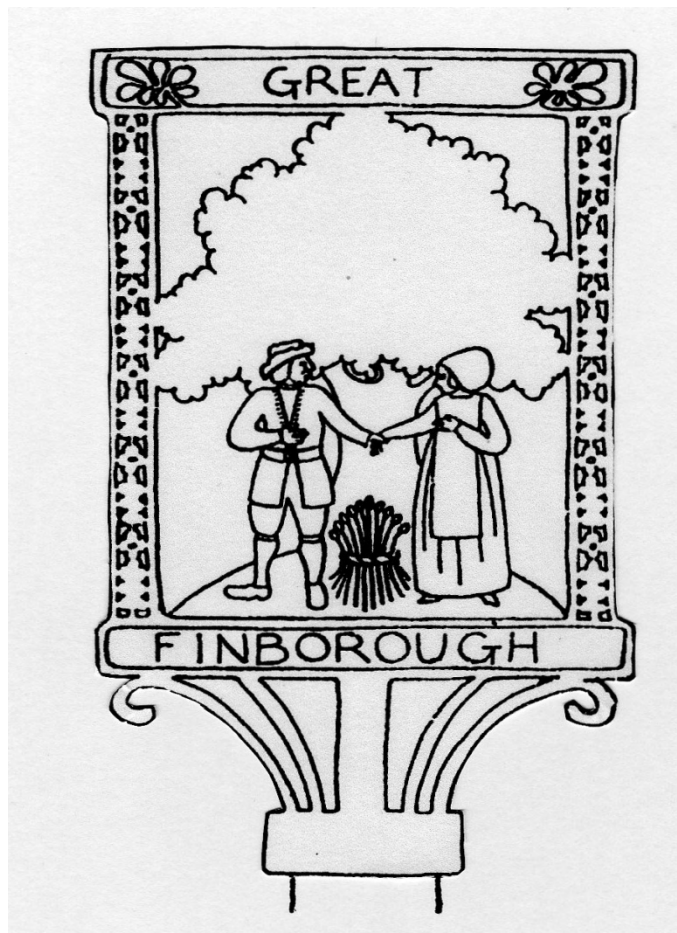


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VILLAGE DIARY – JUNE 2011

6	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
9	4.30pm	Skylarks, Onehouse Church Room
10	7.30pm	Barn Dance, Onehouse Community Centre
11	8am	Men's Breakfast, Onehouse Church Room
13	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
15	7pm	Buxhall Women's Institute, Buxhall Village Hall
16	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
18		Village Walking Treasure Hunt, Onehouse Church Room Car Park
20	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
21	9.45am	Over 60's outing
23	4.30pm	Skylarks, Onehouse Church Room
25	11.30am	Primary School Summer Event
26	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers, Church Room car park
27	6pm	Brownies, Primary School
28	12pm	FHOBS lunch, Buxhall Village Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – JULY 2011

3	1pm-6pm	Open Gardens
4	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30pm	Barn Dance, Boarded Barn

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in the Church Room: 9, 23 and 30 June 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

The new Parish Council has taken up office since the Annual Parish Meeting. My thanks go to Giles Hill for his help with the financial management of the newsletter's publication. I look forward to working with Bryony Allen, who has replaced him.

Goodbye to Gemma Ginns, Lyn Mills and the children of The Coach House. They have moved to Bury St Edmunds. In their place, welcome to Bonnie, Dominic and their two young children. 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.

15 June is the copy deadline for material for the combined July/August 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

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News from the Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The APM and the first meeting of the new Parish Council were both held on 9 May 2011. Norman Vendittelli was elected as Chair. At the APM reports were received from the District Councillor, County Councillor and local Police Officers. The new Parish Council has met with the outgoing councillors to ensure a smooth handover of issues currently requiring work on behalf of the community. These include management of Pettward Hall, the Children's Playground and village car park, the Woodpecker Conservation Site, the football pitch/Youth Shelter, the Youth Club, and the need to obtain land for allotments in the village. Immediate issues already receiving attention include:

Children's Playground and village car park – repair of the barrier for the second time has been arranged after it was damaged by a vehicle. The views expressed on 9 May by a resident and the advice of the Police regarding noise nuisance, locking up, and potential ways of ensuring the area is well-managed, have been discussed and will be kept under review.

