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A magnificent sleigh, a team of cheeky elves, a sack-full of goodies, jingle bells, Christmas tunes **and** a Santa tracker....
Who's excited?

Coming to a road near you!

On Sunday 20 December, Rendlesham welcomes a very special visitor! Coronavirus has prevented many events from taking place this year and the annual visit to Santa's grotto - a much anticipated and exciting event for many families - can't happen. However, as you cannot go to visit Santa, he will come to you!

From 3pm, Santa, in his magnificent sleigh, together with his team of cheeky elves, will be doing a grand tour of Rendlesham with a sack full of chocolate goodies for all the children in the village.

There will be jingle bells, twinkly lights and Christmas tunes to accompany him all the way as our mobile PA system will be following Santa on his route. You will be able to see all the action, live on a special YouTube channel.

To make things even more exciting, use the Santa Tracker to follow his location on Google Maps - his location will be updated every 30 seconds so it's a perfect way to make sure your family is ready to see the main man as he approaches your road.

Details of the Santa Tracker link and YouTube feed will be published nearer the time on www.rendlesham.suffolk.gov.uk as well as on Facebook and Twitter.

We don't want any child to miss out on a treat from Santa because of food intolerances so we have asked him to put a few sugar free, dairy free and nut free treats in his sack of goodies.

If you have a child with an intolerance, please advise one of the elf team as the convoy nears your home and they will do their best to help. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we cannot take instructions prior to the event to deliver to specific addresses.

The Grand Tour route

Community Centre - Start	15:00
Garden Square/Gardenia Close	15:05 - 15:20
Aspen Court/Sycamore Drive	15:20 - 15:30
Knight Road/Ashton Close	15:30 - 15:45
Mayhew Road/Tidy Road	15:45 - 16:00
Sycamore Drive	16:00 - 16:05
Bay Tree Court	16:05 - 16:10
Walnut Tree Avenue	16:10 - 16:20
Library Mews	16:15
Maple Close/Forest Gardens/Forest Court	16:20 - 16:30
Redwald Road to Jays Croft	16:35 - 16:45
Jays Croft	16:45 - 16:55
Redwald Road/Thelluson Road/St Gregory's Close	16:55 - 17:15
Wackerfield Road/Hazel Close/Elm Close	17:20 - 17:35
Cedar Road/Chestnut Close	17:35 - 17:45
Spencer Road/Acer Road	17:45 - 17:50
Crooked Creek Road/Hercules Road	17:50 - 18:10
Magnolia Drive	18:10 - 18:20
Pine Close/Willow Way	18:20 - 18:35
Acer Road/Avocet Mews	18:35 - 18:40
Towerfield Road/Beck Close	18:40 - 18:55
Wood Close	18:55 - 19:05
Fountain Road/Park Close	19:05 - 19:25
Care Centre Carols	19:30 - 19:40
Suffolk Drive	19:40 - 20:00

Please note timings are approximate

Parish Council News

2021 Parish Council Meetings

All Parish Council meetings are currently held via Zoom. Links and agendas are available on the RPC website.

Full Council	4 January
Planning Committee	11 January
Jubilee Park Committee	14 January
Finance and Asset Committee	21 January

Minutes of Meetings are available on the Parish Council web site: www.rendlesham.suffolk.gov.uk

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- Anything that you would normally ask a friend or family member to help with but for whatever reason they cannot, we will try to help.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
4 January 2021
By Zoom at 7.30pm
15 minute public session

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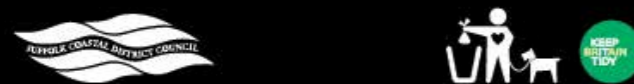


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The Masterplan was a result of extensive consultation with residents in the village to identify how they would like the park to be developed for community use.

The new pitch is proving popular since it opened on 6 November. The £36,000 project was the culmination of 3 years of planning and fundraising, and is another great achievement coming from the Jubilee Park Masterplan created following the Parish Council taking on the land from East Suffolk Council.

So what's next at Jubilee Park? The Parish Council will be installing additional benches next to the wildlife area and woodland as well as installing an outdoor table tennis table in the new year. See page 9 for exciting Skateboard Park plans!



Light up Rendlesham

As the festive season approaches Rendlesham is starting to feel a lot like Christmas as homes are decorated with amazing winter wonderland displays, lifting spirits as we come out of #Lockdown2.

Whilst we won't be able to have our usual Christmas Lights Switch On event in the village square this year with Christmas carols, mince pies, mulled wine and Santa's Grotto, you will still be able walk through the village square and enjoy the lights as a team from the Parish Council have been hard at work installing them over the weekend. A huge thank you to everyone involved and to Swanns Nursery for sponsoring the tree again this year.



Don't forget.... Santa will be flying in on his sleigh on 20 December 2020 at 3pm for a tour around the village.

Planning News

Who wants to read a whole article about planning?

Well no one until the proposed new house blocks your walkway to the fields, or the proposed extension takes even more parking away in an overcrowded street. Or that field out the back suddenly sprouts 100 houses and three years of mud and noise.

Your Parish Council monitors all applications for planning in our parish and reads them all (so you don't have to!) and considers each one. So here is a roundup since April 2020 of what has been going on:

Tidy Road

The proposed development of 75 houses on land off Tidy Road. The parish council recommended refusal of this due to concerns about the

quantity, design, layout and drainage for the proposed site as well as the street layout being more reminiscent of a grid town. East Suffolk District Council (ESDC) did refuse it, and the applicant tried again. This was also refused and the applicant appealed. The appeal was also lost at national planning inspector level. There is no chance of this exact application returning but it is possible that the applicant

might bring another planning application forward but it is unlikely to be accepted unless the concerns of EAST Suffolk are substantially addressed.

Former Sports Centre Site

On to the former sports centre site in the middle of the village which has divided opinion.

The Parish council identified this as a place for development of amenities for the village and it was identified as such in the neighbourhood plan, a document that is supposed to be considered by East Suffolk when deciding on planning applications.

The first application was rejected by ESDC but in the opinion of the parish council the grounds for refusal were weak and a tweaked further application was inevitable. This further application has been verbally approved by the planning board of ESDC for 3 shops and 11 houses.

The Parish Council have now asked for the secretary of state to 'call it in' to make a final decision as we are not happy about the process ESDC used to pass it.

The letter to the District planners is on the Parish Council Web Site for everyone to read. It is, in this context, strongly worded and certainly expresses that Rendlesham Voters will not be ignored when it comes to our village. We as a council continue to monitor this and will let you know.

Bentwaters Park Roundabout

There has been an outline planning application for 75 houses on a field at the Bentwaters Park roundabout sandwiched between Redwald road and the Tunstall road (A1152).

This site was identified in the local plan as suitable for housing development as long as it is in keeping with the village in general. The Parish Council is inclined to support this application as long as certain criteria are included in the final detailed planning application, including the gift of some land to allow for allotments.

We have made suggestions for improvement to the applicant and these have been accepted which is encouraging. The PC are not against housing as this shows, but it must be to the benefit of the existing residents and contribute to the vibrant place to live that Rendlesham is and not overtax the infrastructure we have.


There are always a steady stream of small scale individual applications that we see every month. We do look at these and make a recommendation based on the overall understanding of the best interests of the village. There is no substitute for your own comments on a planning application if it affects you.

Any comments you wish to make on a planning application can be done online here:


www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/commenting-on-planning-applications/

The Planning subcommittee of the PC meet regularly, and in normal times you would all be welcome to attend and observe. Currently these meetings are via Zoom but you are still welcome to join the meeting.

Dave Moore



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Alexander Nicoll
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Community News



Out of problems, creative solutions are born!

Litter Picking Day

Organising regular litter picks helps keep the village tidier and encourages children and young people to take pride in the place that we live. We were so pleased to see the relaunch of BBC Radio Suffolk's Don't Be A Tossler campaign, you may have seen lots of the signs up! As part of this campaign we planned a litter pick, unfortunately Lockdown 2 was announced and we had a problem.

After a lot of thought we hit on a solution...rather than ask residents to attend as an event and meet at a start time in one place, why not provide families with litter picking equipment to borrow on their daily exercise?!

With extra precautions, PPE, a socially distanced 'no touch' system and a glorious November sun we are overjoyed to say that the day, lasting between 10am and 3pm, was a huge success! Over 50 adults and children took part in a steady stream throughout the day, resulting in a fantastic 24 bags of rubbish, including recycling, collected and removed from the streets and green areas of Rendlesham. Not only does it smarten the place up and make it a more pleasant place to enjoy, it reduces risks of harm to wildlife and gives everyone a sense of satisfaction and achievement, much needed as we draw near to the end of an extremely difficult year.

One family said:

"My kids loved it, I even joked going round they were lucky Mummy and Daddy spent so much money to hire out the specialist equipment for them to have fun on the hunt....they thanked us a lot. Busy day, we have played cars, litter picked, played on the console, went geocaching and now cars again and their best part of the day was the litter pick!"

Another family sent us this fantastic picture of them hard at work:

During the day it became clear that the new system was actually an improvement. An extended amount of time and more flexible approach allowing for the important family commitments of eating and napping encouraged more people than usual to get involved and no less litter collected. One thing that happened, as it always does, when families returned with their bags of litter, were requests for this to become a regular monthly event. We are very pleased to say that with the new extended time frame and socially distanced, safe system, this will begin in 2021.

Here's to creative solutions, community spirit and a litter free 2021!
Victoria Proctor

Ready, steady, census

The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Rendlesham will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21. For more information, visit census.gov.uk.



