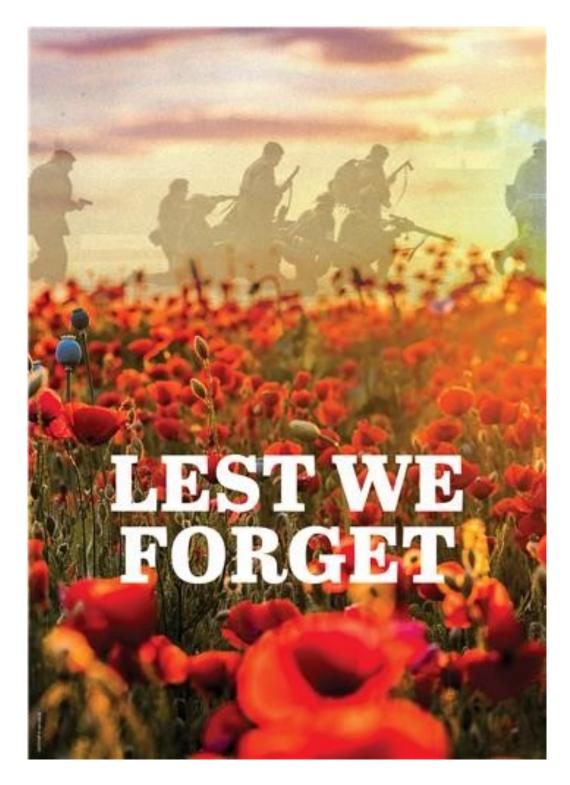
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Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

November 2022



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REMEMBER REMEMBER ...

What is it that you have a habit of forgetting? Perhaps it's people's names or special dates? One of the many things for me is that I quite often forget where I have put my glasses. (At least I think that's one of the many things ... I can't quite remember now!)

I only need glasses for driving and watching television. So if I've been out, when I arrive home I take my glasses off, and later in the evening, if the opportunity arises to watch some tv, normally football, I then can't remember where I have put my visual helps.

The running joke in our house is that I then blame my wife for moving my glasses, she then grumbles, finds them for me, I say sorry, and then I watch the football. This attempt at humour was, according to my wife, not funny to start with, let alone after 14 years of marriage. But I persist with the attempt at humour nonetheless.

'Remember Remember' ... such important words, particularly in this month of the year.

The first 'Remember'

As the 17th century poem goes, 'Remember, remember, the fifth of November. Gunpowder, treason and plot. I see no reason, Why gunpowder treason, Should ever be forgot.'

This poem, possibly written by the great John Milton, instructs us to remember the failed attempt to blow up both Parliament and King James I, on November 5th 1605. The funny thing is that we don't seem to remember *everything* about that 5th of November. We all remember poor Guy Fawkes, the first one caught, as he was about to set light to the gunpowder. But, for instance, we don't remember the leader of the plot, Robert Catesby, or indeed even the names of any of the other co-conspirators.

The second 'Remember'

'They shall not grow old, As we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, And in the morning, We will remember them.' November also means that it is Remembrance Day on the 11^{th} , and, Remembrance Sunday, this year on November 13^{th} . Days when we remember those British service members who have given their lives in conflict since World War I. Through their sacrifice these heroes have given us the opportunity to enjoy the freedom we have. But what do we do with that freedom? Do we use it wisely? Or do we take it for granted? I wish I could be a good example in this, but to my shame I say that I need this annual time of remembrance to remind me of the freedom given to me.

As a Christian I believe there is another person who deserves to be remembered - Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The third 'Remember'

And Jesus himself left us some instructions on how to remember him. Not least when Jesus is having a meal with his disciples, famously known as The Last Supper. During this meal the book of Luke records Jesus saying the words opposite.

'He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people — an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

"Do this to remember me." Just a few hours after Jesus says these words he is killed on a cross. And so on Remembrance Sunday, and indeed every Sunday, Churches will remember Jesus in the way those instructions tell us to. In the process remembering his death on a cross, on which his life was given out of love for us all. Surely that is worth remembering?

I am not totally convinced we need to remember Guy Fawkes and his efforts every year. Yes, I like the idea that it brings family, friends and communities together. However I am not so sure we need to spend the millions of pounds that we do annually buying fireworks to light up the sky.

But I am totally convinced we should remember those service members who have sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom and peace. They are heroes. And we should wear our poppies with pride. I also firmly believe that Jesus is worth remembering. Yes, in the way he instructs us too. But also in the way we live our daily lives, remembering and copying the way he loved and treated others. So if you remember Guy Fawkes, then do enjoy, and please do that safely. And without hesitation remember those who have fallen, without such bravery we would not have the freedom we have. And can I encourage you to remember Jesus too. Someone who loves you so much that on a cross he sacrificed his life for you.

God bless you, Kev Gladwell

Church & Community Pastor

Parkview Chapel



Please note the following changes to the **Local Services Directory**The latest version of the directory is available online at

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Community Services (local) / Parish Councils	Added new Redgrave Clerk: Mrs Alison Spouncer Tel: 01379 890613 / clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk

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- Feb issue Mon 16 Jan Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave 3.15pm on Fri 27 Jan
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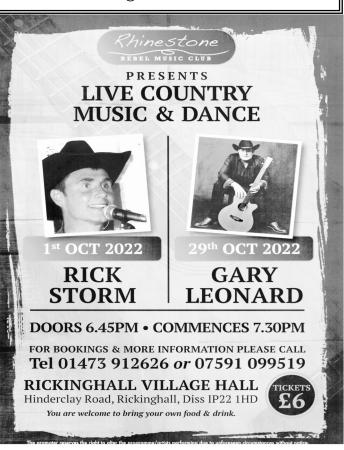
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This year's Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated on Sunday 13th November 2022. At 11 am we salute the Fallen with a short period of

Remembrance Sunday

silence at the War Memorial. All are welcome to observe this silence with us - please assemble at the Memorial just before 11am - a time for personal reflection on tragic events & the villages' losses. Due to events beyond our control, there will be no formal parade this year and instead a service of Remembrance will take place at the Chapel of Ease followed immediately by a Remembrance ceremony at the War Memorial. Please be in the Chapel of Ease before the service starts at 1500. The Street will be closed for the short period of the Parade until after the service. Any questions? Please contact Col Mike Bishop MBE on 07801 815983.

