

THE STREET



RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024



CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN RENDHAM



**THE RENDHAM
CHRISTMAS COFFEE
MORNING**

**SATURDAY
2 DECEMBER**
9.30am - 12 noon
Rendham Village Hall

CHRISTMAS PARTY!
**SATURDAY 2
DECEMBER**
5pm onwards
Rendham Village Hall



**The RENDHAM
CAROL SINGERS and
FATHER CHRISTMAS**
**evening of Friday 15
December through
the streets of
Rendham**


MUMMERS! THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

Help the Rendham Mummies celebrate the Winter Solstice on Thursday, December 21st at 7.30 pm on the Knoll, Rendham - be there early to grab the best seat and enjoy some refreshment.

Their latest offering, *The Birth of Rendham*, is set in the year 1349, the year of the Black Death. Escaping the pestilence some hardy folk seek to build a new community and alight upon a fine site by the River Alde. Unfortunately, the fairies who already live there do not welcome them and a conflict ensues. Magic, mistaken identity and much more lead to some riotous fun and entertainment. Are the new villagers successful or will the fairies have their way?

There is only one way to find out, come and join us and help celebrate the year's shortest day. There will be a cash collection taken to support our chosen charity, which again will be the IP17 foodbank.

RENDHAM MUMMERS PRESENT:



winter solstice
**21st December
7.30pm**

RENDHAM KNOLL
(parking on recreation ground, IP17 2AQ)
refreshments from 6.30

IN AID OF: 'IP17' FOODBANK
cash hat collection

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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

On Sunday 12 November our Remembrance Day Service took place, conducted by Prof. John Tesh. As in previous years, the poppy wreaths were blessed at the altar before being placed at the Rendham War Memorial and later, upon the Sweffling War Memorial. Our thanks to all who took part in the solemn ritual of the service: The reading of the names of the fallen; the famous words which will never lose their power to move; the poetry, and the readings from Scripture.

As always, the Flower Team excelled themselves in the beautiful arrangements, special to the occasion.

On Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve) we shall have our usual Eucharist service at 9.30 am. Then on Christmas Day, there will be one service for the whole Benefice, This will be at Bruisyard at 10.00 am.

On Saturday 2nd December there will be a Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of the British Red Cross to be held in the Village Hall from 9.30 am to 12 noon.

Many exciting stalls and attractions plus a visit from a very special person!

Charles Seely, Frances Hill, Churchwardens

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday December 3 (1st Sunday Advent) services as usual

Sunday December 10 (2nd Sunday Advent) 5.00pm Carol Service (Dennington)

Sunday December 17 (3rd Sunday Advent) 3.00pm Carol Service (Cransford)
5.00pm Carols by Candlelight (Sweffling)

Sunday December 24 (4th Sunday Advent) CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30am Eucharist (Rendham); 4pm Crib Service (Badingham); 5pm Crib Service (Bruisyard)

11.30pm Holy Communion by extension (Sweffling)

Monday December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00am Benefice Eucharist (Bruisyard)



CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING Dec 2023- Jan 2024

	DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 24
RENDHAM		9.30 am Matins		9.30am Eucharist
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		5pm Carol Service	CHRISTMAS EVE
	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 28
RENDHAM		9.30 am Matins		9.30am Holy Communion
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		9.30am Matins	

★ BENEFICE SERVICE 31 DECEMBER - RENDHAM 10 am

Our Rector, the Reverend Martin Percival, will be retiring at the end of February. We've been very lucky to have him as vicar. He deferred his retirement to take up the Alde Benefice and we shall be very sorry to see him go. We send him every good wish for his retirement. More in the next edition of *The Street*. For Rendham parish matters you can contact him at revmepercival@gmail.com

IP17GNS (Good Neighbour Scheme) helps on lots of things. www.ip17gns.com or call 0333 3355266 10am -1pm Mon-Fri

Don't forget OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS in Saxmundham and the Trussell Trust <https://www.trusselltrust.org>

Remember, the hat collection at the Mummers' play on 21 December will be for the local food bank

★ COMMUNITY CAFE



At Rendham Village Hall

Open from 10 am to 12 noon on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Next opening dates are Dec 5th, Jan 2nd and Feb 6th

All welcome to a bottomless cup of coffee or tea and a tea cake for £3. Savouries will also be available for purchase.



The RENDHAM
CAROL
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CHRISTMAS



... will be promenading through the streets of Rendham on the evening of Friday 15 December, weather permitting. They will be happy to be paid to go away. (But please give generously and thank them for all their efforts, the village cannot do without them!)

Any funds raised will go to the homeless.

Happy Christmas!

