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MAY 2013

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**Rev'd Chris Norburn**  
**Rector of Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls**

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**St Mary's Rickinghall Inferior has a web site**

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**Rev**

A father took his little boy to a pet shop to pick out a puppy for his birthday present. For half an hour he looked at the assortment available. "Decided which one you want?" asked his Daddy. "Yes," the little fellow replied, pointing to one which was enthusiastically wagging his tail. "I want the one with the happy ending." For all the tears of sorrow, disappointment, and tragedy of Lent Easter is a Happy Ending to this season. Christ's glorious resurrection has turned them into tears of joy. Tears on Easter? Yes, tears of a happy ending to sorrow, death, and tragedy.

You see the resurrection of our Lord Jesus should never fail to move us to the deepest sense of awe and adoration. The empty tomb of Jesus is a great and glorious fact, not simply because of His absence, but also because of a new presence. The astounding truth of the resurrection is that it is a reality which changes the whole created order, both at a personal level and a wider level because the risen Christ is the one who makes all things new (Rev 21:5) and He is also the one who makes me new.

In his resurrection from the dead there is the glorious 'yes' of the fulfilment of the promises and purposes of God. It also paves the way for the fulfilment of that which is to come. Through repentance and faith we share in Christ's risen life and at its heart our calling is to simply say the 'Amen', and glorify the God who has triumphed over sin and death.

The Church exists as a mission movement to celebrate this great 'yes' to the glory of God. It is because of this 'yes' that we who say the 'Amen' are bound also to have to say 'no' to ungodly innovations both in the world and in the Church which substitute human effort and speculation for divine grace and revealed truth. It is a profound contradiction to say this 'Amen' and then go on, as some do, to deny the real physical resurrection of Jesus. When we have to say 'no', it is for the sake of the 'Amen'; there can be no more positive a movement than one which gives an unqualified 'Amen' to the fulfilment of all God promises in Jesus Christ.

As the Church of Jesus Christ we are focused on seeing that work of new creation which God achieved by the death and resurrection of Jesus become a living reality across the world. Indeed from my short time in Malawi a couple of years ago the reality of Jesus Christ across the world is that He is alive! So the proclamation of the gospel is a declaration that sin and death have indeed been defeated. The resurrection is not simply a display of superior spiritual power, but the vindication of God's justice, that through the death of Christ, the guilty are forgiven and thus acquitted, and those alienated through sin are now reconciled by God himself, and will be welcomed into heaven on the day of resurrection.

But for the resurrection of Jesus Christ to become a personal reality, believers in Jesus need to be born again of the Spirit. Jesus taught this to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who came to Jesus at night and

asked Him "How can a man be born when he is old?" (John 3:1-21) Why is the Spirit so essential to all believers?

The Spirit is both the power of God and the essence of God. The Spirit is the power which upholds the universe itself. The Spirit is that which was poured out upon the first believers in Christ on the day of Pentecost, and which has ever since come to dwell within each one of us who confess that Jesus Christ is our personal Lord and Saviour. In all our prayers for new believers we pray that the Holy Spirit will live in and with them. And in all our thoughts about God we understand the Spirit of God to be that which is effective, for the Spirit leads, it teaches, it convicts us of our sin and communicates the forgiveness of God. It gives us dreams and visions and helps us to understand them. The Spirit also comforts, sustains, inspires, strengthens, and renews us; and in the end it draws us closer to each other, and to Jesus Christ our brother and to God our Father.

So it is the Spirit that makes our faith come alive, it is the Spirit that sets us free and it is the Spirit that does the work of salvation in our daily lives. As God is always present so the Spirit is all around us, and within us. That is what the day of Pentecost means, a day Christians celebrate fifty days after Jesus first rose from the dead. It is in many ways the birthday of the Christian Church, a time of celebration when we remember the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus Christ, giving them the amazing ability to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of the world and of us as individuals (Acts 2). The local churches will be celebrating Pentecost with a United Service at Botesdale Village Hall on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (see back page for further details).

The wonderful thing about the story of Pentecost is that it reminds us that the unity and the understanding that we need so much in proclaiming the gospel message has come to us and will remain with us, as it did to the first disciples on that day in Jerusalem when they spoke with so much power and conviction.

Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the One God in three gives us all we need to do his work, thus enabling us to be moved in the way he wants us to be moved, ever closer to others and to him.

With every blessing for a warmer month!

*Chris Norburn.*

**St Mary's Redgrave**

A cleaning session will take place on Friday 3rd & 31st May from 9.00 to 11.00 am. All are welcome to join the happy group who dust, sweep, polish or even scrub. Coffee and eats are available. Please come along and give your support.



The Church will be open on  
Saturday 4th May  
from 10 am to 1 pm  
Refreshments will be served

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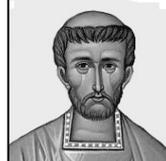


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Rickinghall Inferior**

The church will be open to visitors every Saturday from 6th April until the end of September 2013 from 10 am to 5 pm.



