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Bedtime Story

Jenny was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, 'Grandpa, did God make you?'

Feeling their respective faces again, Jenny observed, 'God's getting better at it, isn't he.'

^{&#}x27;Yes, darling,' he answered, 'God made me a long time ago.'

^{&#}x27;Oh,' Jenny paused, 'Grandpa, did God make me too?'

^{&#}x27;Yes, indeed, poppet,' he said, 'God made you just a little while ago.'



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Club News 2

Coffee On



By the time you read this I hope that you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas and I hope that 2013 has started well for you.

In December we had a really good crowd and I am not sure how many came along to be entertained by the members of WARTS in a half hour variety show and how many, knowing that I would be in that group, came along hoping that I would make a fool of myself. I trust I did not do that, but would like

to say that, whatever their reason for coming, the donations reached a staggering £460 – even I was almost speechless! We have recently received a "Thank You" letter from Liveability Icanho and this will be shared with those who come along to the Coffee Shop in February, along with other thank you letters.

In January we had a very early coffee shop as the second Tuesday fell on the 8th and some of the school children had not even returned for the start of term. It was lovely to see some of the young people enjoying our hospitality, although many of our regulars were missing and for those who were unwell, we wish them a speedy recovery. The donations totalled £77 and this is enough to sponsor a room for a homeless person at Centre Point in London for the first six months of this year and we hope to raise the same again for the second six months, at some point in the near future. As always an enormous THANK YOU to all those who donated their hard earned cash!

In February we shall be sending any donations to the CJD Support Group – this is a largely forgotten, but terrible disease and if you would like to find out more about what the charity can do to help sufferers and their families, then do come along on Tuesday 12th February. Hope to see you there!

For any questions about the coffee shop or anything else that happens at Parkview, please call me on 01379 890423.

Sue Allen



Heritage Circle

The subject for the meeting held on 28th November 2012 was 'History by the Roadside, a talk by Stuart Bowell. He gave a brief history of the development of the original Ridgeways, Roman roads, and Turnpikes leading to the adoption of the public highways by the relevant authorities.

After the break there was a slide show of historic buildings etc. which are still able to be seen.

Our social event held on 12 December 2012 welcomed Peter Batty who talked about Punch & Judy. Whilst explaining the history of Punch & Judy, including amusing anecdotes, Peter proceeded to demonstrate the assembling of a booth in which he then, after a Christmas Buffet break, gave the audience a very entertaining and amusing Punch & Judy puppet show.

Our February 27th 2013 speaker will be Peter Banham on the 'Origins of old Sayings'.

New visitors are always welcome and for more information contact the secretary on 01379 898561.

Tony Bigley

'Get married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn't work out, you haven't wasted a whole day.'

Mickey Rooney

Rickinghall Ramblers

The walks this year have at times been too wet, which has been reflected by some poor turnouts at the village hall. The Ramblers Dinner this year was a great success, so well done to Peter and Maggie Phillips. It took place at the Thornham Four Horseshoes and in fact we have already booked again for the 4th October.



This year a £5.00 deposit will be required to book a place.

The Saturday walks started for 2012 were not a great success, so in an effort to inject more variety and interest we will try two Friday walks further afield this year. One on the coast and the other from Shotley, inland and along the river. They will be a morning walk, a break for lunch or picnic then a short afternoon walk to finish. Our thanks must go to Margaret Brown for turning out in all weathers to bring the first aid kit for each walk even if she is unable to join us.

2013 walks program dates from May are as follows:

Mon 6th May

Fri 17th May Hepworth & Mkt Weston — 6 miles

Mon 3rd June

Fri 14th June

Mon1st July

Fri 12th July — day walk to coast

Mon 29th July

Fri 16th August

Mon 2nd September

Fri 13th September —day walk Shotley

Mon 30th September

Fri 4th October Annual dinner

Fri 11th October

Mon 28th October

Fri 8th November

Mon 25th November

Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday 18th March at the Bowls Club at 10.30 am.

Have a Healthy and Happy 2013 and we look forward to seeing members, old and new, at Rickinghall Village Hall, always at 9.15am prompt.

