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#### Rector of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls

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When my passions rise up inside me I often find myself compelled to speak. For me this happens when an issue close to my heart is being discussed by others and I feel compelled to interject. For me this also happens when I feel an injustice is being, or about to be perpetrated. Compulsion to speak out can be for many different reasons and can sometimes take you by surprise, so there are many different patterns to our compulsions to speak out. Likewise there are no fixed patterns for God as he speaks to us and compels us to speak for him here.

This means that there are many different ways of bringing people into His Kingdom. This will include ones that you personally dislike!! Therefore we have to be cautious with our judgement of how God calls us and others to speak out for him, because we can so easily block the will of God by making unnecessary concessions to those outside the faith. Now I'm not advocating that we should make a nuisance of ourselves by speaking out (witnessing) at improper times, but there comes a time when we must show that we disagree with something that is contrary to Scripture. We must be prepared to show our Christian colours, if we are to remain true to Jesus Christ. At times it is foolish to remain silent because if we do we only concede everything away.

As a Christian I believe that there is no question of a compromise between the claims of God and the claims of culture, or politics or anything else. To me God's claim is infinite and inexorable. To me God gives us all a choice – you can refuse this or you can begin to work at accepting it. There is no middle way.

Just think if the Disciples of Jesus Christ had sort a middle way they probably wouldn't have spoken out in response to the Holy Spirit on the first day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit compelled them to speak, and boldly they spoke as "about three thousand were added to their number that day". (Acts 2:41)

Central to the first Christian sermon given by the Apostle Peter on that day was the claim "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact" (Acts 2:32). Peter also speaks about what is actually happening: the fulfilment of a prophecy made by Joel (Joel 2:16) who had spoken about a time when God would pour out his Spirit on all people. So to preach Christianity means to preach the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is this fact that makes Christianity a unique world faith, but one which has also brought great ridicule! When we read through the New Testament Book of Acts the Resurrection is the central theme to every Christian sermon recorded there. You see the Resurrection and its consequences were the 'gospel' or good news which the Christians brought. What

we often call the 'gospels', the narratives of Jesus' life and death, were only written later for the benefit of those who had already accepted the gospel! They were in no sense the basis of Christianity because they were first written for those who had already converted to Christianity. The first fact in the history of Christianity is that a



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number of people (Jesus' disciples and first followers) say that they have seen the Resurrection. Imagine if they had died without making anyone else believe this 'gospel' no gospels would ever have been written.

I believe that all Christians are to do the same: preach the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This will lead us at times to make claims that our counter cultural. I also wonder if the negative reaction Christians receive when they are counter cultural in what they say is due in part to a fear on the behalf of the listener. However we all need to be able to speak freely in the knowledge that if we say something that others don't like then we won't become a target of ridicule and abuse. It seems to me today that to many people Christians are an easy target.

Jesus Christ in his commission to his disciples (Matthew 28:16-20) calls his followers to be prophetic and hence this will mean that they will come across as counter cultural. Just read the history of the first Christians and the early church and you soon see how easily misunderstood they were. Speaking from the perspective of Jesus Christ and the gospel will not go down with all people, but it is worth it when we speak the truth of the gospel for great is your reward in heaven (Luke 6:22-23).

So as you stand up for what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable in God's sight (Philippians 4:8) and share the gospel of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ may you show respect to other people and be bold for the Lord your God will go with you; he will never leave you or forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6).

With every blessing

Chis NobuM.

#### St Mary's Redgrave

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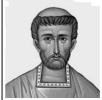
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The church will be open to visitors every Saturday in the month to October from about 10 am to 5 pm.



#### The Chapel of Ease, Botesdale

The Chapel is open to visitors each Saturday until October from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

## JULY EVENTS



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#### Saturday 14th July 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Car Boot Sale to be held on the Rickinghall Playing Field. Trading from 9 am until 12.30 pm. Set up from 8.00 am.

Pitch fee £5 per car, £8 for trade stalls.

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For more details please call Monty Cornell on 01379 898 525.

