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Saturday 16 November	10.00 am	Church Open	St Marys, Rick Inferior
Sunday 17 November	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 18 November	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Suffolk Family Carers 'pop in' session Needlecraft Slimming World	Botesdale Health Centre Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday 19 November	9.30 am 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics Progressive Whist Drive	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre
Wednesday 20 November	10.00 am 10.00 am 2.15 pm 2.30 pm	MOBILE LIBRARY Day Centre Redgrave Art Club Forget-me-not-Club Wives Club	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Farnish House Methodist Church
Thursday 21 November	9.30 am	RABBATS	Rickingham Village Hall
Friday 22 November	9.00 am 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Rickingham Village Hall Management Committee AGM Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 23 November	2.30 pm	Methodist Church Autumn Fair	Botesdale Village Hall
Sunday 24 November	6.00 pm	Zumba	Rickingham Village Hall
Monday 25 November	9.15 am 9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rickingham Ramblers. Local Walk, tel 897067 Suffolk Family Carers 'pop in' session Needlecraft Slimming World	Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Health Centre Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Tuesday 26 November	9.30 am 12 noon 6.00 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Redgrave Luncheon Club. Ring 898615 on 25th for vacancies Zumba Yoga & Relaxation Julie's Aerobics Evening Talk : The Cameroon with Nick Gibbs	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall Botesdale Village Hall Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Fen
Wednesday 27 November	10.00 am 10.00 am 7.30 pm	Day Centre Redgrave Art Club Heritage Circle	Rickingham Village Hall Activities Centre Rickingham Village Hall
Thursday 28 November	9.30 am 10.30 am 7.30 pm	RABBATS Coffee Morning Redgrave Garden Club AGM and talk	Rickingham Village Hall Farnish House Activities Centre
Friday 29 November	9.00 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm	Yoga. Booking essential on 01379 890955 Christmas Wreath Making. Booking required on 688333 Dance Classes	Rickingham Village Hall Redgrave Fen Botesdale Village Hall
Saturday 30 November	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Christmas Bazaar Seasonal Concert	All Saints, Redgrave Parkview Chapel

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Remembrance

I recently visited the National Memorial Arboretum which is situated near to Lichfield in Staffordshire. This is a living centre of remembrance set in one hundred and fifty acres of re-claimed gravel workings which were donated by Lafra. The site has two hundred dedicated memorials to the armed forces and civil services of this country. These are mainly stone memorials set in their own individual gardens. The Basra Memorial Wall is set in large circular walls engraved with the names of sixteen thousand people who have died in conflicts since the end of World War 2 and is kept up to date. It has large blank spaces waiting for future names. There is even a very moving garden dedicated to still born babies and those who died soon after birth.

The whole site has been planted with fifty thousand trees, which began to be planted in 1997 with grants from the Forestry Commission and National Forest. The whole site is a wonderful wild life area and is situated between the Rivers Trent and Tame.

The National Memorial Arboretum was a Millennium project and was opened in May 2001. It has its own Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness which carries on the woodland theme. Entry to the site is free, but there is a nominal car parking fee. The site is so large that it is worth getting the land train to see where the various memorials are situated. The arboretum is part of The British Legion family of charities and was partly funded by the National Lottery amongst others.

Redgrave Church has its own memorial to the men who died in the First World War. A faculty (planning permission from the Anglican Church) was requested in February 1923 to restore the Lady Chapel to commemorate these men. The faculty is worded "Restore the Lady Chapel in the South Aisle of the church of St. Mary, aforesaid, as a War Memorial by creating an Altar of Oak upon which the names of the fallen from the Parishes of Redgrave and Botesdale shall be inscribed with the text "Greater love hath no man than this"; by placing four riddle posts, 2 in front of the Altar to hold candles and one on each side of the Altar on which will stand figures of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Botolph; by removing four wooden pews and replacing them with chairs; by raising the floor beneath the altar so that it may be approached by two steps". The riddle posts were to hold curtains which hang at the rear and the sides of the altar. The finished altar stands on a matching oak plinth.

