

THE STREET

RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2020



REAL NEWS: one of the first public concerts in the UK since lockdown was at Procorda at Leiston Abbey on 25 July at 5pm. It poured with rain but the audience stuck it out as it was so exciting to be at a live event.

There will be another 'Classical Chill' recital on Saturday 1 August at 5pm. Picnic tray & ticket: £15

To book, go to procorda.com/events or email liveattheabbey@procorda.com stating the number and type of tickets you wish to book. Box office hotline (9am - 3pm) 01728 831354.

SHCT BIKE RIDE & STRIDE SAT 12 SEPT 09:00 - 17:00

The annual bicycle and walking event in support of Suffolk's 500 medieval churches and chapels is scheduled for Saturday 12 September. The money raised enables the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to make grants for repair and restoration of these historic buildings. Cyclists/walkers devise their own route to visit. The organisers are hoping the event will go ahead, but check <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> nearer the time. Find sponsorship papers and a full list of churches that are open on the website when finalised. Please cycle or support if you can!

Have you ever thought about being a First Responder? Call Ken Goddard on 663609



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RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council meeting was held in the open air on the Knoll with everyone bringing their own chair. It worked well and the rain held off till the end of the meeting. Hopefully we will be back in the village hall in September.

Resignation of Cllr. Oaksey

Should anyone be interested in filling the vacancy left by Cllr. Oaksey please contact Parish Clerk Chris Salmon

Rendham Village Hall

RVH applied for the COVID-19 Business Support Grant (retail, hospitality and leisure) and were immediately granted £10,000. They have joined Community Action Suffolk to be part of a network in order to keep abreast of relevant issues that unfold and pertaining to village halls at present focussed upon COVID-19.

Priority is now to begin the process to safely open the village hall as lockdown eases and in accordance with the extensive guidelines that have been issued. In essence, there is no one size fits all, and there are extensive measures to be considered, risks assessed, decisions documented and implemented. At that point, they can self-certify COVID-19 secure, inform their insurers and re-open.

To achieve the above, they are arranging a series of committee meetings to comprehensively discuss the responsibilities that they have in this process. At this time, they believe that September is a realistic target to aim for opening. Two of their regular users that instruct Pilates have intimated that they would like to restart in due course and in compliance with their relevant umbrella associations. The outside painting is still scheduled to commence and the repairs to outside window frames have been done. The ceiling insulation has not been progressed at this time because the survey appointment had to be cancelled during lockdown.

District Councillor Maurice Cook sent the following report, full report available on the village website

- Supporting our market towns
- Communities and supporting residents
- Grants, funding and business matters
- Environmental Health
- Operational updates

County Councillor Stephen Burroughs sent the following report, full report available on the village website

- New plan sets out how Suffolk will prevent & respond to COVID-19 outbreak
- Suffolk's resilience partners continue to provide PPE equipment
- Temporary relaxation of concessionary travel arrangements in Suffolk to end
- Looking after the vulnerable is top priority
- Improving Suffolk's wellbeing & mental health with a simple 'thank you'
- Joint statement from Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group – acceptance of DCO
- First business benefits from council's free solar panel scheme *cont'd...*

For more info about the Parish Council contact Chair David Willett or the Parish Clerk, Chris Salmon on rendhampc@gmail.com

Next Parish Council meetings 7.30pm RVH
Monday 14 Sept, Monday 9 Nov

(RPC Newsletter cont'd)

Rendham Village Website

Changes are currently being made to the website to make it more Accessible for the disabled. The changes will take a little time but Chris Salmon webmaster is working as quickly as possible. Currently you may see a small icon on the left hand side of the screen which when clicked allows you to make changes to the size of the lettering and make a change of colour.

Village Red Telephone Box

Once again, we are being asked whether to keep the red telephone box for making calls, or whether we want to take it over and use it for another purpose. The Box is in poor condition. Other areas have used it for other purposes such as a library. In the past we have argued that because of the poor mobile signal/reception it should be kept for at least emergency use. The PC has to send its response by the 3rd August.

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM

The Friends of St Michael's, a secular charity established in 2009 to raise funds to help preserve the fabric of the church, has decided to take the required steps to wind up the charity. The residual capital of the charity is about £6,000 and it will be transferred to Rendham Parochial Church Council with the stipulation that this money should be used on the fabric of the building.



Watercolour: Tory Lawrence, 2012

Of the approximately £50,000 necessary to undertake the 2009-14 critical restoration project, £40,000 was raised through the Friends of St Michael's. The Trustees' role has been to help keep St Michael's Church as part of Britain's built heritage by focussing solely on preservation and conservation of Rendham's historic building. We thank all those in the village and beyond who have helped put the church on a more stable footing by supporting the Friends of St Michael's.

