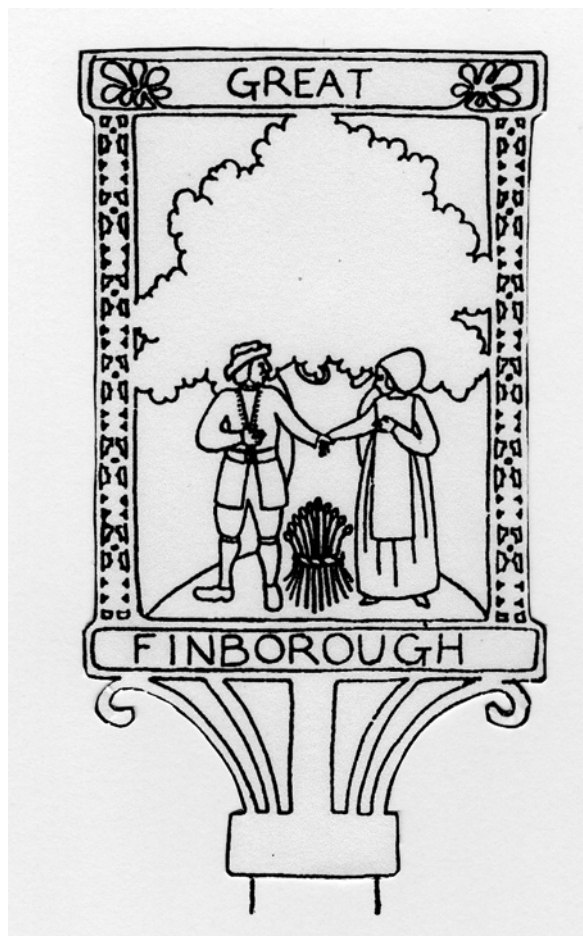


# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**MARCH 2009  
ISSUE 396**

## VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2009

1	4.30pm	Sunday Explorers, St Andrew's Church
3	7.30	Local History Group, Church Room, Onehouse
4	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
5	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
11	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
12	7.30pm	Garden Club meeting, Pettiward Hall
12	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
12	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
12	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
13	7.00pm	'Ladies Night', Gt. Finborough Primary School
14	8am	Men's Breakfast, Church Room, Onehouse
14	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunch, Coppinger Hall, Buxhall
14	7.30pm	Quiz Night, Buxhall Village Hall
17	7.30pm	Sing for Pleasure, 12 Northfield Rd, Onehouse
18	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse
18	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
19	6.30p.m.	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
25	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse
25	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
26	4.30pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
26	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
26	7.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
31	12 for 12.30	FHOBS Lunch Club, Buxhall Village Hall

## VILLAGE DIARY – APRIL 2009

1	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunch, Boarded Farm, Gt Finborough
2	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
4	10.30-12.00	Coffee Morning, St Andrews Church
5	4.30pm	Sunday Explorers, St Andrew's Church
7	7.30	Local History Group, Church Room, Onehouse
9	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
10	10.30-11.30	Family Workshop, St Andrews Church
13	2pm-	Easter Monday village events
21	7.30pm	Sing for Pleasure, 12 Northfield Rd., Onehouse
28	12 for 12.30	FHOBS Lunch Club, Buxhall Village Hall

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

## Editorial

A group is trying to put together a series of events for the village community that we can all enjoy. The quiz last month was really good fun and surprisingly little work was involved - yet a lot of money was raised. The next event will be on 25 April so put it in your diary. Meanwhile, the money being raised is to pay for a new village noticeboard. Where do you think it should go? Phone or email with your ideas - and any others that might improve the newsletter or village life.

15 March 2009 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**

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The next order will be placed on 13 March and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Road, Great Finborough, P14 3AU, by about 19 March.

If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque to 'Great Finborough Garden Club'. It is essential that I have your telephone number so that you can be advised when seed is ready for collection.

Orders may be posted to or dropped off at Abbey Farm Cottage; 1, Valley Lane; or 8, High Road, and must be received by 11 March.

**John Davey**

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

Following a very successful 2008 with a selection of fascinating speakers, some enjoyable and well supported social events and a very successful Open Gardens, the new gardening year arrived with bitter cold, snow and ice. In the short intervals between snow and floods I noticed that the daffodils have started to peek their leaves above the soil so the promise is there of better things to come.

