
THE STREET



RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016

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YOUR VILLAGE FETE NEEDS YOU - FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP



Preparation is already under way for next year's fete which will be held on **Saturday, 2nd July**. We hope you saw the 'Rendham Fete Needs You' poster that dropped through your letter box recently - as always we are keen for new faces to come and help.

We need help in all areas from setting up and clearing away on the day to running a stall and helping on the fete committee. Although we have a coordinator for 2016 we would like a coordinator for 2017 who could shadow the role during the coming year.

The Rendham Fete is such a key date in the village calendar and enjoys support from far and wide. To be involved in any way is very rewarding, not only from seeing the enjoyment on the day but also knowing that the funds raised are so important to the running of the Church, Village Hall and Village amenity projects. The next open meeting is scheduled for March / April - please come and join us - we need you!

In the meantime for any more information, or offers of help, please contact Malcolm Coulson (663 434) or Sue Donald (663 349).

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ROYAL LEGION POPPY FUND - WENDY'S LAST COLLECTION

Thank you all for your generosity to The Legion over the fifteen years I have been collecting, this year's total was an amazing £366.62 comprising:- Door to Door £232.28, Church £106.00 and The White Horse £28.34. Terry Titmus is taking over from me for next year, thank you all again and farewell.

Wendy Wray

Rendham Entertainments presents: A Magical Evening



Book your tickets for a magical evening of pre-Christmas fun for the whole family with magician Nathan Ward at Rendham Village Hall, Friday December 4th at 7pm. Tickets are available in advance from Geoffrey Boulton (663 454) or Albert Lain (663 567), or on the door, and cost £8 for adults or £4 for under 16s. Your ticket price includes a glass of mulled wine or soft drink, plus mince pies and sausage rolls. All proceeds go towards raising

funds for a projector for use in the hall.

Jo Rogers

CHURCH FARM BARN, RENDHAM

We have started work on restoring our lovely old barn, which stands next to Rendham Village Hall. It now has a new, warm roof and we thank everyone for their patience whilst the scaffolding has been up in the car park. Plans for the barn include turning it into a welcoming shop and cafe for our village and the surrounding area, for which planning permission has been received. We will keep you informed of future developments and welcome constructive ideas and feedback.

Geoffrey and Katie Boulton

RENDHAM FETE THANK YOU! A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped at last summer's fete. We can now confirm that together we made a cracking profit of £5,706! A great achievement. I would like to congratulate everyone involved, including all who helped in the run-up to the Fete and on the actual day. It's a really positive example of what we can do together as a village! We still need volunteers for the 2016 Fete - if you would like to help please do contact Malcolm Coulson (663 434) or Sue Donald (663 349). Thank you.

Paul Jackson



34th Ride & Stride

Choosing their own cycle routes Helen Payne, Albert Lain and Richard Shattock signed-in at ninety one churches/chapels during the annual sponsored bicycle ride on Saturday 12th September. Together they raised £1,048.00 split equally between St Michael's, Rendham and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

- ★ **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** - Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Rendham Village Hall, raising a total of £315.19.
- ★ **AN EVENING OF SPANISH ENTERTAINMENT** - Enjoy an evening of Spanish entertainment in Rendham Village Hall on Saturday 13th February at 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Members £8, non-members £10. Limited tickets, call Lynda on 663 325 to book.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / VILLAGE HAPPENINGS EMAIL

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

RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

GOOD NEWS - On Monday 9th November two people were co-opted as Councillors to the Parish Council, David Willett and Matthew Greenburgh. Following the resignation of Dorothea Farquhar as Chairman, Matthew Greenburgh agreed to stand as Chairman and was elected unanimously. Thanks and best wishes for the future were given to Dorothea in her new adventure in France. The Parish Council is now only one Councillor short so please do think about joining. Contact Chris Salmon, Parish Clerk, on 663 199 or email chris.salmon2@btinternet.com