**The Chapel of Ease** will be open to visitors each Saturday from 4th May to the end of September from 10 am to 4 pm.

# May Events



**OPEN HOUSE at ALL SAINTS**  
**OPEN HOUSE AT**  
**ALL SAINTS, REDGRAVE**  
*1st Tuesday of each month*

Tuesday 7th May  
 10.00 am to 12 noon

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**RICKINGHALL** at 7.30 pm

**THURSDAY 9th MAY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
 AND RESOLUTIONS MEETING**

**Refreshments**

**New members and guests always welcome**

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

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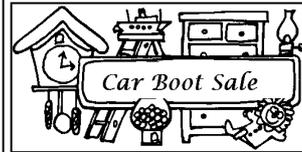
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**OR Google 'Redgrave Parish Magazine'**



**RICKINGHALL  
 FARMERS MARKET &  
 CAR BOOT SALE**

**Saturday 11th May  
 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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**WEDNESDAY 22nd**

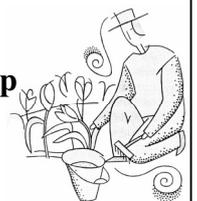
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**THE IMPACT OF THE BLACK DEATH  
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 With Richard Smith**

***New Members and Guests Welcome***

**Redgrave Garden Club**

**Saturday 18th May—Seedling Swap  
 Outside Fox Cottage (opposite the Pub)  
 (See article in Club News, Page 11)**



**Thursday 30th May  
 Visit to Howards Nursery, Wortham  
 Evening visit—time to be advised**

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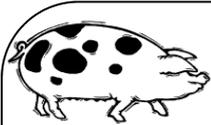
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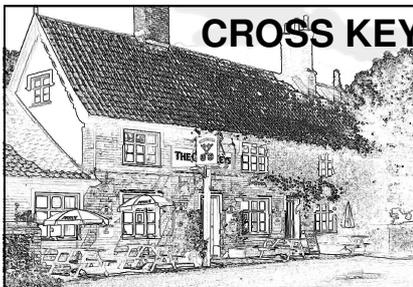
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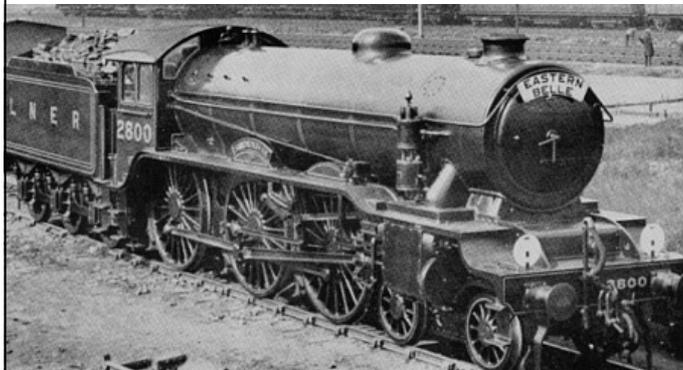
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#### Opening Hours

Mon – Fri 8:30 – 1:00pm  
3:30 – 6:00pm  
Sat 8:30 – 1:00pm  
Sun 9:00 – 11:00am

# More May Events

**RICKINGHALL  
MODEL RAILWAY SHOW**  
in conjunction with  
Diss & District Model Railway Society



**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL**  
10am – 4pm

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## **RICKINGHALL Antique & Collectors Fair**

**Bank Holiday Monday 6th May**  
**10.00am - 4.00pm**  
**Rickingham Village Hall**  
**Entry: £1.00**

**Silver ~ Bronze ~ Ceramics ~ Jewellery**  
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Further details: Liz Draper. Telephone: 01359 251804

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Rickingham Area Hospice Fundraisers

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Friends of St Boltolph's School

**SATURDAY  
18th MAY  
9 am to 1 pm**

The Friends of St Boltolph's are holding another garage sale in Botesdale and Rickingham. This is a great opportunity to have a clear out and raise some money for you and the School, or to support the event and pick up some bargains.

The School will be open in the morning of Saturday 18th May from 9 am to sell maps of where stalls can be found, and refreshments.

If you would like to have a stall (£5) please call 0771 4154040 or email [jandm@jandmbromley.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:jandm@jandmbromley.wanadoo.co.uk) by 12th May latest to register.

Alternatively, come along and buy a map on the morning of the 18th May. The Friends of St Boltolph's look forward to seeing you there!

**ZOE EDWARDS  
ANIMAL WELFARE OFFICER**

**will be giving a presentation on her amazing work on Saturday 25th May at 7.30 pm at All Saints Parish Church, Redgrave  
Doors open 7.00 pm.**

Tickets at £6 each (which includes light refreshments) are available from Redgrave Community Shop, Botesdale Post Office and Rickingham Newsagents or direct from Sheila Purdom on 01379 890297.