Football pitch/Youth Shelter – The shelter is currently being installed and the football pitch will be marked out when the grass reaches the right condition.

Allotments

The new Council is committed to fulfilling its legal duty to provide allotments as soon as is practicable and appreciates allotmenters have been waiting quite a while whilst the Parish Council has explored potential options.

Parish Clerk

Following the resignation of Giles Hill, Parish Clerk, we have appointed Bryony Allen from a strong field. She is a mother and primary school teacher living in Middlefield Drive who can be contacted via Who's Who. Thank you for your service to the village, Giles.

Co-option

The Parish Council wants to fill the vacant seat on the Council as soon as possible. If you are willing to put yourself forward you need to have lived in the village for at least 12 months (or have the village as your main workplace). There are other criteria (such as not being a bankrupt or barred from public office) but most residents will be eligible. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to me, one of the other councillors or Bryony Allen as soon as possible. It is our intention to appoint to the vacancy at the 4 July meeting.

Dates for Parish Council Meetings

Meetings for the rest of 2011 are:

- 4 July
- 5 September
- 7 November.

In addition there will be Planning meetings.

Norman Vendittelli

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Introducing the New Parish Council

There are seven seats on the Parish Council. Six villagers were nominated and elected unopposed. There remains one vacancy. To introduce each of the councillors, here is a little bit of information they have shared:

Martin Burns

I am forty one years old and married to Sally. We have daughters, Larissa (5) and Isla (2 months). We moved to Great Finborough in June 2007 from East London/Essex as we felt the rural surroundings would be idyllic for bringing up, and educating, our children. I smile to myself every time I see Larissa riding a pony at Klub Equest down the hill, knowing that when I was her age and growing up in Central London, my only experience of horses was by way of a book. I work in Information Security for a US Insurance company with offices in London but only commute 2-3 times a week. The joy of technology meaning working from home is perfectly possible. My motivation for joining the Council was simply to help preserve the village and surroundings as a fabulous place to live, bring up kids and ensure it retains a village community feel with the pub., shop, school, village hall and all its amenities.

Ian Cameron

Married to Judy, I am 64 years old. I retired in July 2002 after 37 years service flying fighters and fighter bombers as a Royal Air Force Wing Commander and including fifteen years of Staff work. I have spent the last nine years self building and refurbishing Mill House. I have always thought that I should give time to my local community, and with the house refurbishment coming to an end I can find the time to give. Hopefully I can help bring to fruition some of the past Council's plans and perhaps encourage ideas and participation from residents to enhance the ideals of village community. I enjoy sailing, golf, creative woodwork, aviation, country pursuits and classic cars. I can be contacted on 672978 or ian.a.cameron@btinternet.com

Robin Fisher

I am Suffolk born and bred. 53 years old now, I moved to Finborough from Buxhall in 1990 with my mother and look after her. Having been working in the food industry I am currently seeking work. I am interested in music and football. My motivation for standing for the Parish Council was to help make the village a better and safer place for us all.

Rob Nurton

I have lived in the village for nearly twenty years. I was ordained as a Priest in the Church of England in 1969 and worked in Bristol and Ipswich. I joined the Royal Navy in 1977, completing the Royal Marines Commando Course. I was awarded the "coveted Green Beret" the same year. I served all over the world as a Commando Chaplain but had other postings including Chaplain of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. I left the Royal Navy in 1999 and then worked for ten years for a charity in London. I married Sally (from Suffolk) forty three years ago and we have a son and daughter, and four grandchildren. Now I am retired. I much enjoy living in Great Finborough and would like to contribute as much as possible to the community as a Parish Councillor.

Peter Turner

I retired from ICI (Paints) in 2000 after 38 years. Fourteen were spent in Slough. I moved to Great Finborough in 1995 although my fondness for the village started in my very early years, with numerous stories of the Pettward Estate where my grandfather worked for many years. My hobbies include working gun dogs, clay pigeon shooting and occasional boat sea fishing. I am also an active member of the Garden Club. I stood for the Parish Councillor because I have strong feelings for the community I live in. I hope with the help of my fellow councillors, during the next four years, we can make a difference. If there are any issues you wish me to pursue please do not hesitate to contact me on 674407.

