

THE STREET



RENDHAM VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025



CHRISTMAS IN RENDHAM

**THE RENDHAM
CHRISTMAS COFFEE
MORNING**
Saturday 7 December
9.30am - 12 noon
Rendham Village Hall

**The RENDHAM
CAROL SINGERS**
evening of Friday 13
December through
the streets of
Rendham

**The RENDHAM
MUMMERS**
Saturday 21 December
7.30pm on the Knoll
Refreshments from
6.30pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday December 15 5pm Carols by Candlelight Sweffling
Friday 20 December 7pm Carol Service Badingham
Sunday 22 December 10am Carol Service Rendham
3pm Carol Service Cransford
5pm Carol Service Dennington
Tuesday December 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
4pm Crib Service Badingham;
5pm Carols & Crib Service Bruiyard
11.30pm Midnight Mass Sweffling



Monday December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** 10am Christmas Communion Dennington
Wed 1 January **NEW YEAR'S DAY** 11am Holy Communion for a New Year Rendham
Sunday 5 January 11am Celebrating Epiphany Badingham

RENDHAM FETE - ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

All fete matters will now be added to the Rendham Village website. Information on the recent Open Meeting and the accounts for 2024 are already there and details of the help needed for 2025 will also be posted there shortly and regularly updated. The address of the Rendham Fete page on the website is <https://rendham.onesuffolk.net/home/rendham-fete/>

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH RENDHAM CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

We are deeply sorry to report the death on October 19th of Tory Lawrence (Lady Oaksey), who was well-loved in Rendham. A distinguished artist, she and her partner Maggi Hambling have supported the Church for many years. Her painting of St Michael's, which hangs in the church as well as one in the Village Hall, together with the memory of her outstanding flower arrangements, will long be remembered.

On 13th October our Harvest Festival Service of Choral Evensong took place, conducted by the Rev. Claire Kiddy. Our Benefice Choir sang *Thou visitest the earth* and *Rejoice in the Lord alway*. Lovely floral arrangements adorned the Church and in the porch, and everyone enjoyed the refreshments afterwards. The Remembrance Service on 10th November taken by Prof. John Tesh included the reading of the names of those from Rendham and Sweffling who lost their lives in World Wars I and II as well as two poems beautifully read. The window sills were decorated with poppy arrangements, in particular the moving salute to the Fallen with the very apt title *Flanders Fields* by Lesley Bennion. We would like to thank all those who so generously contributed to the large boxes of food which were gladly received at the Saxmundham Food Bank.

From now on we are to have an extra midweek service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of each month. This simple said service will next be celebrated at 11.00 am on 4th December. Sadly we shall not have a service on Christmas Day, but on Sunday 22 December there will be a special Carol Service at 10.00 am. Our Christmas Coffee Morning in Rendham Village Hall is on Saturday 7 December from 9.30 am - 12 noon will be in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. Stalls include Christmas gifts, produce, raffle and books, and delicious hot butties from the kitchen! A visit from Santa is on the cards! Please do come and support this wonderful organisation.

Charles Seely, Frances Hill, Churchwardens

CHURCH SERVICES RENDHAM & SWEFFLING Dec 2024 - Jan 2025

★	DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22
RENDHAM		9.30 am Matins	★	10am Carol Service
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		5pm Carol Service ★	★
BENEFICE SERVICE 29 DECEMBER - CRANSFORD 10 am				
	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26
RENDHAM		9.30 am Matins		9.30am Holy Communion
SWEFFLING	9.30 am Holy Comm		9.30am Matins	

COMMUNITY CAFE 


AT RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Next date :
Tuesday 3rd December 2024
& every first Tuesday of the month

ALL WELCOME 
Join us for a
bottomless cup of coffee or tea
and a mince pie for £3

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everyone for a fabulous effort this year, the final total sent to MacMillan Cancer Support was £850.10. Match funding is in the process for an amount of £750.00 which gives us a final total of £1,600.10. Many thanks to you all!

Lynda Newson 

GET PLANTING!

ALDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPRING FLOWER SHOW 2025

Now's a good time to start planting your bulbs ready for next year's Spring Flower Show. More news in the next edition of *The Street!*



THE RENDHAM CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 9.30am – 12 noon RENDHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

Entry: £2 to include tea/coffee/biscuits

There may be a visit from a Very Special Person!

All monies raised will be donated to the St. Elizabeth Hospice.

Please support this very worthwhile charity.