Rendlesham Children's Centre

Sycamore Drive Rendlesham IP12 2GF

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Church News

Services

Date	Time	Place	Service	Officiant
Sunday 6th December	11am	Bromeswell	Family Worship	Rev Mandy
Second Sunday of Advent	9 am	All Saint's Eyke	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan
	11am	St Felix	Holy Communion	Rev Judith
	9am	Sutton Heath	Family Worship	Rev Mandy
Wednesday 9th December	10am	St Felix	Informal Praise	Rev Mandy
Sunday 13th December	11am	Bromeswell	Morning Prayer	Stephen N
Third Sunday of Advent	9 am	St Gregory's	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
	11am	St Felix	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
	11.00am	Sutton	Morning Praise	Helen Shand
	6pm	Shottisham	Carols & Lessons	Rev Mandy
Wednesday 16th December	10.00am	St Felix	Informal Worship and Praise	Rev Mandy
Sunday 20th December	11.00am	Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan
Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.00am	All Saints, Eyke	Morning Prayer	Rev Mandy
	11.00am	St Felix	Prayer & Praise	Malcolm Salter
	11.00am	Sutton	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
	11.00am	Shottisham	Morning Praise	Helene Berry
	4.30pm	Wantisden	Carols & Lessons	Rev Mandy
	6pm	St Gregory's	Carols & Lessons by Candlelight	Rev Mandy
Wednesday 23rd December	10.00am	St Felix	Informal Worship and Praise	Rev Mandy
Thursday 24th December	4pm	Sutton	Carol Service	Helen Shand
Christmas Eve	4.30pm	Bromeswell	Crib Service	Rev Mandy
	5 pm	Eyke	Crib Service	Stephen N
	6.30pm	Bromeswell	Carols & Lessons	Rev Mandy
	9.30 pm	St Gregory's	Midnight in Bethlehem	Rev Kevan
	9.30 pm	Shottisham	Midnight in Bethlehem	Rev Mandy
Friday 25th December	9 am	All Saint's Eyke	Christmas Communion	Rev Mandy
Christmas Day	11.00am	Bromeswell	Christmas Communion	Rev Kevan
	11.00am	Sutton	Christmas Communion	Rev Mandy
Sunday 27th December	9 am	St Gregory's	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy
	11am	St Felix	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy

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The Vicar's Voice



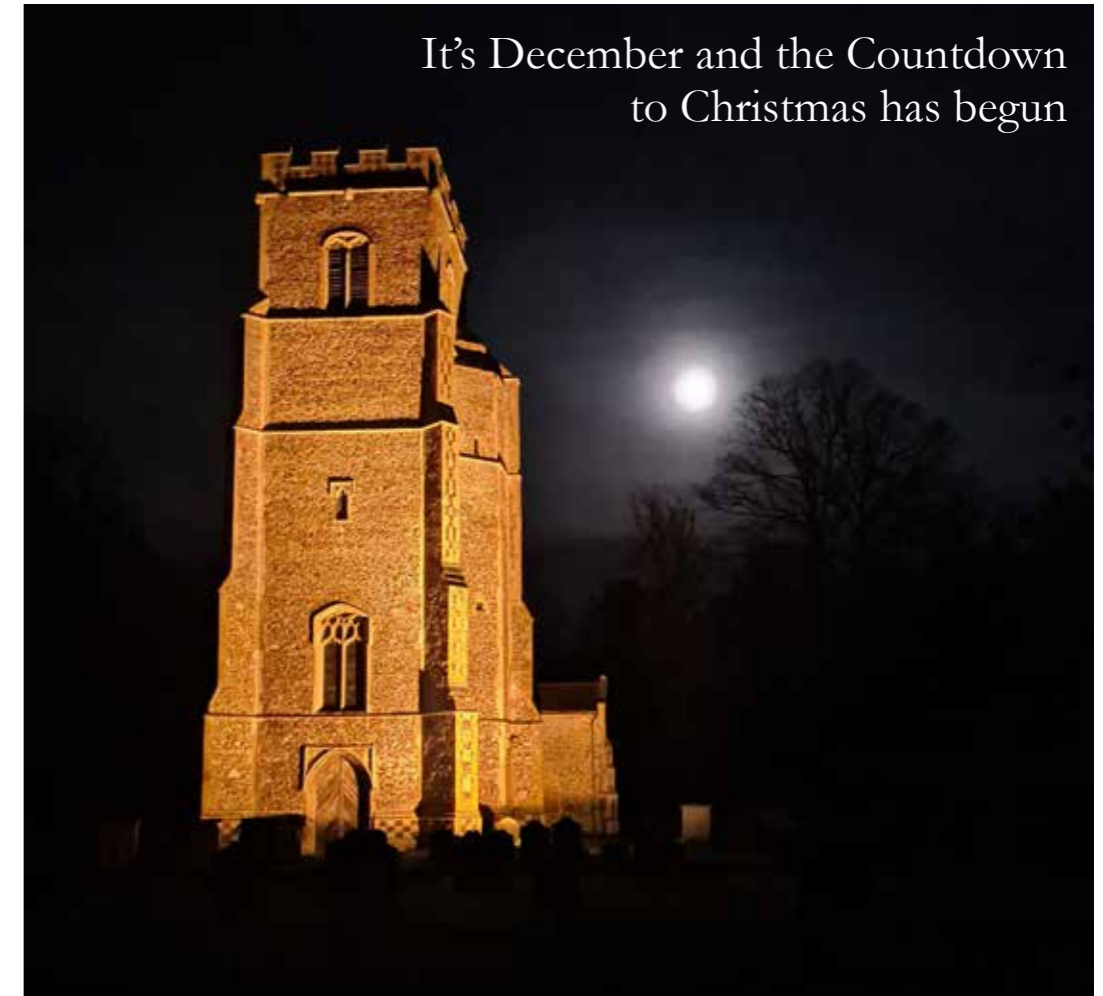
It's December and the Countdown to Christmas has begun (along with the opening of advent calendars and daily dose of chocolate!!) The last Sunday in November was Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the new church year, when we light the first of our Advent Candles, sing our advent hymns, and use this time of Advent to reflect on the good news which is coming.

Sadly, we have not been able to be in church together to celebrate this special time, and our Christmas festivities hang in the balance of how this second lockdown has helped to suppress the spread of Covid19. We are praying constantly that our church doors will be open once again to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago.

Singing in church has also been something we have had to get used to, and while it's good to listen to CDs of various choirs, it's been very difficult for everyone not to join in (although if you've sat too close and heard me singing, you might see it as a joyful relief!!)

Christmas "Carols and Lessons by Candlelight" are always popular, especially as we all like to join in heartily with the well known seasonal songs.

One of our favourite Christmas carols, "O, Come, All Ye Faithful," (and my personal favourite) goes back hundreds of years, perhaps to a Cistercian monastery. Often known by its Latin title, *Adeste Fideles* ("Come, faithful people"), this hymn is a call for God's faithful, joyous people to contemplate the "King of Angels" in



Bethlehem's manger. The first verse puts out the invitation.

"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O Come ye, Oh come ye to Bethlehem, Come and behold him, born the King of Angels

The chorus, repeated again and again, calls us to adore Him, to regard Him with loving admiration and devotion, and ultimately, to worship Him and honour Him as divine.

"O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord."

God willing, we will be able to meet in church over Christmas so that we might come together and adore him, this tiny baby who changed and changes the

hearts of so many people down the ages.

So, whether we are able to meet in church, (please see the rota for planned services, opposite) or whether we give joyous chorus along with the carols at home on TV or CD, let us rejoice at the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, and adore, Christ the Lord.

With Christmas Blessings
Rev Mandy Xx



Grow Your Own



Allotment gardening leads to a more active lifestyle, improving fitness, balance, strength and access to fresh air.

In March 2013 the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan Household Survey revealed that 184 individuals had an interest in having an allotment.

This represented a considerable interest and combined with the recognition at all levels of government that allotments provide “many benefits and can help improve the quality of life in communities through the provision of fresh, healthy food, exercise and community interaction” (SCDC Local Plan Core Strategy, 2013) the Neighbourhood Planning Team included the provision of allotments in the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan.

The policy itself states that: “New residential or mixed use development is required to make provision towards meeting identified local need for allotments, orchards and growing spaces.” This recognises both that there isn’t existing land under ownership of the Parish Council that is ideal for allotments and that any developer in the future will be required to show commitment to the benefit and positive growth of the village by including provision for allotments or growing spaces in any application.

We know that the disused spaces and the ratio of housing vs amenities and facilities are constant sources of concern and frustration for everyone in the village. The Parish Council remains absolutely committed to delivering the vision and the objectives that the Neighbourhood Plan sets out as well as being extremely mindful to the ways in which the village is changing and evolving over time, even since the Plan was published.

There are two things we can do very quickly to prepare for and contribute to the creation of allotments in Rendlesham. The first is to conduct an up to date survey to resubstantiate the interest and requirements of residents. You will see this circulated via a digital survey very soon, please fill it out yourself and encourage your



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friends, family and neighbours to also. There will be hard copies available too of course. This will give a clear guide to what should be achieved for example how many allotments, how many half allotments and the awareness of residents of the advantages of promoting a healthy and sustainable way of living.

The second thing we can proactively do is to create an Allotments Association. This is a commonly used way in which the growing spaces are managed in a democratical way by tenants themselves as a devolved organisation from the Parish Council. The Association has it's own Committee, meets regularly, fundraises and deals with all the day to day running of the allotments. Associations in neighbouring towns and villages have shown this to be a successful method once the space is up and running and also very valuable before the allotments are created.

Allotment gardening offers first hand opportunities to learn new skills for the whole community and the sharing of knowledge and wisdom among it's members.

The benefit of the creation of an Association ahead of time is where the crucial importance comes for Rendlesham. With an already established group of committed residents, the support of the Parish Council, fundraising, ideas and enthusiasm as well as a sensible constitution, when the opportunity does arise for allotments to be created we are ready to say YES and get going with the running of them and more importantly GROWING OUR OWN!

Please look out for the survey and complete it. You can also register your interest in an allotment tenancy and/or involvement in the Allotment Association by emailing the Parish Clerk at clerk@rendleshampc.org.uk, writing to:

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Suffolk Trading Standards issue warning as scammers prepare to exploit Green Homes Grant Scheme

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The Government has launched the Green Homes Grant, designed to help homeowners and landlords with the costs of installing energy efficient improvements in the home.