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Saturday 30th & Sunday 1st July St Mary's Church, Redgrave 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Refreshments available

To celebrate the life of Eve Burgess who helped to design the wonderful Noah's Ark display in the Church last year

If anyone can help with an arrangement, even if you have never done one before, please contact
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Wives Club



PRIZE BINGO EVENING Friday 6th July At Rickinghall Village Hall



Doors open 7.00 pm Eyes Down 7.30 pm Raffle and Refreshments

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STRAWBERRY & CREAM TEA GARDEN PARTY



Saturday 7th July From 2.30 pm

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There will be stalls including a Cake Stall

In aid of Botesdale Chapel of Ease fabric fund

Royal British Legion Women's Section

### COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 12th July At Farnish House, Botesdale From 10.00 to 11.30 am



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Redgrave, Botesdale & Rickinghall Churches

## WAR TIME & MUSIC HALL OLDE THYME SONGS

with David Padwick

All Saints Church, Redgrave Friday 13th July at 7.30 pm

Refreshments

Ticket £7.00 available from : Rickinghall Newsagents, Botesdale Post Office R Powell on 01379 898426 or F Lamb on 01379 890204

**Proceeds to Benefice Funds** 

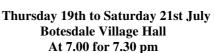
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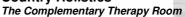
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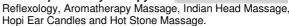
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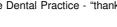
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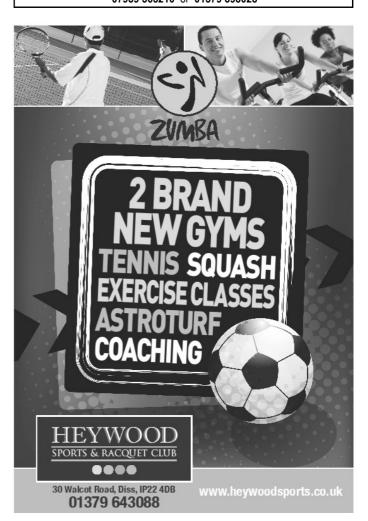


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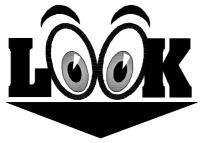
If the weather is inclement the event will be held at Hinderclay Village Hall.





Art Exhibition
REDGRAVE CHURCH
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July
10am – 4pm

Artists, sculptors and makers belonging to the Waveney Springs Art Collective will display their work, much of it for sale, and some artists will be demonstrating throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Please come along.



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Saturday 7th July 10 am to 3 pm



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Friday 13th July 10 am to 3 pm

#### Flowers of the Fen

Join Plantlife's Tim Pankhurst to discover the wonderful plants and flowers of the Fen.

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Wednesday 25th July

10 am to 3 pm

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## WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP at Redgrave Fen 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Saturday 14th July

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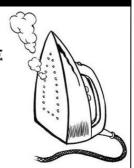
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## CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

### FUN AT THE PARK TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Not be excluded from the national celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, Redgrave held their very own "Fun at the Park" day inviting all villagers to various events at the Redgrave amenities park.

With a wary eye on the weather, the day's events began at noon with hula-hooping endurance and space-hopper races for the little ones. For the older children (and some much older looking children!) there was a rounders tournament and the tug-of-war battle, both of which turned into girls and mums versus boys and dads. The boys won the rounders and the girls (with some suspiciously looking like men!) won the tug-of-war. Trophy's were later presented to Jennifer O'Rourke (7) and Charlie Tibbs (3). Refreshments were provided by the Cross Keys with a bar and burger stand.



Following the afternoon's exertions everyone retired to The Cross Keys for the Children's Tea Party and a fun Dog Show which included categories such as 'waggiest tail' and 'best rescue dog'. The fun and entertainment continued into the evening with a disco and karaoke for all ages.

Thanks go to Jan Cresswell, Louise Rourke and Francesca Ceresa for organising the day, Bernie Cresswell for compering the afternoon's fun and games and the The Cross Keys for providing the food and entertainment. A special thanks go to Redgrave Parish Council for funding the day's fun.

#### More School pictures

Below are some pupils on the new woodland trail and to the right is the school choir performing at their Jubilee Concert.



## School Snippets



The 3 Peaks Challenge. This was an amazing achievement! Six brave dads all returned safely after their adventures up and down the mountains. We are very grateful to all who have supported this venture; our families and friends in the local villages who have donated so generously to the School Grounds Project, the Co-op for helping them raise another £400 and Ross Hepburn, our sports coach who donated £150 from his half term sports activity day! The 3 Peaks Fund has reached an awesome £4,886.18! That covers almost half the amount we need for Phase 2 of our project – the new adventure play area. Phase 1 – a woodland trail, has already been completed – funded by the school. The Friends of the School have also been most generous and will be making their own contribution after the Summer Fayre which took place in June.

**Jubilee celebrations** The choir, brass band, guitarists, pianists and other instrumentalists performed brilliantly, on two evenings, to enthusiastic audiences. The two Year 6 comperes complimented everyone for their smart attire - even the teachers who "scrubbed up for the occasion!" The children had produced some excellent research on the Royal Family during the week which was displayed in the atrium. The hall was decorated with bunting, flags and floral table decorations. On Friday June 1st everyone (staff included) turned up in red, white and blue. We held a giant, whole school picnic on the field followed by an afternoon of fun activities such as rounders, frame making, parachute games and playground painting.



