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RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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The Retirement of The Reverend Jonathan Olanczuk INVITATION

An Invitation to all
the Parishioners of
the Upper Alde
Benefice
(Badingham,
Bruisyard,

Cransford, Dennington, Rendham, Sweffling).

You are invited to a Lunch Time Reception at Dennington Village Hall on Sunday 30th April 2017 at 1:00pm to say 'Thank you' to Jonathan and Sue and to give them our best wishes for their retirement.

You do not have to let us know but it will help very much with catering if we have an idea of numbers so if you think you will be able to come please would you contact:- Rupert - 638393; Sheila - 663518; Veronica - 638627; Ann - 638288; Caroline - 663510; Charles - 663467.

**EVERY ONE IS VERY WELCOME SO PLEASE
JOIN US IF YOU CAN**

RENDHAM FETE Save the Date: SATURDAY 1ST JULY

Are you able to help either in the run-up to, or on the day, of the Fete? It's a fun afternoon and a great way to meet new friends and socialise with old ones. The Fete is Rendham's big event of the year so please do help if you can! Find out more by contacting matthew.greenburgh@gmail.com or join the Fete Open Meeting, RVH 7:30pm, Tuesday 11th April.

Welcoming the new Spring lambs!



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Rendham Entertainments Update



There have been two very successful afternoons of fun and information organised by the Rendham Entertainments team. The first, in January, was a most delightful and amusing puppet show, put on by Miraiker and her World of Puppets. She was really good at involving the children and many of them had a great time investigating the stage and props, playing with the actual figures and finding out how it all worked.

Then in February we had a very successful Gardening session with Matt Tanton-Brown from The Place for Plants. His theme was pruning, and using samples of each type he gave a thoroughly good demonstration of how to deal with various plants. He dealt with many interesting questions in his characteristically amusing way and the audience were thoroughly satisfied with the whole presentation. This was much helped by the audio equipment - microphone, speakers and the new hearing loop, all working so very well, the latter thanks to Richard Pilgrim. Adding to the enjoyment were some delicious refreshments provided by the team. The events were well-attended and we have made profits on both shows - £56 for the puppets and £184 at the gardening event.

Having available funds resulting from these and former successful events, it was decided to donate £200 pounds to our local CATS organisation (transport, not animals! - Coastal Accessible Transport Services). Thanks to all for their input.

Be reminded that there is the Village breakfast walk coming up on Sunday April 2nd, meeting at the village hall at 8.30 am with breakfast at 10 am - the cost £6. Breakfast only is allowed! Watch this space - more events coming in Autumn 2017!

Jo Rogers

JUNIPER BARN CAFE AND SHOP, RENDHAM - SPRING UPDATE



On your own or don't get out very often and willing to come out and meet other local people? Cream teas at Juniper Bar, every Tuesday in April and May from 2:00-4:00pm. Spring has come and there are lots of new Suffolk products to buy in the village shop, including local honey, ice cream, fudge and fresh flowers grown at Lady Whincups, and much more. The café menu is changing with special treats as we approach Easter. We continue to welcome feedback and requests for items for us to stock. Do come and browse and try us out.

Geoffrey & Katie Boulton

RIDE & STRIDE 2017



Ride and Stride Chairman Patrick Grieve, informed me that Suffolk raised £136,000 in last year's event, and with Gift Aid added, the total is close to £150,000.

Our collective effort in Rendham contributed about 1% of the total amount which is a very good considering that almost 650 Suffolk churches and chapels were involved and open for the event.

This year's event is on Saturday 9th September. I hope we can encourage lots of riders to join us on the 2017 Ride & Stride.

Richard Shattock

A BIG THANK YOU!

Dear all, I would just like to say a very BIG 'Thank you' to everyone that has sent their best wishes, love, cards and flowers to me whilst I was poorly recently. I am very much on the way to being fully recovered, and back at work part time.

It was a shock to be so poorly and very difficult for Paul and my family to cope with. However, all the staff at Ipswich A&E, Intensive care unit and consultants that looked after me were wonderful, supporting Paul and making sure that I am still here to tell the tale.