Thanks to those people who have already donated gifts for the Christmas Stall. There's a box outside our front door for any other donations. **PLEASE SEARCH IN YOUR CUPBOARDS!** SOS for things for the produce stall - cakes, pastries, preserves.

Last year we had a very successful Christmas Coffee Morning where we raised £750 for The British Red Cross. Let's hope that we can pull out all the stops again this year for St. Elizabeth Hospice. We are lucky that Rendham is a very generous village. Many thanks!

Lesley Bennion 343132 (lesley.bennion@gmail.com)



THE CAROL SINGERS will be promenading the streets of Rendham on Friday 13 December at 6 pm.

Starting at the village hall. We are open to requests or just to go away.

The monies raised will go to Crisis, the charity for homelessness in the UK for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Unfortunately we will not be able to get to those living in outlying areas due to safety reasons. If anyone wishes to make a donation that would be very kind. Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Paul Jackson

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER - THE RENDHAM MUMMERS RETURN!
'Rendham Women Say Enough'



The year is 1911 and the women of Rendham have had enough. While the men folk spend the cold winter days and nights drinking and wassailing in the local hostility, The Dirty Mare, the women are left to prepare for the coming festivities.

One of their number decides to make a stand, during her sleep she is visited by the ghosts of famous women from the past who egg her on. With the help of a hapless M.P. the women folk say enough is enough and the real battle begins. Ghosts, drunken

songs and feisty rebellion promise a lively night for all sensible enough to come along and celebrate the winter solstice.

The performance will commence at 7.30pm on the Rendham Knoll (Opposite Chapel Road) on Saturday 21 December. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. Parking is provided on the recreation ground. Our chosen charity is St Elizabeth Hospice (Ipswich), so please give generously via the cash collection after the performance.

Upper Alde Churches can be found on Facebook and Instagram. A weekly news sheet called the Weekly Link is also emailed out. If anyone would like to receive it please email revclairekiddy@gmail.com





We would like to start with very good news. We are pleased to announce that Alan Stollery, of Rendham, was co-opted as a member of Rendham Parish Council at a meeting on 11 November 2024. Alan stepped forward to fill a vacancy created in September by the resignation of our valued member, Jackie Norman.

Alan's willingness and enthusiasm will greatly benefit the Council, and we look forward to working with him and seeing his contributions to the community. Alan is very excited about the opportunity to have a positive impact on the community.

Suffolk County Councillor's Stephen Burroughs report for January 2024 – main topics discussed at Rendham PC meeting (full report available on Rendham website rendham.onesuffolk.net):

- Government's new housing targets must put infrastructure first
- Suffolk launches pothole prevention programme ahead of winter weather
- Council to offer interest-free loans to make homes more energy efficient
- Suffolk residents encouraged to share views on new local transport plan
- Rendlesham revealed inspires classroom archaeology activities
- Suffolk county council set on major investment to further protect Suffolk from flooding
- Suffolk residents urged to share their views on local pharmaceutical services
- HRH the princess royal to open Lowestoft's gull wing bridge
- Council called on chancellor to back local government in autumn budget



Our Tree Warden has given update about planned tree planting activities in Rendham. "We are going to be planting some native black poplar in locations within the village. This is a very rare tree and requires a damp riverside or wet ditch location. Its establishment is also hard. If anyone would like to grow trees from seed but worries, there is nowhere to plant do not fret as each year the Suffolk Tree Warden Network Host a Giveaway and it's like a supermarket dash on the day. Everything goes- surprisingly only the Oaks were slow to go this year. Probably because they grow like weeds around here and /or they need space." (Tree Warden's full report is available on Rendham website.)

During our recent PC meeting, the future of our village newsletter "The Street" was discussed. Due to rising costs and the planned retirement of some of our dedicated volunteers, we are considering various options moving forward. As well, if it is necessary to compile all information on "The Street", which is already available digitally from different sources. We appreciate the community's support and will keep everyone informed as we work to find a sustainable solution.

It is confirmed that thermal imaging project "Keep the Heat" will be running from 4th December till 17th December in Rendham Village. For those interested, thermal surveys will be carried out to help identify heat loss in homes. In a 20-minute visit from volunteer surveyors, you could learn where heat is escaping from your home and how to insulate it better, leading to: a warmer home to your family, lower energy bills for your wallet, lower carbon emissions for the planet. The Community Thermal Imaging Project is funded by the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership which brings all Suffolk councils together to better equip Suffolk for our changing climate. To find out more about their mission go to greensuffolk.org

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th January 2025 at Rendham Village Hall 7.30pm. Members of the council are always willing to discuss topics put forward by the public. Members of the public are very welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and there is a Public

Forum for 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting so there is an opportunity for any members of the public present to make comments and representations. Also, members of the public are welcome to stay for the Parish Council meeting after the public session as observers.

