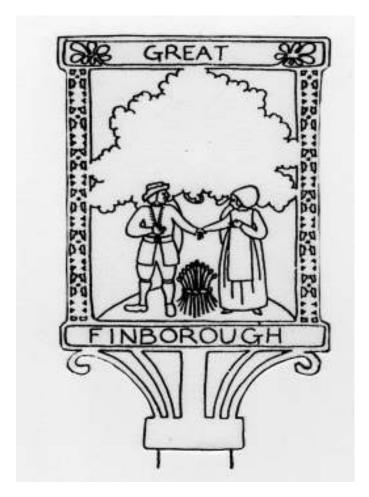
GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER









VILLAGE DIARY - APRIL 2012

2	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
2	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
5	7pm	Candlestick Club, Buxhall Village Hall
9	tba	Race of the Boggmen, Chestnut Horse
12	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall upper room
14	8am	Men's Breakfast, Onehouse Church Room
15	10am	Litter pick, meet at the Village Noticeboard
15	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers
16	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
18	tba	Parochial Church Council AGM
19	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
21	7.30pm	Onehouse Pudding evening
23	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
24	12pm	FHOBS lunch, Buxhall Village Hall
29	10.30am	Buxhall Plod and Ploughmans
30	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

Thursday Nights 7.30-9.30pm

In the Church Room: 12 and 26 April 2012

Why not try a bit of gentle exercise with a game of Table Tennis? We give a warm welcome to new players of all ages and abilities.

Beginners particularly welcome.

£1.50 per session. Give me a ring for further details.

Derek Ames (613328)

The Newsletter is produced by Great Finborough Parish Council, printed by Gipping Press, and distributed to all households in the village free of charge. Claims made have not been verified. For these the newsletter disclaims responsibility.

Editorial

I made a dreadful mistake last month, saying that Buxhall's Quiz was cancelled when it was not. Somehow I had got the wrong end of the stick. Thankfully Keith Proctor is still speaking to me and a lovely evening was had by all.

Since the last newsletter I'm pleased to see that the Parish Council has continued to work with the Garden Club to achieve their shared objective of securing allotments in the village. Although there are still plenty of hurdles to be overcome, and it seems unlikely we will be planting this year, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Don't forget The Race of the Boggmen on Easter Monday. 15 April is the copy deadline for material for the May 2012 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**

GREAT EVENT
IN GREAT FINBOROUGH
CELEBRATING
THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND
JUBILEE
TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2012

In the Centre of the Village there will be Entertainment and Food With a Barn Dance in the Evening

Please contact any Parish Councillor to offer to help in the planning; from ideas to labour

News from the Parish Council

At the March meeting discussion and decisions included:

- Siting of a grit bin for Pear Tree Place and reporting nonworking street lamps
- No objection to planning applications for the replacement of a gas tank at Finborough School, and an extension to 2 Valley Farm Barns
- Appointing auditors for the coming year
- Noting internal financial controls are sufficient, effective and adequate with no areas identified for development.
- Approving terms of reference for the Pettiward Hall Working Group.

Post Office

There is no progress to report this month regarding the reinstatement of a Post Office in the village by Post Office Ltd although Angela and Alan at The Chestnut Horse are continuing to include provision for a Post Office outreach service in their plans to develop a farm shop.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The 'Great Event' village celebration will take place on Tuesday 5 June 2012 between 12 noon and 5pm, to be followed by a Barn Dance at Boarded Barn at 7pm. The daytime event will include a Fancy Dress 'Queens and Kings' competition for children, and with prizes. There will be a BBQ and the whole village is invited to a picnic in the heart of the village (opposite the shop). There will be other attractions and competitions, all in the process of being planned. If you can help in any way, please contact any Parish Councillor. The annual Barn Dance normally takes place later in the Summer but has been brought forward to cap off the end of the celebratory weekend. Come along to the Barn Dance for a meal, music and good company, even if you do not dance!