POLICE REPORT - No one was able to attend the meeting but a report was sent. For the period 1st September to 31st October there were two reported crimes - Burglary of Dwellings.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / VILLAGE HAPPENINGS - The coordinator asked that if people change their email address to let him know on or if you wish to join the list email trv.salmon@btinternet.com

REPORT: County Cllr. Stephen Burroughes - The full report is available on the Village website:

- GCSE results show Suffolk on the rise
- Further indication of improvement at Suffolk schools
- Suffolk's five year olds overtake national average
- Parents are urged to have their say on school admissions consultation
- Thousands attend Suffolk Skills Show
- £250,000 fund announced for school projects
- County Council progress the campaign for A12 four-village bypass

RENDHAM WEBSITE - At the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th November, the clerk mentioned that the Rendham website had been entered for SALC's (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) for Website of the Year. At the SALC AGM on Thursday 12th November it was announced that Rendham had been voted 'Website of the Year' for smaller councils. Chris Salmon, the clerk, was presented with a framed certificate and a cheque for £100. The money was presented to the Parish Council who will decide how it will be used at the next meeting. Good news for Rendham!

ARE YOU SUPPORTING A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR?



Suffolk Family Carers is a Suffolk wide organisation which aims to offer support and information to anyone caring for a friend, family member or neighbour with any kind of illness, disability or frailty.

If you offer support, help or encouragement to a friend or family member who is unwell then you are a Family Carer and are able to access our free 'Caring With Confidence' courses. These courses provide information and tips on ways to confidently care for your friend or loved one. We also have a wealth of resources which may help with a variety of issues and concerns you face within your caring role.

If you care for someone with Dementia you could also access our 'Caring for Dementia' with Confidence course which is specifically designed for those caring for someone with Dementia or memory loss. These sessions are not only a great way to gain useful information but also give you the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation. These sessions run regularly so to find out more about either 'Caring with Confidence' or 'Caring for Dementia with Confidence'

please contact 01473 835446 or cwc@suffolkfamilycarers.org.

ACC Spring Flower Show: Plant your show-stopping bulbs TODAY!
Date announced in next issue!



CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING DEC'15 - JAN '16

	DEC 6	DEC 13	DEC 20	DEC 24	DEC 25
RENDHAM		11:00AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION			11:00AM HOLY COMMUNION
SWEFFLING	9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		9:30AM BCP MORNING PRAYER	11:30PM MIDNIGHT MASS	
	JAN 3	JAN 10	JAN 17	JAN 24	JAN 31
RENDHAM		11:00AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		9:30AM MORNING PRAYER	
SWEFFLING	9:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION		9:30AM FAMILY SERVICE		



WARM WELCOME

★ Welcome to Robin & Jane Bryce who have moved into Middlemarch.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS / HELP

We would be grateful for offers of help to man the Refreshments Tent for the Mummings on 22nd December. Donations of Pimms, Mince pies and Sausage rolls also gratefully received!! Please contact Anna 663 811 or peter-morris@tiscali.co.uk

RENDHAM MUMMERS

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR THE 2015

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday
22nd
December
6.45pm



Meet
at the
Knoll
Rendham

Please bring your lanterns!

7.30 performance of festive Mummings play
ANOTHER PAGAN WINTER'S TALE

"LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD & THE BIG BAD WARG"

FOLLOWED BY

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION
to the **RENDHAM WHITE HORSE**

Seasonal Refreshments
Parking in the Park (see signs)

A traditional Hat Collection will be taken
in aid of **ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY**
supporting local groups

Small
presents for
children from
Old St Nick!



