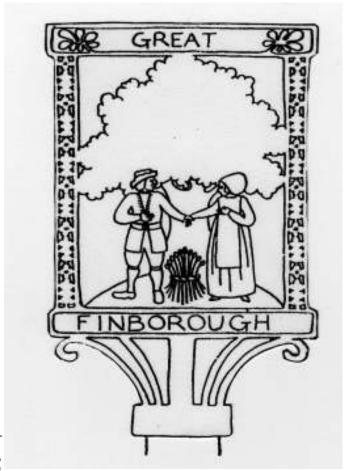
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26 31	4.30pm 12pm	FHOBS lunch, Buxhall Village Hall
18 25		VILLAGE DIARY – JUNE 2011 Village Walking Treasure Hunt, Onehouse Primary School Summer Event

ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

Thursday Nights 7.30-9.30pm in the Church Room: 12 and 26 May 2011

Why not try a bit of gentle exercise with a game of Table Tennis? New and experienced players welcome. £1 per session. Give me a ring for further details.

Derek Ames (613328)

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Editorial

We have a new set of Parish Councillors. As editor of the newsletter I offer my thanks to the outgoing councillors for their constant support and assistance — and on your behalf for their sterling work and for delivering the newsletters personally every month. I look forward to working with the new Council after Thursday's election. However, as they are all men I do hope some of the fine women of the village put themselves forward to fill the last seat without any delay.

Our new Priest in Charge has taken up his office in a Licensing ceremony on 30 March that saw the church filled to the rafters with local people, plenty of robes, and a fine supper for us all afterwards.

If you know someone newly arrived and living in the village, or neighbours moving on, please let me know. The village welcome pack for new residents is being revamped so apologies to anyone waiting for a copy. Congratulations to Martin and Sally on the birth, at home, of their second child, a daughter. And on a similarly joyful note, welcome back home, Molly, from all your friends and neighbours!

15 May is the copy deadline for material for the June 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 Voting Reminders for 5 May

On 5 May you have two votes:

- To decide who should be the District Councillor for Onehouse ward (see nominations below)
- To decide if you want to change the voting system for Parliament at Westminster.

On 9 May you should receive by post a ballot paper asking if you want Mid Suffolk District Council to merge with Babergh from 2013.

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

Mid Suffolk District Council Election of a District Councillor

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as a District Councillor for

The Onehouse Ward

The following persons have been nominated:

Name of	Home Address	Description	Name of
Candidate		(if any)	Proposer
CARLTON-WALKER	45 Greenfinch Close,	The Conservative	Waspe,
Stephen Clive	Stowmarket, IP14	Party Candidate	Vera I
	5UT		
MATTHISSEN	3 Wash Lane Corner,	Green Party	Eden,
John Eric	Great Finborough,	Candidate	Teresa J
	Stowmarket, IP14 3BJ		
TURNER	55 Northfield Road,	Liberal	Wilshere,
Nicky	Onehouse,	Democrats	James
	Stowmarket, IP14 3HE		

2011 Parish Council Elections

Six nominees have been elected unopposed as Parish Councillors for Great Finborough. As there were less than eight nominees for the seven places there will be no election on 5 May 2011. The six are:

- Martin Burns (Valley Lane)
- Ian Cameron (High Road)
- Robin Fisher (The Chestnuts)
- Robert Nurton (High Road)
- Peter Turner (High Road)
- Norman Vendittelli (Park Cottage).

The new Council will be seeking a co-option to fill the vacancy. If you are interested, please let the Parish Clerk know.

I remain available to answer any questions and problems relating to Mid Suffolk District, at least until 5 May and longer if I am re-elected. To get in touch about anything, call me, email me or write me a letter. See Who's Who.

John Matthissen

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Am I perhaps the only person in Finborough who wishes our "Newsletter" to be about our local news? John Matthissen - our councillor - by slipping in a plug for one of the potential new methods of National Voting, has used our April Newsletter to indirectly promote his National Party but by the same system, a number of radical National Political Parties can be voted in also. Fellow Finboroughites. Do you want our "Newsletter" to be used in this way?

R.H.Pyke

Response: Yours was not the only letter I received on the subject and I understand the concern that the newsletter should not be anyone's organ. However, we do not have a policy of avoiding political comment in the newsletter and welcome views on this and all topics. If someone wants to put the case against changing from the 'first past the post' system, I will be pleased to print it. Ed.

