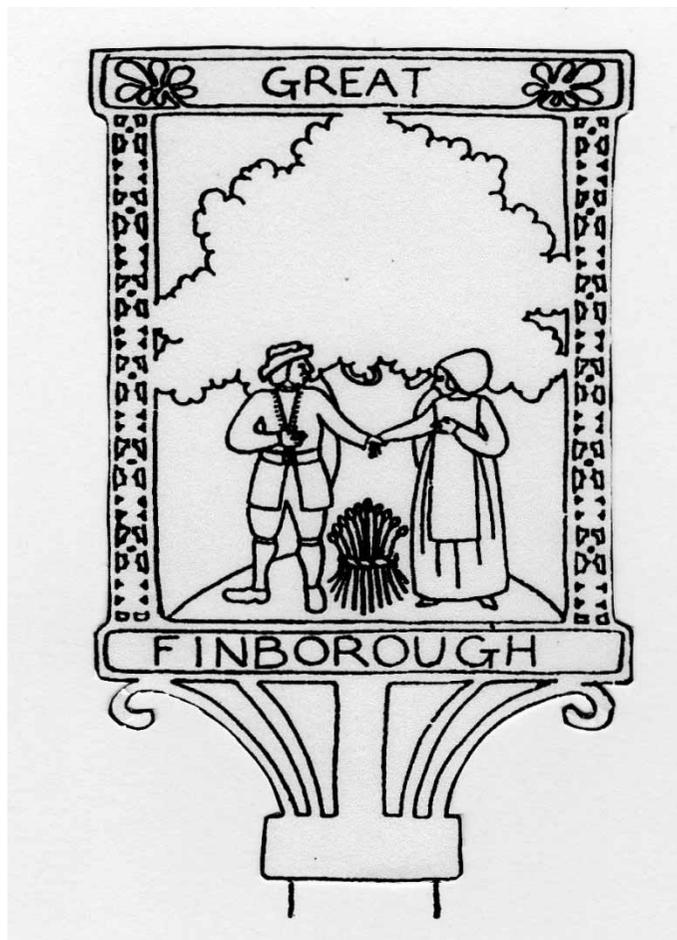


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VILLAGE DIARY – JULY 2011

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| 3 | 1pm-6pm | Open Gardens |
| 4 | 6pm | Brownies, Primary School |
| 9 | 7.30pm | Barn Dance, Boarded Barn |
| 10 | 3pm | Onehouse Ramblers, Church Room car park |
| 11 | 6pm | Brownies, Primary School |
| 11 | 7.30pm | Parish Council meeting, Pettiward Hall |
| 18 | 6pm | Brownies, Primary School |
| 19 | 9.45am | Over 60's outing |
| 20 | 6.30pm | Buxhall Women's Institute, West End Kennels |
| 21 | 6.30pm | Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall |
| 26 | 12pm | FHOBS lunch, Buxhall Village Hall |

VILLAGE DIARY – AUGUST 2011

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| 6 | | WI outing |
| 13 | 8am | Men's Breakfast |
| 18 | 6.30pm | Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall |
| 30 | 12pm | FHOBS lunch, Buxhall Village Hall |

ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

Thursday Nights 7.30-9.30pm

in the Church Room: 14 and 28 July 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

Congratulations to the village Pre-school for the outcome of its recent Ofsted inspection. It is so important to the village to have a successful facility such as this to feed in to the village school and help develop the next generation of residents of Great Finborough. Well done to all the staff. Given it is run as a charity so not for profit, and its trustees give of their time and leadership skills for the good of the community, the excellent results recorded in the Ofsted report are especially to be applauded.

On 9 July, at Boarded Barn, the village barn dance will be held for the third Summer running. Now, for all those who say they can't dance or who have never been to a barn dance, you need to know that it is so easy because all the steps are demonstrated and talked through – and no skill or prior experience is needed. Suitable for nine to ninety nine year olds and fun even if you sit out some of the dances.

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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 August is the copy deadline for material for the September 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 the Parish Council

The last meeting was held on 6 June 2011. Issues discussed included:

- The woodland area's ownership has yet to be transferred to the Parish and remains owned by Mid Suffolk District Council.
- Councillors made a plan for the repair of the car park barrier.
- The meeting approved the accounts of the Parish Council.
- Peter Turner was appointed as the key holder for Pettward Hall. Richard Brice was thanked for having continued holding this responsibility until now.
- Responsibility for ensuring that Pettward Hall's accounts are reviewed was assigned to two Councillors.
- Ian Cameron accepted lead responsibility for becoming expert in all matters relating to the Ravenscroft development.
- The planning application for an extension at Keeper's Cottage was supported.
- The Council will seek someone to replace Les Sheldrake's work litter picking. Thanks were extended to him as he declined to be paid. Anyone who is interested in doing this on a voluntary or paid basis should contact Bryony Allen or me.