// Rickinghall

Meetings 7:30 pm Rickinghall Village Hall

On Thursday 10th November **Emily Matthews** will talk about the

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November also sees the start of our Winter Soup and Natters at Rickinghall Village Hall on Friday 25th 12.30pm. £5 per person

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"Coffee down the Lane" Tuesday 22nd November 10:00am-12:00pm



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Weekend Wildlife Club (6-11s) Wildlife-themed activities. Sat 12th, 10.30am-12.30pm, £5

Young Naturalists (11-16s) Explore, investigate and learn about wildlife and habitats. Sat 12th, 1.30pm-3.30pm, £5

Needle felted robin hanger workshop Sat 19th,10am-1pm. Local needle felt artist Sarah Brown. £32, inc materials

Guided walk A sociable stroll for adults looking at seasonal wildlife Mon 28 November, 10am-12noon, £5

Wild Tots Fridays, 10.30am-12noon, £5.50

November

Twilight walk Discover sights and sounds of the Fen on a winter's afternoon. Tue 6 Dec, 2.30pm-4.30pm, £5

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Holiday Club (unaccompanied 6-11s) Tue 20th 9am-3.30pm. Wild play, games and activities. £25 each, including a healthy, vegetarian lunch

Booking essential for all activities unless otherwise stated. For further details and to book, visit www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org or call 01473 890089

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING Sat 26th November 10am – noon

St Mary's Church, Rickinghall. (The Church near Rickinghall Village Hall)

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Redgrave & District Ladies Club

There will be no Speaker in December,

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RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL'S

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 4th

December

10.00 am unfil 3.30 pm af Rickinghall Village Hall

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We meet in Diss Corn Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2pm*

15 Nov: "Mind the Gap"; Graphic & Poster Design on London Underground

6 Dec: The Wind in the Willows revisited through its illustrators

17 Jan: Randolph Hearst Castles - the unquenchable thirst of William Randolph Hearst

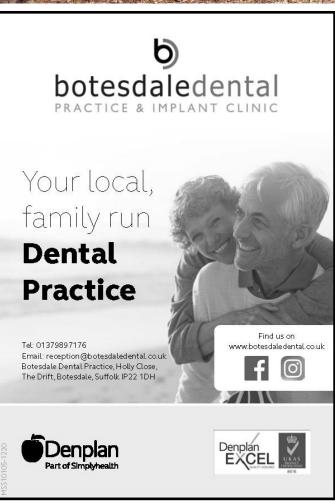
Guests are asked to contribute a donation of £7. Membership for 10 lectures per year is £43. Do come along and give us a try! **More information at: https:// artsocdiss.org.uk**

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On Thursday 29th September we hosted an Open Meeting in Rickinghall Village Hall. I was delighted to say 'Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the meeting' which was attended by a mixture of WI members, their partners and many visitors.

Our speaker was Professor Peter Jenner from King's College London, who is a world-renowned specialist in Parkinson's and other neuro-degenerative diseases. Peter is a local man, living in Wortham, and he had kindly agreed to speak to us at our meeting.

He started by telling us about his early life, growing up with a widowed mother, passing his 11 plus exams and taking O and A levels. This was followed by a degree and PhD studied at Chelsea College. This was in the 1960's, so being close to Carnaby Street and other attractions meant he led a very busy and lively life alongside his studies. and he entertained us with amusing anecdotes about his escapades. He also met some people who went on to have a profound effect on his life. He had decided he wanted to go into Pharmacy but one of his lecturers forwarded his CV to the Neurological Department at the local hospital and he was offered a position in their research department. This was when his first interest in neurological diseases began, and he told us how most of their ground -breaking research actually started with discussions over a pint of beer after work at the local pub. He explained to us how a part of the brain changes when someone has Parkinson's causing the four main symptoms to develop – tremors, muscle stiffness, slow movement and sometimes losing sense of smell. There are other associated symptoms such as constipation, sleep problems and dribbling caused by muscle problems. A drug was developed, tried and tested over 60 years ago and this drug still treats Parkinson's today but cannot cure it.

Peter has travelled extensively over the course of his career to all parts of the world giving lectures at universities and conferences. He has met royalty at the laboratories, including Diana, Princess of Wales and Princess Anne. He highlighted some famous people living with Parkinson's including Jeremy Paxman and Neil Diamond.

His talk was humorous even as he explained the serious side of neurological diseases and was the perfect balance of light-heartedness and helpful guidance. He answered many guestions and stayed the whole evening to talk to members of the audience.

After the talk refreshments including wine, canapes and other savouries were served to end what was a delightful and stimulating meeting with an excellent speaker.

Our monthly Tea and Chat was held at Emzo in Cotton where 11 ladies enjoyed a social afternoon chatting and enjoying Emzo's very tempting cake selection - naughty but nice!

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Recipe

Sally's pasta bake

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Worcester sauce

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Tin of tomatoes

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Pasta – fusilli or whatever you have in the larder

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Plain crisps

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Report from the October 2022 Botesdale PC Meeting

Four members of the Parish Council were present for the meeting with apologies from Cllrs Russell and Stracey. There was one member of the public present.

Public Forum: County/District Councillor Jessica Fleming reported that there are a number of schemes available for those affected by ongoing cost-of-living increases. The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme is intended to locate practical help for those experiencing financial hardship this winter. An application either individually or made on behalf of a supporting made organisation mav be to www.suffolk.gov.uk/ FinancialHardship. Local organisations offering assistance include Citizens Advice Bureau, district and borough councils, health services and voluntary organisations, or for help with home heating please contact Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037 686 or email whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

She reported that a wide range of homes is still needed for single people, mums with children and complete families from Ukraine. Anything "self-contained" is especially helpful. If you think you can help, or know anyone who is interested, please visit homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk

At District level the annual draft Babergh and Mid Suffolk Housing Land Supply Position Statements consultation is taking place. This is a technical consultation on the draft Babergh and Mid Suffolk Housing Land Supply Statements. Indicatively, the land supply figures are 7 years for Babergh and 10.5 for Mid Suffolk

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Planning: There were no planning matters.

Recreation Ground Project: The construction progress has accelerated over the last month. All of the equipment is now in place and the focus of activity is on the landscaping. The new entrance and car parking space will be the last phase. Additional perimeter security fencing has been installed together with sheeting to the fencing. All of the equipment will

be secured to prevent unwanted use until the Ground is officially reopened at Easter. As of this month we are launching a special opportunity to have a personal dedication engraved onto a stainless steel, leaf-shaped plaque. The plaques will form part of a permanent structure in the new Botesdale Recreation Ground, for all the community to enjoy from spring 2023. You can find out more about how to apply for one in the full-page notice in this magazine.

Correspondence: We received information about the cost of the upcoming Local Election, the progress of the Local Plan Examination and a tree planting strategy for the District.

