

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2011

3	7pm	Youth Club, Pettiward Hall
5	11am	Home match, Primary School football team
7	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
7	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
8	tba	Pancake Party
10	4.30pm	Skylarks, Onehouse Church Room
10	7pm	Youth Club, Pettiward Hall
10	7.30pm	Garden Club meeting, Pettiward Hall
11	6-8pm	Beetle Drive, Primary School
14	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
14	2-4pm	Table games in Onehouse Church Room
17	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
19	8am	Men's Breakfast, Church Room, Onehouse
19	noon	Lent lunch (see advert)
21	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
27	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers
23	noon	Lent lunch (see advert)
24	7pm	Youth Club, Pettiward Hall
24	4.30pm	Skylarks, Onehouse Church Room
26	7.30pm	Quiz Night, Pettiward Hall
26	7.30pm	Quiz Night, Buxhall Village Hall
28	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
29	12.30pm	FHOBS lunch, Buxhall Village Hall
31	7pm	Youth Club, Pettiward Hall

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6	noon	Lent lunch (see advert)
10	2pm	Candlestick Club, Buxhall Village Hall

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Editorial

If you know someone newly arrived and living in the village, or neighbours moving on, please let me know. 15 March is the copy deadline for material for the April 2011 edition. 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 your District Councillor

Merger with Babergh District Council

The postal ballot to ask if you agree with this proposal will now start on 9 May, and will close after 4 weeks. Only if a majority of votes in each district is in favour will we ask the Boundary Commission to begin the preparations for a new council to be formed in May 2013. There are regular bulletins and much factual detail to be found at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

Litter

Special thanks to those who are regularly picking up litter near their homes, and in some cases further afield. Spring is a good time for us all to pop out and help. Stretches of rural road away from homes are abused the most. Cans and plastic bottles can go in your green wheelie bin if not too dirty. Aluminium drinks cans in particular save Council (your) money and make CO₂ savings to help the planet.

Waste Paint - New Disposal Scheme

Although the Household Recycling and Waste Centre still cannot accept waste paint - classed as hazardous - Mid Suffolk DC has announced two options for disposal. If the tin is less than one third full, fill it up with soil, wait for it to harden, and then put it in your black wheelie bin. Larger quantities can be collected by arrangement. Call 0845 606 6045

Paupers' Graves

When planting a few more trees there recently, it was exciting to discover two new graves, including one still bearing its mark (number 2). This must have been near the point where the burials began. I will

leave it to others to fill in the history of how long ago that must have been.

The Forge Caravan Site

I requested an explanation of what the 12 April hearing is about and has been informed that:

'The Inquiry is not against a refusal of a planning application seeking permission for the land to be used as a general caravan site, but is against the refusal of the Council to issue a Lawful Use Development Certificate, dated 20/8/10. The application sought confirmation that the land can be lawfully used in future as a caravan site not restricted to occupation by the gypsy community. The MSDC position is that when an Inspector allowed an appeal in 1982 against an enforcement notice requiring the land to stop being then used as a caravan site he allowed it on the special case that it was at that time being used as a gypsy site.'

Thus MSDC regard the lawful use to be a gypsy community occupation site, as per that appeal outcome, and not a general caravan site. Hence the LUD certificate application was refused on that basis. Counsel for both sides are appearing at the Inquiry to argue the point of what the 1982 appeal lawfully decided. In the particular circumstances, it is unlikely the Inquiry Inspector will wish to hear from other parties on anything to do with the merits of the caravan site, although he/she will review all written submissions on the case'.

To get in touch about anything, call me, email me or write me a letter. See Who's Who.

John Matthissen

Forge Site: Local Inquiry 12 April - Ref 1989/10.

The Planning Appeal regarding this site takes place at Mid Suffolk District Council offices starting at 10am on 12 April 2011. The public is allowed to attend although the appeal is simply a legal issue over what was granted planning permission in the past. Any comments must be based on legal grounds, to do with the interpretation of the planning permission. The outcome of the appeal will be reported in a later newsletter.

