

DIARY DATES

Thursday 1 November	Candlestick Club, 2pm, Pettiward Hall
Thursday 1, 8, 22, 29 November	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
Friday 2 November	All Souls' Service, 7.30pm, Shelland Church
Thursday 8 November	Garden Club, 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall
Friday 9 November	Wine Tasting Evening, 7.30pm, Buxhall Village Hall
Sunday 11 November	Service of Remembrance, 10.50am, St Andrew's Church Onehouse Ramblers Short Walk, 2.30pm, Church Room, Onehouse
Thursday 15 November	Charity Bingo, 7pm, Pettiward Hall
Saturday 17 November	Michael Green at Onehouse (details inside), Church Room Onehouse
Sunday 18 November	Sunday Explorers, 4.30 – 5.30pm, St Andrew's Church
Saturday 24 November	St Andrew's Supper, 6.30pm, Pettiward Hall
Monday 26 November	Pram Service, 2.15pm, St Mary's Church, Buxhall
Tuesday 27 November	FHOBS Lunch Club, approx. noon, Buxhall Village Hall Christmas Flower Demonstration, 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall
Friday 30 November	Community Assembly, 2.45pm, Finborough Primary School

Services at St Andrew's in November

Thursday 1 November	0am	Holy Communion
4 November	11am	Holy Communion
11 November	10.50am	Benefice Service of Remembrance
Thursday 15 November	10am	Holy Communion
18 November	11am	Holy Communion
25 November	10.30am	Patronal Festival

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR NOVEMBER

Priest-in-charge: The Revd Lindsay Llewellyn MacDuff, The Rectory, Onehouse
Telephone: 01449 616010

Weekday Morning Prayer 8.00 - 8.30 am Monday: Onehouse; Friday: Great Finborough

Thursday 1 November 10 am Holy Communion (1) Finborough

Friday 2 November 7.30 pm All Souls' Day Service Shelland

4 November

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

9.30 am Sung Eucharist (1)
9.30 am Reflective Morning Prayer
11 am Holy Communion (1)
11 am Matins

Fourth Sunday before Advent All Saints' Day

Buxhall
Shelland
Finborough
Harleston

Thursday 8 November 10 am Holy Communion (2) Shelland

11 November

Job 19.23-27a; 2 Thess 2.1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.27-38

9 am Holy Communion (2)
10.50 Benefice Service of Remembrance

Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Day

Shelland
Finborough

Thursday 15 November 10 am Holy Communion (1) Finborough

18 November

Malachi 4.1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

9.30 am Family Service + Baptism

Second Sunday before Advent

Buxhall

9.30 am Matins
11 am Holy Communion (1)
11 am Holy Communion (1)

Shelland
Finborough
Onehouse

Thursday 22 November 10 am Holy Communion (2) Shelland

25 November

Isaiah 52.7-10; Romans 10.12-18; Matthew 4.18-22

St Andrew

Sunday next before Advent
Finborough

10.30 am Patronal Festival

Notes to services: Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1)
Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)

Stowmarket Chorale together with
Pupils of the Royal Grammar School, Colchester
invite you to their Christmas concert
at Stowmarket Parish Church
7pm Saturday, 8th December 2007

*Tickets £7.50 to include mince pies
£6 concessionary rate; If you are Under 12 – free entry.
Ticket office: Maurice and Beryl Page, 01449 743990,
Stowmarket Tourist Information Centre or on the night.*

EACH Stowmarket & District Friend's Group invite you to-
DANCE TO BACKTRACK (50s 60s 70s 80s)
AT STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL
SAT 17TH NOVEMBER-8.00 PM
£6 EACH INC LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
BAR AVAILABLE- RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO EACH
TICKETS FROM MARION 01449 675447 OR ROSIE 01449-676504

Find out more about East Anglia's Children's Hospices at www.each.org.uk

November 2007

A variety of material this month – and very encouraging to hear that 'Team Finborough' has got of to a flying start. One or two bits of advance notice for Christmas events – more next month of course.

