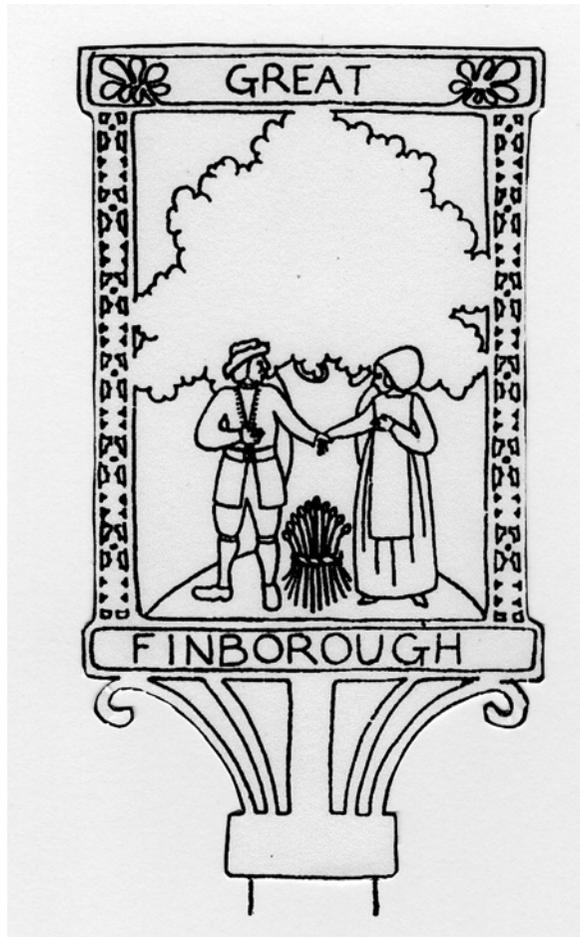


# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**OCTOBER 2008  
ISSUE 392**

## VILLAGE DIARY – OCTOBER 2008

1	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
2	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
2	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
4	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Quiz Night, Buxhall
8	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
8	7pm	Youth Committee, Pettiward Hall
9	2pm	Candlestick Club, Buxhall Village Hall
9	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
9	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
9	7.30pm	Garden Club meeting, Pettiward Hall
10	7.30pm	LETS, Alder Carr Farm (AGM/wine & cheese)
13	2pm	Pram Service, St. Mary's Church, Buxhall
13	7.30pm	Parish Council (Planning), Pettiward Hall
13	7.30pm	Camera Club, St. Peter's, Stowmarket
15	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
16	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
16	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
18	9am-1pm	Pre-School Open morning, Pettiward Hall
19	4.30pm	Sunday Explorers, St. Andrew's Church
22	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
23	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
23	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
23	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
26	2.30pm	Onehouse Ramblers
27	2pm	Pram Service, St. Mary's Church, Buxhall
27	7.30pm	Camera Club, St. Peter's, Stowmarket
29	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
30	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
30	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room

## VILLAGE DIARY – NOVEMBER 2008

2	10am	Tree planting, Shelland Green
3	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
4	7.30pm	British Legion Quiz Night, Buxhall Village Hall
6	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
8	8am	Men's Breakfast, Church Room, Onehouse

## Editorial

What a lot is going on in the village just now. The village school has just had its Ofsted inspection; work is underway on the car park in the heart of the village; the Youth Café and all the regular groups are meeting again through the Autumn; the blackberries are plentiful and some of our horse chestnuts are looking a bit poorly.

Expect the Village Appraisal questionnaires through your door very soon and please make sure you have your say! Whether you use the field behind the Church, are a member of the Golf Club, or just care about the village please contribute to the decisions to be made about the proposed reservoir.

If you've got something to say on a topical subject, share it with your neighbours and the rest of the village through the newsletter. There is a lot of talk about where kids play in the village, and where unsafe or inconsiderate parking is taking place. Have your say! If you've got a good idea – such as a website you found really helpful, or suggestions about what the community that is Great Finborough could do together, give me a call.

15 October is the next copy deadline. 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**

### St. John's Table Tennis

In the Church Room, Onehouse, on Wednesday afternoons (2-4pm) and Thursday evenings (7.30-9.30pm). Bats & balls provided. £1 per session including refreshments. Further details from me.