Dear Editor,

We are busy watching out for the Brown Bears! Is there some reason we have not welcomed the new tenants at the Chestnut Horse, Alan and Angela? They are trying hard to get the pub going again and it is a very important part of the village. When we have eaten there it has been very good and much better value than nearby venues. A big thank you for the Newsletter. The village would be lost without it!

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Awareness in Bereavement Care course. To be held at 90 Risbygate Bury St Edmunds IP33 3AA. 16 sessions in the Autumn, starting with essential attendance at the first all-day session on Saturday 17 September 2011. This will be followed by sessions on two further Saturdays and 10 Thursday evenings. This course is for people with an interest in supporting and caring for bereaved people. It is primarily intended for potential Cruse volunteers though other applicants will be considered if there is space. It develops basic counselling skills to be used in bereavement support work and is accredited by Ascentis at Level 2. For further information please contact West Suffolk Cruse at the above address via our Website www.westsuffolkcruse.org.uk or ring 01284 767674. Peter Brasier

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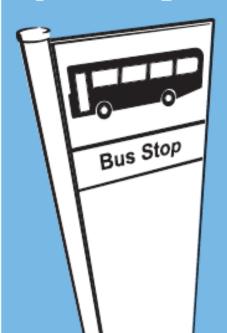
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South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival

Taking place between Saturday 14 May and Sunday 5 June, the annual South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival will feature around 30 guided walks in a variety of locations to suit different tastes and fitness levels. A different kind of walking festival, it will feature some outings accompanied by a poet plus photographic and twilight walks. The region,



with its softly undulating landscapes, pretty villages and magnificent cultural heritage, is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the fresh air while exploring its countryside on foot.

Walks range from gentle 2-3 mile country rambles and medieval meanders through ancient villages and towns to longer and more energetic outings of up to 12 miles through Suffolk's beautiful countryside. Many include lunch and afternoon tea stops with a chance to sample some fresh local produce, while for others walkers are asked to bring their own picnic.

Special interest outings include on the launch day of Saturday 14th a 'not quite half marathon' (a 12 mile walk) from Needham Market through to Ipswich along the River Gipping footpath. On Wednesday 25 May an Archaeological Walk through Hoxne will give an insight into the 'Hoxne Hoard' of Roman finds.

The South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival is organised by Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils and sponsored by the Discover Suffolk Project, which aims to encourage local residents and visitors to get out and about in the scenic Suffolk countryside.

Pre-booking is essential for all walks by calling the Tourist Information Centre at Mid Suffolk on 676800. They would also be able to advise on places to stay. Prices range from £2 up to £20 per person (latter includes lunch). Dogs are allowed on some walks but must be kept on a lead at all times. Further information can also be found on website www.southandheartofsuffolk.org.uk.

Helen Cutting



Hello everyone. In the last month there have been two reported crimes locally. Between Friday 1 & Thursday 7 April damage was caused to a polytunnel in a rear garden of a property along the High Road. Any information regarding this crime please contact us. Thefts of scrap metal and heating oil persist. Suspicious vehicles or flyers touting for business are all of interest to the Police and we would be happy to hear from you. Regular checks and locking outbuildings will help deter such crime.

Suffolk Police is keen to raise awareness that motorists driving vehicles not belonging to them should not make the assumption that a comprehensive policy would cover them. Recent changes to insurance policies mean that this no longer comes as standard and that the vehicle itself must have at least third party cover. No insurance will result in £200 fine and 6 points on your licence as well as the additional costs and inconvenience of having your vehicle seized so please check your policy.

PC 421 Annelly Miles

& PCSO 3155 Sian Uttley

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Annual Wills Weeks to help the Hospice

Don't forget – you can't take it with you. St Nicholas Hospice Care is reminding people that planning now means they can get on with living, as solicitors from across the region again back a Will writing scheme



which last year raised more than £27,000, including gift aid, for the charity. The Hospice's Wills Weeks event, which runs throughout June, will see solicitors draw up and revise Wills in return for a suitable donation to the charity. Solicitors from firms in Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Haverhill, Clare, Thetford and Sudbury have signed up to take part in the event and will be participating for specific weeks throughout the month. The 14 firms taking part are forfeiting their usual fees and giving their time for free to support the Hospice.

In 2010, more than 170 Wills were prepared or existing ones revised during Wills Weeks, while the £27,000 those having their wills set up donated as a result pushed the total raised since the start of the initiative, in 2003, to more than £70,000. This year, it is hoped the total raised will top £100,000.