THE RENDHAM CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

9.30am - 12 noon

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Bring & Buy – Books - Raffle – Cakes – and Richard Pilgrim's (not to be missed) delicious bacon butties!!

And maybe a visit from a Very Special Person!

Donations of cakes and things for the Bring & Buy and Raffle are most welcome.

Entry: £2 to include tea/coffee/biscuits

At this time of need, raising money for THE BRITISH RED CROSS

Please support this very worthwhile charity. Many thanks.

Lesley Bennion 343132

(lesley.bennion@gmail.com)



CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

5pm onwards

Rendham Village Hall



Following on from the Christmas Coffee Morning & Fayre, we will be having a Christmas party.

Everyone please bring a plate of food or pudding which we all share during the evening. Bring your own wine or other drink.



There will be party games to play, Christmas carols to sing, and Father Christmas will be popping in. Children and grandchildren all very welcome

Paul Jackson





Our Clerk Retires

At the Rendham parish council meeting on Monday 13th November 2023, Cllr. Willett thanked Christine Salmon for her valuable work in her role as Rendham Parish clerk for seventeen years. She has definitely seen many changes in the village during that time.

New Clerk

And we are delighted to announce that Dana Brice has taken up the position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Rendham Parish Council from 1st November 2023. There is a handover in process between Christine Salmon, our former Clerk, and Dana during November. We hope you will give Dana a warm welcome to Rendham.

Suffolk County Councillor's report for November 2023 – full report on website

New Highway services arrive in Suffolk

'Bike Library' pilot launched at Lowestoft school

Risk of "treating Suffolk with contempt" as large-scale energy projects emerge

More LINK foster carers are urgently needed in Suffolk

Council urges communities to respond to Sea Link consultation

New fund delivers digital boost for Suffolk

Council seeks your views for next year's budget

More than 200 properties flooded by storm Babet

Suffolk residents invited to help shape the future of library services



Financial aid for flood-affected properties in Suffolk imminent as the number of reports hits 750
Suffolk residents who experienced exceptional property flooding during Storm Babet will start receiving financial support during November. All reports of property flooding need to be submitted via the Suffolk County Council reporting tool now.

Households and businesses that suffered internal flooding between 19 - 25 October 2023 due to Storm Babet may be eligible for:

- A grant (£500 for homes and £2,500 per business) to assist with initial recovery costs.
- Households and businesses that suffered internal flooding between 19 -25 October due to Storm Babet may be eligible for 100% discount to council tax / business rates for a minimum of 3 months.
- Flooded property owners will also be able to apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding. Suffolk County Council is working to set this scheme up at the earliest opportunity, but it is not currently available.

Reporting your flood damage is the first step to receiving a potential payout.

Report it on <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

Rendham Parish PARK/playing field needs upgrading

ROSPA checks has been carried out - some of the playing equipment needs to be repaired – slat missing, rope on the walking equipment, new sign on the gate needed.

Councillors are looking at options to renovate or replace the swings and provide new ropes on the walking equipment as well replace a missing slat. The play equipment on Rendham playing field is believed to be outdated and Councillors are seeking designs and quotes for a renewed play equipment as well possibilities to install adult exercise equipment. It is on the schedule to find out about possibilities to get funding/grants for new equipment by consulting District Council Cllr. Owen Gray.

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL : ALL OUR YESTERDAYS AND TODAY

From the minutes of an RVHMC meeting in 1981, it appears that a representative from the Post Office was in attendance. Discussion took place regarding using the village hall as a 'pop up' post office facility once a week. The Post Office was to be charged £8 per session for use of the hall.

I pursued this thread through a series of subsequent meeting minutes and it became apparent that the Post Office was not paying the fee and that it had accumulated to a total of £296. When pressed for payment, a representative of the Post Office claimed that no hire fee had been mentioned when the agreement was set up. A further invoice was sent to the Post Office by recorded delivery. (I wonder if it was sent from the Rendham 'pop up' post office).

Subsequent correspondence from the PO thanked the committee for the use of the hall and returned the aforementioned invoice, now totalling £336 unpaid. Further denial by the PO of any hiring contract was made and then pointed out that they were providing a service to the village.

More correspondence ensued and ultimately a cheque for £50 was issued by the PO recognising the Village Hall charitable status. The committee agreed to close the matter.

RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCE

There be
pirates....



On Saturday 4 November 2023 the Village Hall was filled to capacity when a taste of the Caribbean came to Rendham. Those attending basked under the warm Caribbean sun (infra-red ceiling mounted heaters) wearing an array of costumes from beach wear to Carmen Miranda, pirates and colonial period wear. A Caribbean themed meal was served, preceded by a rum cocktail whilst an authentic steel band played a range of popular music.

