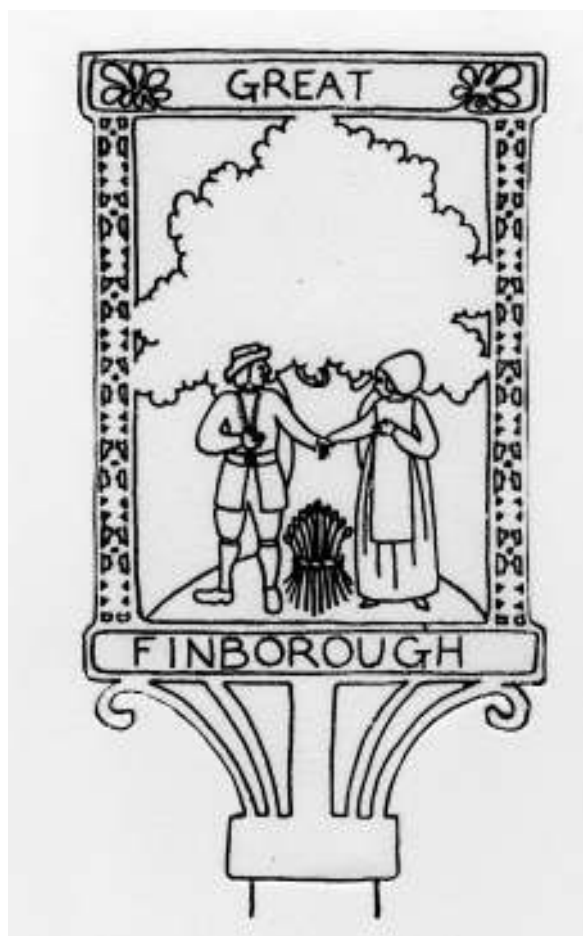


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VILLAGE DIARY – MAY 2008

1	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
8	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Church Room
8	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
8	7.30pm	Great Finborough and District Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
8	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
9	tba	LETS annual plant sale
11	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers
12	7pm	Parish Council meeting (AGM), Pettiward Hall
12	8pm	Annual Parish meeting, Pettiward Hall
15	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
16	tba	LETS plant sale
18	4.30-5.30pm	Sunday Explorers, St. Andrew's Church
19	2.15pm	Pram Service, Buxhall Church
20	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers (longer walk)
21	10am-noon	Men's Breakfast
22	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Church Room
22	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
22	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
27	7.30pm	Community Council meeting, Pettiward Hall
29	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
29	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room

VILLAGE DIARY – JUNE 2008

5	12.15pm	Ladies' Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse
6	tba	Beetle Drive, Primary School
8	10am-1pm	Village Garage Sale
12	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Church Room
12	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room

The Newsletter is produced by Great Finborough Parish Council and distributed to all households in the village free of charge

Editorial

Thank you for keeping the feedback on the newsletter coming. As the newsletter was printed for the first time by Gipping Press last month, please can you let me or your Parish Council know what you thought of the presentation?

Do try the sorrel and wild garlic Lesley recommends and let us all know if it worked for you! You will also see I sent the newsletter's 'cub' reporter to find out how we stop oil tanks being raided.

I 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. Please put 'newsletter' in the header if you are emailing.

Norman and I welcome visitors so if you need to contact me 'phone, email or call in to Park Cottage any time. The kettle is always on.

Sally Gooch



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PARISH OF GREAT FINBOROUGH

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PETTIWARD HALL, GREAT FINBOROUGH ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2007 AT 7.00pm

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11 June 2007
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Report of the Parish Council Chairman
5. Community Council report
6. Great Finborough CEVC Primary School Governor's Report
7. County Councillor's report
8. District Councillor's report
9. Police Liaison Officer's report
10. To receive reports from local organisations
11. Any other business

The Annual Parish Meeting is convened to provide an opportunity for all local government electors registered in the area for which it is held to discuss parish affairs. All parishioners may attend and speak, but only those on the current electoral roll are eligible to vote. A copy of the electoral roll will be available for inspection at the meeting and covers those living in the area up to December last and effective from mid February. **Richard Brice, Chairman of Great Finborough Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting is the AGM on Monday 12 May. It follows the Annual Parish meeting which begins at 7pm in the Main Hall of Pettiward Hall. All villagers welcome.