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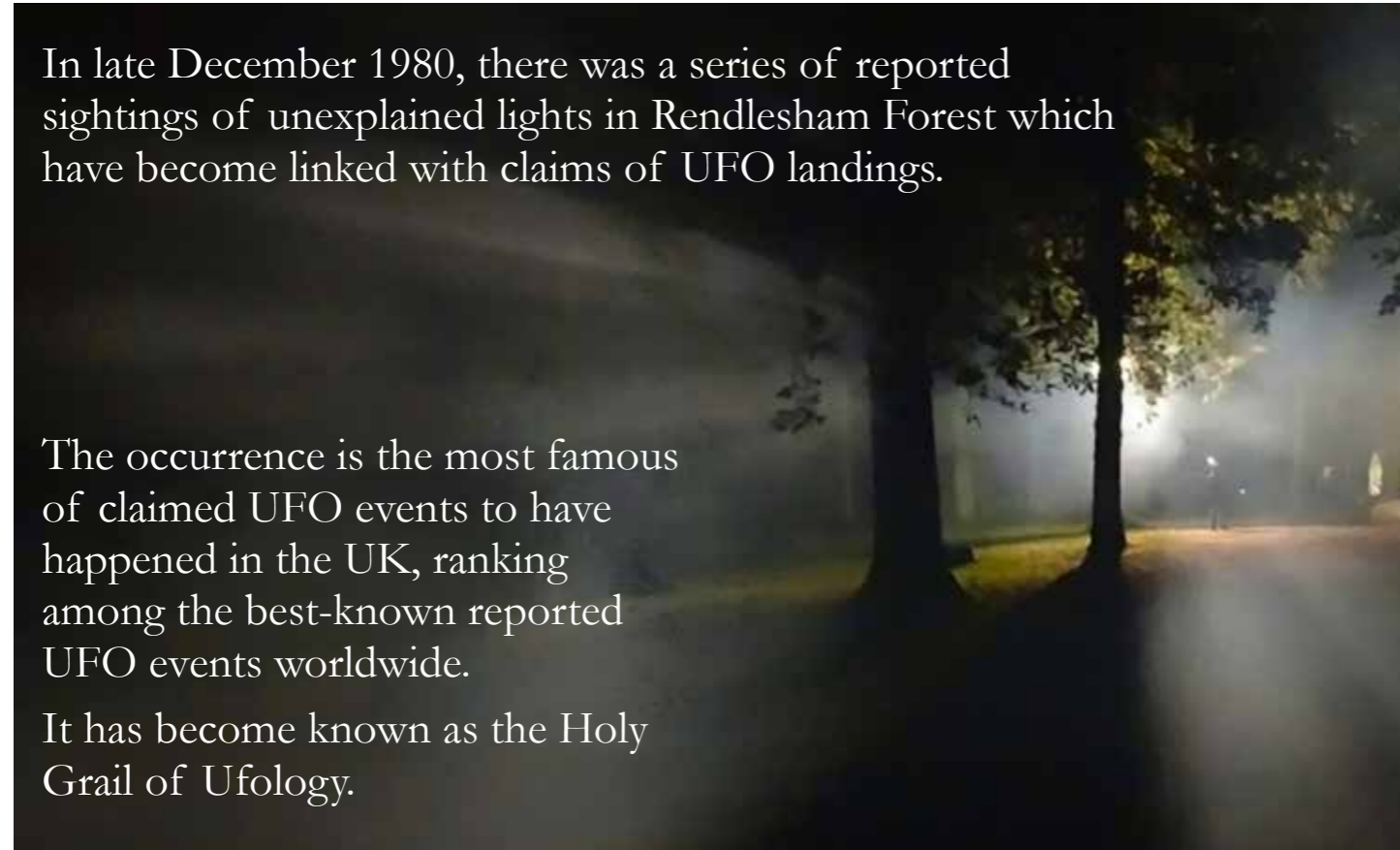
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Rendlesham UFO: Fact or Fiction?



In late December 1980, there was a series of reported sightings of unexplained lights in Rendlesham Forest which have become linked with claims of UFO landings.

The occurrence is the most famous of claimed UFO events to have happened in the UK, ranking among the best-known reported UFO events worldwide.

It has become known as the Holy Grail of Ufology.

Forty years on, Bentwaters Cold War Museum looks back at a story that has gripped the world.

The events of forty years ago occurred just outside RAF Woodbridge which was occupied at the time by the United States Air Force. USAF personnel, including deputy base commander Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt claimed to see things they described as a UFO sighting.

The UK Ministry of Defence stated the event posed no threat to national security, and it therefore never was investigated as a security matter. Sceptics have explained the sightings as many other things including a comet, Orford Ness Lighthouse and testing of a top secret aircraft.

Around 3am on 26 December 1980 a security patrol near the east gate of RAF Woodbridge saw lights apparently descending into nearby Rendlesham Forest. These lights have been attributed by astronomers to a piece of natural debris seen burning up as a fireball over southern England at that time. Servicemen initially thought it was a downed aircraft but, upon entering the forest to investigate they saw, according to Halt's memo, what they described as a glowing object, metallic in appearance, with coloured lights. As they attempted to approach the object, it appeared to move through the trees, and "the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy". One of the servicemen, Sergeant Jim Penniston, later claimed to have encountered a "craft of unknown origin" while in the forest, although there was no publicised mention of this at the time and there is no corroboration from other witnesses.

Shortly after 4am local police were called to the scene but reported that the only lights they could see were those from the Orford Ness lighthouse, some miles away on the coast.

After daybreak on the morning of 26 December, servicemen returned to a small clearing near the eastern edge of the forest and found three small impressions on the ground in a triangular pattern, as well as burn marks and broken branches on nearby trees. At 10:30 the local police were called out again, this time to see the impressions, which they thought could have been made by an animal.

The deputy base commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, visited the site with several servicemen in the early hours of 28 December 1980. They took radiation readings in the triangle of depressions.

It was during this investigation that a flashing light was seen across the field to the east, almost in line with a farmhouse, as the witnesses had seen on the first night. The Orford Ness lighthouse is visible further to the east in the same line of sight.

Later, according to Halt's memo, three star-like lights were seen in the sky, two to the north and one to the south, about 10 degrees above the horizon. Halt said that the brightest of these hovered for two to three hours and seemed to beam down a stream of light from time to time. Astronomers have explained these star-like lights as bright stars.

The main events of the incident, including the supposed landing or landings, took place in the forest, which starts at the east end of the base runway or about 0.3 miles (0.5 km) to the east of the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge, from where security guards first noticed mysterious lights appearing to descend into the forest. The forest

extends east about one mile (1.6 km) beyond East Gate, ending at a farmer's field at Capel Green, where additional events allegedly took place.

Orfordness Lighthouse, which sceptics identify as the flashing light seen off to the coast by the airmen, is along the same line of sight about 5 miles (8.0 km) further east of the forest's edge. At that time it was one of the brightest lighthouses in the UK.

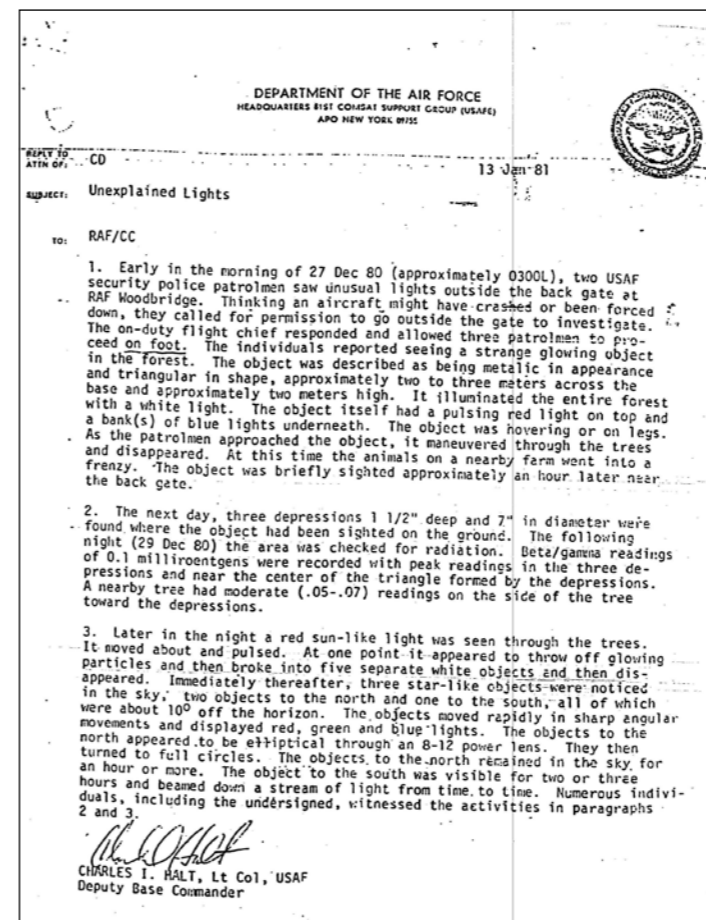
In June 2010, retired Colonel Charles Halt signed a notarised affidavit, in which he summarised what had happened, then stated he believed the event to be extraterrestrial and it had been covered up by both the UK and US. Contradictions between this affidavit and the facts as recorded at the time in Halt's memo and tape recording have been pointed out.

In 2010, base commander Colonel Ted Conrad provided a statement about the incident to Clarke. Conrad stated that "We saw nothing that resembled Lieutenant Colonel Halt's descriptions either in the sky or on the ground" and that "We had people in position to validate Halt's narrative, but none of them could." In an interview, Conrad criticised Halt for the claims in his affidavit, saying "he should be ashamed and embarrassed by his allegation that his country and Britain both conspired to deceive their citizens over this issue. He knows better." Conrad also disputed the testimony of Sergeant Jim Penniston, who claimed to have touched an alien spacecraft; he said that he interviewed Penniston at the time and he had not mentioned any such occurrence. Conrad also suggested that the entire incident might have been a hoax.

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Evidence of a substantial MoD file on the subject led to claims of a cover-up; some interpreted this as part of a larger pattern of suppressed information regarding ufo activity, by both the United States and British governments. However, when the file was released in 2001 it turned out to consist mostly of internal correspondence and responses to inquiries from the public. The lack of any in-depth investigation in the publicly released documents is consistent with the MoD's earlier statement that they never took the case seriously.

One proposed theory is that the incident was a hoax. The BBC reported that a former U.S. security policeman, Kevin Conde, claimed responsibility for creating strange lights in the forest by driving around in a police vehicle whose lights he had modified. However, there is no evidence that this prank took place on the nights in question.



Colonel Charles Halt's statement from 1981



The incident made news headlines across the world

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The most plausible sceptical explanation is that the sightings were due to a combination of three main factors. The initial sighting at 03.00 on 26 December, when the airmen saw something apparently descending into the forest, coincided with the appearance of a bright fireball over southern England, and such fireballs are a common source of UFO reports. The supposed landing marks were identified by police and foresters as rabbit diggings. No evidence has emerged to confirm that anything actually came down in the forest.

