

PARISH MAGAZINE

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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Foreword from
Reverend Chris Norburn
Retiring Rector of
Redgrave cum Botesdale
with the Rickinghalls
The Rectory, Bury Road,
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Wow, twenty-four years ago on October 19th 1999 I was licensed as incumbent to the Benefice of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls. I remember the evening well, sitting at the front with my wife Barbara and two daughters, Rachel and Anna. At three years old we'd tried to get Anna to have an afternoon sleep so she wouldn't be too tired for the evening service. By that age she was never one to sleep during the day, but she did like to go to bed early evening, so I was nervous that she would not last the evening. Thankfully she did and thankfully I remembered to do all the things that I had to do during the service; well nearly everything, but that is another story!!

So now I am writing this, my last newsletter for the Parish Magazine as I am retiring at the end of November on the grounds of ill health due to suffering for the last year from Long Covid. What do I say? Well there is so much to say, so many memories, both joyful and sad, of my time here in what has become the Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls. Many people have come and gone. As the Apostle Paul alludes to in his writings we are a "tent people"; we journey through life as if we are temporary people crossing paths with many others on our way. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve this parish in ministering to many, to walk beside people during their good times and hard times. It has been amazing to see so many grow in their faith walk with Jesus, to watch them grow in understanding, faith and trust as they have let go of themselves and let God be God in their lives through accepting God's Son Jesus Christ as their Saviour, teacher and friend. To see the faces of people who experience answered prayers, the opportunities they have had to share their faith and to pray for others is heart warming and so encouraging. There are those who have shared their doubts, fears and anxieties, yet they too have still experienced the love of God in some way at work in their life.

So thank you for giving me this opportunity to minister amongst you. Thank you for the love and generosity you have given myself and my family. To know one is loved is so special and is a real source of encouragement and hope. Love helps to keep us going, keeps us wanting to do the best we can for others, after all that is what was demonstrated by our heavenly Father when He sent His one and only Son to die for us on the cross. It was out of His love for us that enabled Him to send His Son to be our Saviour, teacher and friend. I wish to encourage you all to continue to allow God to love you so that you can love others in return with the love that you receive from God.

At the conclusion of a service of Holy Communion this prayer is often said by all present;

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

These words help to show us what God has done for us. He is our Father because of Jesus' death and resurrection, and because He has delivered the Holy Spirit into our lives. God is not just *Father of all* to those have faith in Him, but for *all* of humanity. This reminds me of the Parable of the Lost Son and the Loving Father in Luke 15. As the running father, filled with compassion and love, threw his arms around his son so we too can experience God throwing His arms around us in love. Our response to this is to give Him thanks and praise as we all have an opportunity to meet God for ourselves.

In Jesus' death and life, He declared God's love, grace and opened up the way (the gate of glory) for all of humanity to have an opportunity to gain access to eternal life if they so choose. Because of Jesus' death and life His supernatural resurrection life is open to all through the Holy Spirit. So all have a chance to walk by the Spirit in Jesus' resurrection life. As we walk in His resurrection life we can bring life to others by being a light to enable them to see the work of God's love and grace through us. As we do this we are to look to the future when the whole world will be redeemed and transformed.

So as God's people here my prayer is that you continue to experience the unique free gift of the love and grace of the Fatherhood in Jesus by the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to live distinctive lives that proclaim not your goodness, but the grace of God in such a way that you bring light into dark places thus demonstrating a shared life in a broken world. We do this best by living in the hope that God will complete His purposes, and that one day the kingdom world will become the kingdom of God and Jesus, where they will reign with true justice and love for ever.

With every blessing and until we meet again au revoir.



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

The latest version of the directory is available online at

<http://stmarysrickinghallinferior.onesuffolk.net/local-information>



Section	Changes
Churches & Chapels / Church of England	1. Replaced Karen Lawrence as PCC Secretary with <i>To be advised</i> 2. Church of England <i>Family Breakfast</i> entry deleted
Community Services (local) / Parish Magazine	Phil Schofield's telephone number changed to 07889338210
Schools and Nurseries	<i>Botesdale Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)</i> deleted

Message from the team

I'm writing this during our late summer in October! We've had a lovely warm few days. As usual we have a packed magazine for you with plenty of events going on locally and preparations for Christmas events are well under way. Many people are busy organising events and clubs in our villages and it tends to be the same groups of people. If you feel you can help out anywhere, especially if you are a new resident, you will be warmly welcomed by any of the groups of volunteers

Charles Murray

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Please note that **the copy date for the forthcoming issues is as follows:**

COPY DATES AND STUFFING MEETINGS

- **Dec/Jan issue Mon 13 Nov** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave - 3.15pm on **Fri 24 Nov**
- **Feb issue Mon 15 Jan** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave - 3.15pm on **Fri 26 Jan**
- **March issue Mon 12 Feb** Come and help stuff the magazine @ All Saint's, Redgrave - 3.15pm on **Fri 23 Feb**

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

The views and opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the editorial team.

WELCOME

Welcome to new residents in our villages. If you have recently moved into one of our villages the churches wish you a warm welcome. If you would like someone from the church to visit you, or perhaps you would like your house blessed, then please do get in touch with the Rector on 01379 898685. May your life in these communities be peaceful, prosperous and a blessing to your neighbours.