Rendham Entertainments

On October 16th Lady Xa Tollemache gave a fascinating illustrated talk about her garden and landscape designs, in properties all over Britain. The various houses she showed us were mostly large with extensive grounds, some of which she had literally transformed from what can only be described as jungle! She described her approach to landscaping projects in a variety of places and we all felt that the results were really impressive, in every case the planting and arrangements being imaginatively fitted to the particular house and its surroundings. She has been inspired to a large extent by her work at home in Helmingham Hall, with its two walled gardens, park and ancient trees. She ended her talk with some scenes from the glorious grounds there, where she and her family have their happiest times.

Following some delicious refreshments, we were lucky enough to have a second half to the programme, in which Tim Tanton-Brown, a garden expert from the Walled Garden in Benhall, answered questions about various horticultural problems which the audience had brought along - some with drooping examples! Tim was not just amazingly knowledgeable but very amusing too, he provided a lot of help *and* entertainment - the object of the evening!

This was the first outing for the new audio equipment which was a huge success, and over £200 was raised towards achieving the next goal - the projector.

Jo Rogers

NATURE NOTES DEC 2015 - JAN 2016



The 'running deer' warning sign on Suffolk roads is not just for local colour. There are several species in our area, and sometimes they present a real hazard to traffic when they cross the roads, especially at night. We have two of the larger deer in the valley. Perhaps the one more likely to be seen is the Fallow Deer, quite large and with the characteristic wide, flattened antlers in the buck. The colour is usually brown, with pale spots (which are less obvious in the winter), but some individuals can be white, and some almost black. I see them most often, in small groups, near Great Glemham, and on the roads towards Framlingham.

Fallow Deer were introduced by the Normans for hunting, and are still associated with deer parks. In Suffolk, they are commonest in the wild in the forests to the east of us. The Red Deer is also seen locally coming out of the woods to feed in the fields. It is even larger, a darker reddish-brown without spots, and in the breeding season with large branched antlers in the older males. Red deer are native, but the Suffolk stock probably originated from re-introductions in the past. So look out for our largest British land mammal. (Our neighbour met a large stag in their drive a couple of years ago).



Our stretch of the river Alde is only a short stretch from the tidal estuary beginning at Snape. It is perhaps surprising how few estuary birds such as Shelduck and waders get up this far. I have occasionally heard Oystercatchers or Curlew flying over, but very seldom. Exceptions are a few of the freshwater waders which sometimes use the flooded fields in the valley. I have mentioned the Snipe in other winters. Less common, but visiting in most winters is the Green Sandpiper, a small migrant wader which visits Britain on passage in the autumn, but occasionally stays for the winter. Very hard to see unless they are flushed, when they fly off very quickly with a loud piping call, Green Sandpipers are very dark (not apparently green at all), but with a brilliant white rump, not unlike a House Martin.

Jays have been very conspicuous in the late autumn as they gather acorns to eat or to store for the winter. They will probably remain so in the winter as they search for their hidden caches. Jays carry their acorns in a special pouch beneath the tongue, and can probably carry up to nine at one time. They have been recorded gathering and hiding some 5,000 in a single autumn. I have referred before to studies which show they can memorise almost all of these hiding places, even when the ground is altered by a covering of snow! This autumn the Jays near our house have been very busy in the evergreen Holm Oaks, which seem to have plenty of acorns, although they are smaller than those of the native Oak.



Last time I mentioned Goldcrests which, as well as being resident birds, are among the migrants which reach us in late autumn from across the North Sea. In fact, in October, we were in Norfolk during a period of strong north-easterly winds. These brought a huge influx of Goldcrests, and there were literally hundreds of them in the pine trees behind the shore. Perhaps by now some of these will have reached Suffolk.

Geoffrey Abbott

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

Our church always looks beautiful for Harvest Festival, and this year was no exception. The service on 11 October was conducted by the Rector, and the lessons were read by Chris Twinch and Roger Lintott. The choir sang *Thou visitest the earth and Fear not, O Land*, and many of us enjoyed the delicious Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall which followed. This was brilliantly cooked and produced by Frances Hill, Anne Hounsell and their helpers.

