

History Recorder Report 2022

I have continued to write articles for Redgrave cum Botesdale with the Rickinghalls Parish Magazine although this is not necessarily part of the village recorders work but many villagers like to read about what has happened in our villages and people in the past, so I sometimes write about Botesdale and Rickinghall also. Last year my articles included four women who died but did so much for other people in our area. Those articles are mainly eulogies written by their family or friends. These ladies were Beryl Waters, Jean Bennett, Jenifer Cordeaux and Doris Erith. The other articles I wrote were about Fen Street, Redgrave, from old Documents, Camper vans, Charlie Orves Memories, Trees in Redgrave Park, Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and early churches in East Anglia.

Ann Topham organised a walk in Redgrave Park and I held an exhibition about the American hospital and the prisoner of war camp which were situated in Redgrave Park during WWII. This was held in the old cottage where Wop, the gamekeeper for the Redgrave Estate used to live.

The books which Quatrefoil have published about Redgrave, Botesdale and Rickinghall have sold well during the last year. The book of photographs, Portraits of Village Life, has had to be re-printed. The books which include Redgrave are kindly sold for us by the Community Shop, and all the books are also sold at the Farmers Market in Rickinghall.

The Museum of East Anglian Life is changing its name to the Food Museum and will be bringing their touring exhibition to Rickinghall Village Hall, hosted by The Friends of Rickinghall Church. The museum would like people to visit the exhibition to tell them about local recipes and the University of Leeds will be there to hear about words used in the Suffolk dialect. This exhibition will be held on 25th June from 10am to 4 pm.