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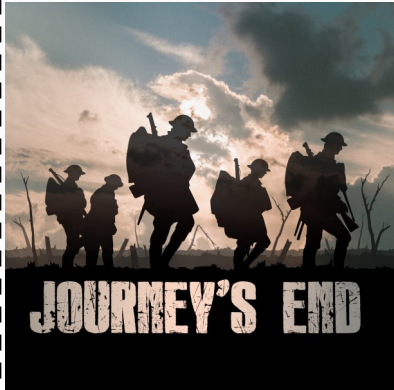
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12 November 2023

Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated on Sunday 12 November 2023 in the morning and afternoon. At 11am we salute the Fallen with a short period of silence at the Botesdale War Memorial. All are welcome to observe this silence with us - assemble at the Memorial just before 11am for a time for personal reflection on tragic events & the villages' losses.

As last year there will not be a formal March Past but in the afternoon there will be a Service of Remembrance at the Chapel of Ease Botesdale followed immediately by the formal Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial. Please join us at 3pm in the Chapel of Ease. The Street will be closed for the short period of Remembrance.

Enquiries to: Christopher Brinkley on 07947 414 968 or Lynne Wills 07741 475 513

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Saturday Nov 11th
9am-12:30pm

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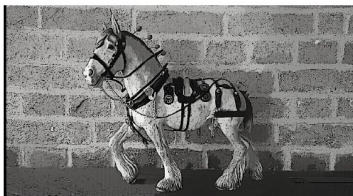
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	Needle felted hanging robin workshop Sunday 12 Nov, 10am-1.30pm £35, including materials
	'Fen' art exhibition By members of the Creative Fen Group Sat 18 & Sun 19 Nov, 10am-4pm. Free entry
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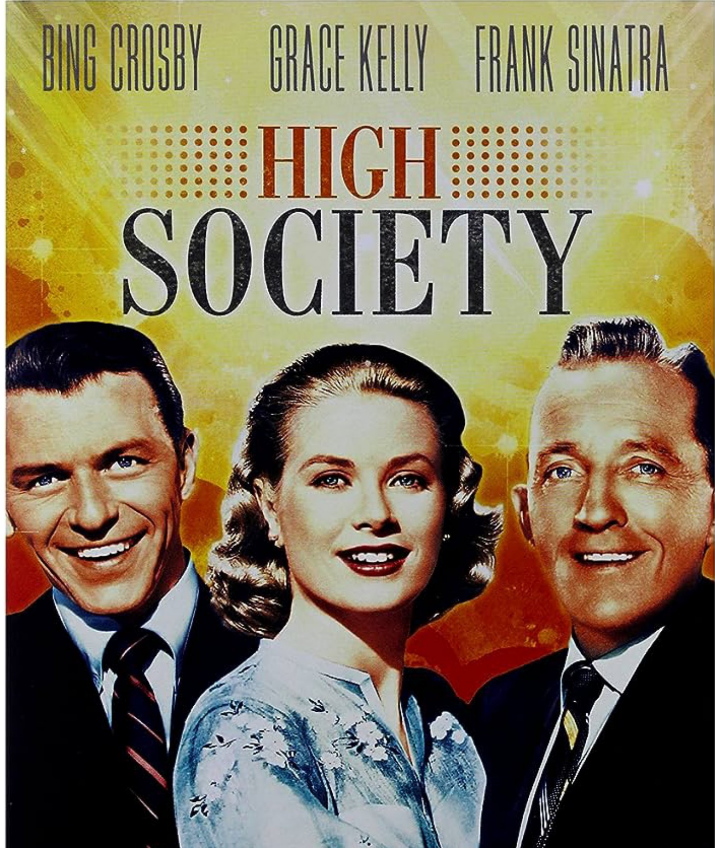
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speaking about

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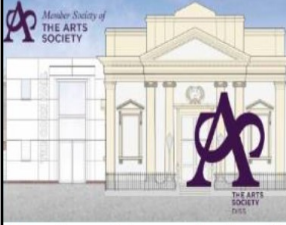
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This would be a great role for a young person hoping to gain experience in assisting the public. It would also make an interesting and very worthwhile role for any of our Patients. Please contact Botesdaleppg@gmail.com in the first instance if you plan to attend or call 07787148947 for more information. We look forward very much to hearing from you.



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Patients may have noted in last month’s Parish News there was mention of a Gynaecological Webinar on 10 October 2023. Sadly, this was cancelled by our partner organisation in Hertfordshire. We do hope an earlier Respiratory Webinar was found helpful by Patients.

We are now investigating undertaking our own Medical Webinars with Consultant Doctors and will hopefully be assisted in this by South Norfolk and East Essex Trust. We will keep you posted on

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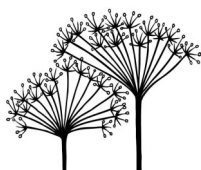
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Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



Report from the October 2023 Botesdale PC Meeting

Six members of the Parish Council were present for the meeting and there were three members of the public.

Planning: The PC had no objection to an extension at Nurses Bungalow, Diss Road or to two applications for tree works at St Botolphs Chapel of Ease and Brockwell House, The Street.

The PC has received a complaint about the new street lighting at the Bennett Homes site being excessive as they are on all night. Lighting policy is dictated by Suffolk County Council (SCC) and the developer is not able to adjust the lights on the development to part-night lighting unless they are not for adoption by SCC. If they are to be adopted, which we understand these will be, they are required to have standard all night photocell control until the adoption is completed, usually when the development is completed. SCC and Bennett Homes have both confirmed that there is nothing they can do at this stage.

MSDC has confirmed the following street names confirmed for the Bennett Homes site: Barley Birch Drive, Holly Place, Magnolia Close, Clover Close and Shamrock Close. Barley Birch Drive was suggested by the PC in consultation with a local historian and the others were chosen by MSDC.