Lucinda Rogers

**GREAT FINBOROUGH ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12 MAY 2006 AT
8pm IN THE MAIN HALL OF PETTIWARD HALL**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Election of Chairman
3. Election of Vice-Chairman
4. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance to Office
5. Administrative Matters:
 - i) Planning Sub-Committee
 - ii) Trustee for Great Finborough Village Hall
 - iii) SALC Representative
 - iv) United Charities Representatives (2)
 - v) Tree Warden
6. Presentation of the Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2008
7. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 3 March 2008, Thursday 13 March 2008 and Monday 14 April 2008.
8. Matters arising from the minutes (not already on the Agenda)
9. Planning matters:

Details of planning permission granted and to discuss any applications received since the Agenda was prepared
10. To receive correspondence (to include items received since Agenda prepared)
11. Financial Matters:

i) Current Payments :

- ii) Projected Payments:
- iii) Grant Payments:
- iii) Administrative financial matters

12. Community Council:

- i) Chairman's Report
- ii) Approval of Annual Accounts

13. To review the Newsletter

14. To discuss the Web Site

15. Matters raised by Councillors

16. To set the date for the Next Parish Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of Great Finborough Village Hall



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At the meeting on 25 March 2008 some of the issues discussed included:

- The development of the Children's Play Area and Car Park following a liaison meeting with the developer, Gipping Homes; and naming of the new roads in the village..
- Gal Travis was to attend the Youth Committee (rescheduled from 2nd to 9th April) to advise on the grant application to be made for upgrading of football pitch and possibility of a skateboard bowl. The Youth Café has had more adults volunteering to supervise. There was discussion about Simon Sinclair's interest in forging closing links between Finborough School and the village community.
- The construction of the footway serving Pettiward Hall, and the task group's work on the future of Pettiward Hall. A full options appraisal is to be undertaken.

Date of next meeting: see Village Diary.

Mark Brewster

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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

Flood Risk Information - River levels locally rose rapidly during the weekend of March 15/16, threatening floods in low-lying parts. If you are in a low-lying area, you can keep informed when there is a risk by calling the Floodline on 0845 988 1188. The Rattlesden River information is accessed by 0 3 5 4 4 2 6.

Local Councils in Suffolk - You may have heard that Mid Suffolk District Council favours a single council for the whole of Suffolk. I do not support that view, as it would be far too large. There is a good case for three or four councils, working in a partnership as necessary on some services. Please get in touch if you would like to read my views in more detail, or to pass on your own opinion.

Aircraft Flight Paths and Stacking – NATS - The proposal to stack over Suffolk aircraft awaiting permission to land at Stansted is a concern. The area to be designated is an oval

between Blakenham and Cockfield, and includes Little Finborough. Some additional noise would be inevitable. Information is available at libraries or from www.nats.co.uk/TCNconsultation or TCN Consultation, NATS, Freepost NAT22750 Reading RG1 4BR.

Suffolk Car Share - You could make your contribution to a greener world and save yourself money in the process by trying car-sharing!

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John Matthissen

Housing Development Off Middlefield Drive

As you will no doubt have noticed, development works are underway in earnest following resolution of the numerous planning and technical issues that accompany a development of this nature and delays caused by wet weather. Following the commitment made at the time we acquired this site, we have sought to work closely with the Parish Council so as to ensure, as far as we can, that the new Community facilities we are providing fully meet the general requirements of the village. We have also sought to keep disruption and inconvenience to a minimum by communication, discussion and careful planning. To this end we are particularly grateful to those Parish Councillors and near neighbours who have acted as representatives of the village at our regular liaison meetings.