End of term events As you will know, the nursery will be closing this summer and we will be saying farewell to Ann Baker, who has taught these children for many years, ensuring they had the very best possible transition into school and were able to join the older children for many activities. Already, we have met with the Pre-School to make sure that we continue to give our new children the best possible introduction to St Botolph's School. We are all looking forward to working closely with each other.

As usual this time of year is action packed. For instance, the Maths Challenge, Pirate Day, Summer Fayre, Olympic sports events and tournaments, Year 5/6 production - What a Knight, outings to Walberswick, Punch and Judy Show, Police Traffic Incident, Year 2s to the Redgrave and Lopham Fen, Year 4s to Knettishall Heath, Year 5 Handball, Rugby tournament, athletics and Cross Country.

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who have worked so hard and taken on many responsibilities this year such as House Captains, Buddies to new children in the Reception class and FAB leaders at lunchtime. They have grown in confidence and deserve to feel very proud of their achievements.

So now we are looking forward to welcoming our new intake for 2012-2013.

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#### **Botesdale Royal British Legion** Women's Section

The May meeting took place at Farnish House. Fifteen members and one husband attending. The meeting was opened by the Vice chairman, Irene Chandler. Routine business then took

place. The speaker for the meeting was the Branch Secretary/ Treasurer, Brenda Pask, who spoke on the National Conference at Llandudno which she had attended as branch delegate. This talk was most informative and enjoyable. The meeting concluded with a raffle.

Margaret Brown

#### The Heritage Circle

Patrick Taylor came to the May meeting to talk about Tollhouses in Suffolk. This was of particular interest as there in a lovely example t in neighbouring Botesdale which some members will pass frequently. An original board listing the toll charges for this building was kindly brought to the meeting by its present owners.



Speaking about the transport of goods in the early days by barge and by horse and cart, Mr Taylor said it was in 1552 that road tolls were first introduced. He then spoke of the many buildings claimed to be tollhouses but are not, some were the lodges of big houses which no longer exist, some are follies. Many could not be tollhouses as they are not on toll roads. One way of recognising a tollhouse is the arrangement of the windows which enabled the road to be viewed in both directions; often the toll house was the home of the man charged with collecting the tolls. Sicklesmere has the only two storey octagonal tollhouse in Suffolk. The arrival of the railway brought great changes and tolls were no longer enforced. Many tollhouses have been demolished or changed out of all recognition although some are now delightful homes.

The speaker at the next meeting on Wednesday 25th July at 7.30 pm will be Peter Booth-Smith, telling the History of Tea. Everyone is very welcome.

More information from the Secretary 01379 898561.



#### FORGET-ME-NOT-CLUB

On 30th May 22 members enjoyed an afternoon at Farnish House with a quiz about our Queen which was won by Neta Sharp. Our competition for the letter 'O' was also



won by Neta with a bottle of 'Optrese' eye drops. We then had a raffle and tea and biscuits.

On 13th June we had a Jubilee Tea which had been arranged by our President, Helena Sharpe, but after all her organisation she was unable to attend as she is in hospital. We had wonderful food, a fantastic cake and played games etc. Helena was greatly missed but our thoughts were with her. Come home again soon, Helena.

We are now looking forward to our outing to Great Yarmouth on 19th June. Let's hope it stops raining!!

A cannibal caught a missionary in the jungle. He said to him, 'What's the best way to eat you? Boiled or roasted?'

The missionary said, 'To tell you the truth, I'm a friar.'

#### **Botesdale After School Club**

Taken from their Report given to Botesdale Village Hall Management Committee's Annual General Meeting



Botesdale After School Club has six members of staff: three members have a Level 3 qualification,

1 has a Level 2 and one is currently registering with West Suffolk College to start a Level 2 qualification.

Botesdale Breakfast and After School Club provide before and after school care for St Botolphs Primary School, Wortham Primary School and Mellis Primary School and we also offer a drop-off and collection service to Wortham and Mellis schools.

Our numbers are extremely high at present with approximately 65 children attending the Breakfast Club each week and approximately 90 children attending the After School Club each week.

We have recently become a registered charity and we have also joined Young Suffolk to enable us to gain the Young Suffolk Quality Standards

On behalf of the committee and staff Bridget and I would like to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for their support during the last year.



What's that expression? You win some, you lose some ... well we lost quite a few of our regular customers this month - apparently there was competition from a couple of coach trips out. If you were one of those who went out, then I trust you had a good time! It was, however, good to see a few new faces and I hope that they enjoyed what was on offer.