However the first meeting of the year started with a battle through yet another snowstorm that delayed the speaker's arrival and reduced the audience to the hardiest members of the club. It was well worthwhile as Simon White from 'Peter Beales' took us through his personal A-Z of roses. This wide ranging review took in the different types of roses, growing conditions, propagation and pruning and he showed stunning photographs to illustrate each letter of the alphabet. Judging by the number of catalogues being carried away afterwards there are going to be some new rose gardens planned, or at least a few new varieties squeezed into existing beds.

The next meeting will take place on the 12 March at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Pettward Hall. If you have ever wanted to grow orchids and thought they were too difficult come and listen to Robin McDonald who is a member of the East Anglian Orchid Society. He is going to show us how they are different from other plants and how to grow them without fear.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Membership is only £10 per household per year. For further information contact either Judith Cameron (672978) or at [judyandian@btinternet.com](mailto:judyandian@btinternet.com) or me on 674401 or at [john@abbeyclassics.co.uk](mailto:john@abbeyclassics.co.uk)

**John Davey**

### **News From**

#### **The Friends of Great Finborough Primary School**

##### ***Ladies Night***

The Friends is organising a 'Ladies Night' on 13 March at 7pm at Great Finborough Primary School. There will be a large quantity of stalls including: Little Gems, Pamper Chef, Virgin Vie, Keep Sake Prints, Phoenix Cards, Usborne Books, Lush Beauty Therapies, Ann Summers, Snazy Straps, Aloe Days, Bumble Bee Kitchens and many more. There will also be a raffle with prizes donated by the stall holders.

So come on ladies! If you fancy a Girlie Night Out tickets are £2.50 (including a complementary drink). They are available from the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School or the School Office on 613208.

We are always in need of any raffle prizes for our fundraising throughout the year. If anyone has any unwanted Christmas gifts they will be gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation please bring along to the school and leave with the office.

##### ***Squirrel Garden***

The garden is really starting to take shape now and the children are enjoying the club. So far they have sown seeds indoors and helped fill in the vegetable beds.

##### ***Alder Carr Farm - Tools for Schools Voucher Scheme***

We have entered into a voucher reward scheme with Alder Carr Farm, Creting St Mary. For every £10 spent in their Farm Shop they will give you a voucher (a bit like the Tesco Vouchers!) which when saved up will be cashed in for gardening equipment for the school. The Scheme will run from 23 February to 31 August. There will be collection boxes around the village with one in the school foyer, one at Chaplin's Post Office, one at Great Finborough & Buxhall Pre-

school and the Buxhall Crown. Please tell all your friends and family about these vouchers. The more we collect the more the children will benefit.

If anyone has any small watering cans, small gloves, seeds, plants or anything that needs a good home that they wish to donate to the club please feel free to either leave with the School or contact Lesley Cass (675970), Julie Francis (736185) or me (678480).

**Sharla Goldsmith**



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### **East Anglian Air Ambulance**

We have received a letter of thanks for all the stamps, coins, ink cartridges and mobile 'phones collected by van in January. I was asked to pass on thanks to everyone who has collected these items over the past six months. It is worth looking at the website: [www.eastanglianairambulance.org.uk](http://www.eastanglianairambulance.org.uk) to find out more about this vital service.

**Derek Ames**

### **Jewellery amnesty at your local Hospice shop**

Do you have any unwanted or broken jewellery and accessories? St Elizabeth Hospice is holding a jewellery amnesty from Monday 23 March to Saturday 28 March. In that week take all your old, odd, broken or scrap jewellery to your local shop on Bury Street in Stowmarket or to any of the ten Hospice shops across East Suffolk.

Sue Goodchild, Retail Manager at the Hospice, said "We are appealing for new or old, costume or fine jewellery – it does not have to be of great worth or a family heirloom. You may have unwanted gifts, items that no longer fit, or pieces that you have fallen out of love with. They can even be broken or incomplete, maybe an odd earring, a broken bracelet or a watch that doesn't tick anymore. All jewellery items can be recycled and turned into donations. 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."