According to the witness statements from 26 December the flashing light seen from the forest lay in the same direction as the Orfordness Lighthouse. When the eyewitnesses attempted to approach the light they realised it was further off than they thought. One of the witnesses, Ed Cabansag, described it as “a beacon light off in the distance” while another, John Burroughs, said it was “a light house”

Timings on Halt’s tape recording during his sighting on 28 December indicate that the light he saw, which lay in the same direction as the light seen two nights earlier, flashed every five seconds, which was the flash rate of the Orfordness Lighthouse.

The star-like objects that Halt reported hovering low to the north and south are thought by some sceptics to have been misinterpretations of bright stars distorted by atmospheric and optical effects, another common source of UFO reports. The brightest of them, to the south, matched the position of Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky.

There have been countless documentaries filmed including interviews with the security police and Col. Halt, with the UFO theory gaining momentum and also being embellished more and more. Those of you who are believers will be in no doubt that what they saw that night was indeed a UFO. The sceptics amongst us maybe have other ideas. Here at the museum we are pretty sure we know what the UFO was and to keep the mystery alive are always happy to talk about it with our visitors. Its hard to believe that it’s the 40th Anniversary of the sighting this year and whatever it was it has increased in notoriety and folklore.

As the Bentwaters Cold War Museum documents the history of the twin bases it would be remiss of us to not mention such a monumental part of that history. We therefore have a small display of newspaper cutting from the time and also our resident decomposing alien creature who was obviously left behind when the UFO departed! Affectionally known as LB by the Staff (short for Local Boy!)

Karen Haynes, Bentwaters Cold War Museum



Above and below: ‘Local Boy’





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Above right: Ufologists, Brenda Butler and Dot Street

Above: Brenda Butler with ‘Sky Crash. A Cosmic Conspiracy’

The Halt Perspective



Since the incident, many books have been written and documentaries filmed on the subject. Colonel Charles Halt’s own story is told in collaboration with retired UK West Midlands Police Detective, John Hanson, who has kindly given permission for us to reproduce the foreword and the transcript of the infamous ‘Halt Tape’ on the following pages.

Foreword from The Halt Perspective, by Nick Pope:

The Rendlesham Forest incident is the name given to a series of UFO encounters that occurred over three nights in December 1980, at the twin bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge.

In many respects these events are more significant than the Roswell incident that occurred in the New Mexico desert in 1947.

The Rendlesham Forest incident can be regarded as the ‘perfect storm’ of a UFO case. Every factor on the list of characteristics that enables one to say that a UFO sighting is both compelling and well-evidenced was present. This was no fleeting ‘lights in the sky’ sighting, but a series of close encounters that took place over several hours on three consecutive nights. There were dozens of witnesses, many of whom were on-duty USAF personnel. The UFO was tracked on radar. There was a landing, leading to physical trace evidence including indentations in the frozen ground, burn/scorch marks on the trees, and radiation levels that the MoD’s Defence Intelligence Staff assessed as being ‘significantly higher than the average background’.

Whilst the last witnesses of the Roswell incident have died, the situation is very different with the Rendlesham Forest incident, where most of the key players are still alive. Many of these people have already spoken about these events such as John Burroughs, Jim Penniston and then Deputy Base Commander, Colonel Charles Halt who was arguably the key player.



Brenda Butler - the original site investigator

Brenda Butler from Leiston, Suffolk is a veteran Ufologist, whose investigations into the UFO and Paranormal subjects spans over 25 years. Brenda was the original site investigator of the Rendlesham incident and one of the first to give a

full account of the story of the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident in her 1984 book, ‘Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy’, co-authored with Dot Street and Jenny Randles.

Brenda has been among the leading investigators of the Rendlesham incident. At the 30th anniversary of the sightings in 2010, the BBC reported that Brenda declared her conviction that “there was something in the forest. I think it came from another dimension.”

According to Brenda, “They [the original witnesses] chased the lights and saw a craft... In Colonel Halt’s own words, if it

ever came out what happened governments would topple. They will never, ever, be allowed to tell us what really, really happened.”

She claims she has visited the forest at least once a week for several years and has had close encounters with extraterrestrials.

“We’ve seen different beings in the forest. We’ve seen the black cat, we’ve seen the little brown monks which float around, we’ve seen disks, we’ve seen the craft in the sky, we’ve seen shadow man, we’ve seen ghosts. We see all kinds of stuff in the forest.”

The 'Halt tape recording'

The following is a full transcript is of what was made by Lt. Colonel Halt, during his investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident in December 1980. This was taken from the original copy, which is much clearer than the one in the public domain.

There are background radio conversations throughout the recording; most feature radio transmissions between Sgt. Bustinza and Central Security Control. Due to these messages being in the background, however, more often than not they are overpowered by Colonel Halt's voice talking into his pocket recorder, so only those that are clear are translated here.

After leaving East Gate the men made their way into the forest

Lt Colonel Halt: 150 feet or more from the initial, I should say suspected impact point. Having a little difficulty, we can't get the light-all to work. There seems to be some kind of mechanical problem. Let's send back and get another light-all. Meantime, we're gonna take some readings from the Geiger counter, and err, chase around the area a little bit waiting for another light-all to come out again.

Sgt Bustinza: [on a radio in the background, obviously trying to organize more lightalls]... to security control...that's mark...155... number...

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, we're now approaching an area within about 25-30 feet. What kind of readings are we getting, anything?

Sgt Monroe Ruby Nevels: (Geiger Operator) Just minor clicks

Lt Colonel Halt: Minor clicks.

Lt Colonel Halt: Where are the impressions?

Sgt Nevels: Just one, but...

Voice Over: [These voice overs are recorded over the initial recording and are not related to incident. It is the voice of Colonel Conrad, the Base Commander] Do you think it's going to be a nice day today?

Voice Over: Yeah, I think so.

Lt Colonel Halt: Is that all the bigger they are?

Sgt Nevels: Well, there's one more well defined over here.

Sgt Bustinza: [on a radio] ... Sergeant Bustinza to security control...

Lt Colonel Halt: We're still getting clicks

Sgt Bustinza: ... Sergeant Bustinza. Well we're outta gas... we're at East Gate...East Gate, over.

Lt Colonel Halt: Can you read that on the scale?

Sgt Nevels: [examining the area with a Geiger counter] Yes Sir. We're now on a five tenths scale and we're reading about...er ... third, fourth...

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, we're still comfortably safe here?

Sgt Bustinza: [on a radio] you don't have a light-all or [?].or anything...duty security. Can you hear me? ... Sergeant... a light all, with gas please.

Lt Englund: [the on duty Flight Chief] we're still getting minor readings...we're getting a good indentation.

Sgt Bustinza: [on radio]...security D to security.

Sgt Nevels: This one's dead.

Lt Englund: Let's go to the third one over here.

Sgt Nevels: Sort of, whatever it is.

Sgt Bustinza: [on radio]... Sergeant Bustinza...security...

Sgt Nevels: Yes, now getting some residual.

Lt Colonel Halt: How can you read that? The meters definitely giving off pulse.

Lt Englund: About the center.

Lt Colonel Halt: Yes, I was gonna say, let's go to the center of the area next, see what kind of reading we get out there. Keep reading the clicks. I can't hear the clicks. Guess you all...is that about center Bruce [asking Lt Bruce Englund].

Lt Englund: Yes

Lt Colonel Halt: OK let's go to the center.

Sgt Nevels: Yes I'm getting more ...

Lt Colonel Halt: That's about the best deflection of the needle I've seen yet. OK, can you do an estimation? We're on a point five scale, we're getting ... having trouble reading the scale.

[1.25am] **Lt Englund:** At err, approximately 0125 hours.

(Break in tape)

Noise Over: Deep cough

Sgt Nevels: We're getting rad at err a half a [sounds like millirem]

Unknown voice: Chuck. [This is Colonel Halt's name, Charles, known as Chuck].

Lt Colonel Halt: ... best point, I haven't seen it go any higher.

Lt Englund: Well, it's still flying around.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK we'll go out toward the ...

Lt Englund: Now it's picking up ...

Lt Colonel Halt: This out toward the indentation were we first got the strongest reading. It's similar to what we got in the center.

Sgt Nevels: Right near the pod. It's right near the center.

Lt Englund: This looks like an area here across where there could be a blast. It's in the center.

Lt Englund: It jumped up towards seven ...

Lt Colonel Halt: What?

Lt Englund: It just jumped towards seven tenths there.

Lt Colonel Halt: Seven tenths, right there in the center?

Lt Englund: Ah, Ah.

Lt Colonel Halt: We found a small blast what looks like a blasted or scuffed up areahere. We're getting very positive readings. Let's see, is that near the center?

Lt Englund: Yes it is.

Sgt Nevels: Well, we assume it is ...

Lt Englund: This is right in the center...dead center ..

Sgt Nevels: Picking up more as you go along the whole area there now...

Lt Colonel Halt: Up to seven tenths ...

Sgt Bustinza: [on radio, still struggling with the transmissions]...55, this is our last call...

Lt Colonel Halt:...or seven units. It's going on the point five scale.

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: OK why don't we do this, why don't we make a sweep now I've got mygloves on now. Let's make a sweep out around the whole area about ten foot out and make a perimeter run around it, starting right back at here at the corner, back at the same first corner where we came in. Let's go right back here...now I'm gonna have to depend upon you counting the clicks.

Lt Englund: Right.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, get the light-all on it.

Lt Englund: Lets sweep around it.

Sgt Nevels: It was flying.

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: Put it on the ground every once in a while.

Background: We have lights nearby...

Lt Englund: This looks like an abrasion on the tree...

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, we'll catch that on the way back, let's go around.

Lt Englund: We're getting interest right over here. It looks like it's an abrasion pointing into the center...

Lt Colonel Halt: It is.

Lt Englund: ...of the landing area.

Lt Colonel Halt: it may be old though. There's some sap marks or something like that. Let's go on back around.

Unknown voice

'Each one of these trees is facing at a blast, what we assume is a landing site, all have abrasion facing in the same direction towards the center.'

(Break in tape)

Sgt Nevels: It also gives some extension on it.

Lt Colonel Halt: Hey, this is an awkward thing to use, isn't it?

