedicated team of volunteers determined to help nature recover. The meeting was extremely well attended and generated much interest from around the Parish and beyond. The Hedgehog Prickles charity works hard to help the animals recover from devastating injuries and then to release them where possible back to the wild; it deserves all our support. See the charity's website at https://suffolkprickles.org/ for more details of how you can support it.

Our next talk is planned to be on the subject of Gardening for Wildlife and is scheduled for 7 Jun 22.

Our campaign to provide additional homes for wildlife has been very successful with all of our bat boxes and swift boxes now allocated and erected. Hopefully the bats and swifts will start to use them soon. We may look to get additional boxes if the demand is clear. Please let us know if you would like us to get more for deployment around the village.

The first turtle doves are back in town! These critically endangered creatures have been long-term residents of Redgrave and the surrounding area but their numbers have gradually been dwindling. We are now giving them supplementary feed and our plans to improve their habitats will hopefully help stabilise or perhaps even increase their numbers in future.

We are continuing our Citizen Science work and logging wildlife sightings in the iRecord database. We are engaged particularly in monitoring the area near Ladies Bridge on the footpath between Redgrave and Hinderclay and recording the sightings there. And we have logged a wide variety of creatures in a short period: these include lapwings, linnets, reed buntings, skylarks, yellowhammers, little owls, kestrels, oystercatcher, mallards, whitethroats, brown hares and many others. This is exciting and shows what a rich area for wildlife we live in. Please let us know if you see more; details of what, where and when you see wildlife would be helpful.

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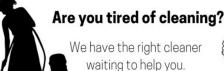
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#### Report from the May 2022 Botesdale PC Meeting

Three members of the Parish Council were present for the meeting. This was the PC's annual meeting in which the PC votes in a Chairman and Vice-Chairman as well as deciding on individual councillors' roles in representing the local community.

William Sargeant was returned as Chairman again this year as was Des Bavington-Lowe as Vice-Chairman.

This year councillors took responsibilities as follows:

Assets Register: Cllr Des Bavington-Lowe BARWOODS: Cllr William Sargeant Public Rights of Way: Cllr Simon Dickinson

Suffolk Assoc. of Local Councils/ District Council Parish Liaison:

Cllr Sargeant

Village Hall: Cllr Andy Edwards Website/Facebook: Clerk

Councillors' details will be on the telephone list included in the parish magazine and on the PC's website at www.botesdale.onesuffolk.net

**Planning**: There was a re-consultation application for an extension to 8 Park View with revised information on materials. As with the previous application, there was no objection. There was also an application to remove the limb of a tree at Chapel House, to which there was no objection.

Recreation Ground Project: The Project is on its way with the start of preliminary work such as safety fencing and the removal of old equipment. Please see below for more information and look for the flyer for the Community Art Project within this magazine.

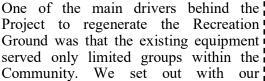
Correspondence: Councillors received information about the East Anglia Green briefing about the 400 Kv power line transmission project. The preferred route runs just west of the Thornhams and east of Gislingham then up through Wortham and Burgate to Norfolk. Public consultation started on 21st April and runs until 16th June. You can find out more at www.nationalgrid.com/east-angliagreen

**PC Items**: The PC has agreed to ask Mid Suffolk District Council to advise on the feasibility of merging Botesdale and Rickinghall Parish Councils under an ongoing Community Governance Review. Councillors also adopted a new Councillor Code of Conduct which sets out general principles of conduct expected of all councillors.

**End of Year Finance**: The accounts have been agreed, ready to be sent to the External auditors. The Internal Audit for the year 2021/22 confirmed that the Council maintains effective governance arrangements including a robust and effective framework of internal control and risk management.

Litter Pick: A big thank you to everyone who came out for this year's litter pick!

# Botesdale Recreation Ground A Place for Everyone ne of the main drivers behind



designers to provide facilities and experiences that would benefit everyone in our Community at every age from toddlers through to seniors.

A major omission in the existing Recreation Ground was the lack of facilities for people with disabilities. The infrastructure of the new scheme addresses the omission and is specifically designed to make the whole area more user accessible with dedicated disability parking at the entrance, linked to a network of step free pathways providing ready access to all of the new facilities.

Specific disability considerations include lots of easy access benches and seats, wheelchair accessible play equipment, accessible fitness equipment and an ecopath with sensory features.

We hope that you will take full advantage of all of the Recreation Ground's features when it opens in Spring 2023. In the meantime, please keep up to date with progress on the Botesdale Parish Council website at http://botesdale.onesuffolk.net/recreation-ground/construction/

If you want to know more about the Project or are keen to get involved with its establishment as a major recreational facility in the village, please do not hesitate to contact us at botesdalergrp@gmail.com

# THE NEXT BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

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# Redgrave Parish Council



#### Redgrave May 2022 Report - by the Chairman

Five Councillors attended this meeting with apologies accepted from Brian Andrews and Netty Verkroost. Three members of the public were present. This was the PC's annual meeting in which the PC votes for a Chairman and Vice-Chairman as well as deciding on councillor roles to represent the local community. Mike Denmark, this year's Chairman and Jason Walker, the Vice-Chairman, both said that they wished to stand down from their roles. Andy Warnes was voted in as the new Chairman and Mike Denmark agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman and was voted in to that position.