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People with learning disabilities want the same things as everyone else – friends, somewhere to live, a chance to make the most of their life.



However, they may need some special help to achieve these things. By volunteering at the group you will be helping people to develop confidence and skills. You could make a big difference to someone's life and make some new friends!

Volunteers take a lead in running the group, including making and serving refreshments, organising activities and last but not least, giving members the opportunity to talk. In return for your time we offer training, support, out-of-pocket expenses and the chance to make new friends. References and a CRB check are required. For more information please contact me on 07757 082310 or via ruthmbarton@btinternet.com

Ruth Barton, Volunteer Co-ordinator

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Team Finborough Youth Club

Our Youth Club is struggling, not just with young people turning up, but also with adult helpers. Last Thursday evening no-one came and the week before only two young people. We did, however, have a good turnout of 13 on 20 January when a trip to 'Igneous' was arranged. Our thanks to Debbie Ball for a free evening at her venue in Needham Market. It was a great visit and very much enjoyed by everyone. These trips out are great, but regular 'in house' activities are what is needed. We cannot organise visits every week, although another to Igneous is being planned. Regular attendees are what is needed so that activities can be ongoing and popular.

The Youth Club needs adults who can give up two hours every few weeks or so to help with a simple activity that children can enjoy. Nothing complicated – simple cooking, game playing, something a little challenging – anything really to stimulate an interest away from *X Box* and *Facebook*. So please come along and help us build an enjoyable and stimulating Youth Club.

Sam Vendittelli (Chair)

Table Games in the Church Room

The last of the Table Games sessions for a while will be held on Monday 14 March, 2-4pm, unless there is a request for them to continue into the Spring and possibly Summer. Do let Arlene (676123), Kathleen (613388) or me (613328) know if you are interested. Transport can be arranged.

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If anyone knows the owner of this motorbike could they please explain that at those speeds the rider would not only kill outright any child or pet that happens to wander out onto the road; but also if a driver error occurs (as so often does with bikes driven at this speed) the bike would smash right into our house not only killing the very selfish driver, but cause considerable damage to a member of my family and property. We appeal to the better nature of this rider to drive at the given limit through the village and consider others before treating the High Road like a race track.

Bec Gardner

Buxhall & Great Finborough Over 60's (Candlestick Club)

All members are reminded that it will soon be time to come out of the winter hibernation and get ready for the New Year of 2011. Our opening meeting is on Thursday 7 April at Buxhall Village Hall at 7pm. This takes the form of a social evening and an entertainer has been booked. The Committee will be meeting in early March to discuss the programme for the coming year. If any member has any ideas for outings, talks, etc., please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will see what we can arrange. We hope to join up with Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland sometimes as it helps to fill the coach. With the cost of fuel these days it makes sense if we spread the expenses a little. New members are always welcome.

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The television switchover is coming to Suffolk in three parts. Suffolk residents currently watch terrestrial television via the main transmitters at Sandy Heath, Sudbury or Tacolneston. Suffolk ACRE has been engaged to assist people with the switchover through the Switchover Help Scheme and to ensure that no one misses out on the support that is available.

Suffolk ACRE is looking for volunteers across the county to assist within their communities, to spread the word about the types of information, help, advice and support that is available to people. Suffolk ACRE will initially be holding a workshop on 18 March 2011 in Ipswich for volunteers to find out how they can help spread the word in their communities. Volunteers in the Tacolneston Transmitter area will be contacted later in the year with the workshop dates and locations closer to them.

If you would be willing to volunteer please contact Natalie Lomas by email nat.lomas@suffolkacre.org.uk or by FREEPOST to Suffolk ACRE, FREEPOST RSEX-ZKZH-KGZU, 160 Hadleigh Road, Ipswich IP2 0HH.

