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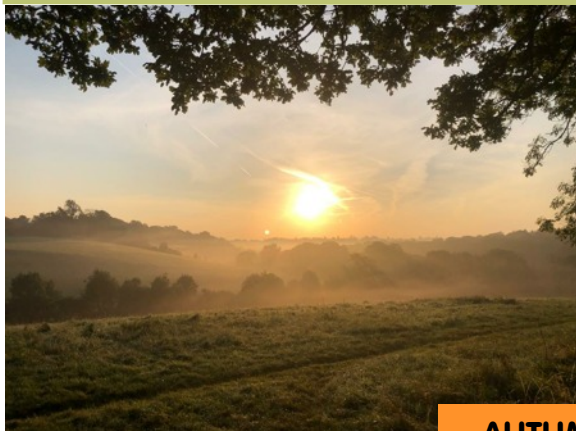
## RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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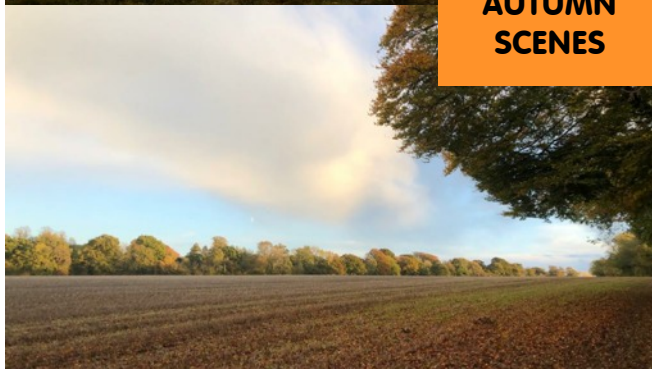


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#### AUTUMN SCENES



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## JUNIPER BARN NEWS

After five happy years creating and building up Juniper Barn, Geoffrey and Katie are retiring and are very pleased to have sold the business to Claire Cornier, who will continue to run it as a café, shop and community hub serving the villages and the wider community.



Juniper Barn will close on Thursday 7th October and reopen later in the month 'under new management'. Claire is a Suffolk resident whose initial career was as a diplomat in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and subsequently as a Deloitte Management Consultant. She has had the privilege of travelling, living and working across the globe and she is hoping to bring some of that inspiration back home for our enjoyment.

We are excited about Claire's plan and look forward to returning to Juniper Barn as welcomed guests. Rest assured, cheese scones, eggs Benedict and carrot cake will remain on the menu and the welcome will always be warm.

We are hugely grateful to so many from Rendham and Sweffling who have supported and encouraged us on our journey these past five years.

**Date for your diary:** Saturday 9th October 10.00am - 12.00pm. Tabletop sale at Juniper Barn, selling furniture, crockery, cutlery etc.

*Geoffrey and Katie Boulton*

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*Claire writes:* When I first came across Juniper Barn I was overawed. It is a place that represents everything that I love and enjoy. It is a destination for good food and for good times spent with friends and family.

Establishing the Suffolk Barn Company last year, I had a vision for building a lifestyle, food and travel brand online, one that would one day come to life somewhere beautiful. Rendham is definitely that beautiful village and Juniper Barn is the beautiful place I imagined, and I couldn't be more excited to be 'moving in'.



There will always be a warm welcome for Geoffrey and Katie and for everyone else at Juniper Barn. There will be some changes and much that is new to look forward to, but regulars can be assured that there will be no compromise on the quality of the food or service you've come to expect.

I'll look forward to seeing you all soon.

[www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk) *Claire Cornier*



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / VILLAGE HAPPENINGS EMAIL

If you wish to receive the Neighbourhood Watch / Village Happenings email please email [Trev.salmon@btinternet.com](mailto:Trev.salmon@btinternet.com)



# The White Horse

RENDHAM

## Rendham White Horse Is Now Open

Rendham residents received a warm welcome at the newly re-opened Rendham White Horse on Monday 16th August. Invited by Woodforde's and the new owners to enjoy a drink and view the changes, it was also a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get together after so long in lock down and a great time was had by all! See more photos at [www.rendham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.rendham.onesuffolk.net)



## Now Serving Food!

From Saturday 2nd October, Rendham White Horse will be serving food. Come along and enjoy a wide selection of food to suit all - from delicious soups to twice baked cheese souffle, steak to fish and chips and a selection of desserts including local Suffolk Meadow Ice Cream!

Food will be available from Monday - Saturday, 12pm - 9pm and from Sunday 12pm - 8pm. Allergies and food intolerances are also catered for, so please do let the team know when ordering. And the White Horse will be open daily from midday until 11pm.

The website is coming soon - so keep your eyes peeled at [www.whitehorserendham.co.uk](http://www.whitehorserendham.co.uk)  
Reservations can also be made by calling 01728 663 497.