Public Forum: The organisers of the Redgrave Queen's Platinum Jubilee event, to be held on Friday 3 Jun 22, outlined their plans for the day including for closing off the road, and arrangements for food, drink and music. The Cross Keys Pub was to be used as the venue in the event of wet weather. It was anticipated that around 300 people might attend, depending upon the weather. The event would also support the Ukraine Appeal. The PC agreed to allocate £315 to help fund the event.

The Tree Warden noted that he had agreed to a scientific survey of the Old Pit site (recently planted up and named Redgrave Wood) by a student at the UEA who was researching damage to plants by wildlife.

County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming was unable to attend the event. However, she had forwarded a briefing for National Grid's East Anglia GREEN 400 Kv power line transmission project, the preferred route for which had only recently been announced. It runs just west of the Thornhams and east of Gislingham then up through Burgate and Palgrave to Norfolk. Public consultation has just started as of 21st April and runs until 16th June.

Planning: The PC considered 2 Planning Applications. The first was to vary house designs on the new construction site on land west of Hall Lane in accordance with revised diagrams. The second was for the erection of a single storey rear garden room extension and associated works at Well Cottage on Half Moon Lane. Both applications were agreed.

Activities Centre Site (Redgrave Recreation Ground): As part of the ongoing discussions with the landowner of the Redgrave Recreation Ground, Llanover Estate, we forwarded an outline proposal for the development of the land surrounding the existing Redgrave Recreation Ground to Llanover on 14 Apr 22. This proposal had been agreed with interested parties in the village. We await a reply from Llanover. It is expected that this document will be the basis for more detailed discussions in a meeting with all interested parties.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Mid Suffolk District Council has just announced that it hopes to hold the Referendum on the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan on Thursday 7 July 22. We await formal confirmation of this date.

#### Green Redgrave Group:

Old School Playing Field (OSPF): We are waiting to hear if the request for funding of the pond and wildflower meadow activities in the OSPF has been approved by the MSDC before the next stage of work starts on the OSPF.

Save Our Suffolk Swifts!: Swift boxes have now been installed around the

village. We await the return of the birds!

Turtle Doves: The first of the turtle doves has also returned. We hope that the measures we are taking will make this a welcoming home for many turtle doves in the future and help the recovery of this endangered species. Bat Boxes: All 12 bat boxes have now found new homes and are deployed around the village. Hopefully, we will see evidence of their being used this season. The Green Redgrave Group is planning a Bat Walk and Survey later this summer.

Saving Suffolk's Hedgehogs: We had an extremely successful talk in the Redgrave Amenities Centre on 5 May by Paula Baker of Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue. This was very well attended and much interest was generated. We have also had the first Green Redgrave Group's hedgehog release this month with an orphan hedgehog set loose in the village together with box and feeding station. This release has been recorded on the national hedgehog map.

**Footpaths:** The Green Redgrave Group has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Footpaths Officer. A survey of the status of footpaths and associated fingerposts had been started and would be ongoing. The initial results of this survey had been added to the Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way website.

Internal Audit Report: The Internal Audit of the Accounts for the Parish for the Year Ending 31 Mar 22 had been completed and the Report presented to the PC. Six recommendations were made in the report. The PC accepted these recommendations and will take measures to implement them. The PC also agreed the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for 2021/22.

**Vacancies:** There is still a vacancy for the position of Councillor. In addition, there is now a vacancy for a new Parish Clerk. Please contact the Chairman if you are interested in either of these positions.

Details of Parish Clerk position can be found on page 25.

# THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE

at 7.30 pm Redgrave Amenities Centre

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend

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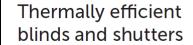
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# Parish Council Report May 2022 by Cllr Geoff Short

Our May meeting had quite a packed agenda and started by the chairman and vice chairman being elected for 2022/23. Geoff Short and Gillian Crossley-Holland were voted in again respectively, so we continue as before with the committee positions being filled as before, too.

We learned of major electricity powerlines required to meet future demand. This will involve pylons being erected in 2027 onwards. They will not come through Rickinghall but will pass north to south in the Burgate area, and it is described as a 'very substantial project'.

The planning section this month contained two sizeable developments in Garden House Lane. The first was for 10 detached houses to the rear of Willowmere. Outline planning permission had already been granted, and this application was to consider the site layout, property design and materials. Councillors had concerns over the restricted road access into the development, and also the actual design of the properties. Whilst the layout on the site looked ok, the properties were of an unusual design and were not in keeping with the Mid Suffolk and Neighbourhood Plan guidelines to keep elevations and finishes matched to those found locally. Consequently we objected to the application as submitted.

The other application was for the 41 to be built on land adjacent to Greenacres. Again the permission had been given for the development; the application before us was to comment on the layout, design and provision of facilities. The architect had attended two Parish Council meetings, and we had made suggestions in the public interest. For example, bungalows would be less obtrusive directly backing on to Ryders Way compared to houses. This would be beneficial to the height of the properties, and we had identified a demand for bungalows. We were pleased to see that bungalows had been incorporated into the layout, and they had also taken up our suggestions to improve the adjoining public footpath and provide a small play area for toddlers. It is quite a walk to Rickinghall or

Botesdale play areas for very small children. The designs of the properties were in keeping, with detailed information regarding materials and finishes, and we were pleased to report 'no objections'.