The main work undertaken by Councillors in June has been the installation of the Youth Shelter commissioned by the last Council. The Youth Shelter was delivered by *Monster Play* on the agreed date at a cost of £10,000. In view of the additional cost of paying for its installation, Councillors decided to save the £900 and install it themselves. Over three days in June they dug the footings, mixed the concrete and put up the shelter ready for the young people of the village to enjoy it in the school Summer holidays.

The Shelter, accessed from Valley Lane and Pear Tree Close via Woodpecker Hill wood, is adjacent to the pitch that has been laid down by Gipping Homes. As well as providing a football pitch, it is a level grassed area with its own small car park and it will be used for village events. Take a walk and have a look. The grass is still young so let it settle down before it is used heavily please. Those of you letting your dogs foul the pitch and other parts of the site need to stop.



The Shelter will be ready for use by 3 July and will have bluetooth with power from its solar panels. Feedback to Councillors on this whole area would be appreciated.

The Councillors have also met with the newsletter's editor to discuss editorial policy and the delivery of the newsletters by Councillors. It was agreed that advertising rates will stay the same for now and no change to editorial policy was proposed. This is one way of collaring us about any issue to do with village life on which we may be able to help you, so take the opportunity and get to know your Parish Council.

There has been one expression of interest to date in the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. More are encouraged. A decision will be made at the next meeting on 11 July. If you may be interested please speak to any of the Councillors or the Clerk. All villagers are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings. Next meetings are 5 September and 7 November.

Norman Vendittelli

News from your District Councillor

With hedges growing rapidly now the rain has come, it is a good time to check you are not obstructing the footways and pavements in front of your home. Cars occasionally block the footway as well, and I would ask everyone to think of those in our communities who are visually impaired, otherwise disabled or pushing a pram, and keep the way clear.

In response to requests I have arranged another visit to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Great Blakenham, on Tuesday 26 July at 10am. This is an opportunity to see what happens to the stuff you put in your green bin, and to better understand what is wanted and what is not; and hear why. Please let me know if you would like to take part. There are only ten places, so book early.

Following the local elections, I will be continuing my roles on the Planning Committee and Scrutiny Committee at Mid Suffolk, alongside the other 39 councillors elected on 5 May. It is local democracy in action, and those and other committees, as well as meetings of the full council, are open to the public if you want to see what goes on. Dates and agendas etc can be accessed at <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Committee+Meetings/Committees/> or seen at the library. To get in touch see Who's Who. **John Matthissen**

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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The gardening year seems to be accelerating faster than ever. The recent rain has saved many plants from the drought which seemed to go on forever. The early warmth has produced wonderful displays of early Summer flowers, which also means that the weeds need constant attention. At least, when the soil has softened enough to get a trowel into it!

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 find the teddy bear competition for adults (with a prize) while children can take part in a teddy bear hunt at Woodpecker Hill to find their own

numbered bear. We hope that you will join in and support us in our efforts. For further details please contact us.

On 28 July members will enjoy the Garden Club Summer BBQ at 'Jordan' to celebrate another successful Garden Club year. Please reply to Dave Halestrap as soon as possible. The first meeting of the new gardening year takes place on 8 September at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Pettiward 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

News from The Woodpecker Hill Group

Major work in the woods has come to a temporary halt due to nesting migrant birds. We have been doing our best to try and keep the footpaths on the perimeter of the woods clear to keep the circular walk accessible to all. Further site clearing is planned for the Autumn. We will inform you via the newsletter of working party dates.

The children of Great Finborough Primary School have been working hard to help us by doing some beautiful designs we can use to help us with future projects. The children from Blue Class have helped us detect who is already living in the woods by carrying out some site surveys. Green Class is now enjoying their Forest School sessions there. With this in mind, may we remind you that dog mess is harmful and unpleasant; and whilst we encourage you to use the woods, please do so responsibly.