Currently we are concentrating on the site infrastructure works which encompass new and diverted sewers, extension of the public roads and reversion of overhead cables to underground. At the same time we have commenced an initial phase of 12 properties.

Works will shortly commence on the new village car park and playground and we intend to involve both schools in the village and encourage participation and interest in the project. To this end we are very fortunate to be able to make use of the extensive resources available through the Construction

Industry Training Board who have agreed to support the education project. One area where we hope that the children will take a particular interest is in respect of the two properties that we are looking to develop as "Eco Homes". These will allow us to contribute to the efforts that have to be made as energy resources become increasingly scarce and more expensive at a time when respect for the environment and ecology is so topical.

In spite of the apparent downturn in the housing market we have received numerous expressions of interest from people wanting to be advised when the first phase is released. Hopefully this will be Summer 2008. Should anybody else wish to be added to this list then please contact us.

Finally, security and safety are amongst our primary concerns and we would appreciate any help that the village can give us by way of feedback in connection with any suspicious activities and, most importantly, by ensuring that children keep away from the site at all times.

If you have any comments then please speak with your Parish Council or contact us direct on 01473 832484 (fax: 01473 833437) or reception@gvpc.co.uk

Peter Blemings, Gipping Homes

The Buxhall and Great Finborough Art Club

Aspiring artists have been meeting with our tutor Mrs Mary Clarke-Brewster for several years. Our venue is now at Buxhall Village Hall on alternate Mondays. The class is very full but interested parties are welcome to come along and see what we do. Back to basics this week: acrylics with a limited palette. For more details of the meeting on 12th May contact me on 615067 for the name of your nearest member.

June Morton

South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival!

The very first South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival will be taking place this year between 10th & 26th May. This new and exciting Festival will give visitors and local people alike the chance to explore the Suffolk countryside with the aid of local guides, historians and naturalists.

The programme is packed with over 40 walks – in a variety of locations, to suit all tastes and capabilities. They include a country ramble along the former towpath of the River Gipping between Needham Market and Ipswich, a medieval meander through the historic wool towns of Lavenham and Long Melford and a walk that visits a wooden 'henge' and takes in a scarecrow trail. Many of the walks include a stop off at a Suffolk country pub for lunch or an historic house for afternoon tea.

The Festival will appeal to many who wish to visit this lovely part of the County and enjoy its beauty, as author of 'A Suffolk Summer' John Appleby did when he wrote: "The English Landscape at its subtlest and loveliest is to be seen in the county of Suffolk".

Further information on all the walks can be found at www.southandheartofsuffolk.org.uk or by calling the Mid Suffolk Tourist Information Centre on 01449 676800 for a free, colour copy of the Festival Brochure.

News from the Friends of Great Finborough CEVC Primary School

The Friends have a number of events coming up that the village community may be interested in:

Beetle Drive - Friday 6th June. This is a fun game for all the family and will take place in school in the early evening. If you have children due to start school in September this will be a

fun event to come along to and a chance to get to know a few people. Suitable for those turning 5 or older.

100 Club - This is our own mini lottery and anyone is welcome to join throughout the year. A number draw is held at the end of each month and there will be three lucky winners each time. This club costs £1 a month so if you want to join in March we will ask you for a £10 entry to take you through to the end of the year. If you would like to join this club please contact me. **Alex Denley (777088)**

Sport at Great Finborough CEVC School

This month I would like to share with you some of our work towards providing the children with P.E. and Sport opportunities.

At Great Finborough we have a strong commitment to providing the children with extra-curricular after school opportunities. On a Monday the children are busy developing their football skills with our Premier Soccer coach. Each week a 'Player of the Week' is nominated by the coach for their effort and sporting behaviour. The children also receive recognition of their achievement in a termly assembly.

Children, staff and parents recently visited Ipswich Town to watch their match against Queens Park Rangers. Football coaches have been in school to work alongside our children.

The children are currently enjoying a 'Table Tennis' club organised by the local School Sport Partnership. Other Sports the children have recently enjoyed participating in have included Golf, Tag-Rugby and Street Dancing. A 'Multi-Skills' club has also recently been established.

