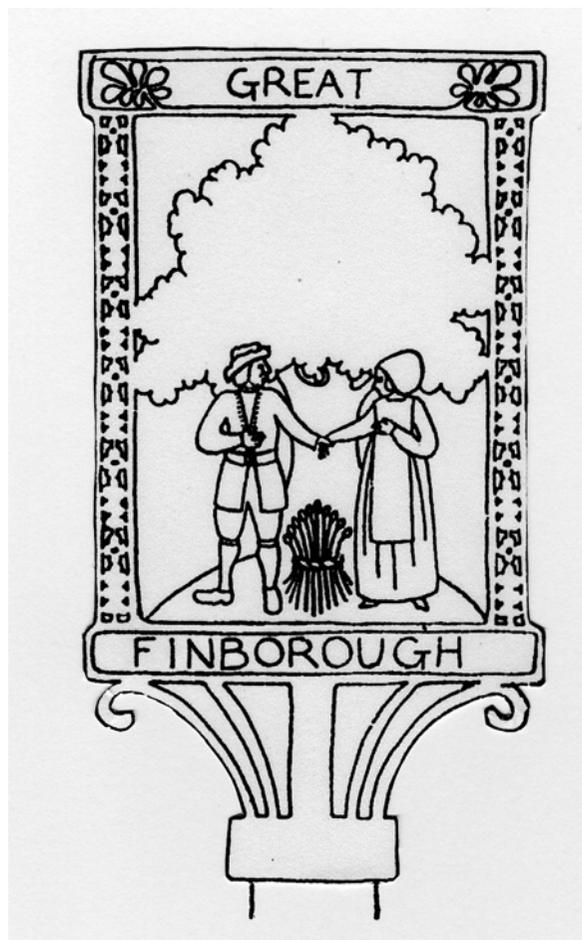


# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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## VILLAGE DIARY – NOVEMBER 2009

<b>2</b>	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
<b>3</b>	7.30pm	Onehouse Local History Group
<b>4</b>	2-4pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>5</b>	2pm	Candlestick Club, Pettiward Hall
<b>5</b>	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
<b>9</b>	7.30pm	Stowmarket and District Camera Club
<b>11</b>	2-4pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>12</b>	4.30pm	Skylarks
<b>12</b>	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
<b>12</b>	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
<b>12</b>	7.30-9.30pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>16</b>	7.30pm	Community Council, Pettiward Hall
<b>17</b>	7.30pm	Singing For Pleasure
<b>18</b>	2-4pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>18</b>	7pm	Buxhall Women's Institute
<b>19</b>	6.30pm	Bingo, Pettiward Hall
<b>22</b>	2.30pm	Onehouse Ramblers
<b>23</b>	7.30pm	Stowmarket and District Camera Club
<b>24</b>	12-12.30pm	FHOBS Lunch Club, Buxhall Village Hall
<b>25</b>	2-4pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>26</b>	4.30pm	Skylarks
<b>26</b>	7-9pm	Youth Café, St. Andrew's Church
<b>26</b>	7.30-9.30pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>30</b>	2pm	Pram Service, Buxhall Church

## VILLAGE DIARY – DECEMBER 2009

<b>3</b>	12pm	Christmas Lunch, Candlestick Club
<b>3</b>	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
<b>4</b>	tba	Bazaar, Primary School

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

## Editorial

15 November 2009 is the next copy deadline for material for December and January as there will be one newsletter covering both months, published at the end of November. 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**

## News from the Parish Council

### *Community Facilities*

As the Ravenscroft development progresses we are now actively engaging with the developer over the facilities for older young people on the bottom field. Under the arrangement that we negotiated with the District Council before the land was sold to Gipping Homes, the obligation is to provide a levelled and drained 5-a-side football pitch at the bottom of the development. We are now starting to work with the young people to explore what they would ideally like to see and if and how any additional facilities may be funded. We have been successful in funding additional costs of the Play Area through grant aid and expect to look at similar sources, if necessary, for development of facilities on the lower field.

Anyone interested in getting involved in helping to support the development of the facilities, please let me or anyone associated with the Youth Café know.