Graham Hawkes, Chairman

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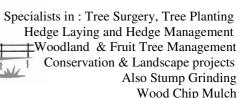
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Exploring the Past

Poor's Fuel Allotment, Redgrave Fen

At the time of the Redgrave Enclosure Award in 1818 eighty acres of 'waste' land known as Redgrave Fen was awarded to the poor of Redgrave for fuel. Peat was cut from the fen to be burnt and the poor were allocated allotments. This land was a wide strip south of the river Waveney extending east from the road now known as the B1113 which runs through Redgrave towards Lopham. Redgrave Fen stretches along the River Waveney for 320 rods (one mile) according to measurements taken by Samuel Sutton in 1880. The land was given over to trustees who were the Lord of the Manor of Redgrave and Botesdale, (Admiral George Wilson), the Rector (Revd Marmaduke Wilkinson), Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Redgrave. They were obliged to ditch and fence the boundary next to the public road, and forever maintain the fence and scour the ditches. They also had to maintain a drain across the area called Ling Bench to the river. The church and Overseers of the Poor were responsible for the poor in 1818 and they continued to administer the trust until 1895 when Parish Councils were

The Rev Thomas Holt Wilson became Rector in 1881 after the death of his father, the Rev Thomas Daniel Holt Wilson, the previous Rector.

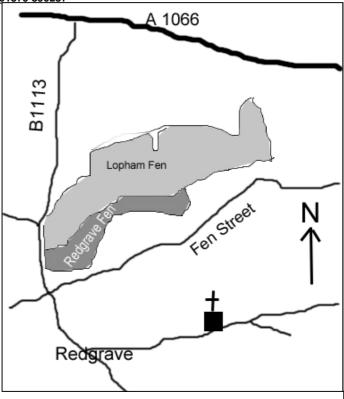
Thomas was concerned how this land was to be administered when the Parish Councils were due to be formed in 1895. He issued a pamphlet in November 1894 to explain about the Enclosure Award as far as public areas was concerned. The Lord of the Manor and the Rector were to remain as trustees but three people were to be elected from the parish council to replace the churchwardens and overseers. He explained that the Charity Commissioners had held an enquiry in 1883 and issued a report in 1885 giving their recommendations for the way in which the land was managed, and the recipients of the charity should be the 'deserving and necessitous poor persons resident in the parish' leaving the trustees to decide who these were.

In 1883 it was found that 14 tradesmen and journeyman tradesmen also had allotments, but the trustees had reduced these down to 9 by 1894. One area was reserved for widows only. At a meeting held on July 4th 1883 it was decided '*That anyone occupying a house of the rateable value of £8 or upwards, had no legal claim of benefit from the Fen.*" The commissioners in 1885 suggested that the whole of the fen should be taken over by the trustees and let out and the rents used to pay compensation of two to five shilling annually to the allotment holders and the remainder used to buy coals for the poor, but this suggestion was not taken up and individual allotments were still used by the poor.

Very little peat was cut by 1881 and hardly any was cut by 1894. The growing, cutting and selling of sedge was more profitable. Sedge is used for ridging thatched roofs. Before the sedge was grown, stock had been grazed on the fen and the income from the pasturing was paid out in bread. The income of the Fen by 1894 was less than £5 a year, made up of £4 for shooting rights and occasional sale of peat or sand which usually amounted to between twelve shillings and one pound per year, and most of this was taken out in expenses. The Rector paid off the debt of £4.11s.3½d on January 1st 1887 as it was Jubilee Year.

The Rector personally employed men who were out of work to cut sedge for those without grounds and for widows, but in November 1887 someone had stolen the sedge so the work had to stop and the Rector offered a reward for information to 'apprehend' the thief.

The river needed cleaning regularly. In 1884 it was agreed to clear out the river from Lopham Ford, (the area between the source of the



Simplified map showing the area north of Fen Street and south of Lopham Fen referred to in the text as Middle Fen

Little Ouse and the Waveney on the border of Suffolk and Norfolk) to Diss Bridge, and the trustees share of this seemed to be £15.15s.3d., and in 1893 they paid £8 to clear the river. When the river needed cleaning in 1898, the parish council decided it was not worth cleaning their half of the river if 'Lopham people' did not clean their side simultaneously. A carpenter's bill in 1882 amounted to £5.5s.6d and another in 1889 was thirty shillings, presumably these were for gates and fences.

