

THE STREET



RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER 2018 - JANUARY 2019



Here are some photos of this time last year....

Left, bottom of Sandy Lane; Right, the 'Fete Field',
on 30 December 2017



MERRY CHRISTMAS 2018 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BUS TO NORWICH Friday 30 November, leaves Rendham White Horse 9am, Bruisyard 9.10am, Sweffling Church 9.20am, returns from Norwich at 4pm. Ring Lynda 663325 or Ken 663609.



RENDHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 10am - 12.30pm Rendham Village Hall

Coffee, homemade mince pies, Christmas cards, decorations, cakes, preserves, stocking fillers, second-hand books, tombola, raffle & more.....

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JOHN ROGERS 1936 - 2018

It is with great sadness that we report the death on July 26th of John Rogers, for 31 years resident with his family at Manor Farm along Bruisyard Road.

After taking early retirement from teaching at Bedales School in Hampshire, John and Jo came to live and work in Suffolk, where they had been married and spent many holidays with Jo's parents in Westleton.

John's intense love of the countryside, and especially trees, led him to start a landscaping business - Secret Gardens - which originally operated from a stall in the yard at the back of the White Hart in Sax. From there it progressed to the old garden behind Crisp's shop, then finally he worked from home in the farmyard in Rendham. With a group of experts in various horticultural skills he transformed many gardens and planted thousands of trees all over Suffolk and beyond.

John had a notable talent for making friends and with his warm interest in people, could find out their life histories as soon as meeting them- he was famous for getting into intimate conversations on trains and buses, sometimes resulting in years of correspondence. This strong empathy may well have been why his original aim in life was to become ordained as a clergyman. Various reasons caused this ambition not to be realised and he was later sure that had it been so his unconventional attitudes and ideas would have been frustrated by the formalities and hierarchies of the Church and he might have become deeply disillusioned.

His greatest achievements were in his teaching career where he was an inspiration to very many children, which has been vividly expressed in the wonderful letters we have received from ex pupils, some of whom were at his beautiful funeral in Framlingham. Since his retirement John has written a highly acclaimed book, 'The Undelivered Mardle', telling the story of the tiny church at Letheringham, in which he was able to explore the deeper cultural issues around the role of churches, both for believers and unbelievers. We feel this work will be his lasting legacy, in addition to the talents of his daughters and three grandsons.

John is buried, as he requested, in the 8 Acre Wood at home at Manor Farm Cottage, planted by family and friends in 1989. It is a beautiful and appropriate setting for his final resting place and Jo, Lucy and Hannah hope that we can arrange another open day next year for people to walk around and remember him. Meanwhile friends are most welcome to come at any time. John's irrepressible persona will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

This wonderful celebration of John's life was written by Jo.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

On September 23rd, our Harvest Festival, which was a Service of Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Martin Percival, took place at 9.30 am. Many beautiful flower arrangements were in place, and our choir led the singing, including the anthem *Deus Misereatur* by Edward Mammatt.

At five minutes to eleven, on Sunday November 11th, we listened to the Last Post, broadcast from the Cenotaph in Whitehall, before we began our own Centenary Service of Remembrance. This was conducted by Prof John Tesh and was a deeply moving occasion. Mr Denis Moore placed the wreath on the War Memorial and spoke the time-honoured words of dedication. The names of those from Rendham who died in both wars were read by Mrs Lesley Bennion, and the names of those from Sweffling by Mr Richard Stevens. During the service poems relating to the wars, were read by Dr Anne Fitzgerald, her daughter Eleanore, and by Mrs Josephine Rogers. The church looked serenely beautiful with striking red and green arrangements, in which poppies, the symbols of the battle fields, were prominently displayed. These, with other displays and personal mementoes to mark the Centenary, were appreciated by the large congregation who stayed after the service for the refreshments. The collection raised £186.55 for the Royal British Legion.

On 18 November the infant daughter of James and Emma Strachan was christened Boe Elouise in a service of Baptism conducted by the Rev. Martin Percival, attended by very many relations and friends as well as the godparents.

We will be holding our Christmas Market in Rendham Village Hall on Saturday 1 December 10am - 12.30pm with coffee, mince pies, and Christmas presents on sale, in aid of St Michael's Church.