Ravenscroft Development Amenity Land

Following a meeting on 19 March it is hoped that transfer of ownership of the land by the Parish will occur by June 2012.

Village Litter Pick

The Parish Council is leading a litter picking morning for Sunday 15 April. In two hours we will, with everyone's help, clear the verges and hedgerows on the roads leading in to Great Finborough. Our village litter picker, Harry Hogg, continues to do a fabulous job of all the sites on his round, but we all collectively responsible for the rest. Meet at the village noticeboard opposite the shop at 10am. Children welcome if directly supervised by a parent/carer.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 2 April. The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 9 May. You are welcome to attend. **Norman Vendittelli**

News from your District Councillor Save seedling trees

Please move these to a corner of the garden until Autumn, or into pots. I can provide pots. All native species welcome.

Litter Picks

Love where you live. Do get out and clear a section of verge before the nettles grow up. If you can, tackle a section away from your home as well, as those are the places most abused by litter louts.

NEETs

If you are aged between 16 and 24 and not in education, employment or training, please get in touch and let me know your experiences. At Mid Suffolk District Council, I am involved in a group seeking solutions to some of the obstacles that hold you back.

Forge Caravan Site

Still no news on this as I write. To contact me see Who's Who. **John Matthissen**



- Qualified tree surgeon & horticulturist
- Making gardens beautiful for 13 years

Honest reliable service offering:

- ☐ **Tree surgery:** from light pruning to large tree removal.
- ☐ Garden landscaping: from small back gardens to large estates.
- ☐ **Garden maintenance**: from a little weeding to a major clearance.

Qualifications & portfolio available for viewing

Call **REWT\$** on 07825253720 or

Email: rewtsgardening@yahoo.co.uk

Thinking of moving home?? Contact KMA SOLICITORS The Property Specialists

KMA SOLICITORS



Saracens House 25 St Margaret's Green Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2BN

> T: 01473 760046 F: 01473 760058

E:kem@kmasolicitors.co.uk

Dennis Green



CARPETS AND FLOORING

(01449) 774770 Dennis: 07879485215 Andrew:07502121938

Supplier of a Wide range of Carpets Vinyl Tiles Laminate and Wood Flooring

NICF Master fitter- Eastern England overall flooring champion and carpet fitter of the year finalist

'For Personal service and all year competitive pricing why not give Dennis and Andrew the opportunity to quote for your flooring needs'

'Home choose~We will bring our shop to you'
Ring for an appointment

Unit6b The Barn Glebe Farm Onehouse Stowmarket Suffolk IP 14 3HL

A very big welcome!

I am pleased to introduce Jessica and Ketan Trivedy, who have moved into Oak House, Valley Lane, with their children. Aakash is 21/2 years old. His name means 'sky'. Suraj is only four months old. His name means 'morning sun'. Jessica is a qualified Optometrist. Ketan is a Day Trader. The family comes to Great Finborough from Ipswich and say they love Suffolk, and especially this village! Ketan and Jessica, both born in East London, have ancestors from India who settled in East Africa. They look forward to meeting more villagers. Jessica hopes to establish a local food business.

We also welcome June Nathan and her husband who moved into 2 Pettiward Close in July 2011. They have a daughter in Buxhall.



Can you order your "cerveza, vino y tapas?"



I can teach you!

Phone **Andrea** on **01449 736955**

The Parish Council is sorry to lose Todd Manning from the village. He has moved to Ipswich with his partner and new baby son to be nearer the school where his partner teaches. He has kindly agreed to continue managing the village website, where our newsletters are published online every month, for the time being. For this we are very grateful.

Jim and Cherise have moved into Todd's bungalow, having come from Ipswich. Both work at Wattisham and their neighbours, including Mary Underwood, are pleased to welcome them to Great Finborough. Sam Bailey and her partner have moved to Coddenham from Pear Tree Place. We wish them well. 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.