For those of you who do read my notes, or indeed my posters, you will know that we were supporting Laura Robson, who will be one of a number of young Games Markers at the Olympic Games this summer - this is a brilliant opportunity for them, but they do have to pay their own travel expenses. To that end, our generous supporters donated some £120 this month for that cause. I do hope that the youngsters who are going will enjoy their experience.

Next month we will be supporting two charities - Talitha Koum, who runs a women's refuge in Suffolk and also MAGPAS, which organise the air ambulance service that flies not only during the day, but also overnight should the need arise. In August we will be supporting research into Muscular Dystrophy. To find out more, come along and read the blurb!

For any questions about the Coffee Shop or anything else that happens at Parkview, please call me on 01379 890423. Sue Allen

#### Redgrave/Rickinghall Ringers

We celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee by ringing a quarter peal at Redgrave Church on Saturday 2nd June. This was conducted by Betty Baines, and we rang Bob Doubles in 43 minutes. Betty said it was the best struck guarter of the week! Huge praise as Betty is an extremely experienced ringer and tutor - we must, at last, be improving! All successful peals and quarter peals around the country have been recorded and a list will be sent to the Queen. More peals were rung by members of the band at other churches and were all successfully completed.



We have all had a very busy month and this was especially true over the Jubilee week end when we all rang for extra Sunday services as well as weddings.

The Tower Correspondent

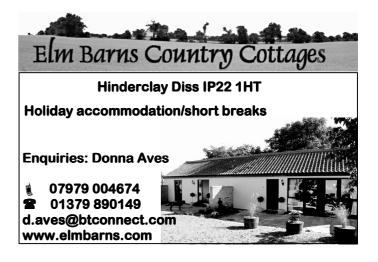


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#### **Botesdale Annual Parish Meeting**

The APM was held on Monday 21st May 2012 at Botesdale Village Hall. The Chairman of the Parish Council, William Sargeant, welcomed villagers and visitors. Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Appleby, Baxter, Burgess and Lambert. The meeting commenced with two presentations.

The first talk was by Rowena Langston, VC of the Little Ouse Headwaters Project, who gave an illustrated talk reviewing the history of the organisation from 2002, the work carried out, work in progress and future plans. The readers of this parish magazine are kept fully informed of the work of the oroject as its newsletters are delivered with the magazine.

The second talk was by Sue Emerson on the Hedgerow Survey for Botesdale. The idea behind the hedgerow surveys came from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and relates to action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organisations of the UN, governments and major groups in every area in which humans directly affect the environment. The Botesdale project began last Spring to the end of Autumn and thanks must go to local landowners who were very supportive. One hundred and thirteen landscaped hedgerows were inspected. Sue took us through the three types of hedgerow they were inspecting based on the number of plant types found, from up to four varieties which is the lowest count to eight or more when a hedgerow could be regarded as species rich. In the whole of Botesdale, out of 113 hedgerows, only one was a low species count, 79 were species rich, and the rest range from 14 plant types to 18 plant types. There were seven veteran hedgerows. Species found included a London Plane Tree and Sea Buckthorn. Sue finished by saying that the people of Botesdale can be very proud of their hedgerows—enjoy them!

Then followed approval of the 2011 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes and the Parish Council Annual Report by Cllr Sargeant, his fourth as Chairman which was followed by the Parish Clerk's report on the Council's finances. Charles Michell, our County Councillor, then gave his final report as he will be retiring after fifteen years at the next County Council elections in May 2013. He was delighted that his Locality Budget had been used to help support the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in our villages. Then followed reports by our District Councillor, Sara Michell, Ann Catlin, Chairman of Botesdale Village Hall Management Committee and Dr Cordeaux for the Fairstead Charity who advised that Tim Holt-Wilson as the new Lord of the Manor following the death of his father, Peter, is now a Trustee along with our Rector, and the four remaining trustees are appointed by Botesdale Parish Council. Other reports were on display.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm followed by superb refreshments.

Fuller reports from the Meeting will be in the forthcoming Botesdale Bugle.

Staff Reporter

#### Parish Council Report from 11 June 2012

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Appleby, Baxter and Burgess.

The June meeting ended up with a bit of a theme – waste and how to deal with it!

**Energy from Waste:** County Councillor Charles Michell and District Councillor Sara Michell were also present at the meeting. It was reported that construction has begun on the new non-recyclable waste incinerator at Great Blakenham, with the opening planned for December 2014. Suffolk County Council and SITA UK have won one of local government's most prestigious awards for the project, the Local Government Chronicle award, as the best example in the country of a council and a business working together for the benefit of residents. It is expected that during the 25 year life of the contract between the partners, switching to energy from waste will be at least £350 million cheaper than continuing to landfill.