Helen Payne, Chair, Society for the Protection of St Michael's Church Rendham



JUNIPER BARN NEWS

We are very grateful to the Fete team for lending us a marquee which is up on the grass behind the barn and so the indoor/outdoor café is now open from Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9.00 am - 3.00 pm for breakfast, light lunches, coffee/tea and cakes with a smaller, but no less delicious menu. Saturday is 'brunch day'! Please ring 01728 663773 or email through the website to book a table.

The shop remains fully stocked with everything that we have been supplying during lockdown, including a wide range of summer fruit and veg, fresh meat and cheese, and we continue to do deliveries.

Keeping our staff and customers safe is our priority, and we are following Government COVID-19 guidance. We do thank all those who have supported us so loyally and look forward to seeing you soon.

Geoffrey and Katie Boulton

www.juniperbarnsuffolk.co.uk

01728 663773

PARK THANKS

Due to current rules Paul and Lisa are unable to open the pub, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support to PARK over the years, and wish them well.

Lynda Newson

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Rendham Village Hall All Our Yesterdays and Today

Raising funds has been a long standing task for village hall management committees. Around this time in 1973, an initiative was started in Rendham to collect waste paper from residents in order to sell it at the then going rate of around £14 a ton.

The intention was to collect it from villagers once a month, in a cart and for it to be stored. A notice was put up in the village shop asking for volunteer collectors and an appeal for the offer of a building to store the collections. There were no volunteers but the offer of a storage building was received. Residents were invited to deposit their waste paper at the store at specified times. The result was 1.75 tons of waste paper subsequently sold at £10 a ton realising £17.30p for village hall funds.

More recently, during the current COVID -19 crisis, our application for the small business (leisure) loss of income grant was successful and Rendham Village Hall received £10,000.

The Management Committee are now engaged in the process of making our village hall COVID -19 secure in order that we will be able to confidently reopen for community use.

Denis Moore, Chairman Rendham Village Hall Management Committee



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Rendham Village Hall Management Committee
Rendham Village Hall Monday 24 August 2020 at 1930h.

At this time, the management committee are working through the requirements that will allow us to certify COVID 19 secure and allow us to reopen the village hall for community use. Until those requirements are met, this year's AGM will not be a public meeting. Therefore, if anyone has any issues or concerns that they would like to bring to the attention of the management committee, please write or email me and I will place them on the agenda and respond accordingly. The agenda will be placed on the village hall and community noticeboards at least 3 weeks before the meeting.

Thank you

Denis Moore

Chairman Rendham Village Hall Management Committee



FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Saxmundham food bank in the last few weeks, it has been very much appreciated.

If you have extra food you may like to donate, you can drop donations during their opening times to the Old Barclays Bank, 24 Saxmundham High St. Monday to Friday 9.30 - 2pm.

I am also happy to continue to drop there on a Friday am. I will leave a box on my drive on Thursdays after 8 August marked 'Food Bank'. My house is Sartoria, the 60s house on Bruisyard Road with the flat roof.

If you would like me to collect please email me after 8 August
on bdangelo@btinternet.com to arrange. THANK YOU!!

Brigitte d'Angelo

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Our first service since the corona virus pandemic lockdown began, took place on Sunday 19th July at St Michael's and was conducted by Rev Martin Percival. Our grateful thanks to Albert Palmer who has put in so much work making the new notice board and for painting the church door. Also to Peter Addingham who has so generously volunteered to cut the churchyard grass.

As we all know, the Rendham Fete could not take place this year. But we look back at many happy and successful Fetes which have been a wonderful example of team work and good will, and now look forward to future Fetes when all these present necessary restrictions are over.

Churchwardens: Charles Seely, Frances Hill

RENDHAM CHURCH SERVICES

Here is the pattern so far:

Badingham & Sweffling 1st Sunday of the month
Cransford & Dennington 2nd Sunday of the month
Bruisyard & Rendham 3rd Sunday of the month
Benefice Service 4th Sunday of the month

So Rendham services should be at 11am on 16 Aug & 20 Sept

Inevitably, this might be subject to change, check nearer the time.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is a notice on the noticeboard but if anyone is interested please contact Chris Salmon, Parish Clerk to find out about it

01728 664199

chris.salmon2@btinternet.com

A WARM WELCOME

to Carolyn and Roger Bacon who have moved into Hedgerows, coming the length of the country from Devon! We hope you are settling in well. Thanks to Sue Donald for keeping us informed!



Rendham Neighbourhood Watch/Village Happenings

For Neighbourhood Watch & info about village events, contact Trev.salmon@btinternet.com or tel: 01728 664199 if you would like to be added to his circulation list



BOOKS FOR SALE!