Charles Seely, Frances Hill, Churchwardens

For information about the Parish Council contact Chair David Willett or the Parish Clerk, Chris Salmon on rendhampc@gmail.com

Next Parish Council meeting
7.30pm RVH Monday 19 Jan

RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

PARK – Good News

PARK, Play area for Rendham Kids now belongs to Rendham Parish Council as of the 4th October. Thanks to James Robbins for carrying out the legal matters free of charge (except for the searches), for which the Parish Council are very grateful.

This is good news and means that the playing field can be managed by the Parish Council.

It will continue to have the grass mown and hedges trimmed. Cllr. Field is looking into writing the constitution for the PARK so that usage is clearly defined.

County Councillor Stephen Burroughs was able to attend and also sent the following report:

- Contractor announced for Lowestoft's third crossing
- Carers celebrate 'outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission
- Provisional GCSE results show continued progress for Suffolk students
- Consultation starts as SCC looks to save £25m in 2019/2020 (an area for concern)
- Parents urged to have their say on school admissions consultation

He also mentioned that the Beccles relief road was up and running, Sizewell C Stage 3 consultation out in January, the problems raised such as extra traffic caused by 300 houses being built in Framlingham.

Poppy Wreath


This was, as usual purchased by the Parish Council for this year's Remembrance service celebrating the hundred years since the end of WW1. The wreath was placed on the memorial in the church. Pictures can be seen on the Rendham website <http://rendham.onesuffolk.net>

Rendham Website

Always welcomes articles and pictures. Have you started a new business? You are welcome to add details to the business pages. Just send details to rendham@btinternet.com



CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING DEC 18 - JAN 19

	DEC 2	DEC 9	DEC 16	DEC 23	DEC 30
RENDHAM	<i>Advent Sunday</i>	9.30 am MATINS		9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION	10am BENEFICE
SWEFFLING	4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE		9.30 am MORNING PRAYER	5pm LESSONS & CAROLS	SERVICE RENDHAM
	JAN 6	JAN 13	JAN 20	JAN 27	
RENDHAM		9.30 am MATINS		9.30am HOLY COMMUNION (by ext)	
SWEFFLING	9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION		9.30am EPIPHANY READINGS & CAROLS		

Reverend Martin Percival
07789 417050
01728 668537
revmepcival@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sweffling: 23/12 5pm Service of 9 Lessons & Carols

Sweffling: CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist (Celebrant & Preacher: The Ven Ian Morgan, Archdeacon of Suffolk)

Rendham: CHRISTMAS DAY 10.30am Holy Communion

OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE (if in doubt, please double-check!):

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4pm Crib Service Badingham ★ 5pm Crib Service Bruisyard

CHRISTMAS DAY Bruisyard: 9.30am Christmas Com. by Ext.

Cransford: 9.30am Christmas Communion ★ Badingham: 11am Christmas Communion

Dennington: 11am Family Service for Christmas Day



RENDHAM MUMMERS WINTER SOLSTICE THE MUMMERS RETURN!

Beneath the 'Sacred Oak,' Rendham Knoll,

Friday 21 December Seasonal refreshments from 6.30pm

"Dust your lamps! Prime your wicks! The Long Night draws near! Now is the time for mists, and Mummings!"

Once again, for ONE NIGHT ONLY, the Rendham Mummings ("still never knowingly over rehearsed!") perform their latest play and seasonal offering, "Return of the King", at 7.30pm. You are assured an experience not to be missed and the perfect way to begin the Yule Celebrations! See Rendham Mummings' Facebook page.

The play is based around the pagan mythology of the twin gods, the Holly King and the Oak King, who are seen as one deity, the Hornèd God – the Green Man. Each one rules for half the year before making way for the twin brother at the Solstice. However, on this one Winter Solstice, the Holly King refuses to die! Oh dear!

The traditional Hat Collection, taken at the end of the performance, will be donated to IPSWICH HOSPITAL BLOSSOM APPEAL, raising monies to develop a modern Breast Care Centre, incorporating dedicated clinics for Men, and Young People. To date, the Rendham Mummings have performed seventeen plays, raising thousands of pounds for local charities thanks to the generosity of their supporters.