Any donations should be made to Mayhew Animal Home

Event in aid of Benefice funds



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**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**Botesdale Methodist Church**

**Friday 31st May, 2 to 5 pm  
Saturday 1st June, 10am to 5 pm  
Sunday 2nd June, 2.30 to 4 pm**

Refreshments will be available and the Festival will be brought to a close with a Celebratory Songs of Praise.

Everyone welcome. Entry is free but donations for the work of the Church will be welcome.

If you would like to take part, sponsor an arrangement in memory of a loved one or contribute in any way, please contact Sue Goodwin on 01379 890539.

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My sister, Paula, and her husband, Chris, had just finished tucking their young ones into bed one evening when they heard crying coming from the children's room. Rushing in, they found Tommy crying hysterically.

He had accidentally swallowed a 5p piece and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind. Trying to calm him, Chris palmed a 5p coin that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to remove it from Tommy's ear. Tommy, naturally, was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully - 'Do it again, Dad!'

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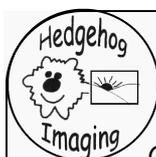
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## REDGRAVE & LOPHAM FEN

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Saturday 4th May  
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### Guided Walk

Enjoy a walk around this stunning National Nature Reserve with naturalist and enthusiast John Hill, who will help you spot some of the wildlife to be seen at this time.

Cost : £3. No booking necessary.

Sunday 12th May  
10 am to 4 pm

### Spring Birds at The Fen with Paul Holness

Adult course.

Learn to observe and identify birds by song and sight. For beginners/less experienced.

Cost : £20. £17 Concession

Booking essential on 01473 890089

Monday 13th May  
10 am to 1 pm

### Introduction to Water Voles

Join Penny Hemphill, the Trust's Water for Wildlife officer on this fascinating morning workshop. You will learn about the ecology of water voles, their status in Suffolk, simple surveying techniques and how to identify habitats. For beginners.

Cost : £15 adult. £12.50 Concession.

Booking essential on 01473 890089

Saturday 18th May  
10 am to 3 pm

### Botanical Illustration—all abilities

With Christine Grey-Wilson.

Come along to this relaxing and supportive workshop looking at a range of illustration techniques. The emphasis will be on botanical accuracy and seasonal plant material such as spring flowers and bulbs.

Cost : £20 adult

Booking essential on 01473 890089

Tuesday 28th May  
2—4 pm

### Pond Dipping Family Afternoon

Pond dipping fun for everyone. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost : £2.50 per person. Booking essential.

For more information on the events go to :

[www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves-and-visitor-centres/redgrave-lopham-fen/](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/reserves-and-visitor-centres/redgrave-lopham-fen/)

### WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP at Redgrave Fen

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Saturday 11th May

A club for 6-12 year olds. Nominal charge of £1.50 to cover costs and refreshments.

Tel : Mike Wraight on 01379 644 508 for further information.

## Redgrave & Rickinghall Ringers

We have all been very busy ringing for various services, peals and quarter peals. We also rang in the New Year at Redgrave and celebrated with Champagne and Mince Pies.

Two ringers have been on a ringing holiday to Shropshire. The bells varied from very odd struck to superb. One ringing chamber was accessed via steps up the inside of the tower and then outside onto the roof, with a magnificent view across the town. Then up some external steps, in though a very small doorway and down a very steep set of stairs to the ringing chamber!! One church had very long new bell ropes necessitating one ringer having to sit and another to kneel to be able to ring. As you can tell we all laughed a great deal on the holiday. We cannot wait for next year.

Two members of the band went on a training day to North Norfolk ringing 6 new methods. It was a struggle to keep up but thanks to the wonderful trainers, led by Betty Baines, we learnt a great deal. Next year we will do better!

Sadly Tony Baines who lived in Diss, died in February. He was a truly lovely man who gave freely of his time to advise and help with many bell projects in Norfolk and Suffolk, as well as being a ringer. He made many bell and guide frames and was to have helped with the Redgrave bell project. Many churches now have ringable bells again and his last project was the restoration of the Long Stratton ring. His lasting visible memory is his signature metal rope spider in the shape of a bell. Just look up when you next visit a church and you may see his handiwork. He will be very much missed by all his family and friends.

*The Tower Correspondent*



## BARWOODS

### Botesdale & Rickinghall Community Woodlands

Those of you who walk through Low Meadow, at the Bury St Edmunds end of Rickinghall, will have noticed that the

straggly hedge next to the house has been replaced by a new lapped wooden fence. The new residents there, John and Joyce Hatwell, say that this is to prevent dogs from running into their garden.