### *Village appraisal*

By now, your completed appraisal questionnaire should have been collected from you. If, for any reason, it has not been collected, please don't miss the opportunity to have your views heard. You can either leave your questionnaire at the Village Shop or put it through our door at *Rookery Nook*, but please do so as soon as you can.

### *Locking up rota*

Whilst we are looking for a Village Caretaker, we would welcome new volunteers to help with the locking up rota. If you can help, please speak to Norman on 677940.

## Village Caretaker

We still have a vacancy for a paid part-time Village Caretaker to help maintain The Pettward Hall, the play area and car park, and other facilities as they are developed. Full details of the role are available from Liz Michie on 01449 613699 or at [lizmichie@btinternet.com](mailto:lizmichie@btinternet.com)

It will include locking up, Hall cleaning, keeping the village tidy, grass cutting and basic maintenance jobs. It may well be suitable for a job share to ensure continuous cover. Hours will be agreed with the successful candidate(s). New closing date for applications is Thursday, 12 November.

## *Next Meeting*

2 November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Pettward Hall.

**Richard Brice, Chair, Parish Council**

## News from the Community Council

At the October meeting the main discussion was about the Playground and car park. A group of young people who use the facility attended to share their views, along with the adults. They were invited to contribute their ideas to plans to develop a facility for teens when the Ravenscroft Development has progressed more. The next meeting, which is open to everyone, will be on 16 November at 7.30pm in Pettward Hall.

**Sue Green**

## News from your District Councillor

### *Electoral Registration*

A few weeks ago you should have received and send sent back a form to renew your registration to vote so anyone who did not do so should contact Electoral Services on 01449 724672. New arrivals can also register at any time of the year, up to a couple of weeks before the election.

### ***Stowmarket Area Action Plan***

This document, part of the emerging Local Plan (LDF), has been published for consultation from 19 October to 30 November, and is intended to guide development in and around the town for the next 15 years. It is available in the Libraries, Tourist Information, at CSD in Ipswich Street and Needham Market, as well as on the web at <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Planning+and+Building+Information/>.

Views can be submitted by email, post, fax but on line is encouraged, at [www.consultation.limehouse.co.uk/midsuffolk](http://www.consultation.limehouse.co.uk/midsuffolk)

### ***Amended Recycling and Waste Collections***

By now the changes to the collection schedules should be complete. Green bins will be emptied the same week throughout Mid Suffolk; black bins the following week. This is to further improve the efficiency of our partnership with Babergh District. Your continued help in recycling as much as possible, while avoiding putting non-recyclable items in the green bin, is much appreciated, keeping our villages amongst the *best in the country*. To get in touch with me see Who's Who.

**John Matthissen**

### **Welcome to...**

- Bryony and John Allen, who have moved from Stowmarket into 21 Middlefield Drive, with three of their four children, Chester the dog and three cats;
- Janet and Chris Perry who have moved from Haughley to The Green.

If you know someone newly arrived and living in the village, or friends and neighbours who are moving on, please let me know. If you know someone who needs a copy of the Village Welcome Pack contact me.

**Sally Gooch**

### **News from the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School**

The Friends would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped us through the year. We have had a successful year, raising over £6,000 for the school. This was spent on new PE equipment, a

digital camcorder, gardening club equipment, a greenhouse, Math's games, a school library system and many more exciting things.

We are holding a Bring and Buy Clothes Sale with cake stall on Thursday 12 November at 3:20pm in the school hall. We are looking for saleable clothes for this event. If anyone has any men's, women's, children's or babies clothes please could you pass them to the Friends via the school office before Tuesday 10 November. Everyone is welcome to come and have a rummage!

The Christmas Bazaar will be on Friday 4 December at the school. We are looking for any donations of raffle prizes, children's tombola prizes, empty jars, sweets and little gifts. Donations to the school office. Times will be advertised in the next newsletter. Many thanks again and we hope you continue to give great support to our future events.

### ***Easy Search Website***

Thank you again to everyone who has used this search engine. Please keep on searching! If you are an Internet Shopper why not help the Friends raise funds by using the free website [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and follow the links. Over 400 retailers can be accessed from this site and up to 15% from each online purchase will be donated to the Friends.