A service of Dedication was held on July 8th 1923 on the occasion of the Restoration of the Lady Chapel. The service sheet for this lists the names of the men who are named on the altar. They are Ernest Bennett, Harold Bennett, Frederick Bradstreet, John Buck, Cecil Bullock, Harry Fisher, Hugh Hood, William Moore, Reginald Payne, George Pearse, Hon. Lyon Playfair, Sidney Wallis, Leonard Watling, all from Redgrave. The Botesdale men were Stephen Boyce, Charles Buxton, Charles Cornish, Percy Hayward, David Huggins, Ernest Laffling, Arthur Loynes, Victor Prentice, James Sage, Robert Sturgeon and Geoffrey Wainwright.

The Hon. Lyon Playfair was the son of Brigadier General Lord Playfair who was renting Redgrave Hall at this time. The stained glass east window of the south aisle is in memory of Lyon who was killed in action in 1915. This depicts St. George, St. Michael and St. Martin to illustrate Chivalry, Courage and Faith and was given by Lord and Lady Playfair.

The names of the men who died in the Second World War were added to the altar at a later date.

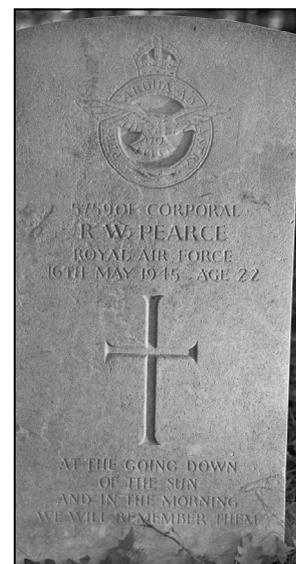
The names of all the men who died, together with the men of Rickinghall Inferior and Superior are also named on the stone war memorial in the Market Place in Botesdale which was unveiled in 1921.

There are two Commonwealth War Graves in Redgrave Churchyard. One is to Lt. Col. Arthur Holt Wilson of the East Surrey Regiment who died in 1919, aged 50. His name is not recorded on the other memorials, probably due to the fact that he was not a resident of Redgrave at this time. His large cross memorial is similar to other Wilson family memorials on the east side of the churchyard. The other Commonwealth headstone is for Corporal R. W. Pearce of the Royal Air Force who died in 1945 aged 22.

Diana Maywhort would be interested to have any information or photos from family of the above men named on the memorial as she hopes to publish a book about them next year for the centenary of the First World War as part of the Quatrefoil series of books.



Lt Col A H Wilson



Cpl R W Pearce

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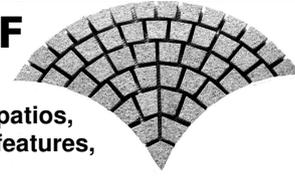
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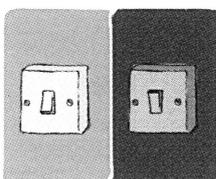
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Vehicle common sense

Always

- Close the windows and sunroof; lock the doors and activate any security devices when leaving your car unattended.
- Park with care, particularly at night or if you are leaving the vehicle for a long time. If possible, park in a busy, well-lit area.

Never

- Leave cash, credit cards, chequebook, mobile phones, vehicle documents or other valuables in the car.
- Never leave your keys in the car, even for a second - treat them as you would your cash and credit cards.

Buying a used car - be prepared.

Always

- Ask to see proof of the seller's identity and address - an official letter or driving licence, for example.
- Make sure the car's VIN matches that on the registration document (V5).

The VIN, formerly known as the chassis number, is a unique 17 character number issued to every vehicle by the manufacturer and can be found stamped on the body chassis or frame or on a manufacturer's VIN plate under the bonnet or fixed to the post between the front and rear doors. Some vehicles have an additional plate fixed securely to the top corner of the dashboard where it can easily be seen through the windscreen - this is called a visible VIN.

Never

- Let the seller bring the car to you, as you may need to confirm their address details.
- Buy a car without the registration document (V5) - make sure it has a DVLA watermark and has not been altered in any way.

