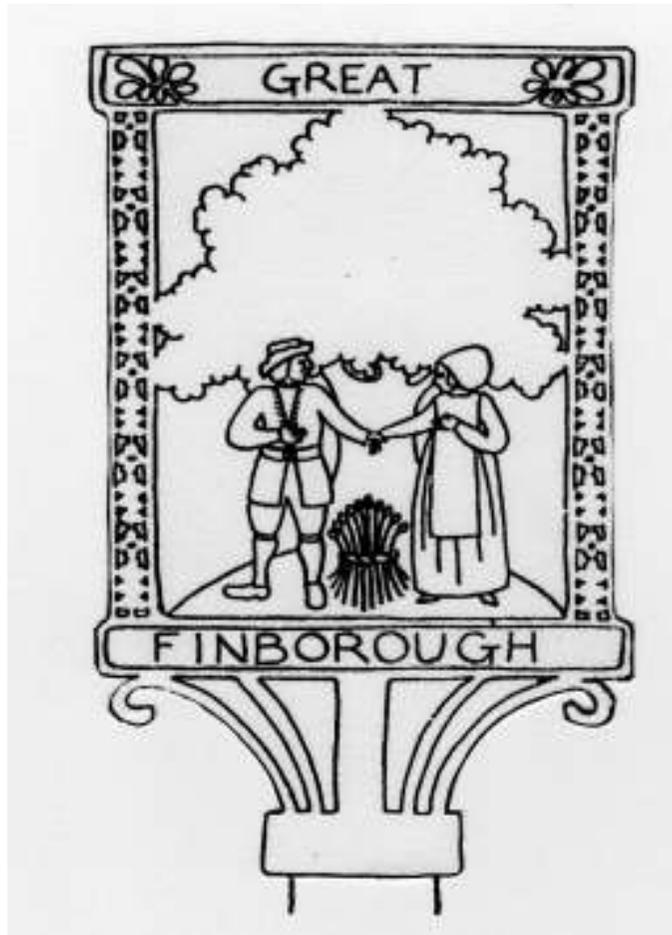


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VILLAGE DIARY – NOVEMBER 2011

3	2pm	Over Sixties, Buxhall Village Hall
5	9am-1pm	Fayre, Under Fives, Petteward Hall
5	6pm	Bonfire and Bangers, Tomlinsons
7	7.30pm	Parish Council, Petteward Hall
11	7.30pm	Quiz, Onehouse Church Room
10	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Church Room
10	7.30pm	Garden Club, Petteward Hall
11	7.30pm	Quiz, Onehouse Church Room
14	6pm	Brownies, Petteward Hall
16	7pm	Buxhall Women's Institute, Buxhall Village Hall
17	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Petteward Hall
20	2.30pm	Onehouse Ramblers, Church Room car park
21	6pm	Brownies, Petteward Hall
24	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Church Room, Onehouse
24	7.30pm	Pampered Chef evening
28	6pm	Brownies, Petteward Hall

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8	12 noon	Over Sixties Christmas lunch
10	8am	Men's Breakfast, Onehouse Church Room

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Derek Ames (613328)

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Editorial

Welcome back to Oak Close, Tiffany Green and her fiancé, Matt Clark. 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 available from me.

15 November is the copy deadline for material for the December/January edition. Please note there is no separate newsletter in January. 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 Parish Council is very grateful to the Garden Club for organising and undertaking bulb planting for the benefit of us all. Especial thanks to John Davey for his leadership and organisation.

Interviews for the Parish Council vacancy are scheduled for 24 October. The Parish Councillors have been engaged in the last month in considering the short term maintenance work required by the Pettward Hall; and giving thought to the long term future of the Hall. If you would like to contribute your views please get in touch.

I was pleased to represent the Parish Council at the Civic Service on 2 October at the invitation of Cllr Debbie Ball, the Mayor of Stowmarket and resident of Great Finborough. The children of the village school had written and read out their poems on the meaning of community. Well done Tamsin Carlton Smith, Lucy Robinson and Harrison Crouch.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 7 November 2011. You are very welcome to attend.