**Derek Ames**

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## Parish Council

Please note the date of the next Parish Council meeting in the Village Diary.

### ***Report from the September Parish Council Meeting***

The Parish Council is to pursue the closure of Wash Lane to through traffic. When it closed for work a while ago, local residents agreed it would be of benefit for it to be permanently closed to traffic.

The Parish Council hopes to join other local Parishes to purchase a traffic speed camera to help reduce speeding through the village.

The Boundary Committee are looking at reorganising Local Government in Suffolk with either one or two unitary authorities. The Parish council has responded that it does not support the proposals made and is critical of the response time allowed, considering it was over the Summer.

### ***Parish Clerk Vacancy***

Lucinda Rogers, our Parish Clerk for five years has resigned to take up full time employment. We wish Lucinda all the best in her new role and thank her for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Given the above, applications are therefore invited for this paid permanent part-time role servicing the Parish Council. The post will also be advertised in the East Anglian Daily Times.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate they are able administrators. Some knowledge of local government, ideally in a Parish Council context is desirable, though not essential, and training will be provided.

The role involves around 16 hours work a month for pay of £8.04-£9.58 per hour plus reasonable expenses such as telephone and mileage. Parish Council and Planning Meetings

are held during the evening, but follow up actions can be undertaken more flexibly. If you are interested in the role and would like to know more about it, please call Richard Brice. Applications in writing should be sent to Cllr Liz Michie at [lizmichie@btinternet.com](mailto:lizmichie@btinternet.com) by Monday 6 October 2008. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview in the Pettward Hall on the evening of Wednesday 8 October 2008.

### ***Play Equipment***

Final decisions need to be taken on the precise siting of new play equipment within the Play Area opposite the village shop. A final review before the decision is made will take place during week commencing 6 October. The review will be undertaken in public in the Pettward Hall by Parish Councillors, Richard Brice and Liz Michie. They will hear representations from residents close to the site, as well as the play equipment supplier. The meeting will also consider site landscaping and plans for operating the site. Once the decision is taken the positioning of the equipment will be final. The developer can only then lay the necessary foundations.

### ***Dog fouling***

Fortunately the days are long gone when human excrement was dumped in public places, but sadly - and inexplicably - the standards we apply to our own waste is not always carried over to our dogs. Regrettably I've had to write on this subject before and apparently some in our community still regard it as acceptable not to clean up after their dogs, despite the availability of dog bins.

We all have to live together and adhering to reasonable standards is something which the majority can reasonably expect. Most people find dog fouling distasteful. With this in mind, please note, or indeed draw to the attention of dog owners, including those who get others to walk their hound, that patience is wearing thin in some quarters with this issue.

The District Council is responsible for enforcing action against the owners of dogs that persistently foul and can prosecute owners and levy fines up to a maximum of £1,000. No one wants this to happen but dog excrement must not be left around the village. Please take this reminder seriously and avoid the situation where one of our own is prosecuted.

### ***2 Million Gallon Reservoir***

As part of the usual Planning process, the Parish Council has been invited to comment on an application for Planning Permission by Stowmarket Golf Club (Application no. 2757/08) for the construction of a 2 million gallon Irrigation Reservoir on the field below St Andrew's Parish Church.

This is a potential development of some note for the Parish, with a number of important matters that will require careful consideration. Not least among these are safety, the environment and, of course, the impact both physical and visual on the Grade II listed Parish Church.

The Parish Council will consider its views on the application at a Planning Meeting which will be held in the Pettward Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13 October, 2008. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to express their views before the Council decides how to comment to the District Council.

Details of the application can be viewed online via the Mid Suffolk District Council website (follow the Planning pages), or a hard copy can be viewed by arrangement with me.

**Richard Brice, Chairman, Parish Council**

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#### **News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen**

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

#### ***Kitchen Waste Scheme***

This has unfortunately been deferred, because our partner, Babergh District Council, decided it could not afford to go ahead at present. It seems likely the project will have to await the creation of the new councils in 2010.

