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RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017

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SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!



CHRISTMAS DATES AT A GLANCE

- DEC 3 - Christmas Market, Framlingham
- DEC 5 - Charity Christmas Quiz, Rendham White Horse
- DEC 9 - Christmas Brass Band, Sweffling Church
- DEC 10 - Christmas Brunch, Sweffling Village Hall
- DEC 18 - Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, Sweffling Church
- DEC 20 - Christmas Carol Singing, Rendham White Horse
- DEC 21 - A Mummers' Midwinter Night's Dream, Rendham Knoll
- DEC 24 - Alternative Christmas Sing-a-long + Charity Raffle, Rendham White Horse
- DEC 24 - Midnight Mass, Sweffling Church
- DEC 25 - Holy Communion, Rendham Church



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Rendham Entertainments presents: **Miraiker's World of Puppets**



Come and be amused, thrilled and thoroughly entertained by **Miraiker's World of Puppets** on **Sunday January 22nd** from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Rendham Village Hall. Puppetry for all ages, fresh from London performances, an up-to-date Punch and Judy show with amusing contemporary themes - find out how the puppets are made, try them out yourself and have a fascinating look behind the scenes!

Adults £5, children free - includes refreshments. Early booking advised from Albert Lain (663 567) or Geoffrey Boulton (gpboulton@gmail.com) or on the door. All proceeds go towards raising funds for a hearing loop and projector for the Village Hall.

Jo Rogers

RENDHAM FETE UPDATE! Good progress has been made by the Fete planning



group with enthusiasm from willing new and old participants. An enticing programme for the day has been developed with some exciting new events for the arena in addition to the popular stalwarts. The next Fete meeting is on **Wednesday 18th January, 7:30pm, Village Hall**. This will be a critical meeting with decisions to be taken on allocation of stalls, whether the use of the profits should be changed, and if so, in what way (with the provision that the funds should stay in the village).

Please do come. If you are unable to attend but willing to help nearer the time please email matthew.greenburgh@gmail.com

Matthew Greenburgh

JUNIPER BARN OPENS Juniper Barn was officially 'launched' by Bill Darnell, our trusty postman, on Friday 28th October. Many of the talented tradesmen who worked on the project were there to see their collective endeavours come to fruition as well as local friends and supporters. Now in our second month we are enjoying meeting lots of new people. Our all-day breakfast, coffee and cakes are firm favourites, and daily essentials are stocked saving people a drive to nearby towns. If you haven't been in yet, do come and say hello!



Geoffrey and Katie Boulton

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY TO THURSTONS FARM



Congratulations to Amy-Rose Carrington who hosted a photo shoot for The Flower Arranger Magazine in August of this year. A team of 26 flower arrangers from the East of England Area of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) produced an amazing array of Christmas wreaths, festive bridal table settings, garlands and wall hangings, with support from members of the Framlingham Flower Club. You can see some of the amazing creations on the front cover of the current magazine - as well as a sneak preview here!

Lindi Carrington



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / VILLAGE HAPPENINGS EMAIL

If you wish to receive the Neighbourhood Watch / Village Happenings email list please email Trev.salmon@btinternet.com

RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

PARK (Play Area for Rendham Kids) - Cllr. Field reported that SCDC had repaired the post and hinges of the gate making it easier to open. He also reported that the ROSPA report had identified several areas for replacement or repair. There was a meeting to discuss how this would be funded. Cllr. Field asked whether this could be funded by the Amenity Fund. The cost was above the current available funds so it was discussed where funding could be applied for, clerk to contact Playing Space, County and District Councillors to enquire if there were any funds available. The equipment was installed in November 2001 so has lasted very well.

VILLAGE WEBSITE - The website was successfully transferred from Suffolk County Council to Community Action Suffolk on the 1st November, with no problems encountered.

RENDHAM AMENITY FUND - £1,000 was contributed to the repair of the church path which is looking good and a lot safer.

VILLAGE HALL - Cllr. Coulson reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had also contributed £1,000 to the repair of the church path. They were delighted with the path, especially as it has made disabled access to the back door now very safe. The side rooms of the Village Hall have also been painted.

A meeting was held between PCC, RVHMC and the Juniper Barn cafe owners to discuss the car parking. It was agreed that they would continue to work together and that currently there were no issues. PARK would continue to be used for special occasions such as weddings and funerals.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

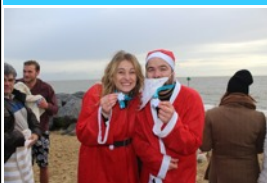
Cllr. Burroughes was unable to attend but forwarded a report on the following items:

- Early Years Foundation Stage - Profile Results 2016, good news as results continue to rise
- New Greater Anglia Rail Franchise top issue at Suffolk Rail Conference
- Suffolk Record Office makes final short list - looking at how digital files are managed

The full report can be found on the Rendham website along with minutes.

