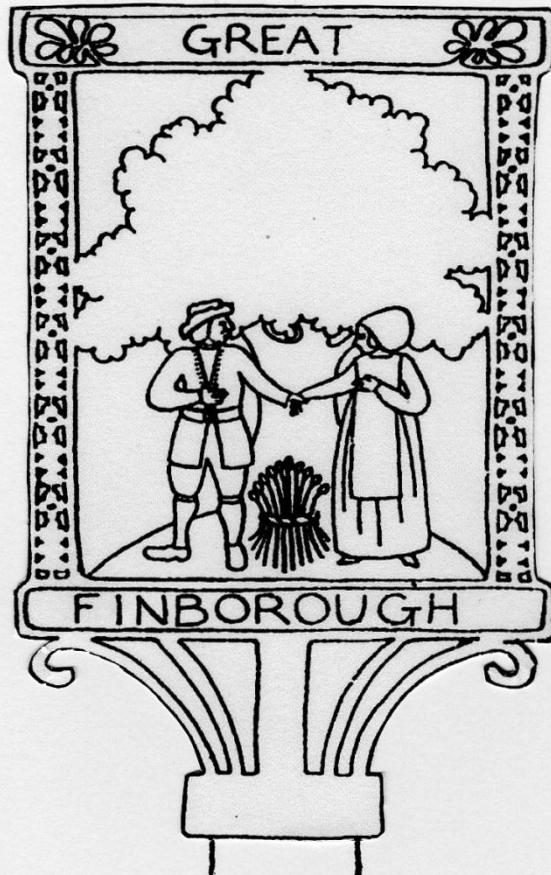


# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**MAY 2012  
ISSUE 428**

## VILLAGE DIARY – MAY 2012

<b>6</b>	2.30pm	Onehouse Ramblers, Onehouse Church Room
<b>7</b>	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
<b>7</b>	9am	Car Boot Sale, Primary School playing field
<b>9</b>	7pm	Parish Council meeting and Annual Meeting.
<b>10</b>	7.30pm	Garden Club AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale, Pettiward Hall upper room
<b>11</b>	7.30pm	EACH Quiz Night, Stowmarket Rugby Club
<b>14</b>	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
<b>17</b>	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
<b>21</b>	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
<b>25</b>	7pm	Greek Evening, Onehouse Church room
<b>28</b>	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

## VILLAGE DIARY – JUNE 2012

<b>5</b>	12pm–5pm	Diamond Jubilee celebrations
<b>5</b>	7pm	Village Annual Barn Dance, Boarded Barn

### ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

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Bats & balls provided. £1.50 per session including refreshments.

Give me a ring for further details.

**Derek Ames (613328)**

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## **Editorial**

As I finish off the newsletter ready for it to go to our efficient printers, Gipping Press, I still have the spices of the curry night at the Chestnut Horse foremost in my mind. The place was full and Angela, Alan, Jessica, Kumar and Will made sure we ate well. I understand this may become a regular feature of village life. Welcome to Karen, Ian and Kizzy, who have moved to Delamere, High Road.

The June 2012 edition will be the last before the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Remember Great Finborough's Great Event is on the Tuesday of the long Bank Holiday weekend so put it in your diary and keep an eye on the village noticeboard by the car park for all the details.

15 May is the copy deadline for material for the June 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**

## **News from the Parish Council**

At the April meeting discussion and decisions included:

- The arrangement of a survey of street lamps by Suffolk County Council
- The handover of remaining amenity land including the football pitch, wild flower meadow and proposed allotment site from Gipping Homes and Mid Suffolk District Council to the parish
- Submission of the planning application for the allotments
- Development programme for a maintenance programme for all amenity areas
- Delivery of 3 grit bins (2 for the High Road and one for Pettiward Close)
- Repair of a swing in the playground and annual playground inspection
- Siting of a dog waste bin for Woodpecker Hill
- Work undertaken by the Pettiward Hall Working Group
- Following discussion and clarification of available budgets and levels of S137 funds available it was resolved to grant

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£3,000. 00 to Great Finborough PCC under Section 137 of LGA 1972 to enable essential works to the churchyard wall and soil heap to be completed

- Councillors Cameron and Burns will take responsibility for updating the information on the village website.