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Have your say at:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/Consultations/LibrariesConsultation2011.htm>

Home to school transport consultation 2011

This consultation has been produced to give students, parents and other people the opportunity to comment on the council's proposals for changes to home-to-school transport.

Suffolk County Council is faced with having to make significant savings. Whilst the majority of the transport budget funds students who are eligible in law for free transport to school the council also makes arrangements for other students at its own discretion. It is in this area that the council is proposing a number of changes to make savings. The consultation is split into four parts and covers proposed changes to:

- Post-16 transport arrangements
- Transport for children who need special arrangements
- Roman Catholic transport arrangements
- Discretionary transport arrangements

The consultation lasts until Friday 25 March 2011. Go to

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/Consultations/HomeToSchoolTransport2011.htm> to have your say. All comments received as part of the consultation will be presented to Cabinet. If agreed these proposals would take effect from the academic year 2011/12.

Simon White, Director for Children and Young People

News from the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School

Beetle Drive

We are organizing a beetle drive on 11 March 2011 at the primary school from 6pm to 8pm. This event is always a lot of fun for all the family. There will be refreshments. So please come along on the night and help us raise money for the Friends. Tickets for adults are £1; children 50 pence. Pay on the night.

Unwanted gifts

We are always looking and relying on donations of raffle prizes and things a like to help us with our fundraising, and offering to take any of those unwanted Christmas gifts of your hands. If anyone has any donations please drop them off at the primary school or speak to a member of the Friends.

Sharla Goldsmith



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Marie Curie and Swimathon 2011

I'm Alexandra, and with my partner James and our baby Joseph, moved into the village last October. We are renting a barn down Valley Lane and am loving the rural village life having moved from Surrey. I love the newsletter and must say it is a Godsend to new arrivals to get a sense of what is happening in the village.

I have decided to take the plunge and have entered Swimathon 2011. This is the world's biggest fundraising swim and this year Marie Curie Cancer Care is the chosen charity. For those unfamiliar with this charity, Marie Curie nurses care for and support people with cancer and other terminal illnesses, in the comfort of their own home.

As a relatively strong swimmer, I have decided to set myself the ultimate challenge and will be doing the 5km individual distance swim. It is 200 lengths of a 25 metre pool and I'm aiming to do it in around 180 minutes with a couple of small water breaks. Currently training hard, I can now swim 70 lengths non-stop and I'm building up my stamina all the time with an average of 3 training sessions per week.

My partner lost his dear mother, Ruth Marion Bourne, to cancer and I lost my grandfather, Harry Howlett, as well as too many dear family and friends to this unforgiving disease over the years. Therefore with my love of the sport and a cause close to my heart, I thought it was fitting that I should take the plunge!Excuse the pun.

On Saturday 9 April at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket, I shall be starting my race against the clock at 18.00 hours. May I ask any villagers who would like to sponsor me for this worthy cause to visit my page on the Swimathon website and sponsor me using either a debit or credit card. It is simple. Go to www.swimathon.org, select 'sponsor a swimmer', select 'sponsor a swimmer/distance challenge', select 'individual swimmer/search Alexandra Howlett'.

Thank you for any support in advance as it will be so very much appreciated by those in care, not to mention their families. I swim in memory of Ruth Marion Bourne, Harry Howlett and Christine Ellis who passed away just last year.

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The shop itself will be held, as before, in the Boys' Brigade Hall, Combs Lane, Stowmarket during the two Easter weeks. Further opening times will be published nearer the time. Proceeds from the shop will be used for local charitable causes. We are happy to collect items from local addresses so please contact us on 771149.

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Sharla Goldsmith

Pancake Party

Pancake Party at the Church Room, Onehouse on Tuesday 8 March. Lots of pancakes and games too. No charge but a donation would be appreciated. If you are interested please contact me on 736025.

Carole Hearn

Charity Bingo

The next session will be on 17 March at 6.30pm at Pettiward Hall. All proceeds made will go to Great Finborough & Buxhall Brownies. There will be bingo, a raffle and refreshments. All welcome, Children to be accompanied by an adult.