If an allotment became vacant application could be made to Mr. Berridge after 1895 and tenders for cutting the sedge on the widows ground also had to be made. It was agreed if any profit remained after cleaning the river it should be distributed in coal to agricultural labourers and widows who had a claim on the fen.

The shooting rights were advertised in the Diss Express in 1897 but the highest offer was £2, only half the amount received in 1894, this may have been due to the Hares and Rabbits Bill which may have affected the amount of shooting they could let.

The Fen was leased long term to the Suffolk Wild Life Trust in the first half of the 1960s and the income was combined several years ago with a couple of other small charities into a Charity for the Needy.

Information taken from the pamphlet produced by the Rev. Thomas Holt Wilson and the Hartismere Magazines 1894 – 1898 (acknowledgements to Graham Clayton for loan of book).

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Exploring the Past Again

Garden House Lane to Daisy Cottage, South Side.

The Gables and Gable End, on the corner of The Street and Garden House Lane, are dated to the early to mid 16th Century. They were extended in the late 17th Century. In 1970 it was proposed that these buildings be demolished but after a public enquiry they were reprieved and it was decided to restore them. (1) The Gables was the first house to be restored by the Suffolk Buildings Preservation Trust in 1973.

There used to be a cottage between The Gables and Garden House Lane, however this was pulled down in the early 20th Century. There is a photograph of the cottage, with children standing in the road in front of it, from this time.

In the medieval period Garden House Lane was known as Patlot Way. At this time the large field, beyond Ryder's Way, was known as Patlot Field. In the 17th Century the Howchin (or Houchen) family owned this field and from then until the mid 20th century it was called Howchin's Field. The field next to it, which is now on the other side of the bypass, was formerly known as The Frith. In medieval times it was a large wood – Frith is an early word meaning a wooded area.

Willow Cottage is a late 17th early 18th Century cottage. It has two staircases which suggest it may have been divided into two in its earlier history. Basil Brown thought the cottage may have been owned originally by the Howchin family. The Silver family owned it from the 1880s. Miss True lived in the cottage from 1967 until the late 1990s. While the roof was being re-thatched in the 1980s an unexploded German WWII bomb dropped out of the thatch. It had failed to go off when dropped during the war and had been there ever since. (2)

Garden House is a 16th Century building, possibly a hall house, which was extended and altered in the early 17th Century. From the 18th Century until the early 20th Century it was a pub called The Gardenhouse Inn. Thomas Chapman was the landlord in 1844 and in 1855 James Bailey was the licensed victualler. By 1874 John Last was the landlord and Thomas Chapman was again landlord in 1884, but by the 1920s it had become a private house. (3)

In the mid 20th Century Basil Brown excavated an area near Kiln House, in Cooks Field. He discovered Roman kilns with a workshop nearby. Rickinghall and Hinderclay appear to have been busy industrial areas in the Roman period with kilns found in many different places in the villages.

Walsingham Mews was built in the 1980s. From the medieval period until the 19th Century the stray animal pound was situated on the corner of this site. In the 1920s George Tacon Chapman had a garage and cycle repair shop on the site. (4) Mr Walsingham bought the garage in the 1930s and it remained a garage until the 1980s.



Redholme was formerly two cottages. 'WS 1862' is carved on a date stone on the side of the building. This is probably when the two cottages were combined to make one house and the whole brick faced. (It is possible WS is William Street who owned other houses in the area in the 1860s). In the 20th Century a Railway Carriage was situated in the garden to the left of Redholme. This was owned by Charles Birk who was a Boot and Shoe maker and had his shop there. The carriage was removed in 1984 and is now in the Transport Museum at Carlton Colville near Lowestoft.

White Gate is an early 17th Century lobby entrance house, part of which was rebuilt in the 18th century. In the mid 20th Century there were two small buildings in the garden of White Gate. A Fish & Chip Shop, owned by Tom Shaw, was situated in a wooden building. The fish and chips were cooked on a coal fire and were, according to many reports, extremely good. (I imagine any health and safety officers today would be appalled at the idea of the combination of a wooden building, a coal fire and cooking oil). The other building was a small brick building. In the 1930s this had been a sweet shop but after the war it became an antique shop called 'Bygones'.