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan: Last October the PC agreed the PIIP and PIIP Project List to guide the parish councils in expenditure of CIL funds which are a levy on local development to address the additional infrastructure needs which come with new development. We will be reviewing this next month.

Speeding: As you may have noticed, the speed indicator device has come to the end of its life. We will be replacing it shortly with a new unit.

Council Documents: The PC's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Reserves Policy and Health and Safety Policy documents have all been reviewed and updated where necessary. Most are reviewed annually.

Remembrance Day Events: This will take place this year on Sunday, 13 November. Please keep an eye out for the details in this magazine.

The Christmas tree Lights On Ceremony will be on Saturday, 3 December at 6pm.

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Redgrave Parish Council



Parish Council Report – October 2022 By Alison Spouncer, Parish Clerk

October 2022's meeting had six Councillors present (with two apologies), County Councillor and District Councillor Fleming along with ten members of the public.

Public Forum

Members of the public wished to discuss the planning application for Land at Moneypot Lane. Discussions were had regarding the details of the application with potential consequences for the surrounding area with the application for a further seven chalets, fourteen parking spaces and the consequent impact on the environment.

Cllr Fleming provided highlights from her monthly report, including LWAS (Local Welfare Assistance Scheme) available directly to the public for requesting financial assistance in certain circumstances, the Air Quality Study, Health Partners, and results from the recent land survey suggesting that there was more than a ten-year supply of land available for Mid-Suffolk. In addition, the Tree Canopy Survey is complete. All further information can be found on the Suffolk County Council (SCC) website (www.suffolk.gov.uk). Cllr Fleming wished to bring to the meeting's attention to the fact that the six-month sponsored Ukranian family support is drawing to a close. However, there is still a requirement for Ukranian families to be supported through the scheme so, if there is anyone able to ! help, please visit the SCC website. A reminder was given for batteries to be taken to local recycling depots along with children's toys containing batteries to ensure safe recycling and disposal – under the 'Metal Matters' scheme. Finally, Cllr Fleming wished to bring to the attention of the meeting the increased number of Bird Flu cases being reported in our area with a number of prevention areas now established.

Planning

There were two items of planning on the agenda to discuss:
Work to trees at Springfields, 1 The Green were discussed with no objections.

Proposed planning for land at Moneypot Lane. After the clerk removed herself from the meeting due to her closeness of the application, the Council decided to object to this application.

Ongoing Items:

<u>Footpaths</u>: An update had been received from the Highways Department regarding the stile causing an obstruction to Footpath no. 1/2 at the intersection with Norman's Field. The landowner of the footpath is reported to not wish to remove the stile. The Highways department has stated that it will progress this issue and update the Council shortly.

Redgrave Recreation Ground: A paper can be found on the Redgrave Parish Council website. There has been some feedback following its publication online, with one objection. Phase 1 of the plan was agreed to be implemented on the site of the Old School Playing Field. Alternative land may become an option, however at this point the play equipment will be sited on the Old School Playing Field.

Traffic Calming Update: A visit from Highways provided options such as

speed ramps and chicanes, all of which were deemed too expensive and not conducive to the village and residents following discussions with the Traffic Calming Group.

Remembrance Day: It was agreed the Chair would place the wreath this year on behalf of the Council on Sunday 13th November. A donation payment for the wreath was also agreed.

<u>Policies</u>: Three policies were for renewal; Complaints, Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders. All were approved.

<u>Warm Homes Initiative</u>: Information is available on the SCC website. Allowances for residents requiring help in ensuring their homes may become more energy efficient are available with the utilisation of such methods as insulation. Grants are available to certain households with given criteria.

Meeting Dates:

With apologies for the incorrect date for the previous meeting, due to a change, post print. The forthcoming meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Thursday 3rd November, Thursday 1st December 2022. 7.30pm at the All Saints Church, The Street, Redgrave.

Vacancy:

There remains a vacancy for a Councillor. A voluntary role, the time commitment is not onerous with the only formal requirement being attendance at the monthly meetings in the village (except for August). Please visit www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor for more details and please contact the Clerk if interested.

With Thanks:

The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council wished to thank David Lines, Locum Parish Clerk, for his great level of support over the past few months and in assisting Alison in her new role as Clerk.

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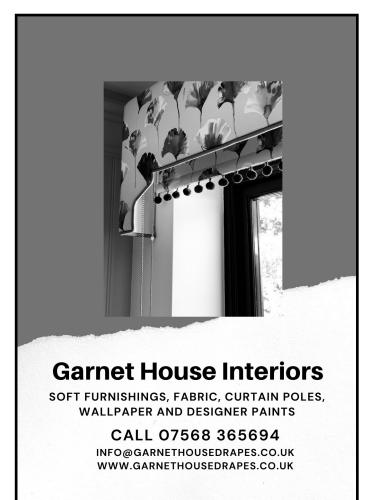
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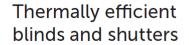
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Parish Council Report – October 2022 By Cllr Brian Rhodes

The Rickinghall Parish Council held its monthly meeting on 11th October 2022, with all current councillors in attendance. No members of the public attended the meeting.

Planning Applications:

Four planning applications were considered by the PC:

A Full Planning Application had been submitted for the erection of 10 dwellings behind Willowmere, Gardenhouse Lane. This had previously been considered by the PC for Reserved Matters in April 2022. At that time the PC lodged an objection to the application on the grounds of concerns over the narrowness of the access road, and that the design of the houses were not in keeping with the Mid Suffolk and the Rickinghall & Botesdale Neighbourhood Plan in that the finishes and elevations should match those found locally and there was no mention of Affordable Housing, which was required to be 35% of the development as per Policy B&R 6 of the Neighbourhood Plan. It appeared to the PC that the Applicant had not taken into account any of the PC's prior objections in submitting the Full Planning Application. The PC continues to consider that the design of tile hung elevations was "more Sussex than Suffolk", there being no similar style of housing currently in the villages. Further concern was raised about the access road, which for approximately 50% of its length is only 4.1 m wide and thus two vehicles could not safely pass. Further, the lack of a pedestrian footpath meant that people on foot would need to also use this narrow access road, which potentially presents a danger to such users. Consequently, the PC determined to once again object to this application.

The second application was for the erection of a double garage at Whitegate, The Street. There was no objection to this application.

The third application was for the erection of a picket fence at Bridge House, Bury Road and again there was no objection.

The fourth application was for an alternative pedestrian link from the proposed new housing on land east of Greenacres, Gardenhouse Lane as the prior proposal was not possible due to land constraints. There was no objection from the PC for this change.

