

# THE STREET



## RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### APRIL - MAY 2025

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*This photo of an incredible Rendham sky was taken on 1 April 2024.*

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## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM

The mid-morning services on Wednesdays once a month taken by the Rev'd Claire Kiddy continue to be quite well attended, with welcome refreshments afterwards. Our PCC AGM will be held on Wednesday 30 April in the Church at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some repairs are still needed in the Vestry but we hope these will take place soon.

Following the very successful Christmas Morning on 7 December in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice, on Saturday 12 April we will be holding our Spring Coffee morning in the Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon in aid of St Michael's Church.

We will be celebrating Easter Sunday 20 April with an Evensong at 5pm taken by our Rector, the Rev'd Claire Kiddy. As in past years, the display of lilies in memory of departed family and friends, organised by Lesley Bennion, will make the service even more special.

We would like to thank, on behalf of the PCC, both Trevor and Chris Salmon for their decades of work with Neighbourhood Watch keeping us all in touch, and with the Parish Council and wish them a very happy retirement - although Chris will continue her photographs for posterity and Trevor and she will continue manhandling the books for the Fete!

This year the Church Electoral Roll is being revised. We have sent out forms to all previous electors, and will be pleased to enrol anyone who has been baptised, who lives in Rendham and has attended church services. Please contact either of us if you would like to have the application form.

*Charles Seely & Frances Hill, Churchwardens*

### CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING APRIL - MAY 2025

	APRIL 6	APRIL 13	APRIL 20	APRIL 27
RENDHAM		9.30 Morning Prayer	5pm Easter Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion
SWEFFLING	9.30am Holy Comm		9.30am Morning Prayer	
	MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25
RENDHAM		9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion
SWEFFLING	9.30am Holy Comm		9.30am Morning Prayer	

Midweek Holy Communion 11am on Wednesdays:

With Lenten reflection Rendham 2/4 | Sweffling 9/4 | Cransford 16/4

Bruisard 23/4 | Sweffling 30/4 | Rendham 7/5 | Cransford 21/5.

No midweek communion on 14/5 or 28/5



**GOOD FRIDAY IS 18 APRIL. EASTER DAY IS 20 APRIL**

### EASTER-RELATED SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 APRIL

Dennington 7pm Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL 10am Procession starts at Cransford Chapel to St Peter's Cransford

2pm Last Hour by the Cross, Sweffling

EASTER DAY 20 APRIL

Dennington 8am Easter Communion | Bruisyard 9.30am BCP Communion

Sweffling 9.30am Easter Morning Prayer | Badingham 11am Holy Communion

Rendham 5pm Easter Thanksgiving with Easter lilies and the choir



## RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

COUNTY COUNCILLOR (FRAMLINGHAM DIVISION) STEPHEN BURROUGHES REPORT  
(full report is available on Rendham Village website):

- New cabinet role to lead on devolution and local government reform
- Suffolk prepares for another significant solar farm proposal
- £1.6 million investment proposed following inspection of Suffolk fire and rescue service
- funding made available for safer, healthier and accessible travel around Suffolk
- Suffolk county council confirms 2025/26 budget
- arts organisations and museums across Suffolk get £500,000 funding boost
- Suffolk communities to suffer from lack of energy project coordination
- Suffolk's 45 libraries to remain open and see new investment as Suffolk county council plans to take service back in house
- Suffolk county council cabinet approves local transport plan
- Suffolk county council cabinet approves £2.7m funding for Benacre flood protection scheme
- county leaders to propose one council for Suffolk
- octopus energy and Suffolk county council trial 'zero bills' upgrade on existing homes

CHAIRMAN OF RENDHAM PARISH VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT  
(full report is available on Rendham Village website)

The Village Hall's subsidence issue has been validated as an insurance claim, and steps are underway with insurers, including a drain inspection. However, water backup prevented initial work, and the septic tank has been emptied for another inspection. Separately, compliance with environmental regulations regarding untreated effluent discharge into waterways needs attention. Upgrading the septic system will be costly, may disrupt the car park, and require fundraising and permissions. RVHMC seeks Parish Council agreement to begin this process, with further updates to follow.

RENDHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT (full report is available on Rendham Village website)

The 11:00am monthly Midweek Communion Services by Rev. Claire Kiddy remains well attended. Following the success of the Christmas Coffee Morning for St. Elizabeth Hospice, a Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 12 April, 10 am–12 noon at the Village Hall in aid of St. Michael's Church.