## MICHAEL'S CHURCH, RENDHAM - CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

We were sad to report the tragic death of Steven Pitcher, who was so well-loved in Rendham and who did so much for the village. Our deepest sympathy goes to Judith and her daughters.

Congratulations to all who took part in the Ride and Stride on 11 September, and to the recorders who gave up their time to oversee this highly successful annual event.

Our thanks to a member of the Barker family who sent us some glass slides for the History Corner, perhaps 100 years old, of the Church and Chapel - probably a tripod and dark cloth were needed to take them. Nowadays we can do it rather more quickly!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The Christmas Market in Rendham Village Hall on Saturday 4 December.  
*Charles & Frances*

**Steve Pitcher:** We are sad to announce the death of Steve Pitcher who passed away in Papworth Hospital on Monday, September 13th. Steve and Judith had lived in Rendham for 21 years before their move from East to West Suffolk, to be nearer to their children and grandchildren.

Steve was a well respected, well loved member of the community who, together with Judith, were often the social hub of the village. Many people would have known him as the family butcher in Saxmundham. He was a big man who will leave a big hole. He will be sorely missed.

**Derrick Allen:** Our condolences also go to Alison Allen (previously of Rendham Court) and her family following the loss of her husband, Derrick, at the age of 94. Derrick played an active role in Rendham and St Michael's and will be very much missed.



### Our Village Churchyard

As many of you will have noticed, the churchyard has been mown in parts with the central area left to grow through the summer months. This was at the request of a member of the village and was to generally benefit wildlife.

The volunteers who regularly mow would now like to ask the village about your preferences for the churchyard. Do you think that the entire churchyard should be mowed, or should the central area be left to grow through the summer months, as this season? There are clearly arguments for both and to outline them here is not necessary. It would therefore be very helpful if you could let us know whether our village churchyard should be partially left for wildlife as this season or should be mowed in its entirety with all the headstones available to view.

Could we therefore ask if you would be good enough to pass on your thoughts to the volunteer mowers by emailing them to [peteraddington@live.com](mailto:peteraddington@live.com) and next year we will be happy to comply with the majority's wishes.  
*Peter Addington*

**RIDE & STRIDE 2021** Fifty cyclists visited Rendham church as part of the county's 40th Ride and Stride event on Saturday 11 September. Meanwhile we thank our sponsors for supporting our cycling efforts that once again raised over £1,000 for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. *Albert Lain & Richard Shattock*





**Family Party In The PARK**  
**SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2021**  
 BETWEEN 1pm - 4pm AT  
 THE PARK, BRUISYARD ROAD, RENDHAM

**FEATURING**  
 Family Games  
 BBQ  
 TEA TENT  
 WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS  
 PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR RENDHAM FETE!

Mr Ian McVeigh has kindly offered his field to hold the fete on **Saturday 2 July 2022**. After two years years of Covid we are planning to make this a super fete. Therefore we need to have as many volunteers as possible and any new ideas.

There are a lot of new residents in Rendham, and your help is really needed. A preparation meeting date will be published at a later date. In the meantime, if you would like to get involved, please do contact me on 664 064 or by email at [pauljackson133@btinternet.com](mailto:pauljackson133@btinternet.com) to find out more.  
*Paul Jackson*

**Rendham Village Hall Annual General Meeting** will be held in Rendham Village Hall on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7pm. Public meeting, all Rendham residents are welcome. Denis Moore, Chairman RVHMC



Liz and Richard Pilgrim would like to invite you to enjoy their "Bonfire and Fireworks" on Saturday November 20th, at the Christmas Tree Field, Bruisyard Road, Rendham. Bonfire at 6pm, followed by fireworks. Barbecue and Bar with all proceeds going to The East Anglian Air Ambulance.



12 dogs and handlers met up for a National Dog Day walk. We had a great stroll through the Sweffling water meadows. Everyone, and more, joined us for coffee and cake where we raised £140 for Medical Detection Dogs. Thanks to you all for supporting us and helping us raise this substantial sum. *Gina*



**Aldeburgh Music Club** - In its first concert in over two years, Aldeburgh Music Club Choir will be performing **Handel's 'Messiah'** at 7.30pm, on Saturday, December 11th at St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford. For further details visit [www.aldeburghmusic.club](http://www.aldeburghmusic.club) . We look forward to seeing you there!  
*Lesley Bennion*

## RENDHAM PARISH / PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

### Highway issues

SCC Cllr. Stephen Burroughes has contacted the Parish Council and is to hold a meeting with the PC and Highways in Rendham, date yet to be confirmed.

### Vacancy for Councillor

We still have a vacancy for a Councillor so if you are interested, please contact Clerk, Chris Salmon on 01728 664199 or [rendhampc@gmail.com](mailto:rendhampc@gmail.com) to find out more information.

### PARK

The PARK committee are holding a Party in the Park to raise money for developments they want to do. It is on the 2nd October 2021 1pm to 4pm PARK. There will be a Tea Tent, Family Games, a BBQ, White Elephant Stall and Book stall. Do go along and support, all welcome.

