

# ★ THE STREET ★



## RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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# DECEMBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022



We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas  
and a Hopeful New Year!



MUMMERS TO APPEAR IN RENDHAM ON 21 DECEMBER at 7.30pm

RENDHAM MUMMERS PRESENT  
**DRACULA'S  
LONGEST  
NIGHT**

WINTER SOLSTICE  
TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
FROM 6.30PM FOR 7.30PM START  
THE KNOLL, CHAPEL ROAD, RENDHAM  
PARKING IN RECREATIONAL FIELD  
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS  
PLEASE BRING A TORCH

Hat collection; for local food banks

RENDHAM MUMMERS

Photo: Andrew Johnson - Rendham Village Life

The Rendham Mummies will return for their Winter Solstice celebrations on Tuesday December 21st.

'*Dracula's Longest Night*,' their latest offering, combines all the traditional mysticism of the Druid Gods with modern humour coupled with the inimitable Rendham Mummies style and delivery.

**Imagine the scene:** as the villagers prepare for the solstice, they face the Earl of Suffolk in league with Count Dracula determined to spoil their fun. After many twists and turns Good once more conquers Evil and the villagers can again dance and sing.

The performance starts at 7.30pm on the Rendham Knoll, Chapel Road, Rendham and seasonal refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. Parking is available and signposted.

This year's hat collection will go to support our local food-banks.

For more information on the Rendham Mummies please visit our Facebook Page  
PLEASE RAID YOUR PIGGY BANKS AND **BRING CASH** FOR THE HAT COLLECTION!

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## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Our Harvest Festival Service on 26 September was a happy occasion where the singing of our traditional hymns was strengthened by the Benefice Choir who also sang the anthem 'Thou visiteth the earth'.

Our Remembrance Day Service which was for both Rendham and Sweffling was on 14 November. Our warm thanks to Rupert Wallis, who came from Bruisyard to conduct the service. The Sweffling wreath was taken by Richard Stevens for placing on the War Memorial there, while that for Rendham was laid on the War Memorial here by Jonathan Stevens, who then spoke the time-honoured words of farewell. The names of the fallen were read by Lesley Bennion and Richard Stevens. In both these services the Flower Team had excelled themselves in the beauty of their arrangements which were so exactly right for each occasion. We acknowledge their hard work with our heartfelt thanks.



NEXT EVENT! CHRISTMAS MARKET 4 DECEMBER  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL 9.30am - 12.00 COME AND SEE! ALL ARE WELCOME.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. *Charles Seely, Frances Hill, Churchwardens*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday December 12 (3rd Sunday Advent) 5.00pm Carol Service (Dennington)

Sunday December 19 (4th Sunday Advent) 3.00pm Carol Service (Cransford Chapel)  
5.00pm Carol Service (Sweffling)



Friday December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00pm Carols by the Crib (Badingham)  
5.00pm Crib Service (Bruisyard)  
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist (Sweffling)



Saturday December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am Eucharist (Rendham)  
9.30am Communion by Extension (Bruisyard)  
11.00am Eucharist (Dennington)



## CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING Dec 21 - Jan 22

	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 26
RENDHAM		9.30 am Matins		No services
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		5pm Carol Service	In the Benefice
	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 23
RENDHAM		9.30 am Matins		9.30am Holy Communion
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		9.30am Matins	

## ★ BENEFICE SERVICE 30 JANUARY - CRANSFORD 10 am

For Rendham parish matters: Rector: Rev Martin Percival [revmepercival@gmail.com](mailto:revmepercival@gmail.com)  
Benefice website: [www.upperaldebefice.com](http://www.upperaldebefice.com)

## SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY DURING 2021

A big thank you to all those people from Rendham & Sweffling who supported The Children's Society either through house collection boxes or by donations. We raised £583.35 for which The Society were very grateful. They do essential work with children and young people and have been particularly busy during the pandemic. If you would like to have a house collection box, please contact [lesley.bennion@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.bennion@gmail.com)



CHRISTMAS IN RENDHAM 2021  
ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS!



These will be available at the Christmas Market this year, but it would be enormously helpful if you can order door wreaths, door paddles and grave wreaths in advance. This will help Lesley work out the necessary resources - they don't make themselves!

They will cost roughly the same as last year, and all the proceeds will go to St. Michael's, our village church.



