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RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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31st
March.



FEBRUARY / MARCH 2019

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RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL AUCTION! NEW DATE

Join us for Rendham Village Hall Fun Auction on the 2nd March at 3pm with viewing from 2pm. Ticket including your catalogue and light refreshments is £3.50.

We are collecting items for sale plus 'auction promises of services to be provided'. Do you have something to donate (including fine/good costume jewellery, artworks, paintings and prints, fine china and glass, antique and vintage goods, leather goods, gold/silver/pewter, etc)? Small items of furniture will be considered. More valuable items may be offered at auction with 50% of the sale being returned to the owner. Contact us today: Jennifer Webb - Jones 664 079, Lesley Bennion 663 737, Chris Bishop 663.287.

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL



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2019
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Jennifer Webb-Jones 01728 664079

JOIN US AT RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall Kitchen Improvement Fund

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Rendham Pedallers - Marathon Bike Ride

Chris Bishop's daughter-in-law is running the London Marathon, raising money for PARC, a local playgroup set up for children with special needs in the Braintree area.

We have been asked if we would take on a cycle challenge to help raise money on her behalf. So, we're going to cycle a marathon, on the 28th April, the day of the London Marathon. Busy that day?? Well, so you're

not left out, we'll also cycle it the Wednesday before the marathon (24th), or, you can set your own marathon route, and you can ride it any time up to the 28th.

To participate, you need to give your name and £7 (or more, if you'd like to be generous), to either Chris Bishop or me, as soon as possible, so she can order the medals/certificates to commemorate your effort. Plus, we'd like a photograph of you finishing. Whoever you are, wherever you are, we'd love you to participate. For more information and to join in, email ginapurvis57@me.com or call 663 785. *Gina Purvis*

EASTER LILIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH 2019



This year we will again have memorial lilies in Rendham Church. Lilies in memory of family and friends will be on display over the Easter weekend and through the following week - the names of those to be remembered will also be displayed and read out at the 11:00am Service on Easter Sunday, 21st April. *If you would like to order a lily, or lilies, in memory of someone dear to you, please fill in the form on the table at the back of St Michael's Church before the end of Sunday 6th April.* Lilies cost £3.50 each and proceeds go to Church funds. Please support us so we have as beautiful a display as we have had in the past. Please order and give your money to either Lynda Newson (663 325) or Lesley Bennion (663 737).

VILLAGE LITTER PICK



Could you spare an hour sometime between **Monday 25 February** and **Sunday 10 March** to help with the annual Village Litter Pick? As in previous years, SCDC will supply all the equipment we need, namely gloves, bags and a litter picker and the Parish Council will arrange insurance for us during this period.

We cover all the roads around the village and also go in teams along the B1119 from Rendham as far as the A12. There'll be plenty to collect and if you'd like to help it would be much appreciated. Please get in touch and let me know as soon as possible so I can get everything

arranged. Thank you - susandonald@suffolkonline.net

Sue Donald (663 349)



Sending our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Charles Seely who is now convalescing at home, having recently broken his leg. Charles does a tremendous amount for Rendham and beyond, including as church warden for Rendham Church, playing the organ at many of the local services and heading up the village choir. We look forward to seeing you back on your feet very soon, Charles, and wish you all the very best.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / VILLAGE HAPPENINGS EMAIL

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

RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

County Councillor Stephen Burroughs was unable to attend but sent the following report, the headings are as follows but the full report can be read on the Parish Council website at <http://rendham.onesuffolk.net>

- Fitness Activity worth £279m to Suffolk economy
- Consultation on proposed changes to Citizens Advice (CAB) funding
- Support for new parents struggling with baby's crying
- Lowestoft third crossing gets official backing
- Entries for the 2019 Gt. East Run open
- Update from the most active county team

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE - Should you wish to read the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, look at what planning applications are in and see who is on the Parish Council please go to the [village website](#).

S137 DONATIONS - Under the S137 the Parish Council can donate funds to a charity. It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 14th January to donate £150 to CAB and £50 to CATS.

AMENITY FUND - The fund has received £663 from the 2018 fete monies. Should anyone wish to bid for funds please contact the clerk on rendhampc@gmail.com She can send you the rules for applying.

PARK - Cllr. Field is in the process of writing up a constitution for PARK.

RENDHAM GREEN - Following more contact with PC Stollery concerning Rendham Green he has advised that, to ensure we do not break the law concerning the work we would like to carry out to make the Green more accessible, we get a bat survey and ecology report. However, this comes at considerable cost to the parish. We are currently looking around to get quotes. There is still the problem of a few of the trees that are near the road and are Health and Safety issues.

PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 - Looking at the costs that the council are committed to for the coming year it was decided to increase the precept by £200.