### ***Squirrel Gardens***

The garden is now starting to wind down for the winter, with children harvesting, weeding and composting the old materials. We are still looking for any donations of kneelers for the children. If you have one that needs a good home please donate it to the club by leaving it with the primary school, or contact Lesley Cass (675970), Julie Francis (736185) or me (678480).

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

Thank you again to the fantastic support with collecting these vouchers, we are still deciding what to purchase for the garden, I will let you know hopefully next month.

**Sharla Goldsmith**



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## Remember your Pets on 5 November

With the firework season upon us, local vets, The Cedarwood Veterinary Practice of Stowmarket, are providing pet owners with important advice on the care of their animals:

### *Pets in the house*

If you or your neighbours are having fireworks at home, keep your dogs and cats indoors from early evening. Once they are inside, shut cat-flaps and external doors. Give them some space in a room that they are used to and shut the curtains. Music or the television will help distract them from the noise. Check on them regularly and reassure them if frightened. If you have birds in the house, cover the cages and move them away from windows.

If your pets are generally susceptible to stress it is worth talking to your vet. Over recent years medicines and techniques have been developed that can greatly reduce the impact of fireworks noise on animals.

### *Pets in the garden*

Wherever possible bring rabbits and other outdoor pets into or close by the house. It is a good idea to cover the pens, remembering to leave enough air gaps so that they can breathe. Ideally enjoy fireworks at a local organised display such as the forthcoming display at the Museum of East Anglian Life and keep your pets safely at home. For further information contact the team at Cedarwood vets on 01449 676966.

**Ross Kelly**

### **Calling all pets!**

9.30am 15 November 2009 at Buxhall Church. A special service for creatures great (perhaps not too great!) and small. Dogs (well behaved); cats (in protective cages); ditto birds; reptiles (??); rabbits; guinea pigs; gerbils; insects; small mammals – even your favourite soft furry toys. They will be welcomed and if their owners promise to be very good, they can come too.

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Please remember we have another collection date 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 morning or the Pre-School anytime!

**Easy Fundraising**

With the busy Christmas shopping season fast approaching us, all you Internet shoppers can shop and fundraise for our pre-school all in the comfort of your cosy armchair!

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FHOBS is 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 12.30pm in Buxhall Village Hall. A small charge of £3.50 is made to cover expenses. We would be delighted to welcome new members. Please contact me on 737814.

**Jill**

**Charity Bingo**

This Month's Bingo will be on Thursday 19 November at 6:30pm in Pettitward Hall. All money raised will go towards the Bingo Fund. There will be Bingo, 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 (770032) or me (678480). **Sharla Goldsmith**

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## Swine Flu

The swine flu vaccination programme will be rolled out over the next few weeks. Once the vaccine has been distributed GP practices will contact members of the community identified as being in the priority groups by letter, inviting them to come forward to have the vaccine before the end of November. The priority groups are listed below and will receive the vaccination in this order:

1. People aged over six months and under 65 years in current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups.
2. All pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters.
3. Household contacts of people with compromised immune systems eg. people in regular close contact with patients on treatment for cancer.
4. People aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups but not otherwise healthy over 65s, since they appear to have some natural immunity to the virus.

Vaccination of frontline health and social care workers will begin at the same time and will continue for as long as necessary. Although the virus has so far proved to be mild in most people, for others it has been more serious. By vaccinating these high risk groups first we are aiming to protect those most vulnerable to this virus. Everyone can do their bit to prevent the spread of swine flu, simply by washing their hands properly and regularly.

### ***About swine flu***

Most swine flu cases have been mild, with symptoms similar to those of seasonal flu. Only a small number of people have had more serious symptoms. If you or a member of your family has a fever or high temperature (over 38°C/100.4°F) and two or more of the following symptoms, you may have swine flu:

Unusual tiredness	Headache
Runny nose	Sore throat
Shortness of breath or cough	Loss of appetite
Aching muscles	Diarrhoea or vomiting.