### ***Queen's Diamond Jubilee***

Detailed planning for the 'Great Event' village celebration, taking place on Tuesday 5 June 2012 between 12 noon and 5pm, continues. It will be followed by a Barn Dance at Boarded Barn at 7pm. See the advert opposite and keep an eye on the village noticeboard for further details. If you can help in any way, please contact any Parish Councillor. We hope the whole village will turn out for the celebrations. Royalist or republican, this is a celebration of our local community spirit, so do come.

### ***Village Litter Pick***

The Parish Council led a successful litter pick on 15 April. In less than two hours the verges and hedgerows on the roads leading in to Great Finborough were cleared. Thank you to all those who came and helped. The photograph below shows just how much rubbish was littering our village.



The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 9 May at 7pm, to be followed by the Parish Council's Annual Meeting. You are welcome to attend.

**Norman Vendittelli**

### **News from your District Councillor**

First of all thanks to all the individuals and groups who have been out litter picking and tidying up the verges around our villages. It is important to get this done in April as although the Spring growth of nettles and grass may seem to hide the debris, it will reappear in a more dangerous form if chopped by mowing machines as Spring turns to Summer. Broken bottles and jagged cans pose obvious dangers to people, pets and bicycle tyres.

Once again I am unable to report a result of the public inquiry regarding The Forge Caravan Site, as a decision from Government is now well overdue.

Thanks to those who have so far contributed photographs for possible inclusion in a footpath leaflet for the five villages. I would welcome more pictures of views and places of interest visible from any of our local footpaths.

I have taken a lead in organising, on behalf of Mid Suffolk D.C, two *Warmer Homes Roadshows* in the north of the district, offering advice on insulation, energy efficiency and renewables, and grants to help. If these are successful this will be repeated locally, aimed at communities not connected to the gas grid, and hence feeling the worst of the rise in heating oil prices and other energy supplies.

It is heartening to note progress towards providing allotments in Finborough, and the restoration of a Post Office service. With the Gipping Homes development almost complete and largely occupied, ownership of the various community assets will shortly pass to the Parish Council. We have been fortunate that house building continued despite the downturn in the market, attesting to the popularity of Finborough as a place to live. To contact me see Who's Who.

**John Matthissen**



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## **News from your County Councillor**

### ***Paralympic Flame***

Needham Market will host a Flame Celebration over the bank holiday weekend of 24-29 August. The town's Flame Ambassador, wheelchair basketball player and Great Finborough resident, Amy Nettleton, will collect part of the flame in London. She will bring a lantern back to Needham Market for two days of celebrations ahead of the London 2012 Paralympic opening ceremony. Amy is a local artist who plays basketball for the Bury Bombers and for the regional Eastern Blue Stars team. The torch is then taken to the Olympic Stadium for the opening ceremony on 29 August.

### ***John Peel***

As a member of The Regional Arts Council I am delighted that it has agreed to fund the digitalising of John Peel's record collection.

### ***CareAware***

A new referral service provided by CareAware has been launched by Suffolk County Council that will provide free, impartial, information and advice on how to fund long term care. Suffolk County Council is the first local authority in the country to directly refer customers to CareAware in order to help families prepare for any future care needs.

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**Councillor Penny Otton**

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## News from the Village School

### *Squirrel Garden Club*

Thank you to the members of the Garden Club who helped us construct raised beds for our school garden during the Easter holidays, which will make it easier to grow vegetables and other produce.

**Harriet Elliss**

### **The Golden Jubilee**

Many people will want to celebrate and give thanks for the 60 year reign of Queen Elizabeth, our Supreme Governor. Much has been written of her sense of duty and work for our nation. Her continuing Christian witness is a strength to many. You will see from the service schedule that there will be an opportunity to mark her jubilee on Sunday 3 June, morning and evening. All will be welcome at any of the services.

**Rev Chris Childs**

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**Charlie Rigden, and his father Martin**

## **Care Q&A**

**Q:** I would like to arrange to be buried at sea. How can this be arranged and have you any idea of the cost?

**A:** To be buried at sea you have to obtain a license, for which there is no charge, from the Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural affairs (DEFRA). Burial at sea is only arranged at specific locations approved by DEFRA. Off the south coast there is an approved location near Newhaven in Sussex and to the West of the Isle of Wight.