Following the announcement last month of a search for a new editor I would just reiterate that if any on would like to talk over what might be involved – do get in touch.

Trudy

News and views from your District Councillor, John Matthissen

Good news on recycling this month.

Tetra-paks – cartons for milk, fruit juice etc can now be recycled if you take them to the Civic Amenity site at Stowmarket (or any other in the county). Please save them until you have a few, and try and combine your visit with other purposes, as a special car journey with a few cartons will NOT on balance benefit the planet. Alongside this, there is now a facility for plastic bags, so that these too can be recycled.

Both of these materials are troublesome if they reach the Materials Recycling Facility at Blakenham via our green wheelie bins, so these new arrangements have two benefits, ensuring the tetra-paks and bags are recycled, and improving the efficiency of the MRF.

I and all councillors are attending extra meetings to finalise our Local Plan Core Strategy draft, and the balance of new homes between town edge and villages is being keenly debated. The causes and consequences of climate change are also featuring strongly, as they must, and the particular need for additional leisure facilities has come through strongly from public inputs.

Thanks to those who continue to bring me trees. I have not been able to finalise the tree planting locations and dates yet, but watch this space and your parish notice boards.

To get in touch, call 01449 771742 or email john.matthissen@midsuffolk.gov.uk or you could write a letter to me at 3 Wash Lane Corner, Great Finborough IP14 3BJ

Tree Matters

Trees are topical wherever you go
So your Tree Warden went to Lavenham at Babergh's invitation
To hear of 'Trees and Climate Change'
From practitioners, specialists and their ministration.

"Olive trees in England! Just like 2000 years ago."
"Coppice woodland grown short term now fuels some of the County's schools."
"For toys and tools from local wood look up allotmentforestry.com",
Enthusiastic lines in the morning from woodmen's knowledge pools.

After lunch delegates and speakers were bussed to Hall farm at Milden
Where the Hawkins family showed us techniques
In tree planting, hedge maintenance and wildlife encouragement.
Starting the Green Wood from locally collected berries, seeds and nuts is almost unique.

As a youngster, boys will be boys,
Trees were a challenge to be climbed but not vandalised;
They have a finite life but can be managed to last for 100s of years;
Age takes its toll so their stock needs to be revitalised.

But what can we do? Take up the challenge
From our new Mid Suffolk Councillor to plant his 'voters' trees'
Now scheduled for the next planting season 2008/09;
Let us know where they can or should go, please.

Rodney Self, Tree Warden, 771462

Candlestick Club: Over 60s

Unfortunately the October meeting had to be cancelled due to the speaker dropping out at short notice. This was unavoidable – but let's get together for the November meeting and the December Christmas Lunch.

Our November meeting is a Bingo Session in the Pettward Hall at Finborough, 2pm Thursday 1 November. Please try and make an effort to attend. We shall also be taking names for the December Christmas Lunch. The date is Thursday 6 December, 12o'clock for a sit down at 12.30. Don't forget also that subscriptions are due.

New members are always welcome.

Keith (736598); Hilary (615494)

Local History Group

At the October meeting Roy Colchester of Mendlesham followed the fortunes - or otherwise - of his father, Spencer, a Private in the Suffolk Regiment during the First World War and the Battle of the Somme.

Spencer was born in April 1889 and enlisted in September 1915. Having been brought up on a farm he was very fit, which served him well on the battlefields of France and Belgium on the Salient/Ypres/Somme Front. Old films always show the water-filled trenches, the gas and the explosions, but Spencer's letters also revealed continuous marching to and from the Front Line, often repeatedly between the same places. He was so grateful for the parcels

and letters from home and for the hot tea provided by the Salvation Army at the Front Line. Then he wrote of his friend being wounded, have lost both feet, and on separate occasions the deaths of two friends from Mendlesham. In September 1917 when wounded himself he wrote that being in hospital was 'the first rest I have had since I have been here'; later he was gassed, which caused health problems later in life. Although looking forward to being home in November 1918 he was not demobilised until April 1919, shell-shocked, nursed for two years by his sister and suffering nightmares right through to the 1930s during which he would shout out: "Here they come!". In September 1939 at the outbreak of World War 2 he said: "Oh no, not that again". As we come again to the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month people might like to read the full report of Roy's talk - copies in the Church Room and the notice board inside the Church.

