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‘Committed to actively engage’

We are committed to actively engage with the people of Rendlesham to build a safe, vibrant and thriving community of which everyone can be proud.

We are a forward-looking, professional council who will always seek to provide a framework to support improved facilities, communications and well-being of the Parish whilst delivering value for money.

Rendlesham Parish Council, is a tier of local government for the parish of Rendlesham and is committed to working together with the residents of Rendlesham for the benefit of the parish. It is a statutory body and has wide ranging powers and interests, one of which is to ensure that any development within the parish complies with the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan, the current East Suffolk Council Local Development Framework and the County Council Structure Plan.

It acts a focus for action and lobbying on:

- housing
- roads
- parish facilities
- the environment
- transport and
- other issues that may arise

The Council has 11 elected councillors and six part time employees:

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Projects and Events

The Council are committed to making Rendlesham a quality place to live. Some of the ongoing projects and events are:

Jubilee Park Master Plan

The results of the extensive Neighbourhood Plan and other Jubilee Park consultations have fed in to the Master Plan which comprises a series of outcomes to be delivered by the Parish Council over the short term, medium term and longer term. These include additional play area equipment, the outdoor gym, 5-a-side football pitch, skatepark, seating to name but a few.

Climate Emergency Action Plan

The development of the Action Plan will provide the blueprint for Parish Council to ensure that the climate and nature restoration goals are at the forefront of their decision making process.

Christmas Lights

The first Christmas Lights display was launched in December 2011 in the village square. Following on from its success it has become an annual event which launches the start of the festive season.

Rendlesham Show

Following on from the hugely successful Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in June 2012, the Parish Council now holds an annual summer show on the second weekend of June each year (Covid permitting).

Santa’s Grand Tour

New for 2020, the Tour was a huge success which saw Santa visit every street in the main part of the village in his sleigh.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic

New for 2020 the picnic took place on a lovely summer’s day and was another Covid safe event supported by Rendlesham Community Radio to bring some sort of normality and enjoyment to residents during the Covid restrictions.

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Visit

New for 2020 as the first Covid lockdown was introduced, the Parish Council arranged a very successful Covid safe Easter Egg Hunt around the village, with participants each receiving a visit from the Easter Bunny on Easter Sunday.

Rendlesham Community Radio

Rendlesham Community Radio came about as a result of the first lockdown in March 2020 with the aim to ‘connect the community’. It has regular shows with more being added and supports all the Parish Council events, broadcasting live as well as offering opportunities to budding DJs.

Safer Rendlesham Project

The Council support the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, and operate the Community Speedwatch Scheme. The Scheme has also been responsible for attracting the Police Mobile Speed Camera to the outskirts of the village in an attempt to slow down traffic along on the A1152. 2021 will see the installation of a Speed Indicator Device to raise awareness of speed and encourage safer driving.

Youth Group Charity

The Parish Council is the Charity Trustee of the Rendlesham Youth Group Charity. Junior sessions for the under 11s are held in the Community Centre every Tuesday during school term-time, and two senior sessions are held for the over 13s every Wednesday and Thursday term-time only. The sessions are constantly under review and change from time to time to suit the age groups using the youth services. Due to Covid, Youth Group sessions are currently suspended.

Want to be involved?
Find out how on page 5.....

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

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4 January 2021

By Zoom at 7.30pm

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Finance & Asset Committee

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Planning Committee

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Get involved!

Have you thought about being a Parish Councillor?

Becoming a Parish Councillor is a great way to get involved with making a difference in the community. You can get involved with as much or as little as your other commitments allow and it is not a job for life! Councillors have a four year term of office. The next election year is 2023. This is a particularly exciting time for the Council with new events being added to work within current Covid restrictions as well as projects such as the 5-a-side football pitch and skatepark being designed, planned and delivered for everyone to enjoy.

To be eligible for the position of Councillor, you must (in summary):

1. Be over 18 and a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, and meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
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 - b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the last 12 months
 - c. Your main or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the parish
 - d. You have lived in the parish, or within three miles of it, during the whole of the last 12 months
2. Not be disqualified. Disqualification means one or more of the following:
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 - b. You are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
 - c. You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the last five years
 - d. You have been disqualified from acting as a parish councillor – for certain offences to do with failure to disclose disclosable interests or corrupt or illegal electoral practices.

Reporting anti-social behaviour

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour in the village please report it in the first instance to the police by phoning 101, ideally as it's occurring or as soon as possible afterwards.

The Parish Council would also welcome feedback on incidents of anti-social behaviour. Please send us date, time and as much detail of the incident as possible. Email admin@rendleshampc.org.uk

Report dog fouling to the Parish Council

If you see dog mess on a pavement call the Parish Council on 01394 420207 or email us at admin@rendleshampc.org.uk giving us the exact location (eg nearest house number and road) of where the fouling has occurred and we will ensure that the incident is reported to Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Rendlesham Parish Council

Councillor Vacancy

Are you interested in improving the quality of life for the people of Rendlesham?