Correspondence: Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) had notified us previously that following Examination, it was proposed that the Joint Local Plan be split into two parts (the Part 1 Plan and the Part 2 Plan). In September 2023, the Appointed Inspectors published their Examination report, which concludes that the Joint Local Plan is sound and capable of adoption and therefore Part 1 of the Joint Local Plan will be considered for adoption at Full Council meetings in November 2023. Part 1 sets out the vision and objectives for development in the two Districts. It contains a set of strategic and local policies to guide development in the period to 2037. Part 2 will focus on key matters including:

- an up-to-date settlement hierarchy;
- a spatial distribution of any housing allocations;
- housing requirement figures for Neighbourhood Plan areas;
- site allocations;
- up-to-date settlement boundaries reflecting commitments and allocations;
- open space designations with a relevant development management policy;
- an up-to-date assessment of need for accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and Boat Dwellers.

Your Clerk is: Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve,
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Preparation and consultation for Part 2 will take place over the next two years.

Recreation Ground: The usage of the facilities reflects the change of season, with footfall during school hours reduced. The Ground continues to be well used by smaller children and their carers during the day, and it remains a popular venue for school age children at the end of the school day. Weekend usage is largely weather dependent of course! There is a fair amount of work to the Ground scheduled for October 2023, including the extension of the junior swing to include two flat seats; installation of a Circular Seat; installation of hard standing for the bin store; additional fencing on the south/west boundaries; removal of ivy from the roadside fence; and new signage displaying changed hours of operation. Instead of the rather vague "dawn to dusk", opening times in future will be as follows:

April to October (inclusive) – 07:00 – 21:30

November to March (inclusive) – 07:00 – 19:30

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan: The PC carried out the annual review of the PIIP, a document which is intended to help PCs to identify and prioritise the infrastructure needs of their community and future spending decisions. There are a number of projects on the PIIP which were proposed by local organisations two years ago. Several of them have been completed, including:

- New equipment for Parkview Youth Club
- New skate park at Rickinghall Recreation Ground
- New seating for the Rickinghall Day Centre
- Signage to the Methodist Chapel
- Decarbonisation project at St Botolph's School

All of these projects have benefited from Community Infrastructure Levy funds from Botesdale and Rickinghall parish councils. We will be writing to the remaining organisations again to see if they would still like to go forward with their projects. If your organisation has a project you'd like to see on the PIIP, please let us know!

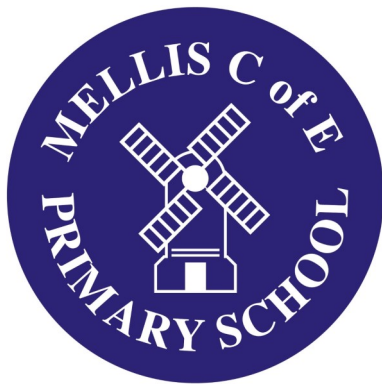
Remembrance Day Events will take place this year on Sunday, 12 November. Please keep an eye out for the details in this magazine.

The Christmas tree Lights On Ceremony will be on Saturday, 2 December at 6pm.

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Redgrave Parish Council



Redgrave Parish Council Report – October 2023

By Alison Spouncer, Parish Clerk

The Council was pleased to welcome two members of the public and County Cllr Jessica Fleming. Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Gillett, Preston, Warnes and District Cllr Morgan.

Minutes of the last two meetings required alterations – all agreed by the Council:

- 7th September 2023: item 4, Public Forum. The word “illegal” was removed and replaced with “invalid” to read “The invalid appointment of Trustees”
- 21st September 2023: item 3, Public Forum. The resident who thanked the RAT for its work looking after the recreation ground facilities requested that their input included their dateline provided of “up to September 2021”
- 21st September 2023: item 4, “To DISCUSS the situation of and possible options for the future of the Old Recreation Ground”. An incorrect version of the Agenda EPCM held on 21 Sep 23 was put on the parish noticeboard and website after the full agenda had been agreed by Council. This meant that the agreed Item 4 (To discuss the situation of and possible options for the future of the Old Recreation Ground) did not appear on that published agenda. As a result, the discussions held, and decisions made were not valid. Proposed Actions:
 1. Council to approve the discussions held and decision made at the meeting on 21 Sep 23 in retrospect
 2. The Chairman to send a clarifying letter to Susie Philips of Llanover to explain the error.

County Councillor Reports – highlights from County Councillor Fleming’s report included:

- Pylons Meeting in Wortham/Roydon – Saturday 30th September’s protest was attended by MPs, among many others with calls for transparency and accountability from National Grid to the public. It was noted drilling has already commenced for potential pylon locations
- Major Planning at Shepherd’s Grove, Stanton - Major traffic implications for the A143, A14 other major and local road systems and communities as well as impacts such as water use, contamination, and fire risk are expected
- Council Seeks Foster Carers - Cllr Fleming wished to highlight the need for more foster carers, particularly for older children. If you are interested please get in touch and find out about training and support, carers are needed for children and young people of all ages:

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Your Clerk is: Alison Spouncer
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Public Forum

A resident and current Trustee of one of the three Charities wished to comment that the proposed Appointment Panel for the appointing of Trustees was “overboard” and they would not be happy to undertake such a process and would consider not standing with the belief there maybe another Trustee who feels similar.

Planning

No objection was made for application DC/23/04419 - Green Farm House, The Green, Redgrave, Diss Suffolk IP22 1RR. Notification of works to trees in a conservation area – request to fell a 40ft pine tree for safety reasons.

