## PARISH MAGAZINE

## Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

## **August-September 2023**



Produced by the Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls, for the local community.

Also available at http://stmarysrickinghallinferior.onesuffolk.net/parish-magazine/

#### **A** Letter

#### from

#### **Rural Dean Rev Susan Loxton**

As I write this I am thinking about September, a month of change for many people. Children and young people begin a new academic year in a new class or college or university, and many of us are affected by that and see it as a time of new starts. I like September, it has a feel of newness about it, a sense of anything can happen.



I am so thankful that God is a God of new starts, of wiping the slate clean and giving us yet another chance. Because however hard we try to get things right, we all get things wrong sometimes, and it is comforting to know that with God we can be made new.

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I didn't go to church until I was 30 years old. Before I was a Christian my life was okay, like most people there were ups and downs but basically I was alright. However, when I realised that God loved me regardless of what I had done, and I gave my life to Jesus, I found myself feeling more complete, more whole than ever before. And I know that all around me can change and be a mess, but God is always there waiting and watching and loving. If you feel that there is something missing in your life why don't you give God a try.

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Hopefully in September we still get to enjoy some sunshine, which we need to make the most of as we will soon be entering into autumn and then winter. With the changing of the season, we lose some daylight hours. Some animals go into hibernation and the garden begins to look a bit sad as many plants and trees die back. But things are happening; although nature looks like it is dying, it is not. Winter is a big growing season for trees... well, for their roots that is. While your tree seems dormant above ground, the underground system of roots is busy at work growing, searching, and retaining nutrients to help get your tree through the winter and to prepare it for the spring.

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Likewise, winter can be a time for us of taking stock of our lives, maybe thinking about taking up a new hobby or habit. For me it is a time to feel cosy indoors when its cold and dark outside. I almost want to hibernate – I don't, but I do try and think about the new year that is coming (for the church Advent Sunday is the beginning of a new year, 3<sup>rd</sup> December this year), Advent like Lent is a time of taking a sober look at our lives and asking God to show us if there are some unhelpful habits we have fallen into, and is there a different direction we might need to go in.

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St Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are to pray continually. It does not matter how you pray or what words you use, just let your heart speak to God and you will find peace for your soul and maybe some inspiration that will encourage you through the winter months.

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Our parish churches have been missing their incumbent Rev Chris Norburn who has been off work due to ill health for quite a long time. We will be having a church meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm in Redgrave church, where we will be talking about a way forward. In the meantime, you can contact our wardens or myself if you have any questions.

God bless, Susan. Revd Canon Susan Loxton rural dean. revloxton@gmail.com

1. What are your Trees doing in the winter? (ridgewoodtreecorp.com)



#### 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

We hope you are all well. The scariest thing about being editor is putting in the copy dates and stuffing meetings—here I am sitting in the July sunshine and already thinking about December and January! Some of our regular contributors are taking their well-earned retirement and on p 23 you will find an appeal for contributions to our magazine. Please have a look and see if you get any inspiration for anything you can do.

We are very grateful to our advertisers, without whom there would be no magazine, so please support them. If you know of any new businesses in our area please point them in our direction. Enjoy the rest of the summer

#### Charles Murray

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## Please note that the copy date for the forthcoming issues is as follows: COPY DATES AND STUFFING MEETINGS

- Oct issue Mon 11 Sep Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave 3.15pm on Fri 22 Sep
- Nov issue Mon 9 Oct Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave 3.15pm on Fri 20 Oct
- <u>Dec/Jan</u> issue Mon 13 Nov Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave 3.15pm on Fri 24 Nov

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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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023
A Trip to Columbine Hall



## the WRICKING HALL

All meetings at Rickinghall Village Hall at 7.30pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Members Meeting - An opportunity for our members to decide the evening's programme

Thursday 14th September

The Sri Lankan Kitchen by Amali - a chance to learn more about Sri Lankan food & cooking Competition: A kitchen gadget

Any ladies who would like to come along and join us for this meeting will be assured of a warm welcome.

We also hold monthly social tea and chats in local cafes during the summer months for members and friends.

Rosemary Setterfield - President

#### Rickinghall Ramblers Upcoming Walks

August: Monday 7<sup>th</sup>; Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: Friday 1<sup>st</sup>; Monday 11<sup>th</sup>; Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

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09.00 am-12.30 pm @ Rickinghall Village Hall



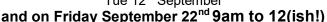
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Summer tree ID Sunday 20 August, 10am-4pm. £32

'Inspired by nature' Art Exhibition

Sat 26, Sun 27 & Mon 28 Aug, 10am-4pm. Artwork by over 30 local artists on display and for sale. No booking, free entry, refreshments available

Weekend Wildlife Club Monthly club with wildlifethemed activities for 6-11 year olds. Saturday23 Sept, 10.30am-12.15pm, £5.

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## What's On

suffolkwildlifetrust.org

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10:00am-12:00pm on

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September



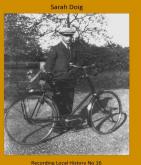
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**19**th **Sep Cedric Morris -** Painter and Plantsman. Irises and Beyond.

17<sup>th</sup> October Music in Art

21st November The Royal School of Needlework 5th December The Life and Work of Alfred Munnings

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#### **PRESENTS**

#### "GASLIGHT"

By Patrick Hamilton
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September
at Botesdale Village Hall

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www.ticketsource.co.uk/warts Wortham Post Office

Redgrave Community Shop £10 Adults £5.50 Children under 16

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Where?

St Botolph's Bowls Club

When?

16th September 2pm - 4pm



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invite you to join them for tea, cake and a chance to find out more about this ladies' club.