It makes sense to have a working thermometer at home, as an increase in temperature is one of the main symptoms. If you are still concerned you may have swine flu, stay at home and check your symptoms using the online National Pandemic Flu Service: [www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu)

Call your GP directly if you have a serious existing illness that weakens your immune system, such as cancer; if you are pregnant; if you have a sick child under one; if your condition suddenly gets much worse or if your condition is still getting worse after seven days (five for a child).

The National Pandemic Flu Service is an online service that will assess your symptoms and, if needed, provide an authorisation number that can be used to collect antiviral medication from a local collection point. For those who do not have internet access, the same service can be accessed by telephone on: 0800 1 513 513 for information; 0800 1 513 100 for treatment.

**Dr Brian Keeble, Flu Director, NHS Suffolk**

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- 12 November 2009 - Chris Nunn & Joel Millerchip, Lielow and Sketch
- 3 December 2009 - Grenville Davey, Sculptor
- 21 Jan 2010 - Mark Dixon, Experimental Artists
- 25 February 2010 - Hilary Owers and Tracey Johnson, Cuckoo Farm Studios
- 25 March 2010 - Isabella Pitisci & Laura Potter, Key Arts, Ipswich.

For further information on talks, please visit: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Your+Community/Local+Arts/Art+Events+and+News/Artists+for+Artists+Sake+Sessions.htm> or telephone: 01449 724633. All talks will be held at the Lecture Theatre, Mid Suffolk District Council, 131 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DL. Talks start from 7pm, so please arrive from 6.45pm. Cost - £8 for all six sessions or £2.50 each - pay on the night. To book, please call 01449 724633 or email [artsdevelopment@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:artsdevelopment@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

**Vicky Smy**

## Christmas is Coming

St Elizabeth Hospice Christmas cards, wrapping paper and diaries are now available to buy from our Stowmarket shop and you can also pop in for ideas for festive gifts.

**Sarah Cawley**

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## WILD BIRD SEED

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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 12 November.

**John Davey**

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Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£8.50
Sunflower Kernels	25 kg	£24.00
Sunflower Kernels (half sack)	10kg approx	£10.00
Niger Seed	25 kg	£20.00
Niger Seed (half sack)	10kg approx	£8.50
Fat Balls (any quantity)	Price each	10 pence

## Great Finborough & District Garden Club

As the summer drought finally broke with the arrival of some very welcome rain, the time for filling of leaf mulch bins has arrived along with tidying up, bulb planting, and putting the garden to bed for the winter. Then we can relax by the fire with the seed catalogues and dream of next year's flowers and vegetables.

The October meeting was an illustrated talk with slides by Barry Gayton on the subject of 'Garden pests and diseases'. His slides pictured all the 'nasties' our plants fall victim to from molluscs, otherwise known as slugs and snails; to bacteria, fungi and viruses. He also gave us some handy hints on prevention, treatment and cure.

The meeting on Thursday 12 November is entitled 'Winter Colour in the Garden', presented by Richard and Mary Ford who will be making a welcome return to the Club. They will be showing plenty of illustrations of what can be achieved and there will be plants to purchase on the night.

Please put the date for the Christmas party in your diaries: Thursday 3 December. It will be a light-hearted quiz, with nibbles and mulled wine.

Why not join or come along to a meeting. We meet on the second Thursday of the month. Membership is £10 per household per year (£2 for guest attendance at a meeting). Contact John Davey on 674401 or [john@abbeyclassics.co.uk](mailto:john@abbeyclassics.co.uk) or me - see Who's Who.

**Judith Cameron**

## Allotments

Thanks to everyone who has responded to the notice last month about allotments for the village. We certainly have enough people interested. A meeting will be arranged in due course.

