

Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

# PARISH MAGAZINE

April 2024

*Spring* is here



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

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### **EASTER ... EGGSACTLY!**

I wonder what your favourite Easter egg is? Do you have the same egg every year? Do you swap chocolate eggs at all? Or is it just something you do for the children?

My youngest daughter has a favourite egg. She loves Cadbury's Mini Eggs. So the Easter egg version of this is her number one choice. For me I have spotted in the shops a Yorkie Raisin and Biscuit egg. Although at £12.00, I am not sure I shall be finding that in the garden on Easter morning!

On the subject of eggs, it would seem appropriate to share some egg jokes with you;

How do eggs keep fit? They eggs-ercise!

Why don't eggs ever laugh? Because they can't take a yolk!

Why did the man always steal his eggs? Because he preferred them poached!

(Thank you! I'm here all week!)

Eggs. That's what we all think about at Easter isn't it? Eggs. Particularly chocolate eggs. At least that is what the supermarkets would like us to believe. But I'd like to share with you what I believe Easter is really all about.

Just over two thousand years ago, early one Friday morning, a man called Jesus is arrested, even though he has done no wrong. He is then sentenced to die on a cross. Then, just a few hours later, this happens:

*'By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.'* (Luke 23:44-46.)

I believe Easter is about a man called Jesus. He was, and is, God's Son. And on the morning of that first Good Friday he was killed on a cross for simply telling people how to live right, and how to treat each other, and how to love each other.

Now it may seem funny that this month's thought refers to Easter. Because some of you will receive this edition just before Easter, some just after. But for me that helps my thoughts this time. Because just three days after that first Good Friday something miraculous happens:

*'Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen.'*" (Matthew 28:1-6.)

What happened here, the resurrection of Jesus, on what we call Easter Sunday, is a miracle. It shows God's power over death itself. And it was all part of God's plan to offer us forgiveness and a chance to have a relationship with him.

I have to confess, the chocolate egg element of Easter is great. Such things play a big part in all of our Easters, and why not! Although it would be another miracle if I receive the egg of my choice!

But for me the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is eggsactly what Easter is all about. In fact, ultimately, he went through all of that because he loves you. And unlike the funnies above, that folks is no joke.

If you want to know more about why Jesus did what he did that first Easter then please do contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

But for now, I wish you all a very happy Easter! And if and when you are enjoying a little piece of a delicious Easter egg, please remember that Easter is about more than chocolate eggs. It's about Jesus and how much he loves you.

Happy Easter everyone!

God bless,

Kev Gladwell  
Church & Community Pastor  
Parkview Chapel



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



The latest version of the directory is available online at

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

Section	Changes
Community Assets & Projects	Removed <i>Deborah Key</i> (role discontinued) from <i>Redgrave &amp; Lopham Fen</i> and replaced email address with <i>Suffolk Wildlife Trust</i> web site <a href="http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org">www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org</a>
Community Services (local)	Removed resigned councillors <i>Sally Jarvis</i> and <i>Elizabeth Stanford</i> from <i>Botesdale Parish Council</i>

**Message from the team**

As I write this it is actually not raining—how long will that last? Flooded fields and roads seem to be a permanent fixture but let’s hope spring improves. We had some response to our plea for help last month, and this month’s cover was designed by Francis Martinez who has agreed to join us. I spoke to Peter Beck last week and, disappointingly, at that time nobody had come forward to take on the Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator role. Please think whether you could do this—it need not be a very time consuming job. We have a new regular article from the book club but could still fit in a few more—regular or one-offs. Thankyou as always, to our advertisers and contributors.

*Charles Murray*

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Best wishes, The Parish Magazine Volunteers

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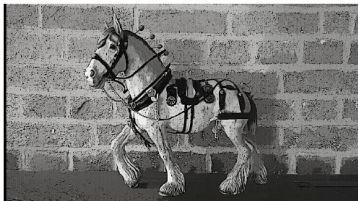
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# What's on in Late March and in April

**CRAFT GROUP**  
 Weekly - starting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
 @ All Saints Church, Redgrave  
 10am - 12noon

Bring your Knitting, Embroidery, Crochet, Cross stitch etc...  
 or just come for lots of chat over tea/coffee and biscuits.  
 You can let me know or just turn up on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and give it a go!

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**RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL**  
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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm  
**Have You Never Met a Trans Woman?**  
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We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month and will be pleased to welcome any ladies who would like come and find out more about us. We also get together for friendly tea and chats in local cafes, a really good way to meet and get to know other ladies.

Rosemary Setterfield - President

## Rickinghall Country Market

IP22 1HD  
 09.00 am - 12.30 pm @ Rickinghall Village Hall

We expect the following stalls covering a wide range of local growers, producers and crafts :

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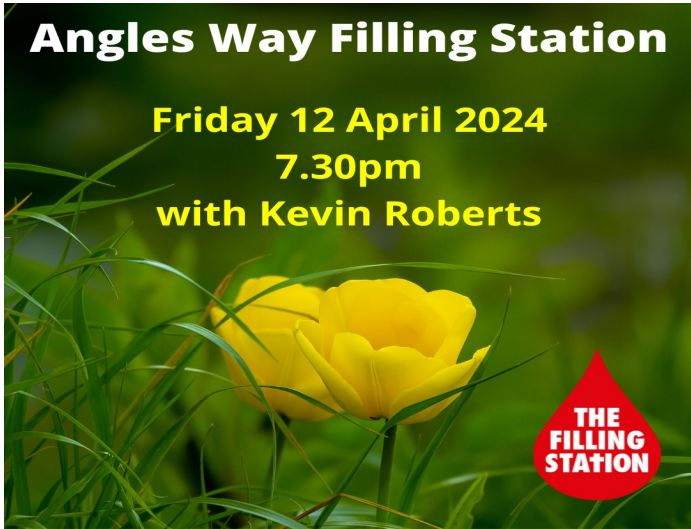
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### "Coffee On the Corner" Parkview Chapel Botesdale

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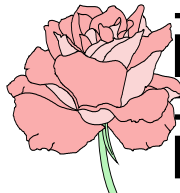
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## Redgrave & District Ladies Club

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## Rickingham Area Hospice Fundraisers (RAHOF)



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### "DID YOU JIVE IN '55?"