Financial Report

The second instalment of BMSDC precept payment has been received (£12,078.00). Payments totalling £876.34 were made between 7th Sep and 5th Oct with a further £599.60 agreed to be paid (full details available within the minutes).

Ongoing Items:

- Cllr Andrews wished to re-visit the issue on Hinderclay Road following another near miss incident involving a vehicle. Gressingham Foods continue to pursue the issue also. It was agreed to continue to maintain correspondence with Suffolk Highways
- A donation from a resident has been accepted of a 6-foot Norwegian Spruce in the hope of a successful transfer from the property to the Knoll in time for the Christmas festivities
- Following agreement of the Appointing Authority Policy document (EPCM 21/9/23) the Charities have received confirmation of the Parish Council’s continuation and effective re-instatement of the nominating process
- A Councillor Vacancy notice was placed on 5th October 2023 for any interested parties. Following correspondence from a resident, it was noted the Parish Council does not and has not had a policy document for councillor appointments with information available via the national framework
- Items on Appointment Panel, potential Legal Costs and Llanover discussions it was agreed unanimously by all those present for these decisions to be deferred until the November meeting when it is hoped to have a full complement of Councillors.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm
At ALL SAINTS CHURCH, THE STREET, REDGRAVE

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Rickingham Parish Council



Rickingham Parish Council Report October 2023

by Cllr Sally Smith

Rickingham Parish Council meeting was held on 5th October with apologies received from Cllr Crossley-Holland, Cllr Gordon and Cllr Patterson.

The public forum was opened by a resident enquiring whether planning approval was needed for repaving a private driveway and it was established that it was unlikely.

Jessica Fleming, our Suffolk County Councillor noted several issues being considered by SCC.

- Surveys are being undertaken to ensure buildings are safe from RAAC
- 300 miles of 'Quiet Lanes' have been designated in Suffolk
- The deadline for commenting on planning applications for Shepherd's Grove, Stanton was 11 October
- Foster carers are being sought in Suffolk.
- It was noted the A140 was being closed in sections between Ipswich and Eye for four Sundays starting 22 October in order to transport parts to Eye Airfield Progress Power Station.

Planning – Tree Applications

- The Old Four Horseshoes – no objection to the felling of 10 conifers & replacement
- Brook Place, Water Lane – no objection to tree works
- 4 Brook Park – no objection to removal of 4 Lime trees
- Nutmeg Cottage, The Street – no objection to tree works.

The Anchorage, The Street – the initial planning application was refused and has now been taken to appeal.

Chairmans Report

- Rickingham is due to come within a new constituency known as the Waveney Valley,

including the market towns of Diss, Harleston, Beccles and Halesworth. A new MP will be selected and therefore Rickingham will no longer come under Jo Churchill



- New signage has been replaced in Rickingham with a major sign near the Market Place and a finger sign replaced in the churchyard. The new 'Rickingham' sign comes courtesy of Damien Durrant at Parish Assets Management Ltd.

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 £16K to £17K.

Review of Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan – the Clerk to contact clubs etc to establish whether projects that initially requested PIIP funding are still likely to go ahead. Once we have this information a review can be carried out to update the PIIP.

Remembrance Day – it was agreed to check whether Cllr Crossley-Holland was still happy to represent the PC at Remembrance Day.

A discussion was held as to whether a second speeding device could be bought and placed opposite the existing device on Bury Road. It was decided this would be revisited next month when more councillors were present.

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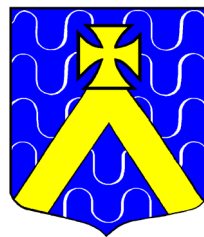
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Our Annual Triples Tournament took place on the 17th September with 22 teams taking part, consisting of some of our own bowlers and bowlers from several other surrounding bowls clubs. All teams played 4 games, followed

by a knock-out game with the highest scorers playing off for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The eventual winners were from Walsham Le Willows, 2nd were from Stanton and 3rd from St Botolphs. It was a busy day starting with coffee/tea and bacon rolls, followed by a lunch for all bowlers and spectators and finishing with a charity tea supplied by our members and which raised £168 for Macmillan.

Our bowls season ended the following weekend with a full Finals Day on the 23rd and a closing day drive on the 24th September.

Our Annual Dinner, when the winners of all the competitions will be presented with their trophies, is being held on 14th October.

The club will be open every Friday evening during the closed season for members and friends to get together for a social evening.

Rosemary Setterfield – committee member

UPDATE ON CHANCEL ROOF AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, RICKINGHALL INFERIOR

The tiles on the north slope of the chancel roof at the church have now been removed and the last of the asbestos guttering safely disposed of. Although we had been told we could start the work during September and October by the Bat Conservation Trust and Natural England two bats appeared and this has delayed the work. The special allowances for bats to enter and leave the roof are now in place and the roofing felt which is safe for bats has been used and the roof is watertight, awaiting the clay tiles to be fitted. By the time you read this the new plaster ceiling should have been put in.

Thank you to the generous people who have donated so far, to keep the church watertight for many more years for future generations. Kit Brinkley, the church warden is till making an appeal for the balance of the money elsewhere in the magazine.

To help raise the money Sarah Doig is giving a talk about the real Basil Brown on the 29th November in Rickinghall Inferior Church. (see advert in Whats On). Jean Sheehan.