**John Davey**



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### St Andrew's Church: Restoration of the North Window

The article in last month's newsletter asking for help towards the repair of the boarded up window sparked some interest. A sponsorship form is included here. You are free to donate however much you can afford if you want someone remembered. If you'd like to know more – or need any additional forms please let me know on 677223 or at [paul.nettleton@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.nettleton@hotmail.com). Many thanks. **Paul Nettleton**

### Autumn Supper

The Autumn Supper on 17 October 2009 was a great success. The food was excellent and the company fine. The chefs received many compliments. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. We raised around £300 for the Church. **Trudy Gray**

### Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on 22 November. Meet at C Church Room Park at 2.30pm for a walk of about four miles. If you need a lift please call me on 613328. **Derek Ames**

### Raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance

We are collecting used postage stamps, old and foreign coins, used ink cartridges and unwanted mobile 'phones to be passed on to a representative of the East Anglian Air Ambulance in January. Stamps and other items can be brought along to the Wednesday Coffee Morning in the Church Room, Onehouse, or put through my door: *Fairlawns*, 62 Forest Road, Onehouse. **Derek Ames**

### Onehouse Local History Group

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Room at Onehouse. The next meeting, on East Anglian Film Archives by Geoff Clarke, is 3 November. We ask for £3 (members) or £5 (non-members) for this session. Usual cost, which includes refreshments, is £2. Our Christmas evening is on 1 December. There is always a warm welcome for all who are interested in local history, from youngsters to elders. We sadly report Pauline Llewellyn's recent death, who was active in this group.

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### Speaker: Peter Adams: Belief – *Not as Hard as you Think*

There will be an offering to cover expenses. Please book places with Derek Ames by 18 November (Tel. 613328) indicating continental or traditional breakfast.

Claim to fame – played for the same football team as Sir Stanley Matthews – Wellington Road Secondary Modern School, but a few years later!

Claim to prominence – still a fan of Stoke City FC aiming to win the Premiership, despite having lived in Colchester for 35 years.

Claim to sobriety – preached in more pubs than churches, having been an Anglican Priest for 40 years.

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If the person's needs fit into the levels of need the LA will meet, the services they need will be provided directly by LA staff or commissioned from a service provider regulated by the Care Quality Commission. If the person in need of care or support has the means to pay for, or contribute to, their care package this will be determined by a financial assessment. If they choose not to pay the service will not be supplied.

See <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CareAndHealth/FairAccess.htm>

If the person has greater needs than can be met through social care alone, or if they need the care of a Registered Nurse, the NHS will provide directly, or fund the care that is needed. This may be through mainstream services like District Nursing or, if someone meets the criteria for NHS Continuing Healthcare, the NHS will pay for the person's entire health and social care and, if the person cannot live at home, for their accommodation too.

The Primary Care Trust (PCT) will conduct its own needs assessment to determine if the person meets the Continuing Healthcare funding threshold. If someone is at 'end of life' they may well meet the criteria. There is no financial cap above which the NHS will not fund but it has a duty to the public purse to be cost effective. If the person disagrees with the decision the PCT makes regarding eligibility, there is recourse all the way to the Ombudsman.

If a person is in a Care Home with Nursing (Nursing Home) rather than a Care Home (Residential Home) and self-funded or with their placement funded by the LA, the PCT may still make a financial

contribution of over £100 per week to the total fee if the person needs a Registered Nurse to provide or oversee their care. See <http://www.suffolk.nhs.uk/Home/Services/ContinuingCare/tabid/1044/Default.aspx>

**Sally Gooch**

### Stowmarket and District Camera Club

The Cracked Lens Trophy was held on 28 September and a good number of members entered the competition that was won by one of our newer members, Helen Lang. Helen will be presented with the trophy at the Christmas dinner later in the year. On 12 October we had a talk and slide show by John Wrigley from the Clacton Camera Club about his trip across America. Coming up on 9 November is Portraits and Still Life. On 23 November 2009 the subject is Wildlife. If anybody is interested in joining our friendly club they will be welcome to come on a club night or log on to our website at [www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.co.uk) or call me on 07774 779701.

**Brian Payne**

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**Buxhall Women's Institute**

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 18 November at Buxhall Village Hall when we vote for a new committee. This is the time for anyone interested in joining the team to put their name forward. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Visitors welcome. **Judith Hickman**



**MACMILLAN WORLDS  
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MORNING**  
FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER '09

Doreen & Julie would like to thank all of you that supported us in any way with our coffee morning in September.