Great Finborough Primary School is proud of its commitment to supporting others and we have recently held a special day to support 'Sport Relief'. The children and adults all wore their

special 'Sport Relief Socks' and took part in Country Dancing, Circus Skills, Speed Stacking & Walking activities. This was a very enjoyable afternoon.

As a whole school we enjoy a termly 'Whole School Walk'. Our most recent walk was our muddiest yet! The children put on their Wellington boots and we walked to Buxhall across the fields and back. We enjoyed a special assembly in Buxhall Church led by Trudy Gray. The children also appreciated with enthusiasm the drink and biscuits provided by the church.

This term is an opportunity to enjoy more outside physical activities. The older children in school will be taking part in a cycle proficiency course and we will also be holding our annual Sports Day and Family Picnic. The children will be presented with their swimming certificates at the June community assembly on 27th June at 2:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Stephen R Dodd

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Suffolk County Council is working with district and parish councils and partners to improve community safety and tackle anti-social behaviour problems across the county, and local people are being encouraged to play their part in making Suffolk safer.

Have you ever thought that while improving your garden you could be making your property a little safer with plants that are unfriendly to intruders and burglars?

There are various hedging plants and shrubs that have defensive systems and will form dense and thorny barriers which will help to protect your property if grown along boundaries, near windows or against walls and fences.

Burglars particularly dislike prickly plants and an accidental brush with a thorn may leave DNA and fragments at the scene of the crime. Hedges are particularly useful in protecting the boundary of your garden.

Native species that are most suitable and help biodiversity include: beech, blackthorn, box, escallonia, field maple, hawthorn, hazel, holly, hornbeam, privet, pyracantha and yew. Mixed hedges containing some of these species can be designed to suit the location and create a strong boundary, creating shelter and security.

Thorny shrubs that can be used to form dense borders include: barberry/berberis, firethorn/pyracantha, shrub rose/rosa rugosa, gorse/genista hispanica and ornamental bramble/rubus.

Shrubs which form dense thickets and growth include: cotoneaster, conspicuous 'decorus' and other taller species, elaeagnus x ebbingei and e. angustifolia, flowering currant

/ribes, symphoricarpus chenaultii 'hancock', lonicera pileata and prunus laurocerasus

For more crime prevention advice, contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team via www.safersuffolk.org.uk, call Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500, or ask Neighbourhood Watch via www.suffolk.police.uk. For advice on planting and fencing contact your District Planning Authority and/or Landscape Officer. For advice on hedging the Parish Council or Tree Warden may be able to help you.



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Race of the Boggmen - 2008

Great Finborough and Buxhall Events Association would like to thank everyone who supported the 'Bogg Race'. Despite the inclement weather on Easter Monday an amount in the region of £500 was raised between local charities. We would also like to thank those businesses who kindly donated Raffle Prizes.

Julie Hartley

LETS – no cash needed just TALENTS

LETS stands for LOCAL EXCHANGE TRADING SCHEME. We trade skills, produce and favours for Talents.



The lighter summer evenings enable Gipping Valley LETS to move around for their monthly meetings. Next meeting Friday 16th May will be our annual plant sale in a member's garden.

Trading is a regular feature at meetings and seasonal produce features high on the list. Members also take the opportunity to recycle books, DVDs CDs, bric a brac and clear out unwanted gifts! Skills vary from catering, curtain making and decorating to teaching a language or computer training. Members also borrow equipment amongst themselves – from drain rods to a salmon kettle! All members receive a membership directory detailing skills and needs and a regular newsletter so you can still trade and play an active part, even if you cannot attend our get-togethers. Ring me on 677206.

Elaine Bailey

Welcome to the Village!

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Where the wild things are.....