Please contact the Clerk (rendhampc@gmail.com) to discuss your matters before attendance to ensure that members of council are aware of it.

Agenda for the next meeting will be available on Rendham Village website and on the noticeboard next to the Rendham playing field no later than three days before the meeting.

★ RENDHAM FETE 2024 - FINAL TALLY AND LOOK AHEAD TO 2025 ★

I am very pleased to report that Fete 2024 raised £4,616.63 (after all costs) which is a superb effort given the terrible weather on the day. We did have excess stock which was sold on e.g. to the "Jour de France" event which helped to ensure that all activities and stalls were in the black. At the Open Meeting held on Thursday 14 November, it was agreed that a total of £4,500 should be distributed to the four parties we have traditionally supported which will be paid as follows:

- St Michael's Church £1,575
- Rendham Village Hall £1,575
- The Amenity Fund £675
- P.A.R.K. £675

It was agreed that £1,702.28 is to be carried forward this year (vs £1,585.65 last year) as some of the expected expenditure from last year has not happened yet and we also need to replace some broken kit from this year's fete. Full details of the accounts are available on the [village website](#). Following the fete, some of the unsold White Elephant donations (which were obviously much higher than usual this year) were given to the St Elizabeth Hospice shop in Saxmundham and they have written to say that they raised £141.95 from those items.

Looking ahead to 2025, please see "Help Wanted" on page 6. A few long term helpers are unavailable for 2025 and we need to not only replace them, but we also need more support. I make no apology for repeating this, but the fete needs 60+ helpers to enable us to put on a "good show". Without that help, the fete will need to downsize or take on commercial stall holders.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

David Silvester

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

Next Parish Council meeting
7.30pm RVH
Monday 6 January 2025

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.

THE STREET – YOUR VIEWS WANTED – AND NEW EDITOR WANTED!

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 responding to Parish Clerk, Dana Brice on rendhampc@gmail.com

The Street needs a new co-editor. Helen will be retiring by the end of 2025. Desk top publishing skills required, and some spare time. Anyone interested, please contact us at hpaygre@aol.com and rendhamstreet@gmail.com

LOTS OF ACTIVITY AT SAXMUNDHAM LIBRARY A warm space! 01728 652440 Closed Mon & Thurs
WANTED!!! NEW TOY DONATIONS Suffolk Libraries is teaming up with BBC Radio Suffolk for a special Christmas Toy Appeal - part of the Warm Welcome cost-of-living support campaign. New toys only, please, suitable for any age between 0-12 years old <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/resources/be-kind-to-a-kid>



Help for Rendham Fete Needed

Rendham Fete has been running for many years and is a very well attended event that raises thousands of pounds for the village. We have been fortunate that people from the village have, to date, always provided all the help needed. However, to keep the Fete running we now need "new blood" to replace a number of retirees.

Running the Fete needs 60+ helpers. Without that help, the Fete either needs to become smaller, accept outside commercial vendors or, in the worst case, stop altogether.

Can you help?

The Fete is held on the first Saturday in July every year. Even if you can't help on the day, there are a number of behind-the-scenes activities that take place in the months and weeks leading up to Fete Day. Some examples include:

- Sourcing prizes for the Prize Draw
- Booking displays for the Arena
- Advertising for the Programme
- Programme preparation and printing
- Putting up posters
- Selling raffle/prize draw tickets
- Setting-up the field
- Baking savouries and cakes


And on the day.....

- Car Parking
- Washing-up in the tea tent
- Running a Stall
- Selling raffle/prize draw tickets

★ Please help if you can. ★

Interested? Want to find out more? No obligation.

Please contact David Silvester, Chapel Paddock Barn, Rendham
07775 572186 or david.silvester.t21@btinternet.com





**Phoenix
singers**

**Saturday, 14 December 2024,
7.30pm Framlingham College**

J S Bach
**CHRISTMAS
ORATORIO**
in English

Tickets: £15 (under 18s free), includes refreshments after the concert, from, phoenixsingers@outlook.com, Hall Farm Butchers, Market Hill, Framlingham and choir members.
reg. charity no. 1076549

Aldeburgh Music Club
founded by Benjamin Britten in 1952
presents


**BACH +
at Christmas**

Aldeburgh Music Club Choir invites you to a festive programme including a **Christmas Cantata** by J S Bach, Morten Lauridsen's **O Magnum Mysterium**, and a selection of Christmas carols for choir and audience.
Music Director Tom Appleton
Accompanist Jonathan Rutherford with Daniel Bartlett *tenor*