We agreed to give further consideration under a Community Governance Review to look at merging Rickinghall and Botesdale Councils. This would just be the initial stage, and this scenario has been considered before but has not proceeded. We also adopted the Councillor Code of Conduct and received an auditor's report on our finances.

We had previously discussed a donation of £1000 to the Village Hall to help with the cost of marquees for the Jubilee, and this sum was paid over by the council.

We heard that the major works to the Skate Park are on track to commence the week after the Jubilee celebrations.

Please note that, for operational reasons, our **July** meeting will actually take place a week early, on **Thursday 30 June**.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend our meetings, and we look forward to seeing you.

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# Ministry of Justice

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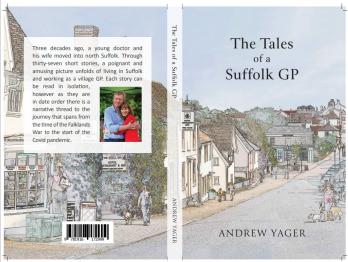
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Dr Yager will be doing a reading at Diss Publishing on Wednesday 1st June at 7pm It is on sale for £8 with his profit going to Red Cross Ukraine



#### **Community Woodland**



It has been really good to see all our sites breaking into new foliage; the bright greens of spring are such a delight.

We have worked on Northfield Wood most of the winter and the top of it, nearest the lane, is beginning to look like a wood, not just a new plantation. The apple trees have blossomed well so we look forward to a good crop this summer. And there are self-seeded wildflowers in the circle and under the trees suitable flowers have been planted.

Low Meadow's bushes are clumping together and the trees are growing well. The black poplar, gifted to us, seems very happy among the willows by the ditch. The two benches are in full sun, a nice place to sit on a sunny evening.

At Miller's Orchard a branch fell over the bridleway, and William Sargent kindly cleared it away. Inside the wood, it is a real pleasure to walk along the footpath. Our efforts at opening up the understorey has helped.

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!

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!

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# Club News



As any keen eyed local will have noticed, we have had the blue and yellow bunting and a blue and yellow flag pinned on the front of Parkview Chapel for just over a week, together with advertising posters on the front gateposts ... if you noticed them, I really hope you came along to visit us for Coffee on the Corner. If you didn't notice them, then may I respectfully suggest that a visit to your optician may need to be arranged very soon!

ANYWAY, WHY WERE THE BLUE AND YELLOW COLOURS DISPLAYED? Well, we were hoping to raise some money at our usual Tuesday monthly coffee shop to send to UNHCR (The United Nations Refugee Agency) to support the efforts in The Ukraine. In the usual three hour coffee shop, you will know that our kind visitors normally enable us to send somewhere in the region of £70 to £120 to one of the many fantastic charities that operate to support a wide range of people in need. BUT .... this

morning was Coffee on the Corner PLUS and we had a couple of extra stalls selling chocolates, books, plants, preserves and cake - in fact LOTS of cake! I had advertised this extra special coffee morning via posters, door to door leaflets and lots of conversations and thus we were really busy all morning and I cannot say how pleased I was to see so many people chatting, laughing, eating, catching up with friends and neighbours or even people they hadn't met before. At Parkview we hope that we offer a very friendly welcome to visitors to our monthly coffee shop, to those who join in the Tuesday Morning Wellbeing Walks (which take place every Tuesday starting at 10.00 at The Chapel) or indeed to anyone who walks through our doors, especially those who come to worship with us on a Sunday.

Having said all that, I realise that you would like to know how much our kind visitors donated for refreshments, extra cake, bric-a-brac, greetings cards, chocolates or even the "How Many Buttons in the Jar" guessing competition. Well, those of you who know me will realise that I am not often speechless, but this morning's total was jaw droppingly generous ... in all our Treasurers, Helen and Philip Miles, will be sending £700.00 to UNHCR!! I cannot thank you enough for your generosity or for the kindness and willingness of the team who help me to run Coffee on the Corner - those who bake, organise, wash up, dry up and put tables and chairs out and then tidy away ... you are all fantastic and I couldn't do it without you. So, if you are flexible enough, give yourselves a pat on the back!

Next month we shall be organising our usual Coffee on the Corner and whilst we won't have the extra stalls, the welcome will be just as warm. So, if you came along for the first time this month, please don't make it the last time - we really value your support and we love to make new friends and acquaintances, which is what I hope Coffee on the Corner will enable you to do, too.

Our charity next month has not been finalised but, in the light of the news about how many people are struggling with the rising costs of fuel, food and other expenses, I am hoping that we will be able to support The Trussell Trust - otherwise known as Food Banks. Whilst we really should be living in a world where food banks are not needed, that is sadly not the case, so all we can do at present is to offer our support financially ... so hope to see you next month on Tuesday 14th June!

Wishing you all the very best,

Sue Allen

If you would like to know more about our coffee shop or any of the happenings at Parkview Chapel, do please call me on 01379 890423.

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# Nyall's Notes LOHP Local News

I welcome feedback, do get in touch. Nyall Davies 01379 897 067

While, these days, I don't expect people to understand what Christianity is about, I have only recently seen how little people know. They know that there are churches but apart from Church of England ones that stick out and form part of the scenery they know very little and certainly almost nothing of what goes on inside. They don't realise that there are many churches that, looking like normal modern buildings, are all but invisible and almost undoubtedly have no knowledge that many differ in what they believe and teach.