On Sunday 3 July, during Open Gardens, there will be an added attraction to the usual wonderful displays available for viewing; a bear hunt in the woods. Bring your children along to see us there. Tickets £1 each. Match up your ticket to the bear hidden in the woods and he is yours to take home! Proceeds from this attraction will go to The Woodpecker Hill Group funds. The wood is accessible via Pear Tree Place on the High Road.
Lisa Gilson

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Hello everyone.

Suffolk Police are urging members of the public to be vigilant following a spate of thefts of batteries across the county. In the first two weeks of May, almost £3,000 worth of vehicle batteries were stolen. Most of the stolen batteries have been taken whilst left insecure, out in the open, and have been easy targets for thieves. Batteries from vehicles and plant, batteries from fencing or bird scarers, and scrap batteries have all been targeted.

**PC 421 Annelly Miles
& PCSO 3155 Sian Uttley**

Onehouse Ramblers

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Derek Ames

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We used our May meeting to celebrate the Royal wedding. We arrived to find the Hall decorated in traditional red, white and blue with a large table laid out to give the impression of a street party.

We had all been asked to put on our posh frocks and incorporate the red, white and blue theme when choosing our outfit which gave the evening a really festive feel. We briskly dispensed with the more formal content of the evening with a glass of wine (or two) and then enjoyed an amazing buffet supplied by the committee members. We had no formal entertainment or speaker but just took the opportunity to enjoy each other's company, catch up and chat. We always have a bring and buy stall at our May meetings and this year was no exception. Ivy womanned the stall and a generous sum was raised for our funds. At least, it was enough to cover the wine bill!

June's walk was the first one I have managed to join this year. We started out from the Six Bells, Preston St Mary. It was a lovely evening for walking; dry and bright but not too hot. Ann and colleagues led us on a really great walk. The views around there are truly stunning. We had a warm welcome on our return to the Six Bells and we enjoyed a lovely meal.

We arrange several outings each year. A couple of those planned have a few spare seats on the coach so if you would like to join us on one of the following trips please contact our outings co-ordinator Val Lord (737113 or val.lord@tiscali.co.uk) no later than 10 July as she needs to finalise ticket and coach bookings. First come first served.

- 6 August: An outing to Althorpe House. Cost £28 per person.
- 10 September: An outing to Southwold to see the 5pm performance of Agatha Christie's 'Love from a Stranger'. Cost approximately £22 per person to include coach and theatre tickets. There will be time for lunch and a walk along the pier.

Meetings are usually in Buxhall Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, but 20 July's meeting is our annual Garden Party. At

West End Kennels, Worlds End Lane, with an earlier 6.30pm start. Please remember your plates, bowls and cutlery. As there are so many of us now we may be a little short of chairs so if you have a folding chair you can fit easily in to your car 'just in case' that would be great. Bring a jacket as we will light the fire and you are welcome to stay on and make an evening of it if you wish. **Helen Matthews**

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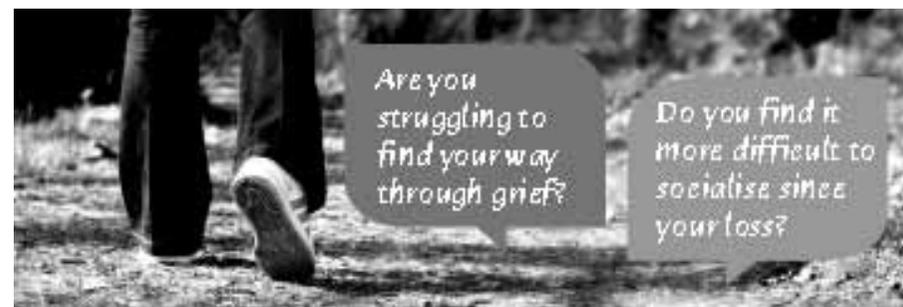
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Dave Terry RIP

Dave Terry died on 23 March 2011. On 6 April 2011 a good congregation of friends, neighbours and family filled St Andrews Church for the funeral and interment in the churchyard.

Dave had been a longtime resident of Finborough and was well known particularly around the Chestnuts for the help and friendship he gave to so many. His walks with Buster, and indeed shopping trips, could be something of a marathon as he sought out people with whom to chat. He had that rare commodity: time for people. In his working life he was involved with showing farm animals in which he excelled; and he had a deep interest in gardens, crops and the natural world.