Funeral directors can arrange the burial for you or you could contact a charity such as The Maritime Volunteer Service. They have a vessel that is licensed by DEFRA to carry out committals in conjunction with your undertakers. To contact DEFRA look in your local telephone book and to contact the Maritime Volunteer Service call 01892 853500.

**Angela Gifford, Able Community Care: [www.uk-care.com](http://www.uk-care.com)**

## **Sign up for Midnight Walk**

Ladies only! You are invited to take part in St Elizabeth Hospice's Midnight Walk on Saturday 19 May 2012. New for this year will be a school disco- themed warm up and two routes to choose from – five or eight miles. The walk starts from Ipswich Town Football Club and goes through Ipswich town centre at night. The longer route will poignantly pass by the Hospice itself in Foxhall Road, providing a moment for reflection. Registration is £15 including a Midnight Walk T-shirt. Closing date for registration is May 11 2012. Walkers are asked to raise as much sponsorship as possible. You can sign up online at [www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk](http://www.midnightwalkipswich.co.uk) or call 01473 707043 or email [midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:midnightwalk@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) to be sent a form in the post.

**Samantha Catling**

## The Hosepipe Ban

### *What can't I do when there is a hosepipe ban?*

- Water a garden using a hosepipe
- Clean a private motor vehicle using a hosepipe
- Water plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe
- Clean a private leisure boat using a hosepipe
- Fill or maintain a domestic swimming or paddling pool, except by using a hand held container filled directly from a tap
- Draw water, using a hosepipe, for domestic recreational usage
- Fill or maintain a domestic pond using a hosepipe, except where fish or other aquatic animals are being reared or kept in captivity
- Fill or maintain an ornamental fountain, except where an ornamental fountain is in a fish pond
- Clean walls, or windows, of domestic premises using a hosepipe
- Clean paths or patios using a hosepipe
- Clean other artificial outdoor surfaces using a hosepipe.

### *What am I still allowed to do?*

- Use a hosepipe in a garden or for cleaning walls or windows of domestic premises, paths or patios, a private leisure boat or an artificial outdoor surface, where such use is necessary for health and safety reasons;
- Use a hosepipe in the course of a business to clean a private motor vehicle, or for clean walls or windows of domestic premises, paths or patios or an artificial outdoor surface, where this is done as a service to customers
- Use a hosepipe to water a garden attached to a domestic dwelling, or to water plants on domestic



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- Use a hosepipe to water an area of grass or an artificial outdoor surface used for playing sport or recreation (but not for any ancillary usage), where this is required in connection with a national or international sports event only
- Use drip or trickle irrigation water systems fitted with a pressure reducing valve and a timer, that are not handheld and which place water by drip directly onto the soil surface or beneath the soil surface, without any surface run off or dispersion of water through the air using a jet or mist

***There are some exemptions:***

- Non-domestic horticultural or agricultural activity
- Any activities that are necessary for health and safety reasons (ie. necessary to remove or minimise any risk to human or animal health/safety or to prevent/control the spread of causative agents of disease).

**John Davey**

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## Charity Bingo

Charity bingo will start again on 17 May 2012, at 6.30pm in the Petteward Hall, Great Finborough. All proceeds made will go to Friends of Great Finborough Primary School. 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 (678480) or Mari (770032) and we will be happy to help.

**Sharla Goldsmith**

## Local History

I am sure that many of you will know that Russell Kent and his wife are leaving the village to live their dream of life on a narrow boat. What many people will not know is how much work Russell has done over the years on digitising old photographs of places and people in the village. Thanks to him we have a good record of life in the village over the last century. More than that, he has been able to use his computer wizardry to improve the quality of many photos that were faint or damaged. Russell was also Village Recorder.

I am sure that members of the old Local History Group and other people interested in the past of our village would wish to thank him for his hard work over many years and wish them all the best in their new chosen life on the water!

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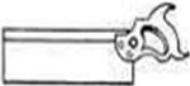
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I have agreed to take on the role of Village Recorder in his place. Please contact me regarding any aspect of village history. You may be interested in the extract from the Vestry book, precursor of the minutes of the Parish Council, about the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

**Mary Williams**

1887      May 1<sup>st</sup>

A meeting of the Parishioners was held to make arrangements for holding the Jubilee of the Queen's Accession to the Throne.