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If you are interested in becoming a councillor or would like more information please contact the Parish Council on 01394 420207 or email: clerk@rendleshampc.org.uk

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Climate Emergency Working Group

In the early months of 2020 (remember them?) Rendlesham's Climate Emergency Working Group were working hard, long into cold and very dark evenings to put together an Action Plan that would deliver a set of Climate goals. The plan was to hold a fantastic event for all the residents of Rendlesham with bee house making, delicious catering and a chance for us all to have a good chat about the environmental future of the village.

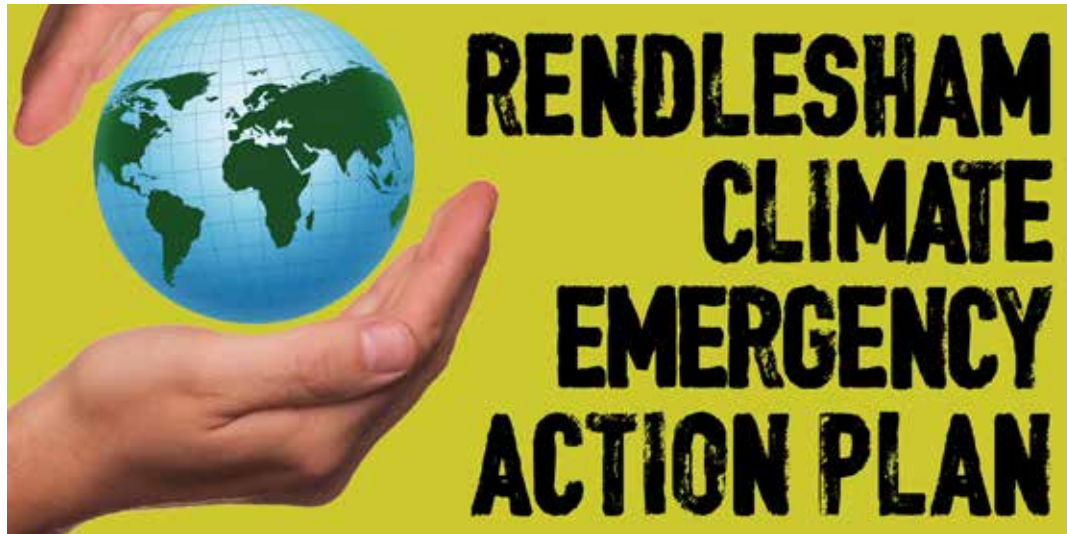
Unfortunately we all know what happened then, personally although this project was a

chronic annoying itch that was impossible to scratch it had to be relegated in my priority league table for a while to simply mentally process the realities of a global pandemic. We did manage to complete the draft Plan AND get it through the doors of residents via the newsletter.

So where are we now, nearly a year later? A renewed energy for this project in the final months of 2020 means that the consultation process is complete and plans are in place to finalise and present the Plan to the Parish Council in the hopes of achieving the end goal, formal adoption into policy. Not quite where we wanted to be as we move into another year but all things considered, we can't complain. I'm reminded of this whenever I talk to other Community Action Groups, other Parish Councils, Environmental Groups and Local Authorities. In fact, Rendlesham is a leader in this area, ahead of the game when it comes to a formal set of goals and targets for carbon reduction and nature restoration, ahead of the game on regular community litter picks and ahead on preparing the village for a concentrated effort for the next 10 years of tackling the climate and ecological emergencies we face.

As the second lockdown was announced we nearly cancelled the scheduled litter pick but a bit of quick and clever thinking allowed it to go ahead. You can read more about this in previous newsletters but the outcome thanks to YOUR feedback is a monthly litter picking day. Regular community events to improve our local environment are a big achievement, we should all be very proud.

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Another Covid 19 consequence for many has been a greater appreciation of nature and in particular birds, when our liberties were curtailed their freedom on the wing seemed to inspire and comfort. It was suggested to me that Rendlesham should have a community bird feeding station, what a great idea I thought and began to research. What I found was.....very little. Yet again, Rendlesham's creativity and drive to make tangible positive changes has been on show and the relevant Committee's have agreed that a Community Bird Feeding Station can be erected in the Mayhew Road park. If you have any design ideas please share them! You can send any input to vproctor.rpccllr@gmail.com. Look out for work beginning on this in the new year and we will also be reaching out to community groups to help look after, maintain and monitor the station and it's visitors, lots of exciting citizen science opportunities ahead!

The work of the Climate Emergency Working Group has been really well supported by our County Councillor Alexander Nicoll who suggested we might explore funding to have an Electric Vehicle charging point installed in the village. I'm pleased to say that there has been significant progress with this, both from a funding point of view and a practical one and we hope for more good news early in the new year.

If you have been keeping up to speed with village news you will know that there is now the potential for allotments in Rendlesham. This is very much dependent on future planning decisions and a lesson we have learned from 2020 is not to assume too much about what the future holds but the Working Group are active in trying to make sure that when this part of the Neighbourhood Plan is delivered it happens in a democratic way and we are ready to hit the ground running!