At the end of the meal a tribute was paid by Paul Jackson to Wendy Wray and Dorothea Farquhar, who are leaving Rendham for France and have both done so much for our village. After his speech, which was heartily applauded, we all sang the Marseillaise in their honour as Roger Bennion marched around the Hall with the tricolour. We shall miss them greatly.

The lunch made a profit of £192.00 which has been given to the Fund for the renewal of the Church Path, and we are still seeking contributions from many sources.

On 8 November our Remembrance Day Service was conducted by Prof John Tesh, and was well attended. Mr David Sears received the poppy wreath at the altar and then placed it on the War Memorial and spoke the hallowed words. This ceremony has been performed, for more years than we can count, by Mr Roy Tilbrook, and we send him our good wishes, and our thanks to David who is his most worthy successor. The collection for the Royal British Legion, with other contributions in Rendham, amounted to £256.00

Charles Seely & Frances Hill

SUFFOLK COASTAL FILLING STATION 2016

You will find a very warm welcome at The Filling Station's monthly mid-week 'celebration' meetings at The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, IP17 1LL. The Filling Station is an informal way of expressing the Christian faith for those from any church background, or none, and offers delicious refreshment, contemporary sung worship, high quality speakers giving challenging and inspirational talks, and powerful prayer ministry. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month from 7.00pm and our first meeting of 2016 is on Thursday January 28th. Please visit

www.thefillingstation.org.uk to find out more information or contact the Boults on 663 454 or katiejboults@gmail.com. Come and try us, bring a friend!

WENDY WRAY & DOROTHEA FARQUHAR



We are very sorry indeed to see Wendy Wray and Dorothea Farquhar leave for the sunnier climes of France. They have been hugely important in the life of the village over the years, and we owe them most sincere thanks for all they have done. That includes: the Poppy Appeal, running the White Elephant stall at the Fete, getting donations for the Booze Barrow, selling Fete raffle tickets, procuring sponsors for adverts in the Fete programme (Wendy was responsible for £600-worth of adverts this year).

They have both been Trustees of the Friends of St Michael's, and rolled up their sleeves at every moment to support events, Wendy has been Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and on the Village Hall Committee, Dorothea is currently Chair of the Parish Council. What have we left out?! They and their lovely dogs will be much missed and we wish them bon voyage et bonne chance.



Congratulations to Giles Croucher who has graduated from University Campus Suffolk with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Photography.

SURGERY NEWS - Framlingham & Saxmundham

With practices closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day as well as New Year's Day in an emergency you should phone 111. Please check your practice's website for opening times.

Framlingham Surgery - www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk - 01728 723 627

Saxmundham Surgery - www.saxquax.co.uk - 01728 602 022

Next concert: Saturday 12th December 2015,
7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Framlingham

Phoenixsingers

Tickets: £12.00 (£6.00 for under 18s), includes post-concert reception, available from Hall Farm Butchers, 25, Market Hill, Framlingham, William Glasse william@glasse.org.uk, 07802 597071, choir members, and at the door. charity no. 1076549



THE MESSIAH part 1 and other Christmas music

CHRISTMAS BRASS CONCERT



Performed by Leiston Royal British Legion Brass Band, enjoy an eclectic mix of popular and Christmas music and carols at St. Mary's Church, Sweffling, 4th December, 7:30pm. Adults £7, children £3. Tickets include interval refreshments with proceeds to St. Mary's Church.

Bellringing Practice 6-7pm every Friday, Rendham

SAVE £££s ON YOUR HEATING OIL

Community Action Suffolk (CAS) can save you an average of £74 p.a. on heating oil, which is purchased in bulk twice a month (once in December). Membership is open to all, starting from just £20 p.a. with the option to place orders online, by email, by post or by phone. Visit www.communitybuying.org.uk or call 01473 345400 for details.