### Tree Wardens Report

In early September I attended a Soil and Sustainability Seminar run by the British Soil Science Society. Ahead of both the UN COP 26 in Glasgow in November and the UN Food Systems Summit in New York in September, the Society wished to push the subject of Soil Health to the front of the discussion. Apparently, whilst lots is being said about the issue we read in the papers every day, such as Climate Change, Food Supply issues, Tree Planting, Rewilding, Regenerative Agriculture, Deforestation, Drought, Increased Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, synthetic organic chemicals, nitrogen increases and microplastics (all very salient issues) virtually nothing is being focused on Soil and its health and the fundamental part it plays in all of the aforementioned.

*Cllr Gleeson*

FOR THE FULL REPORT PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE [www.rendham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.rendham.onesuffolk.net)

### Signage for Rendham Green and the PARK

We are looking into what signs we should have at both these sites. Have you got any ideas? Do send us details.

### Village Sign

As one side of the sign is fading, (it faces the sun most of the day). It has been suggested that the sign is turned around to protect it. Cllr. Gleeson has taken on this challenge.

### Clock Chime Mechanism

As many of you know the Church Clock has stopped chiming. Due to a private donor who has given £500 which covers a large part of the cost the part has been ordered and will be replaced soon. Grateful thanks were given to the donor by the Parish Council.

### Grit Bins

After a long discussion, exploring where, how many, costs, insurance and training in use etc plus the complexity of the hills it was decided not at this time to order any grit bins.

**RENDHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET 2020** SAVE THE DATE: This year's Christmas Market returns and will be held in Rendham Village Hall on Saturday 4 December. And, don't forget your Christmas Door & Grave Wreaths. For more details and to order, please ring Lesley (663 737) [lesley.bennion@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.bennion@gmail.com)

# NERO - THE MAN BEHIND THE MYTH

British Museum Exhibition - Running Until 24 October 2021. Photos: Helen Greenburgh

It's not every day that Rendham receives pride of place in the British Museum but their exhibition 'Nero - The Man Behind The Myth' showcases Rendham's 'head' as one of the most prominent parts of the exhibition. Long mistaken as the head of Claudius, this copper alloy head was found in the River Alde in 1907 by two Rendham boys, Arthur Godbold and Arthur Baxter, and was later bought for five shillings by the Benhall school master.

Aside from being one of Rome's most infamous rulers, notorious for his cruelty, debauchery and madness, Nero was also a trendsetter - with his hairstyle being completely new in the Roman Empire - and one which was very much copied!

## Decapitation?

Statues of Nero were erected throughout the empire. This bronze head (long-mistaken for Claudius) dates to the years after Nero's accession. It may have been made locally, or imported from Gaul (France). The eyes were originally inlaid with enamel or coloured glass. The complete statue probably stood in Colchester before being hacked down and taken as booty during Boudica's attack. Found in a river, it was perhaps deposited as an offering on the boundary between Iceni and Trinovantes tribal land.

## Art Fund

Copper alloy, River Alde at Rendham, Suffolk, AD 54-61  
Purchased with support from Art Fund  
British Museum



Official portrait of Nero from his early reign. Images like this provided the model for the bronze head displayed here.

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

Donations of clothes, toys, household items gratefully accepted.



Supporting the hospice  
is a piece of cake

**Home For Tea** - The Great British Bake Off has returned and if you love baking, then why not rustle up some cakes and treats with friends to raise money for St Elizabeth Hospice. For your fundraising pack and lots of ideas head to:

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

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**MOBILE LIBRARY**

**SERVICE** - Sweffling White

Horse from 09:35- 09:50. 19th

Oct, 16th Nov and 12th Dec.

Thank you so much for the marvellous response to my SOS email seeking plant material for Lynda & I to use for the Harvest decorating of the Church. We had a lovely, colourful selection of both grasses & flowers. It was a pleasure working with such resources.

We'd love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping to arrange flowers in the future - particularly Easter, Christmas & Harvest.

Lesley 663737 [lesley.bennion@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.bennion@gmail.com)

**SAXMUNDHAM LIBRARY NEWS** Thanks to everyone that has visited the new library since we opened at the end of June. We have now started many activities, so why not pop along and join in with activities including:

- BabyBounce - every Tuesday & Friday morning during term time (9:30am - 10am). A fun session with songs and rhymes for children aged 0-3 and their parent / carer. Just turn up, it's free.

- Book Group - last Friday of each month at 1:30pm. We are currently reading 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman. Don't worry if you haven't been to a bookclub before or if you can't make it each month - just drop into the session when you can. It's free and friendly!

- Saxmundham Library Friends Group - we need more to join our Friends Group - can you help?

Find out more at [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)

Liz Gleave, Saxmundham Library



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[www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/select-and-collect](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/select-and-collect) to get started.

**DEADLINE FOR DEC 21 / JAN 2022 'STREET' : 17 NOVEMBER 2021**

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