A reminder to everyone that life is too short, you never know what is going to happen and to make the most of it.

Thank you all again

Lisa Boswell, Rendham White Horse

IN MEMORY: DAVID GERALD SEARS - 1932-2017



David played a big part in village life in Rendham, serving as a Parish Councillor from 2000. He was a conscientious and enthusiastic Chairman of the PC from 2003 until 2011 when he stepped down.

During his time on the Council he was involved with various important developments – e.g. The construction of Rendham Bridge, the organisation of the village sign, the development of the parish plan and much more. He was also a dedicated member of the Parochial Church Council, and he took over the Remembrance Day presentation of the wreath at Rendham War Memorial in 2015.

He was a keen golfer and for several years ran a 'try-your-golf-skills' stall at the village fete. Latterly he had also taken up croquet at which he showed great promise. His loyalty to the Rendham White Horse lasted to the end and he visited for a meal just two weeks before he died.

David had above all a great love for his large extended family and ensured they kept in regular contact with each other throughout his life. David bore his final illness with strength and bravery. He died at the end of February 2017 surrounded by his family.



RINGING NEWS

On the teaching and coaching courses I've been on over the years, including ringing ones, emphasis is always put on the need to have clear lesson plans in place before anything else happens. In some situations that is sound advice, but prior to ringing practice less useful!

For instance, tonight I might have prepared a plan for the practice, thinking about each of the ringers who comes, be they the mature learner, one of the youngsters or one of those in the middle. Each, in theory, should have their own lesson plan, course notes and targets for particular skills, in a logical order.

I don't do so. Not because the Band members aren't worth my time and effort, but because I never know who is going to turn up or how many will be there. This evening we had skill levels ranging from just learning to ring a bell in rounds (a sequence starting with the smallest and ending with the largest bell, repeated) to surprise royal (complicated stuff on ten bells) and others in between.

Whilst I might have a general plan, I cannot really prepare anything until I see who has walked through the door. Then, once we've rung the bells up so they can be rung full circle (from mouth up through 360 degrees to mouth up again) I place the first band, that is allot each bell to be rung a ringer, trying to balance the needs of the ringers whilst considering their individual skill level, with the need to see a benefit to them from each piece of ringing. And so the evening progresses. Sometimes we have visitors, especially in the summer months as people take their holidays, and then their skill level needs to be assessed (rather rapidly) and their needs / ability to contribute taken into account.

It is very much a training practice, so a lot of emphasis is put on skills and coaching. Drawing on experience to make the best use of the time and ringers there on the night and so improve the sound that is made collectively is demanding and tiring. But when you see an extra skill gained or more challenging piece rung (or a bad habit finally defeated) it is quietly satisfying.

Do call in and see it all in action on a Friday evening, 6-7pm. You should be impressed; you might even want to join in this most challenging of pastimes!

Jonathan Stevens

CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING APRIL - MAY '16

	APR 2	APR 9	APR 16	APR 23	APR 30
RENDHAM		10:00AM BLESSING OF PALMS & WALK TO SWEFFLING	11:00 HC BY EXTENSION		
SWEFFLING	9:30 AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION	10:45AM PASSION READING & HOLY COMMUNION	9:30 AM BCP MORNING PRAYER		
	MAY 7	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28	JUNE 4
RENDHAM		9:30 AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		9:30 AM MORNING PRAYER	
SWEFFLING	9:30 AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		9:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE		9:30 AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION

FADS PRESENTS: A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG

Our spring production of A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG by Peter Nichols will be at the Framlingham College Theatre from Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th April, at 7.30pm each evening.

The play is about a failing schoolteacher, Brian and his wife Sheila, a couple who are bringing up their only child, Josephine, who suffers from cerebral palsy. Caring for her occupies almost every moment of their lives, and their marriage is feeling the strain. They rely on humour to try and cope with their circumstances. Their lives are complicated by friends Freddie and Pam, and also by Brian's mother, Grace, each of whom have their own theories about what would be best for the family.

This award-winning play had its premiere at the Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow in 1967. Later that year it transferred to London and to Broadway in 1968.

Complex, gripping and harrowingly funny, the difficult subject matter of the play is handled in a sensitive and thought-provoking way.

