

THE STREET



RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Clocks
go
forward
Sunday
29th
March.



FEBRUARY / MARCH 2020

Read it in colour ONLINE at: <http://rendham.onesuffolk.net>



YOU'LL BE MISSED! Many congratulations and grateful thanks to Charles and Morvyth Seely who have moved to Great Glemham, having been Rendham residents for many years. Over all that time, they have been vitally important to the life of the village. They have supported almost every village event, helping out wherever possible. Charles has given sold-out lectures in the village hall, and has been churchwarden and organist of the benefice as well as running the choir. In addition they have opened up their home for the ACC Summer Party and been staunch supporters of the relatively recent annual Christmas market. On behalf of everyone in the village we will wish them all the very best in their new home as well as thanking them for their hard work on behalf of Rendham and the other parishes.

Also, on behalf of the Village, we would like to say a 'huge' thank you to **Sue Donald**, who after 26 years of living in Rendham, has stepped back from her many roles in Village Life and moved to Aldeburgh. She has served on the Rendham Village Hall Committee, been involved in fund raising for the restoration of the Village Hall, acted as co-ordinator of the Rendham Village Fete, organised 'soup and pud' and co-ordinated the yearly Rendham litter pick. We wish you every happiness in your move to Aldeburgh.

RENDHAM VILLAGE FETE 2020 The Fete team of 2020 would like to remind everyone that if you have any unwanted Christmas presents from your Uncle Henry, or the splash-it-all-over type of carbolic soap from your Aunt Gladys then Liz Pilgrim and Paul Jackson would be happy to take any donations for the Village Fete (along with any other charities). If you have any items you do not want (between now and the Fete) which we can sell please do bear the White Elephant stall in mind. Many thanks

Paul Jackson



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When Puppets Rule The World

Saturday 8 February, 7pm - 7:30pm. Bruisyard Village Hall. A satirical and comic evening with Miraiker, looking at events, world leaders and political figures portrayed by using realistic hand puppets. Boris, Putin and Trump will make an appearance.



Plus a talk on making puppets, a workshop and opportunity to have a go yourself with the puppets! See how Miraiker creates her novelty puppets, props and design projects. Tickets £10 to include a Ploughman's Supper. Pre-booking essential. Please contact Albert Lain (663 567), Teresa McKee (663 515) or Anne Smith (638 793).

EASTER LILIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH 2020



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, 12th 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 5th 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 Lesley Bennion (663 737).



VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Firstly, thanks to Sue Donald for arranging the annual Village Litter Pick for the last 25 years. I will now be taking the task on! Could you spare an hour sometime between Saturday 22 February and Tuesday 3 March to help with the annual Village Litter Pick? As in previous years, East Suffolk Norse will supply bags and litter pickers 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. Many thanks. Jackie Dyer (664 118) jackiedenby180@hotmail.com



NIA DANCE RETURNS TO BRUISYARD Saturday 15 February, 2pm-3pm

Bruisyard Village Hall. Earthdance Nia will be running another exciting new workshop at Bruisyard Village Hall. Nia Dance is a fusion of the healing arts, martial arts and dance arts. It is accessible to all levels of fitness, no experience needed.

If you missed our Christmas class come along and see what Nia is all about. If you came at Christmas, we would love to see you again! Take part in this Nia experience and feel the joy of movement through Nia.

Further details and online booking - at www.earthdance.uk, £8pp. You can turn up on the day but numbers are limited so book to guarantee a place. For further information please contact Jen Johnson on 07989 620 271 or email jen@earthdance.uk



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

CHUCH CLOCK - The church clock stopped working before Christmas due to a damaged pin in the escape wheel. This has been fixed and is now working and on time.

County Councillor Stephen Burroughs was unable to attend but sent the following report:

- New Send Provision identified
- Man jailed for misleading vulnerable customers
- New Bridleway opens up Traffic Free link
- Suffolk Fire & Rescue service rated 'Good'
- Schoolchildren's mission to create 1,000 endangered animals from waste

District Councillor Maurice Cook attended the meeting and presented a report with the following headings:

- New Paperless land charges service launched
- Consultation on proposed dog control orders
- Consultation on draft Heritage Action Zone document
- Work to improve beach access in Felixstowe has been completed
- Food safety packs launched to help small businesses
- Photo competition winners announced

Both of these reports, plus the Tree Warden report, can be read in full on the village website at <http://rendham.onesuffolk.net>

PARK - In response to November's newsletter one person came forward to join the PARK committee and two other people sent comments. As Cllr. Field was unable to attend the meeting further discussions were held over until the March meeting. Is there anyone else who would like to join PARK committee? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk, Chris Salmon at rendhampc@gmail.com or call 664 199.