Norman Vendittelli

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News from your District Councillor

New 'early risers' bus service

An additional 461 bus service is now picking up in Finborough Monday to Saturday at 7.06 am on its way to Bildeston and Hadleigh (then subsequently on to Ipswich). While this is unlikely to attract large numbers of people, it is available should anyone want to make that journey. It will be returning each evening at 18.46, terminating in Stowmarket. The journey will not be via Buxhall. This strange service has come about following a change of operator for Bildeston to Ipswich service 111, which will require Galloways to send a bus from Mendlesham each day.

Volunteer day

To find out more about the many benefits from volunteering locally go along to the Old Library at Red Gables, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket, on Thursday 3 November any time between 10am and 3pm.

Health service watchdog appeal for members

The Suffolk LINK is a network bringing together local people, organisations and groups who want to improve health and adult social care services. Have your say on local health and social care services. Tell your local LINK what is good and what could be improved. Membership is free and for more information 'phone 771246, or visit www.suffolklink.org

The Big Tree Plant

The Forestry Commission is making available £4.2million over the next three years to help community groups plant more trees in areas where people live and work. For further information and application forms call 0800 856 7984 or email bigtreeplant@groundwork.org.uk I can also help with grant applications and further details.

Advanced notice of New Year's Day walk

Derek Ames and I are hoping for better weather this year and propose to arrange two walks leading to the Buxhall Crown pub. One will start from the Chestnut Horse, Great Finborough, and the other from the Church Room, Onehouse. Fuller information in the December newsletter.

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The Forge Caravan Site

A Lands Tribunal hearing to consider an appeal against Mid Suffolk District Council's compulsory purchase of the site is to be heard on 13-14 December. For further details of the venue and public rights to object, please contact the Strategic Housing Manager at Mid Suffolk on 724500. To avoid any doubt, this matter has nothing to do with the proposed evictions at Dale Farm in Essex. Although the owner of The Forge did approach residents of Dale Farm regarding a possible sale, our District Council

regards this as an unwelcome initiative and is continuing to pursue a compulsory purchase order.

To get in touch with me see Who's Who. **John Matthissen**

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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

At last the East of England has seen some significant rainfall and the colourful leaves are falling aided by high winds so now we are able to start the Autumn tasks. The October meeting featured Mike Perry from Thompson & Morgan who showed us the new plants and seeds that will be available for the coming season. For flower arrangers there will be a green carnation like a green feather duster. For the vegetable growers there is a new purple mange tout. For those of us who just like plants there is a new yellow foxglove and a foxglove cross which looks to have the winning combination of reliable perennial habit and repeat flowering. In addition two new sweet peas will look stunning grown together.

Our next meeting will be on 10 November and is an illustrated talk by Ben Potterton on his latest travels around the world. Many members will remember his amusing talk last year on the unusual plants he has found on his travels. 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.

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A Summary of the 2009 Great Finborough Village Survey

Since the last survey took place two years ago, there have been some obvious and not so obvious changes in the village. There is now a car park opposite the village shop and a play area for young children. Teenagers have a 'Youth Shelter' in Valley Lane, next to a purpose built '5-a-side' football pitch.

A wildflower meadow adjoins the pitch and beyond the hedge is the 'Woodpecker Hill' wood. The wood is a managed wildlife and woodland area and is already being used by the village school as a 'Forest School' area, where children learn through the natural environment. Villagers manage this development and soon Mid Suffolk District Council will pass ownership over to the village.

143 households (about 350 people) completed the survey. This was a much lower return than the survey in 1998. A great deal of information was gathered but what follows are some selected points of general interest.

Age Profile

In 2009 23% of residents were under 18 years of age; 47.6% were 18-60 years, and 29.4% were older.

Housing

In 1998 75% of the village was owner-occupied. By 2009 the percentage had risen to 81.7%.