Textile Recycling: Another waste recycling scheme is coming on board very soon in Suffolk. Recent analysis of rubbish bins in Suffolk revealed around 7,000 tonnes of clothing and textiles end up in landfill every year. This costs taxpayers more than £600,000 in disposal fees. From July 2012, all Suffolk residents will be able to recycle their old clothes and other textiles by placing them in a specially designed textiles recycling bag provided by the Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP). Councillors expressed concern that this would take income away from charities and textile bins such as the one which benefits Rickinghall Village Hall. The Michells were quick to explain that the SWP recognises and supports the work undertaken by charity organisations to reuse and recycle unwanted clothes and textiles. Residents are strongly urged to continue to donate to charity shops or their local textile banks where they would normally do so and this scheme is aimed at the 7,000 tonnes that would otherwise be sent via your black bin to landfills. All residents will receive an information pack with the bags specifying what is eligible for the scheme.

**Drains and Street Cleaning:** The recent high levels of rain have highlighted the ongoing problem of rubbish in the gutters and clogging up drains. The District Council sweeps the villages on a regular schedule but this can be less than successful due to the number of parked cars blocking access to the gutters. The PC has spoken to the District Council about notifying residents prior to the sweep and we will be putting a flyer through each door on The Street asking you to please move your car to a side road, etc on the day of the sweep. This should take place sometime in early July subject to the weather. Please help make this a success!!

**Planning:** There were no planning applications but it was noted that an extension at 22 Coronation Row was granted permission.

The Botesdale Bugle: This will be printed soon and you should receive a copy through your door in early July. Take note of the amazing cover this year!

#### Take Pride in Botesdale

Why not help make Botesdale a better place by keeping the land around your home clean, tidy and litter free? If you are a dog walker, be sure to pick up after your dog. Try taking a bag along on your walks and collect a bit of rubbish as you go.

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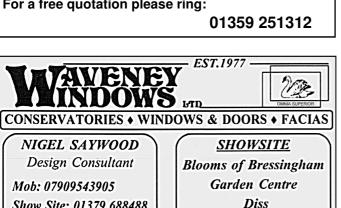
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## MINUTES OF THE REDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 13 June 2012

There was a full house of 9 councillors for the June meeting of the Parish Council together with the County and District councillors and 3 members of the public.

Charles Michell, the County Councillor, spoke about the Redgrave Church Bells. There is an application in concerning the re-hanging of the bells and Charles had been looking into the legal side of the problems that were caused by English Heritage objecting to the application. He stressed that English Heritage is only interested in the conservation of the fabric of the building and has limited powers. In a listed building like the church if the district council is minded to grant planning permission they must notify the Secretary of State who will then examine the decision and decide whether to look further into it or just rubber stamp it. If there is an objection lodged it is then necessary to get an impartial outsider with a knowledge of these matters to make a report to contradict English Heritage and this will be listened to by the Sec of State.

Sara Michell, the District Councillor, hoped that everyone had enjoyed a good Jubilee celebration. The Redgrave celebration had been held on Monday 4 June missing the rain but still very cold. She reported that there is a new bag being sent out by the District Council for any old clean textiles which can then be left out for collection. Clean clothing, shoes, hats, handbags, bedding and soft toys etc will all be collected but not oily rags or carpets etc. This collection is aimed at items that aren't good enough for Charity shops and would otherwise go into the land fill sites. The textiles will be sorted and recycled.

A report had been received from the PCSO stating that there has been an increase in the theft of outdoor items, statues and power tools locally so care should be taken during the warmer weather.

There were no objections to an application for an extension to Moneypot Farm.

Certain councillors thought that the person now cutting the grass on the Knoll is not working to the standard set by his predecessor but it was agreed that the PC would continue with him for the foreseeable future.

The accounts have been audited internally by Julian van Beveren and made available to the public and will now be sent off to BDO. The Council's Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2012 was signed as necessary by the Chairman and the RFO.

Work has started on the site of the affordable housing scheme and people interested in joining the housing list should contact either Isobel Wright of the Hastoe Group on 01799 533175 or Mid Suffolk District Council, Housing Department.

Cllr Jackie Moss reported on the progress of the SpeedWatch scheme and brought the speed monitoring device to the meeting for everyone to see. On Monday  $2^{\rm nd}$  July there will be a further meeting in the village to launch the SpeedWatch campaign, so look out for many people in Hi Vis jackets eager to catch the first culprit! Cllr Ian Baird asked if any new developments in the village should have their power cables laid underground so as not to interfere with the operation of the speed gun.

