

THE STREET

RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2023



RENDHAM FETE 2023

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Fete wash-up meeting: 1 August 7.30pm Rendham Village Hall.
All welcome!



Editor's note: some of the photos in this edition may come out rather dark in the B&W printed version, so please go to *The Street* online if you would like to see yourselves and the Fete in glorious colour!

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RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Rendham Parish Council Members

In May, the following were elected to the Council:

David Willett Chair

Roger Bennion

James Morford

David Silvester

Tracy Gleeson Vice Chair

Richard Field

Jackie Norman

This left a vacancy which was filled by co-option at the July meeting when Richard McFawn joined the council. Which means we now have our full quota.

SCC Cllr Stephen Burroughs

Report tabled and placed in full on the village website.

Main headings are:

Support for Ukrainian refugees moving to private accommodation; Revised Policy agreed to protect Suffolk's water; Library Services protected; Competition to create virtual reality films for people with dementia; SCC welcomes £7.9 million active travel funding; Suffolk residents urged to #shakeitout when recycling; Grateful to be sharing Aki's story about what fostering meant to him; Spotlight on improving air quality as county-wide strategy launched; £10 million new funding to fix residential roads. the number of children in care is of concern

The Knoll

The posts have been installed and the first cut of the grass done. It is hoped that this reduces damage to the Knoll from cars.

Rendham Fete

Thanks should be given to Paul Jackson and the many people who helped with the fête. It was a great afternoon, and the weather was kind. Some of the money raised from the fête goes towards the Amenity Fund which pays for the village newsletter, village website, and other activities such as, this year, the band for the coronation party.

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

**Next Parish Council meetings 7.30pm RVH
Monday 11 Sept, Monday 13 Nov**

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www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk

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www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/

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dispensary.saxmundhamhealth@nhs.net



ACC BEETLE DRIVE

Many thanks to John and Teresa McKee, who held a Beetle Drive in aid of the ALDE Community Council. Despite the low attendance, the evening was a great success raising the amount of £167.00. Many thanks to all those who supported it, this was our first fund-raiser in 4 years!

Many thanks to John and Teresa.

Lynda Newson

PIP WALNE

Dan Walne would like to thank everyone for their kindness to him after the extremely sad loss of his beloved wife, Pip. She died on 23rd June after a short illness. She had lived in the village for 23 years, after having lived all over the world during her life. Her knowledge of wildflowers was encyclopaedic, she was a passionate animal lover, especially of cats, and she was a well-loved member of our community.

We send our condolences to Dan and to her three daughters and their families.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The Rendham Fete on July 1st was even more successful than last year. Warmest congratulations to all those who worked so hard to ensure that everyone who came had a thoroughly enjoyable day, one of the highlights being the Grand National including all the jumps!

The new fence at the Village Hall car park, which is the church's property, is a great improvement. Thanks to the contractor who did such a good job, and especially to the Rendham Village Hall Committee, who are generously contributing to the cost.

On Sunday 24 September there will be no morning service, but at 5.00 pm there will be a Harvest Choral Evensong with the canticles, psalm and responses sung, as well as the anthem. Please come, and bring a contribution to the Saxmundham Food Bank if you can. There will be a box in the porch.

The 50th SHCT Ride & Stride takes place on 9 September. Please contact Dr Richard Shattock (below) for details if you would like to help in the church recording the participants or to take part.

Churchwardens: Charles Seely, Frances Hill

CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING Aug - Sept 23

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 27
RENDHAM		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		9.30 am Matins	
	SEPT 3	SEPT 10	SEPT 17	SEPT 24
RENDHAM		9.30 am Morning Prayer		5pm Choral Evensong
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		9.30am Matins	HARVEST FESTIVAL



RIDE & STRIDE 2023

SAT 9 SEPTEMBER 09:00 - 17:00

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and the 40th year of its famous bike ride fundraiser - Ride & Stride. The annual fund-raising event is on Saturday, 9 September, 9.00-17.00h. The county has over 500 mediaeval churches that mark the Suffolk skylines and your support helps repair and maintain these iconic structures.

For details on Ride & Stride on Saturday, 9 September, contact Richard Shattock, Tel: 01728 664082 or you can click on <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> JustGiving pages are easy to set up and dispense with the need for paper forms.

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THE 2023 RENDHAM FÊTE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Over three days everyone involved in putting the fête together stepped up to the plate. You provided our local community with entertainment and refreshments at low costs. I am sure we all enjoyed delivering it as much as our guests who came to it for a fantastic afternoon. It was very pleasing to see so many children this year and numerous parents have told me how much they enjoyed the afternoon.