For November Geoff Clarke will be visiting again with a selection from the East Anglian Film Archives. **Please note** that the meeting for **November 6** has had to be **put back to TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20** at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room. Always a popular evening for all ages, so please do come. The usual Christmas meeting will be on Tuesday, 4 December.

Pauline Llewellyn, Onehouse

Team Finborough has a Fantastic Start

Both Team Finborough's Youth Committee and Youth Café have started with great turnouts. The committee has 28 official members and the Youth Café had a similar turnout. At the last Youth Committee meeting, the committee officers were elected, these are as follows:

Chairman - Scott Murkin
Vice Chairmen - Joe Ball & Jack Lloyd
Secretary - Ella Andrews
Vice Secretaries - Abigail Brewster & Rebecca Woollam

The Team Finborough Committee and Youth Café are open to people aged from 11-17. The committee meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month and the Youth Café is open every Thursday apart from bingo nights.

We also would appreciate it if any adults could put themselves forward to help with the Youth Café. If interested contact Mandy Murkin, Debbie Ball or Chris Nettleton.

Produced by Scott Murkin

Christmas Cards to Friends and Neighbours

It has been suggested that this year, instead of sending cards in celebration of the festive season to friends in the village, and neighbours, people might like to put a message in the December edition of the village newsletter instead. The money saved can be donated to your favoured charity/local group. The information required would be:

- ❖ Your name(s)
- ❖ A brief message
- ❖ The name of the charity that will benefit (optional).

If you'd like a message to be included please send information to the Editor by 15 November.

Charity Bingo

The next charity bingo will be to raise money for the **bingo fund** and will be on
15th November at 7pm at Pettward Hall, Great Finborough.

All welcome, (Children accompanied by an adult please) Bingo, Raffle and Refreshments. Any questions please feel free to ring either Sharla Goldsmith (678480) or Mari Green (770032).

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 11th November. Meet at the Church Room car park on Forest Road at 2.30pm for a fairly gentle walk of about an hour.

If you are interested, but can't make that date, do let me know.

Derek Ames (Tel. 613328)

Great Finborough CEVC Primary School

The school has enjoyed a busy 1st half term of the new academic year. The children returned enthusiastically and smart in their new uniforms. We welcomed 15 new children to Green Class (Reception) and new pupils to both Red Class (6-7 yr olds) and Blue Class (7-9 yr olds). We have also introduced a 4th class to the school in the morning.

Blue Class have made a fantastic start to learning how to play the violin. We successfully applied for funding to purchase 30 violins and weekly tuition. The children have made pleasing progress and it is a pleasure to see and hear them use a quality instrument.

Blue Class have also taken part in an 'Artwork' project. The children visited Blackthorpe Barn and viewed the work of several artists. The children will be selecting an artist to work alongside them in school.

Purple Class (5-6 yr olds) and Green Class (Reception) visited the local leisure centre in Stowmarket and enjoyed a tour of the centre learning about different ways we can keep healthy and enjoy ourselves. The children then enjoyed time in Playworld and the leisure centre kindly gave all the children a free swim and a free Frisbee.

We continue to be involved in the Stowmarket Sport Partnership which is enabling the children to access a range of different clubs and activities.

We held a very successful Harvest Service at St Andrews and my thanks must go to everyone who took part, attended the service and donated funds. All the children grew their own 'Cress-heads' and modelled it in the design of what they hope to be when they grow up. We had aspirations ranging from astronauts to doctors to ballerinas.