The Speaker



Rendham Mummings are bursting at the seams! Can anyone help provide storage space? Ideally, secure, dry, vermin-free, accessible space, about the size of a garage, preferably local. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to meet any commercial rent – everything raised through the Hat Collection goes to the chosen charity. If you can help, please contact The Speaker, Tel. 663737 or email rogerbennion@btinternet.com.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas shopping evenings in November. We raised £182 for CAP and we still have lots of great presents, stocking and hamper fillers in the shop for Christmas.



Christmas Brunch – Saturday 22nd December from 9.00 am

Book early to guarantee places.

We will be closed after 22nd December, **reopening** Thursday 3rd January

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all!

www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk 01728 663773



PARK: Thanks to Paul & Lisa in the White Horse for their support throughout the year. *Lynda & Park Committee*

BELLRINGING PRACTICE Good exercise every Friday 7.30-8.30pm Rendham. To try it out, call Jonathan Stevens 01728 664074



RINGING NEWS



One of the joys of ringing I've mentioned before is that you can visit other towers on their practice night, be welcomed and join in with the local band. We had the reverse recently when some ringers from Trumpington, Cambridge, joined us both at our Friday practice and on the following Sunday. What a joy it was. We rang all sorts of challenging stuff we don't normally get to do and got a return invitation which at some point we will just have to take up.

We have changed our practice time at Rendham, on a Friday, 19.30 to 20.30. Still only one hour long but starting at the time most other towers do.

The Ringing Remembers movement, seeking to recruit at least as many ringers as died in the trenches in the first world war has been hugely successful. The goal was 1400 new ringers but nationally over 2,000 had signed up and been taught to ring in time for Remembrance Sunday. Not all our recruits felt up to ringing over the weekend, November 10 and 11 but one of our recruits was able to ring at Blaxhall, Little and Great Glemham. Well done Steve.

Suffolk that weekend saw a concerted effort to ring all the ringable towers and of those 204 towers, 201 had their bells rung. It meant some ringers had to ring at several towers; the three Stevii rang at eight different parishes and I had the privilege of running the ringing at six of those, including conducting a quarter-peal at Saxmundham prior to their civil act of remembrance, the first quarter there for seven years.

We started off at Wilby on Saturday 10 November, one of the finest sounding eights in Suffolk (although probably the worst spiral stair to the ringing chamber of any tower I know), where there were twelve ringers from 13 years to 70+ years old, and where we rang a variety of methods as well as call changes. Then we all popped to the neighbouring parish of Stradbroke. Here we started out by ringing the emotionally moving Dorian (minor) eight before moving on to ringing on all ten bells. Horham was next. Horham bells were restored in 1990 in memory of the 95th Bomb Group (American Airforce) whose veterans provided much of the funding. It felt especially right to ring here, taking note of the display of WW1 memorabilia in the church on the way to the ringing chamber steps.

Sunday saw us start at Sweffling at 10am with the bells half muffled before we crossed the river and rang at Rendham for our own Remembrance Day service. Then, after lunch it was off to Saxmundham, the eight at Kelsale and in the evening, for the lighting of their beacon, Aldeburgh. A poignant weekend. It all took a lot of planning and preparation, but it was a privilege to be involved in marking the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, with those most public of instruments, church bells.

Jonathan Stevens



ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SIXTIES EVENING

The first meeting of the Alde Community Council was held on 9 October 1968. The 50th anniversary of that event could not be allowed to pass unmarked and so it was that 36 members and guests gathered in Rendham Village Hall on Saturday 13 October 2018 (the first weekend after the anniversary) for a Sixties evening to mark the occasion.

Harking back to 50 years ago, it was a splendid evening in good company, enjoyed by all with a superb retro meal served on the flower decorated tables – prawn cocktail, chicken in white wine and, of course, Black Forest Gateau.

The evening, accompanied throughout by excellent music and lively chatter, was rounded off by a couple of quizzes, musical and straight questions, evoking the past and completed with cake and fizz to celebrate the past 50 years. It was a fitting tribute to members, past and present, old and new, whose loyal support over the years and currently has allowed the ACC to do what it has done in the past and to continue in the future (the ACC will end this year with the traditional Christmas Shopping bus to Norwich and start next year with the equally traditional Flower Show shortly before Easter, while continuing to support community initiatives).