The terrace of cottages known as Glenfield, Meadow View and Chestnut View were built in 1851, by James King, in front of an older range of buildings and a small house called the Whitings, which have now all been demolished. At that time the cottage now known as Glenfield was King's butchers shop. In 1926 Mrs Rosetta Fellingham took out a lease on Glenfield and opened a sweet and tobacco shop which she ran until 1971. She bought all the cottages in 1933 for £295. Her husband had a poultry business which he ran from a building in the yard. (5)

The cottage now called Daisy Cottage has the hairdressers, Cut Above, in the extension. This was formerly Ted Smith's electrical shop and before that was a butchers shop owned by Mr Ostler and before that it was Mr L.T. Howards butchers shop. There was a slaughter house in the garden. During WWI the cottage was owned by a retired army captain who used his front room as a recruiting office where Rickinghall men could enlist.



1) EAD 21st April 1970. 2) Information from Sue & Tony Emerson, Newspaper article & Basil Brown's Notebook No.LIV p.2. 3) Kelly's 1844, 1855 and Whites Directories. 4) Kelly's directory 1925. 5) Information from Chris & Marcia Bell

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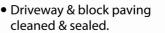
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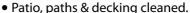
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The 2013 February order and delivery:

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It is not in competition with the other syndicate being run by David, but rather complements it, as it is run on different lines. There are no set dates for ordering, so no guessing is required as to the vagaries of the weather!

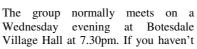
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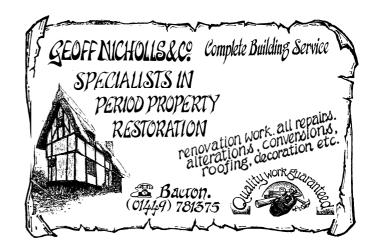
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What defines morality? It is immoral for companies to be selling in this country and not paying tax. Is stealing immoral? No that's criminal. Is prostitution immoral? I believe many people will say no but the law still speaks of people living off immoral earnings.

The definition of the word has become confused. It is immoral for a company to legally avoid large amounts of tax but it is quite all right to put money away in an ISA even though if you'd put the maximum into the PEPs/ISA system every year since it started your fund would be worth a million pounds and you could well be avoiding paying tax on a large amount of money. It appears to be an emotive rather than logical issue.

How do we define morality?

We could use tradition but then cannibals are cannibals by tradition and we wouldn't agree that their way of life is right. It feels wrong. If we rely on our feelings we are saying that our emotions tell us what is right and wrong. "I just know." I do what feels right. Jimmy Saville spent his life doing what for him felt right. That one example suggests it isn't a good guide.

We have to use reason. I could reason that it is a good idea to dispense with the now long gone tradition of refraining from sex before marriage. Live together and see if it works. Then, if it does, get married. It's a logical argument but I observe that more marriages fall apart than they ever did before people started just living together. The logic is faulty.

Culture defines our morality in quite a big way but I observe that few are likely to say that forced marriages with the need for someone to kill off their daughter for the sake of the family honour is right. That's the culture in some parts of the world.

I know it will cause a lot of people to rebel but could we let God have a say in morality? Even though the numbers are falling, the census told us that 59.3% still claimed that they were Christian. That means they believe in God and put their faith in Jesus Christ. It seems to me that if God is God it might be worth considering his opinion, after all, by the time Jesus came along, He'd had quite a long time to see if that set of rules that we call the Ten Commandments remained a good standard.

At that point he actually firmed up on his set of rules but, understanding that we are all human made forgiveness easier. When I say he firmed up I'm thinking of the words of Jesus, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart." This was staggering to his hearers who went by strict observance of the words of the law. They must either have dismissed his words as ridiculous or, for those for whom he was their teacher and hero, realised how wrong they looked in God's sight.

Now, in Jesus, God opened his arms of forgiveness. In the hearing of a Pharisee he told a woman who was undoubtedly a despised prostitute, ""Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in

Those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"

We can only afford to allow someone to define morality who forgives like this but we can't call ourselves Christians unless we do. You can't say you are my God and ignore his opinions.