People often underestimate the importance of making a Will. If you die without one, your money and possessions may not be distributed in the way you would have wished. It can also take longer to process your affairs, causing more worry for your loved ones. If both parents of a young family die, circumstances can be less distressing if the children's guardians have been named in a Will. Getting a Will drafted protects your family, while your donation will ensure the Hospice can continue to offer its vital services to those who need our help. People wanting to take up the offer should contact the solicitor directly to organise a suitable date and time. For the first time the hospice is offering a service where it will send you an email to remind you to make an appointment. For more information about which solicitors are participating, contact me on 01284 755000 or go to the Hospice website www.stnicholashospicecare.co.uk

Margaret Lee

From The Rectory Bungalow, Buxhall

Christianity challenges us to look beyond the immediate problem and see the greater picture. Those who would cut, cut and cut again at public expenditure in order that our national budget may be more properly balanced, doubtless believe that they have the long term interests of the nation at stake. Those who would not cut so sharply and defer some of the pain, have similar long term goals. To lift our eyes from the difficult and challenging, and see what might be out of the circumstances we find, is difficult. It is all too easy to cave in, give up and not bother one way or the other.

Many of us are too practical and sensible for our own good. The resurrection of Jesus Christ so recently celebrated is the great triumph of hope over expectation. Mary, the mother of Jesus, heard that a sword would pierce her heart (Luke 2. 35) and how... We all need to hope that communal facilities and services will be sustained but, just as the great Christian hope, this triumph of hope and faith over expectation does not come without cost. Neither do the facilities we are so pleased to enjoy.

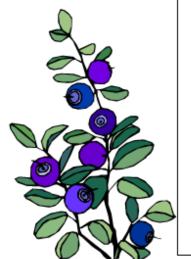
The news that our two largest parish councils do not have enough Councillors yet willing and prepared to work to support their community is sad. On the other hand the work in Onehouse to restore the Church Room by volunteers from Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland is tremendous as are their plans. The Lunch Club for older members and the Skylarks for the children encourages and builds community. The Men's Breakfasts and a myriad of social events organised by volunteers enrich our life. There is much here for which to be thankful but all our community institutions need support.

The hallmark of the Christian must surely be that of hope for a better world for all. That comes with the power of positive thinking...of what might be... Dreams do come to fruition, often in the most unexpected of ways. Your churches are here to do many things but I believe they are to support and build communal life in the model of the servant king himself. Mary was surprised by joy when she saw the risen Lord. WE could be surprised at what might be too... if we....

Can I thank all those who so generously gave of their time to prepare for my Licensing Service at St Andrews and the refreshments. It was a memorable occasion. £580 was raised for the education fund for the children of the clergy and pastors of the Diocese of Kagera Tanzania.

Chris Childs (Rev), Priest in Charge, Great Finborough Group of Parishes

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Vets Warn Of Needless Pet Deaths

Following the surge in myxomatosis in previous Summers and with cases of parvovirus and leptospirosis (Weil's disease) being seen in the Eastern region, Cedarwood Veterinary Practice wants to bring to your attention, by way of a reminder, that despite the fact that cases of myxi and other potential killer diseases appear to be on the rise, currently, 3 million dogs, 6 million cats and 1.8 million rabbits are unvaccinated leaving them at risk to these very diseases.

Recent research has revealed that nearly two thirds of all vet practices have seen the killer dog disease, parvovirus, in the past year, while 43% have seen leptospirosis, which includes cases seen by the vets at Cedarwood. Leptospirosis, which is spread by rats & their urine, can also be passed on from dogs to people in the form of Weil's disease. As well as the increased risk posed to dogs by the reported rise in the rat population, the prevalence of myxomatosis, which is spread by biting insects (fleas and biting flies) is also on the up.

Cedarwood Vet Practice is participating in National Vaccination Month (1-31 May 2011), offering dogs, cats and rabbits which are unvaccinated, or whose vaccinations have lapsed, a full vaccination course for the cost of a booster.

People do not tend to deliberately avoid vaccination. The majority of pet owners lavish affection on their pets, yet some of these same owners are not taking adequate steps to protect their best friends from preventable killer diseases. It is not negligence or lack of care. More likely it is a lack of knowledge that these diseases are still out there.

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Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 22 May, starting from the Church Room car park at 3pm. How about coming to join us for a walk of about 5 miles (2-3 hours) over local footpaths?