All in all I think we can count our response to the Climate Emergency declaration as very impressive. I've always had a belief that the original and quirky nature of Rendlesham as a village means it has the will and the ability to be a local trail blazer and we are making that a reality. Our work is being recognised by other villages and towns and our experiences and opinions are being sought by county wide decision makers. If you want to be a part of this dynamic, friendly and action focused group you will be very welcome! Look out for dates of our next meeting!

Victoria Proctor

Ready, steady, census!



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census 2021

Households across Rendlesham will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

‘A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in

the places where they are most needed,’ Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

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The census is a unique survey that takes place every 10 years in England and Wales.

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When Santa Claus came to town!

‘Thank you to everyone that made the Rendlesham Santa tour possible... when I tucked my eight-year old in tonight he said ‘when Santa came to Rendlesham tonight it was like Coronavirus wasn’t even a thing!’ Thank you!



‘Thank you so much...What a special night for all of Rendlesham’

Santa’s Grand Tour of Rendlesham

A flat tyre on his sleigh halfway around a mammoth eight-mile route around the village was not enough to stop Santa and his determined team of elves from delivering over 600 bags of chocolate to the children of Rendlesham on Sunday December 20.

The convoy, consisting of an amazing sleigh, complete with reindeer, followed by the ‘Coca-cola’ truck, set off from the Community Centre at 3pm and began its epic journey around the village, delivering Christmas music, cheer and chocolate to some very excited children.

Santa was assisted by his team of seven elves plus emergency pitstop and runner and a cameraman who captured the whole event live on YouTube.

The progress of the convoy was updated every 30 seconds via a GPS tracker, though this was not without a few hiccups when signal was lost for a few tense minutes. Luckily, Dave Moore, the Chief Elf in charge of maintenance came to the rescue and normal service was resumed.

Halfway around the route, Dave again came to the rescue when Santa’s sleigh developed a flat tyre. It gave the elves a brief, though very welcome rest for their tired feet although the convoy was soon up and running again.

Santa was very relieved to be reunited with his sleigh licence that he had lost the day before when doing a tricky practice

manoeuvre of his sleigh over Jubilee Park.

Thanks to the power of social media, the lost licence was found by Harvey and Rose England of Magnolia Drive who were rewarded with a special prize, delivered by Santa during the Grand Tour.

After walking an epic eight miles, the elves were very tired but it was worth it to see so many happy faces and delighted children waiting to meet the convoy.

An event of this sort can’t happen without the commitment of so many people who worked incredibly hard to make it happen. So here’s a roll call and big thank you to the cast of Santa’s Grand Tour:

Santa: Roger Messenger

Chief elf in charge of sleigh design and build, emergency repairs and elf catering: Dave Moore

Sleigh driver: Heather Heelis

Coca Cola truck driver and elf in charge of music: Steve Calver

Camera man and tech support guru: Mark Isbister

Elf in charge of photography: RPC Chairman, Mike Stevenson

Elves who walked the distance: Karen Colbear, Glenn Knights, Darren Cook, Delilah Cook, Isaak De May and Leanda Hoyland-Linch

We also need to thank all at Rendlesham Community Radio who played a huge part in the success of this event.

Happy New Year, Rendlesham!

‘Well done Santa and of course the elves...that was lovely what you did for the community and bought a little joy for them.
Take care Santa hope to see you soon’



‘Thank you to all involved, our three were so excited to see Santa and his elves!’



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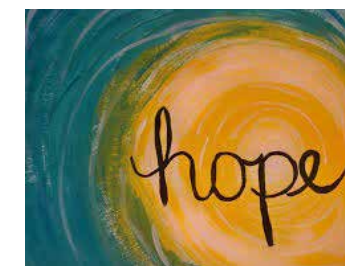
Hope is something we must always have, at all times and in all places. And whilst hope might not suddenly change the circumstances of our life, it changes us and that changes everything.

With the dwindling away of the strains of Auld Lang Syne, which has perhaps been sung with even more poignancy this year, and the toasts to absent friends, a new year stretches out ahead of us, with many of the days perhaps planned out, but in the reality of the times we are living in, each day as yet, unknown as to what it will bring.

But, as 12th night approaches, and the decorations are put away for another year, the left over turkey having produced yet another quiche or curry, the last of the brussels sprouts have been turned into bubble and squeak, the radio seems bereft of Christmas songs, and the TV Christmas "Specials" of our favourite programmes have been watched, we start to get back to what many are calling the new normal, as we put on our masks to pop to the shops, or attend church, or visit our neighbours.

Yet, if Christmas has brought us anything (other than the pair of socks or bubble bath we really didn't want or need) then it has

brought us hope once more. And there is a lot to be hopeful for. With the vaccines which have begun to make a difference, and the hope of being able to visit and hug our loved ones once again drawing ever closer, all the plans we hoped to make will be able to come to fruition. To use the old adage, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.