As we could not sell them at the fete this year, we have books for sale in the garage at Pippins.

Here are a few cookery book titles: The new Larousse Gastronomique; Delia's How to Cook Vol 1,2,3; Delia Smith Complete Illustrated Cookery

Course; Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management; Mrs A.B. Marshall's Cookery Book.

There many more books to choose from! All sales will be added to next year's fête monies.

If interested, please give us a call: *Chris & Trevor Salmon*

01728 664199 trev.salmon@btinternet.com

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

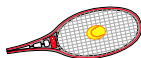


MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Rendham Village Hall
10.00am-12.00pm

£1 entry includes tea/coffee. Bring & Buy, Raffle, Plants, cakes and more. Please give your support to this good cause. Donations/cakes most welcome.

For enquiries ring Lynda 663325



TENNIS PLAYERS: SWEFFLING TENNIS COURT

Sweffling Tennis Club has been active throughout the period of lockdown.

We hope that you may wish to consider joining or re-joining this small, friendly village club.

All enquiries and to join: contact Sue Rusack sueryderr@rusack.myzen.co.uk

Subs are: Household (all members and guests of a given household) £65;

Family (all resident family members) £45;

Single Adult £20; Child (full time education) £5

NATURE NOTES

Geoffrey Abbott writes from over the river in Sweffling, but much is also relevant to Rendham!

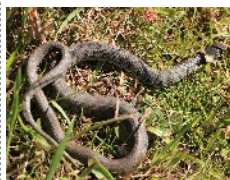


Who knew that Sweffling had its own official nature reserve? It is a very short stretch of roadside verge – the smallest nature reserve I have ever seen. Although small in area, verges can be an important survival of the sorts of grassland that have disappeared elsewhere. This one is designated and managed by Suffolk County Council, and contains wildflowers characteristic of the Suffolk boulder clay, such as Agrimony. Most importantly, there is a large pale clover called the Sulphur Clover, quite scarce and not found on the sandier areas of the county. We went to have a look in June; it is actually a very pale yellow rather than sulphur coloured. Have a look next year. The verge is just beyond the top of Holden's lane, on the Glemham road and is signed, but walk slowly or you will miss it!



There were a good number of Meadow Brown butterflies all through the summer and later, from early July, the Gatekeeper, smaller and with brighter orange patches on the wings. Both of these species' caterpillars feed on a variety of the meadow grasses. Good butterfly news this year has been better numbers of the Small Tortoiseshell, until recently abundant, but in the last few years becoming quite scarce. This has been attributed to the effects of a parasitic fly, *Sturmia bella*, present in Britain for only the last 20 years. The larvae of this fly eat the inside of the caterpillar, and emerge from the dead chrysalis.

Several people have told me that their gardens are being visited by families of Great Spotted Woodpeckers. This is the black-and white woodpecker that often comes to feeders, especially peanuts or fat balls. At this time of year the young can be easily distinguished; they are the ones with a bright red top to their crown. The male has a small red patch on the back of his head, and the female no red on the head at all.



I was thrilled to find a young Grass Snake on the drive at the end of June. I know that there are a few in the villages, where they like gardens with compost heaps, but they are not at all common in Sweffling which may be too dry for them. From its size, I guess that this one was one of last year's offspring, which suggests that somewhere they have been breeding. They will eat frogs, which we no longer have, but also newts, insects, slugs and worms. Look for a greenish colour with black markings, and a patch of bright yellow with black edges behind each side of the head. They rarely bite if handled (not poisonous) but can produce a truly evil smell, so they are best not touched. For its own safety, I moved this little chap off the drive and left it beside the pond.

Sweffling's Jubilee Oak Tree was totally stripped of its leaves by caterpillars of the Brown-tail Moth but has now made a remarkable recovery. It has an almost complete set of new leaves, and by the time its late summer leaves mature (they are called Lammas leaves, which Oaks habitually produce, presumably as insurance against just such depredation by leaf-eaters), it will be as good as new. I would finish by repeating how unpleasant the hairs of this, and other tent-building caterpillars can be. They are extremely irritant when touched and can travel about on the air to a surprising extent.

Geoffrey Abbott

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Saxmundham Library remains closed for the foreseeable future as the building is under renovation, but other libraries are open: Aldeburgh, Halesworth, Leiston, Southwold, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, sometimes on reduced hours. Check before you go www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

If you are still shielding or unable to get to another library, Saxmundham are hoping to offer a home delivery system in Aug/Sept. Books will be selected by staff and will be a general small selection (eg. 6 crime or historical, etc) or books that you have reserved. They will deliver once a week, drop them on your doorstep and collect any returns. If you are interested in this service, please email Liz.Gleave@suffolklibraries.co.uk.