This was a fantastic effort made by such a small village.

On the day we raised £5,800. Plus, we still need to add the advertising fees, and the Grand National sponsorships and donations are still coming in. Plus, we carried over a considerable amount from last year which we haven't spent. From this we have expenses to pay.

Well done everyone for all the effort you put into it and thank you!

See you on the 1st for the final wash-up meeting. And then have a super summer and a good rest!

Paul Jackson



WASH-UP MEETING:
TUESDAY 1 AUGUST at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
We will have the final financial figure available at this meeting.





NATIONAL DOG DAY
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 9am
LEAVING FROM THE KNOLL at 9.30am
We look forward to seeing you!

We're holding our Rendham National Dog Day walk and coffee morning on Friday 18 August.

As usual we'll meet on the Knoll ready for a 9.30am walk.

Everyone is invited, dog owners, dog borrowers or dog free coming along for the chat, walk and coffee.

Coffee and cake, obligatory after such events, will be held on our return, although the venue hasn't been decided yet. The event and refreshments are free although a donation box will be waiting for those wishing to donate to our 'Smoky Paws' dog charity.

Email me if you have any queries: Gina (ginapurvis57@me.com)



MACMILLAN
COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 30
SEPTEMBER

Rendham Village Hall
10.00am-12.00pm

£1 entry includes
tea/coffee. Raffle,

Cakes, Plants & more.

Donations/cakes most
welcome.

Please give your support
to this good cause.

For enquiries ring
Lynda 663325

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL - ALL OUR YESTERDAYS, AND TODAY

Amongst the moths and cobwebs deep inside the vault in Rendham Village Hall which stores archives of correspondence and records relating to the building, I found an exchange of letters relating to an acrimonious incident that occurred some 24 years ago. A dispute took place involving the use of the church/village hall car park that caused disruption to the meeting of the local Women's Institute being held inside the hall.

On the night of 11th November 1999 at 2140 an irate man entered Rendham Village Hall and interrupted the WI meeting. He complained that he paid rent to park his car in the village hall car park but was unable to find space due to the number of vehicles already in attendance by persons at the meeting. The irate man appeared not to accept reasonable explanation and left the building slamming doors in a display of irritation. Before leaving he threatened to block the car park entrance with his vehicle. To defuse the situation one of the WI members opted to leave the meeting and thus create a space for chummy.

Letters of complaint were received by the RVHMC and subsequent correspondence issued outlining car park usage and clarification with regard to priority use by persons attending church and village hall services and events.

There appears, in the past, to have been a parking fee charged for using the car park by those not attending the church/hall. The princely sum of 14 pence a day was the charge!

RENDHAM CAR WASH

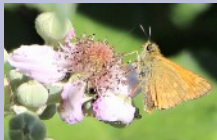
Fast forward to current times and regular users of the village hall car park will be sad to see that the large puddle that appears in the road outside the hall during time of excessive rainfall has for the present time gone. Car owners wishing to have their car rinsed with muddy water will for the time being need to go elsewhere. Representations concerning the cause of the puddle were made to Suffolk Highways by both RVHMC and the Parish Council. There is an apparent crack in the road drain gully but the authority does not at this time intend to rectify.

Also, on car park matters, liaison between RVHMC and the churchwardens of the St Michael's resulted in the replacement of the dilapidated fence adjacent to the road, so enhancing the outside appearance.

Denis Moore Chairman Rendham Village Hall Management Committee

NATURE NOTES

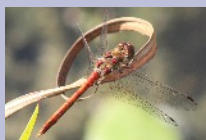
by Geoffrey Abbott, over the river in Sweffling



This Spring, the hedges were the most spectacular I can remember, laden with white Hawthorn blossom. Now it is the turn of the Bramble flowers, covering many of the hedges in pale pink. I hope that some of these last into August, because there is a great deal of insect life to be seen, taking advantage of all this pollen and nectar. Bumblebees, Honey Bees, many different Hoverflies, and the summer butterflies all feed there. Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers, which breed among the nearby grasses, are as common as I have seen. Look out also for the tiny ginger-coloured Skippers, which love the Bramble flowers, as well as other summer flowers such as Knapweed. (We have three different Skippers, the Large, Small and Essex Skippers, but more of them another time). Perhaps we can also look forward to a good crop of blackberries. Our grandson, who lives in the North West, made blackberry jam last year, and traded some with a neighbour who keeps bees, for honey, probably made from some of the same Bramble plants. This beekeeper reckons that Bramble is the most important source of summer nectar for the bees.