Time in the Village

55% of the population has lived in the village for more than 10 years.

Employment

Most people (51.8%) worked elsewhere but 16.9% work from home or in Great Finborough. Almost 32% were retired.

Travel

Although a car or van was the means of travel to work in 1998 for 75%, by 2009 the percentage had risen to 86.4%.

Development

In 1998 about 69% of those surveyed wanted little or no further housing to be built in the village; the 2009 survey showed that this had risen to 84%.

Traffic Problems

84% of respondents felt that speeding was a problem in the village. Since the survey the village has its own 'Speed Watch' volunteers authorised by Suffolk Police. Hopefully their activity will reduce drivers' speeds in the village.

Services

In 1998 66% of those surveyed said that they used the 'Chestnut Horse' public house. By 2009 the percentage had dropped to 53%. There have been several changes of publican since 1998. The village shop was used by 88.6% (91% in 1998) and the Post Office is used by 82.5%.

The Parish Church

75% of residents in 1998 felt that the church was important in some or many respects. By 2009 the percentage had risen to 88% respondents.

Other matters

57% of those surveyed wanted more information from the Parish Council. 84% wanted footpath maps or leaflet guides charting local walks and 41% wanted provision of allotments. 100% thought that the Parish Newsletter was 'good or reasonably good!'

A useful suggestion from one respondent proposed a map of the village with particular reference to putting names to the houses with no numbers. At least it would help the villagers, when asked by the lost ubiquitous 'white van man', to give perfect directions! The Parish Council is starting work on this.

The Parish Council always appreciates feedback on what would enhance village life, so do not wait until the next survey!

Rob Nurton

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Tender Age

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to explore creatively what divides and what connects these generations. Themes for exploration include: 'Do You See Me?' 'Can You Hear Me?' 'If You Touch Me...', and what younger and older people think of each other! Theatre Royal Associate Artist Kath Burlinson, together with a core group of facilitators, offers a series of workshops in 2011. The workshops will be fun, creative, informal events, involving drama, music, movement and discussion. They are open to young adults (18-25) and older people (65+) regardless of experience. No background in

performing arts is necessary and all exercises will be adapted to the participants' needs, abilities and mobility. A good time is guaranteed!

The first workshops take place on 6 and 27 November 2011 at the Guildhall, Guildhall Street, Bury St Edmunds. Anyone interested in attending a workshop, please contact info@kathburlinson.co.uk for further details or call 771007 where a message can be left if I'm not there.

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I am pleased to say there are no local crimes to report this month. Despite efforts by the Community Speed Watch there are still far too many vehicles speeding through the village. The behaviour towards these volunteers of late has been inappropriate and will not be tolerated. The idea behind this scheme is to address problems of speeding, re-educate drivers about the dangers of speed and to point out that it is socially unacceptable. It is not to catch as many as possible.

There has been a further complaint regarding parking around the Valley Lane entrance. If vehicles persist in parking opposite, or within 10m of a junction, it is in contravention of the Highway Code. It causes problems for other motorists who cannot see beyond parked cars and you could receive a £30 fixed penalty notice.

On a more positive note I had the opportunity of visiting the Primary School last week for an assembly on thoughtfulness. It was over too soon and, fortunately, I will have the opportunity of attending next week again for an input on their topic of 'People who help the community'.

Launch of the new non emergency number in Suffolk

While 999 is a well recognised number used to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only half the public knew how to contact their local police to talk to them about less urgent issues. As a result, the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) are introducing the 101 non-emergency number. This number is designed to offer people in England and Wales one easy way to contact their local police force to report non-emergency crimes and disorder, or to speak to their local police officers.

101 is rolling out to all forces between now and January 2012 and will replace the range of existing police force non-emergency. Norfolk

and Suffolk Constabularies have moved to 101 already. Remember – 101 should be used for non emergency calls to the police. In an emergency dial 999. Dial 999 when life is threatened or people are injured, or if there is a crime in progress or an immediate police response is required.