Check it out

- If in doubt, ask the AA, RAC or another reputable organisation to inspect the car before agreeing to buy.
- You can check the car's history and second-hand status by calling Equifax HPI on 01722 422 422.

Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Watch Group Meeting - a date for your diary

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30 pm in the Function Room at The Bell Inn, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Howard Newport.

What's Worse Than a Barking Dog?

Fred : "I bought a Scottish sheep dog yesterday and he's scared all my neighbours already!"

Jack : "Is he barking too loud?"

Fred : "No, he doesn't bark at all! But his kilt and bagpipes"

New 'No Cold Caller Zone'

On Friday 11th October at 10-30am in Rickinghall Village Hall, the 'No Cold Caller Zone' (NCCZ) for Church Meadow and Albert Close, Rickinghall was launched. Trading Standards Officers Lee Nunn and Heather from MSDC were present. We were joined by District Councillor Sara Michell and later by Police Constable and two PCSO's. There were 6 residents from Church Meadow in attendance, and we were given advice by Lee Nunn about the effects of this new NCCZ. Lee encouraged residents to display their notices showing this NCCZ. There are also notices on lamp posts in Church Meadow showing that it is a NCCZ. We now trust there will not be a repeat of 'Rogue Traders', worrying the mainly elderly residents. All those present were given a slice of cake provided by Trading Standards.

Peter Beck (Chair of Rickinghall NW)

Local Contact Details

For Neighbourhood Watch contact your local Co-ordinator, or else in Botesdale and Rickinghall Peter Beck on 01379 890495, (email : peter@pbeck.plus.com), and in Redgrave John Robinson on 01379 890683.

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Bonfire Night

A brief reminder for parents and children to ensure a safe evening.

- It is against the law to possess fireworks in public if you are under 18 years of age.
- It is against the law to throw fireworks in the street or other public place.
- Fireworks must not be sold to anyone who is under 18.

The Firework Code :

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five. They are labelled as such and it is your responsibility.
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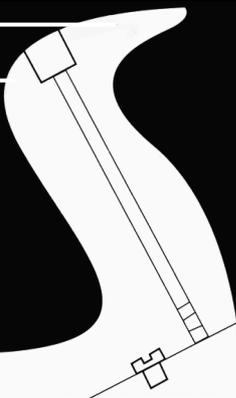
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Water Lane

Water Lane leads off to the left between Brook House and Bridge House. It becomes a footpath which crosses the bypass and ends at Candle Street. The whole of Candle Street was once known as Water Lane. A lane called Bush Lane led off to the right just after The Cottage, it ran parallel with Briar Lane, passed north of West Hall Farm and ended at West Street. It was closed at the time of the Enclosure Awards. There was also a Bush Meadow nearby.

The Old Coach House as the name implies was the coach house to Brook House. It was probably built in the early 19th century when Brook House was enlarged.

The Whistlecraft Family lived in Water Lane in one side of a divided house which has now been demolished. The house built on the site is called Hunters Lodge. Henry and John Whistlecraft, who were brothers, died in the First World War. John had returned from Canada to fight but served under the name of James Smith. The family were well known poachers in the 19th and early 20th century.

The Pightle is a prefabricated bungalow that was built in the early 1960s and was later brick clad.

Crooked Cottage is a thatched timber framed two bay building with a Crown Post dating from the late 15th century, about 1480. It is a former open hall house and still has soot on the rafters in the roof. In these medieval open hall houses the hall was in the central bay and was open to the roof. A hearth was situated in the middle of the floor to warm the room and on which the cooking was done. There was no chimney so the smoke would go straight to the roof blackening the rafters. Some cottages would have a third bay which contained the parlour but it appears Crooked Cottage did not have this. In the late 16th century it became fashionable (and more practical) to add a chimney stack and fireplace at one end of the hall on which the cooking was then done so the central hearth became redundant. In Crooked Cottage the chimney stack and floor were added in the 17th century and later it was faced in some areas with brick. For many years it was divided into two dwellings.