Some will be merely social clubs while others will be enthusiastic believers. Some will have a form of liturgy in that what they do is written down in a prayer book while others might have no written words at all. There should be a common thread although it may in some places have vanished over time. So what is this common thread?

- 1) There is God who has made everything whether by special creation or some evolutionary means needn't concern us at this stage.
- That God is perfectly good and is concerned about us, what we 2) do, and what we say and think.
- 3) We are not perfectly good. We harbour resentment, jealousies and hurts and wouldn't fit into God's perfect heaven. He doesn't want resenting, jealous and hurting people spoiling that perfect heaven.
- God sees that his standard is much too high for us.
- In the person of Jesus Christ, God himself demonstrates that it is possible to meet that standard under extreme conditions, for even when the jealousy of men became such that he was put to death by crucifixion he remained perfectly righteous.
- 6) He offers that righteousness to us as a gift. You either believe that and accept it or you can reject the idea. One way you get to live in his presence for ever, the other way you cannot.
- 7) The death of Jesus Christ on the cross is portrayed as him dying for us, in our place. This is typified by the words of an old hymn:

In my place condemned he stood, Sealed my pardon with his blood.

There are many and varied explanations of what Jesus achieved on the cross but the Bible does very clearly say, and I quote: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The hero of the story dies a horrendous death by being nailed to a cross of wood that makes it a hard sell. That was the punishment that my wrong doings deserve. It is a concept that is difficult for anyone to accept. We never think of ourselves as that bad. He came through that, completely righteous and without a wrong thought, something we would see as impossible. He will credit that level of righteousness to us who do not deserve it if we believe in Jesus. It seems that we get something for nothing but that is exactly what the Bible says. That is what we call grace.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; ... it is the gift of

Ephesians Ch 2 v.8



Conservation & Community

'Oh what is more sweet than the month of June When our senses thrill and our hearts keep tune To the song of the birds and the rose in bloom?'

June, by Lottie Brown Allen (1863-1935).

It's the summer solstice on the 21st of this month, when summer should be in full swing. June is all about breeding for the 'residents' of our sites: blue tit young will be searching oak trees for the last of the caterpillars, blackbirds might be on to a third clutch of eggs while their mates feed the chicks hatched earlier, and cuckoos will have laid their eggs in reed warbler nests along the Little Ouse river. Swallows, house martins and swifts will have arrived from Africa and the swifts will be hoping that where they nested last year has not been reroofed so that they can breed there again. Marsh harriers have been spotted over Carr Meadow and red kites over Reeves Meadow and there are a pair of barn owls nesting in the owl box on Carr Meadow so fingers crossed for some chicks!

On our wet sites, look out for meadowsweet. purple loosestrife, birdsfoot and common centaury. A myriad of orchids will be in flower on Middle Fen in Thelnetham - do visit them, they are gorgeous! Dragonflies and the smaller, daintier, damselflies will have emerged along the river and ponds, having spent most of their lives as nymphs in the water.

This year marks our 20th birthday so, to mark the occasion, we are holding an event on Parker's Piece in TheInetham on Sunday 3rd July. There is a flier in this magazine all about it. We would love to see you there to join with us to celebrate a wonderful twenty years! Why not come along, have a fun day out and, if you like what you see, you could support us and join as a member. Check out our website for details: www.lohp.org.uk

Oh, and as a postscript, there will be cake! (and coffee and food and beer and much, much more!),

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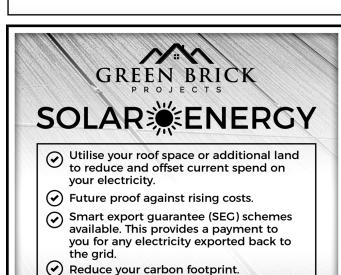
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Rickinghall At our April meeting we had to improvise at the last minute due to our speaker cancelling. This did not deter us, we had quite a lot of business to discuss including our involvement on both days with the Jubilee celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June and then

it was on to playing a light-hearted game of bingo. Our May meeting is our AGM, but again this will be combined with 2 quizzes and refreshments including canapes.

We held our first coffee morning at the Bell Inn on the 28th April where 12 of us enjoyed coffee, cake and a good chat. On the 29th April Calkewood in Calkewood Lane was open to us for a Bluebell Walk, followed by tea/coffee, amazing cakes and again a good chat. The bluebells were stunning and there was even an orchid and some rare flowers to be seen. Our treasurer enjoyed herself on the swing in the wood. The Open Morning was in aid of Macmillan Research and our hosts Philippa and Rob were pleased to report that they raised £310.





We are actively involved in both days of the Jubilee Celebrations taking part in the Community Exhibition at St Mary's Church Redgrave on Saturday 4th June, joining in the church service at St Mary's Church on Sunday morning, and running a bottle tombola stall at the Jubijee Fair at Rickinghall Village Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Rosemary Setterfield**





#### St Botolph's Bowls Club

9th April was the start of the bowls season for our club with a lunch for all members and a club bowls drive. We have more drives, competitions, league matches and social events in the forthcoming months. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we started our Fun Friday evenings so that anyone from all ages could come and have a try at lawn greens bowling. This includes a qualified coach to help new bowlers and bowls equipment is available to use. We have held 3 Fun Friday evenings so far, attracting an encouraging number of people learning and trying out their skills at bowling. Afterwards they have the opportunity to relax at our club bar - a great way to meet new people.

