

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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VILLAGE DIARY – NOVEMBER 2013

4	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
7	2pm	Candlestick Club, Buxhall Village Hall
9	8.30-12.30	Flu clinic, Stowhealth
10	2.30pm	Onehouse Ramblers, Onehouse Church Room
11	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting, Pettiward Hall
12	9.30- 11.30am	Coffee morning, Chestnut Horse
15	9.30am- 12.30pm	Under 5s Annual Shopping Morning Pettiward Hall
18	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
20	7-7.30pm	Buxhall WI, Buxhall Village Hall
25	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – DECEMBER 2013

2	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
9	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting, Pettiward Hall
10	9.30-11.30	Coffee morning, Chestnut Horse
15	12 for 12.30pm	Candlestick Club Christmas Lunch

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Editorial

What a fabulous spread at the Italian themed Autumn Supper in October. The food was magnificent, the tables were stunning, and the company included young and old.

If you know anyone who has recently moved to the village, or moved out, please let me know. 15 November is the copy deadline for material for the combined December and January edition. Please remember that your events for January 2014 need to be in the next edition. If you need to contact me `phone, email or call in to Park Cottage any time. The kettle is always on.

Sally Gooch

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News from the Parish Council

At the extra Parish Council meeting on 8 October, discussion and decisions included support for a planning application to replace a sickly maple tree at Maple Lodge, and a decision to consider replacement of the faulty street light in Church Road in the planned review of all street lighting. The replacement cost of £1,007.82 was noted.

Other recent matters occupying the Council have included receipt of the annual playground inspection report, further discussions on the primary school's development of its site. Thanks go to Philip Hart for cutting the wild flower meadow, and the football pitch's grass.

The football pitch is being used as a dog toilet. This presents a hazard for children playing on the field. The Parish Council will be monitoring dog users' use of this facility, and will seek to take action against those dog owners who do not clear up after their animals.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 11 November at 7.30pm in Pettiward Hall. You are welcome to attend.

Norman Vendittelli

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Onehouse Ramblers

The final walk of 2013 will be on Sunday 10 November starts from the Onehouse Church Room at 2.30pm for a walk around local footpaths.

Derek Ames

Great Finborough Parish Council Meetings: 2013/2014 All Mondays. 7.30pm start

11 November 2013, 9 December 2013, 13 January 2014, 10 March 2014, 14 April 2014

Annual Parish Meeting: 12 May 2014

Buxhall Women's Institute

Since our last meeting we have had our absolutely lovely 'Harvest Supper'. I don't know whether it's me but this event seems to get better every year. Cosy village hall, tables laid out to perfection (loved the colour of serviettes), superb food, courtesy of WI committee - and everyone enjoying a good laugh (maybe a little bit of wine involved there but 'hey ho') Our resident quiz master was in full swing, getting everyone involved and adding to the feel of a brilliant night. Thanks to all who contributed, not forgetting our 'washer-uppers'.

October brought to our village hall our speaker, Jane Paley. Her talk entitled 'What do you know about tea?' enlightened us on the many types of tea, history behind it and the health benefits believed to be gained. White tea, at £15 a box is apparently packed with antioxidants and drinking three cups a day, of any type of tea, is good for the body! A very light-hearted tea-related quiz was then enjoyed, some of the answers being a bit of an eye-opener. e.g. When did the rationing of tea stop. In 1952. We were all far too young to remember that one!. The good old tea-bag did not appear on the scene until the 1970s. An interesting talk and well delivered.

Just a mention of one of our lovely members who is leaving us for pastures new. Good luck to her, she will be missed, especially by the 'Suffolk Show lot'. This year saw her collecting sheep wool from barbed-wire fences and creating a fabulous cushion which won the judges' approval. Best wishes to you, you know who you are!

Buxhall WI meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Buxhall Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. Always a warm welcome for new faces.

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Having closed the church while it was redecorated in October, and into November, we regret to say that the churchyard at St Andrew's, Great Finborough, will be closed for one week. Some of the trees are becoming quite unsafe and need to be removed or pollarded. The work begins on Monday 11 November and is expected to last until 15 November. For safety and insurance reasons we ask that you do not walk through the churchyard or attempt to access a grave. We are very sorry if this causes upset, but I am sure you will be glad to be safe when it is all done.

St Andrew's PCC, Churchwarden and Rev'd Chris Childs

East Anglia's Children's Hospices

Thank you to the members of St Andrews Church for organising the October coffee morning for EACH, which raised a wonderful £250. Special thanks to Angela for hosting the event and for the generous donation. Thank you to those who donated raffle prizes, cakes, and also to those who came along and supported the coffee morning.