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Notes from the Green Redgrave Group (GRG)

As the autumn progresses and the days get shorter our minds have been turning to the jobs that now need doing in the Green Redgrave Group. Our ambitions and plans for new projects continue to grow and we will be holding a Green Redgrave Committee meeting in mid-October to discuss which ones to pursue and how to do them. We have already noted the need to plant out the roughly one thousand trees ready to go and will be sorting out final details for that shortly. We have also ordered a variety of daffodils for the Old School Playing Field (early, mid and late flowering types). As usual we will be looking for volunteers to assist. We also have a pond to renovate and a permanent Xmas tree to plant; more details to follow.

Readers will have noted our interest in creating a wildflower meadow and we have started to do this in the Old School Playing Field. Our talk next month will be given by Kit Grey-Wilson on the subject of Creating a Wildflower Meadow. Kit was formerly Principal Scientific Officer at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and is an expert and author on a number of types of plants. This talk should not be missed. The talk will be held in the All Saints Church in Redgrave at 7pm on Tuesday 7 Nov 23; £3 for entry. The recent talk by Simon Hooton on 'Trees Woods and People' was exceptionally good and we hope to have him back for another talk perhaps next year. Keep an eye on our Facebook site for more details (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3191728757769842/>)

We also hope to start a full-scale biodiversity audit for the village and its environs in the near future. We would plan to do this using professional assistance (funding permitting) but will likely need support from eagle-eyed volunteers to help. The intention of such an audit would be to get evidence of what species of wildlife are present in the area and in what quantities. It should also define the key species and what measures can be adopted to enhance and sustain the biodiversity of the area. This would give us a great baseline from which to prepare a full action plan and measure the success (or otherwise) of the work we have been doing in the village and surrounding areas. More information to follow as this concept matures.

As a reminder for those who want to help look after wildlife, we have an arrangement with the rather lovely Street Forge Workshops in Thornham Magna to subsidise hedgehog boxes. Normally £25, we will pay for £5 of those costs. Please get in touch if you would like one. Established as a charity to ensure personal development and progression for adults with physical, sensory or learning disabilities and/or mild mental health problems, the workshops produce great product and is a super visit for those who would like to see the activities of the people who work there. See

<https://streetforgeworkshop.uk/> for more detail.

We continue to look 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.

Community Woodland

At the beginning of October, we are having another warm spell but the leaves are definitely turning and there has been plenty of fruit on the trees, though much of it has fallen now.

Looking at Northfield Wood, next to the allotments, we can see the trees are maturing and those nearest the lane are now large enough to be shutting out the light from the ground, suppressing some of the undergrowth. In other words, it is looking more like a wood and less like a new plantation!

Low Meadow in Rickingham and Miller's Orchard in Botesdale are doing well and people walk through them regularly.

There is a move for our three parishes to join other village communities in what are known as Green Clusters, groups that are concerned with planting trees and hedges and creating spaces for wildlife; and also working to deal with rural transport issues, generating electricity locally, improving insulation, producing food more efficiently and locally, bulk buying to reduce transport costs, and so on.

One idea is to create a base line of what exists now from which it will be possible to measure changes (improvements). Some years ago a few of us took part in a hedgerow survey, organised by Sue Emerson, in Botesdale and both Rickingham parishes which could form one such base line. The age of a hedge can be estimated by the particular species that grow in it and we discovered that many of our hedges are quite old. Of course, some have been grubbed up but they could be re-planted. Hedges are very important as they provide food and shelter for small mammals and birds as well as numerous invertebrates, and they act as highways for species that cannot travel far.

Rosemary Jones,
Botesdale and Rickingham Community Woodland
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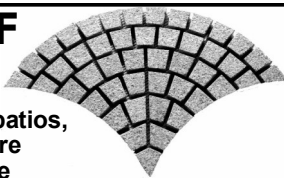
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It is beginning to look as if some unknown factors are at play when it comes to climate change. It seems that every day we hear that temperature records have been broken and now we have exceeded the warmest average across the whole globe. Global warming is accelerating. We knew about this problem 30 years ago and have lost that amount of time arguing amongst ourselves as to whether global warming exists or not and who should pay and so on. Amazingly the arguing goes on and we continue to lose time.

Christians have also argued about when Jesus is coming back. The Bible makes it clear that he is going to return and that things will get very bad before he comes. We are told that we should consider it imminent but it hasn't happened yet, however, if climate change has reached the point of no return such that human life on earth is destroyed it has to come before that. It is thus more likely than it has been for the last 2000 years

I don't much like miracles as I cannot explain them and they can be used as reason by non-Christians to refuse to believe. That said I don't think anyone would like to have a god that can't produce miracles occasionally. Jesus has conquered death and hell and sin and offers new life to all who will believe. We are now told that he sits at the right hand of God and has been given all power and authority and will return, not as a suffering saviour but to judge the world. Life and death and heaven and hell are in his hands.

These are the words of Jesus himself, "After the tribulation of those days will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

The little phrase in the middle of those words is significant, 'all the tribes of the earth will mourn.' There will be mourning everywhere as people see that it is too late. Forgiveness is available now, a clean slate is available now and eternal life is available now but it won't be then. The apostle Paul said, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body."

For the Christian the penalty for all his wrongs has already been taken by Jesus and there is none left for him to take so how does he see the return of Jesus. The hymn writer puts it well:

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

So there is bad news and there is good news. I'm sorry if this appears fierce but it is entirely Biblical and I wouldn't be doing anyone any favours by watering it down.

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"The November sun invites me,
And although the chill wind smites me,
I will wander to the woodland
Where the laden trees await;

And with loud and joyful singing
I will set the forest ringing,
As if I were king of Autumn,
And Dame Nature was my mate."