Sgt Nevels: Normally you see I carry it on my... on my ears but this one broke.

Lt Colonel Halt: Are we getting any further? I'm gonna shut this recorder off until we find something.

Sgt Nevels: Picking up

Lt Colonel Halt: Pickin' up. What are we up to? We're up to two-three units deflection.You're getting in close to the pod?

Sgt Nevels: Picking up something...picking up.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK. It's still not going above three to four units.

Sgt Nevels: Picking up more though, more frequent.



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‘There are three trees in the area immediately adjacent to the site within ten feet of the suspected landing site; we’re picking up heat reflection off the trees.’

Lt Colonel Halt: Yes, you’re staying – you’re staying steady up around two to three to four units now.

Sgt Bustinza: [still struggling with the radio] 155

Lt Englund: Each one of these trees is facing at a blast, what we assume is a landing site, all have abrasion facing in the same direction towards the center. The same...

Lt Colonel Halt: Let’s go around a circle here. Turn back down here.

Master Sgt Ball: Try the other tree.

Sgt Nevels: Picking up something ... a ...

Lt Colonel Halt: Let me see that. You know I’ve got a funny ... you’re worried about the abrasion. I’ve never seen a tree that’s, err...

Master Sgt Ball: That’s a small sap mark.

Lt Colonel Halt: I’ve never seen a pine tree that’s been damaged, react that fast. [Interference, voices all talking together].

Sgt Nevels: You got a bottle to put that in?

Lt Colonel Halt: You got a sample bottle?

Lt Englund: Yes put out the... that’s for the soil sample... [interference].

Sgt Nevels: Yes Sir.

Voices: [excited]

Lt Colonel Halt: From now on let’s [gap] let’s...

Lt Englund: You’ll notice they’re all at the same...

Lt Colonel Halt: Let’s, lets, lets identify that as point number one. That stake there. So you all know where it is if we have to sketch it. You got that Sergeant Nevels?

Sgt Nevels: Yes Sir. Closest to the Woodbridge...

Lt Colonel Halt: Closest to the Woodbridge base.

Sgt Nevels: Be point one?

Lt Colonel Halt: Be point one. Let’s go clockwise from there.

Sgt Nevels: Point two?

Lt Englund: Go ahead...

Lt Colonel Halt: Point two. So this tree is between two and point three.

[Airman John Burroughs arrives with a patrol]

Master Sgt Ball: Burroughs and two other personnel requesting... riding on a jeep, that err, your location.

Lt Colonel Halt: Tell them negative at this time. We’ll tell them when they can come out here. We don’t want them out here right now.

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: OK the sample, you gonna want this sample number one? Have them cut it off, include some of that sap and

all... is between indentation two and three on a pine tree about err... about five feet away... about three and half feet off the ground.

Sgt Nevels: ...I’ll just put it in there for now, I’ve got some more...

Lt Colonel Halt: There’s a round abrasion on the tree about three and a half, four inches diameter. It looks like it might be old, but er, strange there’s a crystalline...pine sap that’s come that fast.

Sgt Frail: [seems in the distance] ... Sergeant Frail...

Lt Colonel Halt: You say there are other trees that are damaged in a similar fashion?

Lt Englund: ...center of the landing site... [interference].

[First picture taken]

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, why don’t you take a picture of that and remember your picture. Hey, I hope you’re writing this down. It’s gonna be on the tape.

Sgt Nevels: You got a tape measure with you?

Lt Colonel Halt: This is your picture, the first picture will be at the first tree, the one between err... mark two and three. Meantime, I’m gonna look at a couple of those trees over here.

(Break in tape)

Unknown Voice: We are getting some

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: We are getting readings on the tree. You’re taking samples from on the side facing the suspected landing site?

Lt Englund: Four clicks max.

‘This is strange! Hey, does anyone wanna look at the spots on the ground?’

Lt Colonel Halt: Up to four. Interesting...that’s right were you’re taking the sample now.

Lt Englund: Four.

Lt Colonel Halt: That’s the strongest point on the tree?

Sgt Nevels: Yes sir ... and if you come to the back, there’s no clicks whatsoever.

Lt Colonel Halt: No clicks at all in the back.

Sgt Nevels: Maybe one or two.

Lt Colonel Halt: It’s all on the side facing the... interesting.

Lt Colonel Halt: Looks like it f... twisted as it got... as it sat down on it, looks like something twisted it from side to side.

Lt Englund: Ah, Ah

Lt Colonel Halt: Very strange. We’re at the same tree we took a sample of with this, what do you call it... the starscope.

Lt Englund: Ah ah, Stargazer

[Heat reflection] **Lt Colonel Halt:** Getting a definite heat reflection off the tree, about three to four feet off the ground?

Lt Englund: Yes... the same side in...

Lt Colonel Halt: The same place where the ...is

Lt Englund:...we’re getting heat directly behind us. I think we got

the same thing off to your right.

[Three trees in the area]

Lt Colonel Halt: There are three trees in the area immediately adjacent to the site within ten feet of the suspected landing site; we’re picking up heat reflection off the trees.

Lt Englund: Shine the light on that Bob [Sgt Bob Ball]

Lt Colonel Halt: What’s that again?

Lt Englund: Well, shine the light on again Bob

Lt Colonel Halt: Why, you having trouble finding it... turn the light on.

Lt Englund:... then when you want em you’ll notice the white

[Suddenly there is a very strange humming sound and the men are silent]

Lt Colonel Halt: Hey...[long silent gap apart from humming noise]

Lt Colonel Halt: You’re right, there’s a white streak on the tree.

Lt Englund: Indicates er...

Lt Colonel Halt: Let’s turn around and look at this tree over here now. Just a second. Watch, because you’re right in front of the tree. I can see it. OK, give me a little side light so I can find the tree. OK, ahh...

Sgt Bustinza: **Lt Colonel Halt:** I’ve lost the tree.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK stop! Stop! Light off. Hey, this is eerie.

Master Sgt Ball: Why don’t you do the pods spots...

Lt Colonel Halt: This is strange! Hey, does anyone wanna look at the spots on the ground? Whoops! Watch you don’t step...

Background: Five beeps from a vehicle arriving on the scene.

Lt Colonel Halt: ... you’re walking all over them. OK, let’s step back and don’t walk all over em. Come back here – somebody and put a beam on ‘em. You’re gonna have to be back about ten, fifteen feet. You see it ...

‘We’re hearing some strange sounds out of the farmers barnyard animals. They’re very active and making an awful lot of noise.’

Lt Englund: OK fine...

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, lights off.

(Break in tape)

Voice Over: [Colonel Conrad] He took this long to document...

Lt Colonel Halt: What do you think about the spot?

[Radio interference in background]

Lt Colonel Halt: Yeah.

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: ...ready at the first spot? OK, that’s what we’ll call spot number three. Let’s go in the back corner and get spot number one. Spot number one, here’s spot number one right there, spot number one right there. Do you need some light? There it is righthere...you focused?

Sgt Nevels: Focused.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK... looking at spot number one through the starlight scope.

Lt Englund: Picking up a slight increase in light as I go over it.

Lt Colonel Halt: Slight increase in light in spot number one. Let’s go look at spot number two. Spot number two’s right over here. Right here, see it?

Lt Englund: ... Slight increase.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, get focused on it. Tell me when, OK lights on. Let’s see what we get on it.



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‘I ... I think it’s something here on the ground. I think it’s something... very large...’

Lt Englund: Slight increase.

Lt Colonel Halt: Just a slight increase?

Lt Englund: Try the center.

Lt Colonel Halt: The center spot, not really center, slightly off center. It’s right there.

Lt Englund: Right here.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, we’re gonna get your reading on it right there.

Lt Englund: OK.

Lt Colonel Halt: Tell me when you’re ready.

Lt Englund: Ready.

Lt Colonel Halt: OK lights on. It’s the center spot we’re looking at now; almost the center.

Lt Englund: Getting a slight increase.

Lt Colonel Halt: Slight increase there. This is slightly off center toward the err...one – two side. It’s er.. some type of abrasion or something in the ground where the pine needles are pushed back were we get a *high radiact... err high reading about a deflection of er, two to three, maybe four, depending on the point of it.

Lt Englund:Someone wanna check it?

(Break in tape)

Sgt Nevels: Yes.

Lt Colonel Halt: Are you sure there’s a positive after effect?

Sgt Nevels: Yes, there is, definitely. That’s on the center spot, there is an after effect.

Lt Englund: What does that mean?

Sgt Nevels: It means that when the lights are turned off, once we all focused in, allowed time for the eyes to adjust, we are getting an indication of heat source coming out of that center spot... as err... which will show up on the ...

Lt Colonel Halt: Heat or some form of energy, it’s hardly heat at this stage of the game.

Sgt Nevels: But it is still heat...

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: Looking directly overhead, one can see an opening in the trees, plus some freshly broken pine branches on the ground underneath. Looks like some of them came off about fifteen to twenty feet up. Some small branches about inch or less in diameter.

(Break in tape)

[1.48am] **Lt Colonel Halt:** 01.48. We’re hearing some strange sounds out of the farmers...

Sgt Nevels: Twenty eight... seven...

Lt Colonel Halt: ... barnyard animals. They’re very active and making an awful lot of noise.

Sgt Nevels: ... definite pigmentation...

Lt Colonel Halt: You saw a light? Slow down. Where, where?

Sgt Nevels: Right on this position here. Straight ahead in between the trees...

Lt Englund: There it is again...beginning of the gap...right there.

Sgt Nevels: It throws the hell off my flashlight there.

Lt Colonel Halt: Hey I see it too. What is it?

Sgt Nevels: We don’t know sir.

[Strange small red light seen]

Lt Colonel Halt: OK, it’s a strange small red light, looks to be out maybe a quarter – half mile, maybe further out. I’m gonna switch off for a...

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: The light is gone now. It was approximately 120 degrees from the site.

Sgt Nevels: It’s back again.

Lt Colonel Halt: Is it back again?

Sgt Nevels: Yes sir.

Lt Colonel Halt: Well douse flashlights then. Let’s go back to the edge of the clearing then, so we can get a better look at it. See if you can get the starscope on it. The light’s still there and all the barnyard animals have gotten quiet now. We’re heading about 110 -120 degrees from the site, out through the clearing now...still getting a reading on the meter, about 2 clicks. Needles jumped 3-4 clicks getting stronger.