Mobile Libraries are operating on the normal schedule, one person at a time. Sweffling Church Thursdays & Sweffling White Horse Tuesdays. No stop in Rendham.

SUFFOLK'S WASTE RECYCLING SITES ARE NOW OPEN, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

You will only be able to take waste to a Suffolk Recycling Centre if you have booked a designated time slot Find out more at <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page>

COVID-19 – ADVICE FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

The Suffolk County Council's Covid page is

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

It tells you what help you can get, provides useful general advice and guidance, and tells you where you can get tested:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-in-suffolk/>

COVID-19 – THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FACE COVERING IN SHOPS AND IN PUBLIC AREAS - Advice from Surgeries

The introduction of the requirement for people to wear face covering in shops is intended to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

There are certain groups of people who are exempt from this requirement and they include:

- children under the age of 11,
- people with disabilities
- those with breathing difficulties or
- those who are travelling with someone who relies on lip reading.

These groups of people, their parents or guardians are able to indicate the reason, if required, as to why they are not wearing a face covering.

Government guidance suggests there is no requirement for evidence for exemption. It should be sufficient for someone to declare that they are eligible for an exemption direct with the person questioning them.

Please find gov.uk guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safeoutside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home>

Home, But Not Alone

Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

Coronavirus Emergency Phonenumber

0800 876 6926



If you need urgent help You can call the Home, But Not Alone phonenumber if you live in Suffolk and need urgent help during the coronavirus (COVID-19) 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

FRAMLINGHAM SURGERY 01728 723627

Dispensary: (01728) 723957 www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk

SAXMUNDHAM SURGERY:

LAMBSALE MEADOW 01728 602022 www.saxquax.co.uk

www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/

Use the 111 online 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 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

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

THE WHITE HORSE RENDHAM

Paul and Lisa have reviewed the COVID-19 secure guidelines and taken advice from their professional bodies. Due to the size, age and nature of the pub they are unable to be COVID-safe to protect staff and customers whilst also being a traditional village pub and financially viable. They will continue to assess the guidelines as they are updated and hopefully at some point in the future will be able to re-open. They thank you for all the kind wishes and messages of support over lockdown.
www.whitehorserendham.co.uk



ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

01473 723600

They really need support!

There is the annual 'Midnight' Walk which can now be done in the day in your own time, between 19 & 26 September. Sign up at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

THE SAXMUNDHAM SHOP HAS RE-OPENED

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Citizens Advice Leiston has two Covid funds to help people who have been financially impacted by Covid:

- Covid Energy Fund to help clients manage their energy bills whether gas, electricity or oil
- Covid Secondary School Uniform fund to help people with the cost of secondary school uniforms

For assistance call 01728 832193 10am – 2pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri or email supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk

OR to talk to someone from one of the CAs teams, call 0330 107 5627 or email moneymatters@nescab.cabnet.org.uk Monday-Friday between 9.30am - 4pm.

Sizewell C Planning Application



The planning application for a development consent order to build a new nuclear power station to the north of Sizewell B is now available to read online and in hard copy. You can register your views with the Planning Inspectorate from 8 July until 30 September. This is not a public consultation but an opportunity to read the application and register your views.

You can book a viewing slot to view in the following venues between 10am & 4pm. Exact location will be given at time of booking:

- Hacheston 31 July
- Levington 3 & 4 August
- Stratford St Andrew 5 & 6 August
- Woodbridge 7 August
- Ipswich 10 August
- Lowestoft 11 August

CONTACT: Sizewell C Information Office, 48-50 High St Leiston, open Mon-Fri 10am - 4pm info@sizewellc.co.uk
Freephone: 0800 197 6102

Dates for your Diary

AUGUST

- 3 Deadline for response to PC on red phone box
- 24 RVH Management Cttee AGM, RVH 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Ride & Stride SHCT Bike Ride 9am - 5pm
- 14 Rendham Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
- 19-26 St Elizabeth Hospice 'Midnight' Individual Walks
- 26 MacMillan Coffee Morning RVH 10-12

MOBILE LIBRARY
 Sweffling White Horse 25/8
 & 22/9 9.35 - 9.50am
 Sweffling Church 20/8 &
 17/9 9.35 - 9.50am
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

A FINAL CHEERFUL NOTE:
 Photo, right: busy caterpillars
 of the cinnabar moth on
 some ragwort



DEADLINE FOR OCT/NOV 2020 'STREET': 17 SEPT 2020

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)

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 afresh for forthcoming events for EVERY ISSUE of The Street- even repeat performances.