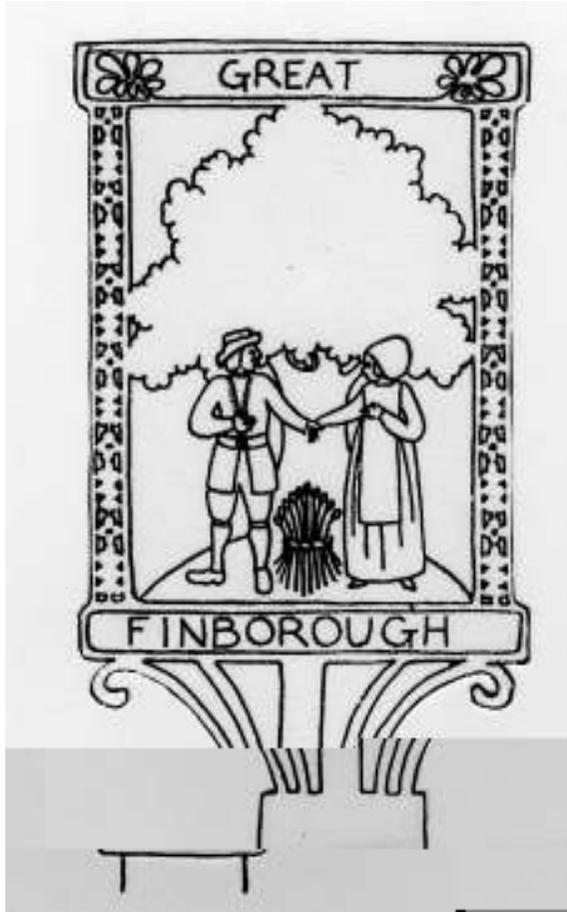


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VILLAGE DIARY – FEBRUARY 2008

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| 3 | 11am | Christian Discussion, Church Room, Onehouse |
| 6 | 7pm | Team Finborough Committee, Petteward Hall |
| 7 | 7-9pm | Youth Café, Petteward Hall |
| 10 | 2.30pm | Onehouse Ramblers, car park Church Room, Onehouse |
| 13 | 12.15pm | Lent Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse |
| 14 | 7-9pm | Youth Café, Petteward Hall |
| 16 | 7.30pm | Valentine's Dance, Buxhall Village Hall |
| 17 | 4.30-5.30pm | Sunday Explorers, St. Andrew's, Finborough |
| 20 | 12.15pm | Lent Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse |
| 20 | 7 for 7.30pm | Buxhall WI, Buxhall Village Hall |
| 21 | 7pm | Youth Café, Petteward Hall |
| 25 | 2.15pm | Pram Service, Buxhall Church |
| 27 | 12.15pm | Lent Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse |
| 28 | 4.30-6pm | Skylarks Children's Club Church Room, Onehouse |
| 28 | 7-9pm | Youth Café, Petteward Hall |
| 29 | 2.45-3.15pm | Community Assembly, Primary School |

VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2008

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| 1 | 7.30pm | Stowmarket Chorale concert, Bury St. Edmunds |
| 2 | 11-11.45am | Mothering Sunday Service, St. Andrew's, Finborough |
| 5 | 12 noon | Lent Lunch, Abbey Oak |
| 12 | 12.15pm | Lent Lunch, Old Police House |
| 13 | 4.30-6pm | Skylarks Children's Club Church Room, Onehouse |

Editorial

As you know this is my first edition as editor of the newsletter – so be gentle with me. It's a responsibility I take very seriously given its long and proud history. I know the newsletter is valued by many of its readers. Maybe like me you always read it from cover to cover, and have the list of contacts pinned up on the board in your kitchen?

I admit to being a bit daunted following in Trudy Gray's footsteps. Nine years of diligently collecting material from such a large number of contributors, making sure we have all the dates for our diaries – and on top of everything else she does for the village – please join me in a round of applause for her!

I will do my best but will rely on you all for your contributions, views on how we should develop the newsletter over time, and critical feedback. Deadline for newsletter contributions: 15th of the month.

I realise many people don't know me so here is a potted version. I've lived in this wonderful village for 7½ years with Norman and our two children at Park Cottage, in the grounds of Finborough School. My family is from Cavenham although I lived in Hackney last. I'm a nurse whose work takes me all over the place. Beyond family, dog and work, renovating our Victorian home is our absorbing 10 year project. We welcome visitors so if you need to contact me about the newsletter or anything else, 'phone, email or call in any time. The kettle is always on.