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE: Proposals have been made to improve the kitchen layout to house a recently acquired range cooker. This heavy appliance was delivered with grateful thanks by Mr Mark Spatchett and Mr Jake Spatchett. A wine cooler has also been acquired thanks to Mr Derek Bishop. I await a start date for the realignment of kitchen units, worktops and plumbing.

Denis Moore

Rendham Village Hall – All Our Yesterdays; From the village hall management committee archives of 47 years ago, some of the things being discussed again centred on improving the facilities of the village hall with a referendum mandate of 38 in favour, 0 against, 12 abstentions and 66 signatures in favour from persons not attending. The committee at that time had thus obtained the authority to proceed with improvements. 200 informative letters to be sent to all villagers were received from the Ipswich Typing Company to be delivered by hand by committee members!

Hire charges at that time: £2 wedding reception - 75p Parish Council meeting - 50p Mothers' Union - 50p Good Companions - 75p Whist drives, Women's Institute and bingo - £1 outside bookings - 25p hire of crockery (breakages to be paid for) - 10p hire of trestle tables!

Denis Moore

CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING FEB - MAR '19

| | FEB 3 | FEB 10 | FEB 17 | FEB 24 | MAR 3 |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| RENDHAM | | 9:30AM MATINS | | 9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION | |
| SWEFFLING | 9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION | | 9:30AM MORNING PRAYER | | 9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION |
| | MAR 6 | MAR 10 | MAR 17 | MAR 24 | MAR 31 |
| RENDHAM | | 9:30AM MORNING PRAYER | | 9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION | |
| SWEFFLING | 7PM, BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION WITH ASHES | | 9:30AM MORNING PRAYER | | 10:00AM MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE |

RENDHAM MUMMERS AND THE FULL MOON LIGHT UP THE SOLSTICE NIGHT



The gusty winds gave way to a still moonlit evening as revellers gathered on Rendham Knoll to celebrate the Winter Solstice, Friday, 21st December. Seasonal refreshments were enjoyed, before the Rendham Mummers made their entrance to perform their latest play "Return of the King".

The tale of the Holly King, who refused to die, unfolded, with the show drawing to a close as the new deity, the Oak King, arrived in spectacular style accompanied by Puck. The efforts of the Mummers, not least in their unique rendition of "Bohemian

Rhapsody" were warmly rewarded through the Hat Collection and private donations. A torchlight procession to Rendham White Horse followed, accompanied by the Straw Cart with the Oak King and Puck riding regally on high.

The Mummers are delighted to announce a total of £900 is being donated to Ipswich Hospital's Blossom Appeal to build a new breast care centre, and would like to thank everyone who supported the event. 2019 sees the Mummers celebrate their tenth anniversary, since the revival of these old traditions, and they will be back again on Summer Solstice evening with their new play relating to the tale of Boudicca and the Battle of Pipney Hill.

The Speaker



RENDHAM VILLAGE FETE OPEN MEETING

Rendham Village Fete is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 6th July 2019** and will be in a similar format to last year. As always any

offers of help in any shape or form will be welcomed, just give me a call or email. Likewise, any new ideas or inspiration. Please come along to the informal open meeting on **Monday 25th February 2019** at 19:30 at RVH and have a say and input into this important fund raising event essential to supporting the village institutions.

Denis Moore, 663 446 d.moore003@btinternet.com

SATURDAY BRUNCH



Come 'brunch' with us on Saturdays.

We are introducing a new brunch menu, including ever-popular favourites and new ideas. Brunch is available every Saturday from 9am-2pm and the set-price menu is £15 p/p. Or visit us on Monday-Friday from 8:30am for coffee and cakes, all-day breakfast and lunch. Visit www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk or call 663 733 to book.

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



The Christmas Market in the village hall on Saturday 1st December was a cheerful and colourful event with bunting decorating both the car park ship's mast fashion, and interior of the hall. Father Christmas welcomed visitors with his usual friendly 'Ho Ho Ho' panache. Christmas music and cakes, coffee and mince pies greeted everyone and the stalls overflowed with Christmas gifts, homemade produce and Christmas cards, books and DVDs made a

profit of over £500.

The Christmas Day service held half an hour earlier at 10.30am, instead of 11.00am, was well attended. The church was filled with beautiful flower arrangements on sills, pedestals and the niche and the Christmas tree glowed with silver and gold decorations by the Font. The Benefice choir who sang In Dulci Jubilo were in full voice as were the congregation as the familiar Christmas hymns were sung. Prof. John Tesh took the service and his wife, Sheila, played the first hymn on the organ as Charles sped back from the Bruisyard service in order to play the rest of the hymns. The Benefice Service on 30 December was taken by the Rev Martin Percival, and the choir sang In the deep mid-winter (Harold Darke).