We extend our sympathy to his widow, Shirley, and children, Mandy, Angela, Catherine and Neil as well as step children, Joan, Peter and Helen. Donations in Dave's memory were made to the Neuroscience Department at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge. **Rev. Chris Childs**

Thank you to all the true and loyal friends who have, and are supporting me, since the loss of my husband, Dave; and, especially Phyllis. Thank you as well for the donations in his memory.

Shirley Terry

Bird Seed

Thanks to all of you who have placed orders during the last twelve months. We have again broken the record selling more than 12 tons of seed. No wonder the birds around here look so happy! The Garden Club has used the profits from these sales to make donations to St Andrews Churchyard, the School's Squirrel Garden Club, the Woodpecker Hill Conservation Group and the RSPB.

The next seed order will be placed on 12 August 2011, with the order after that being in October. Unfortunately, without a newsletter in August you will need to contact me for the prices and to place an order as these will not be available until after 22 July. Contact me on 674401 or email me at john@abbeyclassics.co.uk **John Davey**

News From Great Finborough Primary School

As the school moves into the final weeks of the Summer term, the children are just as busy with their lessons and regular commitments like the Premier Football Club, cricket club, netball class, whole school walk, and Forest Schools. Cycling proficiency lessons will be completed in July as usual. In addition there are the special events associated with the end of the year.

The Leavers (Year 4 children going up to Middle School) will have a service in the Church at 11am on 20 July 2011, followed that afternoon by their Leavers' Party at School. Meanwhile the little children joining the school in September will have completed their introductory sessions and have been visited at home by their new teacher for Foundation stage, Craig Smith.

The school residential trip for Year 4 children will be on 12 July and there will be a whole school trip on 20 July 2011, the last day of term. School starts again on Wednesday 7 September 2011. **Stephen Dodd**

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Brenda Grimaldi

Charity Bingo

The next session will be on 21 July at 6.30pm at Pettward Hall. All proceeds made will go to Great Finborough & Buxhall under 5's Pre-school. The following session, on 18 August, is in aid of St Andrews Church. 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.

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The booklet, which is just £2.50, is available from the Red Feather Club at its regular open days on the last Sunday of every month during the summer (May to October inclusive, 10am-4pm) or when it is open for other events or educational visits. It is also available by mail order from: 95th Bomb Group Booklet, c/o Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, Redlingfield, IP23 7QU, for £3.50 including postage and packing. Cheques payable to the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association.

The award-winning Red Feather Club is at Horham, Suffolk (IP21 5DG), four miles south-east of Eye, offers a unique experience in a 1940s WW2 NCOs' social club. Visitors say it is like "going back in time". The 95th BGHA website is www.95thbg-horham.com.

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Men's Breakfasts

The Breakfast in June had no invited speaker and Peter Scates led a lively discussion on the Church and the Big Society. This got us all thinking. As a result, we decided to meet more frequently (on 2nd Saturday of even months) and advertise the topic for discussion in advance.

This means that the next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 13 August, 8am breakfast, 8.45am discussion, finish by 9.30am. The topic for discussion will be 'How do we sell the Church?' Please ring Derek Ames (613328) by Wednesday 10 August to book a traditional English breakfast: sausage, bacon, egg, baked beans, toast, marmalade, juice, tea or coffee; or Continental Breakfast: croissant, fruit, yoghurt, plus toast, jam, marmalade, juice, tea or coffee.

Derek Ames

Buxhall and Great Finborough Over Sixties

Club members enjoyed their first outing of the year in May: a mystery tour around some Suffolk lanes before ending up at Sutton Hoo. This proved very interesting with members looking around the museum, estate and gardens. We visited the lovely old house of the 'Pretty' family, 'Tranmer House'. How the other half lived in those days!

In June our trip was to the Lavender fields of Norfolk; finishing up at Hunstanton. Many thanks to Katie Ellis and her group for letting us to join them and help fill up the bus. While we do like to take a full bus on the outings, paid up members of the over 60's club get first choice. It only costs £6 for a year's outings and entertainment. New members always welcome. Our next trip is on 19 July to Somerleyton Hall, leaving Great Finborough at 9.45am and Buxhall at 9.50am. Please let me or Katie (736430) know your intentions.

Keith Proctor

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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News from Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5s



Very occasionally there are moments when it is right to be boastful and shout from the rooftops how good you are. This is one of those occasions! We were inspected by Ofsted in May 2011 and received a glowing report, gaining five areas deemed as 'outstanding'. It is tough extracting the best bits to include in the small space the

newsletter affords because the report really does read so well. Please do look at our full report on the Ofsted website.