Notices to prune/remove trees in a Conservation area:

Four applications had been made - Redwings, Rectory Hill; Stanley Cottage, Bury Road; Land at the Old School, Hinderclay Road; and, The Old School House, Fen Lane. No objections were raised by the PC to any of these applications. However, the PC noted that the quality of the site plans attached to the applications (not just these but others recently) were poor, making the task of understanding the applications unnecessarily difficult. Applicants are requested in future to please try to be more accurate and clear in the submitted site plans.

Planning Decisions:

It was noted that the Pumping Station/Water Treatment Works, Church Lane planning application had been granted by MSDC and that MSDC had no objection to tree pruning at the Anchorage, The Street.

Correspondence:

Correspondence from MSDC had been received for the draft Housing Land Supply Position Statement, the costs of the upcoming Local Elections, The Local Plan Examination progress and the development of a tree planting strategy for the district. All correspondence was noted by the PC.

General Items:

A review of Council Documents (Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Reserves Policy and Risk Assessment) resulted in a proposed change to the Reserves Policy of an increase in the reserve from £14.5K to £16K in 2023/24 and that under Risk Assessment, the Parish Clerk would take on the role of Data Protection Officer.

The PC agreed to commence a review of the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) and its project list with the hope that some small projects could be undertaken in the near future.

The PC agreed that a member would attend the Remembrance Day parade.

A discussion on speeding was held as it had been observed that there appeared to be a lot of cars and vans exceeding the 30 mph speed limit (often by a significant amount) on entering the village from Bury Road and Hinderclay Road and also on exiting the village once they had passed St Mary's Church. Unfortunately, it had not been possible to repair the old 30 mph Radar Speed sign and all members of the PC approved the purchase of a new one to be placed on the existing pole on Bury Road on entering the village from the west. Further consideration would be given to the purchase of two more for other locations.

Work on updating the skate park was well underway. It is hoped the park will be open by the end of October subject to various safety checks.

Finally, it was noted that the PC's finances were well within our budget for 2022 and that work would commence next month on the 2023 budget.

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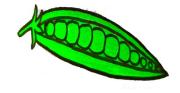
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Thanks to the generosity of bowlers the charity tea raised £135 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our thanks to Maureen and Maurice Costello who organised such a successful day.

Our Fun Friday evenings continued until 23rd September, that evening being one of the few when it was cool and wet! We have been pleased to welcome several new members to the club and look forward to their participation next season.

Saturday 24th September was our Club Finals Day, with a mixture of singles, doubles and triples matches being played throughout the day, with a break for everyone for lunch. The winners will be presented with their trophies at our Annual Dinner on Saturday 15th October.
On Sunday 25th September we held our Closing

On Sunday 25th September we held our Closing Day Drive with 18 members playing. A great way to finish a successful season.

Although the bowls season is now finished the club will still be open. Friday evenings will be the Club Social Evenings starting with a special Opening Evening on Friday 21st October and continuing throughout the autumn and winter. Friday evenings will be a chance to get together, relax, and playing board games, cards and socialising.

If you would like more information about the Bowls Club please ring 01379 89725.

Rosemary Setterfield -Committee Member

Community Woodland

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"

Last month I mentioned fruit and it still keeps coming. It is said that, when trees are stressed, they produce more growth and, importantly, more fruit for future generations and this is what seems to be happening this year. There are so many acorns now, even from our young oak trees in Northfield Wood and many have dropped onto the ground already (early October). There are beautiful quinces in the wood and lots of rather small apples; don't pick the medlars yet - they need to go brown and squishy before being picked.

In The Street the conkers are already falling – but aren't they small (an effect of the drought)? They won't be much good for playing conkers in the school yard!

I walked up to Northfield Wood the other day and sat in the sun. All I could hear was the wind. Near me the small, young trees were rustling but, further away, a lower note came from the big trees the other side of Mill Lane. It was so peaceful. And there are some bright yellow toadflax flowers near the entrance.

At the time of writing (early October) the damp patch by the gate in Low Meadow has not been inspected by Anglian Water. They have more pressing incidents (mains water leaks) to deal with first but they have promised to come soon.

By the time you read this the benches will have been strengthened by Denis Worby and I do hope more people will enjoy sitting on them in the autumn sunshine. The berries here and in our other sites are ripening and the leaves are turning; it is such a joy to see all the autumn colours again.

Don't forget to explore Miller's Orchard, another peaceful place; once you are on the path, you forget that it is right next to a lane.

And another reminder is called for; please be responsible for your litter, whether it is empty cans or dog poo. Country living is responsible living.

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Club News



Mary, Queen of Scots - Tony Diamond

At the September meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall, Tony Diamond told the story of Mary, Queen of Scots and explored her continuing influence on Britain and the monarchy.

In 1542 Mary Stuart became Queen of Scots just six days after her birth. She was the grand-daughter of Henry VIII's older sister, Margaret. She was crowned at the age of one, and two years later became betrothed to the Dauphin, the heir to the throne of France. Mary went to live in France aged five in preparation for her marriage to the Dauphin in 1558. Mary's family was poor and so, as her dowry, she bequeathed Scotland and her claim to the throne of England to France if she died without children.

Sadly, her husband Francis II died in 1560. When she returned to Scotland 9 months later in 1561 as a penniless widow, she was in a very difficult position. She was hated by many people in Scotland as she was a devout Roman Catholic in the most Protestant country in Europe. She was also seen as a major threat to Queen Elizabeth in England. Mary had a strong claim to the throne of England through her grandmother whereas many people, especially Catholics, thought that Elizabeth should not be queen as she was the illegitimate daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Popes encouraged Catholics to murder Elizabeth so that Mary would succeed her and return England to 'the true faith.'

In 1565 Mary married Robert Darnley who also had a claim to the English throne through his grandmother, Margaret Tudor. After the marriage, Darnley made himself very unpopular by his arrogant behaviour. He became jealous of his wife's friendship with her secretary, David Rizzio. When Mary became pregnant in 1566, rumours circulated that Rizzio was the father of her child, James Stuart. Darnley gathered a group of men and murdered Rizzio in front of the Queen in her apartment. This ended their marriage and Mary formed a new relationship with the Earl of Bothwell.

By 1567 there was a civil war in Scotland reflecting the religious divide between Protestants and Catholics, and powerful nobles vying for power and influence. The situation worsened when Darnley was murdered, and Mary and Bothwell were thought to have been implicated in the event. Mary married Bothwell which alienated much of her Catholic support as he was a divorcee. Her army was routed in 1568 and Mary was forced to flee to England in the hope that she could persuade Elizabeth to restore her authority in Scotland. However, she was just kept in various castles around the north of England as a prisoner for the next 19 years. During this period there were several plots by Catholics to murder Elizabeth and place Mary on the throne of England.

