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RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY / MARCH 2024

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - A
very big thank you to everyone who supported Rendham's Christmas Coffee Morning in December. We enjoyed a very busy, happy morning with lots of people from near and far, and raised £750.51 which has been donated to the invaluable work of The British Red Cross.

Richard Pilgrim's 'not to be missed' breakfast butties were eagerly devoured, and Charles Seely's legendary Eccles cakes and Richard Shattock's Bakewell tarts flew off the cake stall. Thank you for all your generous donations of items for the gifts, books and cakes stalls AND thank you for coming. *Lesley Bennion*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Many many thanks to everyone who helped in any way towards the terrific result, which amounted to £771.15. There may be some other funding to add at a later date, which would take the total to over £1,000. Many thanks to you all. *Lynda Newson*

RENDHAM FETE PLANNING - WE NEED YOU!

This year's Rendham Fete will be taking place on 6 July from 12:30pm in Grove Farm Meadow. We need more help please, particularly on both the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to help set-up, traffic and parking management around the opening time, and to run, or assist in running, some of the stalls that are being planned.



As in previous years, we will be running a jewellery and mystery parcel stall so any items for either of those gratefully received. We will also need saleable items for the White Elephant stall and homemade produce for the Cake Stall always goes down extremely well. If anyone has any contacts or ideas for raffle prizes, please let us know as the sale of raffle tickets was brilliant last year and we had some fantastic prizes. Thank you and fingers crossed for good weather again for a Fab Fete in 2024.

David & Jane Silvester

ACC SPRING FLOWER SHOW - We are planning to hold the Spring Flower Show in Sweffling Hut on Saturday 6th April, 2024. Exhibits to the Hut 9-10am, Judging at 10am. Entry forms in Village Halls and on village websites. Show opens at 2.00pm. Entry £1 (includes tea/coffee). Under 12s free. Presentation of cups at 3.00pm



followed by Raffle. Enquiries, ring Lynda on 663325.

Lynda Newson

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CHURCH SERVICES - FEB / MAR 2024

	FEB 4	FEB 11	FEB 14	FEB 18	FEB 25
RENDHAM		9:30 Matins			DENNINGTON, 11:00 Farewell Service
SWEFFLING	9:30 Holy Comm		9:30 Holy Comm	9:30 Matins	
	MAR 3	MAR 10	MAR 17	MAR 24	MAR 31
RENDHAM		9:30 Matins		9:30 Holy Comm	
SWEFFLING	9:30 Holy Comm		9:30 Matins		10:00 Holy Comm

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, RENDHAM - CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT - The Farewell service for the Revd Martin Percival, who has been our Priest in Charge for a total of thirteen years, will be at 11.00 am at Dennington, thus replacing the normal 9.30 am Eucharist service at Rendham. All our six parishes will wish to attend this to express our thanks to him for all his work for us for so long. We shall all miss him and Linda, and wish them both a very long and happy retirement.

We are sorry to report that Anne Hounsell, a much-loved member of our congregation, passed away peacefully on Friday 12th January. A celebration of her life will be held in St Michael's Church at 2.00 pm on Monday 5th February, and afterwards at the Village Hall. A full appreciation of her will appear in the next issue.

A very big thank you to the volunteers who carried out a thorough cleaning of our church in November, including the replacement of all our chandelier lights with LED bulbs. We were sorry not to have had a service on Christmas Day, there being a Benefice Service at Bruisyard instead - but there were lovely festive flowers in our church all over the Christmas period.

On Easter Sunday, 31st March, the Benefice Service will be held at Sweffling at 10.00 am. However, we will be having our Rendham Service, to include the Memorial Lilies and the reading of the names of those commemorated, on Sunday 14th April at 9.30 am.

Our coffee morning on Saturday 2nd December was very successful and raised a large sum for the British Red Cross. Thank you to all who helped and participated in this event which included the presence of Father Christmas.

Charles & Frances



A big thank you to Jenny and Peter Turner for their time and effort in attaching our new sign to the Park Gate. During the year repairs will be carried out on the swings. Could we take this opportunity to remind villagers that the Park is a no dog area. *The Park Committee.*

EASTER LILIES - ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



We're planning to have memorial lilies in Rendham Church again this year. There is no service in Rendham Church on Easter Day, therefore lilies in memory of family and friends will be on display over the weekend of April 13th & 14th and throughout the following week. The names of those to be remembered will also be displayed and read out at the morning service on Sunday, April 14th. If you would like to order a lily, or lilies, in memory of someone dear to you, please fill in the form at the back of St. Michael's Church before the end of Wednesday, April 3rd. Lilies cost £3.50 each, with any proceeds going to Church funds. Please order and give your money to either Lynda Newson (663325) or Lesley Bennion (663737).

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Last summer, a few of the fields in Sweffling had 'wildlife planting' around the edges, mixed plants designed to provide flowers for pollinating insects,

and seeds for gamebirds and other farmland birds. More about these later in the year. There are also a couple of whole fields similarly planted, which now are paying off by attracting large numbers of birds. Seedheads, such as Sunflower and Millet, are being visited by flocks of finches, mainly Goldfinches and Chaffinches, such as are seldom seen in the fields these days.