Norman Vendittelli

I have lived in the village since 2000 with my partner, Sally, and our children. Two older ones live elsewhere. I work as a househusband and have been renovating our house for 11 years. I've been in the Royal Navy, have been a teacher and builder, and owned a tool hire shop in the past. Although I'm originally from Northumberland (and third generation Italian), Sally's family is from Suffolk and we are here for ever now. I love living in Great Finborough and like to help my local community where I can. Having just been elected Chair of the Parish Council I will need the support of you all to help me and my fellow councillors deliver what the village needs from us. Contact me using Who's Who.

News from Your District Councillor

Thank you to everyone who re-elected me to serve as your District Councillor for another term. It is encouraging to note that the turnout of voters, at 55%, was one of the highest in the district. Congratulations to all the parish councillors, new and old, who will also be working to make our corner of Suffolk a great place to live. I look forward to working with them and the rest of our communities.

You should all have received a ballot regarding the proposed merger of Mid Suffolk with Babergh District Council, and votes must be cast by 6 June. I am hoping for a strong 'Yes' vote. To get in touch see Who's Who.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to respond to Mr Pyke's letter regarding the AV referendum issue. I fully agree with his view, expressed last month, that the Parish Newsletter should not be political. The Editor's response, offering to print counter arguments, is rather meaningless as after the event it is too late to influence other people. The vote has been taken! I suspect that from now on the other political parties will not be slow to use the Newsletter to express their views at election times, unless the policy changes.

Kenneth Walker

Response: I will discuss the editorial policy with the Parish Council. However you are incorrect that there was no opportunity to put a counter view before the vote was taken as John's view was in the edition published at end of March giving until 15 April for other opinions to be submitted for publication before 5 May vote. Ed.



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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The gardening year seems to be accelerating faster than ever but the ongoing dry weather means that the Summer flowers will also be over early so make the most of them while hauling water around the garden for those plants that really need it.

The Club's Summer events are underway. The annual Open Gardens will be held on 3 July, to help raise funds for EACH. We are hoping that as many people from the village as possible will help to raise a goodly sum for this very worthwhile cause. In addition to the usual teas, ice cream, tombola and plant stall we are also running a Bear Hunt for adults in the gardens, whilst the Woodpecker Hill Committee is running a Teddy Bear hunt for the children in the Conservation area. For further details please contact us. It is not too late to volunteer to open your garden. Please contact Mary Smyth on 672533.

The Presidents Lawn BBQ, hosted by the Committee to say thank you to those who open their gardens to the public will take place on the evening of 2 July. On Thursday 28 July in the evening, the Club's BBQ for members, to celebrate another successful Garden Club year, takes place. We supply the cooks, BBQ sauces and bread. Members bring along something to cook, a salad or dessert to share and their drink of choice and with hopefully fair weather the evening will reflect the enjoyable spirit of the Club. Contact me for the time and venue.

Once replete with the Midsummer social events do not forget to note in your diary the first meeting of the new gardening year. This takes place on 8 September at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Pettward Hall.

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



Hello everyone.

In the area, there has been one crime of note over the last month. Between 6 and 9 April a business premises was broken into by forcing a window with a spade and a cash box was stolen from within. In Valley Lane, Buxhall, between 7am and 7.45am on 25 April a small amount of cash was stolen from an egg stall honesty box. £60,000 worth of property has been stolen from garages, sheds and workshops across Mid Suffolk since the clocks went forward so please take all steps possible to secure outbuildings, mark your property and keep records of your valuables. Should you wish for information regarding crime prevention matters we are happy to discuss them with you.

A business Crime Seminar has been organised for Friday 24 June, from 10am-4.15pm, at the Athenaeum on Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds. Present will be three main DNA marking companies (SmartWater, Selecta DNA & Red Web), along with Tracker and Tracker UK Ltd, Anglian Alarms, Ultra Secure Direct, Securitas (with Chubb) and Abloy locks. Autoglass will be offering free vehicle window etching. For those who cannot bring their business vehicles to the venue they have agreed to give vouchers so that at no cost businesses can take their vehicles into a local Autoglass agency and get their vehicles etched in their own time.