We just bumped into the first light that we’ve seen. We’re about a 150 to 200 yards from the site. Everything else is just deathly calm. There’s no doubt about it,there’s some kind of strange flashing red light ahead.

Sgt Nevels: Now it’s stopped. Now it’s coming up. Hold on, here we go. Now it’s coming up about approximately 4 foot off the ground. The compass has 110 degrees.

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: Right, I just turned the meter off. Better say that again, about 4 feet off the ground, about a 110 degrees, getting the reading of about 4 clicks.

Sgt Nevels: Yes sir... [????] Cough; excuse me, now it’s died.

Lt Colonel Halt: I ... I think it’s something here on the ground. I think it’s something...very large...

Sgt Nevels: ...a tree right over...

(Break in tape)

Lt Colonel Halt: We just bumped into the first light that we’ve seen. We’re about a 150 to 200 yards from the site. Everything else is just deathly calm. There’s no doubt about it,there’s some kind of strange flashing red light ahead.

Sgt Nevels: Yeah, It’s yellow.

Lt Colonel Halt: I saw a yellow tinge in it too. Weird... It appears to be making a little bit this way?

Sgt Nevels: Yes sir.

Lt Colonel Halt: It’s brighter than it has been...It’s coming this way. It’s definitely coming this way.

Master Sgt Ball: Pieces are shooting off.

Lt Colonel Halt: Pieces of it are shooting off.

Master Sgt Ball: At about 11 o’clock... [referring to its position]

Lt Colonel Halt: There’s no doubt about it; this is weird.

Master Sgt Ball: Look to the left.

Sgt Nevels: There’s two lights; one light to the right and one light to the left.

Lt Colonel Halt: Keep your flash light off. There’s something very very strange. Checkthe headset out see if it gets any stronger. Give us...

Sgt Nevels: OK, I have an indication that this is a vague reading too.

Lt Colonel Halt: A vague reading?

Sgt Nevels: The cable has been removed

Lt Colonel Halt: OK... pieces are falling off it again.

Master Sgt Ball: It just moved to the right... went off to the right.

Lt Colonel Halt: Yeah ... strange, Auh?

Lt Englund: Went off to the right.

Lt Colonel Halt: Strange. Ahhh. One again left. Let’s approach the edge of the woods at that point. Can we do without lights? Let’s do it carefully, come on...OK we’re looking at the thing, we’re probably about 2-3 hundred yards away. It looks like an eye winking at you, it’s still moving from side to side and when we put the starscope on it, it’s sort of a hollow center right, a dark center, it’s...

Lt Englund: It’s like a pupil...

Lt Colonel Halt: It’s like the pupil of an eye looking at you, winking ... and the flash is so bright to the starscope, that err... it almost burns your eye.

(Break in tape)

[Five lights seen]

Lt Colonel Halt: We’ve passed the farmer’s house and are crossing the next field and we now have multiple sightings of up to five lights with a similar shape and all, but they seem steady rather than pulsating – a glow with a red flash. We’ve just crossed the creek...

Lt Englund: Here we go...

Lt Colonel Halt: What kinda readings are we getting now? We’re getting three good clicks on the meteor and we’re seeing strange lights in the sky.

(Break in tape)

[2.44am] **Lt Colonel Halt:** 2.44: We’re at the far side of the farmers, the second farmers field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks clear out to the coast. It’s right on the horizon... Moves about a bit and flashes from time to time... Still steady and red in colour. Also, after negative readings in the field, we’re picking up slight readings 4-5 clicksnow on the meter.

(Break in tape)

‘We see strange err, strobe like flashes to the, err ... almost sporadic, but there’s definitely something there, some kind of phenomena.

3.05: At about err...10 degrees horizon err directly north, we got two strange objects, err...half moon shape, dancing about with colored lights on them’

[3.0 5am-] – Two objects half moon shaped seen

Lt Colonel Halt: 3.05: We see strange err, strobe like flashes to the, err ... almost sporadic, but there’s definitely something there, some kind of phenomena. 3.05: At about err... 10 degrees horizon err directly north, we got two strange objects, err ...half moon shape, dancing about with colored lights on them. but err. it has to be about 5-10 miles out, maybe less. The half moons have now turned into full circles as though there was an eclipse or something there for a minute or two.

(Break in tape)

3.15am **Lt Colonel Halt:** 3.15: Now we’ve got an object about ten degrees directly south...

Sgt Nevels: There’s one to the left.

Lt Colonel Halt:10 degrees off the horizon and the ones to the north are moving; one’s moving away from us.

Sgt Nevels: It’s moving out fast.

Lt Colonel Halt: They’re moving out fast.

Master Sgt Ball: There’s one on the right heading away too.

Lt Colonel Halt: Yeah, they’re both heading north. Hey, here he comes from the south; he’s coming in toward us now.

Master Sgt Ball: Shit.

Lt Colonel Halt: Now were observing what appears to be a beam coming down to theground.

[Excited shouting in the background]

Master Sgt Ball: Look at the colors... shit

Lt Colonel Halt: This is unreal.

(Break in tape)

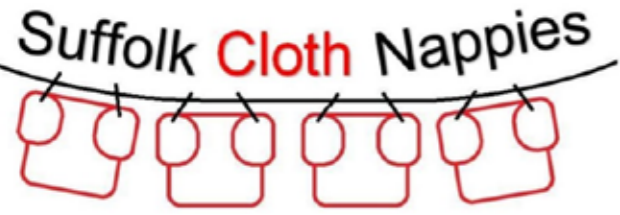
3.30am **Lt Colonel Halt:** 3.30: And the objects are still in the sky, although the one to the south looks like it’s loosing a little bit of altitude. We’re turning around and heading back toward the base. The object to the sou... the object to the south is still beaming down lights to the ground.

(Break in tape)

4am **Lt Colonel Halt:** 0:400 Hours one object still hovering over the Woodbridge base at about 5-10 degrees off the horizon. ...Still moving erratic and similar lights beaming down as earlier.

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Woodbridge & District Lions Club – News Update November 2020

In common with most charities this year the Lions Club has found it extremely difficult to function effectively. So many members of the club or their partners are in the vulnerable group that it was difficult to lend the club's hands-on support to the community to any great degree which is the main purpose of Lions clubs. We did however make a significant financial contribution to the Woodbridge Salvation Army Food Bank during the first national lockdown to support their work to meet the rising demand.

Over the last couple of months, we have been holding club

meetings online only to have any tentative plans for fund raising events further put on hold by the latest lockdown or due to the COVID-19 restrictions around such events.

Plans are now in place to give further support to the Salvation Army by providing 100 festive food parcels for delivery just before Christmas. We are also making contributions to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Lighthouse Women's Aid.

The club has recently lost one of its longest standing members, Carol Malpass, who sadly lost her long fight against illness. Our thoughts go out to her husband David, family and friends. Carol was a much loved member of the club and was the driving force behind

many of the Lions projects that supported the local community over the years. Indeed, for many years Carol led the Christmas parcels appeal and it is therefore fitting that we are continuing to support this project this year even in such difficult times.

We all hope that as the year draws to a close we can look forward to a more normal year in 2021. If you would like to know more about what we do or would be interested in finding out more about becoming a Lion please visit our website at:

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Woodbridge Art Club

Woodbridge Art Club's online exhibition has been very well received. If you haven't seen it yet you can find it on the Club's website at www.woodbridgeartclub.org.uk

The exhibition will be changed mid-November so it's worth having another look if you haven't done so for awhile.

Whilst the new lockdown prevented Club members from meeting in the Clubhouse, many of them are keeping in touch, and the drawings, paintings and photographs created during lockdown can be seen at Woodbridge Art Club's Facebook page and website.

The Club is still holding a Christmas party. Although it will be online this year, it will have most of the usual ingredients that are enjoyed at this annual event and spread as much Christmas cheer as possible!

www.woodbridgeartclub.org.uk



Top: Andy Wright - Spitfire 'Spirit of Kent' (Acrylic)

Below: Sandy Taylor - Iken - (Acrylic)

Other News

Love to Ride Campaign

During the first coronavirus lockdown, cycling in the UK increased by 300% and many people reported finding quieter roads much more enjoyable to ride on. The roads are likely to be quieter this December too, so there has never been a better time to try riding in winter.

Love to Ride have launched their Winter Wheelers campaign to encourage people to ride during December. With the right gear and guidance, they believe, riding in winter can be just as much fun and even more rewarding than riding at other times of the year.



Simply, Winter Wheelers encourages people to ride during December, with prizes on offer every day from 1st to 25th December for anybody that logs a ride.

Love to Ride has teamed up with three top cycling brands – Proviz, Loffi and Beryl - to offer the three, winter cycling ‘must-haves’ - lights, gloves and hi-viz - as prizes.

There are daily draws with participants invited to log their rides by 3pm the following day, with the winner announced between 5 and 6pm.

www.mostactivecounty.com/keep-riding-through-december-with-winter-wheelers/

Greenprint News Roundup



Environmental Guidance Note

ESC published yesterday a new planning Environmental Guidance Note setting out the council's vision for future

developments and offering guidance to developers, renovators, home improvers etc on positive actions for inclusion in projects to minimise the impact on the environment.

Whilst it is advisory and non-binding, it provides developers and communities direction on the sorts of things the council would prefer to see and can be used/referred to in the course of informing the design of new developments, renovation of existing buildings, design and access statements, Neighbourhood Plans, comments made on planning applications, and general household maintenance.

Suffolk Climate Change Partnership

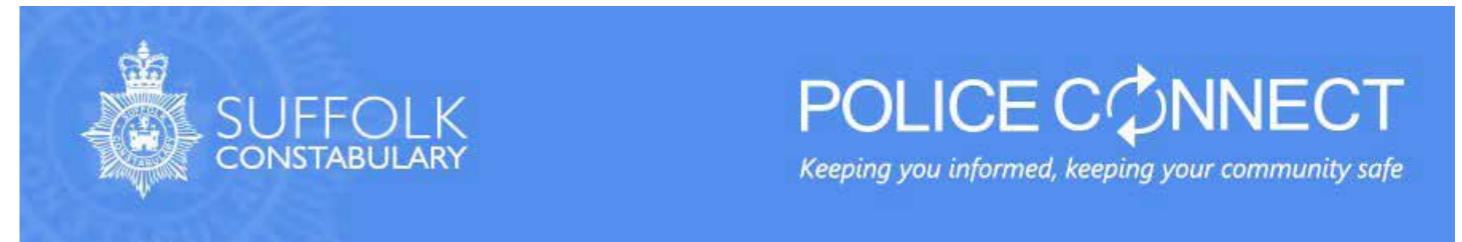
The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership is currently partway through a series of workshops consulting a range of stakeholders in the course of the development of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan. Suffolk County Council along with a summary of the wider context for this work. Feedback from the workshops will be used to guide the drafting of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan. If you would like to provide feedback on any of the themes, please download a comment form from the weblink above, complete and return to david.walton@suffolk.gov.uk.