Friday 25th August, 7.30pm



Friday 22nd September, 7.30pm



#### **Eye Community Centre**

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## What's On : September and beyond...

## RICKINGHALL FURTHER EDUCATION GROUP

Our September 2023 lecture series will be given by Hugh Belsey who will take us on...

## The Grand Tour .... and explain its influence



There were many reasons that the eighteenth-century gentleman wished to travel to Italy. He wanted to see the landscape that had formed the backdrop to the classical education he had received at school and university and he wanted to learn about different political systems that would help him serve in government back at home. The visitor might have felt that a change in climate would help him overcome the death of his wife or improve his health and he probably wanted to have a good time away from prying eyes. No matter what the motive the effect of Italy had an extraordinary influence on the future aesthetics in Britain.

This course describes how visitors travelled to Italy, what they wanted to experience from their visit, where they went, what they saw and how they wanted to bring some of it home.

There will be ten weekly sessions starting on **Thursday 14 September and ending on Thursday 23 November, at Rickinghall Village Hall, IP22 1HD.** The course will run each Thursday from 2 - 4 pm with a break for refreshments followed by questions or comments. There will be a break for the school half term on Thursday 26 October. And still only £40 for the entire course.

Hugh Belsey, a graduate of the Universities of Manchester and Birmingham, has lectured to groups in Europe, America, Australia and Britain. For twenty-three years he curated Gainsborough's House in Sudbury where he formed one of the largest collections of the artist's work and in 2004 he was awarded an MBE in recognition of his museum work. Since then he has taught at the Universities of Buckingham and Melbourne. In February 2019 Yale University Press published his award winning catalogue of paintings by Thomas Gainsborough. The Grand Tour was the subject of his post-graduate research, and to mark the three-hundredth year of his birth in 2025 he will be curating an exhibition of the work of Thomas Patch, an artist who worked for the Grand Tourist in Florence.

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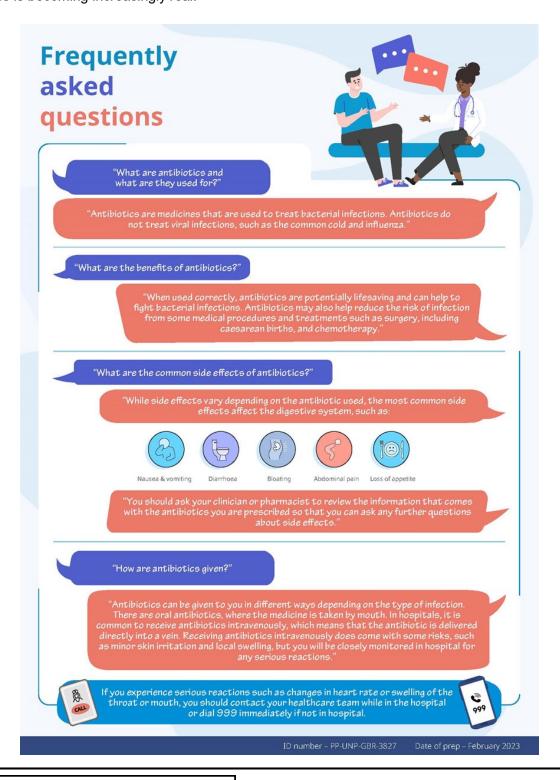
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#### Report from the July 2023 Botesdale PC Meeting

Eight members of the Parish Council were present for the meeting as well as the County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Gilly Morgan and a member of the public.

Public Forum: County Cllr Fleming reported that the National Grid's consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Project has started and will continue until August 21st. The Shepherd's Grove Stanton Warehousing Development is a large commercial proposal in Stanton adjacent to the Co-Part development off the A143 led by Evolution Properties. It is at pre-application stage and plans can be viewed at! https://stanton.your-feedback.co.uk/ At its May meeting SCC Cabinet approved updates to the County's 2021 Energy Infrastructure Policy to include water infrastructure projects. New infrastructure is needed to secure water supplies and a new reservoir in Suffolk is under consideration to meet anticipated demand. The Government! has committed to funding the replacement of West Suffolk! Hospital. Outline planning permission was granted in 2022 for the Hardwick Manor site adjacent to the existing hospital and public outreach concerning details of related services i will follow. The current 10-year contract with Suffolk Libraries comes to an end in July 2024. Preparations are underway for a tender process to find a new provider/ partner. The Suffolk Trading Standards Imports Surveillance team has detained over 13,000 e-scooters and e-bikes at Felixstowe Port over the past year on safety grounds and a further 9,000 were refused entry due to substandard batteries and chargers which pose serious risks of fire or electric shock.

District Cllr Gilly Morgan reported that she and County Cllr Fleming will be holding a monthly surgery at the Farmers' Market at Rickinghall Village Hall.

Andy Warnes, the Chairman of Redgrave Parish Council and member of the Green Redgrave group, invited Botesdale PC to join the Suffolk Green Cluster with Redgrave, Hinderclay, Hopton, Thelnetham, Blo Norton and Ixworth. The aim is to support the County's net zero target. The group currently had a proposal with Community Energy South Pathways to assess, carry out feasibility studies and help find funding for energy saving and community energy generation projects within the community.

**Planning:** The PC considered an application for conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwelling at Grove View Workshop on The Common. There was no objection.

**Correspondence:** There were two items of correspondence

including the invitation to join the Suffolk Green Cluster and it was agreed to join with the aim of finding out more about the proposals. The PC also received a letter from a landowner in response to a request to cut back hedges at the corner of Back Hills and the B1113 to improve visibility. Sadly, the response was negative, and it was agreed to approach SCC Highways about the matter.