We would like to thank Richard Pilgrim, and Lesley and Roger Bennion for all their hard work both for the Christmas Market and the Church, the Flower Team for their floral works of art, and the Bell Ringers for their glorious welcoming accompaniment to the services. We also want to express our gratitude to Paul and Lisa for keeping the church doors open and closed each day. .

Charles Seely & Frances Hill

SAVE THE DATE: February 25th - Rendham Village Fete
Open Meeting, Rendham Village Hall, 7:30pm



Dennington Plant
Sale - 27th April.

RINGING NEWS Ringing is a community activity. This shows up locally in bell restoration projects, where all sorts of folk join in, including schools, businesses, town and village organisations and even congregations! Nationally the ringing community demonstrated its existence, leading up to and during the centenary events of the First World War with "Ringing Remembers". National events of all sorts are celebrated and mourned with the sound of bells as a key constituent.

Individual bands form their own community too and this extends with ringing associations like our own Suffolk Guild of Ringers. As a community we can do far more than as individuals, indeed on our own, we can't do much in the way of ringing, except perhaps when using a programme on our computer at home.

One way the extended community works is by giving opportunities to ring with others beyond your own band and at other towers. We will be doing this on Saturday 16 Feb, with a mini-tour, ringing at Badingham, Dennington and Sweffling, where we shall have a 'bring-and-share' tea as well as a good ring on our light six. With a larger group of ringers with skills from beginners to (in skiing terms) "black run" skill levels those normally restricted in what they are able to ring by the strength of their own band, will be able to spread their wings a bit.

Another part of that community is hospitality, "ringers' teas" are an example, but so is the welcome visiting ringers get when they enter any other tower on a practice night, or on a Sunday to ring for service.

If you would like to visit us and see just how our community works, we practice at Rendham on Fridays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, or you can see a few of us in action most Sundays before church.

Jonathan Stevens (664 074)

NATURE NOTES FEB - MAR 2019



A few weeks ago, along the hedge behind our house, there were a lot of Blackbirds, many more than I would normally expect. Several people have mentioned having unusual numbers of Blackbirds in their gardens this winter, and they have been very evident feeding on windfall apples in the Memorial Garden and around the Townland meadow. This gathering however was even larger - I counted at least 35 birds in about 150 yards of hedge.

These extra birds are winter migrants, visiting our countryside and gardens almost un-noticed because we already have the same species resident here looking indistinguishable (unlike the more obviously different species such as Redwings and Fieldfares). They come from other parts of Europe; Scandinavia and the Baltic, Germany and Holland, arriving here in the thousands. Those from Norway will, like the Redwings, set off at dusk and fly across the North Sea by night. Other familiar resident birds, like the Chaffinch and Starling, have their numbers swollen in winter in the same way. Many of our breeding Blackbirds will stay put and face the competition. Others will themselves travel some distance, from the East of England perhaps to Wales or Cornwall. English birds have been found as far southwest as the South of France, or even Spain.

Bullfinches have been around in the garden for several years now, after a period of apparent decline. They are nearly always somewhere near. Despite the male's bright colours they can be hard to see, but the quiet piping call, once you know it, gives them away. In the garden they are very fond of the seeds of the ornamental Acer trees, where they have been feeding for several weeks. In the wild they are supposed to favour Ash keys. Recently, like several other birds, Bullfinches have increasingly been attracted to garden bird feeders. Ours have been turning their noses up at the ordinary seed feeder and have been concentrating instead on the Nyger seed intended for the Goldfinches. Too big to eat from the feeder directly, they have been gathering (usually five of them) on the ground beneath, feeding on spilt seed with other finches.



We have always taken a lot of pleasure in the Hares to be seen in the countryside around us. However, recently we have been seeing far fewer of these fascinating animals in our neighbouring fields. Although friends report still seeing them around, there is no doubt that throughout East Anglia the Brown Hare has suffered a severe decline. I am reading of numbers down some 80% in the last ten years! Scientists are

checking two possible causes at the moment. Firstly, there are reports that Myxomatosis, the virulent disease which comes and goes in Rabbits, may have finally managed to transfer to Hares (originally thought unlikely to happen). Secondly, there is another virus condition shown to be present here, called unhelpfully 'European Brown Hare Syndrome', which may be responsible. Watch this space.

I have sometimes looked forward to the blooming of the Hazel catkins as a sign of spring, and commented how early they can be. (The catkins are the male flowers, carrying the pollen; the female flowers which produce the nuts are bright red but tiny and insignificant.) This year I was really surprised to see many in the hedgerows in full bright yellow bloom early in January.

Geoffrey Abbott

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

4th March, 7:30pm **Annual Parish**
13th May, 7pm, **Council Meeting**
8th July, 7:30pm, 7.30pm, 13th May
9th September, 7:30pm, follows PC
11th November, 7:30pm meeting.