Great British Beach Clean

Across Suffolk, 13 different beach clean events took place during Great British Beach Clean. With the help of 85 fantastic volunteers supported by the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB team, 1,400 metres of Suffolk's beaches were surveyed by the volunteers who removed 31 bags of litter.

Beach cleans were restricted to small groups and enlisted friends, families and ‘bubbles’ to help clear beaches of litter and take part in the citizen science project. The AONB supported many of these groups. Included in the national results was the fact that Personal Protective Equipment (such as masks to combat the spread of the Coronavirus) were found on 30% of beaches.

National results: www.mcsuk.org/news/gbbc_2020_results



Communities are being reminded to check their homes, vehicles, businesses and financial security as the next phase of the force's First Principle crime prevention initiative launches.

The initiative, which was launched by the force two years ago, is continuing to urge residents and businesses to make sure they are aware of the measures they can take to protect themselves.

Further categories such as protecting businesses during the pandemic, recent scams and keyless car theft advice, among others, have been added to the online suite of crime prevention

topics that are available to view on the force's website.

Inspector Claire Simons said: 'Following the launch two years ago, we have now improved and updated the advice and information available on our website as part of our First Principle crime prevention initiative.

'The initiative, which was originally inspired by Sir Robert Peel's nine principles of modern policing, is about Suffolk police working more effectively with its partners and the public in order to prevent crime.

'Times are changing and with extra demands being placed on the force, there is a significant

role our communities can also play in preventing crime.

'In a number of incidents, we find that a crime could often have been prevented from happening if a few simple crime prevention steps were taken. For example, opportunist criminals will be on the look out at this time of year for valuables on display and potential Christmas presents.

'We want to remind everyone that each of us has a responsibility to protect ourselves and our property. Taking simple steps to prevent crime can often be all that is needed to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime.

'With this in mind, and as types of crime and trends change, we have added further categories to our bespoke suite of crime prevention on our website.

'By following our advice, residents can help us to reduce crime and in turn, feel safer in their homes and on the street.'

The force is also asking residents to be mindful of vulnerable or elderly neighbours and to take the time to check their crime prevention measures are in place.

For crime prevention advice visit: www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention

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The modern interpretation is:

“The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder.”

Robert Peel's First Principle of modern policing is:

“To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.”

Suffolk Rape Crisis Online Shop

Local charity, Suffolk Rape Crisis (SRC) have launched their online shop and are calling on Suffolk to 'support survivors' when doing their Christmas shopping this year. With 100% of the proceeds going directly to supporting women and girls subjected to sexual violence in Suffolk, the SRC shop is selling cards, t shirts and totes designed by local artists.

The Shop will also be selling 'self-care packages' for survivors. Shoppers can buy them for themselves or gift it to someone for Christmas. Each purchase will provide a personalised self-care package that will be sent to a woman accessing SRC services in January. As Amy Roch, Director of SRC explains;

'This is the perfect gift for the feminist in your life. The recipient will receive a beautiful, specially designed card letting them know that the self-care package has been gifted on their behalf.'

SRC are fundraising at a time when demand for their services is increasing due to the consequences of the pandemic. The UK has seen domestic abuse killings double during the lockdown and calls to helplines have skyrocketed.

January is often difficult but with further lockdown restrictions likely, it is likely to be particularly hard for many of the women

packages were incredibly important to the women who received them and so we are asking Suffolk to help us continue providing these for survivors into the New Year.'

Suffolk Rape Crisis works across the county, providing specialist support to all women and girls who have experienced any form of sexual violence, at any point in their lives. The organisation provides specialist counselling, outreach, a helpline and online groups to women and girls aged 14 and over. As a critical service, SRC has continued to provide this life-changing and life-saving support throughout the pandemic and has expanded its support to meet the increasing demand. However, due to social distancing restrictions, many of its usual fundraising events have been cancelled. As Amy Roch explains;

'Our service has never been more vital. By buying from our shop this festive season you will be ensuring that our life-saving service can continue to support women and girls, where and when they need it.'

Visit the shop on the SRC website: www.srchelp.org.uk/shop

Help us keep our communities safe.

Work Well Suffolk

Suffolk County Council has been successful in securing European Social Funding to deliver a 3-year project called Work Well Suffolk.

Work Well Suffolk will provide a locally integrated coaching and employment service that tackles the deep-seated barriers to work for all who need it.

The service will act as the 'cement between the bricks' of the health, employability, skills and wellbeing services that are available to people in Suffolk.

It will ensure that individuals can gain bespoke and timely access to relevant services whilst blending in coaching, employability support, skills provision and advice and guidance.

Realise Futures CIC will provide a dedicated Work Well Suffolk Coaching Service for people with multiple and complex barriers to progressing in life and work. It will also focus on supporting the people of Suffolk to re-engage with education, training, or employment.

Working with our strategic partners, Steadfast Training and MENTA, dedicated Work Well Suffolk Employment Services will seek out, create and support employment and self-employment, volunteering and mentoring opportunities for individuals across the county.

The project will be managed by Suffolk County Council and delivered across the following areas of Suffolk; Ipswich, West Suffolk, Babergh and Mid Suffolk, East Suffolk and Waveney.

The project has Coaches across Suffolk who can provide a personalised, 1 to 1 service. We will work with Participants to set goals based on their strengths, skills and interests and help them take small steps to improve their health, wellbeing, learning and employability skills. We will assess their needs and find ways to overcome barriers to employment and training.

We can help anyone who is over 18 years old and eligible to work in the UK. If our service is not the most appropriate to help we will do a warm handover to other services. Priority for the Coaching service will be given to people who face barriers to employment due to:

- A long term health condition,
- A mental health issue,
- A learning difficulty of disability, or
- Autism
- Childcare issues
- and are:
- unemployed or unable to work

The Realise Futures coaching service is working with Steadfast Training and Menta, Steadfast Training deliver Work Well Suffolk's Employment Service. Steadfast will support participants to prepare them for their entry (or re-entry) to employment by equipping them with the skills to get them work ready. This will include employability and personal development workshops that cover CV and letter writing, guided and independent job search, interview skills practice, budgeting and 'better-off-benefits' calculations and personal presentation and hygiene. The service will also regularly identify local vacancies and volunteering opportunities.

RfCOACHING DELIVERING WORK WELL SUFFOLK

REALISE FUTURES Developing your potential

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The Work Well Suffolk programme, can help anyone who is living in Suffolk, over 18 years old and eligible to work in the UK. The programme is designed for people who face barriers to employment and are:

- unemployed,
- economically inactive or
- unable to work

if you have:

- a long term health condition,
- a mental health issue,
- a learning difficulty or disability
- autism

The support and training is fully funded through the Work Well Suffolk programme, so it's free to those who are on the programme.

For further information or to register please contact heretohelp@menta.org.uk or call 01284 760206.

In partnership with

MENTA Growing Business | **WORK WELL SUFFOLK** | **Suffolk County Council** | **REALISE FUTURES** | **STEADFAST**

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In addition, specific accredited training includes Business Administration; Customer Service; Management & Team Leadership Skills; Retail; Adult Care; ICT; Warehouse and Storage and Hospitality & Catering.

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, all elements of Steadfast's support service will be delivered remotely. Using a mix of tutor-led 'virtual classroom' training, short online courses and video tutorials, followed by daily phone calls to each participant.

www.steadfasttraining.co.uk/work-well-suffolk/

MENTA who deliver Work Well Suffolk's Self-Employment Service can work with any participants interested in finding out more about starting a business and being their own boss. MENTA can help participants understand how to write a business plan, how to market a business and understand how business finances work. MENTA will tailor their support for individuals by providing 1 to 1 advice, as well as training workshops and helpful guides.

www.menta.org.uk/work-well-suffolk

The Realise Futures Coaching Service website has a 3 min YouTube video clip which explains the service. Our online referral form can be found at the bottom of the webpage:

www.realisefutures.org/work-well-suffolk

To refer into Work Well Suffolk please use the website below or email: workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk for further information.

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 - **Empower** you to remove barriers to employment
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Take a STEP into EMPLOYMENT

Together with partner organisation MENTA, Steadfast will deliver the Employment Service under the 'Work Well Suffolk' (WWS) project, which is managed by Suffolk County Council and part-funded through the European Social Fund.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

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ELIGIBILITY

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Down on the Farm



Above and right: The Community Garden taking shape
Below right: Volunteer gardeners

New Community Garden underway!

We've been busy down on the farm designing and starting to build the new community garden which will give us loads of outdoor growing space plus an amazing shelter which has been very generously sponsored by Cllr Alexander Nicolls through his Locality Budget.

The garden is going to have all sorts of other features in it as well such as a wildlife area, vertical growing spaces, rainwater harvesting, wildflower tyre towers for the bees and a herb spiral full of wonderful tastes and smells... a treat for the senses!

The community garden will not only be a place for growing, it will also be a place for reflection, peace and simply a place to sit and enjoy nature, with seating not only under the shelter but also in between the raised beds.

Anyone can get involved in the project (following covid rules) and be part of this exciting venture which will enable us to offer additional opportunities not only to our Sunday visitors but also to our co-workers attending the Care Farm and our younger visitors from Pitstop Pre-School Forest School.



What's new in the polytunnel?

Well, the tomatoes are out and the leeks are in, the parsnips are coming along nicely and taste delicious (they should be ready just in time for Christmas).

We've got our winter spinach, cabbages and greens sprouting, and are still harvesting carrots which seem to go on forever!



Catch up with us next month.... Until then Heather and Cora, our Highlands, say Stay Safe and have a wonderful Christmas everyone.