#### ***Roadside Advertising***

There is a general planning prohibition on advertising signs on public roadside verges, and this does include such worthwhile events as village fairs. This rule tends to be applied more strictly according to how major a road is involved, so that trouble was inevitable when signs were put on the A1120 roundabout near Tesco. Please try to find locations on private land, with the owner's permission.

#### ***Tree Planting***

I have arranged the first Tree Planting session of the winter at

Shelland Green on 2 November at 10am. We will plant black poplars, oaks and hedgerow trees; many donated by local people. Help will be welcome from any local villages. I am hoping to arrange a further planting in the new year; perhaps in Buxhall.

#### ***My Opinion on the New Structure of Local Government***

I hope you have expressed to the Boundary Committee your opinions on the proposal for Unitary Councils. My preference was to form four councils by merging existing pairs (such as Mid Suffolk and Babergh) and run services like Education as wider partnerships. That did not find favour with the Committee. Whilst we await the outcome, following the period of consultation ended on 26 September, attention should turn to the detail.

I have grave concerns about the proposed structure of local planning committees and community boards by Suffolk County Council senior officers. This model will probably be applied to the preferred Rural Suffolk option or to the One Suffolk scheme (which has not been dismissed).

They appear to be trying to impose structures 'top down' with little reference to elected members. There is a real risk that the responsiveness of the new Council to local parishes and people will be worse than now, as some other Districts appear to pay less attention than MSDC to local views. They propose far fewer councillors so those elected will represent far more people, making it difficult to represent local views in numerous parishes.

If there are particular services that you value, or would like to see more localised, or retained as at present (eg. Council Housing), please continue to let the Boundary Committee know, with a copy to me. Try using the online form at [www.boundarycommittee.org.uk](http://www.boundarycommittee.org.uk) or contact me for the postal address.

**John Matthissen**

## **Team Finborough and Youth Café**

We held our AGM on 10 September. Well done to the youth who attended. Adult supporters also came and many have agreed to continue supporting us. We would like to say a big thank for all their help. An election of officers was carried out and the results were:

Chair – Scott Murkin  
Vice Chair – Jordan Scott  
Treasurer – Chris Grady  
Events Organiser – Ella Andrews  
Adult Events Organiser – Jackie Andrews.

Ella and Jackie are now busy arranging an event to celebrate our first anniversary in October 2008. We have vacancies for a Secretary and their deputy.

Gal Travis (Community Development Officer) attended the AGM. He has now left his post. We thanked him and wished him well. Gal congratulated us for setting up a successful committee and told us our parents should be proud of our achievements and behaviour.

We had two successful activity evenings during the summer break at Kids Klub, and we will arrange other activities throughout the year. We also agreed that the committee was established enough to invite youth in Buxhall to join us if they wish.

The Youth Café will open again on Thursdays (not Bingo nights) for all those aged 11-17 years from Finborough and Buxhall. The next Youth Committee meeting is Wednesday 8 October 2008 – please see the Village Diary.

**Scott Murkin**

## **Comings and Goings**

If you know someone newly arrived and living in the village, or friends and neighbours who are moving on, please let the editor know.

## **Charity Bingo**

The next Charity Bingo evening will be held on Thursday 16 October at 6:30pm at Petteward Hall. This month we will be raising money for St. Andrew's Church. There will be bingo, a raffle and refreshments. All are welcome and children need to be accompanied by an adult. If anyone wishes to donate raffle prizes please either bring along on the night or leave with Mari at 4 Boundary Cottages. Any questions please feel free to contact me or Mari Green (770032). **Sharla Goldsmith**

## **Aliens invade Great Finborough**

Not squatters this time, but a little moth that is causing a huge amount of damage. You may have noticed over the past couple of years that horse chestnut trees locally are turning brown and losing their leaves far earlier than they used to. They are producing very few conkers. The four great trees in our churchyard have been badly hit, but many other trees are suffering too.

The culprit, a moth, is a leaf miner with a very long name. It has a passion for the white flowering horse chestnut in particular. Some of the modern hybrids and brightly coloured varieties don't seem so vulnerable. The pupae tunnel (mine) between the layers of the leaf thereby interfering with the tree's ability to produce chlorophyll. The tree then struggles to maintain its health and vigour – and it certainly doesn't look very pretty.