Sorrel, an interesting little herb which grows in abundance locally, is really getting into gear in May. If you haven't met it before, why not give it a try. It's acidic, lemony and packed with vitamins A, B1 and C. Half a dozen leaves will liven up a mixed green salad. Try some chopped and sprinkled on an omelette - the sharpness of sorrel balances the richness of the

omelette, especially a cheese one. Sorrel sauce has long been a traditional partner to fish dishes. The following recipe for sorrel and wild garlic soup is also good as a sauce. Just don't expect its bright green colour to stay like that when cooked.

So where do you find sorrel and wild garlic? **Wild garlic** (Ramsons) grows down by The Wash and other damp shady places usually from April to June. It has broad strap like leaves, clusters of little white flowers and a typical smell of onion. **Sorrel** grows prolifically in our churchyard throughout the spring and summer and you are very welcome to come and help yourself as often as you like. It grows all the better for being picked regularly. If you need help in identifying it, come along on a Saturday morning between 10.30 and 12 noon and we will be delighted to help you. You would also be most welcome to join us for a cup of coffee and a biscuit.

Sorrel, potato and wild garlic soup

50g butter

1 small onion, finely chopped

1 large potato (about 250g) peeled, cut into small pieces

300g sorrel

1 big handful wild garlic leaves, well washed

400ml vegetable or chicken stock

115ml crème fraiche or cream

salt and pepper if required

Heat the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and fry gently until translucent but not brown. Add the stock and potato; cook until soft. Then add the wild garlic leaves and sorrel for 4-5 minutes. Whizz in a food processor or blender; adjust seasoning and add crème fraiche or cream. Serve hot or cold. Can be reheated but do not actually boil once the cream has been added.

Lesley Cass

Age Concern Befriending Service

Would you like a visit once a week from an Age Concern Befriender? Would you like the opportunity to have someone to chat to, and share interests with? We provide befrienders for over 170 elderly people.

We have launched a new befriending service for the elderly living in Stowmarket and surrounding areas. Volunteers visit the elderly once a week in their homes for a chat and social contact. The service sounds simple but it can make a huge difference to an older person's life.

If you are over 65 and are interested in receiving a weekly visit from one of our volunteers or you have a family member, or know someone in your community who may benefit from a weekly visit please make them aware of our service. The coordinator will visit anyone interest in the service.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer befriender please telephone me on 01787 373491 (leave name and contact number if I am unavailable). **Daynore Cameron**



Great Finborough and District Garden Club

Only in UK! Following a glorious burst of Spring weather a return to fleece coverings and caring for tender plant shoots was required to protect them from the temporary return of winter. At least the need to weed has been slowed a little, but beware as the warmer weather returns nature will catch up. The April meeting was a talk with slides on *Container Gardening* by Richard Ford who runs Park Green Nurseries with his wife Mary. The couple returned to give us lots of ideas to help us make the most of confined and small spaces.

The next meeting will be the AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on May 8 at 7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Pettward Hall. So pot on all those extra seedlings and cuttings and bring them along to find them a new home. Perhaps you will find yourself some plants that you have not grown before; didn't think to grow this year; or lost in the recent cold wintry weather. Importantly, the AGM needs to decide on which Charity we will support this year, so if you have any suggestions let me know before the AGM gets underway. Don't forget, there is always room for committee members to help keep the club buoyant and prevent the old staggers from stagnating! If you would like to help, put your name forward at the AGM it's not onerous and can be very enjoyable.

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 me at john@abbeyclassics.co.uk on 674401 or Judith Cameron.

John Davey

Thank you on behalf of the Misses Houdini

We live by the church door and recently had a terrible time with dogs who came to stay with us. Neighbours and people in Finborough we had never met before were so helpful that I would like to thank you.

Amy and Lucy took off on two occasions. We are sorry that they got out and caused trouble. However, a kind couple, a vet I believe, captured one. Neighbours kindly 'phoned, came to the house, and even sent notes letting us know where the dogs had gone. Then before I could get tags with our address on, they took off again. Discerning animals - they did the golf course, the church and ended up in the pub where two very kind ladies held them till I arrived. Thank you all. With the aid of Tessa, our own dog, they had moved telegraph poles to get out.