Cafe Church—

Lent Series and Passover Meal, see Page 39.

Sundays at 10.30 am at Redgrave Activities Centre

Contact Nyall Davies, tel: 01379 897067





Some of you may recall the final sentence in my pre-Christmas report "Will this be another Waxwing winter visit as last year?" I never thought we would have two on the trot. Well, they have done it again. A high influx since the end of November. I just missed the first arrivals at Minsmere by a few However, a kind fellow hours. 'watcher' phoned me one day from his car on his mobile in December. He stated he was, at that moment, watching six Waxwings at the junction of



the Botesdale connecting road, past New Waters, and the A143 bypass. As with an emergency call at any time when I was a GP, I rushed to the area and there he was and there they were. Six of them in rather poor light, it was overcast, but, without doubt, Waxwings. They were only there for a few hours. Like emergency patients, if you don't go straight away, you may be too late. Nothing like the reports of up to 130 birds in a flock in Ipswich, but unmistakably Waxwings. Why do they come some years from Northern Scandinavia where they nest, and not others? If we have many of their winter berries how do they tell their friends and relatives back home? Do they choose one of their number to fly home and tell the good news? They are fairly tame and you can get quite close to them for a photo before they fly off.

Another welcome sight this winter is (I hope you can still see them) a return of the winter roost of Starlings to Redgrave Fen (this year the Middle Fen). About 4pm, a few minutes later, as the year advances, they come in dribs and drabs until (this year) they fly together between two and three thousand in the most amazing everchanging formations. A wonderful vision of different patterns. Who takes the lead to change the pattern? One moment a huge ball, the next a long stream of birds, never still, until they have all met up or had enough exercise or at the will of their leader (if they have one), they suddenly drop into the reed beds still chattering away. One of nature's 'must see' miracles. Take the children-it is unforgettable.

The Starlings are not the only wintering flocks to be seen locally. Over Redgrave Lake recently I saw a flock of about two to three hundred Lapwings. Again they frequently change direction and formation, and possibly are also leaderless. They are likely to be continental birds coming to us across the North Sea in search of a better supply of food. Often they accompanied by Golden Plover, but the Golden Plover were not with them on this occasion.

Another happy ornithological occasion. I was coincidentally and appropriately coming out of the Rickinghall Lower Church on 6th January at 4.15 pm, when I was amazed to hear a Song Thrush singing its heart out in a nearby tree. Now I have not seen a Song Thrush in my garden, let alone in the village, for six months, and here was one in full flow on a quiet winter evening. The 'books' state it should start in this month, but nowadays Song Thrushes are not so common. Incidentally, two of my fellow enthusiasts told me that they had had a similar happy hearing the same weekend in Botesdale. I would not have been surprised if it had been a Mistle Thrush. They start to sing in very early spring but theirs is a more lonely and beautiful song from the top of a tall tree and in all weathers. No wonder its nickname is 'the Storm Cock'.

To close, I have a report of two Blackcaps (Warblers) at someone's garden feeders. These birds are usually migratory, spending their winter in the Mediterranean or the North Africa area. However, recently, more Blackcaps are being seen here in the winter and, through ringing, it has been determined that they have come from areas in north Europe such as Germany.





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RAHOF held their annual Christmas event in December at Redgrave Activities Centre when they were entertained by Sue Allen, Richard Telford and Tim Hall after a delicious meal produced by Jennie Labdon assisted by Carol Amps. There was an excellent Bumper Hamper Draw and the event raised £445 for St Nicholas Hospice Care at Bury St Edmunds. The Committee would like to say 'thank you' to all who supported this event and to Sue, Richard and Tim for entertaining us.

Rickinghall Village Hall Craft Fair 2012

Our third annual Christmas Craft Fair was held at the Hall on Saturday 1st December. No less than 26 separate stallholders filled the available space to capacity. Crafts offered for sale ranged from unique and stylish Christmas decorations to hand-painted furniture, from hand-knitted children's jumpers to tempting food treats. A wide range of gift and other seasonal ideas was offered for all tastes and budgets.