If you would like more information about the jewellery amnesty, please contact the Stowmarket shop on Bury Street on 615808 or visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

**Leanne Thorndyke**

### **Climbing new heights at Leisure Centre**

Visitors to Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket will be able to climb to new heights now a brand new climbing wall has been unveiled. The purpose built bouldering wall, which will be built into one of the existing squash courts, has been designed with a combination of curved shapes and menacing overhangs, as well as a mix of overlaps, arêtes and grooves. Bouldering is a fast growing sport in its own right, and

involves lower level climbing with the emphasis upon technical skill.

The existing bouldering wall will be converted into a traverse wall, for climbers to warm up on before using the top roping wall or the new bouldering wall. There will also be a new higher section installed on the main top roping wall so it will now be up to eight metres high. The wall has been funded by Mid Suffolk District Council, working in partnership with SLM who operate the facility.

Nick Hart, Manager of The Cragg, said: 'This is an exciting development which will really enhance the climbing facilities at the Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre. Bouldering is an increasingly popular activity which is a great introduction to climbing, and the extra height on the main wall will also be an added challenge.'

Anyone interested in doing a beginners course or having private tuition should contact the Leisure Centre for further details on 01449 674980.



## **Mid Suffolk District Council**

### **Waste and Environmental Services Update**

Welcome to the first Mid Suffolk Waste and Environmental Services update. Each update will keep you informed of what the teams have been doing and key issues for the departments for the next few months....we hope you find it of interest!

A deep clean of Stowmarket Town Centre has taken place over the last few weeks. One of the main issues of concern was the amount of chewing gum that had to be steamed off the pavement with specialist equipment before the clean could take place. If cigarette butts were not thrown away carelessly and chewing gum was discarded correctly in a bin, savings could be made on street cleansing costs. Our road sweeper vehicles and grounds maintenance teams have been out and about in the district collecting leaves and carrying out a winter prune of bushes and trees.

Springtime spurs village organisations and community clear up groups into action. Twenty three parishes currently arrange community clear ups with equipment supplied by MSDC. These events are normally a lot of fun and make a cleaner nicer environment for everyone to live in. If your village or community group wish to set up a community clear up contact Sarah Carter, the Environmental Services Officer at MSDC, on 01449 724500. MSDC may be able to assist you with the supply of a litter picking kit.

### ***Christmas Tree Collections***

The Waste and Recycling Team has received a good response from collecting the Christmas trees for recycling this year. Our Recycling Officers were out on a frosty winter's mornings collecting the Christmas trees with the contractors Serco. A total of 2280kg was collected and taken to County Mulch for composing.



### ***New Tetra Pak Recycling Banks***

Tetra Pak (juice/milk carton) recycling banks have been introduced. They have been such a success that we will be adding another two sites. The nearest new one is at Hurstlea Road, Needham Market but you can also use the Stowmarket main site. Please check [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk) for recycling banks near you.

### ***Excess Packaging at Easter***

Remember to recycle your Easter egg boxes, plastic holders and aluminium foil. All of these items can be recycled if separated and placed individually into the recycling bins. Alternatively you could think about packaging when you are shopping. Easter eggs are now more commonly available without the box: why pay for excess packaging?

### ***Garden Waste Collection Service***

To help make recycling easier for residents, Mid Suffolk District Council has introduced a garden waste collection service throughout the district. The service is available to all households - subject to availability and suitability of access. To enquire about the service, please contact 0845 6066045 or visit [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk). The charge for the service is £40.00 a year. For that, households will receive a 240 litre brown bin and a fortnightly collection of garden waste. The service operates all year round except for Christmas and New Year holiday weeks. The garden waste that is collected is emptied into a dedicated vehicle and sent to a local facility to be shredded and recycled into soil improver.

### ***Recycling – Getting It Right....***

Mid Suffolk residents are currently top of the UK league for dry recycling, of which we can all be proud. However we can always strive to improve our recycling rate and keep our place at the top of the league. There are still some items that seem



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to cause confusion when it comes to deciding which bin they should go in. The recycling team at Mid Suffolk are often asked about what to do with plastic packaging, as it is often difficult to tell which type can be recycled and which type cannot.

Plastic food trays, plastic bottles and yoghurt pots are all accepted for recycling; however unfortunately we cannot accept any type of plastic bags, plastic wrapping or film, including biscuit wrappers, cling film, crisp packets or bubble wrap. Please contact us if you have any queries, or to book a visit from a recycling officer.