Derek Ames

St. Elizabeth Hospice *Having a Spring Clean?*

Then Why Not Help the New Hospice Shop in Stowmarket? If you are planning a spring clean please donate your unwanted items and furniture to St Elizabeth Hospice. Clothes, accessories, toys, bric-a-brac and good quality furniture are in demand and can be resold in the charity's shops. The funds raised through the shops enable St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to make a real difference to the lives of their patients and families, friends and carers. You can drop off most items at the St Elizabeth Hospice shop in Bury Street, Stowmarket. But if you have any furniture to donate please call the Meredith Road shop, on 01473 744080, and collection will be arranged.

Visit a Garden and Help the Hospice

Green-fingered Suffolk residents will be opening up their gardens to the public this spring and summer to raise money for St Elizabeth Hospice. The first event takes place on Sunday 15 May, when Mrs Lilias Sheepshank will open her ten-acre garden at The Rookery at Eyke near Woodbridge from 2-5pm. It features stunning rhododendrons, bulbs, roses, herbaceous borders and ornamental ponds. It is also home to Staverton Vineyard. Afternoon tea and cakes will be available as well as plants for sale. Admission £3.50. Last year St Elizabeth Hospice's open gardens season raised around £12,000 and was more popular than ever. For the full open gardens what's on list visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600. **Sarah Cawley**

Giant Garage Sale Trail - Sunday 15 May 2011

Thanks to all of you who have already booked your garage into our garage sale. For those of you who have not yet it is not too late, but you do need to hurry! Contact: Graham and Val on 737113, Delia Prior (see Who's Who) or me on 736881.

Jane Nunn





Buxhall and Great Finborough Candlestick Club

The opening meeting of 2011 was enjoyed by almost 30 members, guests and friends. The club was very indebted to Graham 'Snowy' Hickman, who kindly helped us out at the final hour as our singer/entertainer. The committee had laid on a delicious spread and a pleasant evening was had by all.

We are again joining friends with some of Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland outings this Summer. The first outing is on Tuesday 17 May 2011 and takes the form of a mystery tour. The coach will be picking up from Great Finborough Old Chapel at 9.45am, Buxhall Village Hall at 9.50am and Harleston at 10am. Please could you either let me or Katie (736430) know of your intentions. New members (over sixties) are always welcome.

Keith Proctor

Skylarks Children's Club

The next sessions of the Summer Term will be on 12 and 26 May from 4.30-6pm in Onehouse Church Room. Any child aged between 5 and 9 years living or worshipping in Onehouse, Harleston, Shelland, Great Finborough or Buxhall who would like to join Skylarks, please contact me on 736487.

Christine Hagger

The Forge Caravan Site

On 12 April 2011, a Public Enquiry over the legal licensed use of the site was held at Mid Suffolk District Council's offices. The case for each side was argued by barristers and a representative of the landowner, Mr Gumble, and MSDC. The chair of the enquiry will notify the outcome in due course.

Mid Suffolk District Council is also involved in actions to obtain the site by Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the use of gypsies and travellers only. The National Unit for Land Acquisition and Disposal (part of the Department for Communities and Local Government) is collecting all submissions. Given the number of submissions received, a local enquiry is under consideration. Those who wrote in will be notified of the date and location of the enquiry, should this be held in public. CPOs, I am told, take an average of six months to conclude.

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News from the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School Summer Event

We are organizing our Summer event and hope to have a five a side contest involving local teams with a BBQ, Summer draw and lots of side stalls for all the family. This will be on 25 June 2011. More details to follow.

Easy Search Website

Thank you again to everyone who has used this search engine. If you are an Internet Shopper why not help the Friends raise funds by using the free website 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. **Sharla Goldsmith**

I am an Ofsted registered childminder living in Great Finborough with my husband and sons. I have one space for a child (0-5) on Wednesdays and a space from September for a fulltime place (Mon-Fri). I am able to drop off and pick up from Great Finborough Primary School and Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's. Please do contact me on 678882, 07760 667867 or julie.parr27@btinternet.com

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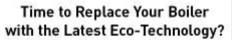
The next session will be on 19 May at 6.30pm at Pettiward Hall. All proceeds made will go to Little Hands toddler group. There will be bingo, a raffle and refreshments. All welcome, Children to be accompanied by an adult. Please come along and join in the fun. If you have any unwanted raffle prizes you wish to donate, please feel free to bring along on the night or contact either Mari Green (770032) or me.