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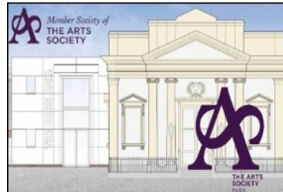
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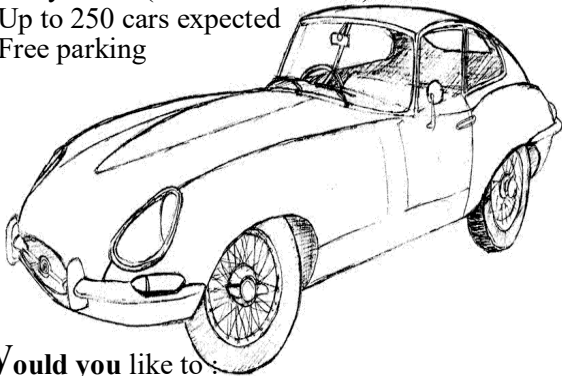
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## Car Show & Craft Fair 2024

**Sunday May 19th 10:00am**

**Rickinghall Village Hall**

- Craft fair, Stalls and Refreshments
- Entry £3.00 (free for under 12s)
- Up to 250 cars expected
- Free parking



Would you like to:

- ♦ sell your craft wares?
- ♦ display your classic car?
- ♦ volunteer to help on the day?

If so, please contact Geoff Short on 01379 897164

Organised by the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club



**Friday 26th April, 7.30pm**  
**Eye Community Centre**

Tickets £5 in advance from The Handyman or pay on the door. More information at [www.cinema-at-eye.org.uk](http://www.cinema-at-eye.org.uk)

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**Thelnetham Windmill**  
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**11am and 4pm\* on**

Monday 6 May  
Monday 27th May  
Sunday 30th June  
Sunday 28th July  
Monday 26th August  
Sunday 29th September  
\*Last tours commence at 15:00

Have a guided tour of the mill built in 1819 and learn about its history and operation, see the restored Ruston Hornsby engine operate, watch a video of the actual restoration and enjoy a cream tea or other cakes.

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For more details, see [thelnethamwindmill.org.uk](http://thelnethamwindmill.org.uk) charity no. 265212

**Post Office Van: Fridays 2.45-3.45pm** (not Bank Hols)  
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**Mobile Library: April 24th - 15 mins at each stop:**  
Rickinghall: Rectory Hill 10.40; Hinderclay Road 11.00; Village Hall 11.20  
Botesdale: Farnish House 11.40; Village Hall 12:00; Backhills 12.20  
Redgrave: The Cross Keys 12.45



April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Rickinghall Village Hall

The Heritage Circle presents:

**Geoffrey Robinson:**  
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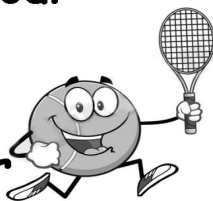
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## Events at Redgrave & Lopham Fen

We recently received the following from the Engagement officer for Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Redgrave and Lopham Fen, which means we are unable to continue publicising their activities in this Parish Magazine

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*We have taken the decision to change how we deliver our engagement activities in west Suffolk, to make them more financially sustainable and extend our impact through community outreach activity. We will no longer have engagement officers based at Redgrave & Lopham Fen and Knettishall Heath. Instead, our west Suffolk engagement team will be based at Lackford Lakes, with a new Wilder Communities Adviser maintaining some activities at Redgrave and Knettishall. We will continue to offer our adult courses programme from Lackford and our other sites. We will no longer be running large events like the Plant Sale and Art Exhibition which require considerable organisation and staff time.*

*Unfortunately, this means that my role as Engagement Officer at Redgrave & Lopham Fen will no longer exist and a limited number of activities will take place at the Fen in future. You will, therefore, no longer be receiving our event lists for inclusion in your newsletter/magazine.*

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First off, there are discounts available to some people depending on their circumstances. You can check your bill or contact your council to find out if you might be eligible for an automatic reduction to your council tax. If you're not getting a discount, you might still be entitled to one. It depends on who lives in the property. So, if you're the only adult in your home, you'll get a 25% discount on your council tax bill.

When working out how many people live in a property, some people aren't counted - they're called 'disregarded people' and include under 18s, a student nurse or someone on an apprenticeship scheme and many more. Check the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/council-tax/who-has-to-pay>) for more details. If everyone who lives in the property is disregarded, you will still receive a council tax bill, but it will have a 50% discount. However, if everyone in your home is a student or severely mentally impaired, you won't pay any council tax.

Additionally, if someone has moved out, tell the council as this might change your eligibility. If you are entitled to a discount as a result, it will be valid from the date when the person moved out, even if you told the council after the event, and the reduction may be backdated. If you think you might be eligible you should apply to your local council for a discount as soon as possible. You can find your council's contact details via <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-council-tax-discount>

You mention that your income hasn't increased. If you are on a low income, you might be able to get your council tax reduced. If you get benefits or have other people living with you, this might affect how much your council tax is reduced by.

Your local council will ask you details about your income and your circumstances, so they can work out if you're entitled to a council tax reduction. They will then calculate your new bill and tell you how much council tax you need to pay.

If you have other people living with you who are aged 18 or over, you might all be responsible for paying council tax. Only one of you needs to apply for a council tax reduction. The council will make a decision and reduce the amount of council tax you have to pay accordingly.

You may also be eligible for additional support if you've reached State Pension age which you can check on the government website via <https://www.gov.uk/state-pension-age>. If you're under State Pension age, the 'working age rules' apply and if you've reached State Pension age, it depends if you or your partner get certain benefits.

The working age rules still apply if you've reached State Pension age and you or your partner get:

- Universal Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income Support

If you've reached State Pension age and don't get any of these benefits, the 'pension age rules' apply. Even if none of the reduction criteria applies to you, your local council can still reduce your council tax bill or cancel it altogether, this is called 'discretionary reduction'. They'll normally only do this if you can show that you're suffering severe hardship and can't afford to pay council tax.

If you're in this situation you should ask your local council for help. You'll need to show them evidence of your circumstances. If your immigration status doesn't let you claim public funds, you can still apply for a discretionary reduction. A discretionary reduction doesn't count as public funds.

We know that times are incredibly tough and council tax is a priority bill so it's important to keep in contact with your council if you can't keep up payments. Citizens Advice is here to help you find a way forward, without judgement, working with you side by side. Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships.