Hope is something we must always have, at all times and in all places. And whilst hope might not suddenly change the circumstances of our life, it changes us and that changes everything. Hope means we give thanks for our blessings in all circumstances and we must, as the song says, "always look on the bright side of life". Because, if we do this, it will enable us to both hear and become the voice of hope to others.

May 2021 bring you all that you hope for.
With love and blessings,

Rev Mandy Xx



Information

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Due to the new lockdown, all
services except for an 11 am
Holy Communion Service at
St Felix are cancelled for the
duration of January



Jubilee Park - a haven for wildlife



Since the Parish Council took over ownership of Jubilee Park one of the objectives coming out of the Jubilee Park Masterplan was the development of an area for the benefit of nature and wildlife. Roger, our enthusiastic and creative Park Keeper, has single handedly taken on the challenge of turning what was an inaccessible jungle of brambles and overgrown trees and bushes into an amazing space for people to visit and witness the incredibly diverse range of wildlife and beautiful nature we have right on our doorstep.

Over the past couple of years Roger has created a network of paths that weave in and out of the trees and bushes which, for young explorers, can be quite an adventure. Throughout the year there is always something to see, from butterflies and solitary bees to frogs, birds and insects. The space is an ever changing picture of colour and now with the latest addition of a bird feeding station next to the wildlife pond you can watch as the Robins, Blue Tits, Grey Tits, Sparrows and Dunnits arrive for their daily feast.

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It doesn't stop here though as there are always additional improvements and just some of the things that are on their way include a bird hide and seating.

If you haven't visited the wildlife area, you can find it in the far corner of Jubilee Park by the electricity pole. There are two entrances in the hedge that hides this secret garden so why not have a peek whilst you're next out walking.

Heather Heelis

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Bentwaters Cold War Museum

Bentwaters Cold War Museum opened its doors to the public in 2007, but its origins began in 2003 when a group of like-minded aviation enthusiasts got together in the former USAF command post on RAF Bentwaters to form the Bentwaters Aviation Society.

Below: Main exhibition room at the museum



Based in the United States Air Force hardened command post on the former Bentwaters airbase. Displays of the history from 1943 to 1993. Cold war jets and vehicles on show.

Plenty of car parking space and suitable for all ages and ideal all weather visitor attraction with a café and shop offering light refreshments and souvenirs.

Opening times 10.00 - 16.00 Opening Easter until end October.

Admission Prices

Adult £5.00 Child (14 & under) Free Concessions £4.00

Further information for the museum can be found at

www.bcwm.org.uk

Building 134, Bentwaters Parks, Rendlesham,

Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 2TW

Built in 1943, the base was called RAF Bentwaters as it was owned by the Ministry of Defence and therefore part of the RAF. However, in 1951 it was handed over to the United States Air Force (USAF) for operational use which continued through to 1993 when it closed.

Throughout that period a great many of those with an interest in aviation and in particular fast jets that served in the USAF, would visit the base either on the many Open Days that the Americans held or just to stand by the fence to watch and photograph the very busy flying days.

The Bentwaters Aviation Society is a registered charity with about 200 members from across the world including many in the USA who are veterans who served in the USAF. The charity is the support organisation for the museum and provides both the financial upkeep and the volunteers necessary to maintain it.

There is a board of trustees and about 20 volunteers of all ages and aptitudes. The museum has both internal displays in the former command post and in the external compound a number of aircraft exhibits.

Memorabilia and information boards tell the story of the base, along with nearby RAF Woodbridge which has a similar history. Creating the displays and recording the history of one of the largest bases in the USAF over such a long period is a huge task. Acquiring airframes and restoring them is also a major undertaking requiring special skills. But there is plenty of room for those who want to learn and who want to do any number of the tasks that a museum requires to operate.

The museum is fortunate to have the support of the airfield owners, Bentwaters Parks. Owned by the Kemball family,

who originally farmed part of the land the base was built on, Bentwaters Parks were instrumental in instigating the museum, providing the location, and have continued to help including the use of a Hardened Aircraft Shelter (HAS - one of the curved roof hangars that are spread across the airfield).

Of special note is the way the base has remained mainly intact. Many former RAF and USAF bases have all but been erased by housing developments or returned to agricultural use. Fortunately the Kemball family have a great interest in history and had participated in the Anglo-American activities while the base was open. Many of the buildings are much as they were when the base closed, most are in use for businesses, many signs are still in place, the feel of the base remains clearly military. With a fully functioning runway, it is still all about flying.

The volunteers who work at the museum come from all walks of life. Youngsters who were not even born when the base was open, retired enthusiasts and American service personnel who have a life-long passion for the base.

So what goes on at the museum, which for Rendlesham residents might be a mystery?

It opens from Easter to the end of October, two Sundays a month and Bank Holiday Sundays and Mondays. Visitors are welcomed by volunteers and given a brief overview and left to walk around the exhibits at their leisure. If the weather is poor, the Command Post, being a bunker with three foot thick walls, provides immunity from all the UK can throw at it!

Displays cover the history in the form of high quality models and every aspect of base life is shown on information boards and display items.