### THE KNOLL MAINTENANCE

At the recent Parish Council meeting, councillors discussed the maintenance of the Knoll and keeping it in good shape while preserving its natural beauty. Councillors emphasized the importance of keeping blossoming flowers intact and supporting the No Mow May initiative to encourage biodiversity. And during periods of overgrowth, we are seeking volunteers to help with grass trimming.

*(Cont'd overleaf)*



### LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



The list for ordering lilies in memory of family and friends will be at the back of the Church until the end of Sunday April 6th. Please fill in the name/s of those to be remembered: these will be entered in our Book of Remembrance and read out at the service on April 20th. Lilies cost £3.50 each, please contact either Lesley or Lynda. Any proceeds will go to Church funds.

Additionally, concerns were raised about a telephone pole on the Knoll, which has started to lean noticeably. Its condition has been acknowledged by councillors and agreed to be reported to Open Reach for their safety inspection.

### SANDY LANE UPDATE

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the issues on Sandy Lane have been addressed following discussions with Highways. The road, which had been challenging to navigate during periods of heavy rain due to water flowing from nearby fields and inadequate drainage, has been improved. While the situation has been resolved for now, we remain mindful that similar problems could arise in the future.

Thank you to everyone who raised awareness.

### THANKS TO TREVOR

The Parish Council would like to extend its deepest thanks to Trevor Salmon for his dedicated service as a volunteer for the neighbourhood watch and community updates. Over the years, Trevor has been a steadfast figure in keeping our community informed, sending emails with valuable information, and ensuring that everyone stayed connected. His long-term commitment and hard work have made a significant impact, and we are incredibly grateful for all he has done. As Trevor steps down from his role, we are delighted to welcome Mary Gregory, who will be taking over this important volunteering responsibility. We wish Mary all the best in her new role and are confident that she will continue Trevor's great work in serving our community.

Thank you, Trevor, for your outstanding contributions, and welcome, Mary!

### PARISH MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, 12th May 2025, starting at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place first, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.


Everyone in the community is warmly invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with local matters and contribute to the future of our parish. We look forward to seeing you there!


### HAPPY EASTER FROM THE RENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL!

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone in our community a joyful and peaceful Easter. May this season of renewal bring happiness and togetherness to all.

  
**THE ANNUAL ACC  
SPRING FLOWER SHOW**  
 Sweffling Hut Saturday 5 April 2025  
Exhibits to the Hut from 9.00-10.00am,  
Judging at 10.00am.  
Entry forms in village halls and on village  
websites.  
Show opens at 2pm. Entry £1  
(includes tea/coffee) Under 12s free.  
Presentation of cups at 3pm  
followed by Raffle.  
   
Any enquiries ring Lynda on 663325

**COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS**  
**RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL**   
1 April 10am - 12noon for Coffee and a Hot Cross  
Bun.  
Our last Cafe for the season will be on Tuesday  
6 May.  
We will be open again on the first Tuesday of  
October and we look forward to welcoming you  
all back.

**Rendham Neighbourhood  
Watch/Village Happenings**   
Contact [mary.gregory1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mary.gregory1@yahoo.co.uk)  
to add your name to the circulation list for  
Neighbourhood Watch & info about village events.



# RENDHAM FETE 2025 SATURDAY 5 JULY

Starts at 1230 at  
Grove Farm Meadow, Rendham

**THINK FETE!**

Spring Cleaning? Finding items you no longer need but which are in good condition? THINK FETE!

We need unwanted gifts or items that are in good, saleable condition for the Jewellery and Mystery Parcels stalls (contact: Liz Pilgrim) and the White Elephant stall (contact: David/Jane Silvester).

If you have any old crockery that isn't good enough for the White Elephant... THINK FETE! The crockery smash stall can always help you to dispose of your old china! (contact: Matthew/Helen Greenburgh)

Raffle tickets will be available soon and your help will be needed to sell them. We also plan to sell tickets in Framlingham on Tuesday 1st and in Saxmundham on Wednesday 2nd July – please let David or Jane know if you are able to help on either of those days.

Nearer the day we will need cakes, biscuits and/or savouries for the Cake Stall and Tea Tent and for the green-fingered members of the community, any surplus garden plants will be welcome for the Plant stall .

Further details at the next open meeting, via the community email and/or on the village website.

New for 2025 – not one field arena but two! One will have a programme of activities including a welcome return of the Red Barrows and forget Silverstone and Formula 1, you will be able to join in with a special running of Rendham Formula WB! The second area will be dedicated to our four-legged friends where there will be have-a-go activities and a display during the afternoon.

Come along and enjoy the event, have tea and a cake, browse the stalls and be entertained by the field events. SEE YOU THERE!