St Bartholomew's Church, Orford
Saturday 14th December at 4.00 pm

Tickets £15 including refreshments available from www.aldeburghmusic.club






SUFFOLK TRACTOR LIGHT PARADE
15 December
Tractors set off at 4.45pm from Campsea Ashe auction house and go through Wickham Market, Melton, Woodbridge, Eyke, Rendlesham and Tunstall. Details on Facebook

**ALDEBURGH MUSIC CLUB
CAROLS ON THE BEACH**
Free Event: Saturday 7
December 11am On the beach near King St Car Park



CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL, FRAMLINGHAM ★
was mostly cancelled due to Storm Bert, but you can still catch the **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** opening at St Michael's Church Framlingham on 7 Dec and **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT** on 6 Dec



CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ONS IN EAST SUFFOLK

Most will have already happened by the time *The Street* goes to press.

Lowestoft – Saturday 30 November 2pm - 6pm
Felixstowe – Saturday 30 November
Saxmundham – Saturday 7 December 3:45pm
Leiston – Sunday 8 December 3pm - 7pm
Plus:
Woodbridge – Sunday 1 Dec 10am - 4pm
Christmas Street Fair
Free festive parking in council-owned car parks all day to coincide with these events

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www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk

SAXMUNDHAM SURGERY: LAMBSALE MEADOW
01728 602022 www.saxmundhamhealth.nhs.uk/

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



IP17GNS (Good Neighbour Scheme) helps on lots of things. www.ip17gns.com or call 0333 3355266 10am -1pm Mon-Fri & the Sax Community Fridge in Queen's Head Car Park Mon & Fri 1030 - 1130

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

CITIZENS ADVICE Drop-in Sessions **EVERY** Wednesday in Saxmundham library 10-12.. Call in for help with Council Tax, Benefits, Environment, Housing, Leisure, Planning, Waste etc.



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 Enjoy our innovative menu, bringing you traditional British dishes, done very well. With daily specials to include dishes inspired from around the world.

Great selection of beer, wine & local real ales.

Please see our website for information & menus www.rendhamwhitehorse.co.uk

Call 01728 666527 Facebook: The Rendham White Horse Instagram: @the_rendham_white_horse

MOBILE LIBRARY
 Stops 5/12 at Sweffling Church 0925-0945, Stops 20/12 at Sweffling White Horse 0935-0950 & Bruisyard VH 1005-1020. No stop at Rendham. Check website for January dates (not available at time of going to press) www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Remember, the hat collection at the Mummers' play on 21 December will be for St Elizabeth Hospice



JUNIPER BARN
 Open Wed - Sunday
 9am - 3pm

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

SWEFFLING CHRISTMAS BRASS
 6 December Christmas Brass Concert, St. Mary's Church, Sweffling, 7.30pm

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

Remember to start planting for the 2025 ACC Spring Flower Show!

5 July 2025 SAVE THE DATE! Rendham Fete!



FOR DETAILS OF CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES SEE p1

Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

- 3 Community Coffee Morning, 10 - 12, RVH
- 6 Christmas Brass, 7.30pm, Sweffling Church
- 7 Saxmundham Christmas Lights
- 7 Rendham Christmas Coffee Morning, 9.30 - 12, RVH
- 7 Framlingham Christmas tree festival
- 7 Carols on Aldeburgh Beach 11am
- 8 Leiston Christmas Lights
- 13 Rendham Carol Singers & Father Christmas in village
- 14 Aldeburgh Music Club concert, Orford Church 4pm
- 14 Phoenix Singers concert, Fram College, 7pm
- 15 Suffolk Tractor Light Parade, dep Campsea Ashe 4.45pm
- 21 Rendham Mummers, 7.30pm, The Knoll

JANUARY

- 6 Rendham Parish Council meeting
- 7 Community Coffee Morning, 10 - 12, RVH

FEBRUARY

- 4 Community Coffee Morning, 10 - 12, RVH



PLANNING YOUR BOXING DAY WALK?
 Suffolk Steps is a collection of local historic walks and trails developed by museums and partners throughout Suffolk. The free walks are designed to help all ages stay active and uncover hidden history in the towns and Suffolk countryside.
<https://suffolkmuseums.org/projects/suffolk-steps/>

DEADLINE FOR FEB/MAR 2025 'STREET': 17 JANUARY 2025

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'.