Sally Gooch

THE SOUTH SUFFOLK SHOW

Ampton Racecourse, Ingham, Nr Bury St. Edmunds Follow the signs off the A134

SUNDAY 13 MAY 2012

A Traditional Agricultural Show with;

Cattle, Sheep, Pigs and Horses, Countryside Area, Craft Marquee, Food Hall,

New 'Gardener's Delight' Area, Trade Stands, and a Funfair

Featuring

"Bolddog Lings FMX Display Team"

A Suffolk Equine Quadrille Team

West Suffolk & Eastern Counties Motor Club Classic Car Display & Rally Eagle Heights Falconry Demonstrations

Suffolk Gundog Displays & Terrier Racing

A Great Day Out For All The Family

Admission: Adults £10, Children 5-15 & Senior Citizens £5, Family Ticket £25

News from the Village School Two Tier Education

Since Suffolk County Council's decision to allocate £5.5M to enabling the move from three tier education to two tier in the Stowmarket pyramid that includes Great Finborough, we have heard that the local Middle Schools will not be permitted by the Department for Education to become an academy. This is an important decision as it allows the School Organisation Review (SOR) process to enable us to raise standards for all children, and bring us in line with most of England.

This means we can go full steam ahead, in partnership with the other primary, secondary <u>and</u> Middle Schools, to making the necessary changes. It means building new classrooms and toilets, improving play and sport space, designing the curriculum to teach Years 5 and 6 children, and planning the increases in staffing we will need at the village school.

However, before anything changes there will be full public consultation. The consultation document will include a section on each school, including ours, and will focus on the process of change and what will need to happen to achieve a successful transition. A copy will be provided to all parents and carers of children registered at all schools in the Stowmarket Pyramid. Public meetings will be set up.

Your views will be valuable in deciding how this important work moves forward. Once the consultation is complete and the final way forward is agreed following this process, statutory notices will be made available. It should be noted that this consultation is about 'how' we change and not 'if' as that decision was made several years ago.

We are aiming to be ready to welcome Year 5 in September 2014. This means that our current Year 2 children will stay at Great Finborough until they go to High School at 11 years old. The rest of the County is ahead of us and their experience shows that education standards have risen during the transition years, and parent/carer complaints have not been received. We intend to have the same experience whilst appreciating that any change is unsettling.

Stephen R Dodd

September reunion

I am trying to get in touch with Colin and Jill Roberts who used to live on a non working farm in Great Finborough about 25 years ago. Mrs Roberts was a school teacher. Colin was very good to my siblings and me. They went caravanning through the Suffolk Centre Caravan Club in the 1980s. My mother and I are very keen to make contact with them. They may remember my parents, Maureen and Malcolm Jordan. A reunion is being held on 30 September 2012. Please help put me in touch with Mr and Mrs Roberts. I'm on 01473 711054 and at sbunting74@btinternet.com. Thank you.



Buxhall and Great Finborough over Sixties Candlestick Club

Our opening meeting of 2012 is on Thursday 5 April at 7pm in Buxhall Village Hall. It will be a social evening, welcoming members old and new to the Club for another year. The committee will lay on nibbles. An entertainer has been booked. A varied schedule of outings and talks has been arranged. A mystery trip in May will get the adrenaline flowing. The annual subscription of £6 is due and will be collected by Janet. Anyone needing a lift should contact me – see Who's Who. New members are always welcome.

Keith Proctor

Thank You!

This is to all those who helped to plant the daffodils. I just want to say 'Thank You!'. They are absolutely gorgeous and I am so glad they are here.

Kath Burlinson

Great Finborough and the Olympics

It has just been announced that Great Finborough will have an important role in this year's Olympic Games. The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee has chosen the village as the base for their national water ski-ing team at the London 2012 Games. Finborough has been selected because it not only offers the benefits of a quintessentially English village, but also because of the location of Stowmarket Golf Club's new reservoir.