The costumes were judged by a member of the band entourage despite feeling threatened by the number of dubious looking pirates led by Captain Hook, armed with pistols and cutlasses. She remained steadfast and chose two gentil locals dressed in period costume.

A group of local troubadours provided a rendition of drunken sailor with actions including the use of rusty razor, a hosepipe and the captain's daughter. The audience participated with enthusiasm and the evening came to a happy end. The event was put together by a number of local residents who willingly cooked, bar tendered, served, set up, cleared up and fully supported the RVHMC. My sincere thanks to all the volunteers.

Denis Moore Chairman Rendham Village Hall Management Committee

Rendham Neighbourhood Watch/Village Happenings

Contact Trev.salmon@btinternet.com or tel: 01728 664199 to add your name to his circulation list for Neighbourhood Watch & info about village events.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning for MacMillan nurses on 30 September. Whether you made cakes, gave raffle prizes or donations, we couldn't have made it without you!

The total raised was a terrific £771. Well done to the 3 villages. *Lynda Newson*





ACTIVITY ON THE KNOLL

In mid-November, passers-by might have wondered why a dozen or so residents were on their knees on the Knoll apparently praying. It was a collective plant-in of some 500 Carlton Narcissus bulbs.

Earlier this year we responded to an invitation to voluntary/community groups to apply to be part of East Suffolk Blooms Scheme, and were one of the 82 groups (from 120 applications) to be successful.

The large sack of bulbs were duly collected, and a cheery group of a dozen or so volunteers, enticed by the lure of Frances' fine crumpets and Roger's

sausage rolls, spent a morning planting them. Both conditions and refreshments were perfect. So many thanks to all who helped.

We look forward to seeing the Knoll and the Village in bloom in Spring, and trust our green spaces and verges will be respected by all.

Roger Bennion

SWEFFLING CHRISTMAS BRASS

8 December Christmas Brass Concert,
St. Mary's Church, Sweffling, 7.30pm



SWEFFLING WHITE HORSE

Find out what's happening at

<https://swefflingwhitehorse.co.uk/>



For more events in Sweffling, check
out <http://sweffling.onesuffolk.net/>

FRAMLINGHAM SURGERY 01728 723627

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

SAXMUNDHAM SURGERY:

LAMBSALE MEADOW 01728 602022

www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/

BRUISYARD NEWS: www.bruisyard.com

CHRISTMAS MARKET Bruisyard Village Hall

Saturday 9 December - 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Mulled wine, tea/coffee and mince pies.

Saturday 6 January - Twelfth Night Party, BVH, 7.30



ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

01473 723600

Shops in all our local towns, pay them a visit to buy
or donate items. Check website for more details



Check website for ways
to support this important
local charity
<https://www.each.org.uk/>

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.



TIME TO GET PLANTING!

ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPRING FLOWER SHOW 2024

Please start planting your bulbs ready for
next year's Spring Flower Show. Date tbc.
More news in the next edition of *The Street*!



Save the date! 2024 **Ride and Stride** is
on Saturday 14 September. No one was
able to represent Rendham in 2023 - so
please try to make it for 2024! Monies
raised go to the repair of Suffolk's
historic churches. Surely a Good Thing

RENDHAM FETE 2024 Saturday 6th July



The next Fete meeting will be held at Rendham Village Hall on
Tuesday 9th January 2024.

The Fete only works when there are lots of people involved! If you
haven't yet volunteered and are able to do so, PLEASE let us know
and/or come along to the meeting! All welcome!

David & Jane Silvester (david.silvester.t21@btinternet.com)



ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS by Benjamin Britten

& CAROLS for CHOIR and AUDIENCE

Saturday 16 December 3pm

St Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Tom Appleton conductor

Miriam Keogh harp

Adrian Nicholson organ

Tickets £10 and £5 (under 18) available

ONLINE at www.aldeburghmusic.club from choir members and on the door.



CAROLS ON THE BEACH

Saturday 9 December 11am on Aldeburgh Beach

★

GLORY
at Christmas time

A evening of inspiring music for the Christmas season including Vivaldi Gloria, Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols and carols for choir and audience.

Phoenix Singers with guest soloists and Sing Praise children's choir
Jonathan Rutherford: Accompanist
Geoff Lavery: Conductor

★

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

HOME COLLECTION BOXES

A very big thank you to everyone who has had a home collection box for The Children's Society.

This was the last time we will have used them and £387.98 has been banked.

This is in addition to the £688.09 raised at the Coffee Morning on October 28th.

So, together we have raised and baked £1,076.07 this year. A magnificent achievement.

We are very grateful for your support.