PARKING NEAR THE KNOLL - There has been some recent damage to the Knoll by vehicles. Cllr. Bennion to look into renewing the small posts. Please be careful driving / turning around or parking near the Knoll to prevent any further damage.

BT TELEPHONE BOX - Clerk to contact BT about the state of the telephone box re: the paint work and no light at night.

PARKING - From the 6th April 2020 responsibility for the enforcement of parking offences will pass from the Police to East Suffolk, there's bound to be more publicity about this closer to the date.

ROAD SAFETY - With the dark nights it's important to ensure you can be seen along the roads in Rendham whilst walking with a dog, or on your own. Please wear light coloured jackets or a high vis. jacket and carry a torch. The traffic along the Bruisyard Road seems to have increased in volume and speed, so take care and be seen!



The Children's Society

The Children's Society House Collection Boxes A big thank you to everyone who has had a Children's Society House Collection Box this past year. In December

£504.03 was banked, the sum total from the boxes of Rendham and Sweffling. If you Gift Aid your donation, the charity can claim an extra 25% tax relief at no extra cost to you. The Children's Society does invaluable work with our young people and your continued support is vital. If you would like to have a collection box please contact Lesley (663 737).

RENDHAM SOUP & PUD. Thank you to all who have been involved in 2019. This year we have donated over £500 to Village Hall Funds - see you on 26th February 2020!

CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING FEB - MAR '20

	FEB 2	FEB 9	FEB 16	FEB 23	MAR 1
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 8	MAR 15	MAR 22	MAR 29	APR 5
RENDHAM	9:30AM MATINS		9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION	11:00 AM BENEFICE SERVICE DENNINGTON	
SWEFFLING		9:30AM MORNING PRAYER			9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION

RENDHAM MUMMERS - SOLSTICE PLAY RAISES £843 FOR FIND



As the rain clouds parted and the sun set on the shortest day we took to the stage to perform our new Bard's first offering 'Death Stole the Sun'. With support drafted in from over the border in Essex, via a pit stop at Nando's, again good was pitted against evil as the tale was told how Death stole the new sun and the struggle to return it back to Mother Earth.

We never take our audience for granted and every play we are grateful for not only your support but also your generosity towards our chosen charities. The final amount raised from this Solstice Play was £843 and we

invited representatives from Families in Need to accept the cheque. On behalf of FIND and ourselves may we thank you again for your generosity and this money will further contribute to the work FIND do in our community to support people from all walks of life in their hours and days of need. The Mummers will now be taking a short period of rest before the 'work' starts again as we gear up for our Summer performances. *The Green Man, Spiritual Leader of the Mummers Clan*



JUNIPER BARN NEWS

The fire's blazing, the food's tasty and we are delighted to welcome everyone in for all-day

breakfast, delicious soups, Truly Traceable pies and lots of home-made food. In the shop we have a larger ranges of cheeses, more local produce and we are keeping our prices as low as possible. We are working on 'shopping without plastic' in conjunction with 'Cupboard Love' and other local suppliers. Keep an eye on our website for details or ask when you come in. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the past year and we look forward to welcoming you again in 2020. Any suggestions for menu and stock always welcome. *Geoffrey & Katie Boulton* www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk (663 733).



GREAT GLEHAM VILLAGE HALL

CINEMA - Friday 14 February - About Time (12A) 2013. Friday 6 March - La Doubleure (The Valet) (PG-13) 2006. All programmes start at 7:45pm. Doors open 7:15pm. Refreshments available. Entry by donation. For further details call 663 511.

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



We were amazed and delighted at the amount raised on this year's SHCT Bike Ride and would like to thank all the riders and especially Dr Richard Shattock, Helen Greenburgh and Albert Lane for their outstanding effort. We held a very happy Christmas Market on 7th December which many people came to and which raised over £700. The Village Hall was brilliantly decorated and the presence of Santa was much appreciated. Many thanks to all who made it happen.

On Thursday 19 December the Benefice Choir sang carols in the White Horse as they have done for so many years. Thanks to Paul and Lisa for the delicious mince pies. Our Christmas Day service of Holy Communion was taken by Prof. John Tesh and was well attended. The lovely Christmas tree and the two trees in the porch were beautifully decorated and the festive floral arrangements in red and green were a joy to behold. Our thanks to all those who made these gorgeous arrangements. Our thanks too to the Bell Ringers who ding dong merrily on high enhancing our services. We wish you all a rather belated Happy New Year!

Charles Seely & Frances Hill



BONFIRE & FIREWORKS - Following our bonfire and fireworks, we have donated £625 to 'Movember', a charity which promotes men's mental health and which works to prevent suicides.

Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare for this event, and to all who supported the evening by eating, drinking and donating.

