

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2015

2	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
7	7.30pm	Farewell to Revd Liz and Stuart Law, Pettiward Hall
9	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
12	7.30pm	Garden Club, Upper Room, Pettiward Hall
15	All day	Mothers' Day Off
16	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
18	7.30pm	Buxhall WI, Buxhall Village Hall
20	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
23	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
23	7.30pm	AGM, Village Hall Committee, Upstairs Room Pettiward Hall
25	12pm	Lent Lunch, Maple Lodge, High Road
29	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers, Onehouse Church car park

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2	7pm	Candlestick Club, Buxhall Village Hall
17	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close

ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

Thursday Nights 7.30-9.30pm: 12 and 26 March

In the Church Room, Onehouse

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We welcome new players.

Give me a ring for further details.

Derek Ames (613328)

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Editorial

Thank you to those who took the trouble to respond to my request for feedback in the last edition. It is helpful to know that some of you would like *'all the suggestions you make for features are excellent and the sort of thing that I would like to read about... Any information about the Village and villagers, whether it be historical or current, would be most interesting and helpful'*. Another wrote: *'I look forward to the monthly edition and wouldn't want to lose it. I would like to read of the history of various houses ...Also reports of interest from people'*.

As one reader anticipated, we may need some help to achieve this and so, if there are any cub reporters out there who would like to have a go at interviewing villagers and writing short articles please let me know. Training and support will be provided.

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As we go to press this month I am sorry to have to report that our church was broken into recently and an unpleasant mess was made inside, causing upset and offence. The police are reported to have apprehended those thought to have been responsible.

15 March is the copy deadline for material for the April 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

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- No objection to the erection of a two storey dwelling and cart lodge following demolition of the existing dwelling at Valley Farm Bungalow, Valley Lane
- The Mid Suffolk DC and Babergh DC Joint Local Plan consultation document
- Complaints have been received regarding increased dog fouling on the High Road since the relocation of the dog bin adjacent to the bungalows. It was suggested that an additional bin may be required. Cllr Turner will contact MSDC in order to try to source one as before.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 9 March 2015 at 7.30pm in Pettiward Hall. You are welcome to attend. **Norman Vendittelli**

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Do you need advice?

We are fortunate to have an excellent Citizens Advice Bureau in Stowmarket which is able to advise on a range of personal and financial problems. It is in Milton Road South, next to the Town Council (T: 676060) and at <http://www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk/advice/>. The Avenues Group specialises in advice and advocacy for people with disabilities and is based in Red Gables, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket (T: 672781) and at www.avenuesgroup.org.uk

Stowmarket Food Bank

More people are being referred to the local food bank and they are in need of more donations. There are collection points in local supermarkets, churches including St Andrew's, the Town Council offices, and the Community Centre in Hillside, Combs Ford. They need tinned and dried food, and toiletries.

Petition for 30mph zone on Finborough Road

This has been responded to in some detail, and it will eventually be considered by Suffolk County Council. The planning application for the Red Willows site, which gave rise to the petition, has been approved, with the Planning Committee agreeing to write to Suffolk County Council in support of the speed limit.

To get in touch with me, see Who's Who.

John Matthissen

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It's pretty windy out there!

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Steve Penny

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From the Rectory



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The shame and horror that some people continue to kill others or make their lives more difficult is

hard to comprehend. But in days gone by we in this land were not always kind to one another. The Patronal Festival at Shelland at the end of January had us with Bishop David remembering the murder of our King, for standing up for what his beliefs. Other Christians put him to death.

Christians have behaved abominably towards each other in the past which we do well to remember when condemning those of other faiths. And it is not just abominable behaviour. Sometimes just uncharitable, unloving actions and attitudes that reach into our lifetimes have caused much hurt. For example, the Workhouse system, its representative standing sentinel as it does high on Onehouse Hill. Thankfully, for many centuries we have not killed or maimed in the name of some creed or belief system, although we could have loved better...

It is right then , as Lent is here, that our churches are turning their attention with renewed vigour to helping others who still suffer. St Andrew's Coffee Mornings do this monthly and almost all our churches

are organising events as you can see to support and do God's work. Ebola, MacMillan and Christian Aid all feature. Will you come and help us?

My God does not call me to persecute others. My God calls me to encourage and support that which is good and I hope you feel able to support that work too through the church or otherwise. The church exists to be useful to its community and wider; to show love and care and concern. It does not exist for itself and its own interest groups. We want to show love breaking through as did God at Easter.

I am pleased to report:

1. The new website for St Andrews Gt Finborough is at <http://www.standrewsgtfinborough.co.uk/>
2. Despite the cost of £1,000 to the church for repairs, St Andrew's bells should be ringing for Easter. Any donations gratefully received.
3. The representatives of the seven parishes have all now met and had their input into the job description for the priest to replace Rev Liz. The advertisement will be placed soon and we look forward to seeing the applicants for interview in due course.
4. Messy Church and Worship with our newly formed music group for children especially at 11am on the 1st Sunday of each month at St Mary's Combs is very popular and all are welcome.
5. My gratitude to the parish of Stowmarket and particularly Revd's Eden and Stretch for their generous support to us all in helping cover our services. Several would otherwise have had to be cancelled.