Sally Gooch

Parish Council Report - January 2008 Meeting

The January meeting is the time to set the precept for the next financial year. I am pleased to report it was decided to keep it the same this year, as it was not felt necessary to make an increase. Grants of £100 each were made to Optua,

Stowmarket Citizen's Advice Bureau and Suffolk Air Ambulance.

Police Community Support Officer Claire Cox attended the meeting and will be soon be trained to use speed guns to target speeding motorists in the local villages. She is based at Elmswell Police Station and her contact details are in Who's Who on the back page.

At school dropping off and collection times there are problems with safe visibility and access for cars at Boundary Cottages, Oak Close and at the top of Middlefield Drive. If you drive your children to school, please park with consideration for pedestrians and other road users.

People living in Oak Close have a problem with dog mess being left on the pavement. Please take a bag or dog mess scoop and clear up after your dogs. The dog mess bins are a great way to dispose of any wrapped mess.

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

To get in touch, see Who's Who on the back page.

Christmas tree recycling – I'm sorry this was arranged at the last minute so we were not able to let you know the arrangements via the village newsletter. Several people have expressed their appreciation, and a useful number of trees was collected by Mid Suffolk DC for composting. I will support the scheme being continued in future years, and extended to all villages.

Energy-efficient light bulbs – there have been media reports about these, but most concerns can be allayed:

- Government has announced that they want to phase out the old-style, incandescent bulbs, which burn about five times more electricity.

- A very few people, who have medical conditions sensitive to sunlight, also react to many types of energy-efficient light bulbs. There is no risk for the rest of the population, and special efficient bulbs are available which do not produce ultra-violet light.
- Danger from mercury is only present if the bulbs are dropped and broken, when care should be taken in brushing the debris in a well-ventilated room, NOT using a vacuum cleaner. There is a receptacle at the household waste sites especially for fluorescent tubes and light bulbs.

Garden Waste collection – Mid Suffolk District Council will be extending the trial of optional brown bins to the whole District, but note this is a chargeable service. It is available on request to recycling@midsuffolk.gov.uk or by calling 08456 066 067. For most of us, a compost heap will remain the best option, and green waste can still be taken to the household waste sites.

Wattisham Exercise

There will be a major military exercise locally from 28 January to 7 February 2008 involving low flying and night flying. There may be extra military vehicles on our roads during this period.

Onehouse Ramblers

The walk in February will be on Sunday 10th. Meet at the car park outside the Church Room on Forest Road at 2.30pm for a walk of about an hour. If you are interested, but can't make that date, do let me know. **Derek Ames**

Stowmarket Chorale

Come and listen to Rachmaninov, Brahms and Handel with Stowmarket Chorale and Suffolk Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 1st March 2008 at 7.30pm in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral. Tickets £8.50 - £20 from 01449 743990.

Sheila Ravenscroft

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Great Finborough CEVC Primary School

Last term's community events were a great success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

We have a busy term ahead of us. Our year 3 and 4 children (8-9 year olds) are busy rehearsing for their performance at Snape Maltings Concert Hall. We have been selected from a large number of schools to perform and we will be using a combination of our voice, violins and drumming to perform 'The Selfish Giant'. We have also started a school choir this term.

We are continuing to be part of the School Sport Partnership and this term the children will be learning how to play table tennis. We are continuing to provide regular football training sessions. Blue Class will be spending 2 days at Ipswich Town Football Club. Several of our children have also been trained to be Young Sports Leaders.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members of the local community to our Community Assemblies. The next one is on Friday 29th February at 2.45pm and lasts 30 minutes. You will see a dress rehearsal for our Snape Maltings performance at this assembly.

Stephen R Dodd, Headteacher

Advertising in the Newsletter

Prices for local businesses advertising in the newsletter are:

- £6 per quarter page
- £8 per half page
- £12 per whole page.

Contact the editor to place an advert.

2007 Number Quiz: Results

There were 19 entries with 'correct' answers for the 2007 Number Quiz. Congratulations to the overall winner Sylvia Blomfield from Thurston. Just under 50 entries were returned and the winner for the Spot Prize for a bottle of wine was Ann Hicks.

A big thank you to everyone who sold Quiz Sheets, particularly to Nigel and Jeanette at 'Chaplin's' and to everyone who took part. In total £132 was raised for St Mary's Fabric Fund. The correct answers are available on request from the editor.