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906).

I'm writing this in early October and sitting in our garden in 22 degree sunshine, strange times we live in!

Damp November mornings signal an explosion of fungi, from woodland species on and around trees and logs, to wild mushrooms in the fields. Look around tree stumps for evidence of small mammals collecting winter food stores - part eaten nuts and their shells may be found under hazel bushes; jays and squirrels bury large numbers of nuts which will grow if 'forgotten'; fieldfares and redwings will have arrived and you might see them in your gardens, especially if you have berried shrubs or hedges. They will strip them and move on to the next source of food. Starlings will have arrived from Scandinavia and look out for their murmurations, especially over Redgrave and Lopham fen. Spectacular is the word!

I know I say this every year, but if you are planning a bonfire on the fifth, please check for sleepy hedgehogs who may have chosen to hibernate there.

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Extraordinary Redgrave Parish Council Report – 21st September 2023

By Alison Spouncer, Parish Clerk

The Chair of Redgrave Parish Council called an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss the policy document concerning the appointment of Trustees to the three Redgrave charities: Charity for the Needy (CfN), Little Ouse Headwaters Project (LOHP) and Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT) respectively. The Parish Council were pleased to welcome forty-five members of the public with five councillors with three apologies.

Public Forum

A former Councillor wished to inform the Council that his details remained on the Council's website. The Council acknowledged and the Clerk took the action to remove the details and to add an invitation to anyone who may wish to consider being a Councillor to please contact the Clerk for more details.

One member of the public provided feedback on the proposed policy* for Redgrave Parish Council as the Appointing Authority. Whilst he considered the policy to be "over-kill" he accepted the policy except for two points (further details of which can be found on the website, noticeboard, and Facebook). When asked in which capacity he was speaking he confirmed that he was speaking as a member of the public with long links to the RAT. Another member of the public thanked the RAT for all its work that it has carried out on behalf of the village up to September 2021 but noted that there was an increasing concern by some members of the public as to the lack of information that the RAT had provided regarding the recent works on the recreation ground. It was suggested there will be a RAT public meeting once the lease has been signed with Llanover; one councillor expressed concern that this was after the lease had been signed. The RPC noted that it had received a complaint from a parishioner which the RPC agreed to investigate on his behalf; it had attempted on several occasions to discuss this complaint with the RAT but had been refused on each attempt. These complaints have not been addressed by the RAT, namely, the lack of transparency of the workings of RAT, the lack of legitimate Trustees and the actions of the RAT on the recreation ground with the placing of fencing around the perimeter. Details of these complaints are available on the RPC website. Residents who spoke welcomed the return of the Football Club but were dismayed at the lack of facility for the children of Redgrave to play freely. The RPC confirmed it had been contacted by Llanover to open negotiations again. It was agreed that the RPC would engage with Llanover alongside the RAT once trustees have been properly appointed. It was agreed to speak to them subject to final confirmation at the October Parish Council meeting. The RPC continued by discussing the contents of the Appointing Authority Policy Document for the aforementioned charities and it was agreed by all present to accept and adopt the policy. Full details are available within the minutes, available on the website, noticeboard, and Facebook. Should anyone require a copy please contact the Clerk.

* A copy of the Policy Document is available in on the Council's website www.redgrave.onesuffolk.net/parish-council.

Coffee On



Coffee on the Corner this morning in early October - weather fine, sun shining and we managed to run the coffee shop on a skeleton staff, as many of the usual helpers are enjoying well deserved breaks in other parts of Europe!

Extra cakes were kindly provided by my lovely neighbour and we had plenty of delicious fare. The coffee shop generally was slightly quieter than usual, but those that came seemed to enjoy the opportunity to chat. The charity we were supporting this morning was Tree Aid and, as well as the usual paper information on the tables, we treated our visitors to a 3 minute video clip from the charity. This was really enlightening about the work they do and the positive effects that the planting of millions of trees across Africa is having - improvements to the local environment, employment and work for local families and a healthy balance to help in the fight against climate change, which will benefit all of us. In the light of so much really depressing news, it is heartening to hear that such good work is being done. If you want to find out more about the charity, then just visit Treeaid.org/trees and you can watch the clip we saw and read some really inspiring stories. The kind donations from this morning's event totalled an incredible £142.11 - WOW! It never fails to amaze me what a few cups of tea and coffee, a few cakes and savouries and a warm welcome from one of your local churches can achieve in just three hours! For those of you who came along - thanks for being a part of the event.

If you weren't able to come along this morning, then we shall be open again on **Tuesday 14th November**, when your kind donations will be given to Samaritan's Purse - the charity that is responsible for "The Shoebox Appeal" as it is called - sending decorated shoeboxes to needy children across various countries in the world. Each box contains a selection of toys and useful things, such as hygiene items and school supplies. Whilst I don't have the time to organise the packing of boxes and collection etc. it costs around £5 per box to ship these to their destinations and that is where we are able to help.

Between the Coffee on the Corner events in September and October, we also held a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning - to date we have collected £657.00 and I know that there is a bit more still to come - thanks again folks!

Incidentally, some of you will know that there is a local healthy walking group who use Parkview Chapel as their starting point every Tuesday morning. These walks leave promptly at 10am and last no more than 30 minutes (unless of course they stop to chat!) and finish at the Chapel for a cuppa and a bit of socialising. Once a month, they join our visitors at the Coffee Shop and enjoy cake as well! If you fancy being a part of this very pleasant band of walkers - do contact me and I can put you in touch with the leaders of the walking group. Why not join them? Those that already have got involved are really enjoying both the exercise (gentle exercise!) and the sense of community.