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



World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We would like to say a very big thank you to all who came and supported our coffee morning on 8 October 2011. We raised £370.

Julie Francis

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 20 November. Meet at the Church Room car park at 2.30pm, for a walk of 3-4 miles to Sheland and Harleston Churches.

Derek Ames

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The next session will be on 17 November at 6.30pm at Pettward Hall. All proceeds made will go to the Bingo Fund. 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

Recruiting Suffolk Santas – All in a Good Claus!

Wanted – people to dress up as Santa - all on the same day for St Elizabeth Hospice. This simple yet fun festive fundraising event, called Suffolk Santas, was launched last year and raised thousands of pounds so is back again for 2011. Santas are asked to collect donations from their friends, colleagues, neighbours, relatives or community groups for as little or as long as you can between 8am and 8pm on Friday 9 December. It is just £5 to register and you will be given a Santa suit, collecting bucket and identity badge.

Register to take part at www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600. This event is open to over 18s only. St Elizabeth Hospice is an independent charity which provides services free of charge in Suffolk and costs £6.6 million a year to run. More than three quarters of its income is generated by the public including from fundraising events like Suffolk Santas.

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Surgery to treat Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Consultant vascular surgeons at Ipswich and Colchester hospitals want to understand how changes to local services in order to halve the mortality rate for patients with abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) might affect you.

AAA surgery is required when the blood vessel supplying the abdomen, pelvis and legs becomes abnormally large or balloons. This can burst if untreated and around 6000 people in England and Wales die every year from a burst aneurysm. Preventative planned surgery can be offered but national guidelines recommend hospitals undertaking fewer than 100 operations in a three-year period should stop doing them. Ipswich currently carries out on average 27 of these procedures each year.

From April 2012, around 5000 men each year in east Suffolk, north east Essex and the Colne Valley will be invited to have an ultrasound scan to determine if they are at risk of developing an AAA and in some cases have preventative surgery. An invitation to attend for AAA screening could reduce AAA related deaths by 43% in men aged 65-75 years. This reduction in deaths relies on these procedures being performed in a vascular centre where high volumes of these procedures are carried out.

It is proposed that patients who would normally have had this surgery at Ipswich Hospital will have it done at Colchester hospital instead. The vast majority of vascular patients will not be affected, as major surgery is involved in a relatively small number of procedures. All other aspects of vascular care, such as outpatients' clinics, diagnostics and day case surgery, will continue to be carried out at Ipswich General hospital.

You can fill in a questionnaire online: www.suffolk.nhs.uk/vascularservices or obtain a paper copy of the questionnaire, or for more information, call 01473 770014. The engagement exercise is open until 23 December.

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Sessions are held on Thursdays between 4.30pm and 6pm in the Church Room, Onehouse. For enquiries about joining Skylarks, please contact Derek Ames (613328) or Christine Hagger (736487).

Carole Hearn

A Ringing Welcome

A quarter peal lasting about 45 minutes was rung on the bells at St Andrew's Church on the evening of Wednesday 12 October 2011 to welcome the Revd. Canon Darlington Bendankeha and his wife Emelia from the Diocese of Kagera, Tanzania to their link Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The bell ringers were: Josephine Beaver, Richard Brewster, David Howe (Conductor), David Steed, Lesley Wilson and me.

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Child Car Seats

The Observer newspaper found that at least 66% of car seats for babies and young children are wrongly fitted, according to figures supplied by local authority road safety officers around the country. As a result two-thirds of child car passengers are being put at risk of injury or death. Many were poorly fitted by parents who said the main problem was shifting car seats into different cars in a hurry, but an investigation by *Which?* found that almost half those installed by retailers' fitting services were done incorrectly. Although some of the faults are minor and may not lead to additional injuries, some are bad enough to prevent the car seat offering the protection it should.