Judith Hickman

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Team Finborough Update

Hi, it's Scott Murkin (Chair of Team Finborough) here giving you an update on Great Finborough's Youth Café and Youth Committee. The Youth Café is open to anyone between the ages of 11- 17 from Great Finborough. Come along on Thursdays from 7pm-9pm in Pettward Hall (except on bingo nights).

We received a grant for £1,000 to help out with equipment, themed nights and trips. We would like to thank the village bingo who have offered to dedicate a bingo night to the Youth Café this year.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who have supported at the Youth Café and the Christmas Party. We need more adult supporters for the Youth Café to continue and would like to ask if any adults/parents have a free Thursday evening to help out. One evening every 2-3 months could make a real difference.

Anyone interested please contact Chris Nettleton (677223) or Mandy Murkin (mandysw@hotmail.co.uk), or you might like to come along to a meeting to see what a nice group you could get involved in supporting.

The Team Finborough committee plans and organises the Youth Café. Come along and share your ideas! We need as many members to attend as possible as we need to plan how we want to run the Youth Café. Gal is coming from the Mid Suffolk District Council to talk about grants we could apply to for to help with funding. Come along and share your ideas! Details in the Village Diary.

Wild Bird Seed

Thanks to those who purchased bird seed in December, Great Finborough and District Garden Club was able to make a further donation of £50 to EACH. We sold about half the seed

we normally sell. I know that, like me, a lot of regular customers did not use as much seed as usual during the autumn but the birds in my garden are now feeding like mad and I will need more seed before our next main order (not available until about 20th March).

I am therefore going to place a small order now. If anyone (you don't have to be in the Garden Club) would like any seed please ring me on 674401 before 8th February and I will provide prices. On this occasion, everything will be available in sacks, half sacks or by the kilo and you will be able to place your order by phone with payment on collection. **John Davey**

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Tree Felling

All of Great Finborough must be aware of the beautiful old tree in the triangle of grassed area opposite the school and on the junction with the road to Buxhall. Unfortunately over recent months it has looked more forlorn. Three tree experts have inspected it and found it is actually dead. It has been decided that it is a health and safety issue to have the tree standing any longer and it will be removed sometime over the next few weeks. We are in discussion with Suffolk County Council about what the area shall have in its replacement.

Debbie Ball

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Mid Suffolk Tenants Forum

We are a group of Mid Suffolk District Council tenants who regularly attend meetings and discussions with officers and councillors. We meet on the last Thursday of each month, usually at the council offices in Needham Market. We produce a quarterly magazine which is posted to all 3,500 tenants and leaseholders in Mid Suffolk.

In the last issue Great Finborough had a good neighbour award. The recipients, Dave and Shirley Terry, who live at The Chestnuts, were nominated by Nicki, who recently moved to the village with her daughter. The Terry's helped with painting, gardening and local information, and also help other neighbours too. They were presented with flowers by the housing officer. Well done to them! For more information about the Tenants Forum, please contact the Chair, **Sue Green**, on 770620 or email sue1162@talktalk.net.

Can you read this?

The newsletter is printed in a relatively small font (typeface) to conserve printing costs and the environment but this may make it hard for some villagers to read it. The Parish Council is seeking your views on what would make it easier for you to access the newsletter.

Do you think it should be printed in a bigger or different font? Would you like to be able to elect to receive your personal copy by email as well as, or instead of, a paper copy? Would you like a large print version made available? Would it be useful to be able to download current and past copies of newsletters from the village website? Let the editor have your views please.

Welcome to the Village!

Allison Leighton, Graham Diedrichs, and their three children have recently moved into The Old Forge by The Chestnut

Horse from Huntingdon. Graham is teaching at Finborough School. Welcome to Great Finborough. We hope you will all be very happy here. If anyone else is newly arrived or moving on, please let the editor know.

Women's Institute

The WI in Buxhall has over 40 members. We meet every third Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall where we hear the minutes of the previous meeting, listen to a speaker and then enjoy a buffet when we have the chance to catch up with each other's news. We ring the changes on the speakers' subjects and whilst some are out and out fun, others are informative and very interesting.

In addition, during the summer months we have a walk of approximately 3 miles during the evening on the first Wednesday of the month. We leave our cars at a designated car park and, once the walk is over, enjoy a pre-booked meal. There are several outings during the year including Ladies' Day at Newmarket. The Garden Party is held at a member's home and again is a very enjoyable evening.