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR REFUGEES

Sally Goldsmith is collecting items to send to the refugees in Greece. With winter setting in they desperately need: trousers for all ages and sexes, socks and new underwear, sleeping bags, blankets, tarpaulins and tents, emergency blankets, rain ponchos, shoes for men and women. If you are able to help, please only supply the items listed above. Sally will be collecting up until Christmas for CalAid. If you have items to be collected please call 663 403. Thank you! *Sally Goldsmith*



FRAMLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB CHRISTMAS FAYRE - **NEW VENUE**

Sale of freshly made door wreaths and seasonal table arrangements made by club members. Wreaths can be pre-ordered, from simpler one using fresh foliage, berries and fir cones etc which are suitable for the churchyard, to the more decorative using dried fruit, ribbons and baubles, perfect for home. Call Lindi Carrington on 663 485.

Saturday 5th December, 9:30am onwards, St Michael's Church, Framlingham
www.framlinghamflowerclub.onesuffolk.net

TEAR-OFF FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL 2016

Membership renewals will be due at the AGM. Why not save time by renewing in advance, and then there will be more time to enjoy the entertainment and refreshments at the meeting. Just send your remittance with this slip. It remains unchanged at £4.50 per person or £3 if you do not wish to enter the annual membership draw which takes place in September, at the Rendham Harvest Festivities.

Please make cheques payable to Alde Community Council.

Name(s)

Address:.....

Tel: Postcode:.....

Please send to: Lynda Newson, Rosebank, Bruisyard Road, Rendham, IP17 2AQ.

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BRUISYARD NEWS

www.bruisyard.com

Dec 5: Christmas Coffee Morning, 10:30am-12:30pm, St Peter's Church, Bruisyard.

Enjoy organ music by Charles Seely, discover recently uncovered mediaeval wall paintings. Plus Christmas stall, cake stall, book stall, mulled wine and mince pies as well as tea and biscuits.

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall, £10pp + bring a plate of food. Visit the website for more details.

SOUP & PUD LUNCH 2016 RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL, 12:30pm

January 27th

February 24th

March 23rd

April 27th

May 25th

June 22nd

July 27th

Aug - no soup & pud

September 28th

October 26th

November 23rd

December - no soup & pud



Dates for your Diary DECEMBER

- 4-6 Fabulous Fram Christmas - Market Hill, Framlingham
- 4 A Magical Evening - Rendham Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 4 'Christmas Brass' Concert - St Mary's, Sweffling, 7:30pm
- 5 Framlingham Flower Club Christmas Fayre, 9:30am, St Michael's Church
- 5 Craft Fayre - Fromus Square, Saxmundham, 9:00am - lights switched on at 4:00pm
- 5 Christmas Coffee Morning - St Peter's Church, Bruisyard, 10:30am - 12:30pm
- 5 Come Dine with Me - Sweffling Village Hut, 6:30pm
- 7 Charity Quiz Night - Rendham White Horse, 7.30pm
- 12 The Phoenix Singers - St Michael's Church, Framlingham, 7:30pm
- 17 Christmas Carol Evening - Rendham White Horse (Date TBC)
- 22 Mummings Festive Tale - The Knoll, 6.45pm for 7.30pm
- 24 Midnight Mass, Sweffling, 11:30pm
- 25 Christmas Day Holy Communion, Rendham, 11:00am

MOBILE LIBRARY (RENDHAM)

Calls at Bruisyard Rd opposite
PARK on 22nd December
9:55-10:10hrs.



JANUARY

- 7 iPad Course starts - Saxmundham Library, 12:45pm - 3:15pm
- 9 Quiz with mulled wine and nibbles - Saxmundham Library, 3:00pm
- 14 Talk - Jim Lowe of Dementia Friends / Alzheimers Society - Sax Library, 10:30am

For details of events (and cost) at Saxmundham Library, visit
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/branches/saxmundham-library

DEADLINE FOR FEB / MARCH 2016 'STREET' : 17 JANUARY 2016

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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