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Buxhall Women's Institute

April's meeting was well attended as usual. We now have a staggering 61 members. Our monthly walks and pub. meals are underway on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our speaker for the last meeting was Peter Battey with a talk entitled *Punch and Judy*. Peter gave us a hilarious insight into both the history of the show and a tour 'behind the scenes'. He took us through all the stages of his performance from arrival at the venue, through erecting his booth, which arrived 'flat packed', to laying out his puppets, interspersed with a beginner's guide to puppet construction. Apparently you are not a true Punch and Judy man/woman unless you make your own puppets. Peter has five pairs of Punch and Judy's and he keeps them as pairs never working 'Punch A' with 'Judy B'.

I had never really considered the history of the shows, just accepting them as seaside entertainment for children, so was surprised to learn that they originated in the towns as adult entertainment. Apparently when Oliver Cromwell banned Theatre no mention of puppets and marionettes was made so this became a form of entertainment and a very basic current affairs show, with characters and story lines relevant to the times. The show only travelled to the beach much later when the public began to take seaside holidays.

Peter ended his talk with a short show for us; beautifully tailored to his audience. Peter subsequently entertained the village at the Royal Wedding Celebrations. Hopefully those of you who had a chance to attend enjoyed the show as much as we did.

Meetings are usually held in Buxhall Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month. The next is on 15 June, when our speaker Tony Buckland's talk is entitled 'World of Toys'. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

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From The Rectory Bungalow

Apparently there is a new word on the Internet: *sheepie*. It means someone who just follows the crowd or prevailing trend. Even if you are comfortable with compliance and/or enjoy mutton, there is the bald truth that, as Monty Python said 'sheep are very dim'. We may not like to be too closely associated.

Jesus however credits sheep with a good deal more sense than that and he should have known as he lived surrounded by them. His accolade 'I am the Good Shepherd' is one of the earliest. One of the things he attributed to sheep was knowing their master's voice. Important not because sheep are followers, but because they are wanderers by nature. And sensible not because they are dim and would follow any voice, but because they are discerning enough to follow the right voice. It is the discerning ear that matters because sheep face real dangers within the sheepfold and without.

WE are naturally wanderers. Sometimes our hearts tell us to follow other paths in life, or whilst on our path we are tempted to jump off. We are told that our Easter hope is misguided. We are told that our world has no need for Christianity. We are told to get on with our lives and do what we can for others - if we have time - after our life has been fulfilled.

The Christian message that calls countless millions across the millennia is that we can only find our true selves when we give up on self; and listen to that message of the master calling us to sacrifice something of self. A *sheepie* is one who follows so undoubtedly all Christians are *sheepies* but we hopefully are true to sheep in that we are discerning. We do not follow an earthly master. We follow the one who wants the best for each of us and that is not necessarily what we think. Our only wisdom is to know our shepherd's voice. The Good Shepherd who calls us each by name.

Chris Childs

Evening Service at St Andrew's 6pm on 12 June

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Lesley Cass

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News From Great Finborough Primary School

Whilst the children have been busily learning this term, the Governors, school community and I have been appointing new staff to the team for September 2011. I am pleased to report that Craig Smith will be joining the school to teach the little ones in Foundation Stage. He will be working with us on the transition to school between now and September. Susan Baldry will be teaching Blue Class and retains her senior leadership role. Tamsin Little is taking on responsibility for children with special needs in addition to teaching Purple Class.

Tammy Tucker, who will continue to teach at school, is relinquishing her class responsibilities and Tessa Sait will teach Red Class four days a week, with Trudy Day teaching on the fifth day. Joe Nettleton is joining the team as a Teaching Assistant in September and we welcome him too.

Stephen Dodd

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News from the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School Grand Summer Event

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So please come along, join in the fun and help to raise money for the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School. We are looking for donations of any kind to help us along with this event. If you have anything, please drop them off at the Primary School. If you are available to help please speak to a member of the Friends.

Sharla Goldsmith

Charity Bingo

The next session will be on 16 June at 6.30pm at Pettward Hall. All proceeds made will go to Onehouse 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

Thanks to Stowmarket Midnight Walkers

St Elizabeth Hospice would like to thank the many women from the Stowmarket area who took part in their fundraising Midnight Walk. The women-only sponsored night-time walk on 14 May raised around £200,000 in just one night for the local charity, St. Elizabeth Hospice. Just under 1,900 women took part, many walking in memory of a loved-one. There was a good turn out from Stowmarket area and surrounding villages. Thank you, too, to the many volunteers who helped on the night or promoting the event beforehand.