The WI offers friendship and the companionship of other ladies and I say to any lady who has an evening a month to spare – come along and see if it gives you a break from the home and the opportunity to learn about the WI. We look forward to seeing you. See the diary for details. **Ann Hicks**

Candlestick Club: Over 60s

Our final meeting of 2007 was our Christmas Lunch at Buxhall Village Hall. A superb meal cooked, presented and served by Enid and her band of helpers. Thank you all!

We now go into hibernation for a few months. Our next meeting is April 3rd when we have a social evening at Buxhall Village Hall – more information nearer the time.

The committee will be meeting during these closed months and hope to come up with a varied and interesting programme. So if you there is anyone out there who wants some fun and entertainment once a month come and join the Candlestick Club. We wish everyone a healthy New Year. New members are always welcome to join. Contact Keith (736598) of Hilary (615492).

Petrol and Diesel prices

The following is a summary of an email that I received recently, with a request to forward it to my contacts. Seems like a good idea to me. I'm certainly going to give it a go! If anyone would like a copy of the original please email me at john@abbeyclassics.co.uk If you agree with it and haven't got a computer just tell your friends.

We are hitting 107p. a litre in some areas now and soon we will be faced with paying £1.20 or even more a litre. With the price of petrol going up more each day, we consumers need to take action. The only way we are going to see the price of petrol come down is if we hit someone in the pocket by not purchasing THEIR Petrol! And we can do that WITHOUT hurting ourselves. Here's the idea:

For the rest of this year DON'T purchase ANY petrol from the two biggest oil companies (which now are one), ESSO and BP. If they are not selling any petrol, they will be inclined to reduce their prices. If they reduce their prices, the other companies will HAVE to follow suit. Buy your fuel from Shell, Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys, Morrisons, Jet, etc. instead.

John Davey

Valentine's Dance

There will be a dance at Buxhall Village Hall on 16 February 2008 starting at 7.30pm. It is in aid of Buxhall Church Fabric Fund. *Slightly Soiled* will be playing. Tickets are £7.50 including supper and can be purchased from Ivy Friston (tel: 736541).

Chris Childs



St Andrew's Church

There are a number of 'Thanks Yous' to pass on in this first note from St Andrew's for 2008. Some events seem a long time ago!

Firstly many thanks to Beverley Wade for organising the Flower Demonstration back in November. I would imagine that it inspired many to have a go over the Christmas period. The profit from the evening was split between Great and Little Finborough Churches with £136.50 coming to St Andrew's Church. Thanks also to her team of helpers and all who supported the event.

Thanks too to those who supported the St Andrew's Supper – good food and company were both much appreciated.

The church looked splendid over the Christmas period – thanks to all involved in decorating – and a special thanks to all involved in the Crib Festival. The wide variety of Nativity scenes on display were lovely and the beautiful new set of Nativity figures and stable were much admired – thanks to those who worked so hard to make them.

It was a delight to welcome so many into the church over the Christmas period – from the Christingle in early December through to the Epiphany services. The church is there for the community all year – do feel free to contact us or just drop in. As you know the church is generally open during daylight hours.

Trudy Gray

Remember

All the clergy of this benefice are available for pastoral care - to offer a space to talk informally, to offer support and prayer. See the Who's Who on the back page for details.

From the Team

Dear Friends,

2008 is only a few weeks old and we see on our TV screens fighting between different tribes in Kenya and signs of hatred and violence among young people on our streets. If the financial forecast is correct, this year is likely to be challenging, with house prices continuing to fall and more people losing their jobs, as businesses cut costs in order to survive. Are there any signs of hope in all of this?

During Advent, the time leading up to Christmas, we look forward in hope to celebrating the birth of Jesus once again. For Christians there is also the hope offered by Easter. On Good Friday we remember that Jesus died on the cross to free us from all our sins, from everything, which gets in the way of our relationship with God. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the fact that Jesus rose again, to give us new life with him, which goes on forever.

People often say, "I hope so," about a particular situation, but it is said with more than a tinge of uncertainty and even pessimism. Christian hope is strong and affirming, believing that things can be better, that relationships can be restored and that God is in control. As it says in the Bible, 'This hope does not disappoint us.' The Jesus of Bethlehem is the Saviour on the cross and the Friend who is always with us, as we open our lives to him.