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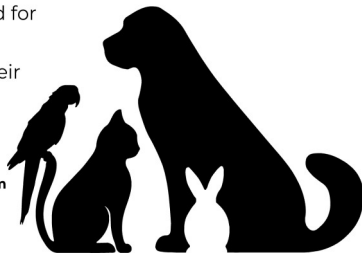
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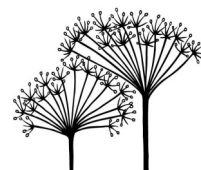
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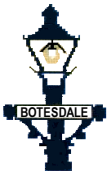
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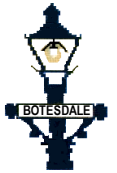
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# Botesdale Parish Council

Leeann Jackson-Eve



## Report from the March 2024 Botesdale PC Meeting

Six members of the Parish Council were present for the meeting and County Councillor Jessica Fleming. The resignation of Councillor Sally Jarvis was acknowledged, and the Parish Council thanked her for her time and effort on behalf of the community.

County Cllr Fleming provided an update on the County Council's recent budget approval for 2024/25, highlighting the challenges posed by inflation and increased demand for services.

Suffolk's SEND services are provided through a Local Area Partnership which includes both Suffolk County Council and its NHS health service partners. Last November an inspection was carried out jointly for the first time by both Ofsted and the CQC (Care Quality Commission) revealing areas for improvement which can be found in a report at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50238584>

A 10-week public consultation on the County Council's proposed devolution deal with the Government will run from 18 March until 26 May. Details will be available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution).

In major planning, the construction of a 15-ha reservoir and associated pipeline has been proposed for The Street, Brome and Oakley Part in The Parishes Of Yaxley, Eye & Hoxne. DC/24/00515.

**Planning:** There was no planning.

**Correspondence:** Several items of correspondence were discussed, including the opportunity to order a portrait of the King and it was agreed to take this up on behalf of the Botesdale Village Hall. The PC also agreed to purchase 50 Hedgehog Highway gaps which will be available on a first come, first served basis at a future Farmers' Market. These can be installed in fences to enable hedgehogs to move around more easily. Watch our Facebook page for an update on when these will be available. The PC was asked to investigate the possibility of installing a defibrillator at the Diss Road end of the village and we will be giving this further consideration.

**Recreation Ground:** We are pleased to have received the RoSPA inspection Report of the Recreation Ground by Play Inspection Limited. All of the inspected items achieved a very low or low risk score.

Regrettably, one of the new trees adjacent the Health and Fitness Area was vandalised on or about 16 February 2024.

**Your Clerk is:** Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve,  
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Sadly the tree had just been replaced, the previous installation having not taken. The damaged tree may or may not be linked to issues related to the use of the facilities at night after the prescribed closing times. If you are not familiar with these, they are on the signage at the entrance, and we urge you to bring these to the attention of older children who attend on their own. No one should be using the Recreation Ground outside the opening hours.

In other news, the Recreation Ground is now regularly used by the Health & Wellbeing Walks organised in conjunction with Botesdale Health Centre, which is fantastic news and exactly the sort of thing we envisioned for the new Rec Ground.

Finally, we are eagerly awaiting notification of the Site Visit and Assessment by the Accreditation Panel for a Green Flag Award.

**Public Rights of Way:** We are still pursuing Suffolk County Council for a proper repair to the surface of the Bridewell Lane footpath and have met our local SCC Rights of Way officer to discuss ways to ensure that any repair will not be destroyed by further flooding. Watch this space.

**Highways:** We have three projects on the go at the moment including the new parking restrictions for Back Hills, Chapel Lane and The Street opposite Mill Road North which we have reported on before. If you are a nearby resident, you should receive correspondence from Suffolk County Council inviting comment on the proposals. The second project is the extension of the 30mph zone on Hall Road, B1113 which will see it moved down to the boundary with Redgrave (near the bridge). The final project to provide a parking bay on Chapel Lane is in its very early stages.

We are of course still reporting potholes and other problems and you can too if you go to <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

**Cost of Living:** We recognise that there is a lot of information and support out there and we have plans for a page on our website to point you in the right direction, towards the information you need. We hope to have this up and running in the next month.

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# Redgrave Parish Council



## Redgrave Parish Council Report – March 2024 By Alison Spouncer, Parish Clerk

February's meeting received apologies from one Councillor. No members of the public were present.

### Summary of County Councillor Fleming's report

County Cllr Fleming provided a report before the meeting, discussing the main points.

**County Council Budget** The budget was agreed for 2024/25 at full council on 15th February 2024; some difficult decisions had to be made to respond to the cost pressures. Effects are being felt on arts and culture, and the proposal to consolidate Suffolk archives is resulting in the closure of the Bury St Edmunds branch. It is hoped the digitalisation process, which is progressing, will make these records more accessible. Cllr Fleming invited anyone with an interest/comment regarding the proposal to contact her.

Cllr Warnes asked about the status of Suffolk Highways funding given the poor state of potholes, signage, and pavement clearing that Redgrave and the county are experiencing. Cllr Fleming noted this.

**SEND Services.** Suffolk's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services are provided through a Local Area Partnership which includes both Suffolk County Council and its NHS health service partners. An inspection was carried out jointly for the first time by both Ofsted and the CQC (Care Quality Commission) last November; their report has been recently issued and is critical of how the service is delivered (<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50238584>). SCC has a working party initiated jointly with health professionals to investigate the points raised including the timeliness of care plan delivery. Cllr Fleming is a member of the working party.

**Devolution Proposals.** A 10-week public consultation on SCC's proposed devolution deal with the Government is to be held from 18th March to 26th May. The consultation will be available through SCC's website; [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution) and via social media.

Cllr Warnes thanked Cllr Fleming, on behalf of the Parish Council, for agreeing to meet the cost of the replacement projector for Council Meetings. *Cllr Fleming welcomes any communications from residents with queries and concerns.* [jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jessica.fleming@suffolk.gov.uk) Tel: 07714-597980. X (formerly Twitter): @jessfleming. Our District Councillor can be contacted: [Gilly.Morgan@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Gilly.Morgan@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

### Public Forum

Nothing to add.

### Planning

**DC/24/00969** – Works to Trees in a conservation area – No1 Willow, cut back to last reduction approx. one third. The Old Rectory, The Green, Redgrave. **NO OBJECTION.**

**DC/24/00757** – Full planning application for 2No dwellings and associated garaging – Adjacent to The Cottage, The Green, Redgrave. Cllr Warnes recused himself from the meeting for the discussion on this application because of personal interest. The remaining Councillors discussed the application and decided unanimously to **OBJECT** due to there not being a need for such properties and they are not being included in the neighbourhood plan. **OBJECTION.**

**DC/24/00983** – Planning Permission Application for the erection of a shed/log store in the back garden - Priory Barn, Half Moon Lane, Redgrave. **NO OBJECTION.**

**DC/24/01130** - DC/24/01130 – Fenestration alteration to ground floor front elevation of existing HMO - The Grange, Hinderclay Road, Redgrave. **NO OBJECTION.**

### Planning Decisions received

**DC/22/04600** – Erection of four new chalets and a new access, expanding existing chalet site. Land at Moneypot Hill, Redgrave IP22 1SF – **REFUSED.**

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**DC/24/00101** – Replacement of 7No windows and 3No doors – The Old Cart Lodge, The Street, Redgrave – **GRANTED.**

**DC/24/00558** – Fell 1No Golden Cypress – 4 The Green, Redgrave – **NO OBJECTION.**

**With thanks to a resident with a professional ecological view for offering advice to the Parish Council on applications for tree works.**

### Ongoing Items

**Installation of two Benches for the Knoll** The position of the two benches has been suggested as towards the Churchway end of the Knoll facing the properties adjacent to the Knoll. The proposed locations will be marked for consideration before the hard standing is laid.