Though most rooms have been modified for museum purposes, the highlight is the rooms that have been restored to their original operational use as a command and control centre for the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing that operated over one hundred A-10 Thunderbolt attack aircraft, the largest single wing in post war USAF history. The bunker has an eerie Cold War atmosphere and it takes little to immerse yourself in what would have happened at the height of the conflict.

Volunteers are at hand to assist visitors and provide information and anecdotes of the story of the base. Often veterans visit to bring the sound of an American voice back to the rooms. A volunteer on regular duty is MSgt Bob Hale who served in the Command Post and gives talks throughout the day, captivating his audience with his knowledge.

Outside, the aircraft are proudly displayed with those completed recognised as of the highest of standards. The jewel in the crown is the A-10 Thunderbolt (or Warthog as it is affectionately known)

which took 13 years of lobbying the USAF to acquire on loan and a further year of restoration. Preparing the A-10 for transit and transporting it by special convoy with a police escort was a huge task for the volunteers. When it was unveiled to a specially invited audience of veterans and supporters, the highest of compliments was given by the last Wing Commander at the base, Brigadier General Roger Radcliffe who flew over from the US especially for the ceremony. With his hand on the nose of the "Hog" he said "they didn't come out of the factory this good!"

Whether it's creating displays, researching the history, working on the archives, cleaning exhibits, managing the paperwork and back office, repairing the buildings, cutting the grass, working in the café/shop, on duty on open days or working on aircraft and vehicles, there is much to do for the volunteers. It all adds up to a great experience for visitors and keeps the memory of the base alive for future generations.

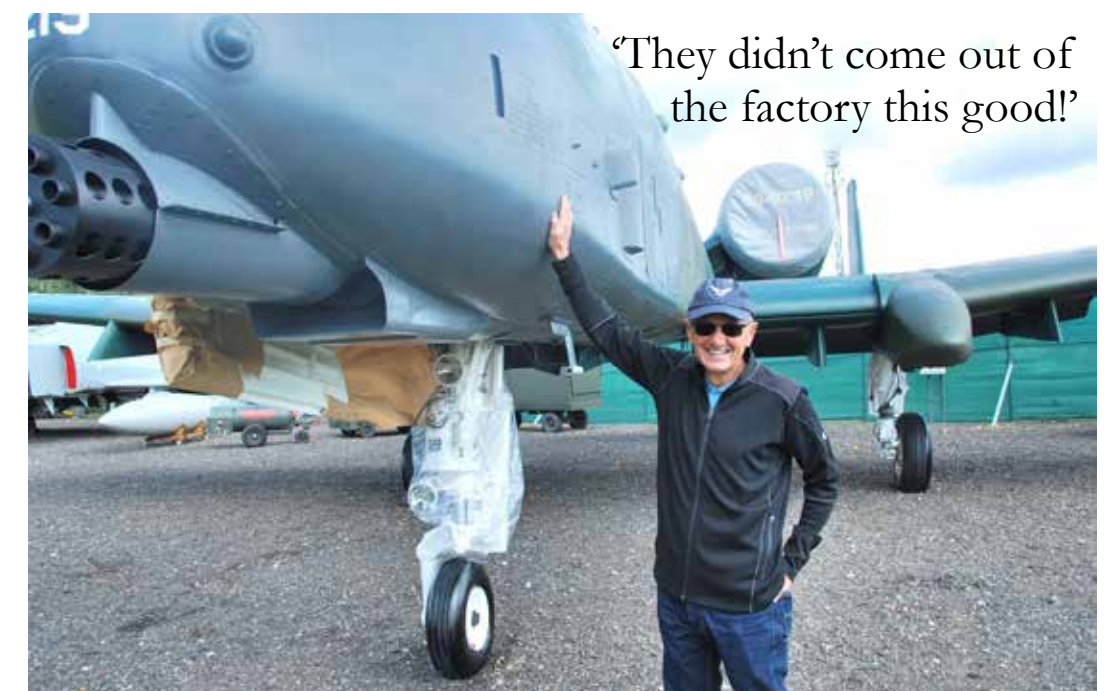
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Below: BCWM trustee and volunteer Graham Gilbert working in the museum shop.



Photography by Bentwaters Cold War Museum



Right: Brigadier General Roger Radcliffe 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Bentwaters USAF admires the Museum A-10 Thunderbolt at the unveiling ceremony Sept 2017