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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Memories - Church Meadow By Margaret Brown (nee Cotton)

I was born in a double dweller house with a thatched roof owned by Mr J Hall at West Street, Rickingham in 1941. This house was destroyed by fire when I was a toddler. My Dad was working with a threshing machine at Walsham-le-Willows at the time and dashed home when he heard of the fire. My parents managed to salvage most of our possessions.

After the fire my parents, brother Robert and I moved into The Tiger at Allwood Green, with my grandmother and her family. The Tiger had once been an ale house for a short time in the 1880s later it was a Blacksmith's shop. Following this we moved to Maltings Cottage in Rickingham Street. Mum disliked this house as it was so near the road.

In 1947 we were allotted a Council House on Church Meadow, a new estate on the Hinderclay Road. These houses were built by Harry Goddard employing soldiers returning from the war. The wages for these men were between 17/6d and £1 a week. The houses were numbered 1 to 8. We lived at No. 2. A short time later numbers 9 to 12 were built by Messrs Aves. Church Meadow has developed over the years with many new houses being built in the 1980s and there are now 50 houses and bungalows, some rented, and some private, on the estate.

Some of the residents of Church Meadow still have or have had family ties on the estate and one resident has lived in the same bungalow for over 65 years.

Back to myself, Church Meadow was very handy for Rickingham School which I attended. I did quite well at school despite failing the 11+. I left school at 15 and on my headmaster's recommendation, I completed a secretarial course at the Silver Jubilee School in Bury St Edmunds 'Shorthand, Typing, Accounts etc.' resulting in working in an Insurance Company, Pearl Assurance in Bury, for 6 ½ years.

In 1964 I married and left Church Meadow to live on the ground floor of a thirteen room farmhouse in Hinderclay There was no electric, only Calor gas. There was no bathroom, a tin bath was used in front of the kitchen Rayburn and there was a rather primitive outside toilet. It was considered unfit for bringing up small children so in 1968 the Rickingham Parish Council allotted us a Council House and I returned to Church Meadow and lived in No. 7 with my husband and daughter Carol and my son David was born there in 1971.

By this time my parents had left No. 2 Church Meadow and moved to a bungalow, No.16 Church Meadow. This was a straight exchange as the people from No.16 needed a larger house.

In 2010, my children both having left home, my husband and I moved to No. 49 Church Meadow, which was built in 1989 and where I happily still live.

In all I have lived for 72 years on Church Meadow

With many thanks to Margaret for these memories. And thank you to all those who have shared their memories over the past year or so.

If anyone has memories of growing up in our villages – perhaps in the 1960s, 1970s or 1980s please contact me at the above telephone number.



Margaret and Robert in August 1947 outside Nos 1 & 2 Church Meadow



Margaret and Robert with Christopher Anderson outside No. 1 & 2 Early 1950s

The same view of Nos. 1 & 2 Church Meadow today



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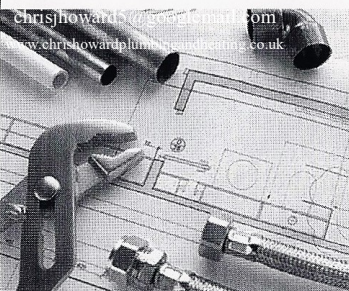
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We had a change to our speaker for our

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On the day itself he had to be in Westminster Abbey by 8.30 and after the service marched in the procession to Horse Guards Parade and back. It was 3 pm before he and his colleagues were able to have a drink and relax. Members were very interested to see his pictures of the day, the service programme, and other memorabilia. Paul was justly proud to have been part of this memorable occasion.

Our monthly tea and chats at Santiago's café in Botesdale continue to be popular, providing members the opportunity to catchup whilst enjoying a drink and a cake. We also took part in W.I. Day on 16th September celebrating 100 years since the W.I. was formed and held an Open Afternoon at the Bowls Club for ladies to come along and meet us.

Rosemary Setterfield - President

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This lists *regular* events that occur *weekly* (eg every Thursday) or *monthly* (eg every 1st Tuesday) - event organiser details are in the *Local Services Directory (LSD)*. The Parish Magazine has ads for *irregular/one-off* events.