To report a street care or waste and recycling issue ring 08456 066067.  
**Hannah Bridges**

#### **FHOBS Lunch Club**

FHOBS stands for Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse, Buxhall and Shelland: the five parishes of the benefice. Under this umbrella, we have a thriving Lunch Club with upwards of 40 members who enjoy a meal and some valued comradeship. This takes place on the last Tuesday of each month: 12 noon for 12.30 in Buxhall Village Hall. The one exception is December each year when we have a Christmas Tea Party instead of the lunch. A small charge of £3.50 is made to cover expenses. We would be delighted to welcome new members. Please contact me on 01449 737814.  
**Jill**

#### **Down Your Lane – Up Your Street**

If you are looking to book an entertaining act for your fete, get more going on your village hall or want to organise an event for your community but are not sure where to start, then this event is for you. The one day seminar "Down Your Lane – Up Your Street", will take place on Thursday 26 March at The Cut in Halesworth. The day aims to give people ideas

for developing events in their communities across Suffolk and think about doing something extraordinary in 2009.

The seminar will include inspirational speakers from street fairs to village festivals. Arts interludes will also take place throughout the day, offering snippets of shows from performers who will be available to book for events. There will also be the opportunity for people to pick up practical hints and tips through workshops and an interactive arts market whereby performers will be on hand to talk about their work.

Zoey Furzer, Arts Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council said: "We hope this seminar will provide people with ideas on what's possible in programming arts in their communities. We have a wonderful line-up of speakers and performers, all of whom have a great deal of experience delivering amazing work and wowing audiences".

The event is being organised in partnership by the arts services at Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council with generous support from Suffolk County Council.

The cost to attend is £10 including lunch, with concessions available. To book your space, please telephone: 01394 444538 or email: [arts@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:arts@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) **Vicky Smy**

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Foundation trusts provide services with greater freedoms from the Department of Health. They are still subject to NHS standards and inspections but are able to make decisions that best meet the needs of local people. Members can be involved as much or as little as they like, from simply receiving newsletters to becoming active in forums, fundraising and volunteering.

Chief Executive Andrew Reed said: "Becoming a foundation trust will help us deliver the best hospital care for our community in the future. Patients will not only have a chance to be part of the decision-making process, but will also have access to more information about the current services and future plans allowing them to make informed choices about where to have treatment".

The hospital's new members, who include most of the 4,000-strong workforce, will elect a Council of Governors. The governors represent the views of the public and work with the Board of Directors who remains responsible for day-to-day running of the trust. As well as being answerable to the local community, foundation trusts are also accountable to Monitor, the independent regulator for foundation trusts. It ensures trusts are well-governed and financially strong. If you are 16 years old you can become a member. Call membership manager Sarah Higson on 01473 704769 for details or go to [www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk/foundationtrust](http://www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk/foundationtrust) Hazel Byford

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### Local History Group

The forecast of severe weather made it common sense to cancel the February meeting quite late in the day. Hopefully we managed to notify most people beforehand. However, all is not lost as Richard Gale is happy to come instead to the April meeting, which is wonderful as the history of the Golf Club and Course is very interesting.

During 2009 we will be looking at the considerable changes that have taken place in our parishes since 1900. Currently there is a growing interest in family history and this will be an ideal opportunity to follow the fortunes of people living in this part of Suffolk, the general trends of which are likely to be mirrored across the country. The programme for the year is available on request and will be published each month in this newsletter: 3 March – Schooling; 7 April - The Golf Club and Course.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Room at Onehouse. We ask for £2, which includes refreshments, to cover our costs. There is always a warm welcome for all who are interested in local history, from youngsters to elders. The Group is a member of the Suffolk Local History Council so our notice board gives details of other Groups and events in the County. If you want more information, please ring me on 673190.

The Suffolk Local History Council is seeking a new Honorary Secretary. This is not a full time position. There is an office at Wharfedale Road, Ipswich, and it is necessary to spend some time there. The person being sought has probably retired and has an interest in local history. For further information please contact SLHC at 01473 242540.

**Pauline Llewellyn**



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### **Stowmarket & District Camera Club**

February's Open Competition was well supported in all categories and we welcomed a new judge (Jill Adams) from Maldon Camera Club, Essex. On Monday 9 March we have our annual competition against East Ipswich Camera Club competing for the Granville Foulger Trophy.