There then followed a discussion on the pros and cons of employing a paid clerk. Ian Baird said there was always a clerk before, but the last one who was employed had caused problems. Some people thought that it might be better to have an independent clerk who would take a load off the shoulders of the people who are doing the job at the moment. It was noted that there was an allowance every year made in the precept in case it became necessary to employ a clerk during the year and certain people thought that this shouldn't be done year after year. The discussion moved to the ownership of the playing field which is presently rented, Cllr Jim McCluskey said he joined the PC to help save money towards the purchase of the field and the current arrangement helps to save money to that end if there is a surplus left in the account at the end of the year. A motion was proposed by Ian Baird that a clerk be employed and this was seconded by Cllr Ann Preston, the vote was 3 in favour and 5 against with 1 abstention which was the end of the matter.

## The Parish Council Meeting next meets on WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY At 7.30 pm at Redgrave Activities Centre

All Parishioners cordially invited to attend www.redgrave.org.uk

Note: there is a textile and shoe recycling bank at Rickinghall Village Hall which benefits by £25 a ton from deposits.

## CLUB News 2

#### The Redgrave Charities

Taken from their report given at Redgrave Annual Parish Meeting in May. Redgrave Charity for the Needy owns Redgrave Fen, which it leases to Suffolk Wildlife Trust until 2027, the Widows Pightle on Bier Lane, and Steeple Meadow below St Mary's Church. The rental and income from the first two is distributed as grants to any low income person or family in Redgrave who is experiencing financial problems. These grants are small, being on average £100 to £150. The Income from the Mary Foster Charity which is Steeple Meadow is used for small grants to pupils of St Botolphs and those who go on to Hartismere. Mary Foster was the wife of a rector at St Mary's in the 1600s and her ledger stone can be seen in the floor of the chancel. It is therefore most appropriate that Steeple Meadow is used by St Mary's and the meadow rental helps young people. The charity has five trustees but the point of contact is its correspondent: Bob Hayward on 898726.

#### **Redgrave Neighbourhood Watch**

Taken from the report given at Redgrave Annual Parish Meeting in May. Neighbourhood Watch meetings for residents were held on 27th April and 19 October 2011. PCSO Nic Kegge of our Safer Neighbourhood Team came by invitation to give an update on police matters and to answer questions. Theft of heating oil, scrap metal and catalytic converters were among the crimes discussed.

Crimes and incidents recorded in the log book since the last Annual parish Meeting in 2010 were a burglary from a portacabin in April, a statue stolen from a front garden in May, the cricket pitch roller vandalised on the playing field in July, a man calling at addresses in Redgrave after scrap metal in August and a new metal fence stolen in September.



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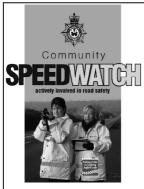
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#### New Community Speedwatch Venture for Redgrave

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In conjunction with the Police, the parish council has instituted a Community Speedwatch project. The objective is to reduce the number of

vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit through our village. A team of police-trained volunteer residents will record the speed of vehicles passing designated points in the village, at different times, on a rotational basis. Warning signs will be clearly displayed, the team will wear high visibility clothing for safety and so as to be immediately recognisable, and will follow police rules and guidelines. Vehicles exceeding the limit will be reported back to the Police. The team will not initiate any interaction with drivers, journeys will not be interrupted, and the reporting will follow a strictly anonymous standard format. The only function of the Community Speedwatch Team is to *record* and *report*, and by their presence encourage speed reduction.

We have a core team but would warmly welcome anyone who wishes to apply to join us. We shall be launching the scheme officially early in July, having now acquired our equipment and undergone the requisite Police training.

If you are interested, please contact team members Brenda Prosser on 898 975, Jackie Moss on 897130 or John Preston on 890974.

#### Rickinghall Farmers Market

The Jubilee Hamper Draw at the Farmers Market held on Saturday 9 June was won by Mrs Sandra Butcher of Botesdale. Items for the Hamper were provided by the stallholders.

My mind not only wanders - it sometimes leaves me completely.

#### **Botesdale Village Hall**

Report by the Chairman of Botesdale Village Hall Management Committee for 2011 presented to Botesdale Annual Parish Meeting in May 2012.

Once again I am pleased to report another busy year for our Village Hall. Bookings include children's parties, adult celebrations and fundraising activities. One new activity, namely ballroom dancing, takes place on Friday nights. This class commenced nearly a year ago. Teresa Marsh organises the class and details are available from Mrs Anita Burnard, our Booking Secretary.