Sarah Cawley



Men's Breakfast

Saturday 11 June 8am. Church Room, Onehouse

After breakfast Peter Scates

will lead a lively and challenging discussion.

Donation will be made to charity.

Please book places with Derek Ames by 8 June (Tel: 613328) indicating continental or traditional breakfast.

Buxhall and Great Finborough Over Sixties

The June outing is to Hunstanton, visiting the Lavender fields on the way. This is on Tuesday 21 June, with the coach leaving Great Finborough at 09.45am, Buxhall at 09.50am and on to Harleston for 10am. Please could you let either Katie Ellis 736340 or me know? We are always looking for new members. Please join and enjoy yourselves. New members (over sixties) are always welcome.

Keith Proctor

Skylarks Children's Club

The first session of the summer term was held on Thursday 28 April, the day before the Royal Wedding, so we had an obvious theme. The youngsters busied themselves making flags and bunting, which decorated the Church Room and the Skylarks board. Each of them decorated a commemorative miniature plate, which we hope will last for many years. They made and decorated crowns and made royal buns - which did not last very long!

We have started a waiting list for September, as we know there will be spaces because some children will be leaving Skylarks over the next few weeks. Please ring Derek (613328) or me on 736487 to add your child's name to the list.

Christine Hagger

News from Onehouse

Barn Dance

A Barn Dance featuring *Stowfolk* will be playing at the Community Centre, Onehouse, at 7.30pm on 10 June. The tickets will be £6 for adults, £3 for children and can be ordered from me on 736025 or Lorraine 672341. Please come along, the more the merrier!

Carole Hearn

Onehouse Ramblers

Our walk on Sunday 26 June will take us to Granary Crafts at Buxhall, where we can enjoy tea and cake and look around the museum, before making our way back. Meet at the Church Room car park at 3pm for a walk of 4-5 miles.

Derek Ames



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's, Alice and Gareth Hart, all the staff and mums at The Little Hands Toddler Group, Cheryl Vernon, Linda Williams, Jacqueline Chamberlain and Ali De Silva, who kindly sponsored me for my big swim and all your messages of support on the website. With the generous support I received from family, friends and more importantly my new-found friends here in Great Finborough I have so far managed to raise an impressive £571 which is fantastic!

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Alexandra Howlett

Giant Garage Sale

Thank you so much, on behalf of Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's and Buxhall Community Council, to all of you who supported the Garage Sale, with particular thanks to the Buxhall WI which provided the lovely cakes for the popular refreshment café and to the stall holders. We raised almost £600 which is a fantastic result. Winners of the raffle were: 1st - Anne Scott, 2nd - Valda Gant and 3rd - Ivy Friston.
Jane Nunn

Thanks to all of you who helped out with or donated items to sell at the Garage Sale on 15 May. We raised £137.25. This will be added to our income from Open Gardens and will be donated by the Club to EACH. Unsold items that are suitable to sell in the EACH charity shops will be given to Marion Mason. I will sell what is left of the gardening equipment outside my house (mainly electric hover mowers and trimmers; a battery hedge cutter plus a few hand tools). If you are interested give me a call. So there should be a bit more money to come! Thanks again for your support.
John Davey

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Songs of Praise

We are inviting people to let us know their favourite hymns for this service on Sunday 3 July at 6.30pm so that they can come to church to join in the singing. Leave your choices with me. We look forward to singing the hymns you like.

Children's Service

There will be a service for children of all ages in the Church Room on Tuesday 28 June at 4pm. It will follow the format we used in Autumn 2010: songs, a prayer, a Bible reading and refreshments. It should last about 20 minutes. Since it is for the children, input from them would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please ring me on 676123 or email at arleron@aol.com
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50th Anniversary Celebration

We will be starting our local celebrations on Wednesday 1 June at the *Food From The Wild* event. As well as sampling food from the wild, there will be a specially iced anniversary cake for you to enjoy. Then we will have our 50th Celebration Day in Combs Wood on Saturday 25 June from 11am to 4pm. A special family day with activities for everyone:

- Find out about all the species that are in the wood and how the wood is managed
- Guided walks start at 11.30am and 2.30pm
- Test your wildlife skills on a family wildlife trail
- A storyteller will enthral you with tales of wonder and mystery
- Face painting
- Have fun making your own green man mask and many other arts and crafts
- Discover the fascinating history of the wood and its surroundings
- Displays from other local organisations
- Bring your own picnic and enjoy the peace and quiet of the wood.