Linda Cooper is still our Dog Warden but the number to use to report is 0845 6066067.

Peter Morton

Thieves Come to the Village

The Parish Council requests villagers to take note. A household in the village has had its tank of oil emptied and stolen. Claire Cox from the local Police provided the following information:

- Keep your eyes open, and report anyone or anything suspicious to the Police
- Protect your tank through placing a security lamp nearby, consider moving it to a less vulnerable position, and always padlock it.

Some of our local Police officers have decided to change their shifts to provide increased cover between 7pm and 3am as that is when most crime and antisocial behaviour is occurring.

Norman Vendittelli



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Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's

Sunday 8th June '08: Garage Sale from 10am till 1pm. From the success last year we're hoping this year's garage sale will be bigger & better having the use of Pettiward Hall for holding various stall & refreshments. Your pitch will cost £5, which will go towards Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's Pre-school and Toddler Group, and what you sell is yours!!! So if you have any loot that needs selling now's the chance, just give us a call on the numbers below for more information.

Gail Aldous (770853)

Kim Cotton (678546)

A Big Thank you from EACH

Thank you so much to everyone that generously donated items for the EACH charity shops. We had a tremendous response! Please except my sincere thanks, if you have further cloths –books –toys-bric-a-brac etc please don't hesitate to call it's always much appreciated. If you would like further information about the East Anglia's Children's Hospices please call me or go to www.each.org.uk Thanks once again.

Marion Mason (675447)

Stamps for the East Anglian Air Ambulance

We're still collecting used postage stamps, old and foreign coins, used ink cartridges and unwanted mobile 'phones, to raise valuable funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Stamps and other items can be brought along to the Wednesday Coffee Morning in the Church Room or put through my door –"Fairlawns" 62 Forest Road, Onehouse. A big thank-you to those who regularly pass on stamps and other items.

Derek Ames



St Andrew's Church

First a thank you to those who helped decorate the church for Easter – the flowers were lovely and the Easter garden produced by the children was much admired as well. It was really good to see the church packed for the Baptism on Easter morning.

It was also a delight to welcome so many children into the church on Good Friday for the morning workshop. The most observant (and perhaps ingenious) who joined in the hunt for crosses in the church – including those in the stained glass or as part of the carvings - found over 150! At the end of the morning it was quite a challenge to get the plate gardens and other crafts away safely through the ferocious wind. I think most of the decorated biscuits had been eaten by that stage.

Thanks too to the Primary School for the display declaring *Christ is Risen* which has been in the church throughout the Easter Season.

On 11th May we celebrate Pentecost – remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit to the early church. This will be an informal service suitable for all ages and will include a baptism – why not come along and celebrate with us?

If you would like any information about the church activities here or elsewhere in the Benefice I would be delighted to hear from you.

Trudy Gray

From the Ministry Team

Easter day was very early; snowfall reinforcing the fact. The following festivals are consequently early too. Ascension Day on 1 May marks the departure of Jesus from local, visible presence on earth to reign in heaven, having triumphed over evil and death. Ten days later, Pentecost (Whitsun) celebrates God's gift of the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit on all who would follow Jesus. This is to assist them in the task of

building the Kingdom for which we pray in the Lord's Prayer and must work for however we can. In addition we have Bank Holidays to top and tail the month, and given some real Spring weather we can enjoy those too.

I recently visited the magnificently restored St Pancras station in London from which Eurostar trains now run over the new high-speed line to the Channel Tunnel, whisking travellers to Paris in as little as 2¼ hours and Brussels in slightly less. Just to see it and absorb the buzz makes one very aware of how close we are to our European neighbours.

The station's name comes from its site in the ancient parish of St Pancras, whose present church stands opposite. Pancras was a youth originally from Asia Minor martyred in Rome in the 4th century. There are only a handful of churches bearing his name in England: the Roman Catholic one in central Ipswich is a nearby example. On a previous visit I was welcomed at St Pancras' Church, Euston Road, by Mr Chris Nottage. He told me he was a former pupil of Stowmarket Grammar School and his father was once was curate in Great Finborough!