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The new gardening year has arrived with rain and milder weather following the snow and ice at the end of 2010. In the short sunny intervals between the showers I noticed that the daffodils have started to show their buds. The snowdrops, miniature iris and crocus are in flower, so the promise is there of better things to come. Oh! and the weeds have started to romp away so no shortage of things to do!

The first meeting of 2011 was extremely well attended and featured the Chelsea and Hampton Court Gold medal winner Jim Marshall who spoke on the subject of Dianthus with particular reference to the 'Malmaison' varieties. These are the beautiful, shaggy and gloriously scented old fashioned varieties that almost died out during the 1940's and 50's and which he is almost singlehandedly responsible for rescuing and returning to cultivation.

The Spring Plant Sale organized by the Plant Heritage Group will take place on 29 May 1030-1600 hours at Helmingham Hall. Our next meeting will take place on 10 March at the usual time of 7.30pm in the upper room of the Pettiward Hall. Our speaker will be Mike Perry from Thompson and Morgan.

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 £12.50 per household per year. Non-members can attend meetings for £2 per person. For further information contact me or John Davey at john@abbeyclassics.co.uk - see Who's Who. **Judith Cameron**

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- Men's Breakfast on Saturday 19 March in the Church Room, Onehouse, starting at 8am
- Wednesday 30 March at 'Fairlawns' 62 Forest Road, Onehouse, starting at 7.30pm
- Thursday 31 March at the Rectory Bungalow, Buxhall, starting at 7.30pm

Please book places for the Men's Breakfast with me (613328). It is not necessary to book places for the evenings of Wednesday 30 or Thursday 31 March. All are welcome.

Derek Ames



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During our session on 27 January the Skylarks learned all about Scotland. They had a map of Great Britain so they could compare where they lived in relation to Scotland. There were very lively discussions about different aspects of Scottish life and countryside and they had a matching pairs game of different things they would see in Scotland. They made a tartan picture, one of 'Nessie', a Scottish Flag and had Scottish shortbread with their drinks. They also had time to do some Scottish dancing!

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On 10 February they enjoyed drawing around one of the Skylarks and then attaching to the picture certain body parts such as ears, kidneys, heart, etc. They made Valentine cards, wall hangings and Valentine biscuits. **Christine Hagger**

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 27 March, starting from the Church Room car park at 3pm. We hope that increased sunshine should make for drier footpaths and more spring-like weather. **Derek Ames**



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Walk of Thoughts: Sunday 6 March

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Wednesday 23 March, Boarded Barn Farm, City Lane

Onehouse

Wednesday 6 April, Church Room

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Milly Grace Bryanton
Betsy Florence Horton
Baptism, St Andrew's, Great Finborough,
24 January 2011



CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH 2011

Sunday	6 March	Next before Lent	
Sung Eucharist		Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer		Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion		Finborough	11am
Family Service		Harleston	11am
Evening Worship		Onehouse Church Room	6.30pm
Wednesday	9 March	Ash Wednesday	
Benefice Eucharist		Finborough	7.30pm
Sunday	13 March	Lent 1	
Matins		Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion		Harleston	9.30am
Holy Communion		Shelland	9.30am
Family Service		Onehouse Church Room	11am
Sunday	20 March	Lent 2	
Family Service		Buxhall	9.30am
Matins		Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion		Finborough	11am
Family Communion		Onehouse Church Room	11am
Sunday	27 March	Lent 3	
Holy Communion		Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion		Harleston	9.30am
Time2Worship		Finborough	11am
Holy Communion		Onehouse Church Room	11am
Sunday	3 April	Mothering Sunday	
Family Communion		Buxhall	9.30am
Family Service		Shelland	9.30am
Family Service with school		Finborough	11am
Family Service with baptism		Onehouse Church Room	11am
Family Communion		Harleston	11am

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

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