**Appointment of Trustees.** The Parish Council agreed to endorse the decision of the Trustee Appointment Panel for the nomination of Mrs Helen Migliorato as Trustee for the Redgrave Charity of the Needy (CfN) for the next four years in accordance with the CfN's Governing Document.

Correspondence from the Redgrave Amenities Trust (RAT) was acknowledged regarding its recommendation of two options for the appointment of trustees; those being 1) for the Charity Commission (CC) to permit RAT to amend its governing document for the PC to no longer act as appointing body or 2) the PC could advise the RAT that it no longer wished to remain as the appointing body and the RAT to subsequently change its governing document accordingly. The Parish Council rejected the two suggestions unanimously. The next steps were discussed with legal cost estimates provided. The Parish Council agreed to contact the CC to inform it of the RAT's rejections of two invitations for mediation.

**Suffolk County Council Transport Strategy Team** – a public consultation is available at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/itp4> from 12th February for 8 weeks, and is open to all who wish to comment.

**Gressingham Foods Power Generation Project** – a meeting was held with Gressingham Foods to discuss its proposals for a power generation project on its land. Gressingham Foods intends to make a planning application for a 17-acre solar farm on the field opposite its property and for solar panels on its roofs. The proposal includes hedging around the entire site and a wildflower meadow inside the site to meet its Biodiversity Net Gain obligations and to provide a new footpath to connect 2 existing footpaths. The power provided would be utilised by Gressingham Foods only. Biodiversity considerations would need to be made along with the grade of land it would be sited on. By the time of distribution, the Parish Council would have invited Gressingham Foods to an Extraordinary Parish Meeting to be able to provide information to the residents, details would have been circulated to all.

### Meeting Date for the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 25th April 2024 from 6 pm

It was agreed to continue with the same format following the success of last year; the Redgrave Community Forum (RCF) will start from 6 pm at All Saints where there is a chance for organisations and clubs to provide information to residents. There has been a very favourable response from those contacted and the Parish Council looks forward to an informative evening for everyone. The APM will start from 7.30 pm where residents are welcome to make comments to the Parish Council, which will be responded to at a later date. It is planned to have a Guest Speaker available; more details to follow.

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

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# Rickingham Parish Council



## Rickingham Parish Council Report March 2024 by Cllr Brian Rhodes

The Council held its monthly meeting on 7th March 2024. Seven members of the public attended the meeting along with the SCC Councillor, Jessica Fleming, and five Parish Councillors.

**County Council:** SCC agreed its budget for 2024/5 on 15th February 2024. This budget responds to inflationary pressures and demand for increased services but some things such as The Arts will suffer.

Suffolk's SEND services were inspected jointly by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission in November 2023, and their report was critical on how the services are delivered.

A consultation period will run from 18th March to 26th May 2024 on the proposed devolution deal with the Government. This is available through [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution).

Despite all the recent rain, Suffolk is facing a water shortage as the aquifers are low and SCC is looking at bringing more water into the county from outside.

**Public Forum:** Two members of the public raised issues relating to potholes. The first related to Candle Street where serious potholes exist and have damaged vehicles. These potholes are worsened by the amount of water running down the road, partly due to the fact that the ditches are completely full of silt and partly due to the Northumbrian water treatment works in Church Lane releasing water twice per day. Jessica Fleming agreed to investigate this release of water. It was agreed that filling of these potholes should be a priority for SCC. Second, the method of filling the potholes was called into question as it is noticeable that these same potholes break up again quickly. It was noted however that word had been received that numerous potholes in Water Lane would be repaired within 8 weeks.

Concern was also raised over the work being carried out by Northumbrian Water at the top of Garden House Lane. The site is very wet and the resident thought water was being evacuated into the Garden House Lane ditches and drains.

Members of the public continue to be concerned over the threat of flooding and the actions being taken to remedy this.

**Flooding:** Flooding continues to be high on the Parish Council's agenda. It was noted that a representative of SCC visited Rickingham on 9th February without any notice to the PC, which may have helped to direct him to the places of greatest concern and the problem areas. However, a member of the public did see

him and point him in the right direction. The PC understands that the conclusion is that the streams (there are two) running beside Water Lane are no longer able to cope with the volume of rainfall and some form of restriction needs to be put in place near the by-pass to protect properties lower in the streams' course in Water Lane and Bury Road. The PC has no details about this proposal and we note that Rickingham is number 46 on a list of c.70 sites in Suffolk needing attention.

It was further noted that some properties in the Bury Road/Water Lane area had their gardens flooded again during the heavy rain on 18th February after the stream again breached its banks.

Water Lane and Bury Road were also again flooded – the fact that SCC has not cleaned the drains for months has not helped. (It is over 4 months since these blocked drains were reported to SCC with SCC saying it would attend within 20 working days).

Flooding on the roads causes a wash as cars pass through, adding to the danger of flooding for houses along these roads.

**Planning:** The PC had no objection to the possibility of a planning application for agricultural or forestry use being required for additional housing for pigs on land adjacent to the Old Parsonage (near St Mary's Superior Church).

The PC also had no objection to tree works at The Homestead, The Street; Riverslea, Water Lane; and, Southgate Farmhouse, The Street.

**Other Matters:** The PC agreed to support the Hedgehog Highway Project and buy 50 "hedgehog gates" to be installed in fences to allow hedgehogs easy passage. St Botolph's School would be offered these to distribute.

It was reported that the new skylights and solar panels had been installed at the Village Hall. The PC expressed its thanks to Charles Greenhough for his efforts in installing these important upgrades, part funded by Botesdale and Rickingham Parish Councils.