BT PAYPHONE - Once again we have been consulted about the removal of the BT payphone. Although no calls were made during the last year it was agreed to object to the removal of the telephone box due to concerns about mobile signal in the village and the loss of another facility. Watch this space!

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO TAKE A DIP ON CHRISTMAS MORNING?




This Christmas join hundreds of others in supporting your local hospice by taking a dip in the North Sea on Christmas morning and raise vital funds for St Elizabeth Hospice! Now in its 13th year, around 400 people participate every Christmas, supported by thousands more who turn out to watch and support. Registration costs just £10 and all the sponsorship money raised goes towards

improving the lives of local people living with a progressive illness. Be part of the festive fun and sign up at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/dip



THE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE - If health or mobility issues are preventing you getting to the library, or mobile library, volunteers from Suffolk Library Home Service may be able to help. The service is free. Volunteers visit you in your home, help decide which books / audiobooks will interest you and bring them to your door. Find out more by contacting Saxmundham Library on 01728 652 440.

CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING DEC'16 - JAN '17

	DEC 4	DEC 11	DEC 18	DEC 24	DEC 25
RENDHAM		11:00AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION			11:00AM HOLY COMMUNION
SWEFFLING	9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		5:00PM LESSONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	11:15PM MIDNIGHT MASS	
	JAN 8	JAN 15	JAN 22	JAN 29	FEB 5
RENDHAM	11:00AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		9:30AM MORNING PRAYER		
SWEFFLING		9:30AM FAMILY SERVICE			9:30AM HOLY COMMUNION

DIARY DATES FOR 2017

FEB 16 - ACC AGM. Venue TBC

FEB 24 - Gardening Talk with Matthew
Tanton-Brown, Rendham
Entertainments

APR 1 - Spring Flower Show,
Sweffling Hut

JUL 1 - Rendham Fete



CALLING ALL RENDHAM RESIDENTS!

Are you prepared to have a Children's Society charity box at home in which to put any loose change? Boxes are collected each December and all monies forwarded to the Society. Every penny counts! Please support this essential charity. Contact Lesley Bennion on 663 737 or email lesley.bennion@gmail.com

Bellringing Practice 6-7pm every Friday, Rendham

ARCHIVE FILM AFTERNOON

Bruisyard Village Hall will be showing 'Ipswich in the Past, 1910-1950'. Doors open at 2:00pm with film starting at 2:30pm. Tea/coffee, cake and scones available with a supporting film after the break. Donations requested from attendees.



LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM REV. JONATHAN OLANCZUK

After much consideration, I have decided that it is time that I retire. As most of you know, over the years I have struggled with illness, the progress of which leaves me with very little remission.

I have spoken to Bishop Martin and have let him know that it is my intention to retire as of Easter 2017. It is hard for me to say goodbye to

you, but be sure that what I am doing what will be, I hope, for the good of the Upper Alde Benefice.

For 17 years, I have been Rector of the Upper Alde Benefice. The Sunday after Easter April 23rd 2017 will be my last service as your Rector. May the peace of the Lord be always with you. Blessings.

Jonathan Olanczuk

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space restrictions we are unable to publish Jonathan's entire letter but this can be found in the latest edition of the Upper Alde Link (in Rendham Church). We are very sorry to learn of his early retirement due to ill health and wish him all the very best for the future.

FATHER CHRISTMAS TAKES A THAMES BARGE!



Bring the whole family to Snape for an unforgettable festive spectacle as Father Christmas arrives at Snape Maltings by an historic Thames sailing barge! Free event. Saturday 17th December, 3:15pm, Snape Maltings.

NATURE NOTES DEC 2016 - JAN 2017

Along the side of our drive is a line of roses, planted by the late Jean De Gale, our predecessor here. They are *Rosa rugosa*, unusual for roses in that they were grown from seed. The flowers, as well as being attractive (large, single, pink or white) have a very good scent, and enormous rose-hips which several birds find of interest. They are too big for any of the berry-feeding birds to swallow, but just at the moment there are a number of Greenfinches visiting them, pecking away the flesh to eat the seeds. The other birds I have seen on them are Bluetits, which seem to be pecking at the flesh itself.



Wild rosehips, of course, are common in the hedgerows at the moment, and will show bright red until later in the winter, when they shrivel and turn black. These are difficult for birds to eat. They are too large for all but the bigger thrushes, Blackbirds and Fieldfares, and are attached tightly to the stalk. Again Greenfinches will raid them for the seeds. Woodpigeons occasionally eat them in bad weather. Unusually, when they do, the seeds remain undigested, in this case the Woodpigeons act

as seed dispersers rather than 'seed predators'. Normally in the case of fruits such as Ivy, which are still green until they ripen to black at the end of the winter, pigeons can eat them early in order to digest the seeds. This is cheating - the 'evolutionary deal' is that birds should disperse the seed without digesting it in return for being fed!