Tickets will be available at £8 (£7 concessions at any performance) from Monday 13th March at Framlingham Stationers, online at www.fadsweb.co.uk or by ringing 01728 663486.

The Suffolk Walking Festival 2017 - 13th May to 4th June - www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk



SWEFFLING TENNIS CLUB

Spring is officially here so it's time to dust off those tennis rackets and get some fresh air and exercise! We hope to re-invigorate club membership and increase the use of this great local facility. New members are very welcome. For more details please contact Steve Ashurst 663232; Sue Rusack 663496; or Lynda Newson 663325. **Annual Fun Day**, Saturday 3rd June 12-4pm. Tennis, field games and BBQ. We have a tennis coach booked for the afternoon to give advice and guidance. So come along and join in the fun, everybody welcome. Renew your membership or join the club. The new court code will be distributed, arrangements made for future coaching sessions for juniors and seniors, not to mention the gathering of the Rusty Rackets.

Alde Community Council held its AGM on 15th February, the Member's Draw was won by Pat Barker, 2nd Fran Titmus, 3rd Terry Titmus. Well done! More details of the proposed Summer Party in the next issue!



Spring Flower Show, 1st April, Sweffling Hut at 2pm. Entry 50p. Bring your exhibits between 9.00 and 10.00am. Entry forms in

Village Halls and Churches.

Don't miss the 'Red Dog Aerobatics' who will be flying at the fete on Saturday, 1st of July 2017. See you there!

NATURE NOTES APRIL - MAY 2017



Among the signs that give us the feeling that spring is getting under way, along with longer and warmer days, and the growth of plants, is the increasing evidence of birdsong. For instance, for some time now we have been woken by the sound of the Songthrush, a loud song delivered in short phrases, repeated in twos or threes. A number of people have commented on the same thing. This is

welcome (apart perhaps from being woken too early) as Songthrushes have had a widespread decline in recent years. Despite the singing being so conspicuous, we still find we see them too seldom.

Another song, much more common, and worth getting to know, is that of the Dunnock. Formerly called the House Sparrow due to its size and brown colouring, this name fell out of favour due to its not being in any way related to the sparrows. It has a thin, insect eating beak and very subtle plumage, warm streaky brown on the back and bluish grey on face and breast. It belongs to a family of birds called Accentors, not a good candidate for a popular name, so a trawl was made among its various local English names. The most widespread of many was the Dunnock, and so that has been successfully adopted. (In my mother's home village in East Yorkshire this bird was known as a 'Cuddy', a familiar contraction of Cuthbert - perhaps after the much-loved Northumbrian Saint). Anyway, listen out for the song, a quiet but very tuneful rendition, much overlooked. My tip for learning bird songs like this one is to try and locate the singing bird, and watch it in the process of singing. Somehow, this helps to commit it to memory much better than just hearing the song.



Two weeks ago the Long-tailed Tits visiting our bird feeders were in a gang of anything up to ten or twelve birds. This flocking is a normal feature of winter life in hedges and woods for many of the tits, and

the Long-tailed Tits extend the behaviour into gardens. The groups are already splitting up into pairs, preparatory to the business of mating and nest building. Robins, too, have paired up, although there may still be aggression between neighbouring rival males (and no, I can't tell you how to distinguish males from females, except by their behaviour in courtship).

Finally, the ultimate sign of spring is the arrival of our summer migrant birds, By the end of March it is not unusual to hear the first Chiffchaffs singing, and even to see them as the branches which they use are still bare. The earliest swallows are usually the Sand Martins, although as they feed over open water and reeds, and nest in holes in sand cliffs, we do not often see them in our immediate area. Swallows and House Martins we do see, and they will not be long!

Geoffrey Abbott

CALLING ALL GARDENERS We're already starting to prepare for the plant stall at this summer's fete. Last year some of you kindly donated your surplus plants to us, shrubs, flowers and vegetables. We even had trees, which were sold in nano seconds. If you can grow the extra plant or two and donate it to us just before the fete, we'd really appreciate it. Last year gardening equipment didn't sell, so we'd rather stick to plants. If you can help us, we'll have more to sell. Summer is nearly on us. See you soon. Get gardening all.