The reservoir, which will be used by the water ski-ing team for their UK acclimatisation and practice, is ideal, given the team is accustomed to practicing on wadis in small desert oases which means the speed boat drivers are experienced at executing very sharp turns.

The other problem the team will have to tackle here, given the reservoir is on the hill, is sloping water. To help with this, we are seeking volunteers to stand on the upper side of the reservoir to achieve a better balance for water ski-ing by flattening the water. If you would like to help and to see the team's first practice run, please join them at the reservoir at just before noon on Sunday 1 April. All welcome. **Sheikh Wivlafta, on behalf of The Olympic Committee**

Love your linen

If you are spring cleaning, and clearing out your cupboards, why not donate any unwanted or unused linen to your nearest St Elizabeth Hospice shop on Bury Street, Stowmarket. The Hospice shops will accept any linen including sheets, pillow cases, blankets, towels, tablecloths and curtains during their Love your Linen campaign. Modern or retro, we can use it all. The funds raised through our shops help us provide care free of charge to our local patients and their families. For more details visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600 or email fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Samantha Catling

11

STRESSED? TIRED OR RUN DOWN? LIVING WITH PAIN? SLEEP PROBLEMS?

A Reiki treatment could be just what you need!

Reiki is a gentle yet effective Japanese healing method that uses energy to help the body heal itself. It is a complementary therapy that can be safely used alongside conventional medicine.

Taster sessions are only £10
Why not call me today and see what Reiki can do for you?

Maxine Keeble
01449 678747 midsuffolkreiki.co.uk



FIREWOOD by the bag Patersons General Building Contact (01449) 614347 Or 07512009401



Castell Carpentry

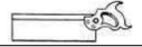
Make the most of your home

A bespoke service to suit your needs & budget

Call Tom on 01449 678 846

Mobile: 0757 900 8271

tom@castellcarpentry.co.uk



What is Reiki?



Reiki is a gentle, yet effective, Japanese healing method that works by restoring balance to the body on all levels. The energy helps the body to heal itself. It is a complementary therapy that can be safely used alongside conventional medicine. Reiki is not attached to any religion or belief system; you do not have to believe in it for it to work for you. Anyone can benefit from a course of treatments, no matter what your age or state of health.

It can produce deep relaxation, reduced stress and anxiety, boosted energy levels, a feeling of inner calm and contentment and speeding up of the natural healing process.

A treatment is a wonderful experience! You lie on a couch, fully clothed in a warm, quiet room with gentle music playing. All you need to do is close your eyes and drift off...... The practitioner will gently lay their hands on the body in a series of hand positions on the head, torso and legs. Sometimes the hands will hover rather than touch. Each hand position is held for a few minutes.

You may feel deep relaxation, heat from the practitioners hands, tingling, a feeling of floating - or perhaps nothing at all. It varies from person to person but regardless of what you do or do not feel, Reiki will still be giving you what you need.



While a one-off Reiki treatment will produce some short term benefits, the best results come from having a course of treatments. Maybe 4-6 sessions at weekly intervals. The effects are cumulative. Having the full course of treatments produces long term beneficial changes that you will really notice. Discounts apply to full treatment courses.

Maxine Keeble, Reiki Practitioner

13



Children's Society Collection

Many thanks to all the people who collected for the charity last year. The Christmas count up totalled £301 - our best ever year! There were a number of boxes I was unable to collect. so if you find your box is full please give me a call and I



will arrange collection. Otherwise I will be around again next December. If anybody else would like to become a collector and have a 'house box', please let me know on 616922. **Ivana Barron**

Overnight Road Closure

This is just to let you know that there will be an overnight road closure affecting Finborough Road on 2 and 3 April whilst the road is resurfaced between Iliffe Way and the Recreation Ground entrance as part of the cycle network improvement works. Work on the scheme is progressing well although there has been a delay due to bad weather.