The main car seat fitting mistakes are:

- Incorrectly routed seatbelts
- Harnesses too high or too loose
- Twisted seatbelts
- With group 0+ seats, parents are putting seats in the car with handles around the wrong way. The carry handle should be clipped in front of the child so it acts as a roll bar in an accident - not clipped above the baby's head.
- Car seats are too close to the front seats: the seat should be about three fingers' width from the front
- For Group 1 seats most parents fitted the seatbelt through both the seatbelt guides at the top, rather than just the one at the exit. If incorrectly threaded the seatbelt could move during an accident.
- Seatbelts are not tight enough. You should be able to put just two fingers between harness and the child
- Parents often seemed in a hurry to move their children into the next stage car seat before they are ready.

Avoiding the risks

Having a baby is hard, and means we have to learn a whole new set of skills we've never had before. Some are vital to get right straight away: like knowing how to put your new baby safely in their car seat. Car seat safety is a matter of life or death. You can avoid the car seat mistakes that parents frequently make:

1. Make sure the car seat is properly installed

Always ensure that your child is in an appropriate child restraint that is suitable for the car and seat on which it is being used. To avoid the dangers associated with airbags, do not put a forward-facing child seat in the front, unless there is no other choice. In this case, make sure the car seat is as far back as possible, the child seat is securely fitted and the child is securely held by the seat belt or child seat harness, keeping the child as far as possible from the dashboard.

Before you even put your infant into the car seat, you should make sure the seat is correctly installed in your car. Take time and read the manual; refer to it again from time to time. Make sure that children travel in the rear of the car, if possible. It is safer.

2. Use the correct car seat for your child's weight

Experts say suitability is based entirely on weight, and recommend that parents continue to use a group 0 rear-facing seat until their child has completely grown out of it. Only when they reach 13kg should they switch to a 0+ seat.

3. Use the right kind of car seat

Babies should be kept in rear facing car seats for as long as possible. Current advice is that they should stay in a rear facing car seat until they are two years old because these seats offer the best possible protection to the smaller baby. Never put a rearward-facing baby seat in the front if there is a passenger airbag.

4. Make sure the shoulder straps are in the right position

If your child is in a rear facing seat the top of the shoulder straps should be at or below the baby's shoulders. When in a forward facing seat the straps need to be at or above the baby's shoulders. Straps should also pass the pinch test: pull any slack tight from the lap-portion, and then pinch the straps at the collar bone. If you're able to pinch the strap, it is too loose.

5. Take your time

Often little ones are not put in their car seats safely because their parents are in a rush. No matter how rushed you are, or how much

shopping your trying to cram into your car, or how many other hundreds of things are distracting you during your busy day to day life, the most important thing is that your child is safely strapped into their car seat.

6. No coats!

Coats are not safe in car seats and almost all manufacturers include this in the manual. To understand why, place your child in a coat and put them in their seat and tighten the straps properly. Without loosening the straps, remove your child and remove their coat. Now place them back in the seat. That is how much room your child would have once the coat compresses under pressure, like squashing a pillow. Put a blanket over the child after securing the harness.

More information available at:

[http://www.gurgle.com/articles/News/37916/ How badly fitting car seats put your children in danger.aspx](http://www.gurgle.com/articles/News/37916/How_badly_fitting_car_seats_put_your_children_in_danger.aspx)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2011/sep/18/children-using-car-seats-at-risk>

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New Ministers

Sunday 27 November is a special occasion in the life of the Parishes of Buxhall and Finborough. Not only do we keep that day as the Patronal Festival of St Andrews Church at our celebration Eucharist at 11am but it sees the commissioning of four new Elders to serve those parishes particularly.

Gill Ling and Angela Pead are very well known to many people in Buxhall. After some time spent considering the work they are called to do, they have accepted the Commission from the Bishop to work principally as pastors in the parish. Irene and Tony Bugg have become very much part of the church community in Finborough since they started worshipping there some time ago. They do not live in the village but bring to us their skills and experience acquired as Elders at St Mary's, Witton. They will complement the work of Nigel Brown and Jill Reed in those villages.