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## Vanda Demoore

The family of the late Vanda Demoore of Rickinghall would like to announce that the funeral will take place  
At St Mary's Church, Rickinghall on  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm  
All welcome

## STEPHEN EASON

Jenny, Emily and Claire would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages following the sad death of Stephen from Motor Neurone Disease. Thanks also to the incredible number of people who attended his funeral and to the Cross Keys for coping so admirably with the wake. Your generous donations to the MND Association have exceeded £3,000.

## THANKYOU FROM THE DAY CENTRE

Once again Keith & Kathy have given a generous donation to Rickinghall Day Centre following their special birthday Country & Western Evening.

The Day Centre is most grateful for their significant support.

## Update for the parishes

Having worked with Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls and the next benefice of North Hartismere, we, that is myself as the rural dean, the archdeacon and bishops, believe that joining these 10 parishes together under one incumbent, with a supportive ministry team will bring some advantages:

a larger ministry team of clergy, lay ministers and lay elders, some of whom are already in place, will bring an energy and variety to ministry. It is a good thing to work collaboratively with colleagues, people to share ministry, concerns, ideas and challenges.

The parish share, which all the parishes have struggled to pay in the last few years, will be less and so hopefully take some of the pressure off the parishes.

As the payment of the parish share will be shared more widely, it will give us opportunities to possibly invest in a part time family worker.

At a section 11 meeting on 24th January, about 40 people from these parishes came together to discuss this and parish profiles that needed to be prepared to send to any prospective candidates for the role of incumbent, and we decided we would go ahead and try to join these 10 beautiful parishes together.

The next steps: the parish profiles have been done, they look great and a big thank you to all those who contributed in putting them together.

We have a section 12 meeting on the 14th March, to which the bishop comes and chairs when we will decide on the interview panel, the advert and the venue for interviews.

I am hoping we will be ready to advertise soon after Easter - it is an exciting time for the parishes!

I am hoping that we will get some candidates for interviews and among them will be the one God is calling to this area.

What can you do? Please pray that God sends the right person for the job, one who has a heart for people, the joy of the Lord, and who can love not just the people who attend church but the wider communities too.

In the meantime, I would like to thank all the lay and ordained people who are working hard to keep ministry going, and the churches open and maintained.

God bless,  
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### **Notes from the Green Redgrave Group (GRG)**

The rather depressing start to the year, weather wise, continues, with rain being the predominant characteristic. The saving grace, from our point of view, is that the 4,000 trees we planted a year ago and the several hundred that we have added since then seem to be thriving. This is in contrast to those planted in 2022 that suffered desperately in that long, hot and dry summer. With fingers crossed, we seem to have got the basis for some solid habitat gain.

We are continuing with our Biodiversity Audit and Action Plan (BAAP) that we started at the end of last year. One of the next elements of this work will be to start assessing the state of hedges in the parish and their own long-term sustainability. Sadly, most hedges in and around the fields are in a poor state in terms of their benefit to wildlife. The introduction of flail hedge cutters in the past decades has certainly made maintenance easier for their owners but it has been a disaster for wildlife and the health of those hedgerows. The problem is that hedgerows are flailed back every year and to the same height and this causes them to become knuckled, thin and unhealthy. Earlier generations of landowners and farmers, with their manual practices, knew better how to manage hedges in a sustainable fashion. Their ancient techniques are reflected in best practice guidance issued by, for example, the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES): trim mature hedges every 2 or, better, 3 years and do it incrementally by leaving some of the growth and allowing the hedge to keep growing slightly in height and width after each cut; then after about 25 to 30 years rejuvenate the hedgerow completely by laying it or coppicing. The PTES website provides full details <https://ptes.org/hedgerow/managing-hedgerows-top-tips/>.

The loss of quality hedgerows over the past few decades and the similar dramatic reduction of wildlife in that period are almost certainly not unrelated. According to the Soil Association around 130 of the wildlife species listed as priorities under the government's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) live and thrive in hedgerows including the harvest mouse, foraging bats and many of the nesting birds. The alarming disappearance of the turtle dove from most of the UK is, in large part, due to the loss of the types of habitat that it needs; dense, wide hedges.

It is estimated that in East Anglia only about 12% of hedges are in a reasonable state of health. Our initial estimates suggest that almost none of ours are being properly managed {we exclude those within the village itself where domestic hedges (typically of privet, yew, ivy and other species not typical of the farmland hedge

species) seem to be in a somewhat better state}. We have plenty of examples of over-cutting and also many of under-cutting but few, if any, of good quality management. Our mission then is to work with landowners to get at least some of the hedges back to a reasonable state of health. Plenty of work to do then!

We will be starting the formal survey work as soon as we can and will be recording this on the PTES website. Anyone willing to take part please let us know. Basic training will be provided.

We are starting to get good records of moths for our biodiversity audit. The poor weather has delayed sightings (and trapping activities) but we are now starting to see them appear. We would like to hear from any of you who might be spotting them, no matter how common they may appear to be.

As a quick reminder we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 in the All Saints Church after a talk by the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

The first batch of fruit trees for our 3 new orchards as part of the Suffolk Green Cluster initiative have now been received and we have also got confirmation that our funding application to the Tree Council to cover their cost has been approved. Planting will start shortly.

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](mailto:awarnes@btinternet.com) or on 07478 337331) for more details.

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## The Mona Lisa Presented by Tony Diamond

At the February meeting of the Heritage Circle Tony Diamond spoke about the Mona Lisa.

It was painted in oil, on board, in 1505, by Leonardo da Vinci. It is regarded as the best known painting in the world, and the most expensive. It has been suggested that it may be a self-portrait of da Vinci himself superimposed onto the Mona Lisa's face. To make her smile he hired a jester, and also a lute player. It may also be a portrait of his boyfriend, to whom he gifted the painting. People have also claimed to recognise the house and landscape behind the Mona Lisa as being the house of a woman of ill repute. What makes the painting so beautiful is the shades on the face, and the 180 degree eye contact looking to the left. The hands are also unique, as they are beautifully executed. So was the portrait a Madonna or a demon?

Walter Paten, poet, called the portrait a vampire, and Dracula was inspired by the Mona Lisa. People went on the Grand Tour between 1880 and 1900 to see the painting. Queen Victoria refused to visit Paris because of the Mona Lisa. In 1911 the painting was stolen from the Louvre, causing national hysteria. People flocked to look at the empty place where the painting had been. An attempt was made to sell the painting in Italy, and it was displayed in Rome. It was then returned to France where it remains today in its own special room, attracting thousands of visitors every year.

The next meeting of the Heritage Circle will be on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm at Rickingham Village Hall when Geoffrey Robinson will be speaking about *Berthe Morisot*.