It's not the first time we have been told of dogs rampaging into gardens or chasing deer onto the road, a potentially dangerous situation. Some dog owners appear to treat the countryside as an unrestricted playground for their dogs, one of the main arguments that landowners put forward against footpaths in rural areas. Please keep control over your dogs and only let them off the lead if you are sure that they will come if you call them, no matter what temptations distract them. For people with less biddable animals there are obedience classes they could attend together.

For the benefit of wildlife in Low Meadow we do intend to replace the hedge and have already put in some holly bushes that were donated by Richard and Brenda Green of Botesdale.

A couple of trees were pollarded and tidied up in the meadow at the last work party, which numbered no more than three people this time! If anyone would like to join us, you would be welcome.

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# Club News 2



## Heritage Circle

The subject of the talk for March was the life of Flora Thompson, whose works were "Lark Rise to Candleford".

The writings were based on and described the people who lived and worked in the hamlet of Juniper Hill (alias Lark Rise) in Oxfordshire and our speaker, David Eddershaw, drew on the writer's experiences to explain in graphic detail what it was like to live a self-maintained, semi-isolated existence in Victorian times where the nearest school and shop was Candleford (Cottisford) that could only be reached by track. Many of the characters depicted in the book appeared in the BBC's programme of the same title but were in many ways unrecognisable and newer ones were added.

Our speaker on the 22nd May will be Richard Smith, whose talk is entitled 'Impact of the Black Death on Rickinghall, 1349-1500'.

New visitors are always welcome and for more information contact the secretary on 01379 890561. *Tony Bigley*



## The Royal British Legion Botesdale & District Branch

The Branch held its Annual Dinner at the Bowls Club on Wednesday 13 March. Thirty two members and guests attended a very entertaining evening and left well fed and watered.

It has been said here earlier that the bowls tournament had to be cancelled. However, one of the members is investigating so do watch this space. *John Canning*

## the WI RICKINGHALL

Another dark and cold night in March found us listening to a most interesting and informative talk by Mark Bryant of Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue (SULAR) which is a local charity. We were told that this organisation was set up in 1998 on the lines of the Mountain

Search and Rescue following liaison between Kevin Waterson and the Suffolk Police.

Their mission is to help people in need in emergency or in need of protection from themselves. There are 16 teams set up in the county and all members of the team are volunteers. Each team when called out in an emergency is entirely self-sufficient, and works from 4 to 6 hours before taking a break. All volunteers, after receiving 2 days basic training, are required to attend 8 out of the 24 organised training sessions in the year to remain fully operational.

SULAR members raise funds for this organisation by way of attending fetes, street collections, giving talks, applying for grants (if they are lucky) and sponsorship. We felt great admiration for the volunteers who give up their time for this little known, but valuable, organisation. *I G Robertson*



## Redgrave Garden Club

**SEEDLING SWAP**  
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## Coffee On



The Corner

As our regular readers and visitors will know, Coffee on the Corner is a coffee shop held at Parkview Chapel in Botesdale, normally on the second Tuesday of each and every month. The date changed to the third Tuesday in April because of electrical and other works that were taking place, which meant that the kitchen was not fully functioning for a few days.

For anyone who has not come along before and who is not sure what to expect, then just let me explain ...

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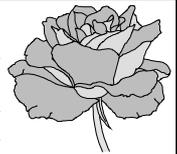
The next coffee shop will be on Tuesday 14th May and will run from 9am through to 12 noon. If you haven't been before - DO COME - you are assured of a warm welcome and some very nice refreshments! As well as the food and drink, we normally have a bric-a-brac stall, often including lots of books and jigsaws, Phoenix greetings cards & stationery stall and sometimes a Fairtrade stall selling all sorts of exciting items. The crèche will always be open and available to anyone coming along with small children.

For any enquiries about this, or anything else that happens at Parkview Chapel, do please give me a call.

*Sue Allen*  
01379 890423

## REDGRAVE & DISTRICT LADIES CLUB

The Club met on 9th April when Celia Simms, "A Diplomat's Wife", gave a witty account of her life married to a foreign diplomat in the Commonwealth Service. Celia and her husband travelled to South Africa shortly after getting married when she was only 21 and with a young baby in tow. Having tried to learn Afrikaans they realised they were not good at learning foreign languages and their postings were subsequently limited to English speaking countries. Australia followed, then back to South Africa and then Sierra Leone. Celia shared many anecdotes and brought along her scrap books, photographs and letters sent home to her mother.



The next meeting of Redgrave & District Ladies Group on Tuesday 11th June will be a visit to Linden House in Eye as part of the Suffolk "Invitation to View" scheme. Anyone interested in joining this trip should contact Kay on 01379 897324.

## Royal British Legion

### Women's Section



Although there was no February meeting, members kept in touch with a lunch at The Park Hotel, Diss. Seven members also attended the RBL, Botesdale & District Annual Reunion Dinner on 13th March.