It was agreed that there should be a Festival; a dinner of Roast Beef & plum pudding, & a tea towards the close:

That the inhabitants of Onehouse & Harlston, of Shelland & Little Finborough should join:

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## **Mid Suffolk Disability Forum**

The Forum is compiling a list useful organisations and contacts for disabled people and carers in the Mid Suffolk area. We are seeking information from disabled people on how Suffolk County Council's (SCC) policy on the use of bus passes has affected them – given they cannot use their free bus pass before 9. 30am. Additionally, we would like to know what people think about having to pay a bus fare for their essential companion travelling with them. We have an opportunity to have an input into the review being undertaken by SCC but they need evidence so we need your help in pulling this together. If you do not want your name to be used we will keep it anonymous.

A consultation/survey about Suffolk Healthwatch is currently running which ends on Monday so to have your say please go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthwatchSuffolk](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthwatchSuffolk)

There is a useful FAQ on the Carers UK website about welfare reform which will affect many disabled people and family carers [www.carersuk/help-and-advice/focus-on/item/2479-welfare-reform-your-questions-answered](http://www.carersuk/help-and-advice/focus-on/item/2479-welfare-reform-your-questions-answered)

There is more background on the new Personal Independence Payment at [www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment) . Plus there is currently a consultation over the new assessment criteria which runs until the end of April which people might want to contribute to [www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/pip.shtml](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/pip.shtml)

**James Powell**

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## Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The weather having at last relented to give us some much needed rain, all the Spring flowers opened together and have given all the local gardens a 'new look'. Remember 'though the weather can still play nasty tricks so do not put those tender seedlings out too soon.

The April meeting was a very well attended talk given by Stella Taylor on the gardens she has lived with, worked in and visited over the course of her long career in horticulture. She donated her fee to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Gaywood Valley Living Landscape Appeal. The members also voted to nominate St Andrews Church as our charity of the year and any funds we raise will be donated to them. This will be formally approved at the AGM in May.

The next meeting is the AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on 10 May 10 at 7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Pettiward Hall. So pot on all those extra seedlings and cuttings and bring them along to find them a new home. You may find yourself some plants that you have not grown before, did not think to plant this year, or lost in the cold wintery weather. Moreover, remember, there is always room for new committee members to help keep the Club buoyant and prevent the old stagers from stagnating! If you would like to help, put your name forward at the AGM. It is not onerous and can be very enjoyable.

The 2012 Village Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 1 July. If you are interested in opening your garden we would be delighted to hear from you. You do not need to be a Club member to participate and receive an invitation to the 'Presidents Lawn BBQ'.

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To join the Garden Club membership it is £12.50 per household per year. Non-members can attend meetings for £2. For further information contact me or John Davey - see Who's Who. **Judith Cameron**

## News From Onehouse

### ***pudding Evening***

Unfortunately the Pudding Evening organised for the 22nd April has temporarily been postponed as it appears many people were double booked for that evening. Dave and Angie Bailey have kindly offered to have the Pudding Evening later in the year which will of course be announced in the newsletter when decided.

### ***Onehouse Church AGM***

Onehouse Church requires a protective guard for their new Super Serve mobile gas heater. If anyone has a spare could they please contact Gloria on 676198?

The George Ward Service will be held at Onehouse Church on 6 May at 10am. George was killed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War aged 19. This particular service reminds us of the brave and fearless members of our armed forces, past and present.

**Carole Hearn**

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## Easter Thanks

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to prepare our churches for the Easter celebrations. The flower arrangers, cake makers and wine dispensers were all kept busy. The Choir at Buxhall nearly overflowed the stalls and we welcomed two more new experienced members recently. Two new ventures proved successful. The solo performance by Sarah Watts at Finborough on Easter Day was memorable and the production by John Biles of the Young Peoples Passion play at Buxhall attracted over 50 people on Good Friday. It was moving.

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**Rev Chris Childs**



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## **News from the Friends of the Village School**

### ***Quiz***

We have been busy over the last month and have raised a lot of money. The Quiz, a joint venture with the Pre-School, was a great success at the Rugby Club with 13 teams, a happy atmosphere and good food.

### ***Race of the Boggmen***

The traditional event, centred around the Chestnut Horse and the Green, was not spoiled by the drizzling rain. The village turned out for the egg throwing, egg and spoon races, and the Race of the Boggmen. For the first year, women joined the Finborough team and ran across the fields. Will carried the contract across the pub's threshold to beat the Haughley team.