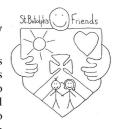
There are 'Craft Fairs' held everywhere before Christmas, but not all of them offer local or even hand-made goods. We are fortunate to have so many gifted people in our local area, offering crafts actually made by them and which you're not often likely to see elsewhere. This uniqueness means that those who come along generally like what they see, and few go away empty-handed!

A successful day for most stall holders as well as for their customers, with Hall funds benefitting by some £600 too. Thanks to all involved, including those committee members who once again gave up their time to ensure the smooth running of the day.

Next Christmas's Craft Fair will be on Saturday 7th December 2013. Never too early to put it in your diary!

Friends of St Botolph's -Fundraising for our Primary School

The Friends Committee for St Botolph's School would like to extend an enormous thank you to everyone in the parish who have helped make 2012 a very successful year, with a significant sum being raised to help fund activities and equipment for the



school. It was lovely to see so many people at the Christmas Fayre, and the event raised in excess of £1500 for the school. The support received is greatly appreciated and all assistance is always welcome! So thank you to everyone who has helped with the Summer and Christmas Fayres and all those who attended events or donated unwanted items in our clothing collection.

As well as subsidising trips and extra equipment for the classrooms, the Friends (with the help of a number of Dads from the school who completed the Three Peaks Challenge) has also been able to fund new outdoor play equipment in the playground, which is proving very popular amongst the children. The Friends committee is currently discussing 2013 requirements with staff to help supplement tight budgets where possible.

There will be another clothing collection to raise money in April, so please hang onto any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, bedding and soft toys and the Friends committee will put collection bags through letterboxes, as widely as possible, together with details of the collection date. Alternatively a few bags are already available from the school, if you would like to start collecting now.

Thank you again and Happy New Year.

The Friends Committee

My family and I would like to thank all our friends for their cards, flowers and good wishes following my car accident. I am rather battered but cheered by all the love and friendship. Sheila Purdom

***************** "In Your Garden"

with Ian Shilling of Tripp Batt Country Store of Stanton

Gardeners were always great recyclers, long before the habit became the norm, and composting is the perfect example of this. Make your own composi from your kitchen vegetable waste, some of which will have originated from your own garden, enriched by your very own compost! How local is that! There's more to do than just composting however, and now can be the time to start saving items for use in the coming weeks;

- Used Lemonade bottles cut them off half way down for micro-greenhouses to protect newly planted salad crops.
- Used Chinese takeaway trays or margarine tubs make excellent seed trays once drainage holes are made.
- Rigid plastic containers can be sliced up to make plant labels for pots and seed trays.
- Old compost bags can be used as strong rubble sacks, or bags for growing potatoes in. Pierce them for drainage and turn them inside out to revea the black inside which will attract the suns heat.
 - Old CD's tied and hung help scare the birds from crops.
- Plastic milk containers can be cut to make useful compost scoops for the greenhouse.
- Do let me know if you have any tips of your own and I'll mention them in a later edition.
- Apple and Pear trees should be pruned during January or February, removing old and diseased wood, and taking about two thirds off last years growth It's normally easy to tell where last years growth starts by a change in the thickness and colour of the stems.
- If you haven't already done so, buy your potato tubers now, looking for firm examples with tight eyes. These can be 'chitted' (put into a tray until the shoots have emerged) at home and planted from mid March. Shallots and onions can go into the ground as well providing it isn't too wet and cold. New year vegetable seeds are also available now. Happy Gardening!
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Basil Brown

A Christmas wreath was laid by the Sutton Hoo Society in front of the new plaque displayed in Rickinghall Inferior Church in memory of Basil Brown who discovered the outline of the burial ship at Sutton Hoo.



The wreath was made from greenery grown on the Sutton Hoo estate, and a similar one was laid on Mrs. Pretty's

grave at Sutton last week. Mrs. Pretty was the landowner who employed Basil Brown to excavate the mound on her estate in which the most important Anglo Saxon treasure in Britain was found in 1939. Mrs Pretty donated the treasure to the nation and it is now in the British Museum.

Basil Brown spent virtually the whole of his life living in Rickinghall where the wreath laying ceremony was also attended by a few local people who recorded their memories of Basil earlier in the year for the Sutton Hoo Society which will be made into a disc to keep at the Record Office and Sutton Hoo.