Liz and Richard Pilgrim

SAVE THE DATE

There will be a wonderful variety of plants and cakes on sale at Dennington Church Village Plant and Cake Sale. Saturday 25 April from 9:30am.

RINGING NEWS: When I have given talks to other parishes wanting to get their bells going, I say that it is most important that the bells are rung at a consistent time on a consistent day of the week, so everyone knows where they are, whether ringer or listener. We have bent that rule for the winter by not practicing on Friday. A lot of our regular ringers come some distance and it seemed unkind to make them come out to be with us at 19:30 on a Friday evening. We have instead had a few special Saturday practices for specific people, where we have focused on just what they wished / needed to concentrate on. So, we've covered call-changes, Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Triples. Each student showed a clear improvement. By supporting one learner / improver at a time, we can get a strong Band around them so they are and feel fully supported! Hopefully when the good weather and daylight returns, so will our ringers on a Friday evening!

Jonathan Stevens

A REQUEST FROM YOUR EDITORS Please help us to ensure every issue of 'The Street' magazine is packed full of news and events that are relevant to Rendham and the surrounding parishes. We're happy to receive news right up to the deadline and always prioritise dated village events. Please ensure all news is sent to both editors - 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) *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**. Please note we cannot always chase for copy. We are 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.

DEADLINE FOR APRIL / MAY 2020 'STREET' : 17 MARCH 2020

NATURE NOTES FEB - MAR 2020



Woodpigeons seem to be the most conspicuous bird in the countryside at the moment - they seem to be everywhere, in the fields and lanes and in the garden. The banging of bird-scarers keeping them off the fields is a familiar part of winter. As with many other birds, in the winter they gather to feed in flocks, which can be quite large. You may have seen the devastation that these flocks can do on crops such as oilseed rape. In my student days, the then Ministry of Agriculture was doing research on pigeon populations and control of numbers. They showed that Woodpigeon flocks

were quite complex, that each member had a strict position in the social hierarchy, and that each bird knew exactly what that position was! As a result, when the flock was feeding on pasture, which has only just enough nutrition to keep the birds alive for the winter, the dominant birds could feed on the best foods such as Clover, while the subordinate birds were forced onto poorer foods and gradually starved. So even without shooting pigeons can have a hard time, and by no means survive.

The garden birds were slow to come to the feeders this winter, although there are plenty of them now. I use a variety of foods in different feeders and it is interesting to see how birds react differently to them. Nyger seed in specially designed feeders mainly attracts the Goldfinches, but other finches with small, narrow beaks can also get it. These are the Redpolls and Siskins which we see most winters, although there have been none as yet this year - perhaps it has been too warm. The other finches and House Sparrows also take seed, especially sunflower, as do the tits. Long-tailed Tits are still coming in groups, up to about eight, but they only stay for a short time - a few soon start to move off and the rest follow. I presume that moving around so quickly is intended to avoid attracting predators. They are particularly keen on the fat balls!



Every year we get a couple of Marsh Tits - quite small tits, brownish, with a complete black cap. Most people also see occasional Coal Tits, the smallest tit, rather grey with a clear white patch at the back of their black cap. Coal tits are very common in conifer woods, but some do visit gardens. They will use tree holes for nesting, or sometimes nestboxes, but where these are in short supply they will nest in the ground, in sites such as mouseholes. This must be a very risky strategy, with the danger of predation by animals such as Weasels.

Incidentally, even nestboxes at some height from the ground are not safe from the agile Weasel, which is a major predator of tit species. I have mentioned before that these two tits habitually take away seeds or peanuts to store them nearby as a food supply for later. Marsh Tits have been shown to have a prodigious memory for where they have cached food items and even those which they have since removed, so that they do not waste time searching. Other tits also remove seeds, but this is to eat them in safety rather than to store them again.

Geoffrey Abbott

Next concert: 7.00 PM
Saturday, 4 April 2020, at St
Michael's Church Framlingham

Phoenix Singers



JS BACH
ST JOHN
PASSION

Tickets: £15, under 18s, £7.50,
available from Hall Farm Butchers, 25,
Market Hill, Framlingham, Juniper Barn,
Rendham, William Glasse
william@glasse.org.uk, 07802 597071,
choir members, and at the door.
charity no. 1076549

'A WINTER'S EXHIBITION' - Great Glemham Village
Hall, IP17 2DH. Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 February 11am-
5pm. For the fifth year enjoy an exhibition of paintings
and crafts by 20+ artists, featuring Paintings, Ceramics,
Drawings, Silver Jewellery and much more. Do come
along and see the large collection of work. All welcome.
FREE ENTRY. See you there!