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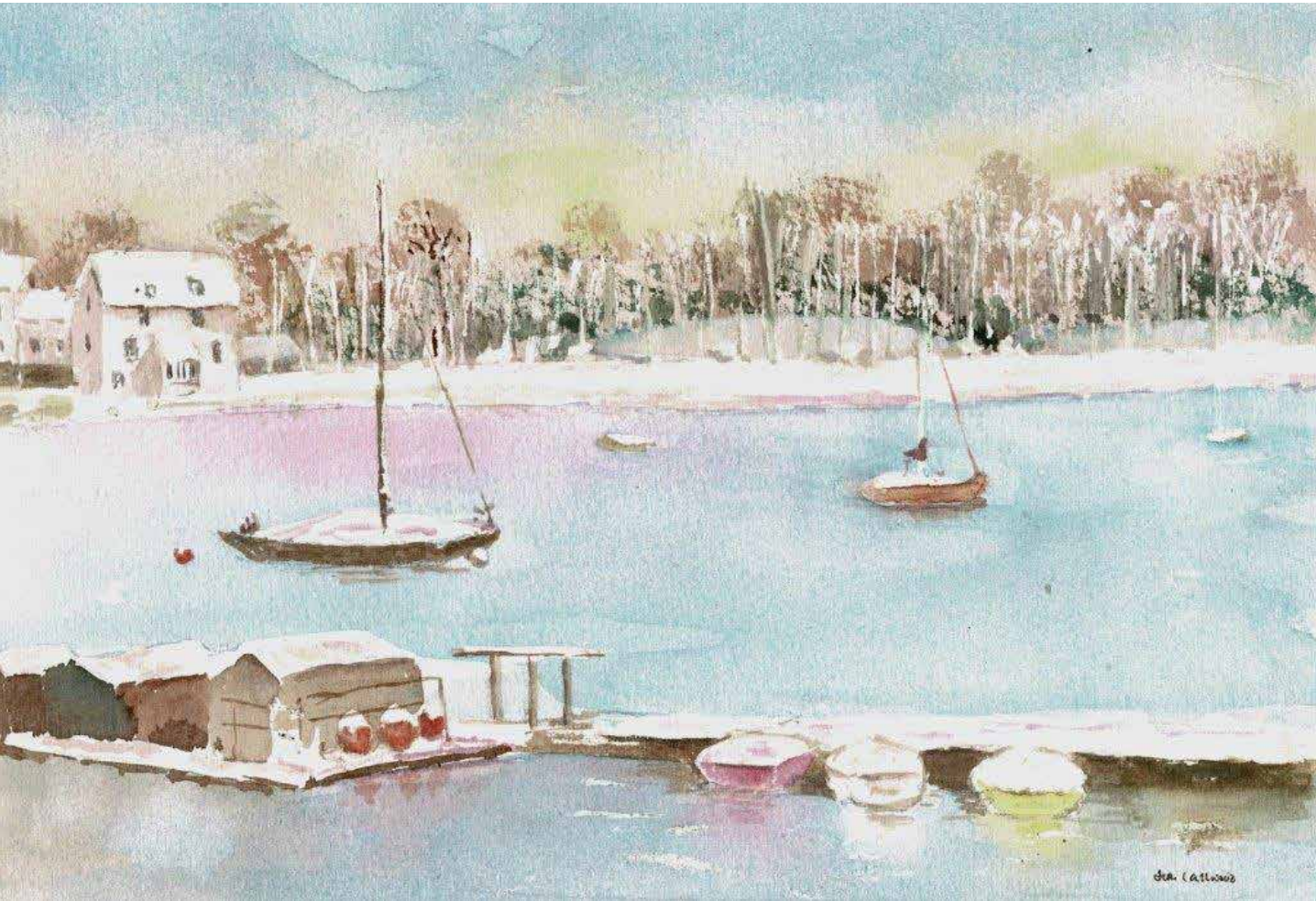


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Woodbridge News



Above: Snowy scene of Woodbridge by Jean Callwood
Left: Silhouette by Roy Cooper



Woodbridge Art Club

The difficulties of 2020 gave the club a big push towards our online presence, culminating in our first-ever online exhibition in the run-up to Christmas. This has been a great success which we hope to build on in 2021. One of our members, Jane Cochrane, who is herself an accomplished Artist, did a wonderful job of putting the exhibition together. We had lots of interest in the exhibition. These are some of the positive comments we received:

‘Lovely exhibition and well put together in the ‘rooms.’’

‘Absolutely stunning work, I could have bought many of them if I had room!’

During 2020 the club pulled together to keep our community active under difficult circumstances. As we begin 2021 we are hopeful and are planning a collaborative project on the subject of ‘Hope’.

www.woodbridgeartclub.org.uk

Suffolk hotel owner is a finalist in top local business award

Tarnia Robertson, managing director of Ufford Park Hotel, Golf and Spa was named a finalist in the Director of the Year category at the Suffolk Business Awards on Tuesday November 17th.

Run by the East Anglian Daily Times, the Suffolk Business Awards aim to recognise the most successful businesses in Suffolk. The awards take place every year but due to the pandemic, winners were announced via social media this year rather than at an awards ceremony.

In response to being shortlisted for this award, Tarnia said: “The hospitality industry has been one of the hardest hit by the pandemic, so the last few months have been particularly tough, but the support we have received so far has been incredible.

“I cannot thank everyone enough for their support and positivity over these last few months.

“Without my amazing team of employees, I would never have been shortlisted in this award, so I owe it to them.”

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the second national lockdown meant that Ufford Park had to close its doors to the public once again. The hotel does however remain open for those who have to travel for work purposes, key workers including NHS staff and vulnerable groups.