Our next Community Assembly is on **Friday 30th November 2007 at 2:45**. Everyone welcome!

Best wishes
Stephen R Dodd, Headteacher.

ToolsWithAMission (TWAM) and Trauma Teddies

Thanks to those who have provided more Trauma Teddies (from Ware via Lowestoft !), material, blankets, curtains and clothing. Last year TWAM filled 21 containers which were sent to Uganda (10), Zambia (7), Ruanda (3), Benin (1) and small shipments to Albania. Included in these were 2605 sewing machines, reconditioned where necessary - and this is why material and all haberdashery is needed. Simple garden tools are always required such as spades, forks, rakes and hoes. TWAM also welcomes tools that can be made into kits for motor mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, electricians and builders.

If you can help please speak to Pauline Llewellyn (673190) or John Grimaldi (612440)

Friends of Stowmarket High School

Annual Craft Fair
10am - 4pm, Saturday 17 November
Stowmarket High School

Free Admission and Parking
Shop early for Christmas from a fantastic variety of local crafts

Food served all day

St Andrew's Church

October was certainly a busy month for the Church – starting with the harvest celebrations. The Indian evening certainly proved popular – more food than the assembled company could eat and a real buzz of conversation. Many thanks to those who helped in the preparations and clearing up afterwards. And thanks to all who came.

The proceeds of the evening and the Harvest Festival the following day contributed to a donation of £248 to Anglicans in World Mission supporting their work with rural communities in India and elsewhere. Thanks to all who helped in decorating the church.

The theme of the Harvest, Seeds of Hope, was continued by the Primary School at their Harvest celebrations later in the week – a wonderful range of singing, words and acting out of the Parable of the Sower. Some of the poems that formed part of the service have been displayed at the back of the church – and much admired by visitors. We also welcomed about 20 children from the Pre-School to a short Harvest story and song – and are looking forward to their next visit shortly before Christmas.

In the middle of October the Church was full for a confirmation service for the Stowmarket Deanery – an exciting and moving occasion enhanced by the enthusiastic singing led by the choir assembled from the Deanery and including several singers from the Buxhall based benefice choir.

Patronal Festival Weekend

At the end of November we celebrate our Patronal Festival, at 10.30am on 25th November when the preacher will be Canon Peter Barham from the cathedral. The previous night is the St Andrew's Supper (details elsewhere) – last year's was very successful, and we hope this too will be well supported.

Crib Festival

If you would like to help in the planning of this display of Nativity Figures and Christmas Cribbs, to be held over the weekend of 15/16 December, do come along to chat it over over a glass of wine (or cup of coffee) at the Old Police House, 8pm Thursday 15th November.

Help in the organisation of this would be appreciated – e.g. with publicity, helping to plan and set up the display or perhaps on hour at the church to welcome visitors. If you would like to be involved and can't make the 15th Nov please contact Trudy (674819).

Two more December dates for your Diary

Christingle Service – 4.30pm, Sunday 9 December
Community Carols at Finborough Primary School – 6.15pm Thursday 13 December

St Andrew's Parish Church contacts

Priest in Charge:

Revd Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff, The Rectory Onehouse 01449 616010

Assistant clergy:

Revd Trudy Gray, The Old Police House Gt Finborough 01449 674819

Revd Chris Childs, 3, Chapel Close Buxhall 01449 736093

Churchwardens:

Mrs Lesley Cass, Valley Farm 01449 675970

Mrs Brenda Grimaldi, Gardenside, 01449 612440

Lay Elder:

Nigel Brown, Onehouse, 01449 675344

All the clergy of this benefice are available for pastoral care - to offer a space to talk informally, to offer support and prayer.

Pop in For Coffee at St Andrew's
Every Saturday Morning
from 10.30am to Noon

This is an informal opportunity to have coffee and a chat - perhaps when you're passing on a stroll around the village or visiting the churchyard.

There may even be an opportunity to buy some garden produce!