Marion Mason, EACH Volunteer

News from Onehouse

Ray and Carole Hearn will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at their home, Primrose Barn Cottage, The Green, Harleston on Saturday 9 November at 12 noon. The 2 course meal will cost £6 for adults and £3 for children. A family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children will be £15. Please contact me on 736025 if you would like to attend. All proceeds to Onehouse Church Funds.

Carole Hearn

News from Great Finborough and Buxhall under 5s

The children are enjoying the new term. we have been finding out all about autumn and the fruits it brings. the children have made and tried pear crumble. We have been on bug hunts to see what s hiding under the tree stumps. They have been making friends with the many new children that have started at the pre-school this term. It is lovely to see the pre-school flourishing so much and so many new faces, of the children and parents. We miss the children who have gone up to the primary school, of course, but it's wonderful to hear about all the exciting things they are doing with Mrs Howson.

We will very soon be starting to practise the songs for our Christmas nativity and enjoy making our Christmas crafts. And with that soon upon us we are pleased to let you know that we are holding our Annual Shopping Morning at Pettiward Hall on Saturday 16 November from 9.30am to 12.30pm. please do come along and look at the crafts, gift items, jewellery, cakes and other things we have on offer, we will be serving cakes and coffee so you can also sit and have a chat with friends. Everyone welcome.

Delia Prior

Great Finborough and Buxhall under 5's

Shopping Morning

Saturday 16th

November

9:30 - 12:30 at Pettiward Hall

Back by popular demand, come along for

Christmas shopping, gifts, cards, jewellery, children's activities

And refreshments

How to have a green Halloween!



Every year, over a million pumpkins are sold across the country. 99% are used solely for making Halloween lanterns. The vast majority are tossed in to the bin once Halloween is over. There is no part of the pumpkin which cannot be eaten or composted at home. The Love Food Hate Waste campaign website has many recipe suggestions that can help you avoid the horror of wasted pumpkins!

Your compost bin is full of real beasties - albeit mini ones - just dying to eat up your leftover pumpkin bits and help turn them into compost. After your Halloween festivities are over the seeds, flesh and shell of your pumpkin can be added directly to your compost bin. Your pumpkin will look even more scary as it rots away! **Waste and Recycling Ezine**

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The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain has awarded the Geoff Cox award to the best turning from a junior member. This year's winner, in a competition held biennially, was Ryan Barker of Middlefield Drive who turned a black and white hollow multi hollow form with no visible joints. The award was presented by the Association's chairperson, Andy Coates, and the news was covered locally by Spotlight Magazine. You can see the featured piece and two others in detail at

<http://www.awgbseminar.co.uk/2013/Loughborough2013B.htm>

They are stunning. Next to Ryan's work on the website is a piece by his father, Des Barker which is also beautiful.

Lesley Cass

Light up a Life

Remember a loved one this Christmas at St Elizabeth Hospice. A series of special remembrance events will be held in East Suffolk and South Norfolk for people wanting to remember a loved one in the lead up to Christmas. St Elizabeth Hospice is holding six Light up a Life events to bring together anyone, not just those touched by Hospice care, who wish to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones at this poignant time of year.



Each event includes Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection. St Elizabeth Hospice's Light up a Life events are open to everyone and give us an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the lives of those we love and remember those who are no longer with us. They are free to attend, and no ticket is needed. Just turn up on the day. Your nearest Light up a Life event is being held on Sunday 8 December, 4pm, inside the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket. This year people are invited to personalise a Special Memories Card to bring along to the event.

You can pick up a form along with a special memories card from St Elizabeth Hospice shops and all St Elizabeth Hospice sites, or call 01473 723600. You can also make a dedication to your loved one on our virtual Light up a Life Christmas Tree by visiting www.stelizabrthospice.org.uk/lightupalife

Samantha Catling

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Wash the apples, take away bad ones. Put the apples twice in a garden shredder to make pulp; a thick mass of apples including peel, pips and pulp. Then put the pulp in the presser on clean bed sheets inside a wooden frame and wrap the cloth around it. These are called 'cheeses' and actually looked like big, fat cheeses. Put beech slats between every cheese. You can have two to five cheeses on top of each other in each pressing. Apply some pieces of wood at the top and, using a winder, start applying the pressure. After a few minutes open the tap and the juice gushes into a clean container. Drink the juice at once; freeze it for later use; or make cider.