Lucy Williams







Buxhall and District Community Council

The Community Council is arranging a Plodders and Ploughman's event on Sunday 29 April at 10.30am. Plodders will need to meet at Buxhall Village Hall at approximately 10.30am. Two walks have been arranged: one of approximately five miles and the other approximately three miles around the picturesque village of Buxhall.

We will be leaving from and returning to the Village Hall when we will share a delicious ploughman's lunch. Please bring your own drinks. Tea and coffee will be available with the ploughman's. The cost will be £5 for adults and £2.50 for children if booked by 27 April; or £6 on the day. If you wish to join in please contact either Graham and Val on 737113 or Mim and me by Friday 27 April to book places.

Keith Proctor

Charity Bingo

Charity bingo is on 19 April 2012 at 6.30pm at Pettiward Hall, Great Finborough. There will be Bingo, a Raffle and refreshments. All welcome (children to be accompanied by an adult). So please come along and enjoy the fun. If anyone has any questions or any unwanted raffle prizes, please feel free to come along on the night or contact me or Mari Green (T: 770032) and we will be happy to help. The Friends Community Draw will also take place on this night at approximately 8pm.

Sharla Goldsmith



F. G. BROWN – OPTICIANS Demnark House, 41 Bury Street, Stowmarket. Tel: 01449 612812/674030

As independent opticians we offer a more personalised eye care service that you can trust for all the family

Professional Eye care – Quality Products – Personal Service

Opening hours:-Tuesday-Friday 9.00 am – 5.30 pm Saturday 9.00 am – 5.15 pm

Your sight care is our priority

Onehouse Ramblers

Stowupland Stride takes place on Sunday 15 April. With level walking along most of the way, this month's route will appeal to those who prefer countryside walks with few ups and downs. We start at Stowupland Hall at 3pm where there is parking. It is a circular walk of about 4 miles, taking in part of the playing field, then Walnut Tree Farm and the Gipping Cottages, as well as part of the footpath along the historic Saxham Street.

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

After the March weeks of Spring-like weather the rain has been most welcome. The time has come to get out there and start gardening! The results of the hard labour of club members and villagers last October is admired in the beautiful drifts of daffodils around the village green spaces.

Our March meeting was a fascinating demonstration of how to turn those beautiful flowers and plants from the wild, and our gardens, into an equally lovely watercolour to hang on your wall. One of our members Vicki Hease unfolded the mysteries of this form of art to create a beautiful picture of bluebells; this then became the raffle prize for the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Thursday 12 April at 7.30pm when Stella Taylor will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Gardens I have visited' to give us all some ideas of places to go and ideas that could be adopted in our own gardens.

The 2012 Village Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 1 July in aid of a charity to be decided by the membership of the Club at the AGM. If you would be interested in opening your garden to help us in our efforts we would be delighted to hear from you. It is not necessary to be a member of the Club to participate and receive an invitation to the prestigious 'Presidents Lawn BBQ'.



If you are interested in joining the Garden Club membership is £12.50 per household per year. Nonmembers can attend meetings for £2 per person. For further information contact me or John Davey - see Who's Who. **Judith Cameron**

TRM Web Design Ltd

website design & website hosting domain name registrations
Specialist in bespoke built sites and database solutions

www.trmwebdesign.co.uk
01473 890994 or 07876 024214 todd@trmwebdesign.co.uk

News From Onehouse Walk of Witness

Everyone is welcome to join the Walk of Witness around Onehouse estate on Good Friday commencing at 10.30am in the Church Room. Children and adults not wishing to do the 'walk' can join the workshop in the Church Room. Fish and Chips will be served after the service but I do need to pre-order so I need to have your order by the afternoon of Wednesday 4 April. Martin Cracknell has given me a price of £4.40 for the fish and chips. Children's portions will be less. If fish and chips is not your cup of tea something else can be arranged if you contact me. Puddings will be served afterwards as well as a cup of tea/coffee or squash.