### ***May Bank Holiday Car Boot***

There will be a 'Late Riser' Car Boot Sale on Bank Holiday, Monday 7 May, on the playing field of the primary school. Gates open 9am. Pitches are available at a cost of £5 in advance or £7 on the day. Limited spaces so book now by contacting Dan Belcher Hackett on 737058 or 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 is registered with them. When you shop online they will donate money to your cause. It is really easy to use and all you need to do is register at [www.easyfundraising.org](http://www.easyfundraising.org) and select your registered cause and then start shopping! You can even get donations without even spending a penny!

**Sharla Goldsmith**

### **EACH Stowmarket Friends Group**

We are holding a Quiz Night at Stowmarket Rugby Club on Friday 11 May starting at 7.30pm. There will be a bar and a raffle. £2 per person. Teams of up to six people. To book your team or for more information please contact me on 675447 or Phil Rudland on 07830 881110. All proceeds to East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

**Marion Mason**

St Andrews, Great Finborough



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There was one crime over the last month. Between midday and 4.30pm on 12 April offenders gained entry by forcing a rear stable door and stole a large quantity of jewellery from a Great Finborough home. This is one of five crimes reported that day across other areas too. This is very unusual so please be vigilant. If anybody has information on this please contact us.

### ***BT cable thefts***

1. Keep a look out for unknown vans appearing in your neighbourhood, and
2. Unexpected workmen lifting lids on BT footway or roadway boxes. If there is no 'Openreach' branded vehicle or authorised contractor, 'Carillion Telent' it is likely to be bogus and should be regarded as suspicious.
3. Call the Police to check the legitimacy of the workmen and pass on:
  - How many people were involved
  - What they looked like
  - The type, colour and registration numbers of their vehicles.
4. Cable thieves will try to look legitimate by wearing high visibility vests and by setting up road works. Often the vests are not branded and traffic control will be very rudimentary.
5. Cable thieves use a range of vehicles (unmarked 4x4s, flatbed/tipper trucks and large panel vans).
6. If you come across any removed or disturbed cable box (manhole) covers it may indicate thieves have investigated and intend to return.
7. Manhole covers that are missing are safety hazards and should be reported to BT Fault Control on 0800 800 151.
8. If you see evidence of large quantities of cut lengths of cable and/or twisted copper wiring, or maybe just what looks like removed cable sheathing – particularly in rural places – this may indicate a site that is handling and/or processing the stolen cable.

9. Plumes of thick and very dense black smoke, particularly seen in rural areas, could be an indicator of a site where the sheathing and insulation is being burned off stolen cable.
10. Other information relating to cable theft can be reported to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

BT offers a reward of up to £1000 for information that directly leads to a conviction. If you witness any theft in progress always dial 999 immediately. By phoning the Police straightaway you may be able to assist in the apprehension of the offenders.

***Safer Neighbourhood Team news***

The Priority meeting was held on 19 March at Needham Market. It was decided that 'crime reduction' would be the priority for the next 4 months. The next meeting will be held in Rattlesden at the Five Bells Public House on Monday 16 July. Feel free to pop along to speak with us or raise any issues you have concerns about.

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

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## Allotment Update

The Parish Council is pursuing the establishment of allotments at the Valley Lane site. Normally allotments are classed as agriculture and do not require planning permission. However, in this instance, an application for planning permission is required because the proposed site is part of the existing approved housing developments open space and landscaping area. A planning application has been made. Please support it.

Our County Councillor, Penny Otton, has offered financial support to get the allotments up and running. Thank you.

We now need, in readiness, to establish a Great Finborough Allotment Association, as this will be needed to run the allotments. A meeting will be arranged of those who signed the original request to the Parish Council for allotments to be made available. If any other villagers would like an allotment (sizes will vary), please let me know as there may be space for you.

**John Davey**

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## St Andrew's Matters

By now, you will be aware that the parish church has problems and needs support in repairing the building itself and the perimeter wall. In addition, the part of the churchyard where burials are now taking place is going to need a lot of money spent on it to remove drains and divert rainwater so that many more spaces can be made available. The task of funding all this is daunting. However, support and encouragement come in many guises. A look in our visitors' book shows how much people from many places appreciate our church.