**Recreation Ground:** We will be extending fencing at the boundary to hopefully make the site a safer place for little ones to play!



#### **Botesdale Recreation Ground**

We are very pleased that the Recreation Ground is becoming an increasingly popular venue with our Community.

As promised, we are not sitting still, and numerous improvements and upgrades are being introduced. Additional notice boards particularly focused on the Eco Path and

the Health and Fitness area are being installed. Additional seating will be introduced via a Circular Bench adjacent to the Health and Fitness area and we are working with charitable organisations to introduce a "chatty bench" into the facilities. We are also extending the Junior swing to increase user capacity and have tightened the Zip Wire.

We are looking forward to seeing the facilities used extensively during the School holidays. Please be mindful that during such peak periods, there is naturally more litter generated and taking care to ensure full use is made of the bins provided (which we have increased) will help keep the facilities in a clean and welcoming state for all users.

When visiting the facilities, we do request that all users arriving by car park with due consideration for the local residents.

Enjoy the Summer.

## THE NEXT BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

#### **MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

at 7.00 pm at Botesdale Village Hall

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# Redgrave Parish Council



Parish Council Report – July 2023 By Alison Spouncer, Parish Clerk

July's meeting had apologies from two Councillors. We were very pleased to welcome Cllr Fleming back and Cllr Morgan to her first Redgrave Parish Council meeting as District Councillor. Three members of the public were present for the meeting.

#### District and County Councillor Reports

County Cllr Fleming provided a report with several items to cover, these included:

#### Norwich to Tilbury National Grid Upgrade

A non-statutory consultation is running between June and August following changes. The County Council are engaging with the resolution of calling for offshore implementation rather than the current over and underground option being presented. Cllr Fleming called for residents to engage with the consultation, to voice any comments via email, the website or letter.

#### Shepherd's Grove, Stanton Planning Proposal

There is a proposed large development in Stanton, including a warehouse capable of employing 2,500 people. The concern is the dramatic increase in haulage traffic and potential increase on the trunk roads of the A143.

#### West Suffolk Hospital

Has been awarded Government funding for the new hospital.

#### Mobile Libraries

It is encouraged for those that use the facility to give feedback on the consultation which will be opened shortly, details of which will be shared when available. There are suggestions of changes to be made with the current 10-year contract ending next July.

#### Signposting in Half Moon Lane

Cllr Fleming confirmed her commitment of £500 towards the cost of the signs agreed for Half Moon Lane.

#### Councillors' Corner

Clirs Fleming and Morgan are reinstating 'Councillors' Corner' at the Rickinghall Country Market. From around 10am-11.30am residents can meet and discuss anything that they feel the Councillors may be able to help with. Gilly.Morgan@midsuffolk.gov.uk Jessica.Fleming@suffolfk.gov.uk

#### **Public Forum**

Nothing was put forward by the members of the public.

#### **Planning**

Two new applications were received:

DC/23/02698 Householder Application: Erection of first floor side and two storey rear extensions. 15 Churchway, Redgrave.

DC/23/02927 Proposal: Application for works to a tree in a conservation area; fell 1no plum tree in rear garden due to age and condition and overhanging which could cause potential damage.

Both applications were met with no objections, with a suggestion that another

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tree may be planted in place of the one being removed.

All applications, updates and comments are available online for review and comment via the Mid-Suffolk District Council planning portal at <a href="https://www.midsuffolk.gov/planning/application-search-and-comment/">https://www.midsuffolk.gov/planning/application-search-and-comment/</a>

The Financial Report was provided to Councillors and agreed, with details of payments also listed in the agenda for information. No monies received, with payments totalling £815.46 between 8th June and 6th July (full details available within the minutes (found on the village noticeboard and the website).

#### Ongoing Items:

CPR and Defibrillator Training by East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) in Redgrave. Thank you to all who attended the training. It was considered amongst those in attendance that it may be a positive option to have another defib machine in the village in addition to the one opposite the Cross Keys that was very kindly donated by a family from the village following fundraising. With thanks for the generosity of those that attended, £82.50 was raised through teas and coffees directly for EAAA.

20mph default speed limit It was agreed the Council will continue to work alongside 20splenty.org and other parishes in Suffolk.

<u>Dog Litter Bin</u> It was agreed by the Council there does not now appear to be a need to increase the size, but it will continue to be monitored should there be another issue.

Redundant 'children playing' warning sign Following discussions at last month's meeting, the Clerk followed up on the possibility of re-use with Suffolk Highways (SH). Costings have not been provided yet but initial feedback from SH suggest it may not be financially viable to remove and reuse the sign, however, the Clerk will provide feedback once confirmation has been received.

<u>Suffolk Green Cluster</u> is growing with Botesdale now also agreeing to join. Currently there are eight villages and four organisations aligning with the Farming Advisory Group, covering items such as housing, transport, and biodiversity. Further information can be found with the Green Redgrave Group.

## THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

#### **THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2023**

at 7.00pm

at

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All parishioners are cordially invited to attend, it would be good to see you. If anyone is unable/does not want to attend but wishes to put a question to the Council, they would be very welcome to contact the Clerk.

Full minutes (including finances) can be found on the website (http://redgrave.onesuffolk.net/parish-council), the village noticeboard opposite the shop and the bulletin email service. Please email the Clerk if you wish to be added to the email bulletin service.