Some within our churches are worried about what they see as threats from advancing Islam and aggressive secularism. A short book, available in Stowmarket library (*What is the Point of Being a Christian Today?* by Timothy Radcliffe O.P) contends that the point is that the Christian faith is true. So take heart from that, and if you travel, try to forsake planes and cars, and enjoy the train!

Roger Rehahn

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 11 May, starting at 3pm from the Church Room car park, for about an hour. A longer walk will be held on 20 May at Thornham, ending with a pub lunch. Please let me know if you are interested so transport can be planned.

Derek Ames

Skylarks Children's Club

At our first session this term we had a great time doing things about holidays. We tried to work out which countries various foods came from; we made a holiday folder; and finished with a check-in game. We're collecting postcards from any places we visit, so we can make a display.



The Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month during term time from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in the Church Room, Onehouse and is open to children of primary school age who live in Buxhall, Great Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland. Dates for this term are 8th May, 22nd May, 12th June, 26th June, 10th July.

If your children are the right age, why not bring them along? For more information contact Derek, Trudy or Christine (736487).

CHILDMINDER

I am soon to be a registered childminder and have vacancies for when I start. I hope to have Ofsted approval in April/May. I live in the village and am able to offer drop off and collection at Great Finborough Primary school and Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's pre school as well as care during the day for younger ones! Contact me, Julie Parr, to discuss your child care needs on 678882.

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Ladies' Lunch

Church Room, Onehouse

Thursday 5th June

12.15pm

Light lunch

Speaker:

Canon Michael Hampel

Cathedral Precentor

There will be an offering to cover expenses. Light lunch

Please book places with Arlene on 676123 by 2nd June.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 21st June
in the Church Room,
Onehouse
at 8.0am, finish by 9.30am

Speaker: Bryan Hilton
from Battisford

There will be an offering to
cover expenses

Please book places with
Derek Ames

by Wednesday 18th June
(Tel. 613328)

indicating continental or
traditional breakfast.

Table Tennis at Onehouse

Afternoon Table Tennis A Great Success!

A good number have come along to the sessions on Wednesday afternoons, so these will continue during May.

Details: Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm in the Church Room on 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th May.

Three tables, bats and balls are available. Cost £1 per session. Come & join us.

Thursday Nights - 7.30pm in the Church Room

May 8th, 22nd & 29th

June 12th & 26th

July 10th & 24th

Further details from Derek Ames

Sunday Explorers

Meets Third Sunday each
month

4.30 – 5.30pm

St Andrew's Church,
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Next Session: Sunday 18 May

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Open to all between 7 and 12 years, if you'd like more information just contact Trudy Gray or Nigel Brown.

Pop in For Coffee at St Andrew's
Every Saturday Morning
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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.



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Baptism at Great Finborough, St Andrews

Reuben Samuel Henry Gladden

23 March

Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium

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9 April





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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MAY

Weekday Morning Prayer

Monday	Onehouse	8.00 – 8.30 am
Friday	Great Finborough	8.00 – 8.30 am

Thursday 1 May Ascension Day

Holy Communion (1)	Shelland	7am
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Sunday 4 May 7th Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 36.24-28; Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11

Sung Eucharist (1)	Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Matins	Harleston	11am
George Ward Memorial Service	Onehouse	11am
Taizé Service	Onehouse	6.30pm

Thursday 8 May

Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	10am
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Sunday 11 May Pentecost

Numbers 11.24-30; Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23

Matins	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	11am
Family Service	Onehouse	11am
Time2Worship and Baptism	Finborough	11am

Sunday 18 May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	9.30am
Matins	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Family Communion (1)	Onehouse	11am

Thursday 22 May

Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	10am
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Sunday 27 April St Augustine of Canterbury

Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18; 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23; Matt 5.38-48

Patronal Festival and Baptism	Harleston	10.30am
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Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1)

Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)

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