Sharla Goldsmith

News from Onehouse

There will be a Village Walking Treasure Hunt on Saturday 18 June. If the weather is wet that day we will try again on 25 June. Adults will begin at the Church Room Car Park between 10am and 5pm (last entry 3pm). The Children's Treasure Hunt is at Onehouse Church (between 10am and noon - last entry 11.30am). All proceeds to Onehouse Church Funds. Just turn up on the day. We hope you all

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One of the gentlemen who mows the grass in Onehouse Churchyard has had unfortunate accident in which his trailer and lawn mower were damaged. Thankfully David was unhurt but unless we can find a petrol lawn mower that can be left at the Church he will be unable to keep the grass cut. If anyone has a lawn mower that is surplus to their requirements. Onehouse Church would be very grateful to take it off their hands! Please contact Gloria 676198 if you can help at all.

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Horham Bygones Country Rally

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As well as being a big draw for anyone who wants to see old farm machinery and horses in action it is also big fun day for all the family as there should be fairground rides for smaller children and a variety of stalls. Last year more than 3,000 visitors flocked into the village. Not only does the event generate much needed funds for the Horham Community Council it also offers charities, including the Royal British Legion and East Anglian Children's Hospice, the opportunity to attend, free of charge, in order to promote their organisations and raise funds. There will be many local caterers: from ice creams and coffees to burgers and hog roast. There are also trade stands and bric-a-brac stalls.

Horham Bygones Country Rally is on Horham & Athelington Recreation Field on the B1117 between Eye and Stradbroke. Admission: adults £4, concessions £2, family ticket £10, accompanied under 5s free. There will be free parking with a dedicated disabled parking area. Contact for rally information: Gary Woodrow 01379 740496 or Don Moyes 07894 903829. Visit www.horhambygones.co.uk/ for more information. On Sunday there will be a road run in aid of the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

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St Elizabeth Hospice

Local residents and community groups are invited to a free open event to view the £1.7M refurbishment of St Elizabeth Hospice. The Suffolk charity's inpatient unit has been revamped to make it more welcoming for patients and their families. Open events take place on:

- Saturday 7 May 9am-11.30am (drop in between these times)
- Tuesday 10 May 6pm-9pm
- Wednesday 11 May 2pm-5pm
- Thursday 12 May 2pm-9pm
- Thursday 19 May 2pm-6.30pm.

St Elizabeth Hospice's chief executive Jane Petit said: "St Elizabeth Hospice is there for people in your area who may need us and we would love to welcome those interested in finding out more about our services or how to support us, to one of our open events." To book a place or find out more please contact on 01473 707018 or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk or email enquiries@stelizabethhospice.org.uk St Elizabeth Hospice is a charity which provides services free of charge to people in Suffolk who are living with a progressive illness. It also provides support for their families.

Hits for the Hospice!

Tune up for a fundraising night out celebrating the hit music of Abba, the Spice Girls and The Carpenters. Tickets are on sale for St Elizabeth Hospice's first ever tribute concert. Called Terrific Tributes, it will take place at Ipswich Regent on Saturday 18 June. Three bands will pay homage to Abba, the Carpenters and a selection of girl bands including the Spice Girls and Bananarama. The tribute bands are called Abba Queens, Close to You and Girlsworld. The concert starts at 7.30pm and promises to be a great night out for everyone.

All proceeds will help St Elizabeth Hospice to continue to provide services to patients in Suffolk, including the Stowmarket area, and support for their families, free of charge. Tickets, priced from just £10.50, are available from the Ipswich Regent box office, tel: 01473 433100 or www.ipswichregent.com

Sarah Cawley



FHOBS Lunch Club

FHOBS is a thriving Lunch Club with about 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

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Open Gardens: 3 July 2011

The time has come for the Garden Club to start organising the 2011 annual Open Gardens event and we would like to invite owners of gardens in the village to help us by opening their garden to raise money to support East Anglian Children's Hospice (EACH).

This year Open Gardens will be held on 3 July and will have a Teddy Bear theme. The Woodpecker Hill committee is going to run a children's bear hunt in the wood and we are planning a rather more sedate version for the adults. There will also be the usual plant stall and tombola, teas and many beautiful gardens.

An invitation to the exclusive President's Lawn BBQ on the evening of 2 July is our thank you to those of you who volunteer to open your garden to help us in our efforts. For further information please contact me on 672533 as soon as possible before 14 June. **Mary Smyth**

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

I never thought I would hear gardeners complain about a lack of rain so early in the year but I heard it last night along with tales of plants lost over the hard winter. So do not be fooled by the recent weather. It is still not too late for the frost to return.