David & Jane Silvester 01728 663770 / 07775 572186  
david.silvester.t21@btinternet.com

**THINK  
FETE!**



Keep your eyes open for notification of a Fete Meeting in the Village Hall via the village emails, or check with David & Jane Silvester. It will be sometime in June

## SAXMUNDHAM LIBRARY

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.

01728 652440 [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)



**Saturday 10 May 11am - 3pm**

Dennington Primary School will be 150 Years Old

Let's Celebrate!

All local residents, pupils past & present, teachers and volunteers are invited to celebrate with us. Lots to see and do!

We're raising funds for a new library!

**THE STREET** Do you enjoy reading The Street? With so many ways to find out news now, most of which are instant, is there a value in still producing our bi-monthly publication?

Please give us your feedback by filling in the questionnaire you can find on the village website.

Some paper copies will also be available at the Community Coffee Morning



## ITALIAN EVENING

### 5 APRIL RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL - SOLD OUT!



The evening of Saturday 5 April the village hall car park may see a number of Roman chariots and dark coloured limousines used by mafia types and Italian opera singers ranked up as people arrive for the Italian themed evening. That is assuming that patrons choose to participate in the optional dress up for the theme. Then, maybe not. The Village Hall will be filled to capacity for a 3 course dinner by candlelight, licensed bar, live music and of course a short piece of home grown entertainment with a guest appearance of Don Cortisone. All tickets sold out within 4 days.

*Any profit from this event will go towards village hall funds as the committee negotiate an insurance claim for some subsidence and a review of the way in which waste water is disposed.*

➔ Date for the diary, RVHMC AGM at the hall on Monday 7th April at 7pm. All welcome



## VE 80 STREET PARTY

### 10 MAY 2025 from 12:30pm

### LUNCHTIME & AFTERNOON EVENT

Bring a plate of food and drink to share! Sit down at 13:00. There will be music and party games, including pass the parcel. This will be followed immediately by the Rendham Boules Copper Kettle competition which we plan to go on to be an annual event. Nearer the time we will liaise so we don't end up with 500 sausage rolls.

Should anyone have any ideas about holding other events in the Park please let the committee know. We obviously want to use our lovely park to its full potential.

*The Park Committee*  
Gina Purvis, [ginapurvis57@me.com](mailto:ginapurvis57@me.com), Chris Bishop,  
and Paul Jackson [pauljackson133@btinternet.com](mailto:pauljackson133@btinternet.com)



## NATURE NOTES FROM GEOFFREY ABBOTT, OVER THE RIVER IN SWEFFLING

I heard my first Chiffchaff this year on the 7th of March. You may remember that we were having an amazing spell of warm, sunny weather, so it felt right to have a lot of birdsong. Chiffchaffs are the first of our summer migrants to return, and it is normal to have them singing so early. They travel much less far than other species, about as far as the Mediterranean. Some, increasingly, may spend the whole winter here. Although they are so small, roughly the size of a Bluetit, but slimmer and browner, they sing high in the twigs, and as the leaves are not yet out, they are much easier to see. There are always several in and around the village, singing all through the spring, so listen out for them. While the first Chiffchaffs were singing, there were still groups of Fieldfares 'chack-chacking' over the fields. It does seem a little odd to have this overlap in migrating species, but there are no strict dates, and this will always happen.



Another first in the sunny spell was the bright yellow Brimstone butterfly. These always brighten up a spring day. These very yellow individuals are the males, which usually appear first. The females are duller, a yellowish white. Both have spent the winter hibernating, as adults, in the shelter of a thick bush such as Ivy, where the underside of the folded wing looks very like a yellow leaf. Brimstones are very strong fliers. They must do a lot of travelling between the flowers

CONCERTS AT  
CRATFIELD  
SUNDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
Middleton Church IP17  
3NW  
Jordan Brooks, violin,  
Kumi Matsuo, piano  
Play Stravinsky, Prokofiev  
and Tchaikovsky



SUNDAY MAY 11<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
The Cut, New Cut, Halesworth, IP19 8BY  
Levi Andreassen, double bass, Kumi Matsuo, piano  
Play Schumann, Franck and Bottesini

Tickets £15. Visit [www.concertsatcratfield.org](http://www.concertsatcratfield.org) or  
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website with walks to download / print for free,  
from ½ mile to 12 +miles to suit all abilities  
<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk/>

There is no Suffolk Walking Festival in  
2025, but you can still walk! Check out  
maps and ideas at  
<https://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk/>



NATURE NOTES Cont'd from p6  
they visit for nectar in our gardens and the caterpillar food plant where they lay their eggs. This is a shrub called  
Buckthorn, very scarce in Sweffling (I have only found one in the wild here, although there may be a few in  
garden hedges). Look out for these lovely butterflies through April, as well as the other colourful species which  
hibernate as adults - Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, and Comma.