Tarnia continued: “We can’t wait until we can open our doors again in December.”

Ufford Park, Hotel, Golf and Spa is currently operating in line with Government guidelines. For more information about membership, events or bookings, please visit their website: uffordpark.co.uk



Woodbridge Library

All libraries in Suffolk will be closed until further notice. The mobile library, home library and reservation services will also be suspended until further notice.

All loans and charges will be suspended until 1 March 2021. At the moment there is no planned date for libraries to reopen but any updates will be shared on their website and via social media. The decision to close libraries has been approved by Suffolk County Council.

Items can still be returned to Woodbridge Library via the book drop box. You can also email the library at woodbridge.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk as a member of staff will be monitoring the email inbox remotely.

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East Suffolk has a rich and varied historic environment, including a wide range of buildings, structures and landscapes.

Topics covered in the draft document include conservation areas, listed buildings, non-designated heritage assets and historic parks and gardens, as well as shop fronts and sustainable construction and renewable energy in the historic environment.

The draft document includes guidance on extensions and alterations to a historic building, replacing windows, doors and porches and development within the setting of a historic building.

The Draft SPD and supporting documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-policy-consultations.

Comments can be submitted online via the link above or alternatively they can be emailed to planningpolicy@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or posted to the Planning Policy and Delivery Team at East Suffolk Council by writing to: Planning Policy & Delivery Team East Suffolk Council Riverside, 4 Canning Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 0EQ

Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation

East Suffolk Council is seeking views on a new planning document. Consultation on the Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document is being held for a period of eight weeks between Monday 7th December 2020 and 5pm on Monday 1st February 2021.

The draft Supplementary Planning Document has been prepared to support the implementation of planning policy relating to the historic environment.

East Suffolk has a rich and varied historic environment, including a wide range of buildings, structures and landscapes. Rather than prevent change, this document will provide guidance on making changes and carrying out development in a way that protects and enhances the historic environment.



Consultation period
7th December 2020 to 5pm 1st February 2021

CONSERVING AND ENHANCING THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

What are we doing?

East Suffolk has a rich historic environment, including a wide range of buildings, structures and landscapes.

We are preparing guidance on the implementation of planning policy related to the historic environment, for those who are either planning new development or making changes, alterations or repairs to an existing property.

Rather than prevent change, the document will provide guidance on making changes and carrying out development in a way that protects and enhances the historic environment.


How can you get involved?

GIVE YOUR VIEWS

Visit the website below to view and comment on the draft Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document. If you are unable to view it online, please contact us for a copy.

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The role has many different elements; according to Judi you really have to be a 'Jack (or Jill) of all trades'! Presently Judi works from home, visiting Tunstall when needed, and there is an office in the Community Hall for storage. Working hours are 28 per month and, besides actual meetings, can be carried out at any time of the Clerk's choosing, easily fitted around other employment or family commitments.

The full job description can be found at: www.tunstall.suffolk.cloud/parish-council/vacancy-for-parish-clerk, along with the application form.

Applications should be submitted, along with a current CV, by 28th February and interviews will be held in March or April with an appointment from 1st June. There will be a one-month period of dual working alongside Judi and she will be there to support the new Clerk whenever needed.

Still got questions? Why not call Judi on 01394 411405 to discuss the role, no obligations and in complete confidence.



NEW SPORTS FACILITY IN
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TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL is delighted to announce their recently constructed MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) will be opening this Spring!

The MUGA will have courts for playing tennis, netball or basketball and 5-a-side football and will be open daily between the hours of 9am to 9pm. It has four floodlights which will allow games to be played into the evening and is entirely self-contained within a modern fenced area.

Tunstall PC intends to run the facility as a sports club and so there will be a requirement for those wishing to use the MUGA to join the club by emailing us (below). Once registered, members will be allocated a unique reference number and can book either a one- or two-hour session.

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Deben Community Farm



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We’ve had two things to celebrate this month, first is reaching 1,000 Likes on our Facebook page and the second is an overwhelming response to our shout out for Christmas trees!

Above and right: Pallet raised beds in the Community Garden taking shape



Hitting the 1,000 milestone
New Year’s Day saw our Facebook page hit 1,000 Likes! What a fantastic start to 2021 and really positive news as we enter the third Covid lockdown. Unfortunately, the farm will be closed again from 5 January but as soon as we are able to, we will be open and welcoming back all our supporters, visitors and volunteers.

The ultimate recycling scheme

Another great bit of news is the overwhelming response to our shout out for Christmas trees. People have been dropping them off non-stop since Boxing Day and the total donated has reached around 70! So what do we do with them all? Well, we have the ultimate recycling programme going on at the farm.... Goats. Our goats just adore eating the trees, and when all the needles are gone the trees make amazing back scratchers and great entertainment for them. A huge thank you to everyone for donating your trees, we’ve posted a video and photos on our Facebook page so you can see the goats in action.