The leaf miner will not kill the tree, but it can weaken the tree to the point where it becomes susceptible to a rather nasty problem called bleeding canker. That can kill the tree.

The best way to manage the problem is to rake up the leaves as they fall in Autumn and either burn them or dispose of them at the Council's green waste disposal site. The local authority composting system generates far more heat than you can achieve at home so it destroys the moths. To compost

them effectively at home cover the leaves with 10cm (8inches) of soil or 30cm (1 foot) of other materials.

Destroying the leaves containing the hibernating pupae in the winter reduces the moth population emerging the following Spring. Any reduction in damage at that time is of greatest benefit. Trees will become re-infested later in the season, but damage later in the year, although unsightly, is less important. At least the trees will have had a chance to build up some strength.

More information about horse chestnut leaf miner and bleeding canker can be found at [www.forestresearch.gov.uk](http://www.forestresearch.gov.uk) and <http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profiles0305/chestnutbleedingcanker.a.sp>. We may be arranging some 'Rake and Cake' sessions in Finborough churchyard this Autumn – watch this space!

**Lesley Cass**

### **Buxhall & Great Finborough Candlestick Club**

23 members and friends enjoyed a day's outing to the bird sanctuary at Pensthorpe, Norfolk. The weather was a disappointment, but I'm sure that those that braved the wet conditions had a good day out. Let's hope our outings during 2009 will have better days. Our October meeting has been moved to the second Thursday – see the Village Diary.

It is a talk by Betty Bottomley on 'China'; a topical subject after the Chinese Olympics. Advance notice of our last two meetings: on 6 November we are back at Pettward Hall, Great Finborough at 2pm for our annual bingo afternoon fund raiser. The December meeting is our Christmas lunch and is on Thursday 11 December at midday for 12.30 pm.

Just a reminder that subscriptions are due. The committee have raised these to £6 a year and are doing away with the tea money at meetings. New members over 60 are always welcome so contact me or Hilary (615492).

**Keith Proctor**

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### **Great Finborough and District Garden Club**

Autumn is approaching and the Garden Club's programme of evening meetings started with another fascinating talk by Barry Gayton this time on Exotic Plants. One is so exotic that it only flowers at night'; the flower only lasts for about four hours; and it's pollinated by fruit bats! Probably only for the real enthusiast! Barry did, however, give us lots of ideas about unusual plants that are practical to grow and enjoy.

The next meeting will be on The Gardens of East Anglia a talk with slides by Terry Illsley who is the president of the Suffolk Gardeners Guild. Terry will briefly look at the climatic conditions and soil of the area and then talk about some of its gardens. This will take place on the 9 October – see the Village Diary.

Thank you for buying our Wild Bird Seed. It looks as if we will make a total profit in excess of £90 to be donated to EACH.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the Garden Club or 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](mailto:john@abbeyclassics.co.uk) or me on 672978 or [ianandjudy@beeb.net](mailto:ianandjudy@beeb.net). **Judith Cameron**

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#### Ravenscroft

I'm pleased to update the village on the new development in Middlefield Drive. Following resolution of numerous technical and planning issues we have spent the Summer commencing Phase One of our Development, along with the installation of new services, sewers and other infrastructure works for the benefit of the entire site.

Unfortunately, the well publicised problems within the house building industry have slowed us up. Fortunately the company is on a sound financial footing. Whilst the rate of progress will be dictated by market conditions in general and site sales in particular, we are still achieving sales on our other sites to

enable us to keep our team intact. Works are continuing so that we can respond quickly when the upturn arrives.

We hope to launch the Development during the course of October. An Official Opening is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of November. We are hoping to appoint an additional selling Agent shortly and should have good exposure in the East Anglian Daily Times Autumn Property Guide on 2 October.

It goes without saying that we remain committed to the Development. Taking into account the quality of the housing, combined with the attractiveness of such a sustainable village as Great Finborough, we hope to move forward with the next phase as soon as other commitments permit. Hopefully before the end of 2008.