Jays, Squirrels and Woodpigeons have all been busy feeding on the acorns, so that by now there are few left. Latterly they were in the evergreen oaks (Holm Oaks) that are planted here and there in our area, taking the small, pointed acorns which that tree produces. Jays and Squirrels (but not Pigeons) hide these away, just as they do ordinary acorns. From time to time we find young Holm Oak seedlings popping up in the garden, but I'm not sure who has 'planted' them!

Geoffrey Abbott

CELEBRATE WINTER SOLSTICE WITH RENDHAM MUMMERS



"A Mummer's Midwinter Night's Dream"

Meet on Rendham Knoll, from 6:30pm for 7:30pm performance. **Wednesday 21st December.** Seasonal refreshments incl. warm pork rolls - Hat Collection for S.A.F.E. Charity. Please bring lanterns for Torchlight Procession. Parking in Recreation Field.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS / HELP

Anna Morris is co-ordinating the Seasonal Refreshments for the Solstice Night on 21st December and would be delighted to receive offers of help, mince pies, sausage rolls and ingredients for winter punch and winter pimmis. Can you help? Please contact Anna 663 811 or email peter-morris@tiscali.co.uk

SAXMUNDHAM CRAFT FAIR - Want to buy an original Christmas gift? The Saxmundham Craft Fair offers handmade gifts made by local people. With a wide range of gifts at affordable prices, you can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake. Free entry. Saxmundham Market Hall, Saturday 3rd December 10:00am-2:00pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, RENDHAM - CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Everyone will have noticed the new Church Path which was completed early in October. We wish to express our gratitude to the Rendham Parish Council who contributed so generously from the Amenity Fund to the cost, to the Rendham Village Hall Management Committee who were equally generous, and to the Alde Community Council. We also received substantial help from four Suffolk charities, and from the profit made on the Harvest Lunch. Thanks also to Jonathan Stevens who drew up the specifications, and to Moore Bros. of Framlingham who carried out the work.

Our Service of Remembrance, on Sunday 13th November, was conducted by Prof. John Tesh, and the ceremony of placing the wreath on the War Memorial was carried out by Mr Dennis Moore. The collection raised £95.00, and will go to the Royal British Legion.

Your churchwardens attended a training course at Whitton on 31st October, despite fog and road closures.

Charles Seely & Frances Hill

FREE NHS HEALTH CHECK

If you are aged between 40-74 and have not had a stroke, or been diagnosed with heart disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, kidney disease or diabetes then you are eligible for a free NHS health check. The check will take between 20-30 minutes and will include simple questions regarding your family history and lifestyle, a check of your height, weight, blood pressure and a blood test to check cholesterol. Following this, you will be taken through your results and given personalised advice on how to lower any risks and maintain a healthy lifestyle. You may also be prescribed further treatment or medication. To arrange the check, please contact your GP, or contact OneLife Suffolk direct on 01473 718 193.



STEP OUT IN SUFFOLK WITH ONELIFE SUFFOLK'S HEALTH WALKS!

This Christmas explore the wonderful Suffolk countryside with the OneLife Suffolk Health Walks. You'll have the chance to meet others, enjoy the surrounding countryside and keep fit. Walks take place in all parts of Suffolk through to the end of February and include Wickham Market, Dunwich, Blaxhall, and Southwold. The walks are graded and start from a gentle 30 minutes to a 90 minute walk covering 3.5 miles. To find out more and download the free brochure visit www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH Saturday 10th December,

Sweffling Hut, 10:00am-midday.
Enjoy bacon and/or egg butties,
orange juice, coffee or tea. Plus
Christmas stalls and raffle!
Excellent chefs and a time to enjoy
a chat with friends. Proceeds to St
Mary's Church, Sweffling.

Young People's Opportunities Grants
The Alde Community Council offer one-off grants of up to £100 to help young people from our community access an opportunity in the arts, further learning, sports, volunteering etc. You can apply for an Opportunity Grant if you are an Alde Community resident 21 or under. (If you are under 18 your application must be supported by a parent or guardian). Grants can be applied for at any time, an application form can be downloaded from village websites, or contact Ken Goddard, Suffolk Kinsman, Sweffling, IP17 2BB.

SURGERY NEWS - Framlingham & Saxmundham

With practices closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day as well as New Year's Day to contact a doctor please call 111. In an emergency, please dial 999. Please check your practice's website for opening times.