Progress on the Community Garden

We’ve been busy building pallet raised beds and marking out the area for the gazebo, which arrives next week. We’ll be posting pictures as it goes up so follow us on Facebook #debencommunityfarm. The two wildlife ponds should be going in soon and the new raspberry hedge has been planted so we’re all on target for our spring planting and making full use of the new garden this summer.



With so much going on we now need to revamp our website! We’ll let you know when the big relaunch is planned in next month’s issue.
In the meantime, stay safe and keep well in these strange times.
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The internet based station can now boast over 20 different shows, each with its own presenter, featuring a mix of music, interviews, information, news, trivia, games and most of all, fun.




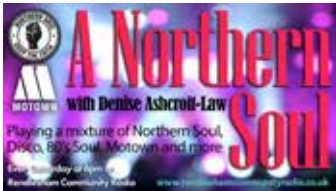
















More shows are coming - the station will soon be welcoming local stand up comedienne, Victoria Shortley to the schedule and one of the most recent additions - Wayne at the Weekend, hosted by Wayne Burns of Leiston Film Theatre is proving to be very popular on Sunday mornings.

The station has a well earned reputation for delivering some excellent music and its live lounge has been a much sought after venue for local artists as a great way to get their music heard.

The listener stats continue to grow, as do the number of followers on social media - almost 550 in just a few months of being online.

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Monday	9 - 10pm Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
Tuesday	5 - 6pm Uptown Transmission with Gary James 7 - 9 pm Strange Days with Steve Boyce 9 - 4 am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
Wednesday	3 - 4pm Old Friends with Malcolm Clark 6 - 8pm Something for the Weekend catch-up with Leanda Hoyland-Linch 8 - 9pm Life of a pig skin with Darren cook 9 - 4am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
Thursday	7 - 9pm Izaak's Hours with Izaak de May 9 - 4am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio
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
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
Sunday	10 - 12pm Wayne at the Weekend 3 - 4pm Baby Boomers with Malcolm Clark 8 - 4am Ambient Music World from Mothership Radio





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FOXHALL RE-USE SHOP

Following government lockdown guidelines, the Foxhall re-use shop will temporarily close until further notice.

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



We give free, independent advice to disabled people and carers living in the Suffolk Coastal area, which includes:

- Welfare benefits and appeals representation
- Appointments with Job Centres and medicals
- Housing rights and adaptations
- Accessible transport and leisure
- Education and employment
- Care and support

We are open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm

We offer telephone and email advice, drop-ins, appointments and home visits, and we can sometimes accompany people attending Job Centre interviews and medical assessments.

We also run advice surgeries in other parts of Suffolk Coastal. So if you can't come to us, we'll come to you!

You can contact us:

Phone: 01394 387070
Fax: 01394 387670
Email: advice@daseastsuffolk.org.uk
Website: www.daseastsuffolk.org.uk

Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Services

10:30 am

Sudbourne Baptist Chapel

COVID restrictions apply. Please contact Dave for if you would like to come

Online

Website: www.stbaptist.co.uk

YouTube

Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

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Pastor Dave Rushbrook:

pastor@stbaptist.co.uk / 01394 809691

SUDBOURNE & TUNSTALL BAPTIST CHURCH

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 14.00 - 18.30
Tuesday	08.30 - 13.00 14.00 - 17.30
Wednesday	08.30 - 13.00 14.00 - 18.30
Thursday	08.30 - 13.00 14.00 - 17.30
Friday:	08.30 - 13.00 14.00 - 17.30

Wickham Market Medical Centre

Tel 01728 747101

Sudoku Challenge answer

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

Rendlesham Women

No meetings until further notice

Contact Sue:
01394 421340



Post Office, Costcutters opening hours

Monday - Friday	9am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9am - 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed



The Roman Catholic Parish of Woodbridge and Framlingham

Parish Priest:
Fr Edmund Eggleston

Churches:
St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodbridge
St Clare's, Framlingham

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

Wickham Market Doctors Surgery	01728 747101
Acer Road Pharmacy 6 Acer Road, IP12 2GA	01394 460548
District Councillor	01728 746337
Ray Herring	07885 249218
County Councillor	
Alexander Nicoll	07922 586303
Gas Emergency	(0800)111 999
Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team	01473 613500
Rendlesham Primary School	
Head: Mr Kevin Speirs	01394 462190
Eyke CEVC Primary School	
Head: Lucy Fairweather	01394 460328
Rendlesham Parish Church	
Rev'd: Mandy Reynolds	01394 420129
Farlingaye High School	
Head: Dr Sievwright	01394 385720
Woodbridge Library	01394 446510
Parish Council	
Mrs Heelis, Parish Clerk	01394 420207
Police (non-emergency)	101
Rendlesham Dental Practice	01394 421500
Rendlesham Day Nursery	01394 420581 07917 854086
Ryder-Davies & Partners Vets	01394 420964
Post Office (Cost Cutters)	01394 461221
Keep in Touch	
Rev Mandy Reynolds	01394 420129
Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church	
Rev'd Dave Rushbrook	01394 809691
Rendlesham Children's Centre	
Leader: Carolyn LeMay	01394 462191
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