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We have worked extremely closely as a team to make the Pre-school what it is today. We are delighted to have received such high recognition for our hard work and take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped us along the way. We look forward to continuing the journey together.

Jane Nunn

Michael Green

It was a pleasure to have Michael speak at a Men's Breakfast and at an evening presentation in Buxhall in March. He also brought a greeting from the Church in Jordan to Rev Chris Childs at his licensing service at Great Finborough at the end of March.

Michael spoke of the work he has done in Jordan in making representation to embassies and agencies to help those from other countries to obtain Jordanian citizenship. If the court proceedings fail, the family is split up: the husband sent to prison, the wife deported and the children sent to a 'home'. One of the memorable experiences of Michael's stay in the UK was hearing Jose Henriquez, one of the Chilean miners; and Church Mission Society partner, Alf Cooper, who is also Protestant chaplain to President Pinera of Chile. Jose spoke about the '34th man' – Jesus – whom the 33 rescued miners had experienced being with them through their 69-day ordeal.

Derek Ames

Mid Suffolk Disability Forum

At the May meeting it was noted that there was a 70% response rate on the council's consultation on its Disabled Adaptations Policy. The purpose of the survey was find out from its 3,347 council tenants their current access and support needs, and future anticipated needs. Tenants were asked about the facilities in their homes so that when properties become available the information can be used to offer suitably adapted properties to people who need them. Information from the survey will be available in due course. The next meeting is at 10.30am on 27 July 2011 at Stowmarket Rugby Club, Chilton Way.

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Fred Dubery RIP

The distinguished painter, Fred Dubery, lived amongst us for over 40 years. His death on 8 April 2011 was mourned by many friends and colleagues at his funeral at St Andrews, Great Finborough, on 21 April. A tribute in the East Anglian Daily Times on 16 April by Ian Collins outlined his career as a painter and lecturer. He was a visiting tutor at the Royal Academy Schools, where he was Professor of Perspective, and the Royal College of Art, where he was concurrently a part-time senior lecturer. He was elected a member of the New English Art Club in 1956 and subsequently became a life member.

Fred loved Suffolk. He and his wife, Joanne, revelled in the landscapes around them. Suffolk light inspired many of Fred's memorable paintings. Ian Collins says of him "Suffolk scenes would be much celebrated, but the work always returned to details (a table corner, a mantelpiece edge)". Several of Fred's pictures will appear in an exhibition at the New English Art Club at Messum's in Cork St, London W1S 3LJ, which is open to the public from 15 June to 9 July 2011.

As a man Fred was quiet and modest, with a painter's eye for detail and a wonderful sense of humour. He was a devoted husband, and was greatly loved by his colleagues and ex-students. Our sympathies are with Joanne, who was his wife, companion and inspiration.

Rev Chris Childs

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News from St Andrew's Church

Family Services

The theme for our first Family Service in the Primary School in May was 'the way' and we are pleased to report nearly 60 men women and children joined us – mostly from Finborough. It was a tremendous start and we hope to repeat it later in the year. I would very much welcome the formation of a small group to plan these events. No prior knowledge is needed – just enthusiasm and a little time. I hope that in the longer term we will hold six special Family Services a year (2 in Buxhall, 2 in Finborough, and 2 in the school). Please contact me if you would like to help.

The Building that is St Andrew's

The building of St Andrew's is also on the way somewhere. Those blessed with the maintenance of old buildings know that they require energy, time and money just to stand still. If not they fall away. More work is urgently needed to preserve the stonework on the vestry and organ chamber but that is not the half of it. The Church Council has long had plans for development and now some more steps have been taken. The Diocesan Advisory Committee which acts similarly to a Church planning authority has been to advise on the installation of a meeting room, kitchenette and toilet facilities in the old side chapel, organ chamber and original toilet area.

There is much work to be done – permissions to obtain and money to be raised, but at least we know where we want to go. We have a remarkable building which is a tremendous feature on the landscape – we should be very proud of it and I hope that perhaps a friends' organisation can be formed to assist in its maintenance. At the moment most of the actual work is carried out by Paul Nettleton and Lesley Cass, supported by a few others. They deserve enormous thanks.

Weddings

And there are a number of couples who are planning the next stage of their lives following weddings. This year - so far – we are hosting four and next year four are already booked.