At the March Branch meeting there was another poor attendance of only twelve members. Following routine business, a talk was given by Alan Brockbank, Chairman Welfare Support Group.

A successful Coffee Morning was held on 28th March despite, yet again, poor attendance.

Five members enjoyed the County Get-Together at Wickham market on Saturday 6th April. Events included stalls, bingo, raffle, entertainment, Fish & Chip lunch and a Cream Tea.

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# Botesdale Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 April was attended by seven Councillors with apologies from Councillor Claire Appleby, our Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve and County Councillor Charles Michell.

In the Public Forum, our District Councillor, Mrs Sara Michell, said that Charles will be presenting his last report as County Councillor for the Hartismere Division to Botesdale at their Annual Parish Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April as he will be retiring at the next election which will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. There are five candidates contesting the Hartismere Ward and their names can be found at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/>

Councillor Sara Michell reported that the company running the Brome Recycling Unit, Crispin Recycling Ltd, received the 'Greenest Newcomer' Award at the recent Creating the Greenest County Awards ceremony held at The Apex in Bury St Edmunds. She hoped residents would continue to use this valuable and friendly facility at Brome - 'Use It or Lose It'. The bi-annual Community Achievement Awards will take place later this year, so if there is anyone you feel should be nominated please let the Parish Clerk know or you can make a nomination direct - forms will be available in the summer.

**Planning** - there was no objection to the application to create a first floor over the existing bungalow and the creation of 3 dormer windows at Hideaway in Cherry Tree Lane. The application for the erection of agricultural buildings for the rearing of rare bred poultry and honey production on land on the eastern side of Common Road, Botesdale was for noting only as the application was received too late for the parish council to respond in time.

**Playing Field** - the new frame is up and consideration will now be given to replacing the safety surface. The Parish Council will now look at the play equipment and field as a whole and come up with a 'to do' list. Moles and rabbits are a problem which need to be dealt with! The Parish Council wishes to remind dog walkers that dogs are not allowed on the playing field.

**Public Rights of Way** - the right of way from Mill Road South to where it meets with Bridewell Lane is in a very poor state and the County Council is carrying out repair work and is considering putting in place a temporary prohibition order on vehicles along there to allow the lane to recover.

**Highway Issues** - SCC Highways has carried out works to the footway in The Street following the water leak. The Parish Council will contact Street Cleansing to clear the detritus which is still evident outside The Blue Orchid down to The Greyhound as a result of the leakage.

The potholes in the road from the bypass to the village entrance have

been filled in. The white line across Warren Lane has not yet happened and the Parish Council will chase.

**Grants to Local Organisations** - the following have been included in the 2013-2014 budget :

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| Royal British Legion     | £50                        |
| Neighbourhood Watch      | £30                        |
| Home Start               | £50 (support for families) |
| Botesdale VH Anniversary | £300                       |

**Annual Parish Meeting** - arrangements are well in hand for the Meeting to which all residents of Botesdale are invited. The Parish Council Chairman, William Sargeant, reported that a representative will be coming to the Meeting to talk on creating a Neighbourhood Plan : what is involved in its production, costs etc. The Localism Act 2011 introduced new powers for people to make neighbourhood plans, giving communities the power to set the priorities for local development.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting takes place on Monday 13 May when new officers are elected.

*Staff Reporter*

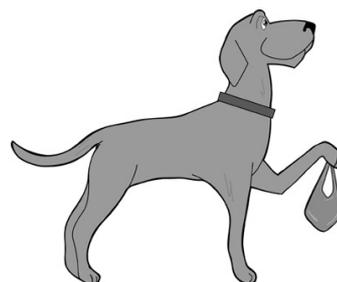
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# Redgrave Parish Council



Angie Robinson

The Chairman, Cllr Jason Walker, welcomed a full house of councillors to the April meeting of the Redgrave Parish Council which was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April after the Annual Parish Meeting.

There will be a report on some of the clubs and societies that contributed information and reports for the APM in later editions of this magazine but several people came to the meeting and enjoyed catching up with what is going on in our ever more busy village while enjoying tea, coffee and homemade baking courtesy of Mrs Rosemary Walker.

County Councillor, Charles Michell spoke for the last time at the meeting and said that although he had been in post for 16 years he felt the time was now right to go after a very memorable period as County Councillor. When he first took over the position it was all unpaid voluntary work and he voted against payments when it was first mooted and he feels that this move has made fewer people want to do the job in the long term. Although the job is now very professional he still treats it in the same spirit that he did 16 years ago and will be sad to stand down after the elections in May. He will still keep his connections with Redgrave and hopes to be able to continue to join in with our events. He gave his thanks to one and all and said 'Goodbye' for the time being. Chairman, Jason Walker, thanked him for all his work and his cheerful help at all times and wished him a long and happy retirement and presented him with a gift from the Parish Council.