Pudding Evening

The Pudding Evening, to be held at Dave and Angie Bailey's in the Granary, Onehouse Hall, Lower Road, Onehouse, is in aid of Onehouse Church Funds. This will be on Saturday 21 April at 7.30pm and will cost £7 each. Please contact Angie on 677089 or me on 736025. The theme will be St George's Day so the puds will have a traditional English theme including the cheese board. Please support us! Please bring your own alcoholic refreshment with you if require.

Onehouse Church AGM

This will be in the Church Room on 10 April at 7.30pm.

Carole Hearn



Care Q&A

Q: As a pensioner I have been told that I can register with my gas and electrical company for free services. What are they please?

A: Gas and electricity suppliers should have a Priority Service Register which gives certain groups of people free services. The group includes pensioners, disabled people, blind and visually impaired people, people with hearing impairments or people who are chronically sick. The free services available are a free safety check of your gas appliances including fitting special controls and adaptations to help make your gas and

THORPE PLUMMER – ACCOUNTANTS

A small established firm offering personal, professional service. All aspects of accountancy and taxation covered in the most cost effective way. Advice given tax and business management for both individuals and companies with a view to maximising income and reducing the tax burden

Contact: 01284 750938 (tel/fax) thorpeplummer@aol.com

electricity appliances easier to use and a Password Scheme that can protect you against bogus callers who pretend to be from your energy suppliers.

Membership of the scheme also entitles you to extra advance warning if your electricity supply has to be cut off for planned work and you can have your bills or a copy of them sent to a friend or relatives if you feel this would be helpful. There are also other benefits in that if everyone who is living in your home is eligible to become a Member and there are circumstances when your gas supply has been disrupted or turned off for safety reasons, then your gas transporter will provide you with alternative cooking and heating facilities. Bills can also be sent in Braille, large print or via a tape.

To become a Member look on the back of your gas or electricity bill for the 'phone number and address of your supplier and contact them to join. **Angela Gifford, Able Community Care:** <u>www.uk-care.com</u>



Hello everyone. I am pleased to say that there are no crimes to report these last four months.

One for the van man and 4x4 owners...

We have seen an increase in theft of catalytic converters, predominantly targeting industrial estates, but they have progressed into residential areas. Offenders who had been disturbed were seen driving off in a small silver hatchback.

Warning: Counterfeit £20 notes

Shop workers, businesses and private advertised sales are asked to be on the alert after numerous incidents where counterfeit £20 notes have been handed over in payment for goods. There have been 5 incidents where offenders used or attempted to use fake £20 notes in Stowmarket with reports in many other Suffolk towns too. The forged notes are said to be on paper that 'feels different' to standard notes in weight and texture. Although three men have been arrested be on your guard.

Safer Neighbourhood Team news

Following intelligence gathered by our SNT, helped by members of the public, two warrants were executed in our area with positive results. Firearms and traffic officers supported our team and as a result a number of items were seized. Two adults were dealt with for possession of cannabis offences. A positive result all round.

Theft of heating oil on Mill Road

Between midday on 31 January and 11pm on 15 February, around 1000 litres of heating oil was stolen from a residential oil tank in Buxhall. Any information regarding this or other crimes please email or contact us on the number below.

PC 421 Annelly Miles

& PCSO 3155 Sian Uttley

THE BUXHALL CROWN

Open 7 days a week (closed Sunday evenings)
Full a la carte menu. Or 2 courses for £10.
See our website: www.thebuxhallcrown.co.uk
or ring Barry and Adam on: 01449 736 521

Tender Age

Hi there! I have recently completed 'Tender Age', a project bringing older people (65+) together with young adults (16-25) in 'creative conversations'. I made a 30 minute video archive of the project which you can see at http://vimeo.com/36417893 I appreciate that it may take a while to find the time, but I would love feedback. We plan to continue to develop the project and are looking for interested partners and new opportunities. Thank you for your time. **Kath Burlinson**



News from Finborough School

Finborough School is very pleased to announce that the construction of the New Sports Hall will start in June 2012. The £2.5 million project will deliver a state of the art sports and performing arts facility for our children. It will be the leading facility in the region and will be completed by August 2013. The building will contain a Sport England standard sports hall, large performing arts studio, eight changing rooms and a fitness suite. In addition a new car park will be built next to the hall and a new full size hockey pitch will be created.