- Grave wreaths - £10
- Door wreaths - £12 - £15
- Door paddles - £15



Please ring Lesley on 01728 663737 to place your order



This is a door paddle



This is a door wreath



OUR VILLAGE CHURCHYARD

In the last edition of "The Street" we asked for comments from members of the village on the mowing of the grass in the churchyard. Although we did not get a huge number of responses, we did get more than enough to make a clear decision on whether the churchyard should be mowed in its entirety, or some areas left to grow throughout the summer months. By a margin of more than 2 to 1 the vote was to mow all the churchyard with the main reason being the visibility of the headstones. Several respondents suggested that smaller areas at the boundaries of the churchyard could be left and therefore, next season we will leave an unmown area adjacent to the eastern boundary.

During the winter months the volunteers (the "Graveyard Shift") hope to continue work in the churchyard and will start with removal of the ivy from the walls, tombs, and headstones. If you would like to join the volunteers, please contact [peteraddington@live.com](mailto:peteraddington@live.com)

A MESSAGE FROM JUDITH PITCHER

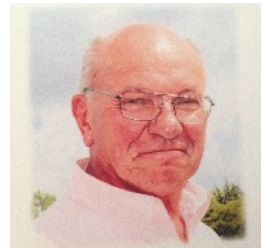
Thank you to all our friends and acquaintances in Rendham who sent such kind messages of sympathy and support to myself and family after Steve passed away so suddenly.

He would have been so touched that so many friends travelled so far to attend the Celebration of his Life in October. I can almost hear him saying 'All this for me!'

But despite the sad occasion we had a lovely day of reflections and celebration.

*Thank you everyone.*

Judith Pitcher





*At every PC meeting there is a 15 minutes Public Forum at the beginning of the meeting in which villagers can raise matters. All are welcome. It is important that everyone is able to show interest in what's going on in the village and make a contribution.*

District Cllr. Maurice Cook – Unable to attend but sent a report. **Full report on the website.**

Solar farm gets approval - Funding for local projects - East Suffolk magazine out now - Community Partnerships to further support bus services - Culture still a focus in East Suffolk - Free event focuses on eco-friendly agriculture - Bring back empty properties - New beach village gets go ahead - Sizewell C : our response - Cop 26 open letter also on website - Survey and consultations

County Councillor Stephen Burroughes – Unable to attend but sent a report. **Full report on website.**

Extra Covid-19 support heading for Suffolk - Cabinet to study £50 million plan to boost Suffolk bus services - New discoveries of Suffolk Anglo-Saxon past unearthed in the Deben Valley - MPs unite to protect countryside and communities from worst impacts of new pylons - Suffolk businesses work hard to achieve zero carbon by 2030 - Suffolk continues to create greenest county with £150,000 for new trees - Face masks back in Suffolk schools and educational settings - 500 independent journeys made by young people with educational needs - Lorry route plan review in Suffolk

### **Highway issues**

The Parish Council has met with Cllr. Stephen Burroughs and Peter Sparrow form Highways. We raised the issue of the speed limited of 30mph being moved to the top of Rendham Hill. He has agreed to fund a monitoring of the speed limited down the hill towards Grove Farm Road. Peter Sparrow also agreed to meet with the PC to look at what can be done to protect the Knoll from damage from vehicles.

### **Climate change and engagement with it**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has published a report following a survey about what local councils thought of climate change and their engagement with it. It contains a lot of analysis but what comes out clearly is that council/ parishes that are small feel they do not have the size, knowledge, power or resources to do much to help.

That said the following items clearly demonstrate that you are already doing much to help the Green cause and as such are responding to the climate change and biodiversity issue. Increased working from home as demonstrated by the pandemic is an option for many, some of the time; Supporting and encouraging residents to walk and cycle more; Caring for our green spaces such as the Knoll, the Village Green and PARK; reducing our use of packaging, plastic and other. Perhaps using the refill counters in the local supermarkets for bulky household items such as oil, cereal and washing liquids ; planting trees and caring for those we already have ; keeping our eyes peeled for changes in tree or animal health and reporting the same ; pressing for a local bus service as currently being tried locally and we hope will be extended to more directly affect the village, car sharing trips; increased use of technology to save on travel, paper use ; up scaling

and reusing household items yourself or by giving or selling them to others; teaming up with others be they complimentary businesses, individuals or communities; shopping local for local produce that's in season where you can, recycling rubbish; using less pesticide and toxic cleaning liquids around the home and garden. Some of you are using solar garden lights or solar panels for your energy. Others are making sure all the wood they burn is seasoned, lofts are being insulated with treated natural sheep's wool, electric assist bikes instead of car use. Turning the lights off and popping on another jumper instead a whacking up the heating. The gardeners among us and farmers trying to always keep the soil covered with plant growth where possible. These are just a sample of what YOU ARE already doing and last but not least engendering a community spirit for the village in achieving these goals. So don't think you aren't or can't help. Start small and think big.