Organiser / Event Name	When?				Location
	Day	From	To		
Angles Way Filling Station	2nd	Friday	7:30pm	-	Garboldisham Village Hall
Botesdale & Rickingham Runners	Every	Thursday	7:00pm	-	Rickingham Village Hall
Botesdale Methodist Church Friendship Group	1st	Tuesday	2:30pm	4:00pm	Botesdale Methodist Church
Botesdale Parish Council	1st	Monday	7:00pm	-	Botesdale Village Hall
Brownies (<i>term-time only</i>)	Every	Tuesday	5:30pm	7:00pm	St Botolph's School
Chapel of Ease, Botesdale open	Every	Wednesday	9:30am	3:30pm	-
Coffee down the Lane	4th	Tuesday	10:00am	12:00pm	Botesdale Methodist Church
Coffee on a Sunday	See the Parish Magazine				Parkview Chapel
Coffee on the Corner	2nd	Tuesday	9:00am	12:00pm	Parkview Chapel
Dance Classes	Every	Friday	8:00pm	-	Botesdale Village Hall
Day Centre	Every	Wednesday	10:00am	-	Rickingham Village Hall
Green Redgrave Group (<i>check for variations</i>)	1st	Tuesday	7:00pm	-	All Saints Church, Redgrave
Heritage Circle	4th	Wednesday	7:30pm	-	Rickingham Village Hall
Mobile Library	See dates & times in the Parish Magazine				
Mobile Post Office	Every	Friday	2:45pm	3:45pm	Parkview Chapel Car Park
Parkview Juniors (Reception - Year 6)	Every	Friday	6:00pm	7:00pm	Parkview Chapel
Youth Seniors (Years 7-11)	Every	Friday	7:30pm	9:30pm	Parkview Chapel
Clubs PYP (Years 7-13)	Every	Sunday	7:00pm	8:30pm	Parkview Chapel
Pilates (<i>term-time only</i>)	Every	Tuesday	11:15am	12:15pm	Rickingham Village Hall
Places of Worship	See Parish Magazine inner/outer back cover for denominations' activities				
Positive Steps	Every	Friday	10:00am	11:00am	Parkview Chapel
RABBATS (<i>term-time only</i>)	Every	Thursday	9:30am	11:30am	Rickingham Village Hall
Redgrave & District Ladies Club (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	2nd	Tuesday	7:30pm	-	All Saints Church, Redgrave
Redgrave Parish Council	1st	Thursday	7:00pm	-	All Saints Church, Redgrave
Rickingham Country Market (+Autojumble & Car Boot sale Apr-Oct)	2nd	Saturday	9:00am	12:30pm	Rickingham Village Hall
Rickingham Parish Council	1st	Thursday	7:00pm	-	Rickingham Village Hall
Rickingham Women's Institute	2nd	Thursday	7:30pm	-	Rickingham Village Hall
Slimming World	Every	Monday	5:30pm	-	Rickingham Village Hall
St Botolph's & Fun Bowls (<i>Mid April - End Sept</i>)	Every	Friday	6:30pm	-	St Botolph's & District Bowls Club
District Bowls Club Social evening (<i>Oct-Mar</i>)	Every	Friday	7:00pm	-	St Botolph's & District Bowls Club
St Mary's Church open	Every	Saturday	9:30am	3:30pm	St Mary's Rickingham Inferior
St Nicholas Hospice Drop-in	1st	Thursday	10:30am	-	Botesdale Health Centre
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U3A Writers' Group	1st	Friday	10:30am	12:30pm	21 Farnish House
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These text messages are not from the DVLA and if you accept the invitation to click on the link you will be directed to a fake version of the DVLA website designed to plunder your personal and financial details. Report any suspicious text messages you receive by forwarding them to 7726. Further information on this free service for I phone and Android handsets can be found on the OFCOM website.

Mobile Library

Rickingham : Rectory Hill 10.40 – 10.55
Rickingham : Hinderclay Road 11.00 – 11.15
Rickingham : Village Hall 11.20 – 11.35
Botesdale : Farnish House 11.40 – 11.55

Botesdale : Village Hall 12.00 – 12.15
Botesdale : Backhills 12.20 – 12.35
Redgrave : The Knoll 12.45 – 1.05

will be calling: **Wednesday 8th November, 2023**

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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

November

Sunday 5th	Service at 11.00am – Gut Level Compassion – A Beautiful Unbending	 PARKVIEW CHAPEL CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY
Sunday 12th	Service at 11.00am – Gut Level Compassion – A Most Radical Restoration (inc. Remembrance Sunday)	
Sunday 19th	'Coffee On A Sunday' service at 11.00am – Gut Level Compassion – A Tale Of Two Rooms	
Sunday 26th	Service at 11.00am – Speaker's Choice	
Events	Coffee on the Corner at 9.00am	Tuesday 14th
PARKVIEW Youth		Sundays 11:00am - 12:00pm
Junior Church		Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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.

November Services

- 5th Mr Steve Aspinall
- 12th Mr Pat Mottram
- 19th Mr Neville Hodson
- 26th Local Arrangement

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

- Tuesday 7th 2.30pm - 4pm Get Together Down the Lane. Tea, biscuits & conversation!
- Saturday 25th 10.00am - 12pm Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 28th 10am - 12pm Coffee Down the Lane – our regular coffee morning held on the 4th Tuesday of every month - an opportunity for all to chat and get to know others in our community

Every service and activity is open to anyone – you do not have to belong to this Church or any other.
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Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

November 2023 Services

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Sunday 5th November, All Saints and All Souls

Holy Communion (BCP), 8.45am, St Mary's Rickinghall
and

All Souls' Service, 3pm, St Mary's Rickinghall

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Sunday 12th November, Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, St Mary's Rickinghall
and

Service of Remembrance followed by Parade at War memorial

Service of Remembrance 3pm St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

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Sunday 19th November, 2nd Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, All Saints Redgrave
followed by

"Bring and Share" farewell lunch
for Revd. Chris and Mrs Barbara Norburn

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Sunday 26th November, Christ the King

Holy Communion (CW), 10.30am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

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

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From the registers

St Mary's Church Redgrave	
20.9.23	Interment of Ashes of the late David Monro Scott Orr. Died 24 th June 2023 age 84 years: into the grave of his Grandfather Revd. Leonard Holt-Wilson
St Mary's Church Rickinghall Inferior	
17.9.23	Adult Baptism of Julie Swallow, Rickinghall
19.9.23	Funeral of Helen Irene Sharman. Died 13 th August 2023 age 89 years
28.9.23	Burial of Suze-anne Dunsire. Died 7 th September 2023 age 82 years
4.10.23	Interment of Ashes of Ivy Sylvia Towers. Died 23 rd June 2023 age 97 years