This is a major step forward for the school and, after two years of development work, we are delighted we can now get the project underway. This unique building will provide our pupils with a much needed facility and will further enhance the opportunities provided to them at Finborough. We intend the sports hall will be a huge benefit to residents in Great Finborough, providing an additional venue for community use.

James and Louise Sinclair

TOM'S GARDEN MAINTENANCE



TAKING CARE OF ALL YOUR GARDENING NEEDS

FRIENDLY LOCAL SERVICE

FLOWER 'N VEG BEDS, GRASS CUTS, HEDGE TRIMMING, STRIMMING, ROTAVATING, WEEDING, PRUNING, PLANTING, CHAINSAW WORK, SHEDS 'N FENCES PAINTED, TIDYING UP, AND MUCH MORE!

CALL TOM LORD ON 07595 042331 or 01449 674284

From the Rectory

For Christians the Easter event is the highlight of their religious life. It is the main festival and it is not difficult to see why. The frontier between death and life has been crossed and for many people this puts a seal on their belief that the good man Jesus was in fact God come to earth.



Many people would regard Christianity as having been the driving force for the establishment of our educational, welfare and health services — which are still the envy of most of the world. Christians should have strong views on reforms and developments in these areas to ensure the best provision is made for all. Prison and hospital chaplains and those who lead Christian services in our schools all remind us of the roots of these institutions in Christ's injunction of 'to love one another as I have loved you'. The Christian concept that each of us is made in the image of God compels us to do what we can for each other that we may all grow into the fullness of life God intends. The generosity of the welcome that this nation gives to the persecuted also has its roots in our Christian heritage.

The work of the church in the parishes goes on as does the work of individual Christians in wider society. Sometimes it is against the flow of the communities they serve which are suffering the loss of facilities (though temporarily we hope in Finborough's case). There is much despondency in some places yet, the Easter Faith to which so many claim allegiance, shows us the triumph of hope over experience and even depression.

All five of our churches are planning improvements to their buildings and facilities. Great Finborough is heartened by a wonderful response to a meeting about its Festival of Angels in November 2012. It looks like it will be magnificent. And all our churches are showing signs of that new life that Easter can bring. There is more done now in the name of Christianity in these villages than in the past and we thank God for it just as we thank God for his Son who gives us new life and hope and joy.

Of course the church is not alone in being hopeful for the future but it does provide a tangible local focus for much good work in the community and wider world. Will you let it be so, for you and your community? Come to the annual PCC meeting on 18 April and see.

A Happy Easter to you all. I hope to be able to welcome many of you at the services provided as do all the members of the Ministry Team here.

Rev Chris Childs

ALL SEASONS LANDSCAPE GARDENING

- Garden Landscaping
 Turf Laying
 - Paths & Patios
 Garden Maintenance
 - Hedge Cutting
 Fencing
- Specialise in low maintenance gardens
 Reliable family business Fully Insured & Guaranteed

For FREE estimates and more information on our service call Simon on

01449 771276/07922 035204

email: info@allseasonslandscapegardening.co.uk www.allseasonslandscapegardening.co.uk

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 14 April at 8am Church Room, Onehouse

After breakfast Derek Ames will lead a discussion on what constitutes Marriage

An offering is to cover expenses. We will finish by 9.30am

Please book places with Derek Ames indicating choice of Traditional English Breakfast or Continental Breakfast by 11 April (Tel: 613328).