Ken Goddard

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Rendham Village hall, the total raised was £222.30.

Many thanks for your support.

Lynda Newson



The Children's Society

We raised an amazing £1638.52 at our Children's Society coffee morning on 17 November – and this excludes the sale of Christmas cards. We are indebted to our stalwart committee and our fantastic supporters. Thank you all so much. Lorraine Lloyd

ACC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The annual draw now takes place at the AGM in March (date tbc), and not at the Rendham Harvest Festivities. Prices remain the same, £3 simple membership or £4.50 to be included in the draw.

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 20 October saw SS Claudius depart from Rendham Pier with passenger and ship's company consisting of a sell out 56 boarding passes. A fun evening with a nautical theme, home grown cabaret, music and 3-course meal. I am delighted to report that a pleasant evening was enjoyed and resulted in everyone being accounted for at the lifeboat stations. £380 raised in support of improving and updating the kitchen facility.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the evening and for those who helped with all the preparations, cooking and clean-up.

Denis Moore Chairman Rendham Village Hall Management Committee



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE - A PLACE OF WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD!

Electric hand driers in the three toilets in the village hall have now been installed. The committee has also decided to review the kitchen layout in order to improve the cooking and food-warming facilities.

AN EXTRA WORD FROM DENIS (which shows how far we've come since 1971):

I have recently acquired a handwritten volume of RVHMC minutes from the 1970's.

Here is an extract :-

'On 21st October 1971 the first meeting of the Rendham Village Hall Management Committee took place. Discussion took place about urgent structural work to be done including work on the roof, kitchen, lighting, installing toilets and a cess pit. It was decided to try and borrow £500 from 10 or more selected individuals, to make a house to house collection and to send a letter to all the residents of the village setting out the plans for making the village hall a place of which they could be proud.'

SAVE THE DATE: RENDHAM AUCTION Saturday 2 February

Come to an auction and try your hand at bidding!

Quality items and services will be determined and collected over the next few months

and you will have the chance to bid, if something takes your fancy.

If you feel you have any suitable items to donate or services to offer please contact Chris Bishop, Lesley Bennion or Jennifer Webb-Jones on jembeyjones66@hotmail.com.

Some items may be accepted on a 50/50 basis where 50% of the final bid price comes to you.

More information very soon and tickets will go on sale in December.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN PROJECT FUND



PHOENIX CHOIR

Saturday 15 December

7pm Framlingham

College Chapel

Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*

Tickets £12 from

Hall Farm Butchers Fram.

William@Glasse.org.uk,

Juniper Barn, and choir members



An Alpha course will start in Juniper Barn

at 6.30pm on Monday 21 January. A

series of sessions exploring the Christian

faith, looking at different questions

around faith. Everyone welcome for

food, a video/talk and good conversation.

Please contact us to find out more

01728 663773 or

enquiry@juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk



LEISTON DUMP

OPEN 9am – 4pm Thursday – Tuesday.

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS, Christmas
Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day

SAXMUNDHAM LIBRARY

Go to the library over the holidays!

Saxmundham Library 01728 652440

www.SuffolkLibraries.co.uk

DOGS A POLITE REMINDER:

please remember to pick up after your dog, or at least kick it off the path into a ditch! Another way to be a responsible dog owner is to ensure that your dog isn't stressed if left home alone, isn't barking because it is distressed, & isn't upset by New Year's fireworks or other loud bangs.

SWEFFLING EVENTS

For more Sweffling info, go to
<http://s651433387.websitethome.co.uk/>



SWEFFLING CHRISTMAS BRASS

Friday 7 December 7:30pm Sweffling Church

Leiston Royal British Legion Brass Band's annual concert
with Christmas music and carols.

Tickets £7 (£3 children) includes interval refreshments
Ring Diana (01728 663578) or Sheila T. (663518) to
book or pay on the door.