Framlingham Surgery - www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk - 01728 723 627

Saxmundham Surgery - www.saxquax.co.uk - 01728 602 022

Next concert: Saturday 10th December 2016,
7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Framlingham

Phoenix Singers

English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble

The Firebird Boys' Chorus

Tickets: £12.00 (£6.00 for
under 18s) available from
Hall Farm Butchers, 25,
Market Hill, Framlingham,
William Glasse
william@glasse.org.uk,
07802 597071, choir
members, and at the door.
charity no. 1076549



Monteverdi VESPERS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sweffling Church will be
holding its annual Christmas
Market in Framlingham on
Saturday 3rd December,
9:30am - midday at the United
Reform Church Hall (opp. the
Solar Car Park and near the Post
Office). Discover Christmas-
themed stalls, including cakes,
crafts, presents, wrapping paper,
table decorations, tombola, raffle.
Homemade mince pies and
tea/coffee will also be available.



CHRISTMAS BRASS CONCERT

Leiston Royal British Legion Brass
Band will play their annual concert,
including Christmas music and carols
at Sweffling Church on Friday 9th
December, 7:30pm. This is the start of
the Christmastide Festivities in
Sweffling. Adult tickets £7, children

£3. Includes interval refreshments. To book call Diana (663
578) or Sheila T (663 518), or pay on the door.

SAVE £££s ON YOUR HEATING OIL

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FRAMLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sale of freshly made door wreaths and seasonal table arrangements made by club
members. Wreaths can be pre-ordered, from simpler one using fresh foliage, berries
and fir cones etc which are suitable for the churchyard, to the more decorative using
dried fruit, ribbons and baubles, perfect for home. Call Lindi Carrington on 01394 384
695 or Chris on 01728 664 199.

Saturday 3rd December, 10am onwards, St Michael's Church, Framlingham

THE ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL 2017

Membership renewals will be due at the AGM. Why not save time by renewing in advance,
and then there will be more time to enjoy the entertainment and refreshments at the meeting.
Just send your remittance with this slip. It remains unchanged at £4.50 per person or £3 if
you do not wish to enter the annual membership draw which takes place in September, at the
Rendham Harvest Festivities.

Please make cheques payable to Alde Community Council.

Name(s)

Address:

Tel: Postcode:

Please send to: Lynda Newson, Rosebank, Bruisyard Road, Rendham, IP17 2AQ.

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Monk
Soham

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St Elizabeth Hospice 01473 727776

www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Donations of clothes, toys, household items gratefully accepted.



SOUP & PUD LUNCH

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL, 12:30pm

January 25th

BRUISYARD NEWS

www.bruisyard.com

Dec 3: Christmas Coffee Morning, 10:30am-12:30pm, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.

See more of the wall painting of the life of St. Christopher. Plus, enjoy Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Mince Pies and Nibbles. Stalls include: cakes, jams and preserves, books, Christmas Fare and more.. Raffle and Tombola! All donations to stalls gratefully received

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Carol Service, St Peter's Church, 5pm. All welcome!

Jan 6: 12th Night Supper, Bruisyard Village Hall, 7:30pm.

Jan 22: Archive Film Afternoon, 'Ipswich in the Past, 1910-1950', 2:30pm, Bruisyard VH

Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

- 3 Christmas Market - United Reform Church, Framlingham, 9:30am
- 3 Framlingham Flower Club Christmas Fayre, 10am, St Michael's
- 3 Christmas Lights Switch On, Carols and Santa's Grotto, Saxmundham, 4:15pm
- 5 Charity Christmas Quiz - Rendham White Horse 7:30pm
- 9 'Christmas Brass' Concert - St Mary's, Sweffling, 7:30pm
- 10 Christmas Brunch - Sweffling Hut, 10:00am
- 10 Joy Spring Jazz - Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 10 The Phoenix Singers - St Michael's Church, Framlingham, 7:30pm
- 20 Christmas Carol Evening - Rendham White Horse
- 21 A Mummers' Midwinter Night's Dream - The Knoll, 6.30pm
- 24 Alternative Christmas Sing-a-long - Rendham White Horse
- 24 Midnight Mass, Sweffling, 11:15pm
- 25 Christmas Day Holy Communion, Rendham, 11:00am

MOBILE LIBRARY
Calls at Bruisyard
Rd opposite PARK
on 22nd December
9:55-10:10hrs.

JANUARY

- 18 Rendham Fete Meeting - Rendham Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 22 Miraiker's World of Puppets - Rendham Village Hall, 2:30pm
- 25 Soup & Pud Lunch - Rendham Village Hall, 12:30pm (Date TBC)

DEADLINE FOR FEB / MARCH 2017 'STREET' : 17 JANUARY 2017

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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