Riverslea is a timber framed cottage probably dating from the 18th century but it could be earlier. In 1819 it was owned by Patrick Thomas senior. He still owned it in 1839 when it was occupied by James King, a butcher. The Bailey family owned it from the early 20th century. Frederick Bailey, chairman of the parish council for many years, was born here in 1909.

The Cottage was a thatched cottage which was partly demolished and rebuilt in the 1980s.

On the right behind The Cottage is a thatched building now divided into two and called Croft Cottage and Rose Cottage. It stood beside

Bush Lane. According to the listings it is an early 16th century building. A blocked diamond mullion window in an inside wall indicates where the original building ended. An extension was added perhaps 50 to 100 years after the original build. This is probably the cottage referred to in the Hanby deeds of 1686 when Francis Symonds, a linen weaver, died and left the cottage to his wife and mother-in-law. John Steggles appears to have acquired it in 1749 along with other properties. The deeds refer to a shop being part of the cottage at this time. In 1815 Elizabeth Hixxer transferred the property to another John Steggles, a bricklayer. When he died in 1826 a third John Steggles acquired it. He rented it out to under tenants. He also borrowed money from Edward and Alfred Colson using it as collateral. In 1892 Mary Colson widow of Alfred sold it to James Pearce who in turn sold it in 1935 to Annie Garnham. It appears that by this time it was divided into two dwellings. The Garnham family owned Croft Cottage until 1982 when Jack Garnham died and the present owner bought it.



Crown Post at Crooked Cottage

Rose Cottage was occupied by the Powell family from the early 1950s. After his wife's death Sandy Powell was accepted as a Chelsea Pensioner. One year he came back for a Remembrance parade and wore his distinctive red uniform to take the salute.

Water Lane has always had a stream (usually called The River), which originates in the fields beyond Falcons Hall and runs down beside the lane. It crosses the lane near Riverslea where there is now a bridge but where there used to be a ford. The stream called the Swimming Ditch joins it half way down the lane. This was a lovely clear little river which never ran dry. It had water cress and sticklebacks in it with water voles living on the banks. However when the houses were put onto mains water the whole river bed was dug up to lay the pipes and the river has never been the same since, often drying up completely.

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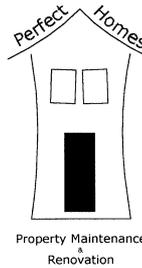
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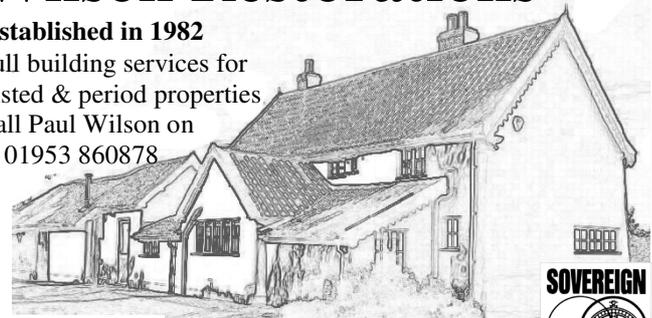
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but if this is impossible, then I can take 'phone orders, during normal office hours, at: 01379 890952. Please leave a message if there is no answer. If you do not get a response from me within 48 hours, for both e-mail and 'phone orders, try again, as this probably indicates that I did not receive the message.

As usual, orders must be for a minimum of 500 litres, and payment is direct to the supplier. Deliveries will start during the week starting Monday 11 November, and may go on throughout the following week.

If you have not yet joined but wish to, I need your full name, address, including Post Code, a contact 'phone number, and any special requests. I always ask that every purchaser be contacted a day or so before delivery.

David Sloan

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STOP PRESS - the books will also be available at the Christmas Bazaar at All Saints on 30 November. See ad on Page 7.

Rickinghall Further Education Group



Handsome operatic tenor Andres Hernandez Salazar is returning to Rickinghall in January to deliver a course of ten lectures on the subject of German Opera.