Some spring wildflowers are very early and attract attention, such as Celandines. Look for them  
alongside the ditches around the village. Primroses have also been showing for several weeks  
along many of our verges. A little later, by May, Bluebells are also a favourite – we do have some  
of the wild form in our hedges and verges, and in some of our small local woodlands. (There are  
good shows in some of the larger East Suffolk woods, such as Captain's Wood, near Sudbourne).  
In one of our local woods I was shown last year a population of perhaps the commonest of our  
woodland orchids, the Early Purple Orchid, which is sometimes found with Bluebells. This has a spike up to a  
foot high, with slightly loosely arranged orchid flowers of a red-purple colour. We have relatively few orchids  
locally (there are a couple of species around the ponds in Pound Farm woods) so it is always a pleasure to see  
them, with their slightly exotic look.

ENTENTE  
SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025 AT 7.00PM  
FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE CHAPEL  
Works for voices and organ by two giants of turn  
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Cantique de Jean Racine - Faure  
Give unto the Lord - Elgar  
Great is the Lord - Elgar  
Requiem - Faure



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email [phoenixsingers@outlook.com](mailto:phoenixsingers@outlook.com), or from Hall  
Farm Butchers, Framlingham or on the link above.

At The Cut, Halesworth:  
INK FESTIVAL 24 - 27 APRIL  
A celebration of the spoken word: new plays, musicals,  
comedies, physical theatre, plus films, street performances  
and more. <https://www.inkfestival.org/festival-overview>

If you get this in time: Aldeburgh Music Club  
Nelson Mass Orford Church 29 March 7pm

FRAMLINGHAM SURGERY 01728 723627  
Dispensary: 01728) 723957  
[www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk)  
SAXMUNDHAM SURGERY:  
LAMBDALE MEADOW 01728 602022  
[www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/](http://www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/)

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box.  
The code is C123 Remember to ring 999 first.

MONDAY 12 MAY VILLAGE HALL  
RENDHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7pm  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm



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### MOBILE LIBRARY

Sweffling Church: 24/4, 22/5 0925 - 0945  
Sweffling White Horse: 11/4, 9/5 0935 - 0950  
Thence to Bruisyard Village Hall: 1005 - 1020

### DIARY DATES SEE PAGE 2 for Easter Services 18-20 April

#### APRIL

- 1 Community Coffee Morning, RVH 10am - 12noon
- 4 ACC Flower Show, Sweffling Hut, starts 9am, showing from 2pm
- 5 Italian Evening, RVH
- 6 Memorial Lilies deadline
- 6 Cratfield Music at Middleton Church, 3pm
- 7 RVHMC AGM, RVH 7pm
- 12 Spring Coffee Morning iao St Michael's Church, RVH 10am-12noon
- 12 Phoenix Singers concert, Fram College Chapel 7pm
- 30 St Michael's PCC AGM in the church, 6pm

**Suffolk Show**  
28 -29 May

**RENDHAM  
FETE 5 JULY**

Don't forget the Food Bank!  
<https://www.ip17gns.com/> and check  
out their Facebook page

For events in Sweffling, check  
out <https://sweffling-pc.gov.uk>

**SWEFFLING WHITE HORSE**  
Find out what's happening at  
<https://swefflingwhitehorse.co.uk/>

#### MAY

- 6 Community Coffee Morning, RVH 10am - 12noon
- 10 Dennington Primary School 150 years celebration, 11am - 3pm
- 10 VE80 party, Rendham PARK from 12.30pm
- 11 Cratfield Music at the Cut, Halesworth, 3pm
- 12 Parish meeting followed by Parish Council meeting, RVH 7pm
- 31 Aldeburgh Music Club concert, Orford Church, 7pm



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**DOG WALKERS:** It's adder season. Make sure you have your vet's phone number and if you think your dog has been bitten, keep them calm and get them to the vet as quickly as possible. If you can, bathe the bite in cold water, it will ease the pain, control the swelling.

## DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY 2025 'STREET': 17 MAY 2025

Help us ensure every issue of *The Street* is packed full of news and events that are relevant to Rendham and the surrounding parishes. So please - send us your news!

Email Helen Greenburgh: [hpaygre@aol.com](mailto:hpaygre@aol.com) (07775 894146) AND Judith Mellor: [rendhamstreet@gmail.com](mailto:rendhamstreet@gmail.com) **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. 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'.