**1** We are now on Facebook: Redgrave Parish Council

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## Parish Council Report July 2023 by Cllr Geoff Short

Our July meeting was attended by all the councillors and 6 members of the public. SCC Councillor Jessica Fleming gave a report which included several interesting points. A new reservoir is under consideration in North Suffolk to meet the water infrastructure necessary for planned housing - we don't yet know where this will be. The Government confirmed in May that the rebuilding of West Suffolk Hospital will take place adjacent to the existing site as planned. After a 10-year contract, Library Services will go out to tender for the 45 libraries and four mobile libraries in Suffolk.

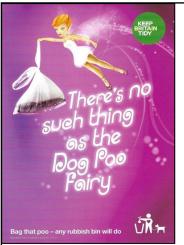
We had no objection to four planning proposals; two being domestic extensions and outbuildings, and two being tree applications. A bit of history was made as all four applications were either to councillors' own properties or those next door, so declarations of interest were made on them all! I can't recall that happening before.

A local group has been formed called the Suffolk Green Cluster, and a representative was present at the meeting to see if we wished to join. The group includes Hinderclay, Hopton, TheInetham, Blo Norton and Ixworth. We expressed an interest, but would need to see exactly what is involved, and the decision as to whether Botesdale wish to join would affect our participation.

The Council is responsible for various assets around the village, and whilst we wish to see that everything is well maintained and in good condition, this has to be balanced against the ever-increasing costs of maintenance or replacement. We are looking into the three wooden fingerpost signs at the Hinderclay Road junction and will be deciding shortly on which to remove or replace. They were installed at the time of the bypass being built 28 years ago, and most people by now know that Bury Road leads to the indicated 'Other Routes'! We will likely replace the 'Rickinghall' sign near the Market Place as this is no longer looking its best.

You may have heard that the Solar Farm application - declined by the Parish and Mid Suffolk - went to appeal by the applicant. The adjacent landowner has submitted evidence that the land should remain agricultural due to the wheat yield achieved, but this official guidance seems to be ignored in determining solar farm installations. We do not have a date for the appeal decision, so can only wait and see.

Finally, many trees and bushes have grown at an amazing rate this year, and in several places have grown out over the pavement impeding pedestrians. Perhaps you would kindly look at any offending branches or brambles over the pavement adjacent to your property and chop them back. This is particularly important to our disabled residents who may not be able to step out into the road to avoid the foliage, and your help would be appreciated.



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In Northfield Wood, in particular, the flowers have done very well. Willowherb is still flourishing despite our efforts to calm it down, and it looks very pretty. Several different butterflies and bumblebees were the larger insects but there have been many others enjoying the flowers, ox-eye daisies, cornflowers and many more.

A new volunteer, Paul, joined us to help rescue the small, newly planted saplings on the first Sunday of the month, when we worked in Northfield Wood.

Anita took it upon herself to clear the nettles from the path through Millers Orchard

We plan to have an Annual Meeting in September – see the notice in this magazine. Do come along and share our interest in these bits of land that are open to the public.

Rosemary Jones,

Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Woodland

5th July, 2023

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New volunteers welcome!



## Notice of Appreciation - the late Pamela Foulger

The family of the late Pam Foulger would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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#### The Drama of Leaning Trees

Across the yellow sky at ease leans a bridge of leafless tree's map of branches for mankind like his history redefined.

The evergreen is wearing thin dangling branches on its shin, like mooring sheets - all limy green whose boat has sailed away unseen. At noon the tree is brooched with sun like medals for a job well done.

Patricia Stammers



After many delays mainly due to covid, bats and lack of money we have plans to get the building work on the north slope of the chancel roof carried out in September and October this year. Although one very generous lady whose family have lived in Rickinghall for five generations has kindly offered to pay towards the balance of the work up to £15,000 if we carry out the work this year, we still need to raise a further £10,500. The total estimate for repairing the roof and re-plastering and painting the chancel ceiling is £62,562, including VAT and architect's fees. This is increasing by approx. 10% annually due to inflation.

A church was mentioned standing in Rickinghall as early as 1086 when the Domesday book was compiled and the circular lower part of the round tower is Norman, dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Parts of our church were filmed for a TV programme in the first decade of this century to show the various stages of church architecture which would have been in Dunwich before it was lost to the sea. Dr Jonathan Foyle presented this programme before he became keeper of the Royal Palaces.

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Jean Sheehan

Lawrence Thompson has regularly supplied the magazine with our gardening and scam columns in the last few years.

Unfortunately Lawrence is no longer able to continue with the gardening column. We would all like to say thankyou to Lawrence for his contributions and to wish him well for the future. The parish mag team



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## Club News



#### Medieval Stone Bosses in Norwich Cathedral by David Berwick

David Berwick told the June meeting of the Heritage Circle at Rickinghall Village Hall about the medieval stone bosses that decorate the

ceiling of Norwich Cathedral. There are 1,108 stone bosses that depict stories from the Bible and are the centrepiece of the star shaped array 70 feet above the nave of the cathedral and in the Bauchon Chapel.

The bosses were carved from one piece of stone during the episcopate of Bishop James Goldwell (1472-1499). They all tell a story. In the Bauchon Chapel the stone bosses are based upon the *Sergeant of Law's Tale* by Chaucer where good overcomes evil. An empress is wronged by her brother-in-law but she eventually cures him of leprosy and everyone lives happily ever after.

The stone bosses in the nave illustrate stories from the Old and the New Testament. The first shows the creation of the world and has the image of a sun. In the next, God has a lion and a unicorn by him which symbolise his power and regality. Other stone bosses show a variety of stories including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood, Jacob dreaming of a ladder to heaven, and the life of Moses. All of the carvings are 3D. The stone bosses have been painted and it is estimated that about 65% of the paintwork is original. The last restoration work was undertaken in 1935.