ACC SPRING FLOWER SHOW -
Sweffling Hut, 4th April 2020. 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*



SWEFFLING BOWLS CLUB: We are a very
small Bowls Club of just over 30 members and
we have teams in three local leagues:
Saxmundham, Woodbridge and the Fynn
league. Our season runs from April to early

September and we usually play on Mondays, Tuesdays and
Thursdays. You don't have to be an experienced player (and
we welcome all ages, male and female). If you're interested,
or just prepared to give it a try, contact Captain Keith Cady
(603 593) or Club Secretary, John Stanley (664 073).

COUNTRY MUSIC EVENING

Saturday February 1st, 7:30 for 8pm,
Bruisyard Village Hall. Enjoy a country
music evening with Brian Mann.
Refreshments available. Tickets £6 from
John or Teresa McKee (663 515).



CHARITY PANCAKES AND COFFEE MORNING Saturday February
29th. Sweffling Village Hall from 10.00 a.m.- 12.00 noon. Freshly
made pancakes and freshly brewed coffee! Eleanore Fitzgerald, in her
role as Miss Teen Pageant Girl East Suffolk 2020, is raising money for
the British Heart Foundation. Come and enjoy delicious topped
pancakes whilst supporting this life-saving charity.



**Will you open your garden in
2020?** From spring to autumn 2020,
St Elizabeth Hospice will embark on
The Great Garden Trail and we're
looking for you to showcase your
garden and share your hardwork with
others in support of the hospice. Find
out how you can get involved in
2020, email
fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk,
call 01473 723 600 or visit
www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

SAVE THE DATES

SWEFFLING - LENT SOUP LUNCH In aid of the Medical
Centre in The Gambia, the lunch will be held in Sweffling Hut
on Saturday 21st March from midday. Lots of homemade
soups to choose from, including vegetarian and gluten free.
Sample as many as you like! Adults £6.00, children £3.00.

BRUISYARD - BEETLE DRIVE Saturday March 7th, 7:30pm. All
ages welcome. Ploughman's Supper. Tickets £6 from John or
Teresa McKee (663 515).

FRAMLINGHAM - PHOENIX SINGERS sing JS Bach: St John
Passion. Framlingham Church, April 4th, 7pm. Adults £15,
Under 18s £7.50. Tickets available from Juniper Barn, choir
members and on the door.

BRUISYARD - WINE & FOOD Celebrate Spring with a selection
of interesting wines and food to match. Bruisyard Village Hall,
Saturday 28 March, 7pm for 7:30pm. Tickets £15pp available
from Anne Smith (638 793) from the end of February. Theme to
be circulated shortly (and will available on the village website).

Suffolk Fruit Wines available by the glass or bottle from DJ Wines, Monk Soham

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SOUP & PUD LUNCH

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL, 12:30pm

26th February 2020 - £3.50

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

- 1 Jazz Piano, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 1 Country Music Evening, Bruisyard Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 3 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 8 'VIP Jazz Trio', Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 8 Miraiker's Puppets, Bruisyard Village Hall, 7pm
- 14 'About Time', Great Glemham Village Hall Cinema, 7:15pm
- 15 Nia Dance, Bruisyard Village Hall, 2pm
- 22 Rendham Village Litter Pick commences
- 22 Popular local band 'Phoenix', Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 22-23 'A Winter's Exhibition', Great Glemham Village Hall, 11am - 5pm
- 26 Soup & Pud, Rendham Village Hall, 12:30pm
- 29 Charity Pancakes & Coffee Morning, Sweffling Village Hall, 10am
- 29 Jazz Piano, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm

Bellingring Practice 7:30-8:30pm every Friday, Rendham

MOBILE LIBRARY
Sweffling White Horse on 11th February + 10 March 9:35-9:50hrs.



ACC SPRING FLOWER SHOW, 4th April, 2pm, Sweffling Hut



MARCH

- 2 Charity Quiz Night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 6 'La Doublure', Great Glemham Village Hall Cinema, 7:15pm
- 7 Jazz Piano, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 7 Beetle Drive, Bruisyard Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 VIP Jazz Trio, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 17 Deadline for contributions to The Street April / May
- 21 Lent Soup Lunch, Sweffling Hut
- 21 'Phoenix' music night, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 22 Mother's Day
- 28 Jazz Piano, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 28 Wine & Food evening, Bruisyard Village Hall, 7:30pm



SAVE THE DATE Rendham Fete, 4th July 2020

Easter Sunday - 21st April

FREE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE - If getting to the library, or mobile library, is a struggle volunteers from Suffolk Library Home Service could help. Contact Saxmundham Library on 652 440 or visit www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM The Friends of St Michael's is a secular charity, established to raise funds to help preserve the fabric of the church. We only provide funding to ensure the church remains at the centre of the village as its most important historic monument. We need new Trustees with some IT skills for just one meeting a year. Can you spare any time? And do you think you could help? Contact Helen Payne (hpavgre@aol.com)