Further information about the Heritage Circle is available on its website at:  
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Angela Bigley

## Coffee On



The Corner

Well, I am pretty certain that this morning's coffee shop was the biggest ever. It is the first time we have had to put out seven tables (seven!) and one of those had 14 folks squeezed around it! So if you haven't been before, why not come along in case we get so busy that we have to start taking bookings - only joking! Our visitors also

included my lovely neighbour and her group of six young children, who come along for a change of scenery, different toys - and of course biscuits. This means that, whatever your age, you will be incredibly welcome and there is always space for everyone. We also had one gentleman come along, although he wasn't sure it was quite his thing. Not only did he, rather bravely, join a large group of ladies, but he stayed until the very end - let's hope he comes again next month.

As I mentioned last month, all the money kindly donated this morning, to the tune of £135.68, will be passed on to George Clarke, whose family live in Redgrave, as he will be running the London Marathon to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital - as his nephew has benefited enormously from their fabulous care and expertise.

We shall be setting up shop again on **Tuesday 9th April** when we shall be donating any monies given to the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability. Whilst this hospital is based in south London, and are thus not local to us, they deal with patients from all over the country. They provide specialist inpatient assessment, rehabilitation and long-term care and support for adults with complex and profound disabilities due to acquired brain injury or disease. Do come along to find out more.

Every so often I do think it necessary to thank the members of the team who ensure that these events run at Parkview Chapel. I have had the good fortune to work with a great team of folks from all three local churches recently to provide soup and a light lunch over 8 Fridays in January and February - and that was a heck of a lot of soup! Each month I am part of a great team of more than seven people who bake, put out tables and chairs, make teas and coffees and wash and tidy up - I certainly could not do it without you - so well done everyone! If you would like to be a part of a team, either at Parkview Chapel, or indeed any other church or local organisation, then do get in touch. If you'd like to work alongside me, then call me - if you'd prefer to work alongside other folks, then call and I shall put you in touch with the organiser!

Here's hoping we shall see even more folks next month, by which time the hour will have changed and we shall be bathed in more daylight and sunshine!

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,

*Sue*

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# Nyall's Notes

# LOHP Local News

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

I am writing this just after the Pope has said that Ukraine should have the courage to raise the white flag. Despite the Vatican's attempt to soften that statement I cannot see that one can interpret that as saying other than that they should surrender to the aggressors.

Interestingly, Jesus grew up and lived in an occupied country and strangely, he said very little about the occupying forces although he touched on our attitude to such people at one time. A Roman soldier could demand some limited amount of help from anyone in the country in that he could demand that they carry his pack a mile. I imagine that anyone being commandeered to do that would hate doing so. Inevitably, an occupied country would have some that cooperated with the authorities and some that would consider themselves to be freedom fighters. That was indeed so at the time as the governing authorities cooperated with the Romans and there was a group called Zealots who wanted to fight them.

As I say, Jesus said little about those that occupied the country but on this matter he said, "If anyone asks you to carry their pack one mile, you carry it two miles."

I am sure that, should an invading army be about to rape a man's wife, he would justifiably want to fight and should any woman see her children being killed she would want to fight but, given no such circumstances and on an individual basis, here we see Jesus giving us an example of loving our enemies. What he actually said as reported by Luke was "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." In other words you would be emulating God. That must be what the Apostle Paul had in mind when he wrote, "While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son."

It seems that it is very reasonable when insulted or being verbally abused in some way to reply with the words, "God loves you and so do I." Not as a clever retort but because he actually does, and we wish to do the same. How much does God love his enemies? Enough to send his son, Jesus to die to achieve reconciliation. On another occasion Jesus set the level of reconciliation above that of offering something to God for he said: If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.



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wring  
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him  
sing;"*

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

This lovely poem came to mind as a thrush is singing his heart out outside my window as I type!

Things start to happen in April as the days get longer and the temperature rises. Vivid yellow celandines will be appearing and sweet violets should be flowering.

Chiffchaffs and blackcaps that arrived in March will be claiming territories and singing. Listen for cuckoos later in the month, as the fens are still fortunate enough to have reed warblers to 'foster' their chicks.

In the past, frogs, toads and newts were common on the damper LOHP sites but sadly, over the past few years, not so. If you do spot any frog spawn in our ponds and scrapes, do let us know.

Ewes with lambs and cattle with calves may be grazing some of the sites so if you're out with your dog, please keep them on the lead. Talking of cattle, we now have short horn cattle grazing and they have done an amazing job on sites such as Parkers Piece and Webb's Fen in Theltham.

We have joined up as a partner with the **Big Green Hike** to help raise funds for LOHP. It happens on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of April. Why not sign up and give it a go? More details at: [www.biggreenhike.com](http://www.biggreenhike.com). There is also more information on our website; [www.lohp.org.uk](http://www.lohp.org.uk)

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Small Things Like These – Claire Keegan – review by Louise Ramsey

Shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 2022, 'Small Things Like These' is a novella of just over 100 pages. Set in a small, Catholic community in Ireland in the mid 1980s, the story focusses on Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, making his deliveries during their busiest time, the lead up to Christmas. We learn that Bill was born out of wedlock and that he and his mother had the good fortune to be taken in by a kindly widow. He is an ordinary man, a good husband and father of five girls, who attend the local Catholic secondary school. On his rounds he ponders his childhood and unanswered questions about his father. His days appear to be fairly repetitive and uneventful, until one morning he encounters a young girl in the coal shed of the local convent, where the nuns run a training school for girls and a laundry. There are many rumours about those in attendance: "girls of low character" and "common, unmarried girls". This encounter in the coal shed and what happens when he returns the girl to the Mother Superior, leaves Bill with a decision to make. Should he keep the silence that the Church demands of him or follow his fatherly instinct and take action, despite recognising the potentially serious implications for his own family?

Keegan is an extraordinary writer. She is able to convey so much meaning and feeling in so few words. She immerses you in the everyday life of Furlong and his family; you can see, smell and feel what life was like and, although you know it is a story set in the 1980s, there are times you feel like you are reading about the more distant past, not least because it is hard to believe that the last Magdalen Laundry was not closed down until 1996. Powerful but tender, this story may be read in a couple of hours, but it will stay with you long after you close the book.