Diana Smith & Lesley Bennion



Framlingham College Chapel IP13 9EY 7.00pm
Saturday 16th December 2023

Tickets: £15 (under 18s free), includes refreshments after the concert, from: Hall Farm Butchers, Market Hill, Framlingham; William Glaspe, william@glaspe.org.uk, and choir members, also at the door.

www.phoenixsingers.org.uk



[phoenixsingersfram](https://www.facebook.com/phoenixsingersfram)

Charity no. 107654

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society, held in Rendham Village Hall on

Saturday 28 October raised

the magnificent sum of **£687.98!!**

Thank you to anyone who supported this in any way, baking cakes, helping on the stalls, working in the kitchen (Did you have one of R.P.'s delicious bacon butties?)

We're planning on making this an annual event and look forward to your future support.

Many thanks – Diana Smith, Sweffling & Lesley Bennion, Rendham

Our efforts will help The Children's Society to continue to fight for the hope and happiness of young people threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ONS IN EAST SUFFOLK

Some will have already happened by the time *The Street* goes to press. For those which are left, you can get free parking in Council-owned car parks from 3pm on Lights Switch-on Days.

Woodbridge – Thursday 30 November

Saxmundham – Friday 1 December

Wickham Market – Saturday 2 December

Lowestoft – Saturday 2 December

Felixstowe – Saturday 2 December

Framlingham – Friday 8 December

Leiston – Saturday 9 December

Oulton Broad – Sunday 10 December

Free parking also available from noon to 6pm on Saturday 16 December across the district. ★



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE TO ALL

For info go to www.cats-paws.co.uk and www.suffolkonboard.com

SAXMUNDHAM:

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 1 December 4pm-8pm.

FREE ENTRY. Lots of stalls and activities available around the town centre, including Saxmundham Library. Lights switch on 4.30pm



CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS NEAR US: FRAMLINGHAM:

Friday 8 December 5pm - 8pm **CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL,** ★
Lantern procession to Market Hill from the Castle at 5pm;

Christmas tree lighting ceremony 5.10pm.

Musical entertainments & late-night shopping.



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 666527. Check seasonal opening times and kitchen times at

<https://www.rendhamwhitehorse.co.uk/>



SUFFOLK LIBRARIES CONSULTATION

Deadline Friday 26 January

Do you use the library or the mobile library?

Whether you use library services or not, Suffolk County Council wants to hear your views on how the operation of library services in rural Suffolk. What do you value in your library service and what would you like to see more of in the future? How can Library Outreach services be run in the future? The mobile library vehicles are coming to the end of their lives.

Share your views by 26 January 2023 by going to:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/LibraryConsultation



MOBILE LIBRARY

Stops 7/12 at Sweffling Church 0925-0945, Stops 22/12 at Sweffling White Horse 0935-0950 & Bruiyard VH 1005-1020. No stop at Rendham. Check website for January dates (not available at time of going to press)

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

SAX LIBRARY

01728 652440 Closed Mon & Thurs

PLEASE COME!

Rendham Fete 2024 meeting
Tuesday 9 January 2024
in the Village Hall 7.30pm

6 July 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

The 27th Rendham Fete



Next Parish Council meeting
7.30pm RVH
Monday 8 January 2024

For information about the Parish Council contact Chair, David Willett or the Parish Clerk, Dana Brice on rendhampc@gmail.com



Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

- 1 Saxmundham Christmas Lights & Fayre (p7)
- 2 Christmas Coffee Morning, 9.30am - 12 noon RVH
- 2 Rendham's Christmas party, from 5pm, RVH
- 5 Community Coffee Morning, 10 - 12, RVH
- 8 Christmas Brass, 7.30pm, Sweffling Church
- 8 Framlingham Christmas Lights & Events (p7)
- 9 Carols on Aldeburgh Beach 11am
- 9 Bruiyard Christmas Market, Bruiyard VH, 9.30-3.30
- 15 Rendham Carol Singers & Father Christmas in village
- 16 Phoenix Singers concert, Fram College, 7pm
- 16 Aldeburgh Music Club concert, Orford Church 3pm
- 21 Rendham Mummers, 7.30pm, The Knoll

JANUARY

- 2 Community Coffee Morning, 10 - 12, RVH
- 8 Rendham Parish Council meeting
- 9 Rendham Fete meeting, 7.30pm RVH

FEBRUARY

- 6 Community Coffee Morning, 10 - 12, RVH

FOR ALL DETAILS OF CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES SEE p2



Don't forget to start planting for the Spring Flower Show next year!



DEADLINE FOR FEB/MAR 2024 'STREET': 17 JANUARY 2024

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'.