On Saturday 14 March we are holding an exhibition of members' work to celebrate the 32nd year of Stowmarket & District Camera Club being in operation. There will be a wide range of work on show ranging from the novice through to the experienced photographer. Some of the prints will be for sale as well as a portrait section where families can come along and have their portrait taken for a fee. Also on view will be a selection of photographic memorabilia connected to the club.

On the 23rd March we have an open evening where focus will be on 'photo shop' and its elements. For further details contact me on 01728 724077 or visit our website

[www.stowmarketcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.stowmarketcameraclub.co.uk)

**Paul Mothersole**

### **Dare take on St Elizabeth Hospice's Great Xscape?**

St Elizabeth Hospice is inviting teams of 4 to sign up for the Great Xscape on Saturday 21 March. Teams will be blindfolded, driven to a secret location in the Suffolk countryside and not told where they are or the quickest way to get back. How you return is up to you!

Teams are not allowed any help from friends and family and will be without money, mobile phones, navigational equipment or even a map. A good sense of direction will certainly help. Once at the secret location there will be a buffet to recharge your batteries and a raffle. There will also be a prize for the quickest team to make it back. For those who wish to take the challenge a step further, there will be a prize for the best fancy dress.

To download a registration form, please visit our website [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk), contact the fundraising team on 01473 723600 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk)

**Leanne Thorndyke**

### **Welcome**

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

**Sally Gooch**

### **Charity Bingo**

This Month's Bingo will be on Thursday 19 March at 6:30pm in the Pettward Hall. All monies raised will go towards 1st Great Finborough and Buxhall Brownies. There will be bingo, a raffle and refreshments. All welcome; children to be accompanied by an adult.

If anyone has any unwanted raffle prizes they wish to donate, please feel free to bring along on the night or contact either Mari (770062) or me (678480).

**Sharla Goldsmith**

### **SINGING FOR PLEASURE 2009**

THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
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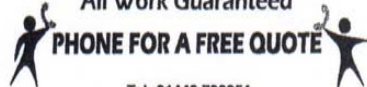
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## Quiz Night Review

What a success! We raised £475 towards a village noticeboard. Pettward Hall was full to overflowing with 15 teams competing for the prize of a hamper kindly donated by Jeannette and Nigel in the village shop. Sally Gooch, Cat Jones and Sue Wilkinson provided the hot supper and Lesley Cass, Sam and Lucy helped to serve. Judith Hickman kept the scores. Thanks to them all and to those who donated the raffle prizes.

**Norman Vendittelli**

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### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday 14 March

Church Room, Onehouse  
8am-9.30am

### **Speaker:**

**Peter Schwier of  
Metfield**

There will be an offering to cover expenses. Please book places with Derek Ames by Wednesday 11 March (Tel. 613328) indicating continental or traditional breakfast.

Peter was brought up in a Christian home and became a Christian when he was young. He went on to make a re-dedication at a Billy Graham rally in 1960's. He then spent some time working overseas with the Baptist Missionary Society.

He now works in arable farming. He has a wonderful wife (she says) and two sons. He was one of the first people to be ordained as an Ordained Local Minister back in 1991.

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### **St Andrew's Church**

It was encouraging to see a good number of people at the meeting held at the beginning of the year in the Primary School. This was an opportunity to look at many aspects of the church here in Finborough and in particular at ways in which the church can serve the local community in a variety of ways.

One aspect was Communication – how can we let people know what's going on? One suggestion was to have a clear summary somewhere in the Newsletter of the Sunday services at St Andrew's – see elsewhere!

We hope in the near future to produce a note of the main points that came out of the meeting – so more later.



### **Experience Easter**

We were very pleased to host an information session run by the Diocese for local teachers that explored one way of introducing children to the Easter Story. This involved a number of 'displays' or 'stations' where children - or adults - can hear the story, see a representation of the story and have an opportunity to do something in response if they wish.

The stations will be set up in St Andrews from Tuesday 24 March to Friday 3 April – do come and have a look. After that they will be positioned around the five churches of the Benefice as a focus during Holy Week. All are welcome to come and Experience Easter.

There is information elsewhere about the Good Friday Workshop held in the Church which proved very popular last year. If you'd like more information please contact me.