We are very grateful to those of you who provided prizes and cakes and to Bob for the kind loan of his gazebo and to all who joined with us.

We are very pleased to inform you that a total of £426 was made for Macmillan cancer support.

For more details about the work Macmillan do please visit [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

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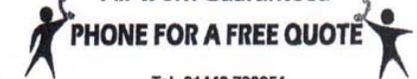
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### St Andrew's Church

Two 'thank yous' to begin. First to Marie and Sharla for their efforts at the Charity Bingo in September. This raised just over £100 in support of the local church. The everyday running of the church places heavy demands on the relatively small regular congregation and efforts like this are much appreciated.

Thanks too to all who contributed to the Harvest celebrations last month – the church looked very festive. Thanks to the Pre-School for their wonderful scarecrows and other art work and to the flower arrangers. Special thanks to Brenda (and her advisors) for the arrangement she created to reflect the work of this year's charity, WaterAid. Following the service a donation of £150 has been passed to WaterAid in support of their work.

This year the Service of Remembrance will be held at St Andrew's when the Salvation Army Band will be in attendance. Do come and join us for this service when we will also be joined by the local branch of the British Legion. The service begins at 10.50 on 8 November.

At the end of the month we begin the preparations for Christmas – Advent Sunday falling on 29 November. This will be our Christingle Service at 4.30pm – details elsewhere in the Newsletter. If you would like to help in the preparations for this service by making some Christingles do come along on Saturday 28 November at around 10.30am – coffee and biscuits available as usual.

If you have dropped into the church during the last few weeks you may have noticed a change at the back of the church – some furniture has been moved. This has created a good space at the back of the church where we can gather after the Sunday services. The tower area has also been cleared – another good space which we hope to develop as an area for quiet prayer and reflection.

Finally – the BIG CRIB EXHIBITION, see details elsewhere. We are delighted to be part of this Suffolk-wide event involving 17 churches across the county. Watch out for further publicity. **Trudy Gray**

### From the Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

November is a month for remembering. It begins with the feast of All Souls when we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love who have died. Then there is Guy Fawkes, *Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November* .... Followed by Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. All these give November the feel of a month wrapped in memories as well as fog.

Fine and important as November's memorials are, we do have a tendency as a species, I think, to be constantly looking over our shoulder at what *has been*: keeping the present enslaved to the past. In the Church's year November is also known as The Kingdom Season. Beginning with the feast of All Saints and concluding with Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church's year, the Church collectively looks forward to the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God, which is to say the perfection of God's reign.

In other words, the close of the church's year is not primarily about looking back at what people have done, or even looking back at what God has done, but about looking forward to the Next Thing, about straining ever on, ever forward, until all is brought to completion. How different would we be if we all based our expectations on our hope of the future rather than on our fears from the past; if we took the promise of future glory as the basis and motivation of our actions now? What would happen, if instead of worrying about what *was*, we strain forward to what *could be*?

### Goodbye

Some of you know now that I have given notice of my resignation and I will not be continuing to serve here after Christmas. It is time to move on and I will take with me from here many good memories. I will miss this benefice and will continue to hold you in my prayers for many years to come. God Bless.

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

Once again well over 20 members enjoyed an afternoon of Bring, Buy and Bingo. Buying and selling was prolific and in total over £36 was raised for club funds.

On 5 November at 2pm we PCSO Claire Cox will talk about crime, antisocial behaviour and safety in the Pettward Hall. With the number of distraction burglaries rising locally this will provide good advice. We will also be taking names for the Christmas lunch on 3 December at the Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket. 12pm for 12.30pm. New members are always welcome at meetings!  
**Keith Proctor**

### **Skylarks Children's Club**

Skylarks on 8 October took the theme of 'Harvest'. The children coloured and cut out pictures to show 'All God's gifts around us'. This collage is now in Onehouse Church. Games as usual were very popular and everyone enjoyed racing with 'beans on the spoon'. Jacket potatoes were scrubbed, pricked and cooked. During refreshment time the youngsters ate these with the addition of beans, cheese and butter. The children stuck pictures of foodstuffs on a map to show where they could be found in the world.