Meanwhile, we are working on the village car park and children's' playground facilities opposite the village shop. We anticipate being able to complete the drainage, earthworks and general preparation before the Winter weather sets in.

The children of the Primary School helped choose the names for the two new roads in Ravenscroft. I am pleased to announce they will be '**Willow Close**' and '**Pettiward Close**'. We are immensely grateful to all the children who helped decide on the final choices. To demonstrate our appreciation we have, during the Summer holidays, refurbished the school playhouse.

In addition we are indebted to those of you that have taken an interest in our schemes, in particular the Parish Council and those on the Community Council sub-group. They continue to meet us regularly. Such close co-operation has proved to be of mutual benefit and has resulted in our being able to assist with the road safety improvements that have been carried out between the Pub. and Village Hall.

Security and safety are amongst our primary concerns. We would appreciate any help that the village can give us by way of feedback in connection with any suspicious activities. Most importantly please ensure your children keep away from the building site at all times.

If you have any comments then please speak with your Parish Council or contact me directly on 01473 832484 or at [reception@gvpc.co.uk](mailto:reception@gvpc.co.uk) **Peter Blemings, Gipping Homes**



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Now, the county's Police Direct 'high tech' messaging service provided by Suffolk Constabulary can bring you the latest information about crime and policing issues in your area. The free service will send you alerts via email, text or phone giving:

- Latest information on local crime
- Warnings about bogus callers
- Crime reduction advice
- Updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team
- News on major traffic disruptions.

You can choose how you want to receive messages and register up to three postcodes - to cover where you live, where you work, and maybe where a relative lives.

To register, go to [www.policedirect.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.policedirect.suffolk.police.uk) or telephone 01473 613997. You will be asked for information about yourself. You do not have to answer all of the questions, but it helps to ensure that you receive relevant information.

To join an existing Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, or get help setting one up, contact Suffolk Constabulary 01473 613500 and ask for your local community watch liaison officer. You can find out more and register for a Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch newsletter at [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch/](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SuffolkNeighbourhoodWatch/)

**Sue Burstall**

## Hospice News

### ***Handbag Amnesty!***

Does your wardrobe contain lots of handbags that you never use? St Elizabeth Hospice is holding a handbag amnesty from 20-25 October. Take all your unwanted handbags to your local shop at 12b Bury Street, Stowmarket (tel: 615808). Alternatively, visit your local shop and pick up a great handbag buy.

It is the support of the local community that enables St Elizabeth Hospice to continue providing the highest standard of care to our patients and their families, friends and carers. In total it costs £5.2 million each year to run the Hospice, of which 77% is raised by our supporters. **Leanne Thorndyke**

### ***Information afternoon in Stowmarket***

St Elizabeth Hospice is holding an information afternoon in Stowmarket from 2pm on Thursday 30 October. It will be an opportunity for the local people of the Stowmarket area to find out about the Hospice, what we do and how they can get involved.

We are also hoping to establish a new Friends Group in Stowmarket as we currently have well established groups in Woodbridge, Eye and Felixstowe. A Friends Group is a dedicated team of volunteers who meet regularly to have fun whilst at the same time raising funds for, and building awareness of, the Hospice in their locality. Joining a group is a chance to meet like-minded people, learn new skills and make a big difference to your local community.

The information afternoon is at Rookery Bowling Club, Finborough Road, Stowmarket. There will be plenty of parking available and refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact me on 01473 707005 or email me at [patsy.johnson@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:patsy.johnson@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) **Patsy Johnson**

## Reporting Loan Sharks in Suffolk

A Loan Shark is someone who lends money without an Office of Fair Trading licence. Loan Sharks rarely, if ever, give any paperwork. If payments are missed they often use intimidation and violence to get money from their 'clients'. The East of England Illegal Money Lending Team, working with Suffolk Trading Standards, is here to help. If you have any information, however small, on loan shark activities we can help.

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- Have you been threatened when you couldn't pay?
- Has your bank card been taken from you as security?
- Does what you owe keep growing even 'though you are making payments?

If you can answer yes to any of the above then you may have been bitten by a loan shark. If you, or anyone you know, is experiencing any of the above or has any knowledge of loan shark activities then contact our team in confidence.