**A Christmas Flower Demonstration
to be held in the Pettward Hall
on Tuesday November 27th
at 7.30pm**

Tickets from Mrs B Wade (616817)
and Mrs H Mead (673660)
£5 including glass of wine and mincepie.

All proceeds in aid of Great Finborough and Little Finborough Churches

Do come along and get some ideas for Christmas

**St Andrew's Supper
Saturday 24 November
6.30pm at the Pettward Hall**

**£8.00 (£4.00 children under 12); to include coffee and soft drinks – bring your own drinks
if required.**

Tickets available from Lesley (675970), Trudy (674819) or Nigel (675344)

Sunday Explorers

Now meeting Third Sunday each month
4.30 – 5.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Finborough

Next Session: Sunday 18 November

Games, crafts, stories, singing (and who knows what else!)

Open to all between 7 and 12 years, if you'd like more information just contact Trudy (674819) or Nigel (675344).

**Saturday 17th November
in the Church Room, Onehouse**

**Michael Green will speak at
A Coffee Morning starting at 10.30am
A Light Lunch starting at 12 o'clock**

Come & hear Michael talk about his work as a disabilities nurse in Jordan.

Donations from these two events will be sent to the Church Mission Society to support Michael's work

Great Finborough and District Garden Club

As the height of this years summer season declined, and the very welcome Indian summer has definitively drawn to a close; the time of filling of leaf mulch bins has arrived along with tidying up and putting the garden to bed for the winter. Then you can relax by the fire with the seed catalogues and dream of next year's garden show.

The October event entitled "Caring for your lawns," a talk with slides by Mary and Roger Mitson-Woods from "GreenThumb" was well attended and generated some interesting discussion. Mary and Roger engaged us with all things lawn, from Moss to leather jacket infestations and introduced us to SNOW a little early in the year (Sun, Nutrients, Oxygen and Water – the essentials for a green lush lawn!).

November's meeting on Thursday 8th is entitled, "All you wanted to know about apple trees, but were afraid to ask". Graham Proctor from Crown Nurseries will bring along lots of material (perhaps, even an Apple tree) to help us to understand, prune and care for our trees and let us in on industry secrets too.

Again a plea from the committee: As membership has continued to grow we need to be sure of the numbers wishing to attend the Christmas function in case we need to change the venue to a larger room. (In the unlikely event that a reminder is necessary even for those new to the Garden Club: The Winter party is a light-hearted quiz, with nibbles and mulled wine which will take place on Thursday 6th December). Please ensure that you return the December function slip by the next meeting (8th November), or let John or Judy know your intentions.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Membership is only £10 per household per year. For further information contact either: John Davey on 674401 or john@abbeyclassics.co.uk or Judith Cameron on 672978 or ianandjudy@beeb.net

Skylarks Children's Club

We're delighted that Derek Ames will be leading this group which has been running successfully for a number of years. Many thanks to Gloria Hall for her enthusiasm and all the work and time she has put into the group over since it first started.

The group is open to Primary School children from the five parishes of the Benefice and meets during term time on second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from 4.30 to 6pm at the Church Room, Onehouse.

Dates for the rest of the year are:

8 November, 22 November and 13 December.

There is a varied range of activities – so far this year we have made biscuits, sung songs, played an assortment of games and acted out the story of Jonah (complete with props made during the session).

Why not come along and see what goes on, For more information contact Derek on 613328 or Trudy on 674819

Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 17th November at 8.0am
in the Church Room, Onehouse
finish by 9.30am**

Speaker: Michael Green from Jordan

Please book places with Derek Ames (Tel. 613328) by Wednesday 14th November indicating continental or traditional breakfast.

There will be an offering to cover expenses

From the Team

*'For what has been, thanks
For that which is to come, yes*

wrote Dag Hammarskjold former Secretary General of the United Nations. It seems to me that those sentiments resonate through this month of November.