Gina & Viv



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / VILLAGE HAPPENINGS EMAIL

If you wish to receive the Neighbourhood Watch / Village Happenings email, contact Trev.salmon@btinternet.com

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

As you will know, the retirement of our Rector, the Rev. Jonathan Olanczuk, is fast approaching. He has been Rector of the Benefice of the Upper Alde for more than sixteen years, and despite constant ill health, his warmth, good humour and pastoral care of his parishioners have greatly endeared him to so many of us. We shall miss both Jonathan and Sue, and wish them happiness in their new home.

On 2 March, many of us went to meet Bishops Martin and Mike - who were on their Lent Pilgrimage walk from Dunwich to the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds - at Bruisyard Hall Barn where we also enjoyed a buffet supper during the evening.

On 14 March, a large number of his Rendham friends joined the packed congregation at the memorial service for David Sears, who died on 26 February, and which was held at Aldeburgh Parish Church and was conducted by our Rector. David was universally loved, and we offer our sympathy to Vivienne and their large families. He was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years, and served also on the PCC besides giving great support to Rendham in many other ways.

On Palm Sunday 9 April the Benefice service will begin at St Michael's at 10:00 am with the Blessing of the Palms which will be followed by the walk to St Mary's Church at Sweffling for the Passion readings and Holy Communion. There will be no service at Rendham on Good Friday, but at Cransford, the United Service will include following the Cross from St Peter's Church to Cransford Chapel. On Easter Sunday 16 April, our service of Holy Communion will be at 11.00 am.

On Sunday 30 April The Rev. Jonathan Olanczuk's last service will be at 11.00 am at St Mary the Virgin, Dennington. It will be followed by a buffet lunch in Dennington Village Hall, to which everyone from the six parishes is invited. We would be grateful if those who would like to come to the lunch, would let either of us know, so as to have an idea of numbers for catering.

From May onwards, there will be some changes in our service times:

- Morning Prayer 9.30 on 2nd Sunday in the month
- Holy Communion 9.30 am on 4th Sunday in the month

Charles Seely 663467 / Frances Hill 664021

**Next concert: Saturday
8th April 2017, 7.30pm
St Michael's Church, Framlingham
Phoenix Singers**

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SUFFOLK COASTAL FILLING STATION

You will find a very warm welcome at The Filling Station's monthly mid-week 'celebration' meetings. 'Filling Stations' are now opening across the country and the meetings provide an informal way of expressing or exploring the Christian faith for those from any church background, or none, and offer delicious refreshment, friendship and fellowship, contemporary sung worship, high quality speakers and prayer ministry.

Visit www.thefillingstation.org.uk or contact Robin Alderson at robin.alderson@btinternet.com or on 01728 688255 to find out more or just come along! The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, IP17 1LL

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 27th April – Speaker, James Nickols, Regional Director, Filling Station
Thursday 25th May – Speaker tbc

Village Hall AGM Date TBC (Late April / Early May)

RENDHAM FETE

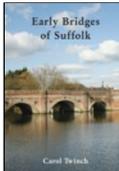


READ ON AND DISCOVER WHAT YOU COULD WIN AT THIS YEAR'S RENDHAM FETE! Many thanks to all who have kindly donated a prize!

- £100 cash - EDF Energy
- Original painting by Tory Lawrence
- Dinner for 4 incl. wine\coffee - Wentworth Hotel
- Purple wheelbarrow - Ernest Doe
- A cream tea for 2 - Farm Cafe
- A night under canvas - Alde Garden
- Half a Rendham Lamb - H & M Greenburgh
- £20 voucher - O & C Butcher Store
- £20 Meat Voucher - Wild Meat Company
- A Bottle of Adnams Champagne
- Family ENTRY to Nature Reserve - RSPB
- Two course meal for 2 - The Bell, Sax
- One Day 1:1 wood turning - Albert Lain
- £20 voucher - Sweffling White Horse
- Dinghy Sailing Taster for 2 - Slaughden SC
- Dinner for 2 - Rendham White Horse
- Massage - Gina Purvis
- Mini Pedicure - The Retreat, Framlingham
- Stained Glass Mirror - Sharon McMullen
- Large storage jar of fragrance - Waitrose

Plus, Clarke and Simpson have kindly agreed to sponsor the cost of printing the Draw Tickets. If you would like to donate a prize for the Fete Draw, do please email caroline75stanley@hotmail.com.