We are continuing the Fun Friday evenings throughout the season so please feel free to come along and have a try, enjoying the long summer evenings in a sociable relaxed way.

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# Exploring the Past

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#### Platinum Jubilee Weekend of Queen Elizabeth II

The local churches comprising Botesdale Methodist Church, Parkview Chapel and the Anglican Church are uniting to present a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration weekend in St Mary's Church, Redgrave, on Saturday 4th June from 10am to 4pm. On Sunday morning 5th June there will be a Platinum Jubilee service in Redgrave Church at 10.30 am to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Two new trees have been planted at the gates of Redgrave Church to replace the trees which died recently. They replaced two Horse Chestnut trees which were planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The new trees will be dedicated on Sunday 5th June.

At Rickinghall Village playing field there will be a Platinum Jubilee Fair organised by various other people, mainly from Rickinghall, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am.

Queen Elizabeth II is the longest serving living monarch in the world that there has ever been. I wrote an article for the Parish Magazine in July 2008 about the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 which follows:

#### Parish Magazine July 2008

# Queen Victoria's Jubilee Celebrations in our parishes 1897.

I was recently given some pages from old Hartismere Deanery Magazines which give an interesting insight to life in the parishes. This is the plan for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Redgrave and Botesdale in 1897.

"On the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. there will be a special service in connection with the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. It is well known that there is a service in our prayer book for the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. Fortunately, this year it falls upon a Sunday – and this service with suitable anthems and variations will no doubt be generally used. In 1887 we held a service on Jubilee Day, but this year as the Accession Day falls on the Sunday, our National Thanksgiving will be offered on the Lord's Day.

In these two Parishes the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be kept as the day of secular rejoicing.

As in 1887, it was found impossible for the two parishes to keep their Jubilee together. In some ways this is to be regretted – but it is better to have two good Jubilees than to have only one to which several people in either Parish would not go. There seems a strong determination in each parish to keep the Jubilee joyfully.

In Redgrave a very large committee has been elected consisting of R. Alger, Mr. and Miss Berridge, W. Bloomfield, T. Chenery, C. Driver, H. Garnham, H.L. Horsfall, Esq., Mrs. Horsfall, A. Kemp, C.S. Moore, A.Noble, D.Orves, J. Orvice, Mrs. Payne, J. Potter, P. Potter, W.H. Pursehouse, A. Rolfe, J. Staff, Mrs. Thompson, S. Tooth, W. Watling, C. Wells, G.H.

Wilson, Esq., Rev. T. Holt Wilson, Mrs. Holt Wilson, Miss. A.M. Wilson, T. Wright, and Mrs. Wright, with power to add to their number.

At Botesdale the following were elected as a Committee – H. Boyce, A.E. Claydon, G. Clements, sen., Dr. Hannigan, J. Head., L.R. Rednall, W.B. Rednall, J. Sage, B.S. Taylor, H. Wainwright, G.R.H. Wilson Esq., and Rev. T. Holt Wilson.

Subsequently at a meeting of the Botesdale Committee – Mrs. A. Claydon, Mrs. Hannigan, Mrs. W. Rednall, Miss A. Taylor and Mrs. Wainwright were appointed as a Ladies Committee to advise on such matters as they understood better than men.

Both Redgrave and Botesdale were divided into collecting districts, and we have not yet heard the result – but a plan of subscription was decided by each Committee entitling to participation in the feast.

At Redgrave in 1887 several volunteers erected a booth, but in '97 this will not be needed, as Mr. Horsfall has given permission of the Hall grounds to the parishioners. At Botesdale, Mr. Wainwright has granted the use of Barley Birch – and Mr. Walter Rednall has handsomely offered the loan of timber, &c, wherewith to erect a booth

At Redgrave, in addition to the collection for the Jubilee Feast, an extra column is open for the restoration of the Church Bells. For some years only 3 bells out of the 6 have been in use — and there seems a praiseworthy desire on the part of the parishioners to start a fund for their complete restoration.

May the  $22^{nd}$  be fine – and may the day be a Happy One !!!.

The entry for Rickinghall only mentions the church service, and the following extract. "On the Tuesday following, when all subjects in Her Majesty's Dominions will make holiday and rejoice, the Rector, Mrs. and the Misses Hales will give their annual School Feast to those parishioners and friends who will receive an invitation. The Rickinghall Band will be in attendance.

In the Rickinghall school logbook is an entry for Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1888 which reads:

'Today the children witnessed the planting of a horsechestnut tree at noon to commemorate the Jubilee of the Queen; it is in the churchyard'.

When Rickinghall school closed in 1994 this was printed on the tea towel which was designed for the closing of the school to unite with Redgrave C.E.V.C.P. school at Botesdale. Every year this tree blooms with pretty pink blossom and is slightly smaller and hardier than most of the white blossomed Horse Chestnut trees planted for Queen Victoria's jubilees. The tree can be seen next to the path which leads to the gate in Hinderclay Road.



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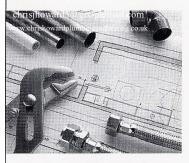
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# Exploring the Past Again

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Memories of growing up in Rickinghall in the 1950s and 1960s from Marcia Bell continued.