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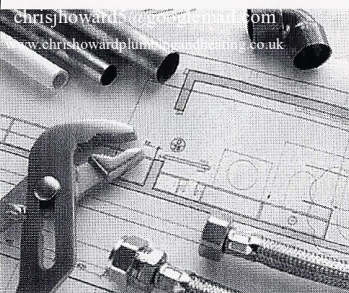
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## A House History through time - Tirpols Now The Priory, Botesdale

The medieval tenement once called Tirpols, and later Trypols or Tippols, was situated where The Priory stands today, on the corner of Mill Road and the Street and next to the Chapel of Ease, in Botesdale. The English Heritage listing for the house says that The Priory is a late 15<sup>th</sup> Century or early 16<sup>th</sup> Century house that was extended in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, re-fronted in the 1770s, and was altered and extended in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and then again in 1877.



*This aerial photograph shown above, taken in the 1960s, shows The Priory with Mill Road on its right. It fronts onto The Street, formerly called the King's Road. St Botolph's Chapel, now the Chapel of Ease, and Chapel House are to the left of it. The two tenements, each a perch wide, that made up the former Tirpols, can be still be seen clearly, stretching back to Chapel Lane from The Priory.*

The earliest reference to Tirpols, comes from an entry in a Court Roll dated 1271 when a piece of land is said as being 'near the messuage of John Tyrpel'.(1) Then in the 1289 Extent the heirs of John son of the reeve held '1 messuage formerly of John Tirpel for 2d per annum'.(2)

John Reeve's grandson, Roger le Reve, appears to have had this tenement for many years. He was a prominent member of this community. During the 1330s and 1340s he was a successful farmer with a flock of over 80 sheep. He had about 16 acres of land which was more than many villeins had at this time in Botesdale. Roger held many positions in the manor, for instance he was a capital pledge so was also head of a tithing of 12 men and responsible, legally, for them. Capital pledges were the chief representatives of the manor. He held other positions such as head of the guild of Corpus Christi in Botesdale and he held the position of reeve for several years. In the 1340s he leased the weekly Thursday market from the Abbot for four years. He was therefore, although an 'unfree' villein, an influential man in the village.

This is probably when Tirpols became an important, high status house. It would have been a timber-framed, three bay building with an open hall and a central hearth, a service area at one side with a loft above it for storing food with a parlour at the other end. The house would have had a thatched roof, probably thatched with reeds gathered from Botesdale Fen, where Roger had a plot of land.

In a manor court in 1348 Roger surrendered 3 acres of his tenements, including 1 rod of the tenement Tirpols to be held by him for the term of his life. It was then to go to his son William. He obviously wanted to continue to live in his house in the village for the rest of his life. However he died in the 1349 plague, the Black Death, as did William. All Roger's land went to his son John, the only one of his four sons to survive the pandemic.(3)

Like his father John le Reve was a prominent member of the community who, like Roger, leased the market of Botesdale from the Abbot of Bury St Edmunds, the lord of the manor of Redgrave and Botesdale. From 1351 to 1389 he leased it for 23 out of the 28 years.

John must have been a wealthy man when he died in 1392, leaving his land to his son Henry le Reve. Four years earlier in 1388 he had bought Henry's manumission, or freedom from villeinage, from the Abbot.(4) Henry had been a clerk for several years before this. At this time a clerk was a scholar and a member of the five 'minor orders' of the church.

By 1394 Henry had surrendered most of his land, about 20 acres, to Henry Baxter. With this surrender it was stipulated that Henry and his wife Marion were required to look after Henry le Reve's mother, Beatrice. (5) In this way he provided for his mother's welfare.

Although giving up his land Henry still resided at Tirpols. He then surrendered 'Turpolys' or 'Tryrpols' (called both in one entry) to Thomas Goldfynch.(6) This is an interesting Court Roll entry as it gives the dimensions of the tenement; '9 perches in length and 2 perches in width'. These same dimensions were referred to time and again throughout the later centuries. For some time the tenement Tirpols had been divided into two with Thomas Goldfynch living on the half nearest the lane and Henry holding the part next to the chapel.

In the 1433 Extent of the manor Tirpols was said to be 'recently of Henry Reve'. In this same survey the abuttals were given, this means we can site it exactly. It says that 'Thomas Goldfynch holds the tenement called Tirpols in Botesdale .... lying between the common way leading from the aforesaid place up to Mickelwodegrene on the east and the pigtle where the Chapel of St Botolph is situated on the west'.(7) This 'common way' is now called Mill Road and Mickelwodegrene is now Botesdale Common. The chapel is still standing. It is now Botesdale Chapel-of-Ease.

By this time Thomas Goldfynch had a large landholding of over 20 acres, his main residence being Tirpols. After 1436, when Henry Reve surrendered the second part of the tenement to him, it appears he rebuilt or enlarged the house.

Like other occupiers of Tirpols, Thomas appears to have been very wealthy. In his will of 1471 he left bequests to churches in the area, to Botesdale Chapel and to other religious houses. William his son had to find a priest to celebrate mass for a whole year 'for the health of my soul'. He also had to 'find a suitable man to (go to) the sepulchres of the Apostles Peter and Paul (in Rome).(8) A difficult, costly and dangerous journey in those days.

William Goldfynch died in 1485 leaving Tirpols to his widow Alice. 'Tryppols. William Goldfynch upon his deathbed surrendered into the hands of the lord one tenement called Tyrpols in Botisdale containing in length 9 perches & in width 2 perches & it lies between the messuage recently of the said William on the east side & le Chapelyerd on the west side & abuts upon the King's road towards the north.(9) The Goldfynch family held the tenement until 1495 when Alice died.

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The Environment Agency provides a free flood warning service to many areas at risk of flooding from rivers and the sea. Call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or visit [www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk](http://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk) to find out if you can sign up for free 24-hour flood warnings and get practical advice on what to do before, during and after flooding and to get a Quickdial number for easy access to information on flooding in your area. You can select to receive these warnings by phone, text or email.

## **DURING A FLOOD**

Only dial **999** for the Fire and Rescue Service if there's an immediate risk to life or someone requires urgent rescue.

Call 0345 606 6171 to report a highways problem that poses an **immediate danger** to the public.



*Focus on the safety of you and your family. Unplug appliances to prevent electrical shock when the power comes back on. When power lines are down and water is in your home, or before you evacuate, **TURN OFF** gas, power and water.*



*Be sure to know what to do when you receive a flood warning. Call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 if you need information. Cooperate with the emergency services if they tell you to evacuate your home. Be prepared to act quickly and get yourself to safety.*



*Important! Flood water is dangerous! Six inches of fast-flowing water can knock over an adult and two feet of water can move a car. Avoid walking, cycling or driving through flood water – cars and people can be swept away. There may also be hidden objects or open manholes under the water. If you take unnecessary risks, like driving along a flooded road when you do not know how deep it is and the risk of getting stuck, you add to the burden of the emergency services.*

**For flooding** inside your property, the following advice is offered from the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership:

- isolate all electrics (if it is safe to do so)
- consider moving possessions upstairs if possible
- avoid contact with flood water as much as possible
- secure your property and make your way to a place of safety

**Water supply:** if it has been affected, please call Essex & Suffolk Water on 0345 782 0999.

**Sewage flooding:** If your property has been affected by a sewerage issue, please report to Anglian Water or call their 24-hour emergency number 03457 145145.