Caroline Stanley



Look out for Carol Twinch's new book 'Early Bridges of Suffolk'. Published by Leiston Press at £10. Volume 2, Suffolk River Bridges 1700 - 2017 will be available around Eastertime.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
MONDAY 8 MAY, 7:30PM, RVH**



Support St Elizabeth Hospice and raise vital funds this summer

There is something for everyone in 2017, whether you want to be part of the fun-filled, family-friendly Bubble Rush on Sunday 13 August at Christchurch Park, Ipswich or the hospice's flagship event, the Midnight Walk on Saturday 20 May.

This year the hospice is also offering a range of adrenaline-fuelled challenges, from braving a 10,000ft jump with fellow hospice supporters at our Parachute Party at Beccles Airfield on Saturday 15 July, to taking on the UK's highest freefall abseil off the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the world famous Olympic Park.

Find out more at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/events, emailfundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

A big thank you to all who helped keep Rendham tidy by participating in the litter pick.



Coffee Morning on behalf of The Children's Society

Thanks to David's generosity once again, the Spring Coffee Morning raising money for The Children's Society will be held at The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness on Friday 2nd June 2017 from 10.00am – 12noon. There will be delicious homemade cakes and produce, raffle and items for sale. Admission is £1.50 which includes fresh ground coffee, tea and biscuits. All welcome.

RENDHAM MUMMERS RETURN

Don't miss the 2017 OAK MOON TOUR, commencing on the Summer Solstice (21 June) at Sweffling White Horse and also at Rendham Fete on 1st July.

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RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL
12:30pm Every 4th Wednesday
of the month. £3.50



BRUISYARD NEWS

www.bruisyard.com

Pub Night, Every Wednesday, 7:30pm, Village Hall. Drinks,
pub games, live music and gossip.

Pilates, Every Tuesday, 9:30am and 10:45am, Village Hall

Afternoon Tea & Biscuits, Every Tuesday, 2:00-4:00pm,
Village Hall

League Cribbage, Every Tuesday evening, Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY (RENDHAM)
Calling at Bruisyard Rd opposite
the PARK on 5th April, 3rd May
& 31st May 3:35pm - 3:50pm.
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Bellringing Practice
6-7pm every Friday,
Rendham

Dates for your Diary

APRIL

- 1 ACC Spring Flower Show, Sweffling Hut, 2:00pm
- 1 Jazz piano Jonathan Stephenson, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 2 Village Breakfast Walk, RVH 8:30am, Breakfast 10:00am
- 5 The Battle of the Somme, Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Snape Maltings
- 8 Phoenix Singers, St Michael's Church, Framlingham, 7:30pm
- 8 VIP Jazz Trio, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 11 Rendham Fete Open Meeting, RVH, 7:30pm
- 12 A Day in the Life of Joe Egg, FADS, Framlingham, 7:30pm (Until 15th April)
- 15 Tuxedo Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 22 Phoenix Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 29 Giant Plant Sale, Dennington, 9:30am
- 29 Joy Spring Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 30 Lunchtime Reception for Jonathan Olanczuk, Dennington VH, 1:00pm

**SAVE THE
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JULY!**

Cream teas at Juniper
Bar, every Tuesday in
April and May
from 2:00-4:00pm.

MAY

- 6 Tuxedo Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 8 Parish Council Meeting, Rendham Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 13 Joy Spring Jazz, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 13 Suffolk Walking Festival (until 4th June)
- 20 Jazz piano Jonathan Stephenson, Rendham White Horse, 7:30pm
- 24 'Summer Colour', Talk by Matthew Tanton Brown, Bruisyard VH, 7:00pm

**DIARY DATE:
ALDEBURGH
FESTIVAL 2017
19-25 JUNE 2017
www.aldeburgh.co.uk**

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