Although he doesn't sing to us, he gives his highly entertaining and informative talks with a hint of a Venezuelan accent and plays short extracts of divine music to



illustrate what he's been talking about.

As before, Andres can only spare us TUESDAY afternoons, rather than our customary Thursdays. His course will start on TUESDAY 14th January 2014. More details will follow in this magazine in due course. In the meantime, if you have any general questions, please contact Sue Emerson on 01379 897010.

WANTED!

Rickinghall Village Hall needs a couple of active new members for its Management Committee, to join the existing volunteer team.



There are lots of opportunities to get involved with events held at the Hall, and to be part of the running of this successful village asset, which hosts so many of our local groups and activities.

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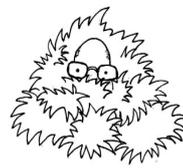
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Most people probably think of death as the end of life but aren't really sure. It occurs to me that that saying that death is the end of life is a hypothetical statement and that it would be more correct to say that it is the moment that we, each on our own, test that hypothesis experimentally. We might deny that we have any faith but all of us have to trust the opinions we have formed throughout our lives. It is a forced step of faith in those opinions.

Would it help if someone came back from the dead to let us know? The answer can't be anything but 'yes.' If someone came back from the dead we'd know that there is something after death wouldn't we? No we wouldn't. Few would believe it.

Jesus actually told us that. He gave us a parable. A rich man went to hell and a poor man to heaven. He envisaged the rich man asking that someone could be sent back to tell his brothers. Turned into modern English Jesus said, "Look they have the Bible. If they can't get it from that they that they won't if someone comes back from the dead.

I know that most people in this country don't believe there is anything after death. They think they know that. I'm willing to state that categorically. My argument is this: The Bible tells us that Jesus was crucified, his body was placed in the tomb and, the third day after that he rose from the dead. Anyone who is uncertain about whether there is life after death would examine the accounts very carefully. They would ascertain who it was who saw him and how many. They would find that he was seen on many occasions and by as many as 500 people at one time. They would examine the accounts carefully.

The fact that very few people do is a clear statement that they have already made up their minds that they don't believe it. Rather than investigate they are willing to risk the possibility experimentally. No one can say for certain that death is the moment when life ceases but it is certain that it is the moment when you test the hypothesis that there is no life after death experimentally. If you believe there is nothing you will never know whether you are right but you will know if you are wrong.

Talking of Jesus, the apostle Paul said, "God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, but others said, "We will hear you again about this."

**Café Church -
One Life - what's it about?**



**Cafe Church
Sundays at 10.30 am at Redgrave Activities Centre**

Contact Nyall Davies, tel : 01379 897067

At an art auction in Edinburgh, a wealthy American lost his wallet containing £20,000.

He announced to the gathering that that he would give a reward of £200 to the person who found it.

From the back of the hall a Scottish voice shouted, 'I'll give £250.'

More on migration. Gatherings of fifty Swallows, thousands of Knot at the Wash, 200 plus Lapwings at Minsmere (over the reserve) and fifty plus on the Island of Redgrave Fen's lake near the Redgrave/South Lopham Road. (The Little Egret numbers went up to fourteen but now (7th October) none!), a few Golden Plover on Redgrave's 'Searchlight Field', and reports of more at Hinderclay, a party of fourteen Long Tailed Tits, and a 140 plus House Martins in Rickinghall in late September.



House Martin

Now did you realise that no one knows where House Martins go in the winter? Many House Martins have been ringed, but few found in winter months. Swallows, and Swifts, but not House Martins. This is reported in the BTO's recent journal. Cuckoos are now plotted accurately and so are Ospreys. They are bigger birds but as yet no reliable sensors small enough for House Martins have been produced. I find this difficult to comprehend when Swallows, Swifts and Terns can be mapped by ringing.