Derek Ames

Easter is early this year

So there is an early start to Lent on 6 February. This is traditionally a season of self-examination, self-denial and preparation for Easter. The start of Lent on Ash Wednesday (6 Feb) will be marked by a special service at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Finborough: the Imposition of Ashes. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence and during the service individuals have the opportunity to be marked in ash with the

sign of the cross. A Lent Course will be running in the Benefice. For more information contact Trudy (674819) or Lindsay (616010).

Lent Lunches

These will be held at various locations during Lent starting Wednesday 13 February. Proceeds will be in support of agencies working to support communities overseas including WaterAid and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome – do come along for a simple lunch of soup and cheese. Details are in the Village Diary.

Skylarks Children's Club

The group got off to an enthusiastic start in 2008 at its early January meeting. After some very skilled demolition work playing Jenga the group gathered to hear the story of the young boy, Jesus, in the Temple. Then a chance to construct a model of the Temple, make scrolls and play some games.



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 in the Village Diary.

There is a varied range of activities – stories, games, songs, craft – sometimes cooking or drama. Why not come along and see what goes on. For more information contact Derek Ames or Trudy Gray.

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**Some Songs to Sing,
a story to listen to, a drink and a biscuit!
You will be very welcome at the Pram Service
Held last Monday of month
2.15pm at Buxhall Church**



In February: Monday 25th

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriage at Harleston, St Augustine of Canterbury

Catherine Elizabeth Beaumont and
Fabricio Pinto Lima

22 December 2007



Interment of Ashes at Finborough, St Andrew

Barbara Joyce Buckle aged 81

5 January 2008

**"On the Edge" in the Church Room, Onehouse
Sunday 3rd February 11am: God & Life
All welcome to come for coffee & discussion.**

This is not a service. We don't sing hymns or pray. It is a discussion over coffee for those who want to know more about the Christian faith.

**Pop in For Coffee at St Andrew's
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Mothering Sunday: Sunday 2 March

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1/16th ie 8/9Kg pack of meat will cost about £7.00/KG (ie £3.18/lb)

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR FEBRUARY

Weekday Morning Prayer		
Monday	Onehouse	8.00 – 8.30 am
Friday	Great Finborough	8.00 – 8.30 am
Sunday	3 February	Candlemas
<u>Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrew 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40</u>		
Sung Eucharist (1)	Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Matins	Harleston	11am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse	6.30pm
Wednesday	6 February	Ash Wednesday
Imposition of the Ashes	Finborough	7.30pm
Sunday	10 February	Lent 1
<u>Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11</u>		
Matins	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	11am
Family Service	Onehouse	11am
Evening Prayer	Finborough	4.30pm
Thursday	14 February	
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	10am
Sunday	17 February	Lent 2
<u>Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17</u>		
Matins	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Family Communion (1)	Onehouse	11am
Sunday	24 February	Lent 3
<u>Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42</u>		
Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	9.30am
Time2Worship	Finborough	11am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse	11am
Thursday	28 February	
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	10am
<i>Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1)</i>		
<i>Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)</i>		

WHO'S WHO IN GREAT FINBOROUGH

Richard Brice	Chair, Parish Council & Booking Officer, Pettward Hall	676249
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Revd. Lindsay	Priest in Charge	616010
Llewellyn-MacDuff	<i>The Rectory, Onehouse</i>	
Revd. Trudy Gray	<i>The Old Police House</i>	674819
Revd. Chris Childs	<i>3 Chapel Close, Buxhall</i>	736093
Lesley Cass	Church Warden. <i>Valley Farm</i>	675970
Brenda Grimaldi	Church Warden. <i>Gardenside</i>	612440
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Beverley Baxter	Great Finborough & Buxhall Brownies	677517
Scott Murkin	Chair, Team Finborough. <i>11 Middlefield Drive</i>	
Charles Freeman	Royal British Legion	736262
Keith Proctor	Candlestick Club	736598
Judith Cameron	Great Finborough & District Garden Club	672978
Mari Green	Village Bingo	770032
Nigel & Jeannette	Post Office & Village Shop	612274
Leonel Girao	The Chestnut Horse	612298
Stephen Dodd	Great Finborough Primary School	613208
Police	PC Richard Calver 01284 774100 x3104 or via PCSO Claire Cox 01473 613 5000	
Combs Middle School		674666
Stowmarket High School		613541
Stowmarket Health Centre		776000
Combs Ford Surgery		678333
Stowmarket Library		613143
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