Those of us who did not work the press could sit and enjoy a talk with a neighbour in the sunshine, have some tea, bacon or sausage in rolls, or a cup of soup. There was table tennis and a trampoline for the children, and Ruby the dog to cuddle. Thank you, everyone, for a very enjoyable day!

Annika Imhagen

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A Letter from Sunnyside

It is November and Remembrance Day services fall on the tenth this year. I have been busy helping at Combs in the absence of a priest in charge there this Summer so I will be taking their service. I wonder what you think about in the 2 minutes' silence? Would you ever confess to an absence of thoughts about war and peace - maybe wondering what's for lunch, or will the person in charge get the timing right? My anxious agony to start the silence spot on 11am means that all I can think of is a sense of relief that it was done, and watching the clock for the end. Not what we are meant to be remembering is it, so thankfully there are plenty of opportunities in the rest of the service. I love it when we can have a trumpeter, don't you? Those spine tingling notes as the silence ends.



Remembering in itself can be a passive thing, especially for those of us who have never had to experience war close at hand. It is not very productive just to stand and let snapshots of war films and TV news fill your mind. But we remember to understand the horrors of war, the sacrifices made, the lives lost, those unforgettable rows of gravestones and line upon line of names on memorials.

And if we do what we are meant to on Remembrance Day and understand, then it may help us to move forward. WWI was supposed to be the war to end all wars but we know that aims of peace and prosperity for all were nothing but a dream. We are still faced daily with wars and rumours of wars. We have to look forward, not dwell in the past, and have faith and hope in the future. Our poppies remind us of new life springing up from the battlefields. Through education, travel, friendship across nations and indeed through the prayers of faithful people we can work together to make a dream come true.

Scatched on the wall of a prison cell in Cologne during WWII:

I believe in the sun even when it doesn't shine.

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Yours, Rev'd Liz

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Tuesday 12 November

Coffee Morning at The Chestnut Horse again thanks to Angela.

This month it will be for the 'Loo Fund' which has recently begun.

We really do need a proper toilet at the church and a kitchen would be good too!

Please do come along and have a cup of coffee and enjoy the warmth and conviviality while we raise some funds so that we can be flushed with the success of the morning.

Finborough & District Garden Club

The Summer is firmly over, as evidenced by the arrival of some much needed rain, although in greater quantities than we may have wished for. The Autumn season has definitely arrived, and putting the garden to bed for the Winter is the next task in hand. Then you can relax by the fire with the seed catalogues and dream of next year's flowers and vegetables.

The October meeting was a lively one and featured an amusing talk by Ben Potterton on the subject of chickens and other domestic poultry. Have you ever seen a pigeon with curls? Ben brought one for us to look at as well as examples of some of the other chickens and pigeons that he breeds and keeps as pest controllers around the nursery. Some were really attractive, but stupid, such as the Pekin; others were sensible and useful but not so pretty like the naked neck chicken which makes a really good surrogate mother for some of his rarer species of birds.

November's meeting on Thursday 14 November at the usual time of 7.30pm features a talk on the subject of Begonias by Geoff Keer. Geoff is the area representative of the Begonia Society and as such is a keen enthusiast for these showy and exuberant plants. Please put the date for the Christmas party in your diaries. This will take place on Thursday 5 December, with nibbles and mulled wine. Again this year it will be held in the main downstairs hall and will start at 7pm, half an hour earlier than our normal meeting time.

Finally, 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 only £12.50 per household per year or £2 for an individual session. For further information contact either John Davey or me – see Who's Who.

Judith Cameron

Tombola

I am helping to organise a Tombola Stall for St Andrews Crib Festival. If you have any items you could donate I would be very grateful, you can drop them off at 8 High Road, Great Finborough, or give me a call and I will collect. Many thanks. **Marion Mason (T: 675447)**

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Almost 20 members enjoyed the October meeting of Bring, Buy and Bingo. It is our only little fundraiser of the year and, with a donation, we were able to put over £50 into Club funds. Our November meeting is on Thursday 7 November at 2pm in Buxhall Village Hall. Mr Andrew Bingham, of Bingham's Independent Funeral Service, is coming to talk to us. This will be very interesting and, I promise, will not be morbid as some have suggested. Please come along as we will also have a game of 'Play Your Cards Right'.

We will also be taking names for the Christmas Lunch, which will be on 15 December, 12 noon for 12.30pm. Do come and support us. New members are always welcome.