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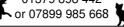
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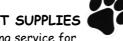




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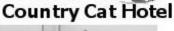
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Except 3rd & 17th February

Tuesday 12th February 9 am to 12 noon 'Coffee on the Corner'

Thursday 7th & 21st February 2.00 pm Ladies Meeting

Ash Wednesday 13th February 7.30 pm Combined Holy Communion Service at the Methodist Church, Fen Lane

Regular Activities

Weekly home groups on Tuesday and Wednesday

See Page 37 for Parkview Youth Activities—some of these activities do not take place during school holidays.

Phone 01379 898924 or 783216 for more details.

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Botesdale Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30 am unless otherwise indicated. Sunday Club is at 10.35 am. All children are welcome.

3rd February Mrs Margaret Chamberlain

10th February Rev Brian Trudgian Covenant Service 13th February Ash Wednesday Combined Holy Communion, 7.30 pm

17th February Rev Edna Buggey

24th February Rev Colin Hough **Holy Communion**

Mondays, 4th and 18th February, 10.00 am Bible Study

Tuesday, 5th February, 7,30 pm MIND - Mrs Jackie Smith Christian Forum

Wednesday, 20th February, 2.30 pm Annual General Meeting. Bring & Buy Stall. Wives Group

Café Church – answering your questions

Passover Meal, 7pm Thursday 28th March—a roast lamb meal with traditional foods as Jesus did it.

Lent Series at 1 Helens Close, Redgrave at 7 pm.

Wednesdays 20th & 27th February, and 6th, 13th and 20th March

THE NATURE OF GOD—what 'Three in One' means and its practical outworking in our lives.

Contact Nyall Davies on 897067

Cafe Church—Sundays at 10.30 am at Redgrave Activities Centre Contact Nyall Davies, tel: 01379 897067

From the Registers—

Redgrave

Burial in churchyard

Patricia Gort, aged 87 years Died 14th December 2012. Funeral service at Rickinghall with burial in Redgrave on

21 December 2012.

Memorial Service

17th December 2012 Steve Humfress, aged 65 years.

Rickinghall

Baptism

9th December Born 30th December 2011 Stanley David Shorten.

Funeral with burial

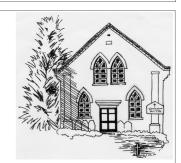
21st December 2012 Patricia Gort died 14th Dec 2012 aged 87 years. Funeral followed by burial at Redgrave Church.

8th January 2013 Alan Roger Seeley died 23rd December 2012 aged 65 years.

18th January 2013 Christine Dulcie Elizabeth Seeley died 8th January 2013 aged 59 years.

Interment of Ashes

12th January 2013 The late Mrs Winifred Kerry, died 24th Nov 2011 aged 96 years.









All Saints Redgrave



St. Botolph's Botesdale



St. Mary's Rickinghall

3rd February '13 Presentation of Christ 8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave



All Saints Altogether
An interactive service for people of
all ages starting with coffee

3.00pm St. Mary's, Rickinghall

10th February '13 Sunday Next Before Lent
8:15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion
10:30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall CW Communion with adult Baptism



Children starting at Rickinghall Rectory, for "Story Tellers"



10:30 St Mary's, Rickinghall Worship Together 24th February '13 2nd Sunday of Lent 8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion



10.30 Messy Church in Botesdale Village Hall for "Bacon Butty Breakfast", crafts, songs, stories and family fun.

10:30 All Saints, Redgrave CW Communion

3rd March '13 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.15 St. Botolph's, Botesdale BCP Communion10.30 All Saints, Redgrave All Together All Saints

3.00pm St Mary's, Rickinghall Evening Prayer

Also this month:

Ash Wednesday 13th Feb Communion 7.30pm Methodist Church, Fen Lane, Rickinghall



Tue. 5th Feb. from 10.00am "Open House" at All Saints For coffee, cakes and chat



Thurs. 14th Feb. 7.15pm
"Spearhead" A time of worship and prayer for revival here in this area.



Wed. 6th Feb. 10.00am

Albert Close Communion
Thur. 21st. 9.45am

Farnish House Communion
These services are open to everyone



Thur. 28th Feb. 7.30pm

Venue to be confirmed

A time of prayer for the work of the church in the community.

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