Another migratory bird, the Chiff Chaff, has been heard singing in Mill Road, Botesdale in late September. These little birds travel slowly south in small numbers or individually in the autumn. I had an extraordinary sighting of two very small birds at our bird bath in early October. This was very exciting. There has been a large influx of Yellow Browed Warblers on the east coast (they usually migrate directly south from east Europe). I looked in vain for the yellow eyebrow and white wing bar - no luck. Still, it was exciting to see these two small birds in my garden. They must have been Chiff Chaffs or Willow Warblers.

At last we have a Robin in our garden. Seen and heard. In fact, I have heard several Robins singing recently. Robins do seem to become a personal friend. Suddenly you are aware of being watched. Then the Robin comes into the open. Like Hedge Sparrows, (also heard singing recently), the Robin tends to feed beneath the feeders, picking up the bits other birds have dropped.

My Minsmere autumn visit did not produce the Great White Egret (I am not really a twitcher!), but I did enjoy the new hide at the island mere. I have always been disappointed by the siting of this hide which looks straight into the sun, thereby making it difficult to view the colouring of birds. The new hide is most attractive, practically all-round viewing with comfortable seating. Also arrangements for using telescopes. In a hide, one always has the willing help of other watchers, who are only too keen to let the assembled company know what they had just seen! I did see a passing Bittern and a Marsh Harrier, also a Water Rail, but missed the quick flypast of a Kingfisher. Back at the new attractively designed Centre I got my cup of tea from the enlarged cafe and bought my RSPB Christmas cards.

I was recently informed by a concerned watcher of a Heron in their garden with a broken wing. This is not like an injured small bird where one is usually advised to place it in a comfortable shaded area and hope nature will take its course. In this case the RSPCA was most helpful, and a local official kindly visited and removed the bird. This, I remember, was also the help given to an injured Barn Owl found on the bypass some years ago. Sadly, though, neither birds were able to be helped.

Q. How many safety inspectors does it take to light the bonfire?

A. 4. One to light the match and three to hold the fire extinguisher.

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An Idyllic Location for a Christmas Event Like No Other

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Christmas at Blackthorpe Barn just keeps getting better and better and this year is no exception. Half of the medieval thatched Barn is dedicated to a wonderful Christmas treasure trove, a Country Christmas Shop bursting with ideas for festive decorations and gifts. The other half showcases the talents of the best quality British Crafts people. Plus there are two fabulous cafes, an awe-inspiring and breath-taking Santa's Grotto and the famous Rougham Estate Christmas Trees renowned for their quality and longevity.

Open every day from 1st November until 22nd December, the Country Christmas Shop is open, with fabulous decorative displays and wonderful delights to appeal to all, from traditional and sparkling baubles, candles and ornaments to the most amazing handmade creations.

In addition to the Country Christmas Shop, each weekend from 16th November until 15th December, the Barn is brimming with talent as it turns into a British Crafts spectacular; the very best of British handmade crafts, showcasing the country's most gifted crafts people. With over sixty stalls, visitors can chat to the makers and gain an insight into their inspiration and passion for what they do. Each craft has been especially chosen for the event to ensure quality and an eclectic mix of creativity from sculpture and ceramics to leather items, textiles, art and jewellery. Many crafts people change each weekend, so there is something new to see each time you visit.

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Botesdale Village Hall

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A Burnard (Hon Secretary, BVHMC)

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The Gislingham Silver Band is proud to be Suffolk's longest established village brass band having been formed in 1885. It has a long tradition of playing in support of community events including concerts, fetes, garden parties, and church services. They parade every year for the Eye Mayor making ceremony and for the Rickingham and Botesdale Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday parade.



They would love to encourage new members of any age and ability to join the band. Our current member's ages range from 9 to 80+. Novice players start in the Training band before progressing into the Main band. Loan instruments are often available. If you have ever fancied learning to play a brass instrument you are invited to have a blow on the full range of instruments with no commitment to join. Individual tuition may be possible.

Both sections of the band practice on Tuesday evenings in the band room in Mill Street, Gislingham – the Training band from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and the Main band from 7.45pm until 9.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to pop along and to sit in.

The band will be performing its Christmas Concert in Gislingham Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th December. Tickets are £5 for adults (free for children under 16) available from the band secretary.

