



**July 2025**

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### **New Parish Councillor**

We would like to introduce Mike Hall as a new Parish Councillor for Redgrave. Mike and his wife returned to the UK after living in Spain and moved into Redgrave in 2020. Mike enjoys village life being a member of Redgrave Old Codgers, which meets weekly at The Cross Keys, is part of the Redgrave Speed Watch team, is a member of St Botolph's Bowls Club and he enjoys pottering around in the garden. Earlier this year a rescue dog named Badger became part of the family which, Mike says, has given them a new dimension and purpose to life. Please join us in welcoming Mike onto the Parish Council. We also still have two other vacancies for Councillors. If anyone is interested or would like further information please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk)

### **Results of Survey for Potential Development at Gallows Hill**

The results of the village survey have been certified and will be published shortly, together with responses to any comments and queries raised as part of the survey. Details will be published via our email bulletin, on the notice board by the pond, the village website and on the Parish Council and Redgrave village Facebook pages, so please do keep an eye out for the information.

### **Botesdale Health Centre - New Appointment Booking System**

A reminder that from 2nd July Botesdale Health Centre has introduced a new Anima triage and appointment booking system. This system will be used to book appointments after that date. If you haven't already done so, you need to set up an Anima account. Further information and link to set up an account can be found here [Anima Total Triage - Botesdale Health Centre](#) Responses to an Anima request are sent by email and a notification is sent to your Anima account. If anyone is struggling with the technical side of Anima, help is on hand in the waiting room at the health centre on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July so please do go along and ask for assistance.

### **U.S Army 65th General Hospital Commemorative Event**

**Service at 11am on Sunday 20th July at St Mary's Church, Redgrave**

**After Service drinks, BBQ and live music at Star Wing**

A commemorative event to remember the services of the U.S Army 65th General Hospital which was stationed at Redgrave Park from March 1944 to August 1945. The event is open to the public so do go along if you are interested. (Dress code smart casual/respectful please). The event will be supported by guests speakers and the Honour Guard of US Air Force Mildenhall and Lakenheath. After the church service, there will be drinks, BBQ and live music from The Knightingales Vocal Trio at Star Wing which is just across the road from the church. Further information about this

absolutely fascinating part of our local history and the commemorative event can be found here ([20+](#)) [Facebook](#) The event organiser can be contacted via [65thgeneralhospital@gmail.com](mailto:65thgeneralhospital@gmail.com)

### **Road Closure for Hot Rod Day - 25th August 2025**

Advance warning that part of The Street will be closed this year for the Hot Rod day on 25th August. For those of you who don't do Facebook, this was recently posted by the event organisers on the Redgrave Village Facebook page. "This year we have a sponsor for the show, Frontline Traffic Solutions Ltd. They will manage the road on the day of the show, 25th August 2025. To keep everyone safe this will involve the road closure of the B1113 The Street 100 yards passed the Cross Keys to South Lopham and from Churchway or the duck pond between 10am until 5pm. One lane will be kept clear for emergency vehicles and at all times residents' driveways and access to their homes will be kept clear. Each end of the road closure will be managed to allow this access. Thank you Redgrave. Thank you Frontline".

### **Helping Hands Charity/Thrive Community Cafe awarded Best Rural Community Initiative 2025**

This local project began as a one-woman mission during the pandemic, delivering food boxes from her garage. Since then it has grown into a lifeline for over 260 households in need. Helping Hands runs a vibrant community cafe at Redgrave & Lopham Fen and a food hub in Kenninghall. The charity received the award, which was sponsored by the Aviva Community Fund, at The Royal Norfolk Show. The judges praised its wraparound support, its dignity-first approach and its commitment to education - engaging students in food sustainability and social responsibility. Huge congratulations to Helping Hands which is a big asset to our local community.

### **Suffolk Devolution Survey**

Further to the government consultation, Suffolk County Council has launched a new survey giving residents the opportunity to shape the future of councils and public services in Suffolk. It's part of the Government's plan to reshape and streamline councils in Suffolk to save money, reduce confusion and improve public services for residents. The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete, and can be done online at [Council reorganisation affects us all - so have your say today - Suffolk County Council](#) or by emailing [devolution@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:devolution@suffolk.gov.uk) or by calling 0345 603 1842 where a member of Suffolk County Council's customer services team can help residents to complete the survey. People can also visit any of Suffolk's 45 libraries to complete the survey online. The survey asks questions about local democracy – such as how you raise issues that need addressing, local decision making, how you might want to get involved and the specifics of the council reorganisation itself. The survey is open until **4 August 2025**.

### **Suffolk Community Libraries**

Library services in Suffolk have moved back into the County Council from 1<sup>st</sup> June. A new website has been launched at [Home - Suffolk Community Libraries](#) Importantly, nothing has changed for library users. All 45 libraries remain open, with the same staff, services, opening hours, activities, and the Spydus reservation system. The County Council has been working closely with Suffolk Libraries to ensure the transition is seamless. Users will have full access to the library catalogue and to related library events.

### **School Transport**

As of 1st July parents can apply for spare seats on school transport for the academic year 2025/26. Parents of children who are not eligible for Suffolk County Council funded school travel may wish to buy a spare seat for their child to travel to and from school. Please be aware that there are fewer seats than previous years and they will be sold on a first come first served basis. For further details please go to [Spare seats - Suffolkonboard](#)

### **County Music Service Applications Open**

Applications for the 25-26 season for County Music Groups (Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Suffolk Youth Wind Band, Suffolk Young Strings and Suffolk Youth Jazz Orchestra) are open. The programme is aimed at musicians of grade 4 and above, aged 21 and under. Members can attend rehearsal weekends, a residential course and a European music tour. Further information and to express an interest here [County Music Groups](#)

### **Planning Applications**

We will list here any new planning applications because by the time they appear in the Parish magazine it is sometimes too late for comments. To find details of any application, go to the planning section of BMSDC website, link below, scroll down to the bottom of the page, enter the planning reference and press "search". [Simple Search \(babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

DC/25/02431 - Tudor Limes, The Street. Listed Buildings Consent. Replace existing front door, frame and repairs to surrounds.

DC/25/02890 - Rose Cottage, Half Moon Lane. Replace 4 no. timber windows

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