We can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0300 555 2222 or by e-mail at [stoploansharks@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:stoploansharks@suffolk.gov.uk) Or by text to: loan(space)shark(space) + your message to 60003.

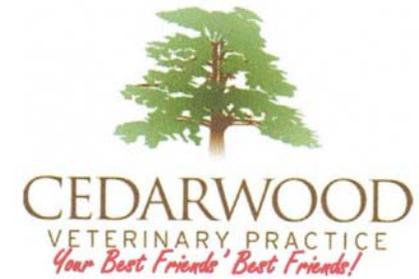
**Sue Burstall**

## Great Finborough & District Royal British Legion – Quiz

Quiz night at Buxhall Village Hall on Saturday 4 October. 7.30pm. Tickets £4 from John Biles (736297). Ploughman's supper provided. Bring your own drinks. Raffle. In aid of the Poppy Appeal.

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**Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5s**

*Pre-school*

The team has been hard at work over the Summer preparing for the busy year ahead. We've revamped the garden, which the children are really enjoying. We are very busy already this year and have a number of sessions full, with double the children attending compared to this time last year. We are, of course, delighted to continue to welcome new faces, but as places will be limited, we are starting a waiting list for children wishing to start after Christmas. Please contact us now for more information.

**Jane Nunn (736881)**

***Toddler Group***

We would like to say a warm welcome to the new families who have joined us over the past few weeks and hope that they continue to enjoy the sessions. We are blessed with a wonderful group who are all very friendly and we would love to see more faces. Your first session is free and if the prospect of visiting alone seems a bit daunting feel free to bring along grandparents, partners or a friend for moral support. Trust us: we've all been there.

We have lots planned for the Autumn term with different activities and crafts each week as well as the festivals in this season. There will be a fancy dress party for Halloween, and a visit from Santa nearer Christmas. We shall also be fundraising for Children in Need as last year we raised £235.

As always we look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks and anyone wanting more information is welcome to pop into a session or contact us. **Kim, Gail & Rachele**

***Bags2School***

A big thank you from the under 5s to everyone who donated goods for the collection in June. A total of 500kg (80 bags) was collected which raised £150. Thank you! Please don't

forget we have another collection on 25 November and welcome any donations however large or small. To refresh your memory: we are looking to collect good quality second hand ladies, men's and children's clothing; bedding; curtains; soft toys; shoes, belts and handbags. Please pop into a black sack and either drop off at the Toddler session on a Friday or at 23 Middlefield Drive (Kim) or 2 Millfield Drive, Buxhall (Nikki). We can collect if you contact us (Kim: 678546; Nikki: 737266). Thank you!  
**Kim Cotton (678546)**

### Local History Festival - Spring 2009

The first meeting to test the enthusiasm for a Local History Festival met on 18 September. There is enough interest to go ahead with a festival. We are looking at the Pettwards and the estate; the two schools; and 'farming now and then'. We are also working on a couple of photographic projects.

We had a great morning going through some of the material collected by the History Group while it ran and what I have researched since then. Next meeting 25 November at 2.30pm at Boarded Barn Farm. Everyone has a project so we will meet up to see how each one is getting on. Do come if you can.  
**Mary Williams**

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### From the Ministry Team

What a summer! Rain, rain and more rain! But we can still count our blessings. We weren't flooded out of our homes; some of our events had fine weather; and some of us had plenty of sunshine on holiday. Counting our blessings reminds me of the story of the widow who was blind for the last 17 years of her life. When she was feeling low, she would ask herself, 'Who might be feeling worse than me? Who I could phone or cheer up?'

Skylarks Children's Club will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child, filling shoe boxes to send to children in poorer countries. As we count our blessings this Christmas, we pray that many children will be blessed by the generosity of those who have filled shoe boxes for them.

**Derek Ames**

### Skylarks Children's Club

In the coming weeks Skylarks will be involved with Operation Christmas Child. They will be collecting suitable gifts to fill shoe boxes to send to children aged 5-9 who live in poorer countries so they too will receive a Christmas present.