## AFTER A FLOOD

**Contact your insurer** immediately if you have been affected by flooding. Flood Re is a joint Government and insurance industry initiative that makes flood cover more widely available and affordable as part of your home insurance. Ask your insurer for more details as you cannot contact Flood Re directly.

It is important to **report a flood event that has affected your property** to the Flood and Water Management Team at Suffolk County Council ([floods@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:floods@suffolk.gov.uk)) or Floodline (0345 988 1188). You will be referred to the organisation that is most relevant to your unique flood situation.

The Suffolk County Council Joint Emergency Planning Unit coordinates with other services to arrange **temporary accommodation and evacuation of houses** due to serious flooding. It helps people and businesses to recover from a devastating event. They can be contacted at [suffolkprepared.co.uk](http://suffolkprepared.co.uk) or [01473 260588](tel:01473260588).

**Cleaning up after floods:** There is extensive advice on clean-up safety in the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership guide at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk).

## PLAN AHEAD

You can check your property's flood risk by contacting [floods@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:floods@suffolk.gov.uk) and detailing your query.

**Important note regarding sandbags:** they do not provide protection during flooding; water can get into houses through many routes, not just doorways. In circumstance where sewer flooding occurs, sandbags can become contaminated with sewage and would require specialist handling. A much better option is to have temporary flood protection available in advance for your home. You can get more information about types of temporary flood protection and other equipment from the National Flood Forum ([www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk](http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk) or 01299 403 055) or the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit ([www.suffolkresilience.com/risk-advice/living-in-a-flood-plain](http://www.suffolkresilience.com/risk-advice/living-in-a-flood-plain), [emergency.planning@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:emergency.planning@suffolk.gov.uk) or 01473 265321).

The Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership has created a guide about what to do before, during and after flooding, including a checklist to prepare for flooding, which can be found at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk) and on the Botesdale and Rickingham Parish Council websites.

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## SCAM ALERT

Scammers are finding new ways to trick us even when we think we are savvy enough to spot their devious subterfuges.

### FAKE QR CODES

We have all become very familiar with scanning digital and physical QR codes (Quick Response Codes), those black and white squares found on newspaper ads and websites and, not surprisingly, the scammers have been quick to swoop.

Recent examples locally involve fraudsters sticking phony QR codes over parking payment meters to deceive you into believing you are dealing with legitimate parking firms and paying your parking fee online but in fact misdirecting you to fake payment apps where substantial amounts are taken and also unwittingly enrolling you into costly monthly subscriptions.

### FREE PRODUCT TRIALS

Free trials, often for nutritional or beauty products, are another subscription trap currently being promoted on social media platforms. You are led to believe you are authorising a one off payment to cover postage costs for your 'free trial' product, only to discover you are being charged up to a £100 every month. These payment details are often buried deep within the terms and conditions but the worst offenders invariably lie about their pricing model.

Recurring payments are of course widely used by legitimate organisations but this payment vehicle has been hijacked by the scammers as it opens the door to fraud.

***A survey carried out by Which last year of 2000 UK adults, found one in ten discovered unexpected recurring payments being taken from their bank accounts over the past three years.***

If you have signed up inadvertently for something you don't want, you do have a 14 day cooling off period to cancel, extended to 12 months if you were not made aware of the 14 day option.

If the company refuses to refund monies taken from your account ask your bank to activate Chargeback or Section 75 if you used a credit card originally, to reclaim the money.

#### BOTESDALE METHODIST CHURCH - FLOWER FESTIVAL 2024

Fen Lane, Botesdale

#### Seasons and Celebrations

Can you believe that it is five years since we had our last flower festival, in 2019..?

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May - Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - 10.30 - 4pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June - 10.30 - 5pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Church open to visitors from after the morning service until, at 4pm, there will be a Service of praise and thanksgiving, followed by tea and cake, until 6pm

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# April Church Notices

## Parkview Chapel Sunday Services and Events

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<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Service at 11.00am – The Bible Course – Introducing The Bible	 <p><b>PARKVIEW CHAPEL</b> CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY</p>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Service at 11.00am – The Bible Course – Creation And Covenant	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	'Coffee On A Sunday' service at 11.00am – The Bible Course – Exodus And Promised Land	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Service at 11.00am – The Bible Course – Judges And Kings	
<b>Events</b>	<p>Coffee on the Corner at 9.00am</p> <p>Men's Breakfast – 8.30am with guest speaker Andrew Caldecott from 'Christian Vision For Men'</p>	<p>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></p>
<b>PARKVIEW Youth</b>		Sundays 11:00am - 12:00pm
Junior Church		Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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## WELCOME TO BOTESDALE METHODIST CHURCH - EVENTS AND GROUPS -

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

### Services

- 7<sup>th</sup> Local arrangement - led by one or more of our members
- 14<sup>th</sup> Led by Rev Stephen Oliver
- 21<sup>st</sup> Led by Mrs J Oliver
- 28<sup>th</sup> Led by Rev David Ely. Holy Communion

### Activities

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.30 - 4.00pm

*Get together down the Lane.* The theme for this informal social afternoon will be 'Childhood memories'. Everyone welcome to come along and chat over a cup of tea or coffee

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am - 12.00pm

*Coffee Down The Lane* - our regular coffee morning held on the fourth Tuesday of the every month; an opportunity for all to meet and get to know others in our community

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



# Parish of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

## April 2024 Services

**Sunday 7th April, First Sunday after Easter**

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

**8:45am, St Mary's, Rickinghall**

**Sing Song (Contemporary Praise & Prayer)**

**5:00pm, All Saints Church, Redgrave**

**Sunday 14th April, Second Sunday after Easter**

**Holy Communion (CW)**

**10:30am, All Saints Church, Redgrave**

**Sunday 21st April, Third Sunday after Easter**

**Holy Communion (CW)**

**10:30am, St Mary's, Rickinghall**

**Sunday 28th April, Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Holy Communion (CW)**

**10:30am, St Botolph's Chapel of Ease, Botesdale**

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