The next Skylarks sessions are on 12 and 26 November. If any child aged between 5yrs and 9yrs would like to join Skylarks and lives in Onehouse, Harleston, Shelland, Great Finborough or Buxhall, please contact Derek Ames on 613328 or Christine on 736487.

**Carole Hearn**

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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**

7.30pm Monday 2 November  
at Buxhall Church

If there are individuals whom you would like to be remembered at this service, there are lists up in each of the five churches of this benefice.



## **Big Crib Exhibition**

From Saturday 28 November to Friday 4 December

At 17 Churches throughout Suffolk including  
St Andrew's Great Finborough  
Watch out for more details.

This is an event organised as part of the Year of the Child and will feature work by local schools and others.

There will also be a variety of cribs from many sources on display. If you have a Christmas crib that you could lend as part of this display, or can help in any way, please contact Trudy on 674829. The church will be open as usual for this period and someone will be in attendance for the whole exhibition. Offers of help will be appreciated!

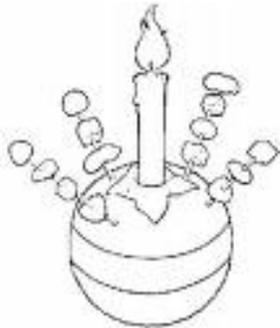
## Services at St Andrew's Church in November

1 November	11am	Holy Communion
8 November	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
15 November	11am	Holy Communion
22 November	11am	Time2Worship Family Service
29 November	4.30pm	Christingle

### Sunday Explorers

Please Note: There will be no Sunday Explorers in November

4.30pm Sunday 29 November



### Christingle Service

We would love to welcome you to our Christingle service – the candle-lit family celebration that will raise money for the vital work of The Children's Society.

Come and hear how the 'Christingle' symbolises the light of Christ's love.

The service should last about 45minutes.  
Refreshments will be served after the service.

### ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

#### Wednesday Afternoons

2-4pm in the Onehouse Church Room: 4, 11, 18, 25 November 2009

Thursday Nights 7.30-9.30pm in the Church Room: 12, 26 November

Why not try a bit of gentle exercise with a game of Table Tennis? New players welcome. £1 per session. Give me a ring for further details.  
Derek Ames (Tel. 613328)

## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR NOVEMBER

### Weekday Morning Prayer

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

### Sunday 1 November

Sung Eucharist (1)
Reflective Morning Prayer
Holy Communion (1)
Family Service
Evening Prayer

### All Saints

Buxhall	9.30am
Shelland	9.30am
Finborough	11am
Harleston	11am
Onehouse Room	6.30pm

### Monday 2 November

All Souls Service
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### All Souls

Buxhall	7.30pm
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### Sunday 8 November

Holy Communion (1)
Act of Remembrance

### Remembrance Sunday

Onehouse	9am
Finborough	10.50am

### Thursday 12 November

Holy Communion (2)
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Shelland	10am
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### Sunday 15 November

Family Service - Pets
Matins
Holy Communion (1)
Family Communion (1)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Buxhall	9.30am
Shelland	9.30am
Finborough	11am
Onehouse	11am

### Sunday 22 November

Holy Communion (2)
Matins
Time2Worship
Holy Communion (1)

### Christ the King

Buxhall	9.30am
Harleston	9.30am
Finborough	11am
Onehouse	11am

### Thursday 26 November

Holy Communion (2)
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Shelland	10am
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## CHURCH SERVICES (Contd)

Sunday	29 November	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Advent Carols	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion	Harleston	11am
Family Service	Onehouse Room	11am
Christingle	Finborough	4.30pm

*Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting this Sunday you will find a warm welcome at any of our services*

## Pram Service

30 November

At 2pm in Buxhall Church.

An informal service for pre-schoolers (0-5) and their entourage. Come along for songs, stories and squash!

*Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff*



## Benefice Quiz

Friday 13 November at the Church Room,  
Onehouse at 7.30pm.

Teams of 4-5 £2 per person.

Bring your own nibbles and liquid refreshments.

## WHO'S WHO IN GREAT FINBOROUGH

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