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Rendlesham Community Radio



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Our story

The Coronavirus Pandemic sent us spiralling into the unknown, events cancelled, routines disrupted and communities wondering how they would manage. Rendlesham has a proud history of being a progressive, creative and community-centred village, unique not just in its past and evolution but in its approach.

Immediately the residents, businesses and the Parish Council rallied together to provide support and help to each other wherever they could. So much so in fact that the hot-bed of ideas and camaraderie required an outlet, and so Rendlesham Community Radio was born.

Within weeks of being a mere idea there was a fully-equipped studio sponsored by Team Audio, live shows and support from Rendlesham Parish Council who saw the wonderful potential that community radio could bring. Very quickly this fledgling project spread its wings, gaining presenters, contributors and a queue of guests and musicians waiting to feature on our radio station.

There are new shows every week, the schedule is rapidly filling and our notoriety is growing! Emerging from dark and worrying times, Rendlesham Community Radio offers support, entertainment and even that essential ingredient.....fun! We hope that when we can all be together again, RCR will be there too as a symbol of our resilience and our exciting future as a village.

RENDLESHAM COMMUNITY RADIO

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC, DISCUSSION AND LOCAL TALENT

www.rendleshamcommunityradio.co.uk

Rendlesham Community Radio

Rendlesham Community Radio offers information, entertainment and that essential ingredient.....fun!

A seedbed for local talent

Since our very first live broadcast in May for VE Day, Rendlesham Community Radio has provided a voice for over 30 local bands, singer/songwriters and musicians who have performed in the Studio's own live lounge.

The quality has been outstanding, giving many local acts the opportunity to play to a wide audience, even while lockdown restrictions have prevented them from performing in the normal events circuit.

In addition to our live performers, we are proud of the quality and range of interviews we have achieved, on subjects from mental health, eco issues and stand-up comedy right through to our rich Suffolk history, hunting with bloodhounds, gin and whisky tasting and politics with our local MP.



www.rendleshamcommunityradio.co.uk

Every Saturday from 8am - 10am on Rendlesham Community Radio
Saturday Morning Breakfast with Glenn Knights

Saturday 10am - 12pm & Wednesday 7 - 9pm on Rendlesham Community Radio
Something for the weekend with Leanda Hayland-Linch

Friday night dance sessions
Steve Galver

With Denise Ashcroft-Law
A Northern Soul
Playing a mixture of Northern Soul, Disco, Boogie Soul, Motown and more.

Every Wednesday at 6pm & Sunday from 12pm on Rendlesham Community Radio
The Eco Show with Vic Proctor
Conversation and Connection. Covering all things Environmental and Planet-Friendly.

A weekly roundup of local football results: Tuesday 6 - 7pm
LIFE OF A PIG SKIN with Darren Cook

Pop and rock from across the years, local news, brainteasers and interesting fun facts!
IZAAK'S HOURS with Izaak De May
Thursday 7 - 9pm

Thursday 5-30pm
RU OK HUN?

Every Saturday 12-20pm
RENDLESHAM ROUNDUP
Your weekly catchup on local community news with Heather Bealls

Your weekly updates from the world of sport
SPORTING MATTERS with Daniel Potter
Saturday 3 - 4pm

Kick off the weekend and shake your booty to the best dance, trance, 90s, R&B and garage
Steve and Tom's Weekend Starter Friday 5 - 7pm

A slice of Sunday whimsy, featuring a host of good music, light hearted news, trivia and the very best competitive games in radio history - or great money back!
Wayne at the Weekend Sunday 10am - 12pm with Wayne Burns

With Leanda Hayland-Linch
IN THE LIVE LOUNGE Sessions 12 noon
UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Wednesday 3 - 4pm
Old Friends
A trip down memory lane with Malcolm Clark

Tuesday 7 - 9 pm
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Rendlesham Community Radio




Schedule

- Monday**
 9 - 10pm Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
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- Tuesday**
 5 - 6pm Uptown Transmission with Gary James
 6 - 7 pm Life of a pig skin with Darren cook
 7 - 9 pm Strange Days with Steve Boyce
 9 - 4 am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
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- Wednesday**
 3 - 4pm Old Friends with Malcolm Clark
 6 - 7pm The Eco Show with Vic Proctor
 7 - 9pm Something for the Weekend catch-up with Leanda Hoyland-Linch
 9 - 4am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
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- Thursday**
 5.30 - 7pm U OK, Hun? with Mair Potter
 7 - 9pm Izaak's Hours with Izaak de May
 9 - 4am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
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- Friday**
 5 - 7pm Weekend Starter with Steve Calver and Tom Couchman
 7 - 9pm Dance Sessions with Steve Calver
 9 - 10pm House in Town with Carl Sparrow and Steve Aldous
 10 - 11pm Tom Couchman DJ Sessions
 11 - 1am Girl in a Gale
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- Saturday**
 8 - 10am Saturday Morning Breakfast with Glenn Knights
 10 - 12pm Something for the Weekend with Leanda Hoyland-Linch
 12 noon Up Close and Personal Live Lounge with Leanda Hoyland-Linch
 12.30pm Rendlesham Roundup with Heather Heelis
 3 - 4pm Sporting Matters with Daniel Potter
 4 - 5pm Pop in with Phil Jackson
 6 - 7pm A Northern Soul with Denise Ashcroft-Law
 7 - 8pm Beauclerk
 8 - 9pm House in Town with Carl Sparrow and Steve Aldous
 9 - 10pm Uptown Transmission with Gary James
 10 - 11pm Vintage Club
 11 - 4am Girl in a Gale
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- Sunday**
 10 - 12pm Wayne at the Weekend
 12 - 1pm The Eco Show catch-up with Vic Proctor
 2 - 3pm R u OK Hun? catch-up with Mair Potter
 3 - 4pm Voices with Malcolm Clarke
 8 - 4am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio



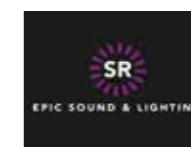
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FOXHALL RE-USE SHOP

Foxhall re-use shop will re-open from Wednesday 2nd December

Foxhall Re-use Shop sells items which have been donated for re-use across Suffolk's Recycling Centres. This includes furniture, toys, bicycles, books, electrical items and more! We check and test all items will be in order to re-sell.

Why not pop in, and grab yourself a bargain?

The shop is operated by The Benjamin Foundation who work with young people, homeless and unemployed across Norfolk and Suffolk. They work in partnership with Suffolk County Council and the FCC Environment to run the shop.

www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/foxhall-re-use-shop



Faith Baptist Church, Bromeswell Christmas 2020

Christmas is celebrated around the world and is the favourite season of the year for most of us. 2020 has been a peculiar and strange year that we may be talking about for a long time. In spite of all the hardship, fears and inconveniences, Christmas 2020 is COMING and will be on time.

The Good News of Christmas is described in Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Wonderful: Wonderful means *miracle, marvellous*. These are the words that many thousands of people have used to describe Jesus when they got saved, were healed, or received answers to their prayers. Jesus wants to do marvellous things in your life and mine.

Counsellor: This word means *He knows*. Jesus knows your sins, heartaches, tears, pain, suffering, trials, victories, and defeats.

Mighty God: This means *He's able*. So, whatever you are facing in life, He knows and He's able to help, heal and comfort you. Remember, "With God, all things are possible."

Everlasting Father: This title means that He cares. This means that you can cast all your care on Him for he careth for you.

Prince of Peace: This speaks of *ultimate composure*. (Peaceful Rest)

In times of anxiety, trials and anguish, Jesus can give you *ultimate composure*.

With God's Gift, Christmas 2020 will be **Wonderful!**

Rev. Frank Thompson – Faith Baptist Church - Bromeswell

Useful Information



Rendlesham Surgery opening hours

Monday	15.30 - 18.30
Tuesday	08.40 - 12.00
Wednesday	15.30 - 18.30
Thursday	08.40 - 12.00
Friday	14.45 - 17:00

Acer Road Pharmacy opening hours

Tel 01394 460548

Monday	08.30 - 13.00
Tuesday	08.30 - 13.00
Wednesday	08.30 - 13.00
Thursday	08.30 - 13.00
Friday	08.30 - 13.00

Wickham Market Medical Centre

Tel 01728 747101

Sudoku Challenge answer

5	6	8	2	1	3	4	7	9
3	9	7	6	4	8	5	2	1
4	1	2	5	7	9	3	6	8
9	3	1	4	2	6	8	5	7
8	5	4	7	3	1	6	9	2
7	2	6	8	9	5	1	3	4
6	7	5	9	8	4	2	1	3
2	8	3	1	5	7	9	4	6
1	4	9	3	6	2	7	8	5

Rendlesham Women

No meetings until further notice

Contact Sue: 01394 421340



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Saturday	9am - 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed



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Mass times and contact details: www.wfrcp.org.uk

Faith Baptist Church

Bromeswell, Woodbridge www.fbcuk.org

Pastor Thompson (01394) 420181



During the lockdown measures, Leiston & Saxmundham District Citizens Advice Bureau will continue to remain open to take calls (10 - 2pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri on 01728 832193) and emails on: supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk from clients in need.

Given the approach of winter we also would like to confirm that we have funds available to help families affected by Covid who need support with energy bills or school uniforms for Secondary Schools.

Rendlesham Directory

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District Councillor	01728 746337
Ray Herring	07885 249218
County Councillor	
Alexander Nicoll	07922 586303
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Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team	01473 613500
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Eyke CEVC Primary School	
Head: Lucy Fairweather	01394 460328
Rendlesham Parish Church	
Revd: Mandy Reynolds	01394 420129
Farlingaye High School	
Head: Dr Sievewright	01394 385720
Woodbridge Library	01394 446510
Parish Council	
Mrs Heelis, Parish Clerk	01394 420207
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	07917 854086
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Post Office (Cost Cutters)	01394 461221
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Kay Thomas	01394 460458

Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church - Closure of Services

In response to the recent Government advice and in order to do what we can to restrict the spread of COVID19, we have decided that it is right to **cancel all physical services, meetings and gatherings associated with Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church until further notice.**

We will be using our website and facebook pages to stream services on **Sunday mornings at 10:30am and we would love you to join us.** Details below. Please check them regularly for updates.

Website: www.stbaptist.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sudbournetunstallbaptist/

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