CHARITY PANCAKES AND COFFEE MORNING
Saturday March 2nd. Sweffling Village Hall from
10.00 a.m.- 12.00 noon. Freshly made pancakes
and freshly brewed coffee! Proceeds to the
Children's charity "Wellchild". Please come along and
support this worthwhile cause.

**Mother's Day -
Sunday 31st
March!**

**THE GREAT
GARDEN
TRAIL**

**Will you open your garden in
2019?** From 1st March to 1st
October 2019, St Elizabeth Hospice
will embark on The Great Garden
Trail and are looking for people to
open up their gardens of all shapes
and sizes and share their hard work
with others. Find out how you can
get involved in 2019, email
fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk
or visit
www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

'A WINTER'S EXHIBITION' - Great Glemham Village
Hall, Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 February 11am- 5pm. For
the fourth year enjoy an exhibition of paintings and
crafts by 22 artists, featuring Paintings, Ceramics,
Prints, Lampwork Glass, Fused Glass, Pineneedle
Weaving, and more. Do come along and see the large
collection of work. **FREE ENTRY.**

ACC SPRING FLOWER SHOW -
Sweffling Hut, 6th April 2019. Exhibits to
the Hut from 9-10am Judging at 10am.
Entry forms in Village Halls, and on
village websites. Show opens at 2pm.
Entry £1.00 (includes tea/coffee). Under 12's free.
Presentation of Cups at 3:30pm followed by Raffle. Please
support us For enquiries ring 663 325. *Lynda Newson*

VILLAGE DIARY DATES: Katie and
Geoffrey Boulton have kindly agreed to keep a
diary in Juniper Barn which can be accessed
by all wishing to organise a public event. It is
for recording the details of agreed events in
Rendham, Sweffling and Bruisyard so that others may check
if a date is free. The 2019 diary is already in place. This way,
Bruisyard, Sweffling and Rendham can each hope to attract
support from each other as we are such small communities,
all needing to raise funds for various reasons. *Jill Abbott*

SWEFFLING SAVE THE DATES

LENT SOUP LUNCH In aid of the Medical Centre we support
in The Gambia, will be held in Sweffling Hut on Saturday 16th
March between midday and 2:00pm. Lots of homemade soups
to choose from, including vegetarian and gluten free. Sample
as many as you like! Adults £5.00, children £2.50.

SUPPER AND TALK Have you ever wondered what it would be
like to travel to remote regions of the world and meet with
unknown tribes? Well now you can find out! On Saturday,
March 30th in Sweffling Hut at 7.30pm there will be a supper
followed by a talk entitled "On the wilder shores of life - Living
with unknown tribes in Ethiopia and Papua 50 years ago". The
talk will be given by Christopher Hallpike, Emeritus Professor
of Anthropology, and we thank Katherine Loveridge who has
persuaded her father to come to share with us some of his
experiences of his travel and research. It promises to be a
fascinating evening, with plenty of opportunity to ask
questions. Tickets £10.00, proceeds to St. Mary's Church.

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SOUP & PUD LUNCH

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL, 12:30pm

February 2019 - £3.50

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

- 2 Jazz Piano, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 4 Introduction to Meditation and Healing, Saxmundham Library, 2pm
- 4 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 9 'Phoenix' music night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 16 'VIP Jazz Trio', Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 23 Scratch Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 23-24 'A Winter's Exhibition', Great Glemham Village Hall, 11am - 5pm
- 25 Rendham Village Litter Pick commences
- 25 Rendham Village Fete Open Meeting, Rendham Village Hall, 7:30pm

MOBILE LIBRARY

Sweffling White Horse on 12th February + 12 March 9:35-9:50hrs.

Very Early Notice.

A full evening of laughter with Charlie Haylock, Bruisyard Village Hall, November

MARCH

- 2 Charity Pancakes and Coffee Morning, Sweffling Hut, 10am
- 2 Rendham Village Fun Auction, Rendham Village Hall, 3pm
- 2 Jazz Piano, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 4 Parish Council Meeting, Rendham Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 4 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 9 Scratch Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 16 Lent Soup Lunch, Sweffling Hut, 12 noon - 2pm
- 16 VIP Jazz Trio, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 16 The Amazing Mr Handel, Snape Maltings, 7:30pm
- 23 'Phoenix' music night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 30 Jazz TBC, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 30 Supper and Talk with Christopher Hallpike, Sweffling Hut, 7:30pm
- 31 British Summertime begins - clocks go forward
- 31 Mother's Day

DIARY DATE

ACC SPRING FLOWER SHOW, 6th April, 2pm, Sweffling Hut

SAVE THE DATE Rendham Fete, 6th July 2019

Easter Sunday - 21st April

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Saxmundham Library are looking for people to give informal talks, demonstration and provide activities on Thursday mornings. Find out more www.suffolklibraries.co.uk



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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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