Eventually, in 1585 there appeared to be clear evidence of Mary's involvement in the Babington Plot. She was tried, found guilty and executed at Fotheringay Castle in 1587. She was buried at Peterborough Cathedral without ceremony. Mary's death created the most serious threat to Elizabeth, the attempted invasion of England by the Spanish Armada in 1588. It failed but Elizabeth constantly feared assassination until her own death in 1603.

She was succeeded by James VI of Scotland, Mary's son who was a strict Protestant. He had been removed from Mary at the age of one and had had no further contact with his mother but he did have her body reinterred at Westminster Abbey in 1604. He too faced a threat to his life, the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. This prompted James to pass severe laws against Catholics and to settle Protestants in Ulster which still has political implications today. In 1689 Catholics were banned from succeeding to the throne in England, a prohibition which still exists.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be on Wednesday 23 November at Rickinghall Village Hall when Jennie Vere will give a talk entitled *Lopham Linen*. Further information is available at www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net

Gerry Gurhy



October already - where has the year gone?! Once again we had a lovely sunny morning and lots of sunny visitors and walkers.

There was, as usual, a lovely selection of cakes and sausage

rolls, together with double the amount of cheese scones and they all went! We had visitors from various local places - some from our villages and some from slightly further afield. We had some lovely youngsters - I think 8 in all, although they move quite quickly and I may have lost count!

Your kind donations, totalling £109.30 in all, will be sent to Muscular Dystrophy UK, a charity which is close to the hearts of the folks at Sunnyside Farm Shop. Those of you who use that lovely shop will know that young Harvey has been diagnosed with Becker/Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a cruel muscle wasting disease and this has obviously had an enormous impact on the family. Your kindness never fails to amaze me, but I hope that those of you who come along regularly thoroughly enjoy the welcome and the refreshments!

We will do it all again on Tuesday, 8th November and any kind donations given at that event will be given to the Samaritans Purse charity, possibly better known as "The Shoebox Appeal", which collects kindly donated Christmas gifts, boxed in shoeboxes and sends them out to some really well deserving children across the world. Whilst I don't have time to organise the shoeboxes themselves, your donations will ensure that something is given to help with the costs of transport. Do come along to find out more!

Do look out for posters around the village for various things that are happening at Parkview Chapel between now and Christmas - if you haven't been along before, then please do so ... you never know, you might just enjoy the welcome you receive!

In the meantime, I wish you all the very best

Sue Allen

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You may have wondered why, in my last note, I did not mention the death of the queen. It so happened that I was on holiday when it happened and the note was written in advance of the event. I apologise for that as it must have looked quite bad especially as she had publicly proclaimed her Christian faith on a number of occasions.

Her Christmas message in 2015 contained the words, "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing." The previous year she had said, "Despite being displaced and persecuted throughout his short life, Christ's unchanging message was not one of revenge or violence but simply that we should love one another."

It is true, for Jesus told us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us and it is this message that she actually applied in her life when she helped cement the peace process and shook hands with Martin McGuinness who had previously been a commander in the IRA, an organisation that killed her cousin Lord Mountbatten and uncle of her husband.

How does anyone do that? It so happened that I heard a talk only yesterday on a passage in the Letter of Paul to the Roman church where he quoted, "Repay no one evil for evil" ... If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

The speaker pointed out the fact that God being a God of justice means that we can leave it to him and it frees us from the need to demand justice for ourselves. I'm not saying that we shouldn't be putting criminals in prison for we need to protect society from them, often for life. To see people's lives consumed by campaigning for years in the name of justice for a son or daughter that has been assaulted, raped or murdered, seems to me to be making themselves and their family continued victims of that crime. What we are told here is that evil doers do not escape justice if death intervenes.

I have been talking about what we would call big events but it applies to all of us as far as the little things of life are concerned. I don't read the answers of agony aunt columns but I sometimes do read the questions and am often amazed at what little things cause family breakups, often for years. Jesus would have us so love one another that these things can be best forgiven and forgotten.

He himself went to the cross that we might, though faith in him, be forgiven and, once forgiven, have no fear of the vengeance of God for he promises, "I will remember their sins no more."

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will remember your sins no more."

Isaíah Ch 43 v. 25



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'Listen... With faint dry sound, Like steps of passing ghosts, The leaves, frost crisp'd, break from the trees And fall.'

Adelaide Crapsey (1887-1914)

November arrives as we all start to hunker down for winter! Look out for golden plover and lapwings, sometimes in large flocks, on ploughed fields, feeding up before they head south and west for winter. Those flocks that would have numbered thousands some years ago, have now sadly been reduced to hundreds. Redwings and fieldfares will be arriving from the north. This year's great crop of berries in hedgerows (that haven't been cut too early) will benefit them and many other birds and small mammals. Nuthatches have established themselves on some of our Blo Norton sites and young marsh harriers that fledged successfully on Redgrave and Lopham fen can be seen overhead in the Little Ouse valley.

I know I say this every year, but if you're planning a bonfire on the fifth, please look out for hedgehogs and frogs who may have decided to start to hibernate there!

Damp November mornings signal an explosion of fungi, from wild mushrooms in the fields, to woodland species on and around trees and logs. You may also notice cobweb 'streams' attached to long grass. Small spiders use these to move to new territories. They are really visible after a frost.

The Creative Fen Group are holding an Art exhibition at the activities centre on Redgrave and Lopham Fen on the 26th and 27th November so dare I mention Christmas presents?!!

If you are reading this before the start of November, a reminder that our AGM will be held in Garboldisham Village Hall on Friday 28th October at 7.30. All are welcome and there will be a small charge for non members.

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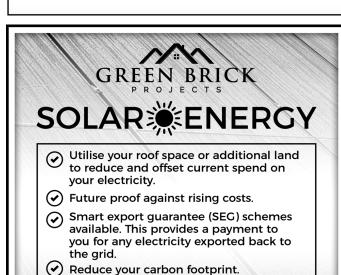
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We could not carry out the work on the north slope of the chancel roof which has had to be postponed again as we had not raised enough money to pay for it. We are limited to getting the work carried out in September and October when it is not the bat breeding season otherwise it is illegal to do the work and we have to be given permission by Natural England after an Inspection by a volunteer from The Bat Conservation Trust. We hope to get more grants next year to cover the cost, although the building work was already estimated at 10% more this year than last year. We have been given or promised several grants but need to raise 50% of the money to get the some of the grants. By the time you read this we should have held the Friendly Invasion Evening on the evening of 28th October and the walk in Redgrave Park in the afternoon of Saturday 29th October to add to the fabric fund.