Concert kindly sponsored by Marshall Hatchick, Solicitors

BRUISYARD EVENTS

Go to www.bruisyard.com for info

Every Tuesday: Pilates in VH 9:30-10:30am & 10.45-11.45am

Also every Thursday 10.30-11.30am

Every Sunday: Zumba 10 - 11am

Every Tuesday: Cribbage League matches



Join the Rendham Pedallers - All welcome!

Wednesdays 10:30am and Thursdays 2:30pm

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TABLE TENNIS

GREAT GLEMHAM VILLAGE HALL

Would you be interested to come

along Thursday afternoons 4-6pm

and join a friendly group for a good

game and a laugh? £2 per session

Contact d.minns.9987@gmail.com



SHCT BIKE RIDE : RIDE & STRIDE 2018

It's a big thank you to all those who sponsored Rendham cyclists in this year's Ride & Stride event organised by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. More than £2000 was raised for the second consecutive year (£2086 before Gift Aid) to assist in helping preserve Suffolk's historic churches and chapels. The cyclists' nominated church, in this case St. Michael's, Rendham, directly receives half of the money raised. *Richard Shattock*

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If you have a special event or booking, please contact the pub & we will be very happy to accommodate you
Saturdays nights are Jazz Nights! **Charity quiz nights first Monday of month**

"Deja Vu Jazz" quartet, 1st Dec

"Joy Spring Jazz" trio, 15th Dec



"Phoenix Jazz" jazz & soul 8th Dec

Parker's "VIP Jazz" smooth jazz trio 22nd Dec



**Have you ever thought
about being a First
Responder?**

**It might be something you
would like to do.**

**Contact Ken Goddard on
663609**



**Rendham's Christmas Market
1 December, RVH, 10am**



Rendham Neighbourhood Watch/Village Happenings

Contact Trev.salmon@btinternet.com or tel: 01728 664199 to add
your name to his circulation list for Neighbourhood Watch & info
about village events.



Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

- 1 Rendham Christmas Market. RVH 10am
- 3 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7.30pm
- 7 Christmas Brass, Sweffling Church, 7.30pm
- 12 Board Games Night, Rendham White Horse
- 15 Phoenix Choir, Rossini, Fram College Chapel, 7.30pm
- 20 Christmas Carols in Rendham White Horse, from 8.30pm
- 21 Rendham Mummers at the Knoll, from 6.30pm
- 22 Christmas Brunch Juniper Barn, from 9am
- 24 - 25 See page 4 for details of Christmas church services



**Saxmundham Christmas Lights
switch on Sat 5/12 4pm**



**Christmas Carols in
Rendham
White Horse
Thurs 20/12**

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE 62 BUS?

The 62 bus runs weekly on
Wednesdays. Detailed timetable
at www.suffolkonboard.com



**EACH Woodbridge,
carol service
St John's Church
Woodbridge
Tues 4 / 12 7pm**

SOUP & PUD LUNCH RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

**4th Wednesday of every month
at 12.30pm. Cost £3.50**

JANUARY

- 7 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7.30pm
- 19 Rendham Parish Council meeting, RVH, 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- 2 Rendham Auction, RVH
- 4 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7.30pm

What's on at Snape Maltings: <https://snapemaltings.co.uk/season/christmas/>

7-16/12 Co-op Juniors Xmas Spectacular: the Nutcracker

21/12 Aldeburgh Voices: Handel's Messiah 7.30pm

22/12 Farmers' Market 9.30am

23/12 The Snowman & Babar the Little Elephant (film & live music) 1.30pm & 4pm

MOBILE LIBRARY

Stops at Sweffling Church 13/12
(0925-0945), Sweffling White Horse
18/12 0935-0950 & Bruisyard VH
(1005-1020) no longer at Rendham.
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk



SAVE THE DATE!

Rendham Fete : 6 July 2019

DEADLINE FOR FEB/MARCH 2019 'STREET': 17 JANUARY 2019

Email Helen Greenburgh: hpaygre@aol.com (07775 894146) AND Judith Mellor:
rendhamstreet@gmail.com (hard copy can be sent to Gables Farm, Sandy Lane, Rendham)

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EDITORS' PLEA: Please be aware that we need to be notified afresh for forthcoming events for EVERY ISSUE of The Street