For further details visit the band website : www.gislinghamsilverband.com
or contact the band secretary Peter Lucas on 01379 788411
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The book features 'treasure' from every period represented in the diocese from the Anglo Saxons and Normans through to the Middle Ages and on to the Victorians – in fact right up to the present day. The concept of pilgrims and visitors touring parishes to discover these remarkable treasures ties in neatly with the Centenary theme of 'Pilgrims in Time'. They are of special significance to the churches which nominated them.

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The Committee

Coffee Morning

A BIG thank you to all that attended, and special thanks to all helpers. A wonderful £220 was made on the morning. Now the job starts of adding up the collection boxes – thank you on behalf of the Children's Society for those.



If you still have your box and want it to be counted in this year's collection, please hand in as soon as possible; to – Linda Green, Anglian House, Botesdale or Brenda Green, The Hollies, Botesdale.

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We were delighted that so many of you stayed for so long looking at our exhibitions, talking to local historians and authors of our books, and attending our short talks. As we suspected, there is so much interest in the history of our villages.

Our first three, Heritage Lottery funded books sold well on the day and are still available for sale, please see our notice on Page 29 for details of where you can buy them. Our next three books are on track to be published in November, and a further three, hopefully, in January.

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Readings for Parish Church Sunday Services		
Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading
3rd November	Ephesians 1 : 15-23	Luke 6 : 20-31
10th November	2 Thessalonians 2 : 1-5, 13-end	Luke 20 : 27-38
17th November	Psalm 98	Luke 21 : 5-19
24th November	Psalm 46	Luke 23 : 33-43

Rota	Chapel of Ease		Redgrave		Rickinghall	
	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector	Sidesman	Lector
3rd November	Mrs Hilliard	Mr Stokes	Mr Robinson	All Saints All Together	Mrs Foster	Mrs Bennett
10th November	Mrs Cordeaux	TBC	Mr Davies	Mrs Davies	Mrs Self	Mrs Shepherd
17th November			Mrs Culley	Mrs Purdom	Mrs White	Mrs Whitehead
24th November			Mr Robinson	Mrs McGrath	Mrs Sheehan	Rector

Flowers			
3rd November	Mrs Heath	Mrs Stimson	Mrs Culley
10th November	Mrs Cotton	Mrs Powell	Mrs Culley
17th November	Mrs Cotton	Mrs Button	Mrs Draper
24th November	Mrs Moss	Mrs Button	Mrs Draper

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Dates for 2014

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Advent and Christmas Services 2013

Sunday 15th December -

Christingle Service, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale at 3.30 pm

Sunday 22nd December -

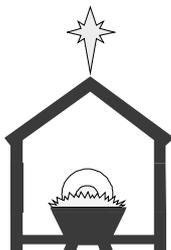
Carol Service, St Mary's, Rickinghall at 3 pm

Christmas Eve -

Crib Service, All Saints, Redgrave at 5 pm
Holy Communion, Chapel of Ease, Botesdale at 11.15 pm

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17th November Mr S Aspinall
24th November Rev Brian Trudgian Holy Communion

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3.00pm St. Mary's Rickinghall

All Souls Remembrance Service

10th Nov. '13 Remembrance Sunday

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Story Tellers

10:30 St. Mary's, Rickinghall

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3.00pm St. Botolph's, Botesdale Parade Service

17th Nov.'13 2nd Sunday Before Advent

8:15 All Saints, Redgrave BCP Communion



10:30 Worship Together

St. Mary's, Rickinghall

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24th Nov.'13 Christ The King

8:15 St. Mary's, Rickinghall BCP Communion



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10:30 All Saints, Redgrave

CW Communion

Sunday 1st Dec. '13 1st Sunday of Advent

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10.30 All Saints All Together, All Saints, Redgrave

3.00pm Evening Prayer St. Mary's, Rickinghall

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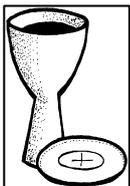
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