Our April meeting was an illustrated talk given by Sarah Cook about the celebrated artist and breeder of Iris, Sir Cedric Morris. As a previous Head Gardener at Sissinghurst and holder of the national collection she is an authority on these beautiful, stately plants. She spends much time in searching out those varieties of the Morris irises that have been lost over the years; returning them to wider cultivation. It was a welcome return as Sarah came recently with her husband, Jim, when he was our speaker.

The next meeting will be the AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on 12 May at 7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Pettiward Hall. So pot on all those extra seedlings and cuttings and bring them along to find them a new home. Perhaps you will find yourself some plants that you have not grown before, did not think to grow this year, or lost in the cold wintery weather.



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very enjoyable. 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 - see Who's Who.

Judith Cameron



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Finborough School Sports Hall

I would like to thank the Parish Council for supporting the planning application for a sports' hall facility at Finborough School. We have been planning and consulting for over two years and it is fantastic that we now have Mid Suffolk District Council's approval to start work. The new hall will be at the heart of school life as an exciting facility for sports and performing arts. We have confidence that this facility will allow for the continued growth of the school.

The building has been designed by Whitworth-Co Partnership, an architect firm from Bury St Edmunds. The new hall will be partly sunken into the ground with a curved roof following the flow of the hill. It will give the impression of a single storey building and will barely be visible from the road. Containing a full-size sports hall and eight changing rooms, a fitness suite and south facing terrace, it will be able to seat up to 300 for drama performances.

We would like to reaffirm our commitment to making this facility available to the residents of Great Finborough and the primary school. We believe that this additional facility will not have any negative impact on the use of Pettiward Hall and we have signed an agreement with Mid Suffolk District Council to that effect.

We are now at the tender process with contractors and we will have more news on a start date for the project in the June newsletter. If any of you has any questions or would like to discuss the new sports hall in more detail, please contact Sarah Bacon at the school on 773600 and I will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you.

James Sinclair, Principal



The Lions Club of Stowmarket and District presents The 9th Annual Sponsored Rhythm of Life On Sunday 12 June 2011

The Rhythm of Life walk this year will take place in the beautiful surroundings of Thornham Walks at Thornham Magna, Eye, Suffolk.



The walk travels through beautiful countryside taking visitors into ancient parkland, woodland and farmland. A choice of 4 mile or 8 mile routes is offered. Full marshalling and other support will be in place.

Refreshments will be available at the start/finish and also at a point on the longer route. Individual and groups are all welcome. There is ample parking for walkers. Further information about Thornham Walks is available on www.thornham.org.uk.

Entry and sponsorship forms are available in advance from Lion Jonathan Pearce. Please email <u>jonathan.pearce@stowlions.org.uk</u> or telephone 01449 771440 giving your name and address so that forms can be posted to you. Forms and further details can also be found on www.stowlions.org.uk.

Registration of sponsorship forms will be from 9am until 10am on the day. The registered sponsorship form numbers will be entered into a draw. The winner will receive a £125 voucher for use in Ince's Outdoor Shop, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, kindly donated by the owner John Kingsley. Proceeds from the walk will go to Papworth Hospital, West Suffolk Cardiac Unit and Lions Charities so please take part and call on your sponsors to donate to these good causes.

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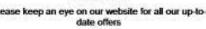
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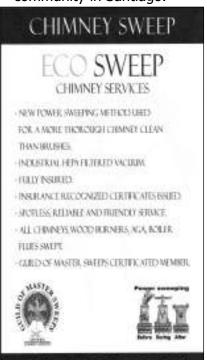


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Coffee Morning / Ploughman's Lunch - Saturday 7 May

My son, Sam Hall, with his partner, Lila, is moving to the Dominican Republic in September 2011 to work for a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO), Global Community Engagement. They are trying to raise funds for their upcoming venture. They will be volunteers so every single penny that is raised will go towards the one year project they are embarking on.

Sam and Lila will be working with street children and women who are victims of abuse and sexual exploitation, with the primary goal of offering them even the slightest respite from their daily suffering. This will be achieved through entrepreneurial workshops for the women, arts and crafts, as well as basic IT skills for the children. An additional goal is to create a sustainable English language programme that will work in conjunction with programmes already in place within the local community in Santiago.



TEL. 01359 232335

In support of this wonderful cause, we will be hosting a coffee morning/ploughman's lunch at 55 Ash Road, Onehouse, on Saturday 7 May between 10am and 3pm with all proceeds raised going towards Sam and Lila's project. Please do come and offer your support. You are never too far away to make a difference. For more information or to offer help please contact Nick or me on 676198.

Gloria Hall

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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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