Along the River Alde this summer are a lot of my favourite Damselflies, the Banded Demoiselle. The males of these are very distinctive, and very handsome. They are larger than the common blue species, with a shiny, metallic blue body. The large wings each have a broad band of dark indigo blue, very prominent when the insect is in flight. They are beloved of documentary film makers in sequences about river life, where they are shown defending their territories and attracting a mate. The female also has a shiny, metallic body, but she is a dark emerald green, and has no marks on the transparent wings. Although they are common near the Benhall Low Street bridge, and other sunny stretches where there is vegetation, sadly one stretch of the river has been stripped so bare that it will be some time before the plants, and the aquatic insects which lived there, will be able to re-colonise.



Some of the larger Dragonflies are also active in late summer, especially a red one called the Common Darter. (Young males may be a darker orange, and females browner). They often make use of garden ponds for breeding, although they may be seen well away from water, usually sunbathing on walls or fences. The flight season may last well into October.

In late Summer, look for some of our taller wildflowers, along the ditches and damper parts of the field edges. Particularly striking are the creamy white Meadowsweet, dense pink Great Willowherb, and spikes of Purple Loosestrife.

RENDHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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

CITIZENS ADVICE Drop-in Sessions EVERY Wednesday in Saxmundham library 10-12.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL Drop-in sessions EVERY Wednesday in Saxmundham library 10-4. Call in for help with Council Tax, Benefits, Environment, Housing, Leisure, Planning, Waste etc.

FAMILY HISTORY Sessions 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2.30- 4.30pm.

BABY BOUNCE every Tuesday & Friday 9.30 - 10am

MOBILE LIBRARY

Sweffling White Horse 4/8,
1/9 & 29/9 9.35 - 9.50am
Sweffling Church 17/8 &
14/9 9.25 - 9.45am
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk
01728 652440

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS 9.30 -12 noon RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Rendham's Community Coffee Mornings will start again in October and then every 2nd Tuesday of the month. The **OCTOBER COFFEE MORNING** will be on 10 October. *Everyone is welcome to come along, these mornings are a popular social meeting place, great coffee provided and lots of books to read!*

Mary Gregory





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PUB! RENDHAM WHITE HORSE



Discover an innovative menu bringing you a taste of international cuisine, as well as traditional British dishes, and all made with the finest local ingredients. Dogs welcome. Book your table on 663497. Kitchen hours: Wed-Sat 12-2pm/ 6-8pm, Sun 12pm - 2pm. Closed Mon & Tues.

SWEFFLING EVENTS

Sweffling Fete: 12 August, Townlands Meadow



BECOME A HOUSE DETECTIVE – RESEARCHING THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOME STARTS 9 SEPTEMBER 11am – 1pm EVERY SATURDAY FOR 5 WEEKS AT SWEFFLING HUT

Over 5 weeks, we will delve into the secrets and stories hidden within the walls of your house. From uncovering architectural details to researching previous owners, through historical records, maps, and archives, unearth forgotten stories, uncover mysteries, and gain a deeper understanding of the place you call home.

<https://sweffling.onesuffolk.net/whats-on/view/223> or email swefflinghut@gmail.com

BRUISYARD EVENTS

Go to www.bruisyard.com for info

Every Tuesday & Thursday: Pilates in VH 9:30 and 10:45am More info at www.pagepilates.co.uk
Every Tuesday: Pub night 7pm BVH

Dates for your Diary

AUGUST

- 1 Fete wash-up meeting, RVH 7.30pm
- 12 Sweffling Fete
- 18 National Dog Day Walk, The Knoll 9am

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Ride & Stride SHCT Bike Ride
9am - 5pm
- 11 Rendham Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
- 30 MacMillan Coffee Morning RVH 10-12

OCTOBER

- 10 Community Coffee morning, RVH 9.30-12 noon

RED ROSE CHAIN THEATRE COMPANY



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EVENTS IN FRAMLINGHAM

Framlingham Art Society Summer Exhibition
Fri 11 August - Sun 13 August
Castle Community Rooms

Framlingham Horticultural Society Autumn Show
Sat 16 Sept Framlingham United Free Church Hall
Visitors 10am-11.45am.

Homemade refreshments and a draw.
Entries to be staged between by 9.30am.

To enter, email rogerandgwenetheridge78@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR OCT/NOV 2023 'STREET': 17 SEPT 2023

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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