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR APRIL 2012

Sunday 1 April Sung Eucharist Reflective Morning Prayer Matins Parish Communion	Palm Sunday Buxhall Shelland Harleston Finborough	9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am
Thursday 5 April Easter Workshop Holy Communion	Maundy Thursday Finborough Shelland	10.30am 7pm
Friday 6 April Walk of Witness and Children's Workshop The Last Hour	Good Friday Onehouse Church Room Harleston	10.30am 2pm
Saturday 7 April Easter Experience	Holy Saturday Buxhall	4pm
Sunday 8 April Festal Sung Eucharist Family Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Easter Day Buxhall Shelland Harleston Finborough Onehouse Church	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am
Sunday 15 April Matins Parish Communion	Easter 2 Buxhall Finborough	9.30am 11am
Sunday 22 April Holy Communion Holy Communion Matins Family Service	Easter 3 Buxhall Shelland Harleston Onehouse Church	9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am

Evening Prayer will be said at St Andrew's, Great Finborough at 5pm each Wednesday. All are welcome.

Sunday 29 April Holy Communion

Matins
Combined Buxhall/Finborough
Family Service

Easter 4

Harleston 9.30am Shelland 9.30am Finborough Primary School 11am

Get Fit Get In 2 Yoga!

Tone Up

Lose Weight

Restore Flexibility

Improve Posture

Build Strength

Correct Alignment

Increase Energy

Relieve Stress

Call Raquel for more information www.in2yogasuffolk.com 01449 770173

Pettiward Hall – Mondays – 10.30am~Noon

WATERSON PLUMBING & HEATING

ALL DOMESTIC PLUMBING WORK UNDERTAKEN
Full Bathroom Installation & Tiling Service
Oil Appliance Commissioning, Service & Repair
Oil Tank Supply & Installation
Central Heating Installation & Upgrades
OFTEC Registered Company No.C11683
Home: 01284 754572. Mobile: 07828 639138
Email: jandmwaterson@dsl.pipex.com

WHO'S WHO IN GREAT FINBOROUGH

Chair, Parish Council Norman Vendittelli 677940 norman.vendittelli@hotmail.co.uk Paula Gladwell Clerk, Parish Council 737942 finboroughparishclerk@gmail.com John Matthissen **District Councillor** 771742 3 Wash Lane Corner, Great Finborough, IP14 3BJ john.matthissen@midsuffolk.gov.uk Penny Otton County Councillor 737870 penny.otton@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk Newsletter Editor Sally Gooch 677940 sally.gooch@btinternet.com Rev. Chris Childs 736093 Priest in Charge Rectory Bungalow, Buxhall, IP14 3DJ revcchilds@aol.com Church Warden **Lesley Cass** 675970 Church Warden Brenda Grimaldi 612440 07708 362697 Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5s Delia Prior Great Finborough & Buxhall Brownies Gail Jarrett 674538 Chair, Team Finborough (Youth Club) Sam Vendittelli sam.vendittelli@hotmail.co.uk Charity Bingo Sharla Goldsmith 678480 Candlestick Club Keith Proctor 736598 Great Finborough & District Garden Club **Judith Cameron** 672978 judyandian@btinternet.com Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator John Davey 674401 iohn@abbevclassics.co.uk Post Office & Village Shop Nigel & Jeannette Edwards 612274 The Chestnut Horse 612298 Angela and Alan Head, Great Finborough Primary School Stephen Dodd 613208 headteacher@greatfinborough.suffolk.sch.uk Acting Chair of Governors, Primary School Sally Gooch 677940 Police (Elmswell) PCSO Sian Uttlev 101 Combs Middle School (674666) Stowmarket High School (613541) Stowmarket Health Centre 776000 Combs Ford Surgery 678333 Stowmarket Library 613143 **Pettiward Hall Bookings** 674407 Village website: www.great-finborough.co.uk **Primary School website**: www.greatfinborough.suffolk.sch.uk