*It was suggested at the Parish Council meeting that villagers are invited to write a short paragraph about their personal contribution to alleviating the climate crisis and send it to the editors for publication in The Street.*

For information about the Parish Council contact Chair David Willett  
or the Parish Clerk, Chris Salmon on [rendhampc@gmail.com](mailto:rendhampc@gmail.com)

**Next Parish Council  
meeting  
7.30pm RVH  
Monday 10 Jan 2022**

### **Rendham Neighbourhood Watch/Village Happenings**

Contact [Trev.salmon@btinternet.com](mailto:Trev.salmon@btinternet.com) or tel: 01 728 664199  
to add your name to his circulation list for  
Neighbourhood Watch & info about village events.

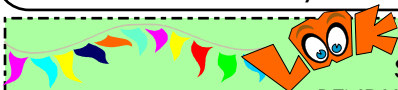


### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning, and helped to make it a great success. Whether helping in the hall, making coffee, baking cakes or making a donation. The

total amount collected was £770.00, and with Gift Aid added, the total amount raised was £877.50. Many thanks to you all.

*Lynda Newson*



### **SAVE THE DATE! RENDHAM FETE 2 JULY 2022**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Rendham Fete is still waiting to happen!

Help us make it one to remember!

We have had our first fete meeting. Thank you to all who attended and supplied cakes. It was so nice to get together after this dreadful period of Covid and hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel

There is however a lot of work to be done. To provide more stalls and games we do need more volunteers for Saturday 2 July 2022, even if it's only for a couple of hours. So to have a really entertaining family fete ask your family, friends and relations to come along and have a super day.

The next meeting will be on TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30pm in the village hall for tea and cakes and the final preparations.

Thank you for all your support. We will not let Covid dampen our spirits but look forward to a marvellous RENDHAM Fete.

Offers of help gratefully received by [pauljackson133@btinternet.com](mailto:pauljackson133@btinternet.com)

**RENDHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 9.30 - 12 NOON.**



**ORDER NOW**

**Christmas door wreaths - £12 - £15**



**Christmas door paddles - £15**

**Grave wreaths - £10**

Contact Lesley Bennion 663737 Lesley.bennion@gmail.com



**Christmas cakes - £8**

Contact Frances Hill 664021 frances@rendham.plus.com



**CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL**



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS NEAR US**

Lots of towns have already switched their Christmas lights on, but some are still to come

**FRAMLINGHAM:** Friday 3 December 4.30pm - 10.30pm **CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL**, Christmas tree lighting ceremony 5pm, lantern procession up Market Hill to the Castle at 7.15pm to the sound of the church bells. Musical entertainments & late-night shopping.

**SAXMUNDHAM:** Friday 3 December 4pm - 8pm **A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** including Father Christmas, book tickets from HG Crisp

**SNAPE MALTINGS, LIGHT INSTALLATION:** **KEYWORKER THANKS** by Oliver Hill, 3 - 23 Dec, Lights on 4pm - 5pm, Light & Sound show 5pm - 5.10pm daily <https://brittenpearsarts.org/>

**TWELFTH NIGHT (WELL NEARLY!) CELEBRATION**

**Saturday 8 January 7pm for 7.30pm**

**Bruisyard Village Hall**



COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING TO ROUND OFF THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES IN BRUISYARD VILLAGE HALL!

A delicious meal: Bœuf Bourguignon & veg plus a fabulous array of desserts!  
Vegetarian option: Vegetarian Lasagne.

Cost £12 per person. Prize draw.

To pay by cheque/ cash please contact Anne Smith (638793), Thelma Barham (638243), Rupert Wallis (638393) or Paul Church (663357). Cheques payable to 'Bruisyard Social Amenities Committee'.

To pay by card you can book securely online through the BRUISYARD WEBSITE: [www.bruisyard.com](http://www.bruisyard.com)

Organised by Bruisyard Social Amenities (BSAC) & PCC i.a.o BSAC & St Peter's Church.



**TIME TO GET PLANTING!**



**YOU CAN STILL GET SOME BULBS IN!**

**ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPRING FLOWER SHOW 2022**



We are hoping to hold the Spring Flower Show next year, so start planting your bulbs. We would also like to hold a Summer Flower Show if there is enough interest, and you can all grow something to exhibit in the summer. We will be holding a meeting sometime in the New Year, and hope that we have your support.