They will be licensed by the Rural Dean acting on behalf of Bishop Nigel and we hope there will be support for them from all villages as they begin their new work. Wine and cake will be served in church afterwards. We also welcome Rev Jenny Vereker of Great Barton as our preacher that day and of course our choir will be in full voice.

Please join us and support them all. **Rev Chris Childs**

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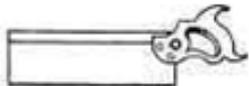
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Val Lord

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Planting Spring Bulbs



Well it is done. Garden Club members, Parish Councillors, their family members and a couple of other villagers, planted the bulbs on areas of Parish land in the heart of the village. A special thanks to the staff and members of the Primary School's Squirrel Garden Club who have planted three large patches of bulbs on the grass to the left of the path leading to the school gate. I understand the children all thoroughly enjoyed this project. In years to come they will be able to say: "I helped to plant those when I was at school".

We bought a quarter of a tonne of bulbs and having weighed and counted a few kilos I estimate that we ended up planting over 5,000. If anyone wants to count them when they come up I would be interested in the final number! So all we've got to do now is wait for the Spring. It should be spectacular.

John Davey

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News from the Village School

We have had confirmed that our results for Year 2 children (now Year 3) in Summer 2011 were once again above the national average in reading, writing and maths. The report produced by Ofsted indicated that this particular cohort made significant progress in comparison to other schools nationally. The Local Authority has confirmed that our Year 4 SATs results for Summer 2011 (now Year 5s) demonstrated that the children had made 'good' progress with us between Years 2 and 4.

Well done to all the children for their hard work to achieve this, to the parents who hear their children read at home regularly, learn their spellings, support 'talk' homework and complete other homework set to support learning. Evidence clearly indicates that children with such support at home are very often the children who make outstanding personal progress. Thank you, too, to all the staff for their hard work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have stepped down from the Friends Committee for their hard work. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated! I would also like to thank the new committee, existing and new members, for taking the lead this year. Staff and Governors look forward to working in partnership with you to raise much needed additional funds to support our pupils' learning. As a school we are fortunate to have so many parents/ carers, past parents/ carers and members of the community supporting the school. This support is vital to our daily running and support for the children. Thank you.

A very successful trip to Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station by Red Class inspired them to raise funds for the RNLI as they discovered that the Aldeburgh lifeboat has, for many years, carried a set of 'lucky acorns'. The class ran a sponsored acorn collection in our and I am confident that the RNLI will be grateful for their efforts. It would also be fair to say that our caretaker, Mr Pinney, who is usually responsible for clearing the acorns from the playground, also thought it was a great idea!

We also welcome onto the Governing Body both Lisa Gilson and Gehan de Silva as Parent Governors.

Stephen R. Dodd

News from the Friends of Great Finborough Primary School

Pampered Chef Evening

A Pampered Chef evening is being held on 24 November at 7.30pm at a parent's home. She has kindly said she will donate all her commissions and percentages of sales taking on the night to the Friends. There is also a catalogue to order from if you cannot make it on the night and sales from this will also go to the Friends. There will be a raffle. If you are interested in coming along to the evening then please contact me for a ticket or for a catalogue.

Christmas Bazaar

We are holding our annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 2 December 2011 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the School. There will be lots of activities for the children and adults to join in including a raffle, games, crafts, refreshments and lots more. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join in the festive activities and help raise money for the children of the school.

To enable us to carry out these events we rely heavily on any donations any one can spare, from raffle prizes, tombola prizes, sweets and unwanted gifts to Cellotape, wrapping paper, etc. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to help us with these events, please feel free to leave any donations at the School's Reception or give to a member of the Friends.

Easy Fundraising

Easy fundraising is a great way to raise money for a good cause and Friends of Great Finborough Primary School are registered with them. When you shop on line they will donate money to your cause. It's really easy to use and all you need to do is register at www.easyfundraising.org and select your registered cause and then start shopping! Also you can even get donations without even spending a penny!