The Round Tower Churches Society have promised us £4,000 when the work is commenced. RTCS are having a study day in October and one of the lectures will be given by a female architect who has a remarkable story about the restoration of North Tuddenham Church. It is really inspirational to hear how many of the ancient churches are being restored.

Last month Kit Brinkley, the churchwarden, held a work party morning in the churchyard with volunteers doing various jobs. Thankyou to the volunteers who worked on a really hot day. If anyone would like to volunteer to help in the churchyard please contact Kit on 07947414968. Previous to this, a contractor managed to unearth the oldest gravestone in the churchyard which had been recorded in a survey of 1929 and the WI survey of 1982 but could not be found when we surveyed the churchyard in 2009. Luckily Charles Greenhough noticed it and knew it was the missing gravestone. The stone records the death of Robert Symonds who died 1691.

If anyone would like to enter the London Marathon for us next year, we would be truly grateful.



The cost of things just keeps going

up. The food shop doesn't stretch as far and my bills just keep getting higher. I've made cutbacks and, at the moment, I'm just about managing but I'm really worried about how I'll cope as it starts getting colder. What should I do?

You're not alone in struggling with rising costs, but it's important to know there is support available.

If you're finding it hard to stay on top of bills, make sure you know what money you've got coming in and out each month. Citizens Advice has an online budgeting tool that can help with this - visit citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money to find this tool and more.

It's also worth finding out if you're eligible for any benefits or support with your energy and living costs. On the Citizens Advice website citizensadvice.org.uk there's a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income.

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Exploring the Past

Jean Sheehan, 01379 890237

I am grateful to Marcia Healey for allowing me to use an article that she wrote about her father and the Botesdale POW camp which was situated on the Botesdale side of the Lake in Redgrave Park.

Jim Healey's army service at Botesdale POW Camp 56 at the end of WW2

As there is a dearth of information concerning UK WW2 Prisoner of War Camps I thought that it would be interesting to get together the information I hold concerning my father's time in the Regimental Police at Botesdale POW Camp from 1945-1948.

My father enlisted in Hertford on 4 November 1943, two months after his eighteenth birthday. He assumed that he would be assigned to a regular army fighting unit but was dismayed to find that he was allocated to the General Service Corps and then two months later to the Pioneer Corps. The latter was generally reserved for men who were too old to fight or who were deemed medically unfit. We now know that Jim suffered from dyslexia, not understood in the 1940s. His army record from the MOD reveals that the recruitment officers attributed his poor reading and writing skills to 'low intelligence'. They told him that their decision was made because of his poor eyesight and flat feet. This didn't stop him from being promoted to Corporal then Sergeant!

Jim's army record shows that he arrived at Botesdale Camp on 7 November 1945, having been involved with transporting prisoners of war around the country. He came to Botesdale from Camp no.20 at Yelverton, Devon.

Botesdale POW camp consisted of a large number of prefabricated buildings along with a water tower situated on part of Redgrave Park called The Warren. This was a 'standard type' POW camp. There were barracks, canteen, the officers' mess, the sergeants' mess, guard rooms, dining room, recreational room etc. This was on the south side of Redgrave Lake, a very attractive serpentine lake designed by Capability Brown.

On the opposite side of the lake stood Redgrave Hall (now



Jim Healey on Redgrave Lake

demolished) and the WW2 American General Hospital that carried out pioneering surgery. The POW camp housed Germans, Italians and lastly Ukrainians. Redgrave Park played host to some high ranking German generals including Erich von Manstein and Gerd von Rundstedt but I don't believe my father had much, if any, contact with them.

He did have to supervise the tending of the gardens and allotments and was given a publication entitled 'Eastern Command Welfare The Standard Allotment Plan with Instructions' which had a sowing and planting plan and growing hints. On the back it lists the officers. The Command Horticultural Officer was none other than Lt Colonel WE Shewell-Cooper, a well known horticulturalist and author of the time.

From 1945 onwards a series of visits was made to POW camps on behalf of the Political Intelligence Department (P.I.D.) / Foreign Office. This was to assess re-education of German POWs. To this end visits were made to Botesdale Camp in 1946. Major RLS Raffles, an English inspector made a report concerning the English classes between 16-17 December 1946. The commandant at the time was Lt Col JSD Lloyd who had recently arrived. The report states that the strength of the main camp was 815 Germans with 319 Germans in the outlying hostels. The two hostels were based at Thornham Hall and Long Stratton. A report by F/L Strub dated 22 May - 27 May 1946 (4 visits) concluded that the camp was 'far above the average' but it was thought that 're-education has not penetrated as deeply as it appears to have done'. Recommendations were for 'more books' as the number of POWs would increase shortly. Checks were requested to make sure that all PID films were shown at both the main camp and hostels and that PID lecturers also visited the hostels. It was recommended that the theatre group should be sent 'one or two good plays'.

While stationed at Botesdale Jim did spend some time at the camp in Long Stratton, on one occasion cycling back to Botesdale in the snow and having to carry his bicycle some of the way because the snow was too deep.

He was responsible for supervising Ukrainian soldiers. He had a typed out list dated 11/06/1947 entitled 'Nominal-Roll of permanent staff - 56 POW camp' under their camp leader Wolodymyr Kulczyckyj and his deputy Irene J Kostelnyk. There was a chief cook, eight other cooks, three stokers, two dining hall cleaners, one man for service in the dining room, one butcher, one canteen orderly, five sanitation people, three barbers, four tailors, four cobblers, ten police, two teachers, one person for the information room, one preacher, two gardeners, one clerk (typist), eight bakers, a further four stokers and four woodmen. They had, I believe, been transferred from an Italian camp in May/June 1947. According to the website www.ukrainiansintheuk.info they were former soldiers from the Galicia division and by July 1948 Botesdale housed 1010 men. The men were released from POW status in the late summer and autumn of 1948.

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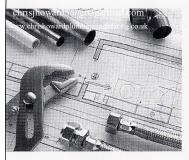
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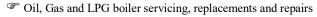
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Barley Birch

In the field on the left, when entering Botesdale from the Diss Road, recently there have been diggers and other large machines which are preparing the ground for a development of 69 houses.

From the 18th century, and perhaps earlier, this field and the one next to it were one large field called Barley Birch. The field next to it is still called Barley Birch. This was where the village cricket pitch was situated in the 19th and 20th centuries. John Cordy Jeaffreson in his Memoirs, remembering his school days in the 1840s, said that it was the 'finest cricket ground in the County'.(1)

As can be seen on the photograph of a cricket game being played in the early 1900s, the grass on the pitch itself is far longer than players are used to today and the players themselves are in a mixture of clothes, only some are in whites. In the background there is a small pavilion, which was later moved to Rickinghall playing fields. During the early 20th century there was also a football pitch on this field.