Church Activities: there has been more usage by the Church for youth activities on Sundays, which I am pleased to report.

Botesdale and Rickinghall Pre-School : this group is doing well and has increased its usage of the village hall.

Botesdale After School Club: this club is also doing well.

WARTS Drama Group: this group has now recruited several new young talented people. They performed "Our Country's Good" last summer to packed audiences. They also performed "The Tempest" in St Mary's Church Redgrave in November. They will be putting on performing "Duets" on 19th ,20th and 21st July so watch out for posters.

Beech Tree in the car park : as the beech tree had died we were advised by Alice Martin from Mid Suffolk District Council to have this felled. This work cost £700 and I would like to express our grateful thanks to the Fairstead Charity which gave the sum of £350 towards the project. We will be planting a new oak tree which is in a container at present until conditions are suitable for planting.

New Handyman/Gardener: our new handyman/gardener, Mr Michael Ready, commenced his duties in April 2011. To date he has redecorated the entrance hall, toilets and part of the main hall.

Lead flashing on exterior of the village hall: the lead flashing stolen during the winter has been replaced by felt flashing with a silver coat surface. Smart Water Protection has been applied to the remaining lead. Most of the costs involved have been reclaimed from our insurers.

Annual Craft Fair—October 22nd 2011: this fundraising event raised slightly more than 2010—a total of £490.13. Our Craft Fair this year will be held on 20th October 2012. Details from Ann Catlin, tel: 01379 898463.

Soap Box Derby—August 2011: this event also raised slightly more than last year—£259.76. Grateful thanks to Mrs Anita Burnard and Mr William Sargeant for manning the car parks at this event.

New clock: during the year we have purchased a new clock for the Meeting Room at a cost of £21.95.

The Management Team work hard to ensure our village hall is maintained to a high standard and I would like to express my sincere thanks to them for their dedication to their various duties. Please use it!!!

#### **Jubilee Celebration on Monday 4 June**

The following were left behind after the festivities:

One child's jacket

A handbag.

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#### Meeting held on 7th June, 2012

The meeting was attended by all parish councillors except Cllrs Longley and Jenner. Cllr Sally Smith declared an interest in the planning item Meadowcroft, Maypole Meadow, and left the room during the PC's discussions.

**Public Forum:** Several people attended to voice their objections to the new application for the remaining plot of land at the entrance to Maypole Meadow, and it was hoped that there would be another site meeting with the District Council Planning Committee. District Cllr Sara Michell joined the meeting mainly to compliment us on the Jubilee Celebration and also to inform us of a new initiative to encourage people to recycle clothing and other fabrics

#### **Correspondence:**

Letters of thanks had been received from Rickinghall PCC, Rickinghall Day Centre, and Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch for donations that had been made from the Parish Grant fund.

There would be a trial of a new re-cycling system for material and clothing. The Parish Councillors voted in favour of small changes that are being imposed in the Code of Conduct with very little notice from Government and a deadline of 1st July. In response to an enquiry about the differences in the lighting along The Street, it was explained that, at the time of the construction of the bypass, £300,000 was allocated to improve the two villages. It had been decided to put the cabling underground but not enough funding was available to do the entire high street. It was considered too costly at around £100 per linear foot to extend the undergrounding.

Big Lottery Fund East of England Village SOS(VSOS): This is a fantastic opportunity for people to regenerate their villages with inspiring business ideas that will bring people together to face their challenges, using awards of between £10,000 and £50,000. Before applying you need to register on the VSOS website, http://www.villagesos.org.uk where you will find tools, resources and ideas and you can use the online postcode checker to check eligibility. You can also call the advice line 0845 434 9123.

vInspired, the Volunteering Charity, is inviting new applications for its cash grant scheme. This offers up to £500 to young people, individuals or groups, aged 14-25, who have developed and wish to run a project that will improve the life of their local community.

Your Clerk is: Mrs Leeann Jackson-Eve Wayside Cottage, Cherry Tree Lane Botesdale, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 1DL Tel: 01379 890 141

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Please contact DURING OFFICE HOURS ONLY

There are no closing dates but grants will be awarded until the money runs out.

http://vinspired.com/vcashpoint/opportunities/10066-vinspired-cashpoint/activities/157789-funding-for-your-project

Planning: The PC did not support the new application at Meadowcroft, Maypole Meadow, Ref: 1236/12. It was felt that the contemporary design of dwelling was a valid and reasonable solution to the constraints of the site but there are a number of issues, including proximity to and overlooking The Uplands, the well being of nearby trees, safe access to and from the site and passing places, and the noise of the air source heat pump, which need to be resolved before any planning application is capable of being granted. More details of the PC's submission can be found by searching on the application number on the planning pages of Mid Suffolk District Council's website, www.midsuffolk.gov.uk.