Squirrel Garden Club

The garden club started again in September and we have been preparing the garden for Winter by tidying, cutting back and weeding. We are planting broad beans, garlic and bulbs for next spring. We

have also planted daffodil bulbs out on the green just outside the school gate, which the Great Finborough & Buxhall District Garden Club prepared. They kindly let us have a large quantity of bulbs so that the children could join in with the village project. A big thank you again to the Garden Club for gloves for giving us this opportunity and also another thank you for the donation to buy the children some gardening gloves and new rose arches for the garden.

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Visit from Kagera

On behalf of all the five Church Council's can I thank Jill and John Reed of Buxhall for their generous hospitality towards Canon Darlington and his wife whilst they stayed with them for a week recently on our behalf. Others were equally generous in offering meals and other help. I also thank Arlene Cruickshanks for masterminding the visit to these five churches. We have all much enjoyed their visit and benefited from it. There is a detailed report available for those who would like a copy.

Rev Chris Childs

Buxhall and Great Finborough over Sixties Candlestick Club

The October meeting of Bring, Buy and Bingo was a very happy affair. Twenty five members bought and sold in 'the shop' and then enjoyed a game of Bingo afterwards. Well over £60 was made for club funds and a pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 3 November at 2pm at Buxhall Village Hall. The guest speaker is Mr David Ryan who is going to talk about his life as a 'Master Chef'; very interesting for those who cook and entertain. Advance notice of our December Christmas lunch. It will be held on Thursday 8 December at 12 noon for 12.30pm start. We shall be taking names and collecting money at our November meeting. The approximate cost will be £12. If there are any members who would like picking up for these meetings, please contact me on 736598.

Keith Proctor

News from the Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's

We are holding our annual fundraising event on Saturday 5 November between 9am and 1pm. This will be held at Pettward Hall. We will be having local craft people holding stalls, children's lucky dip, cakes, refreshments and a raffle. A great chance to get some early Christmas presents. Please feel free to bring family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all on the day. All funds raised help support our Pre-School. Thank you for your support.

In December we will have our Christmas play that is always enjoyed by the children, parents and grandparents. If you wish to book a place for your child or would like to speak to someone about our Pre-School see Who's Who.

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News from Onehouse

Accumulator Quiz

Have you tried an Accumulator Quiz yet? If not, why not come along to the Church Room, Onehouse on Friday 11 November at 7.30pm for a new experience. If you came last year, you know it was an excellent evening and it will be worth coming again.

There will be seven rounds of general knowledge questions and to make life easy, we give you four possible answers to every question, so all you need do is choose one of the four to pick up points. It couldn't be easier could it? Ah, but there is a twist. Enter singly or as a team of up to five. Entry is £4 per head. We provide the nibbles, but you must provide your own liquid refreshment. If interested please call me on 676123 or Gloria on 676198 to book a table or a place at a table.

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Wednesday	2 November	All Souls	
Benefice Commemoration		Buxhall	7.30pm
Sunday	6 November	Third before Advent	
Sung Eucharist		Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer		Shelland	9.30am
Parish Communion		Finborough	11.00am
Matins		Harleston	11.00am
Evening Service		Onehouse Church Room	6.30pm
Sunday	13 November	Second before Advent, Remembrance Day	
Holy Communion		Onehouse Church	9.00am
Remembrance Service		Finborough	10.50am
Sunday	20 November	Christ the King	
Finborough & Buxhall Family Service		Buxhall	9.30am
Matins		Shelland	9.30am
Parish Communion		Harleston	9.30am
Family Communion		Onehouse Church	11.00am
Sunday	27 November	St Andrew	
Patronal Festival and Licensing of Elders by the Rev'd Barbara Bilston		Finborough	10.30am
Tuesday	29 November		
Children's Service		Onehouse Church Room	4.00pm

*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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