A cricket match on Barley Birch early C20th

Barley Birch was taken out of cultivation in the 18th century and, in both the 18th and 19th centuries, it was used as a race course for both 'hurdle' races and flat races. It apparently measured exactly a mile round the edge. The cricket pitch was situated in the centre of this field.

According to Jeaffreson, Botesdale was very much a 'sport loving' village. He says that many local men were jockeys, that they were small bow legged men who wore cloth caps and the kind of trousers that would later be called jodhpurs. It appears that many of these men rode the horses of wealthy landowners in the races. He also says that 'Nearly every man who was rich enough to keep a horse and capable of riding to hounds kept a 'noble animal' and rode it to best of his ability' and that 'Barley Birch was the course on which jockeys rode hurdle races and flat races after the steeple chase (the grand event of the Botesdale races)'.(1) Whites Directory of 1844 says that a steeple chase was held in Botesdale yearly.

William Morgan in an excerpt from his forthcoming book about

race courses in England says :- 'A steeple chase was held in 1836 from West Hall wood ...[and] in 1837 the course ran from West Hall Wood, a favourite cover of the master of the Suffolk Hounds, George St. Vincent Wilson, to Barley Birch, a field that also contained the village cricket pitch and staged races around its edges on occasion. ... A large crowd, including ladies in their carriages, watched the sport, which also had a race for farmers and a trotting dash, before the gentlemen went to dinner at the Crown.'(2)

In March 1846 the sport extended over three days, the first a meet of the Suffolk Hunt, the second the steeplechases, the third a meet of Wilson's own "merry" harriers, after a carted stag, for which over 100 mounted followers turned out. ... This tightly knit meeting seems to have ended at this point, though races of a low grade probably continued on Barley Birch for some while afterwards.'

Jeaffreson wondered why 'the great meadow where barley never grew, nor birches flourished ... came by its name'.(1)

A possible explanation is that birch originated as the word 'breche', which means land, usually woodland or heathland, that had been 'assarted' or cleared for cultivation, in the early 13th century, when the population started to increase, so extending the arable land in the village. From this word 'breche' we also have 'breck', as in the Breckland, the 'breche' word may have been pronounced locally in the 13th Century with a softer sound, rather than the harder 'breck'.(3)

The 'r' and a vowel were commonly 'sound flipped' (metathesis) in the medieval period. (For instance brid became bird.) So 'breche' would become 'berche'. The land could have been originally cleared to grow barley, hence the name Barley Birch. Other villages have fields, which had been cleared for cultivation, with similar names, for instance Coney Weston had both a 'whetebreche' and a 'barleybreche' (4)

Land called 'le Breche' is first mentioned in Botesdale documents in 1279 when it consisted of over 47 acres. A tenement of that name, le Breche, is also noted in the 1289 survey of the village of Botesdale. At this time this land appears to have stretched from the Diss Road on the North to 'Tilekiln close' on the South. We know a tile or brick kiln was situated near to the house now called Jacobites, just off Mill Road, South of the present bypass.

The cricket and football pitches on Barley Birch were ploughed up during the Second World War and have never been reinstated. It is now used as arable land once again and part of it is, today, having 69 houses built upon it.

- (1) Jeaffreson, John Cordy, A Book of Recollections in Two Volumes, Hurst & Blacett (1894) Vol. 1 Page 11-17
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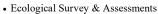
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IN YOUR GARDEN

BROWNED OFF?

Looking at the parched state of my lawns, I really do wonder if lawns are more trouble than they're worth! Will they ever recover their lush greenness or will I have to be less fussy and learn to love brown lawns?

According to the experts at the RHS, once we have a reasonable rainfall, the grass will eventually recover as it did following the very dry summers of 1977 and more recently in 2018. However, in some cases, lawns will fail to bounce back where grass has died or where new turf has not properly established before the searing heat struck. However with climate change now likely to bring long hot weather to our shores, does it look as if we will have to accept the possibility of having brown lawns for most of the summer? If so, what can we do especially where large patches of the lawn have definitely died and any amount of rain is unlikely to make it recover? The obvious answer is to thoroughly de thatch and scarify the dead areas where the dead grass has formed a thick thatch and prevented rain reaching the roots. Follow this by reseeding the area paying special attention to the type of grass seed being sown.

Again, the lawn experts recommend hardy seed mixtures including perennial rye grasses and tall fescues. These can tolerate heat and direct sunlight. Autumn is an ideal time to tackle these dead areas. This will be a relief to many lawn lovers whose green striped sward holds pride of place in their garden.

Researchers at grass seed suppliers have revealed that they have developed a drought -busting perennial grass that root as deep as three metres. Deep rooting grasses stand more of a chance of surviving drought by tapping into deep moisture levels much as mature trees can stand scorching weather relying on their extensive root systems searching out surrounding water.

The view of these experts is that our lawns will survive despite climate changes but we will have to use more resilient types of grass more commonly found in the Mediterranean that feature wider fatter leaves.

Whilst environmental groups recognize that lawns will recover albeit with some reseeding, they are keen to promote a radical alternative with areas previously devoted to grass being put down to growing wildflowers to benefit bees and insects. Food for thought. I shall be covering rewilding options in domestic gardens in a future column.

Enjoy your garden.

Lawrence

Dubai Tower – Page 3

Several months later all the activities described previously had been completed, and we had a roughly triangular island filled with sand, and surrounded by rock embankments.

The sand, and the weak sedimentary rock below the sand, were porous, and before excavating for the basement construction, it was necessary to reduce seepage into the works as far as possible. achieve this aim it was necessary to construct as far as practical an impervious grout blanket in front of the sheet piles, and down into the rock, Knowing that it would be impossible to prevent some inflow of sea water after excavation of the sand fill in the island, a number of dewatering pumps were installed. These discharged into settlement tanks, and the contractor had to check daily for sediment in the tanks as there was a concern that material could be leached out of the sand or rock thus weakening the foundation; problem already experienced during the earlier construction of Dubai Drydock.

The piling contractor arrived on site with the equipment he estimated he would need. Two piles were installed, and successfully load tested. contractor was then free to start installing the permanent piles that would support the building. The design called for 250, 1.5 metre diameter, drilled, reinforced concrete, friction piles 45 metres long. A casing was vibrated into the sand between ground level and the rock surface. To prevent any possibility of the pile becoming end bearing, and nullifying the design, a thick pad of polystyrene was fixed to the bottom of the reinforcement cage during pile construction. Many of the piles were instrumented so that the designers could ensure that the distribution of load in the piles followed their predictions as the building grew taller and heavier.