It is likely that the stone masons came from Cambridge and had been involved with the decoration of King's College. Some of the carvings have been damaged and this may have happened when Cromwell occupied the cathedral in 1643 and stabled his horses in the nave. Puritans were opposed to the ornate decoration of churches. The stone bosses continue with the New Testament. They show the annunciation where the Virgin Mary is visited by the Angel Gabriel. The birth of Christ is followed by episodes in his life, culminating in the Last Supper, his death on the cross and the resurrection. The final stone bosses are concerned with the Day of Judgement. The images of hell and the devil are very gruesome.

The people who carved the stone bosses were unlikely to have travelled very far in their lives and so there are some 'odd' images. The Temple in Jerusalem showing Solomon's coronation looks like Norwich Cathedral. The funny looking elephant on Noah's Ark may have been influenced by a carved chair in Exeter Cathedral which records an elephant sent as a gift to Edward III by the King of France in 1350. Finally, there are only seven apostles attending the Last Supper.

The oldest stone bosses in Norwich cathedral are to be found in the cloisters and these date from about 1315. This small collection shows the death of Christ.

The talk indicated the importance of looking up to the ceiling when visiting the cathedral so as to appreciate the beauty of the work undertaken in the late 15th century.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be on Wednesday 23 August at 7.30pm at Rickinghall Village Hall when Kate Jewell will give a talk entitled *Devils and disguises – Medieval Drama in Bury St Edmunds*. New members and visitors are welcome. Further information is available at <a href="https://www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net">www.heritagecircle.onesuffolk.net</a>

Gerry Gurhy



Well, the threatened rain and thunderstorms didn't materialise and the pleasant weather ensured that we had a reasonably good turnout. Having said that, those of you who weren't able to join us as you were on holiday, I hope you have had a good time. For anyone else who had other appointments or meetings, I hope

they went well!

Many thanks to all those who responded to my request for new bakers last month - the extra goodies were not only appreciated, but also eaten! Just a few morsels for us to take home to enjoy at the end of the morning!

The charity that should benefit from your kind donations is called "Asperger East Anglia" and, as you will guess from the name, is there to support those people who struggle with this condition and also their carers. We hope that the £112.70 that you kindly put in the dishes will help to cover some of their costs to support their folks!

I was also selling plants in aid of St Nicholas' Hospice and a small sum of £14.50 was added to the money that I take at my gate for plants raised to support that brilliant organisation.

Next month the date for Coffee on the Corner is **Tuesday 8th August** and we shall be planning a similar event, but the charity benefiting from any donations you make will be Barnardo's to help in their fight against "trap houses" - places where drugs are bought, sold or used illegally and where many vulnerable children are drawn in to a less than desirable lifestyle. These places are dangerous and exploitative and certainly no place for a child to be involved. Do please come along to find out more about the work of the charity.

The date for the September Coffee morning will be **Tuesday 12th September** and whilst I don't yet know who we shall be supporting, I don't doubt that we shall find a worthy cause. If there are any local charities that you are familiar with who might appreciate the funds, or national charities that have helped local people, please do get in touch. In the past we have supported international charities too, although we do aim to keep it local most of the time.

One more date for your diary - Friday 22nd September - our Macmillan Coffee morning. For those of you who have supported this before, it is Coffee on the Corner, with a bit extra! We usually have a raffle, a produce stall and a selection of craft stalls - and there are some very talented folks out there! Do put the date in your diary to ensure you don't double book yourself!

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. Alternatively, try Kevin Gladwell, our Community Pastor on 01379 898924.

In the meantime, I wish you all the very best,

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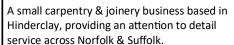
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I welcome feedback, do get in touch. Nyall Davies 01379 897 067

Very recently a friend of mine died unexpectedly. He like me was a radio amateur and I used to talk with him almost every day. It was clear that he wasn't well on the Monday evening and he was dead with multiple organ failure within a week. It came as quite a shock to all those whom he talked with on the air.

Four of us spent the best part of a Monday taking down his aerials and masts. Then the following Saturday five of us cleared his radio room, commonly known as the shack amongst amateurs from the days when radio was relegated to a shed in the garden. We started by assessing the value of various items but that gradually diminished until we became utterly ruthless and swept whole shelves full of stuff into the bin ready for the skip. Even then, I found it difficult as I saw useful components being binned.

The lesson is that you only win once you classify it as rubbish. I did type unwanted rubbish but that wouldn't have been true as I found there remained that desire to hang on to it.

That was all radio related stuff but it applies throughout life. We all want to hang onto this or that, it may be some item but can be a bad habit or even a hurt from the past. Like the rubbish in my friend's room we love to hang on to things and, like that rubbish, we can't get rid of it until we accept that it is indeed rubbish and must go in the skip.

It applies in all areas of life but none more so than in the Christian's life. Until you say to yourself, "This is wrong," you can't let go of it. This is where Jesus comes in. He, God's only son came from heaven to this earth to become the skip for all those wrongs - past and present - in our lives. That is what the crucifixion is all about. I'll paraphrase a verse from the Bible as "He became the skip, he who had no rubbish of his own so that we can get rid of our rubbish on him and be totally free of the stuff." Just like with the rubbish from my friend's room the secret is to accept that it is just that, the rubbish in our lives.

As we cleared that room, every now and then there was a cry of, "Oh no, not another lot," as we dug down further. What was the answer? Back to the skip of course. Again in life every time we see ourselves as doing wrong, hurting someone and/or mentally plotting, the answer should be, "Back to the cross. I'm sorry, Jesus, take this one as well." The cross remains as an enduring symbol of the fact that he forgives and cleanses.