The front room was quite small but contained an awful lot of furniture. We had a dining room table and chairs, three piece suite, sideboard and piano crammed into the room. The walls and ceiling were papered and rather than a dado rail there was a frieze running along the wall with a small gap to the ceiling. The floor had a square of carpet, not fitted, as it was the fashion to have stained floorboards round the edges.

There was an open fire in the lounge but we also had a paraffin heater if there wasn't time to light the fire. Upstairs the two bedrooms had rag rugs, as did the kitchen. These were popular during and just after WW2, as to make them you only needed some sacking as a backing and you could use any scraps of material that came to hand. These were cut up into small pieces and sewn onto the sacking. If we had visitors who stayed overnight they would sleep round at my grandmother's cottage, next door but one. She had three bedrooms and so had plenty of room to spare. I often stayed there with one of my cousins from Hertford. We slept in my mother's old room in a feather bed. I loved being there except for one thing - the wiggly things in the water! My grandmother had jugs and basins on wash stands in the bedrooms and would take the cold water from an outside water butt, as was the custom in the country. This water contained mosquito larvae which wiggled around in the water in the basin. You had to dip your flannel in the water and try to avoid these creatures!

Each morning my mother would do housework, baking or washing and in the afternoon we would go out visiting her school friends and their children. There was always someone to play with and I had no problem being an only child.

One of my earliest memories is of a hunt going through the village.

Nearly everybody stood on their doorstep in the street to watch the huntsmen and hounds pass through. One hound broke away from the rest of the pack and came into our cottage through the front door. It took a few minutes for a huntsman to get it back and he was really cross. We lived opposite a meadow which was owned by George Bailey, a local farmer, who used the meadow for grazing his cows. Twice a day he would walk the cows down the road to his milking shed at the back of what is now 'The Old Four Horseshoes'. He would sometimes give my grandmother a large jug of milk.

When I was about three I was given a red handbag which I was very fond of, but instead of using it for the normal things you would use a handbag for, I would keep live spiders in it! One day Mrs Murray, our next door neighbour, found me trying to drop in a really large spider and she asked my mother to remove it in case I was bitten!

I started at Rickinghall school at the beginning of the summer term in 1959 but I hated it! I'm not sure why as I had had plenty of contact with other children prior to this. On the first day I crawled under our dining table and clung on to one of the legs, hanging on for dear life! After the first day or two, our neighbour's daughter Sheila Woodward and her friend Brenda Lummis collected me for school.

It was essential to learn to ride a bicycle if you lived in a village and so nearly all children started off with a fairy bike with stabilisers.

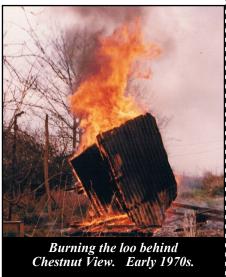
When I was around five years old I was still riding around with the stabilisers on and refused to take them off. My father did take them off and took me out on the road hoping that I would get on it. I was

wheeling the bike down the road when Mrs Florrie Goodwin who lived at North View came out of her cottage and in exasperation shouted out 'Get on that boike maw dew'. I was so scared that I immediately got on and rode it.

I spent a lot of time with Jackie Francis when I was young. We were always in and out of each other's houses. Jackie's grandfather owned the four North View cottages and had a tailor's shop at one end of the terrace. He had retired from the business when I knew him. It is interesting that Mr Francis would never live in the cottage adjoining the shop, but chose to live in another one in the terrace. I believe that is because he thought that it was haunted. Jackie and I used to ride our little bikes along the concrete pad at the back of North View, going up and down the drains. We also had roller skates and would skate up and down the pavement near the cottages diagonally opposite, making a fearful noise. One old dear used to say we were too noisy.

In the summer we would play tennis in the yard at the back of my grandmother's terrace. We would pretend to be Christine Truman and Angela Mortimer, the British stars of the day. 'Sonny' Bullock, the local decorator/undertaker would come once every five years and paint the window frames of our cottages and apply new tar to the old outhouses around the yard. Where Jackie and I had previously played tennis, he would boil up the tar in a large pot and I wasn't allowed to play ball games outside until the tar had hardened. These old buildings were fascinating and very spooky. They consisted of an old clay lump stable range in the shape of a horseshoe, with the two ends going into the bank (the garden sloped upwards towards a field). There was another building at the back of my grandmother's cottage (now 'Glenfield'), which my mother called 'The Whitings'. This had obviously been a house at one time but there was nothing 'white' about it. It was constructed of brick, flint and black weatherboarding, under a pitched pantile roof. I only learned later from some old deeds that it had actually been a pub called 'The White Horse', later known as Whittinghams and then presumably known as 'The Whitings'. The old deeds were dated in the 1770s and referred to the pub as having been long gone. By the 1950s the ceiling downstairs had collapsed so there was plenty of headroom to use it as a garage for our white Ford Prefect!

Life certainly changed in the 1970s. When my father built a house on the land next door, he had a ceremonial burning of the old loo. To make sure that there was a good blaze, lots of petrol was used. He said that he had been wanting to do that for years!



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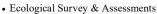
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There's also emergency support that you may have access to, such as food bank vouchers or fuel vouchers.