The contractor rapidly ran into difficulty as the drilling bucket wasn't heavy enough to penetrate the rock; it simply rotated on a slurry of small rock fragments and sand in water at the bottom of the bore. Another set of cranes was mobilised but this time equipped with heavy drop chisels so that the rock could be fractured. The piling programme was successfully completed albeit later than planned.

The dewatering pumps were switched on, excavation of the sand fill commenced and there was soon a procession of lorries taking sand away from the site. Unfortunately, the sand fill was saturated, the back of the lorry wasn't watertight, and the local roads were soon fouled with a sand slurry provoking more complaints, but this time from local residents. The contractor obtained permission from Dubai Municipality to stockpile the sand on the adjacent beach, and after it had drained it was removed from the site without further problems.

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Notes from the Green Redgrave Group

We had another excellent presentation in our series of talks about wildlife on Tuesday 4th October; this time it was given by Andrew Goodall who provided an extremely informative, enthusiastic and wellreceived talk on the subject of Local Birds and Citizen Science. It was great to learn that there were some good news stories about bird populations as well as the stories of decline. The talk fitted well into our aim of making Redgrave a wildlife friendly village with increasing numbers and diversity of birds and other wildlife.

We now have an impressive and growing number of volunteers to help us with our proposed planting schemes. The intention is to plant up to 600 trees a day over 6 days (in various weekend slots) starting in December. The Sicon Foundation have generously offered to provide us with these native trees and we are excited to see how we can improve the habitats for wildlife with this initiative. If you feel that you are able to help with the odd few days of planting then we would be delighted to hear from you. Please get in touch – details below. We will be very happy to see you join the team.

Spring flowering bulbs for the Knoll have now been ordered and should be delivered shortly. The intention is to plant 300 early-, mid- and lateflowering daffodil varieties so that we can get a good show from as early as February through to early May. Again, volunteers to assist with this task will be very welcome. Please do get in touch (details below) if you can spare some time.

We will be taking a break from our programme of talks in November. We propose to hold a Green Redgrave Meeting though instead; provisionally this will be held in the Cross Keys Pub at 7pm on Thursday 3 Nov 22. This will be confirmed through the usual channels nearer the time. The next talk will take place in December - details to follow.

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

A poem from Mary

Oh dear, oh dear, what a boohoo, my hormones are raging, what e'er shall I do?

The pressure is high, my thoughts are to die, I'm confused, lost my way, do you feel it

I think I'm grown up, I think I'm a child, I think I can cope and find that I can't,

I think I am going out of my mind-

Take a deep breath and find a new slant, leave all rage and frustration

behind.

Gently and slowly the chrysalis tears and daily I find that life's less of a bind.

The beauty of life with others I'll share, the road of the teens is terribly tense

But come to the end and find common sense.

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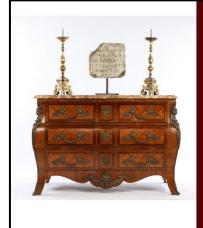


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Patients may recall that PPG volunteers asked, if you attended the Botesdale Practice in early June this year, if you would like to complete a survey about Enhanced Access to the Practice i.e. appointments available in evenings and weekends.

The following is a summation of findings.

139 surveys were completed throughout the Primary Care Network-PCN (which is combined - Stanton & Woolpit (89 surveys) and Botesdale (50) completed)

Overall 87% of Patients stated that they would like to have the flexibility to book appointments at a time & place of their convenience, with 79 per cent welcoming weekday evening access and 78% Saturdays.

Around 25% of patients surveyed were aware of the extended opening hours at practice level.

Awareness and usage of the GP plus service in Bury St Edmunds was extremely low with only 2 per cent of patients having actually used the service.

The Enhanced Access Survey is to be reviewed again in 6 months to establish whether the outcomes require tweaking or whether it is working well for staff and doctors.

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Services in November

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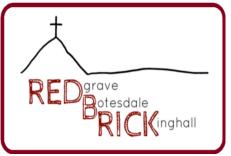
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Sunday 20 th	PARKVIEW CHAPEL	
Sunday 27 th	Service at 11.00am	CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY
Events	Coffee on the Corner	Tuesday 8 th at 9.00am
	'Tales Of Conservation And Faith' with Eliza Leat (RSPB)	Saturday 12 th at 7.30pm
	'Kev's Christmas Quiz'	Saturday 26 th at 7.00pm
	PARKVIEW Youth Junior Church	Sundays 11:00am - 12:00pm
	Junior Friday Club	Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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	Senior Friday Club	Fridays 7:30pm - 9:30pm



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Please refer to church notice boards for Sunday service details.

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

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Message From Mel

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Hello everyone, x

I love the November fireworks that come at this time of year. When the world gets darker, the fireworks and lights of the moon and stars remind me of the goodness/love that always shines out in the darkness. Florence Nightingale was "The Lady with the Lamp" and she brought hope to many.

As we look to Christmas, come and join us at Breakfast Church on the 27th at the Botesdale Village Hall. Christmas across the churches in the villages is set to be awesome as usual. Hope you enjoy the build up and celebrations with your family

God Bless you and see you soon © Mel





Short Note to Mums

One of my favourite inspirational women was Florence Nightingale. She was a woman in a mans world who cared for others and who loved statistics and numbers. When Florence became a nurse, she got put in charge of a field hospital in Turkey. There she questioned why so many men died in hospital, not because of their wounds, but because of disease and infections at the hospital. The hospital was filthy and there was a huge lack of basic care. She got money from the UK, created/made beds, instructed everyone to wash their hands frequently and to keep surfaces, equipment and clothing clean, cleaned drains/sewage, got clothes and food and cared for the men.

At night she would walk through the wards with a lamp to talk to the patients and give them hope. Florence is the Mother of modern nursing. She was praised by Queen Victoria and it is because of her, that hygiene, infection and care for patients was taken seriously. Through Florence's compassion for others, many many lives were saved. I love her "out of the box" thinking and how she questioned what was going on. She didn't accept that men died in hospital. She thought it was wrong that the sick got sicker and not better. She cared like a mother for her patients and she broke the mould in her day. Florence was also a Christian and her love for God enabled her to care for people of every race and background when others did not. She questioned society/religion and the prejudices it created. She loved the person in front of her like they were the most important person in the world. Florence inspires me to love people in the same way. If we all do this, I'm sure the world would be a better place.

A 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.