Here is that verse I paraphrased: 2 Corinthians 5:21

"For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."



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"The quiet August noon has come; A slumberous silence fills the sky; The winds are still, the trees are dumb, In glassy sleep the waters lie." William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878)

I haven't seen so many swifts this year but those that came will be preparing for their long journey southwards. Swallows will still be with us, some of them now rearing a third clutch of chicks. A pair of curlews managed to fledge some chicks in Hinderclay but sadly, one was found having been run over. Please take care when driving on our rural roads. If the feeders in our garden are anything to go by, blue tits have had a very successful year!

Now is the time for damsel and dragon flies over ponds so keep an eye out. Small pools will have different species such as hawkers and darters, some flying in tandem, with the female dipping her tail in the water to deposit eggs.

The orchids on New Fen in Thelnetham will have finished and been replaced by plants like meadow sweet with it's heady scent. We have cut 'wild walks' on New Fen and Reeves Meadow, so why not get over there and have a stroll through some beautiful flora? New Fen is looking particularly good this year.

We've had some new volunteers come along to our work parties this year. Having come once to try it out they continue to come back, so we must be doing something right - or maybe it's just the coffee break cake!

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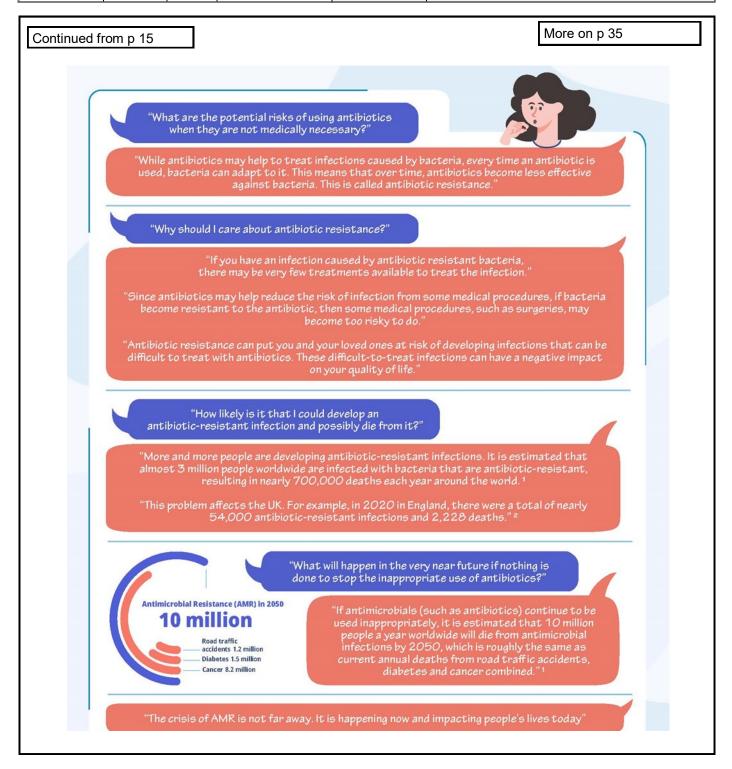


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#### A Child's Eye View of Farming in the 50s and 60s - Continued

Our farm was bought by my Grandfather in 1919. When my uncles farmed here before my Dad took over in 1940, they had more enterprises, a truly mixed farm. As well as a herd of cattle, they kept pigs, sheep, laying hens, geese for eggs and meat, as well as the more common crops of Wheat, Barley and Oats. They also ran a very successful shoot. The 34 hectare woodland bordering onto a valley with hills behind the valley, make shooting here very good. My Grandfather was a very good shot and even shot at Sandringham with George V.

Every year Dad would send his steers to Stowmarket fat stock market (R.C.Knights and Sons) and would always get the best prices for his cattle. I liked going with him to the Market which was held at the area where the Asda Store is now. In the centre of the building was a ring where the cattle would be shown to the bidders who were mainly local butchers and then there were circles of tiered concrete steps around the ring for the farmers and bidders to get the best view of the animals. I still have some catalogues of these markets and it is interesting to notice that many of the local farms are still in the same family ownerships but maybe not many of us now keep any stock at all.

We used to grow wheat, barley, oats, sugar beet, tic beans, lucerne and clover. Clover was quite an unusual crop to grow. After the threshing, the clover seed was sold to a merchant and the clover straw was fed to the cattle in winter when they would live in our cattle sheds.

So the summer jobs of carting the water and counting the cattle out in the fields became filling the mangers with their food and filling the water tanks in the cattle yards. Winter feed consisted of sugar beet pulp which we bought from the factory in Bury St Edmunds, oats, beans and barley grains which had been ground down a bit in our mill with either the clover stalks or barley straw.

Grain Harvesting was done with a binder, one man driving the tractor and one sitting on a springy seat on the back of the binder operating the sails and the cutting bar. The sheaves of corn were pushed out of the side of the machine and then another gang of workers would place them into shocks or in Suffolk we called them "stooks" (eight sheaves placed together with the ears of corn at the top), after the grain had finished ripening then we would gather up the sheaves and build corn stacks with all the grain heads pointing inwards to protect them from the weather. Later on a local team would bring in their threshing machine and thresh out the grain which went into Coomb sacks made of tough hessian. A Coomb weighed 240 pounds/110 kgs for wheat. The straw went up an elevator and was made into straw stacks which were used for winter bedding for the cows (wheat straw) or feed (barley straw). Another enjoyable job at this time was watching for rats to escape from the grain stacks and trying to whack them on the head to kill them! Now instead of the Binder, the Threshing Machine and the sack of grain we have the Combine Harvester, that massive machine that does the whole job.