District Councillor, Sara Michell, will still be here after the May elections as there are no District Council elections. She mentioned that the Household Recycling site in Eye has won an award as the Best Green Newcomer at Suffolk County Council. She also noted that the textile recycling scheme which was introduced in the summer has so far been a great success and over 400 tonnes have been recycled this way.

Our new PCSO taking over from Nick Kegge is Ben Oswick and he was welcomed to the meeting by Jason. He explained that there are now 3 PCSOs for this area and that he will be our main contact. There were no crimes in this area for the last period, but he issued a warning over the thefts of catalytic converters from cars and oil from domestic tanks locally. He will be trying to make contact with everyone over the next few weeks and introduce himself.

Reporting on the bells project, Cllr Bob Hayward said that the CCT regional manager met with Bob Hayward, Julian Van Beveren and Chris Davies but there is no real progress to report. The CCT Conservation Committee made an alternative suggestion to put 3 bells up the tower above the existing frame but Morton Structural Engineers said that it would pose a real potential risk of damage to the tower. The report is on the PC file. So we are back to our original proposal which has listed building consent. He mentioned

that only two people on the Conservation Committee have ever been near the church! The next stage is to appeal the Conservation Committee decision. Cllr Jim McCluskey expressed concern, as an engineer, for the safety of the frame as the bells are now rung more frequently. Replacement of the frame is a priority.

It was noted that planning permission for a new dwelling on land at Street Farmhouse has now been given following a site meeting by the Planning Committee. An application for changes to permission for an extension to the bungalow Tyrella, on Gallows Hill had been considered and the PC will comment on the access as raised by Cllr Ian Baird but have no other comments.

The next meeting of the Gressingham Factory Liaison Committee is on 17<sup>th</sup> May and Cllr Jim McCluskey will raise concerns about the damage to the kerbs at the crossroads. Jim also reported that he has informed people there about the number of empty Vodka bottles that were picked up from the roadsides near the factory during the recent litter pick, which is very worrying for a variety of reasons!

Speed monitoring progress – Wheelie bin 30mph stickers have been distributed around the village. PCSO Ben Oswick said that Rob Gardner who deals with statistics is now working on the figures on the Speed Checks and will inform the Speed Watch team shortly of the results. The white railings are drying still and will then be painted but the Highways Department needs to approve this first before they can be erected.

The possibility of a footpath from Gallows Hill to the Cross Roads was raised as it is quite dangerous to walk along there and there is no where to go to get away from the traffic. It was agreed to look into the possibility of getting this work done using money allocated for use within the village.

Cllr Jan Cresswell asked that thanks be passed on to all those who helped with the litter pick which was very successful and has once again left the village a lot better looking!

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Checking the menu, Nigel, a restaurant customer, ordered a bowl of soup. After a couple of spoonfuls, he saw a circle of wetness right under the bowl on the tablecloth. He called over to the waitress and said, 'It's all wet down here. The bowl must be cracked.'

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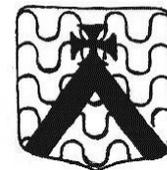
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# School Snippets



## "In Your Garden"

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Winter may be only just behind us, but May is the time to sow next winter's greens, plus French and runner beans, sweetcorn and salad crops for the summer. Later in the month Strawberry patches can be tidied ready for fruiting; lay straw or polythene down to keep the fruit clean. Hardy annuals and many herbs can be sown now as well, and it's a good time to sow grass seed providing the soil is reasonably moist.

Spring bulbs will be fading soon, but don't cut them down until they have gone brown, otherwise they won't gain the energy to produce flowers next year. Shrubs and roses can be given a feed such as Pelleted Poultry Manure, Growmore or fish blood, and bone.

As annual weeds pop up, use a hoe to chop them at ground level. Doing this little and often will save hand pulling later. Insect pests and fungal attacks often start in May but often don't get noticed until leaves start to suffer in June. So keep an eye out now and treat upon seeing any problems, and this will save on pesticide or fungicide use later on. Feeding, as mentioned above, will improve a plant's resistance to pests and disease.

Now is the time for making up hanging baskets; add water-retaining gel to your compost to reduce watering time during the summer, and try sitting your basket into a bucket when you are planting it up to keep it steady.

If you are reading this before Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, you may like to know that on this day, the Stanton Open Gardens event will be taking place in the afternoon.

*Happy Gardening !*



There is no Ask the Chef for May.

Questions for the June magazine should be sent to The Bell Inn by Friday 10 May.

The Spring term has been a busy one with lots going on. All of the children have been involved in the school science week, when science took centre stage on the school curriculum. It was great to see the children so engaged, excited and motivated. The children and staff had lots of fun and learnt a lot. Who knows, perhaps the next big science brain will belong to a child from St Botolph's who was inspired by creating his or her own erupting volcano! Science is such a vital and interesting subject and I was so impressed with the enquiring minds and creative ideas that were on show during science week.