A shoe box containing simple gifts such as a soft toy, felt pens, pencils, colouring book, toothbrush, toothpaste, gloves and a hat, might be the first Christmas present a child has ever received. The shoe boxes give hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty. They show the child that they have not been forgotten.

If you would like to help the Skylarks fill as many boxes as possible donations of suitable gifts would be very much appreciated. Gifts can be handed to Derek or Trudy or any of the Skylarks helpers. Please help, as these gifts will make a real difference to those who receive them.

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. For more information ring me on 736494, Derek Ames or Trudy Gray. **Christine Hagger**

### **Family services new to Buxhall and Harleston**

In October, and then from January 2009, Buxhall and Harleston will be introducing regular family services similar to those already running in Finborough (Time2Worship) and Onehouse. These will be informal, shorter services, designed with children in mind.

For those of you who would like something a little more 'grown up' but still not a Communion service, there remain the Evening services at Finborough and Onehouse; Matins at Shelland, Harleston and Buxhall; and the 'Reflective Morning Prayer' at Shelland. Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting you will find a warm welcome at any of our services.

**Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff**

### **Onehouse Ramblers**

October's walk will be on Sunday 26 October. Meet at the Church Room car park on Forest Road at 2.30pm for a walk of 3-4 miles. I can provide further details & would appreciate hearing from those who intend to walk.

**Derek Ames**

### **Pram Service 13 and 27 October**

2<sup>nd</sup> and last Monday  
of each month  
at 2pm in Buxhall Church.

An informal service for pre-schoolers (0-5)  
and their entourage

Come along for songs, stories and squash!



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### **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.



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You are invited to a service for

### **All Souls**

6.30pm Sunday 2 November  
at Buxhall Church

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

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 8 November  
in the Church Room, Onehouse  
8am - finish by 9.30am**

**Speaker: Andy Malcolm from  
The Fishermen's Mission**

There will be an offering to cover expenses  
Please book places with Derek Ames by 5 November  
indicating continental or traditional breakfast.

*Stephen Yelland became a Methodist minister in 1976 and after appointments in the Potteries and Wakefield, he moved to East Anglia in 1985. He came to Stowmarket in 2001. During a sabbatical in 2007 he worked with the Methodist Church in the Bahamas.*



## St Andrew's Church

### Harvest Time 2 Worship Sunday 5 October at 11am

*A service suitable for all ages – all will be very welcome.*

Do join us for our Harvest service when we will be celebrating the generosity of God in the abundance and variety of harvest. This year we will be supporting the work of Christian Aid, in particular their work with partners in Zimbabwe. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Church – all are welcome to stay for this (bring a plate of something simple!).

### **Sunday Explorers**

Meets monthly from 4.30 – 5.30pm  
St Andrew's Church, Finborough

#### **Next Session: Sunday 19 October**

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).

### **St Andrew's Supper Saturday 22 November 6.30pm at the Pettward Hall**

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# **JACKBRIDGEFARM**

## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR OCTOBER

<b>Weekday Morning Prayer</b>			
Monday	Onehouse		8.00 – 8.30 am
Friday	Great Finborough		8.00 – 8.30 am
<b>Sunday 5 October Trinity 20</b>			
<u>Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46</u>			
Sung Eucharist (1)	Buxhall		9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland		9.30am
Harvest Festival & Lunch	Finborough		11am
Harvest Festival	Harleston		4pm
<b>Wednesday 8 October</b>			
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland		10am
<b>Sunday 12 October Trinity 21</b>			
<u>Isaiah 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14</u>			
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland		8am
Matins	Buxhall		9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston		9.30am
Harvest Festival & Lunch	Onehouse Room		11am
Celtic Evening Prayer	Finborough		6.30pm
<b>Sunday 19 October Luke the Evangelist</b>			
<u>Isaiah 35.3-6; Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9</u>			
Matins	Shelland		9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough		11am
Family Communion (1)	Onehouse		11am
Family Service	Buxhall		4pm
<b>Wednesday 22 October</b>			
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland		10am
<b>Sunday 26 October Bible Sunday</b>			
<u>Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35</u>			
Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall		9.30am
Time2Worship	Finborough		11am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse		11am
Family Service	Harleston		11am
<i>Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1); Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)</i>			

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