On the 11th, we rightly remember, and with great ceremony, those who have served the cause of freedom in the wars of the last century and enable us to enjoy the opportunities we now have. On the 5th with traditional family and communal parties we remember the capture of those who would blow up our King and parliament. On the 2nd

we remember those whom we have loved but see no longer. It is a month to remember and give thanks for many people and things.

We may not immediately wish to thank God for great suffering or that our loved ones are no longer with us, but we can give thanks for the memories and love that was shared, as well as lives sacrificed, just as we can thank God that others stood for what was right in more difficult times.

Luke's Gospel records the story in Chapter 17 of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed. Only one – the foreigner - turned to give thanks. There are many reasons why the others may not have demonstrated their gratitude there and then but scripture does not mention them again. There are many reasons why we do not thank those who have helped or supported us – it may be because we feel they are paid to do so or we do not want to show that we have been served.

But being thankful is an attitude of mind; it recognises that we are not wholly independent creatures and that we do need others and community in which to grow. This state of mind enables us to see new possibilities and hopes for the future. If we can at least give thanks for the things that we have and acknowledge that we are not entirely 'self made' – we will surely be better placed to appreciate the future and what others have to offer us. Our gratitude may enable us to be more receptive.

So we give thanks *for what has been*, look *For that which is to come* – and say *Yes* to the future. Yes we will take our past with gratitude and put with it our living faith, our hopes and our dreams and see what there is on offer and what we can offer to others in these communities and beyond. **Yes** to the future.....

Chris

FROM THE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes at Onehouse, St John the Baptist Maria Katerina Philpott, aged 58	7 August
Baptism at Buxhall, St Mary Oliver George Andrew Sirett Stefan Marcus Pennington Brown Francesca Faith Pennington Brown	26 August
Interment of Ashes at harleston, St Augustine of Canterbury Eileen Mary Bridges, aged 81	30 August
Marriage at Onehouse, St John the Baptist Emma Louise Chaplin and Dale Woolnough	1 September
Baptism at Onehouse, St John the Baptist Ema Martha Lewis	2 September
Baptism at Finborough, St Andrew Anna Rachel Grace Waine Carole Ann Shaw Rachael Sarah Shaw	9 September
Funeral and Burial at Onehouse, St John the Baptist Doreen Fermor Knott, aged 77	9 October
Baptism at Onehouse, St John the Baptist Anna Joy Filby	14 October
Confirmation at Finborough, St Andrew Gillian Raisey Carole Ann Shaw Abbi Jane Stiff	14 October

**You are invited to a service for
All Souls
7.30pm Friday the 2nd November
at Shelland Church**

If there are individuals who you would like to be remembered at this service, there will be lists up in each of the five churches of this benefice, or alternatively you can phone the Rectory on 616010.

Ladies Lunch

The lunch, first of this new venture, was held at the beginning of October. About a dozen ladies sat down to a simple lunch of quiche, salad and an apple dessert. Michael Green, a special needs nurse with CMS in Jordan, spoke about his work with the Arab and particularly Bedouin families he cares for in the town of Salt, where he is based, and in the desert. It is not an easy life, for Michael has had to gain the trust of the Arab families before he can treat their loved ones. Talking from the work perspective, Michael generated much interest and led to many questions being asked over coffee at the end of the meal. There was no specific cost for the lunch but donations only to cover the food. The ladies' generosity was greatly appreciated and after the food was paid for, £50+ was sent to CMS for Michael's use in his work once he returns to Jordan.

A very big thank you to all who attended.

The next lunch will take place on Thursday 6th December at 12.15pm in the Church Room, Onehouse. The Speaker then will be Christine Amjad-Ali who will talk about being a Christian woman living in a Muslim country.

If you want to attend please let Arlene know by 3rd December on 676123

**Some Songs to Sing,
a story to listen to,
a drink and a biscuit!
You will be very welcome at the Pram Service
In November: Monday 26th
2.15pm at Buxhall Church**

*If you'd like to come along small children are not essential!
Enquiries to Lindsay (616010) - who will be bringing her children along!*