*Compliments on your outstanding work in vegetation conservation - WELL DONE! Keep up the good work.*

(Australia, formerly of Great Finborough)

*This is AWSOM! (Of Kingsfield)*

*Stunning building and lovely grounds. (Of Braintree)*

*A truly beautiful church - it must continue. (Jersey, Channel Islands).*

Indeed it must continue, and with your help now, it will. Already the Parish Council has shown its' support by making a grant towards the work needed in the churchyard, and the Garden Club has voted to run this year's Open Gardens event in favour of the church. To both those organisations we owe our grateful thanks.

Other events we will be holding this year include a Pudding Evening on 7 July; Stowmarket Flower Club's annual competition (a wonderful display) on 15-16 September; our Autumn Supper on 20 October; and especially our Festival of Angels on 16-18 November. All these events will involve many local organisations and individuals. More details on all these in future newsletters, but book into your diaries now. Nevertheless, we must NOT forget we are a church, and we would like to draw your attention to two services coming up shortly. On 20 May at St Andrew's we are holding a combined Finborough/Buxhall family service - details appear elsewhere in the newsletter. 3 June will be our Diamond Jubilee service - dust off your tiaras please.

**Lesley Cass**

## Protection of Ponds

There have been two malicious attacks on ponds in the Chestnuts. The pond liner at 19 The Chestnuts was holed about 8-10 inches below the water level. The pond is large, deep and had only been relined last Summer at great expense. At 20 The Chestnuts 15-20 fish have been taken.

A fish expert has advised that my pond water quality is not in question as 5 of the 7 remaining fish are Golden Orf. They are very sensitive to deterioration in water quality, so my lost goldfish, comets and shubunkins, would appear to have been maliciously removed. The upsetting part of this is that fish are very sensitive animals. Sadly one very stressed comet fish had to be euthanased.

May I ask fellow residents to do two things. Firstly keep a much closer watch on your fish and, secondly, if anyone saw anyone, with no reason to access the Mid Suffolk District Council garages in the Chestnuts, would they please report it to local Police officers.

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## **Buxhall and Great Finborough over Sixties Candlestick Club**

It was a disappointing turnout for the opening meeting of the club for the new season. However, those that came enjoyed the entertainment and the excellent nibbles and food laid out by the committee. The entertainer kept us amused by stories, jokes and songs of the Queen's Jubilee years. Our first outing will be on Thursday 10 May. It will be one of Katie Ellis's mystery trips and we will be joining up with Onehouse, Shelland and Harleston. We will be leaving Great Finborough, Little Old Chapel, at 9.45am, Buxhall Village Hall at 9.50am and on to Harleston for 10am. If you could let either me or Katie (736430) know by at least the end of April it would be most appreciated. New members are always welcome.

**Keith Proctor**

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## **Onehouse Ramblers**

The next walk will be on Sunday 6 May. Leaving from Onehouse Church Room at 2.30pm, we will walk to Granary Crafts, via Shelland and Buxhall Vale. There we can enjoy tea and delicious cakes, and call in the fascinating museum, before making our way back to the Church Room car park.

**Derek Ames (613328)**

**CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE  
FOR MAY/JUNE 2012**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 May</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	
Sung Eucharist		Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer		Shelland	9.30am
George Ward Service		Onehouse Church	10am
Matins		Harleston	11am
Parish Communion		Finborough	11am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13 May</b>	<b>Easter 6/Rogation</b>	
Matins		Buxhall	9.30am
Parish Communion		Shelland	9.30am
Parish Communion		Harleston	9.30am
Christian Aid Family Service & baptism		Onehouse Church	11am
Evening Service		Finborough	6.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17 May</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
Holy Communion		Buxhall	7.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20 May</b>	<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>	
Matins		Shelland	9.30am
Combined Buxhall/Finborough		Finborough Church	11am
Family Service			
Parish Communion		Onehouse Church	11am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 May</b>	<b>Pentecost/Augustine of Canterbury</b>	
Patronal Eucharist		Harleston	9.30am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
Parish Communion		Shelland	9.30am
Matins		Harleston	11am
Golden Jubilee Service		Finborough	11am
Golden Jubilee Service		Buxhall	11am
Golden Jubilee Songs of Praise		Onehouse Church	6.30pm

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

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