Another aspect of interest is hours worked and food! The day started at 6.30am for the cowman, and 7am for the rest. They had a breakfast break at 9.00 for 20 minutes and then took an hour's lunch break at midday. The men who lived in the farm cottages would go home for a cooked lunch but those who lived further away would bring their lunch tin and sit in the cowman's shed where there was a nice heap of hay to rest their backsides on, or some had an old stool or a chair seat which

had lost it's back! The most popular drink the men brought was a glass bottle of cold tea or maybe some squash in a glass bottle. I don't remember anyone bringing a flask of coffee and of course cans of drink were not available yet. The end of their working day was 4pm unless it was busy times like harvest. Most of the work was hard and physical but everyone enjoyed telling tales or passing on gossip. There was always a bit of leg pulling going on and they especially liked teasing me and calling me "Maggie the cow girl"! Every morning the foreman, Fred, would come into the house to see Dad and get the instructions for the day's work for everyone.



The Author on Captain

Well before hedge cutters and diggers were invented we used to have a small gang of men who would spend most of the winter hedging and ditching. Possibly ditches were kept in better condition in those days and there was always a bonfire to burn the twigs and brash which meant the men were able to keep warm! This task was carried out on a different area of the farm each year so that on average each ditch was cleared about once every eight to ten years. Over time we are one of the few farms who have not removed many hedges and ditches to make bigger fields to accommodate the modern machinery. Obviously a few have been removed and also only a couple of ponds have been filled in. I have a list of the ponds on the farm from the sixties and we have only done away with two so that feels good.

In those days there were no agricultural sprays so everything was organic!! Fields of corn used to look pretty with red poppies flowering in with the grain stalks and of course we had to contend with wild oats. If our crops were destined for feed we didn't bother about wild oats but for the corn that was going to be sold we would go roguing the wild oats. Men would walk about the field pulling the wild oats out by hand.

We had an abundance of wildlife, flora and fauna. I remember seeing a coypu running along in ditch, before they were all got rid of. We are still fortunate enough to have plenty of wildlife, some of which is quite rare so we are pleased.

Did you guess who the author is? Some people have guessed that the mystery person is Liz Draper of West Hall Farm! Many thanks to Liz for sharing her memories..



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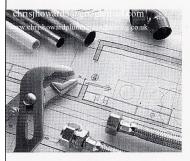
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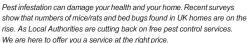


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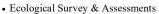
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The Tower hotel was in the final stages of construction. Carpets were being laid, walls decorated and lighting being installed etc. The kitchens were being installed for the various restaurants the hotel needed, including the "underwater" restaurant reached through the basement. There was simulated boat ride that pretended to take small groups of diners to an offshore location. It was quite realistic for people who had no experience of the sea.

We knew that opening of the hotel was imminent but didn't know when.

The water theme park, known as the "Wild Wadi", was being trialled ready for opening. At the entrance to the park was an artificial cliff and on top was a large tank structure that looked like a rock. The designers took advantage of the fact that a wadi would quickly flood during heavy rain and arranged for the there to be a thunder and lightning show to simulate a storm. The tank started to rock – it looked very realistic, and after a particularly loud peel of thunder it tipped over, and dumped its contents onto the paving below. Unfortunately the designers had misjudged where the water would go, and it poured down the paving and flooded the changing rooms half way down to the entrance to the theme park. Many people had wet shoes as a result.

This feature was quickly axed.

The Dubai Crown Prince – Sheikh Mohammed – visited the various elements of the project frequently. We lesser mortals didn't know in advance, and the first indication of a royal visit was the arrival of the motor cycle outriders.

On one occasion he came to inspect the newly planted area of palm trees located at the entrance to the water theme park. He alighted from his car, and walked over to the plantation where he spent some time inspecting the palms. He spoke to the man who had supplied the palms, entered his car, and was driven away.

His comment, when it was translated and disseminated to us, rendered us all speechless.

"You have two many male palms for the number of female palms". (I meant to find out how Sheikh Moknew, but never made time for the research.)

We were informed one morning that there would be a soft opening of the hotel in two weeks time. and the official name for the hotel would be Burj Al Arab – Arabian Tower.

The end JML



#### ST BOTOLPHS BOWLS CLUB

Our Fun Fridays continue to attract new and existing members to enjoy an evening of bowls and to socialise. On 8th July we held a club mixed pairs competition with 6 pairs of bowlers competing for a place in finals day on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Our Club Presidents Day is on 29<sup>th</sup> July with a competition (drive) in the afternoon, followed by the President's Dinner in the evening. On 5<sup>th</sup> August we will have another club drive followed by a Pork Roast Dinner. Both these events provide the opportunity for bowlers and social members to get together. On 12<sup>th</sup> August, the second leg of a competition with Stanton takes place, the first leg having been held at Stanton on 24<sup>th</sup> June. This competition is in memory of Moira Heywood who was a long serving member of both clubs

As well as individual club competitions taking place during August there will be a Club Triples competition on 19<sup>th</sup> August and on 25<sup>th</sup> August there will be a Captain versus President team competition. League matches will be completed during August and in September there will be -

1<sup>st</sup> September - Ladies versus Men club competition;

17<sup>th</sup> September - Annual Triples Tournament on the 17th, an all-day event which attracts bowlers from many of the local bowls clubs;

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Club Finals Day; 24<sup>th</sup> September – Closing Day Drive.

Rosemary Setterfield – committee member

PPG continued

#### WELLBEING WALKS

Our Wellbeing groups continue to run on a regular basis, may be of interest to Patients over the Summer months. If you have visitors staying - bring them along too.