*Lynda Newson*



## JUNIPER BARN NEWS ★

Shop open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-3pm  
Cafe open Wednesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm  
(Juniper Barn closed Sunday and Monday)

[www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk) email: [enquiry@juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk) tel: 01728 663773

Christmas Shopping evening: Fri 17 Dec 5pm - 7.30pm



## SWEFFLING WHITE HORSE

Check out events on <https://swefflingwhitehorse.co.uk/events/>

FRAMLINGHAM SURGERY 01728 723627

Dispensary: (01728) 723957 [www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk)

SAXMUNDHAM SURGERY:

LAMBSALE MEADOW 01728 602022

[www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/](http://www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/)

Use the 111 or 119 coronavirus service if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home your condition gets worse your symptoms do not get better after 7 days Only call 111 or 119 if you cannot get help online

### CONTACT YOUR DOCTORS ONLINE

Fill out a simple online form to get advice and treatment by the end of the next working day

If you are requesting a repeat prescription these can be sent to: [dispensary.saxmundhamhealth@nhs.net](mailto:dispensary.saxmundhamhealth@nhs.net)

*Please include your name, date of birth, address and details of all the medication that you are requesting.*

## SWEFFLING VILLAGE NEWS

<https://sweffling.life/>  
Sweffling Parish Council has its own website  
<https://www.sweffling.com/>

**Have you ever thought about being a First Responder? It might be something you would like to do. Contact Ken Goddard on 663609**



### HOME BUT NOT ALONE

If you need urgent help You can call the Home, But Not Alone phonenumber 0800 8766926 if you live in Suffolk and need urgent help during the pandemic.

This emergency phonenumber is for people who:

- do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours
- are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies
- are feeling lonely and isolated



Don't forget OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS in Saxmundham and the Trussell Trust <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

Remember, the hat collection at the Mummies' play on 21 December will be for local food banks



### ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

[www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)  
01473 723600

Shops in all our local towns, pay them a visit to buy or donate items. Check website for more details

**THE CLIMATE CRISIS:** read pages 4-5. Everyone has a role to play in tackling the climate crisis. Find out more at <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/> <https://getcomposting.com/special-offers/>



### MOBILE LIBRARY

Stops 9/12 & 6/1/22 at Sweffling Church 0925-0945,  
Stops 14/12 & 11/1/22 at Sweffling White Horse 0935-0950 & Bruisyard VH 1005-1020. No stop at Rendham. [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)



SUFFOLK STEPS, local historic walks developed by Suffolk's museums

<https://suffolkmuseums.org/projects/suffolk-steps/>




# RENDHAM WHITE HORSE

01728 663497



Open every day from 12 noon – 11pm. Food served from 12 – 2.30pm and from 6pm – 9.30pm




Now taking bookings for Christmas Eve,  Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day.

Come into the pub to look at the menu!

*It's filling up fast!  
Book early to avoid disappointment*

## DIARY DATES

6 December 8pm: Christmas Quiz Night   
And the first Monday of every month after that.



Christmas Eve: Carol Singing in the pub from approx. 8.30pm – but get there earlier!



## Dates for your Diary

### DECEMBER


- 3 Christmas lights at Saxmundham & Framlingham (p3)
- 4 Rendham Christmas Market, 9.30am - 12 noon RVH
- 6 Christmas Quiz Night 8pm Rendham White Horse
- 17 Juniper Barn Shopping Evening 5pm - 7.30pm
- 21 Rendham Mummings 6.30 for 7.30pm, The Knoll
- 24 Carol singing in the pub

### JANUARY

- 8 Bruisyard (Nearly) 12<sup>th</sup> Night dinner, 7.30pm BVH
- 10 Rendham Parish Council meeting

### FEBRUARY

- 8 Rendham Fete meeting, 7.30pm RVH



**EACH**  
Woodbridge  
carol service  
St John's  
Church  
Woodbridge  
Tues 14 Dec  
7pm

2 July 2022  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Rendham Fete




Don't forget to start planting for the Spring Flower Show next year!

**SAXMUNDHAM LIBRARY**  
01728 652440  
<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times>  
Closed Mondays & Thursdays

## DEADLINE FOR FEB/MAR 2022 'STREET': 17 JANUARY 2022

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

### PLEASE NOTE: IT IS ESSENTIAL TO EMAIL BOTH EDITORS

The Street welcomes items for publication, but we reserve the right to edit. It is the responsibility of contributors to provide accurate details, PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE, about events. We are normally limited to 8 pages so may not be able to publish everything we receive for each issue. Priority is given to dated village events. All items submitted for publication must carry a name & contact no / email address

EDITORS' PLEA: Please be aware that we need to be notified ahead for forthcoming events for EVERY ISSUE of The Street- even 'repeat performances'.