**Highways Issues:** Cllr Dowdle expressed her continuing concern about the exit from the Co-op: visibility to the right is obscured by parked vehicles as the double yellow lines were not painted for the correct distance. Putting this right costs money that is not available at District level, but if it were forthcoming from another source, the job could be done. The general feeling was that this bad exit is providing an 'accident waiting to happen'.

**Litter Pick:** In view of the poor response from residents to the litter pick in April, a second one is planned for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

The Queen's Jubilee Celebration, 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall: Two written reports had been prepared (for the village magazine and for local press). Letters would be sent to the people who helped to make it happen and there would be a debriefing meeting so that notes could be kept on file for future events. There were about 200 medallions still to be given to those school children who did not attend. There were still some mugs for sale and it was hoped to create a booklet of the memories of the Queen's Coronation recorded from older people.

Vacancy on Parish Council: The PC received Cllr Maria Dowdle's resignation with regret. There is now a vacancy on the Council so please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

The Parish Council next meets at Rickinghall Village Hall at 7.30 pm on :

#### THURSDAY 5TH JULY

All Parishioners welcome rickinghall.suffolk.gov.uk

#### Roderick and the Two Bears

Roderick is rambling in the woods one day when a bear chases him up a really tall tree. The bear starts to climb the tree, so Roderick climbs up higher. Then, the bear climbs down and goes away.

Then Roderick starts to climb down the tree. Suddenly, the bear returns, and this time he's brought an even bigger bear with him. The two bears climb up the tree, the bigger bear going higher than the first. Rod climbs even higher still, so that the bears can't reach him. Eventually, the bears go away.

Naturally quite relieved, Roderick starts down the tree again. Suddenly, the two bears return, this time Rod knows he is in big trouble, as each bear is carrying a beaver.



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Thur	11.30 – 1.30	4.30	-	10.00pm
Wed	Closed in morning	4.30	-	8.00pm
Tues	11.30 – 1.30	4.30	-	8.00pm

Sunday 1 July	10.00 am	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church, Redgrave
Monday 2 July	2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Needlecraft Slimming World	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Tuesday 3 July	9.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Open House Pregnancy Yoga. Subject to numbers and booking essential on 01379 890955	Rickinghall Village Hall All Saints, Redgrave Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday 4 July	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 2.00 pm	Macmillan Nurses Outreach Service	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Botesdale Health Centre Activities Centre
Thursday 5 July	9.30 am 7.30 pm	RABBATS Rickinghall Parish Council Meeting	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday 6 July	9.00 am 7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Prize Bingo Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 7 July	9.15 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 2.30 pm	Rickinghall Ramblers. 01379 897251 Freshwater Invertebrates. Booking essential on 01473 890089. Open Churches: St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior, Chapel of Ease Strawberry & Cream Tea Garden Party	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Fen Maypole Lodge, Rickinghall
Sunday 8 July			
Monday 9 July	2.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Needlecraft Slimming World Botesdale Parish Council Meeting	Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Tuesday 10 July	7.15 pm	Coffee on the Corner Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Pregnancy Yoga. Subject to numbers and booking essential on 01379 890955 Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics	Parkview Chapel Rickinghall Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickinghall Village Hall
Wednesday 11 July	10.00 am 2.00 pm 2.15 pm	Day Centre Redgrave Art Club Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Forget-me-not Club Redgrave Parish Council Meeting	Rickinghall Village Hall Activities Centre Activities Centre Farnish House Activities Centre
Thursday 12 July	10.00 am 12.30 pm	RABBATS RBL Women's Section Coffee Morning Phoenix Luncheon Club Rickinghall W I	Rickinghall Village Hall Farnish House Activities Centre Rickinghall Village Hall
Friday 13 July		LATEST COPY DATE FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Flowers of the Fen. Booking essential on 01722 342730. War Time & Music Hall Olde Thyme Songs Dance Classes	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Fen All Saints Church, Redgrave Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 14 July	9.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale Open Churches : St Marys Rickinghall Inferior & Chapel of Ease Wildlife Watch Group	Rickinghall Village Hall Redgrave Fen
Sunday 15 July			

I doubt there's any marriage where the partners don't quarrel once in a while.

When Roger's daughter was a teenager, she greeted him one morning with, 'I understand you and Mum had some words last night.'

Roger replied, 'Well, I had some all ready, but never got a chance to use them.'