Many of our children have also been involved in activities with our neighbouring primary schools or high school. Some of our Year 6 children attended events for gifted and talented children at Hartismere High School. St Botolph's children are also involved in numerous sporting events which are coordinated by the high school.

Before Easter some of our older children took part in the Quicksticks hockey tournament and the sports calendar for the children has been both eventful and rewarding for all involved.

During March St Botolph's welcomed all of the Year 1 children from the surrounding primary schools to share an afternoon of fun with a puppet show. The children had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see the different schools in one place and getting along so well.

The whole school has also been involved in the national Sing Up Day. Each class learnt their own song and then performed it in front of the rest of the school in an assembly where many parents were also in attendance. Music and the arts have a high profile at St Botolph's and we feel that it is vital that our children have a complete education with frequent and high quality opportunities to express themselves in a variety of ways. The core skills of reading, writing and maths are vital but we believe that the opportunities for children to experience a broad and creative curriculum are equally as important. I am always delighted by the effort and enjoyment I see when the children are involved in artistic, musical and physical activities.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March St Bots went Red All Over, with some crazy hair on top! The children really enjoyed dressing up for Comic Relief. A group of Year 6 pupils also organised and ran their own cake stall with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.

Our school term finished with our Easter assembly and once again parents and carers were invited into school to share our assembly. The spring term has been short but very busy, enjoyable and productive. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter.

*Mr M. Cobbold, Headteacher*

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| Botesdale   | : Village Hall    | 10.35 -10.50  |
| Botesdale   | : Farnish House   | 11.00 -11.10  |
| Rickinghall | : Rectory Hill    | 11.15 -11.25  |
| Rickinghall | : Hinderclay Road | 11.30 -11.45  |
| Rickinghall | : Village Hall    | 11.50 -12.30* |

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| Redgrave  | : The Knoll | 1.05 - 1.25  |

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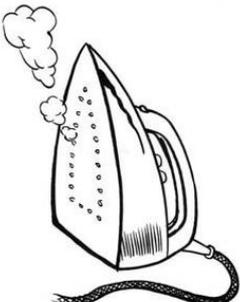
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# Rickingham Parish Council



Cllr Geoff Short

The April meeting was attended by Councillors Stephen Pattenden (Chairman), Sally Smith, Rosemary Jones, John Clarke, Nick Free and Geoff Short. Apologies were received from Cllrs Gillian Crossley Holland and Paul Jenner and County Councillor Charles Michell. Also our Clerk, Leeann Jackson-Eve had given her apologies as she was on a well earned holiday in America. The meeting was attended by three members of the public and District Councillor Sara Michell.

A member of the public had a query regarding parking, as vehicles frequently blocked his driveway. He wondered if a white line could be placed across it, and whilst this is believed to have no legal implications, we agreed to look into it further. A 'Keep Clear' sign is already in place, now getting a little shabby, but this seems to have little effect. We are already pursuing a similar line just along the road but there is a cost to establishing these lines – Botesdale PC has offered to pay for the line across the entrance to Warren Lane. The Highway Code mentions that you must not stop or park in front of an entrance to a property (Section 243) but then that applies to everybody else, doesn't it ....

The gentleman said also that recent pruning to bushes along footpath B1 had made a tremendous difference, and thanked the Council for a job well done.

Crimes reported via Neighbourhood Watch in the village for March amounted to two - a catalytic converter had been stolen from a 4x4 whilst it was parked, and damage had also been caused to a parked car when its wing mirror was kicked off by an individual passing by. Peter Beck also reported there was the possibility of the area around Church Meadows becoming a 'No Cold Calling Zone' which would deter door to door selling, and the next step would be to canvass residents in that area.

Councillor Sara Michell reported that the waste disposal facility at Eye had been awarded a Suffolk County Council award for the Greenest Newcomer, and the site was working very well with new staffing. Sara Michell also mentioned the Community Achievement Awards taking place later in the year, and asking for nominations in due course, so if you have anyone in mind worthy of a nomination you can do so direct to MSDC or via the Parish Council.

On the planning side, we discussed an application for a new house adjacent to Jubilee House in The Street (virtually opposite the hairdressers) and had no objection, but reservations about the sight lines for exit and the parking bay, which would be communicated in our response. We also had no objection to a new front door on Church Farm House (Listed Building Consent) and two applications for tree works.

We debated the grants for the coming year, and a list of these will be published shortly when we issue them next month. We also had a discussion re the bottle banks at Snape Hill, and the increasing problem of other items of rubbish being dumped there as well. We will monitor this and contact MSDC as appropriate. MSDC also has an arrangement with the Village Hall Committee which regularly inspects the area. Cllr Free also suggested that a rubbish bin would be a good idea. We will keep you informed, but of course even a bin has a cost element to take into account.