If you're struggling to stay on top of bills, it's really important to understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. Citizens Advice also has a budgeting tool on its website that can help with this.

If you're already behind on bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if they can help you repay your bills sustainably.

We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don't have to face this alone, so do contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk to help you find a way forward.

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#### Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

Noble metals mark Royal jubilees all fit for jewellery and crowns silver, gold and platinum, for weddings too.

In 1977 a Silver Jubilee way-marked our Queen's first years upon her throne; her Golden Jubilee in 2012

was blessed with the Olympic Games in London (she even parachuted in to see them) and crowned by Britain's record medal wins.

Now is the year of Platinum celebration the only one that we have ever seen or ever likely will see from now on;

platinum, stable, rare and beautiful once called the only metal fit for a king symbol of her constancy, work and duty;

her promise broadcast from South Africa when she came of age on a Royal Tour to give lifelong commitment to her realm

a promise truly kept even to old age and in her recent widowhood from Philip her beloved of more than 70 years.

Like platinum, she has served us well and also has adapted with the times; her Empire changed with independence,

became the Commonwealth of Nations which she still leads and knows their leaders continues to attend to their concerns;

all this while being wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, making time to share precious moments with her family.

What a truly noble Queen we have who, navigating troubled waters, has stayed calm and constant in her dedication.

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Bandar Abbas – Iran. Brief Recollections (Page 9)

First day. Drove back to the camp and went first to my villa, to open the rear windows and rehang the fly screen in the front door as I went to the canteen. A quick lunch whilst it remained cool – there was no one to talk to anyway – and then back to my villa where I was pleased to put on shorts, sit in the draught from the rear windows, and wipe off the sweat periodically.

I opened the first of the counted cross-stitch packages; a wagtail on a branch with catkins, and found a needle, a roll of fine canvas and a small bundle of coloured cotton threads. It didn't look too complicated, but I would have to be very careful to avoid staining the canvas with sweat as I handled it.

The days passed monotonously, mainly because the major works had been completed, and Ali and I were only supervising the final inspections. I finished the first cross-stitch and put it into my suitcase and started the second – a finch on a twig.

I was approaching the end of my fourth year in this barren and lonely place and looked forward to flying away never to return.

My unspoken wishes were answered when my company advised our client that they would cease all supervisory and design work in four weeks' time. For me and my assistants it was a notice of dismissal. I spoke to the accountant and Zari and Ali, and advised them of the decision; they were not surprised, and we started to plan for our departure. One of my first actions was a trip to a travel agent in Bandar Abbas to buy flight tickets from Bandar Abbas to Dubai, London and Manchester.

The client decided to send a representative to site. He was middle aged, I think Syrian, but educated in Britain so also spoke Arabic and Farsi. I don't remember his name but for the sake of this narrative I will refer to him as Mahmood. He was sent to take over site supervision after I left the site.

About the same time the client arranged for the site office to have a telephone but unfortunately he was unable to improve the supply of electricity and we sweltered daily in the heat.

Shortly before we were due to leave the site I was invited to join Zari and Ali for an evening meal. I walked over to their home and arrived punctually, and was invited to wait a few moments for Zari to arrive. It was worth the wait, because the dowdy lady I knew from the office was transformed. It was the difference between a chrysalis and a butterfly, and I was entranced by her appearance.

Dinner was very good also!

To be continued. JML

#### IN YOUR GARDEN

#### For Peat's sake!

Although I'm running the risk of incurring the wrath of the anti peat brigade, I am going to stick my neck on the block and continue to use responsibly sourced peat in my gardening activities until the compost producing industry comes up with a consistently viable substitute. This is all against the background of the Government planning to ban the sale of peat-based compost by 2024 to protect the environment from further extraction.

In my experience and other amateur gardening friends, it is the lack of consistency between the various brands of peat-free compost on offer that is causing confusion. Different compost brands have a variety of uses and these are not clearly explained on the packaging.

Similarly, neither the popular peat alternative, Coir, the treated fibres of coconut shell, can equal peat when it comes to cultivation qualities.

Furthermore, coir comes from places such as Sri Lanka and not only racks up a vast carbon footprint on its travels but needs to be thoroughly washed to remove all the salt it contains. This is in an area where fresh water is an extremely precious commodity.

#### Slug pellet chemical banned

A nationwide ban on slug pellets containing the chemical metaldehyde has come into force from March 21<sup>st</sup> this year.

This follows growing concern by experts of the risks the chemical posed to wildlife and the run-off contaminating ponds and rivers.

As one who knows only too well the devastation slugs and snails cause to my plants, and especially the young vegetables, the ban of this lethal weapon filled me with considerable unease. However, I can accept these little horrors are an important part of the natural ecosystem and using chemical warfare that also kills birds and mammals is not really acceptable.

So what are the alternatives to protect your plants from slugs and snails?

Organic non-metaldehyde slug pellets are available and you can also rationalise the plants you grow. There are certain species the slugs and snails make a beeline for, such as hostas and delphiniums. I have found geraniums and foxgloves tend to be shunned and vegetables growing in my raised beds have so far escaped. Another way is to deploy measures to form barriers around vulnerable plants that slugs and snails find difficult to cross such as wool pellets or crushed egg shells.