There may be others to look for. A similar field in Great Glemham attracted some 500 Bramblings, a scarce finch which sometimes visits in the winter (a bit like a Chaffinch, but with frosty white underparts, rusty sides, and a conspicuous white rump). We have occasionally seen them in the garden in past winters. The birds tend to make forays into the field, and keep dashing into the cover of the nearby trees and hedges. Try the field on the right, at the top of Holden's Lane.

In December, I was shown a pair of birds which I take to be new to Sweffling. These were Egyptian Geese. They were on the floodplain meadow beside the Benhall Low Street bridge, and I have heard that they were still around in January. This is a medium sized goose, with pale buff plumage and a reddish-brown back. Its most striking features are a dark patch around the eye, and large white wing-patches which show in flight. Despite the name, this goose is found all over Africa, the ones found here were probably introduced from South Africa in the 18th century as an ornamental species. They have since taken up residence in Norfolk, and are now widespread in East Anglia as a wild breeding bird, and spreading further afield.

The fields of sugar beet next door to us were harvested remarkably quickly in mid-January. I gather that they may be used for wildlife planting later in the year. For a few days the fields were used by foraging gulls, Black-headed Gulls and Common Gulls. Common Gulls are not especially common in the South, and are mainly here in the winter. They look like small Herring Gulls, grey with prominent black and white wing tips. Greenish-yellow beaks and feet distinguish them, and the dark eyes give them a much kinder expression than the mean-looking Herring Gull! Have a look at the pictures if you don't believe me.

Birds come into spring song surprisingly early, especially in a spell of warmer weather. In the garden Great Tits are the most obvious, with their loud 'teacher teacher' note. Despite its simplicity, this really is a song, produced only by the male, who is thereby defending his territory and attracting a mate. (Calls are also simple sounds, denoting alarm or hunger or other such signals). Other well-known garden songs include Robin and Blackbird, while that of the Dunnock, which has been singing for a month and is just as common, is less familiar. Quieter than most, it is an attractive, rapid warbling song. It is worth getting to know it. My personal favourite spring song is the Mistle Thrush, typically singing early in the year. This has loud, clear notes, like that of a Blackbird, but shorter and simpler, and without the repeated phrases of the Songthrush. Even in poor weather, it rings out as a sure sign of spring.

Geoffrey Abbott

THE WHITE HORSE RENDHAM

Choose from a delicious menu and pair with a selection of wines and beers. Food available
Weds-Sat 6pm-8pm / Sun 12pm-2pm. Call
01728 666 527 to book and follow on Facebook
(The Rendham White Horse).

JUNIPER BARN CAFE & DELI

A warm welcome to Mark and Lucy at Juniper Barn. Join them and discover fine foods, meats, cheeses and pantry staples plus breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea. Weds-Sun, 9am-5pm. Tel: 07561 762481

RENDHAM PARISH / PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Another year over... and a new one just begun...we would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024!

Budget/Precept for the Year 2024/2025

Rendham Parish Council started this year with a very productive meeting, held on Monday January 8th in Rendham Village Hall. Councillors had a thorough review of expenditures, planned income and existing reserves setting the budget for 2024/25. Being conscious of the financial pressures experienced by residents and current inflation levels, Parish Council has agreed on the final budget and has agreed to set a precept with a very small increase, keeping Parish Council band D tax charge the same as 2023/2024 (i.e. £22.02), which would show as 0% change on the 2024/25 Council Tax bill against the Parish element.

Suffolk County Councillor's Stephen Burroughs report for January 2024 (full report available on Rendham website rendham.onesuffolk.net). The main headings of his report are:

- National Grid could cause unnecessary disruption to Suffolk communities
- Foxhall Recycling centre redevelopment completed ahead of schedule
- Why we have not objected to Sea Link energy plans at this stage
- More money for adult and children's care, but difficult decisions needed

Footpaths in Rendham village

Public footpaths have been cleared from on-growing hedges and trees.
'Thank you' letter sent to Suffolk County Council.

Mobile Library: Sweffling
Pub 09:35 / Bruisyard VH
10:05. 16 Feb + 15 Mar



COMMUNITY CAFE



At Rendham Village Hall

Upcoming Dates for 2024
6th Feb, 5th March & 2nd April.

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

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



CAROL SINGERS - The Carol singers would like to thank the generosity of the villagers. We raised £251 for Crisis, a

National homeless charity. The weather was kind, as were Jackie and Howard with those lovely hot mince pies. We hope that we brought a little festive spirit to the streets of Rendham.

Paul Jackson



RENDHAM CHRISTMAS PARTY The Christmas party in the village hall was a great success. With carols, games and a marvellous selection of food. A big thank you to Father Christmas who did a magnificent job on his way to Lapland. Hope those attending enjoyed the party. *Paul Jackson*

PRIZES NEEDED! We need 20+ exciting prizes, each worth over £20 for this year's fete. Last year the value exceeded over £2,000 and the Draw made £2000+. Can you help? If so, contact Roger Bennion 663737 / rogerbennion@btinternet.com

DEADLINE FOR APRIL / MAY 2024 STREET': 17 MARCH 2024 - Email Helen Greenburgh: hpaygre@aol.com (07775 894146) + Judith Mellor: rendhamstreet@gmail.com (hard copy to Gables Farm, Sandy Lane, Rendham) **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO EMAIL BOTH EDITORS.** *The Street* welcomes items for publication, but we reserve the right to edit.