**Trudy Gray**

## Suffolk Postcards

How do we link what goes on in Church on Sunday with life in Suffolk today? This is the theme of the Lent Course which starts week beginning 2 March. Each week there is a Suffolk postcard picture with links to the main Bible reading for that Sunday. How we develop those links is down to us.

There are six sessions meeting on Monday afternoons from 2-3.30pm in the Church Room at Onehouse starting 2 March and weekly thereafter; and Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9pm at Abbey Oaks (Finborough end of Buxhall Hill) starting 4 March and weekly thereafter. You can mix and match afternoons and evenings. Why not come and join in. You'll be very welcome. If you'd like to know more contact Lindsay (616010) or Arlene (676123).

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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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## Good Friday 'Family Workshop'?

10.30am 10 April at St Andrew's Church  
A chance to learn more about the Easter story.

Something to make  
Something to do  
Something to listen to

**Activities from 10.30 to 11.30am**

**Refreshments including Hot Cross Buns  
and Easter biscuits.**

For further information contact Trudy Gray



### Skylarks Children's Club

We've been having fun again and enjoying games, action songs, craftwork, cooking (and eating!) and stories. This year, so far we've looked at Epiphany and at St Paul. We've acted out his life including the shipwreck and imprisonment in chains! Most recently, we learnt about God's love and the story of St Valentine and made heart-shaped biscuits. They looked so pretty and yummy it was hard not to eat them all, but everyone managed to take three home as well as their hand-made love garlands - perhaps for a sweetheart? At the moment we have 10 happy, friendly boys and girls but we do have room for one or two children to join. Dates are in the Village Diary. If parents are interested, they should contact: Christine (736487), Trudy (674819) or Derek 613328.

**Diana Taylor**



### **LENT LUNCH IN FINBOROUGH**

Wednesday 1 April at Boarded Barn Farm (left at green at Hitcham end of village). Lunch of soup, bread and cheese served from noon to 1.30pm. Proceeds to the Children's Society.

#### And elsewhere:

Buxhall: Saturday 14 March at Coppinger Hall

Onehouse: Wednesdays 18 & 25 March in the Church Room

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### **Services at St Andrew's Church in March**

1 March	11am	Holy Communion
8 March	6.30pm	Celtic Evening Prayer
15 March	11am	Holy Communion and Baptism
22 March	10.30am	Family Time 2 Worship
29 March	10.30am	Reading of the Passion

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### **Sunday Explorers**

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Meeting  
First Sunday of the Month at  
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from 4.30 – 5.30pm

### **Next Session: Sunday 1 March**

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).

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# **JACKBRIDGEFARM**

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH**

### **Weekday Morning Prayer**

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

### **Sunday 1 March Lent 1**

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

Sung Eucharist (1)	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Matins	Harleston	11am
Taizé Evening Prayer	Onehouse Room	6.30pm

### **Sunday 8 March Lent 2**

Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

Matins	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	9.30am
Family Service	Onehouse Room	11am
Celtic Evening Prayer	Finborough	6.30pm

**Thursday 12 March**

Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	10am
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**Sunday 15 March Lent 3**

Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Matins	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1) & Baptism	Finborough	11am
Family Communion (1)	Onehouse Room	11am
Family Service	Buxhall	4pm

**Sunday 22 March Mothering Sunday**

1 Samuel 1.20-28; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25-27

Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	9.30am
Family Service	Harleston	9.30am
Family Service	Shelland	9.30am
Family Time2Worship for Mothering Sunday	Finborough	10.30am
Family Service	Onehouse Room	11am

**Thursday 26 March**

Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	10am
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**CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH  
(Contd)**

**Sunday 29 March Passion Sunday**

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; John 12.20-33

Benefice Reading of the Passion	Finborough	10.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse Room	6.30pm

*Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1);*

*Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)*

**Please note change of mid-week service to Buxhall**

**Sunday 22 March is Mothering Sunday**

A chance to say Thank You!

A chance to remember the gifts,  
talents and love that mothers can  
give us



Are you planning a breakfast in bed?

Or perhaps a special family lunch?

Or perhaps just a chance for Mum to have a bit of a rest!

**Why not include  
Family Time 2 Worship for Mothering Sunday  
in your celebrations?**

**10.30am at St Andrew's Church,  
Great Finborough**

**Do come along: you will be very welcome.**

## WHO'S WHO IN GREAT FINBOROUGH

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