Entry is free but donations will be welcome. Park at Combs Middle School, Lavenham Road, Stowmarket and follow the signs. To reserve a place on one of the walks email swt@imago.fsworld.co.uk or ring 676471.

John Thompson

Air Ambulance Collection

Over the past few years a representative of the East Anglia Air Ambulance has collected donated items sometime in July. In anticipation of the same arrangement this year, please let me have stamps, ink cartridges, mobiles, and old and foreign coins over the next few weeks. 62 Forest Road, Onehouse. Thank you.

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- 75k (blue route) ...all through beautiful Suffolk villages.

There will be colour coded route markers on all routes, 12 Marshal Points, 1 Travelling Marshal, 2 Feed Stations with First Aid, Travelling Cycle Mechanic. Registration and Start headquarters: Between 08.30am and 11am at the *Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell, IP30 9UH*. There is ample car parking at the centre. NB. No dogs allowed on playing field. Refreshments: served at HQ throughout the event.

Download entry forms from www.stowlions.org.uk Or telephone: 0845 8335114. Or email: bike2011@stowlions.org.uk Or request by post, and send entry forms with cheques to: Stowmarket & District Lions Club, 10 Abbey Fields, Haughley, IP14 3TA. **Keith Cooper**

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The PRG must be involved in the creation of a practice survey this year, deciding which issues need to be raised, looking at the survey results and helping the practice to decide on subsequent action. We need patients from all corners of our patient population, from those enjoying retirement to teenagers, fulltime Mums/Dads, fulltime or part time workers, carers and those being cared for.

The commitment is not huge. We would like to be in touch by email primarily and meet up face to face two or three times a year. If you are sixteen or over, and would like to be involved, please email me at wendy.denny@gp-d83044.nhs.uk or 'phone 776027. It may be possible to assist with transport if otherwise you could not participate.

Wendy Denny, Practice Manager

WILD BIRD SEED

The next order will be placed on 10 June and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Road, Great Finborough, IP14 3AU, by about 15 June.

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 to advise you 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 8 June. The next order will be placed in August.

John Davey

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Sunflower Kernels (half sack)	10kg approx	£13.50
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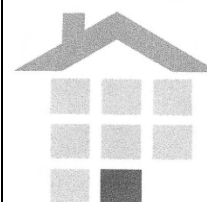
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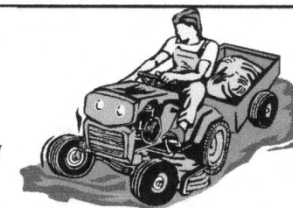
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Thursday	2 June	Ascension Day	
Benefice Eucharist	Buxhall	7.30pm	
Sunday	5 June	Easter 6	
Sung Eucharist	Buxhall	9.30am	
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland	9.30am	
Matins	Harleston	09.30am	
Holy Communion	Finborough	11.00am	
Evening Worship	Onehouse Church	6.30pm	
Sunday	12 June	Pentecost	
Holy Communion	Shelland	9.30am	
Family Service + Baptism	Onehouse Church	11.00am	
Holy Communion	Harleston	11.00am	
Flower Service	Buxhall	4.00pm	
Evening Service	Finborough	6.00pm	
Sunday	19 June	St John The Baptist, Trinity Sunday	
Benefice Eucharist	Onehouse Church	10.30am	
Sunday	26 June	First Sunday after Trinity	
Holy Communion	Buxhall	9.30am	
Holy Communion	Harleston	9.30am	
Matins	Shelland	9.30am	
Holy Communion	Finborough	11.00am	
Family Communion + Baptism	Onehouse Church	11.00am	
Sunday	3 July	Second Sunday After Trinity	
Sung Eucharist	Buxhall	9.30am	
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland	9.30am	
Holy Communion	Finborough	11.00am	
Matins	Harleston	11.00am	
Songs of Praise	Onehouse Church	6.30pm	

*Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting this Sunday
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*Holy Communion/Eucharists at Finborough and Onehouse follow the modern
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