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Harvest Festival

I hope that the Harvest Festival on Sunday 25 September at 11am will be a good event for all. We support Water Aid as our Charity and welcome Rev Darlington and his wife, Emile, from our link diocese in Kagera, Tanzania, as our guests. They will be staying with us for the week. Darlington is the principal of Kagera Theological College. It will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in church. Please, this year, can everyone remember their own corkscrews – as one between everyone was a bit of a struggle.

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Bibles and Vestments

St Andrew's has an interesting collection of Bibles and Vestments – some of which continue to be used. They will be on display in church during Open Churches week – see elsewhere in the newsletter for full details. Please call in and see the parish church – a treasure in your midst.

Rev Chris Childs

St Andrew's Matters

The churchyard will be one of the gardens on display for Open Gardens on 3 July. Thanks to the hard work of our team of volunteers over the past year there will be an abundance of summer flowers in the conservation area at the west end, but keep a watch out for bears! The week commencing 6 August is Open Churches Week when churches all over Suffolk will be open and arranging special events. At St Andrew's we will be having a colourful display which also celebrates the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. Refreshments will be available on the Saturday. Evening worship on 15 July is at 6pm with wine and cheese afterwards.

Lesley Cass

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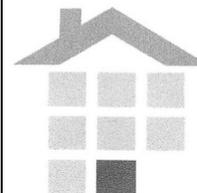


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From the Team

Over the last week I have been prompted by articles I have read about taking time to rest. Now that the Summer is here many will be able to take some rest, or at least change the pattern of their day. We often ask people to slow down for their own sakes but are not good at taking that advice for ourselves.

We live in a culture where rest is often viewed negatively. When we work, we work hard. When we play, we play hard. We fill our time with email, activities, cleaning, exercise classes and so on. But we do not know how to rest. I discovered for a day last week, as I was unwell, that sometimes you have to rest. From that one day came a new set of priorities. There were certain things that I had to do, but there were others that could be left until later (and one or two that did not really need to be done at all). I needed to slow down and weigh up what was important.

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As I recovered I realised that even in the Creation story there is a contradiction to our 21st century understanding. In Genesis 1.5 there was darkness but after light had been created it says 'there was evening and there was morning, the first day.' So the time of rest comes before we consider working.

Looking forward, when we may be able to take some rest, we need to use that time, a most valuable and irreplaceable commodity, to our own good - to recharge our batteries and prepare for whatever is ahead. Even pleasurable events need us to be prepared and rested. I wish you a Summer of sunny, warm days and with rain just at night. **Rev Arlene Cruickshanks**



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Funerals

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Sung Eucharist		Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer		Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion		Finborough	11am
Matins		Harleston	11am
Evening Worship		Onehouse Church	6.30pm

Sunday	10 July	Trinity 3	
Matins		Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion		Shelland	9.30am
Family Service		Onehouse	11am
Evening Service		Finborough	6pm

Sunday	17 July	Trinity 4	
Family Service		Buxhall	9.30am
Matins		Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion		Finborough	11am
Family Communion		Onehouse Church	11am

Sunday	24 July	Trinity 5	
Holy Communion		Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion		Harleston	9.30am
Time 2 Worship		Finborough	11am
Holy Communion		Onehouse Church	11am

Sunday	31 July	Trinity 6	
Benefice Eucharist		Shelland	10.30am
Benefice Evening Worship		Finborough	6.30pm

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR AUGUST 2011

Sunday	7 August	Trinity 7	
Sung Eucharist		Buxhall	10.30am
Evening Worship		Onehouse	6.30pm

Sunday	14 August	Trinity 8	
Parish Communion		Harleston	10.30am
Evening Worship		Shelland	6.30pm

Sunday	21 August	Trinity 9	
Parish Communion		Finborough	10.30am
Evening Worship		Buxhall	6.30pm

Sunday	28 August	Trinity 10	
Parish Communion		Onehouse	10.30am
Evening Worship		Harleston	6.30pm

Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting this Sunday you will find a warm welcome at any of our services. Holy Communion/Eucharists at Finborough and Onehouse follow the modern order, those at Harleston, Buxhall and Shelland follow the traditional, except any midweek services which follow the modern order.

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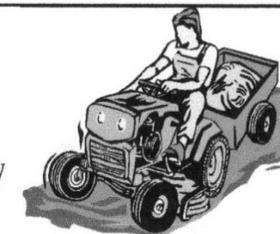
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