## TUESDAYS 10 am-11am. - Venue: Start from Parkview Chapel .

There will be a Trained Lead walker and volunteers to take participating walkers on an easy, friendly circular walk of maximum one hour duration and then tea/Coffee back at Parkview. If you cannot manage the whole walk a volunteer will walk with you back to Parkview, and you can pop the kettle on for the Group's return! The group is extremely friendly.

#### **ART FOR WELLBEING THERAPY**

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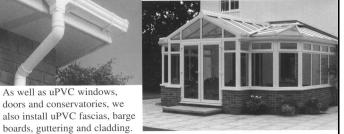
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#### PARKVIEW CHAPEL – CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS

Every month in the Parish Magazine Parkview advertises the clubs and groups that we run for children and young people. These are available for everyone. So I thought I would take the opportunity to explain a little about each group:

**Junior Friday Club:** 

Fridays. 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Free admission. This club is for any child in school years Reception to Year 6.

We play lots of games alongside cooking and crafts.

We also read stories from the Bible to see if there is anything that could help us in life.

And we have a tuck shop. So although entry to the club is free, please do send you child with a little money for sweeties!

**Senior Friday Club:** 

Fridays. 7.30pm to 9.30pm. 50p admission.

This club is for any young person in school years 7 to 11.

Amongst other things at this club we have indoor football, table tennis, table football and computer game consoles.

It's also a chance to meet people and make friends.

The tuck shop is available too.

Please be aware that this is a drop-in type of club. Young people can come and go at any point, (although we do sign them in and out.)

#### **Junior Church:**

Sundays. 11.00am to 12.00pm. Free admission. This is for any child in school years Reception to Year 6.

This is what many churches still call Sunday School.

It is an opportunity for the children to understand more about God, on a level that suits them.

The children usually leave part way through the Sunday morning service to hear Bible stories, play games and make crafts.

**PYP (Parkview Young People):** 

Sundays. 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Free admission.

This is for any young person from school years 7 to 13.

A group where we discuss things from faith, to social topics, to just life and how to live it, all with the help of what the Bible has to say to us.

It is a great opportunity to make new friends too.

We go out and do plenty of social stuff too, from ten-pin bowling, to ice skating, to weekends away with other Church youth groups.

All of the above groups take place at Parkview. The groups all take place during school term. So we have now taken a break due to the summer holidays.

But we love seeing new people. So why not come along in September and see what we do? Feel free to just turn up. Or you can contact me at Parkview if you want more information.

Kev Gladwell Church & Community Pastor Parkview Chapel Tel No. 01379 898924.

Email: kevin@parkviewchapel.co.uk

## **Church Notices**

#### **Parkview Chapel Sunday Services and Events**

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

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

August						
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am					
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am					
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	No Service at Parkview					
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am			PARKVIEW CHAPEL		
September			CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Service at 11.00am					
Sunday10 <sup>th</sup>	Service at 11.00am					
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Service at Parkview					
Sunday 24 <sup>nd</sup>	Service at 11.00am					
Events		Coffee on th	Tuesday 8th August Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September			
Please note that the Parkview Youth clubs will take a break during the holidays from and including Friday 21st July, restarting week beginning Sunday 3rd September		PARKVIEW Youth	Junior Church	Sundays 11:00am - 12:00pm		
		Junior Friday Club		Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm		
			PYP	Sundays 7:00pm - 8:30pm		
		Senior Friday Club		Fridays 7:30pm - 9:30pm		

#### WELCOME TO BOTESDALE METHODIST CHURCH EVENTS AND GROUPS

Our Church is to be found in Fen Lane, Botesdale, opposite the fish and chip shop. We are a friendly bunch of people holding services every Sunday morning at 10.30. We welcome everyone to our services and weekday activities.

#### Services

#### August

6<sup>th</sup> Rev David Ely – a service of Holy Communion

13<sup>th</sup> Rev Paul Mellor

20<sup>th</sup> Local arrangement

27<sup>th</sup> Mrs Linda Spencer

#### September

3<sup>rd</sup> To be advised

10<sup>th</sup> To be advised

17<sup>th</sup> To be advised

24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Service - Rev Paul Mellor

**Activities** – you are very welcome to join us for any of the following:

#### August

Tuesday 1st 2.30 - 4pm Get Together Down the Lane

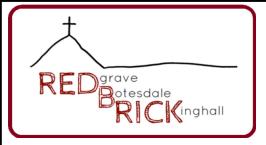
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am - 12pm Coffee Down the Lane – our regular coffee morning held on the 4th Tuesday each month - an opportunity for all to chat and get to know others in our community

September

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> --- Get Together Down the Lane **postponed until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** (see below)
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> --- Suffolk Historic Churches: Ride and Stride - see ad elsewhere in this magazine
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30 to 4pm Garden Party (please note: a week later than our usual Get Together Down The Lane

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm Coffee Down the Lane

Every service and activity is open to anyone – you do not have to belong to this Church or any other. For more information phone 01379 890898.



# Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

#### **August 2023 Services**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Communion (BCP), 8.45am, St Mary's Rickinghall

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August Tenth Sunday of Trinity
Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, St Mary's Rickinghall *AND*4:00pm, All Saints Church, Redgrave,
\* Songs of Praise Celebration \*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August (CW), Eleventh Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion 10.30am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August Twelfth Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion (CW),10.30am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

#### September 2023 Services

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September , Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion (BCP), 8.45am,St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, St Mary's Rickinghall

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**Church meeting 7;00pm, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, All Saints Church, Redgrave

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

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