Keith Proctor

Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride

My sincere thanks to the very kind people who sponsored me for the Suffolk Historic Churches cycle ride on Saturday 14 September. I raised £320, cycled 60 miles and managed to visit 36 Churches (38 if you include Battisford and Little Finborough which were closed when I arrived). A most enjoyable fun day out. My thanks also to all the churches that I visited for providing wonderful refreshments.

Pat Turner

The Children's Society

The annual collection of Children's Society 'house boxes', which usually coincides with the Christingle service in the church. Please could I ask all of you with a box either to bring it along to the church service or drop it in to me at Whitings Farm at the start of December. Last year this parish raised nearly £300 through the spare change donated in these little boxes. Annually over £2 million is raised in this way. So a big thank you to all those who have helped contribute to this total.

The box list has grown from 9 to 30 holders in the years that I have been village co-ordinator, but I now feel unable to continue in this role. If anybody is interested in taking over this job please let me know! I will continue to support the valuable work of the Children's Society by holding an annual coffee morning to raise funds and I plan to hold this in the Spring or summertime. With many thanks.

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What's been happening in and around the area

A garage along Church Road was entered by forcing a wooden door lock. Two televisions and a new sofa were stolen. A spare wheel to a Landrover Discovery was cut off from underneath and stolen.

Parking at the school

The SNT has been asked to pay attention to the parking near the primary school. The particular areas are around the triangle and Lower Road to Buxhall, and Oak Close/Middlefield Road junctions as the vehicles parking at these junctions are causing a hazard by blocking visibility for road users. Notices have been left on the vehicles concerned to warn them but tickets will be issued if this continues.

Check your oil

With the clocks going back and the temperature cooling, we often see an increase in heating oil thefts. By taking a few simple steps you can help make your tank and fuel more difficult for thieves to target. Screen your tank with fencing or hedges, close and secure any gates leading to the tank, conceal or cover any external pipes and fuel lines, install dusk to dawn security lighting, install lockable caps supported by a closed shackle padlock, regularly check your fuel levels AND consider installing a tank alarm. I have just done this on mine!

Agricultural Machinery Marking Session

On Friday 8 November 2013 at Kenny Hill Farm, Kenny Hill, Beck Row, IP28 8DU. Local fitting firms and DataTag trained staff will be on hand to fit DataTag's 'CESAR' marking scheme, a 5-point security installation normally costing £149 + VAT, at a reduced rate of £99 + VAT. The day commences 8.30am. Fitting approx. 20 minutes. Fittings are bookable on the hour and half hour all day until 5.30pm but must be made in advance by contacting Jackie Evans, NFU Regional Office, on 01638 672100 or by email to Jackie.Evans@nfu.org.uk

Planning ahead for Christmas

Below you will find some advice that will reduce the risks for you and your loved ones at Christmas.

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Don't leave doors and windows open or unlocked when going out

Don't leave presents on view under the tree while out

Mark and protect your Christmas gifts with Crimestoppers Property Protector

Don't drink and Drive. Leave the car at home

Plan your night out and ensure a friend or relative knows where you are and when you will be home

Don't accept lifts from strangers – always use a taxi service

Beware of "spiked" drinks– don't leave your drink unattended

Don't leave your Christmas shopping on view – lock it in the boot

Don't leave your mobile phone unattended – It will disappear

Beware of pickpockets – keep your wallet and purse safe

Ensure your house appears occupied at all times. Use timers to switch lights and radios on and off when you're not at home

Park in well lit and secure areas

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday 3 November

Sung Eucharist
 Reflective Morning Prayer
 Parish Communion
 Songs of Praise
 Matins

Trinity 23

Buxhall 9.30am
 Shelland 9.30am
 Finborough 11am
 Onehouse Church 11am
 Harleston 11am

Sunday 10 November

Holy Communion
 Remembrance Service

Trinity 24

Onehouse Church 9am
 Finborough 10.50am

Sunday 17 November

Matins
 Parish Communion
 Combined Family Service

Trinity 25

Shelland 9.30am
 Harleston 9.30am
 Buxhall 11am

Sunday 24 November

Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Parish Communion

Trinity 26

Buxhall 9.30am
 Harleston 9.30am
 Shelland 9.30am
 Onehouse Church 11am

Sunday 1 December

Sung Eucharist
 Reflective Morning Prayer
 Songs of Praise

Trinity 27

Buxhall 9.30am
 Shelland 9.30am
 Finborough 6.30pm

*Evening Prayer will be said at St Andrew's, Great Finborough,
 At 4.30pm each Thursday. All are welcome.*

*Whether you are a regular worshiper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday,
 you will find a warm welcome at any of our services*

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