Encouraging predators such as birds, hedgehogs and amphibians also helps to keep numbers down. I find placing an old roof tile on the flower beds lures these pests as they gravitate to dark places where I can then dispose of them for good.

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Remember, if you currently pay your Council Tax by direct debit and you are eligible for the rebate, the payment will be made automatically to your account.

If you receive similar messages about Council Tax rebates over the phone hang up.

If you need to confirm a contact about Council Tax is genuine, contact your local council, directly.

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A number of people locally have reported receiving telephone calls that appear to have come from the Ministry of Justice advising them there were five tax offences charged against them 'that were due to be heard in court today' and to avoid further penalties, they needed to settle the case immediately over the phone.

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The calls, have been spoofed to appear to come from a genuine number used by the Ministry of Justice. We always advise people to be very wary of any claims made during telephone cold calls. If you receive this or a similar call, IT IS NOT GENUINE. Do not interact and hang up immediately.

HMRC offer advice on recognising and reporting scams relating to tax on the GOV. Website. (<a href="https://www.GOV">https://www.GOV</a> .UK/topic/dealing -with hmrc/phishing -scams

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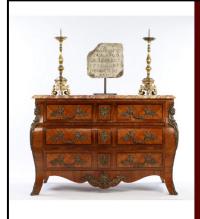
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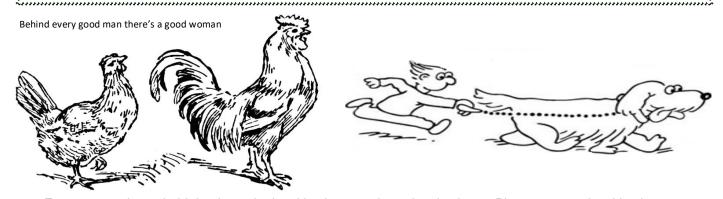
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# Message From Mel

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Hello everyone, x

On the 1st of May, at RedBRick Church, we started 40days of Joy. Each day we have been sharing with one another, what brings us joy. Not matter what life looks like, whether it is hard or easy, there is always something to be joyful about. Focusing on these things, helps me/us to be positive and be grateful for what we have. Tune into our Instagram and search #rbr40daysofjoy to join in.

For the Jubilee Weekend we are joining forces with Parkview and the Methodist Church, as well as the Villages, to honour the Queen and celebrate together. For a full programme of family fun, look in this Parish Mag.

At the end of the month, we also have our Family Breakfast Church. It's the best Sunday of the month for my son; filled with food and activities for the whole family. For information about our new youth group, connect with us on Instagram @rbryouth.

God Bless you lots and see you soon © Mel





Short Note to Mums

As we continue to look at inspirational women, it is no surprise that this month, we look at the Queen. Whether you like her or not, she has served this country for a whopping 70 years. Not only is she our Monarch, but she is a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, patron for over 600 charities, is Head of State, Head of the Church of England and is Head of the Commonwealth. During her life, she has seen an immeasurable amount of change in politics and socialisation, technology, devolution and decolonisation and so much more.

As a full time working mum she has had to learn how to juggle. Not only that, but she has relentlessly tried to care and serve her country and the people within it. She is also the longest serving Head of State in the UK and continues to be one of the most inspirational women in the world. I am dazzled by her, and even though we all know she has done many things wrong, she has kept calm and carried on. I see her as a swan, calm on the surface, but paddling relentlessly underneath. Her life and faith in God inspires me. As a woman and a mum, I also hope to be someone of strength, serenity, openness and courage. God Save our Queen and God Bless her.

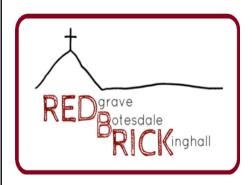
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Su	ınday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration United Service 10.30am at St. Mary's, Redgrave	+
Sur	nday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am	
Sur	nday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day 'Coffee on a Sunday' service at 11:00am	PARKVIEW CHAPEL
Sur	nday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am	CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY
Events		Coffee on the Corne	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am
		PARKVIEW Youth Junior Church	Sundays 11:00am - 12:00pm
		Junior Friday Club	Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm
		PYF	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 Services (all at 10.30am) - for further information phone 01379 890898 **UNITED CHURCHES JUBILEE SERVICE at St Mary's Redgrave** Sunday 5th Sunday 12th **Local Arrangement** Sunday 19th Mr David Freeman Sunday 26th **Mrs Jane Mottram Events** Call 01379 890747 for details and dates New fortnightly Bible Study 10-11.30am. Everyone welcome to attend. Afternoon meeting for tea, conversation and activity 2:30pm - 4:00pm at the Tuesday 7th Methodist Church Schoolroom. Open to all in these villages Tuesday 28th Coffee Down the Lane 10:00am-12:00pm in the Church. Everyone welcome.



# Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls June 2022 Services

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost

**BCP Holy Communion,** 8.45am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Community Service,** 10.30am, St Mary's Church, Redgrave

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Community Worship, 10am, All Saints Church, Redgrave Pause for refreshments 11.15am Continue with Holy Communion, 11.30am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Family Breakfast Church, 9.30am, Botesdale Village Hall Holy Communion, 11am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

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 www.rbrchurch.co.uk 01379 898685

#### 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

3.5.22 Interment of Ashes of Margaret Edith Wright, St Mary's Churchyard, Rickinghall. Died 14.8.21, age 87