Our next meeting is on 8th May, which is a Wednesday rather than the usual Thursday, and also incorporates the Annual Parish Meeting when other village organisations report for the year. You are very welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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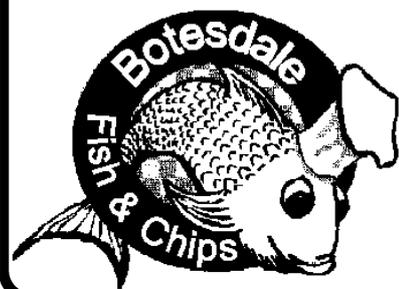
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| Sun  | Closed in morning | <b>5.00</b> | - | <b>8.00pm</b> |

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|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Wednesday 1st May  | 10.00 am<br>10.00 am<br>10.30 am                      | Day Centre<br>Redgrave Art Club<br>Macmillan Outreach Service  | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Activities Centre<br>Botesdale Health Centre   |
| Thursday 2nd May   | 10.00 am  | ELECTION DAY FOR NEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR<br>RABBATS—stroll and picnic  | Bot & Rick Village Halls<br>Thornham Walks   |
| Friday 3rd May     | 9.00 am<br>9.00 am<br>8.00 pm                         | Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955<br>Cleaning Session<br>Dance Classes   | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>St Mary's Redgrave<br>Botesdale Village Hall   |
| Saturday 4th May   | 10.00 am<br>10.00 am<br>10.30 am                      | Church Open<br>Rickinghall Model Railway Show<br>Guided Walk   | St Mary's Red, Rick & Bot<br>Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Redgrave Fen  |
| Sunday 5th May     | 6.00 pm   | Zumba  | Rickinghall Village Hall   |
| Monday 6th May     | 10.00 am<br>7.30 pm                                   | EARLY SPRING BANK HOLIDAY<br>Rickinghall Antique & Collectors Fair<br>Slimming World.  | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Rickinghall Village Hall   |
| Tuesday 7th May    | 9.30 am<br>10.00 am<br>6.00 pm<br>7.15 pm<br>7.30 pm  | Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955<br>Open House<br>Zumba<br>Yoga & Relaxation<br>Julie's Aerobics  | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>All Saints, Redgrave<br>Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Botesdale Village Hall<br>Rickinghall Village Hall |
| Wednesday 8th May  | 10.00 am<br>10.00 am<br>2.15 pm<br>7.00 pm<br>7.30 pm | Day Centre<br>Redgrave Art Club<br>Forget-me-not-Club<br>Rickinghall Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting<br>Redgrave Parish Council Meeting | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Activities Centre<br>Farnish House<br>Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Activities Centre                    |
| Thursday 9th May   | 9.30 am<br>10.30 am<br>12.30 pm<br>7.30 pm            | RABBATS<br>Coffee with Carol<br>Phoenix Luncheon Club<br>Rickinghall W I Annual General Meeting & Resolutions Meeting  | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Caradale, Rickinghall<br>Activities Centre<br>Rickinghall Village Hall                                 |
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| Saturday 11th May  | 9.00 am<br>10.00 am<br>10.00 am                       | Rickinghall Farmers Market & Car Boot Sale<br>Church Open<br>Wildlife Watch  | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>St Mary's Rick & Chapel of Ease<br>Redgrave Fen  |
| Sunday 12th May    | 10.00 am<br>6.00 pm                                   | Spring Birds at the Fen. Booking essential on 01473 890089<br>Zumba  | Redgrave Fen<br>Rickinghall Village Hall   |
| Monday 13th May    | 10.00 am<br>2.00 pm<br>7.30 pm<br>7.30 pm             | Introduction to Water Voles. Booking essential on 01473 890089<br>Needlecraft<br>Slimming World<br>Botesdale Annual Parish Council Meeting                       | Redgrave Fen<br>Activities Centre<br>Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Botesdale Village Hall  |
| Tuesday 14th May   | 9.00 am<br>9.30 am<br>6.00 pm<br>7.15 pm<br>7.30 pm   | Coffee on the Corner<br>Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955<br>Zumba<br>Yoga & Relaxation<br>Julie's Aerobics  | Parkview Chapel<br>Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Botesdale Village Hall<br>Rickinghall Village Hall      |
| Wednesday 15th May | 10.00 am<br>10.00 am<br>7.30 pm                       | Day Centre<br>Redgrave Art Club<br>Jesus Christ Superstar  | Rickinghall Village Hall<br>Activities Centre<br>St Mary's Church, Redgrave  |

**Woman Driver**

Magistrate: But if you saw the lady driving towards you, why didn't you give her half the road?

Motorist: I was going to, Your Honour, as soon as I could find out which half she wanted.