Rev Chris Childs

Lent Lunch—Buxhall

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News from Onehouse

Pie and Mash

Ray and I will be hosting a Pie and Mash evening at Primrose Barn Cottage, Harleston, on Saturday 14 March at 12 noon. Adults will be £8 and children £4. A two course lunch will be provided as well as tea, coffee, squash and fruit juice. Please bring your own liquid refreshment if you require anything stronger! Limited numbers so please book your place. Proceeds to Onehouse Church.

Lent Lunch

A Lent Lunch will be held in the Church Room, Onehouse, on Saturday 28 March at 12 noon. Please put the date in your diary if you would like to attend. There will be no charge but donations would be gratefully received and will be donated to charity.

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I have been running craft classes at The Studio at Westlegate for a few months. We have toyed with various names for our group, mainly with a play on the words 'craft' and 'hook'. Some of these are too rude to mention here. We finally settled on Hooked on Craft. We have been making rag rugs and doing crochet so far. We have collected small donations for charity. Our first charity is the Loo Fund for St. Andrews but this may change. A big thank you to the ladies of Hooked on Craft for raising their first £100 for charity. The donation has been given

to the Loo Fund for St. Andrew's Church. If you are interested in rag rugging or crochet please give me a ring. The photographs show some examples of our work.

Grace Gemmell (T: 774595)



Onehouse Ramblers

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Gail Jarrett

Fun Quiz Night

A date for your diary, Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm in Buxhall Village Hall. £3.00 per person. Grand draw. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. To book your team or yourself in please ring us on 736598. Draw prizes greatly appreciated. In aid of Village Hall funds.

Mim and Keith Proctor

St Andrews Book Club

The new Book Club in the village has now been meeting for over a year and is going strong. We have read some excellent books of different genre including To Kill a Mocking Bird by Harper Lee, The Road Home by Rose Tremain, the Star of The Sea by Joseph O'Connor, and currently Me Before You by JoJo Moyes. Stowmarket Library provides an excellent service in supplying books for the Book Club.

We meet every month for an informal and relaxed chat about the books and sometimes listen to authors being interviewed about their work. We all make suggestions, and decide between us, which books we should try next. We are a small, very friendly mixed group and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us please call me on 771515 or email belinda.aldous@btinternet.com.

Belinda Aldous

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at St Andrew's Church on Friday 6 March 2015 at 2.15pm. The Women of the Bahamas have put together the format of the Service so it is sure to be colourful in every way! Every family member welcome. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

Carole Hearn

News from the Candlestick Club

Just a reminder to our members, and information for prospective new members – who are always welcome. Our first meeting of 2015 will be on Thursday 2 March at 7pm in the Village Hall, Buxhall. It will be a social evening and an entertainer has been booked. The committee will provide refreshments. We are sad to hear of the death of Doreen Goldsmith, who was one of our longstanding members and she was able to enjoy our last Christmas lunch all together. Rest in peace Doreen.

Keith Proctor

Finborough & District Garden Club

What a muddle of a Winter it has been. The weather does not seem to have made up its' mind what sort of a Winter we should have had, but Spring is on the way!

The start of the new Garden Club year was the meeting on 12 February, when an illustrated talk was given by Andrew Wilkinson from Triffid nurseries on the subject of carnivorous plants. He presented these fascinating plants in a whole new light and converted many of those present into potential owners, at least as a passive and relatively simple to keep, method of fly control. Fortunately one that does not involve rolled newspapers, electric racquets or plastic swatters.

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The next meeting in the Pettiward Hall, on Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm will be a talk by Tim Fuller of the Plantsman's Preference on the subject of "Grasses".

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. Membership is only £15.00 per household per year. For further information contact John Davey or me - see Who's Who.

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The Pettiward Hall 'Little Ernie ' Lottery

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The lottery is open to anyone aged 16 or over except Pettiward Hall Management Committee members and officers. Prize winners are paid as soon as possible after each draw and details will be published in the newsletter. Please support your village hall in this way – and have the chance of winning a cash prize each month! Please contact me to arrange to complete a form and to make payment.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Great Finborough Village Hall charity (no.246643) will be held on Monday 23 March at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room of The Pettiward Hall. This is your chance to tell us what you think of the way we run the Hall and the changes we are making. We would welcome your ideas for one-off or regular events you would like to see at the Hall. There are 4 trustee places to be filled, and officers to be elected, so please come along and vote for those you want to run the Hall. All are welcome but only over 18s may vote. The AGM will be followed by a meeting of the new committee when up to two additional committee members can be co-opted. Please contact me (see Who's Who) for further information on the role of a trustee, officer or co-opted member. We look forward to seeing you on 23 March.

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Judith Hickman

Stowmarket and District Camera Club

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On Monday 9 March there will be a Club evening incorporating a look at the CD of the East Anglian Federation exhibition. On Tuesday 17 March there will be a photo shoot at a location to be advised. On Monday 23 March there will be Open Competition 3, to be judged by George Buxton. Meetings are held at Stowmarket Community Centre, Hillside IP14 2BD. We'd love to see you, so why not join us? All you need is any camera and a real interest in using it. Our members use DSLRs, compacts and bridge cameras.

Angela Coster

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PARISH REGISTERS

Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving

We welcome into the family of Christ's Church

At St Mary, Buxhall

25 January 2015

Clark Tiberius Corbyn, aged 1 month

Funeral

Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have recently died

At Ipswich Crematorium

15 January 2015

June Doreen Tyrell, aged 90



**Mid Suffolk (Stowmarket) Tourist
Information Centre
(just up the hill from ASDA)**

Mothers' Day

Young or older – you should be able to find a suitable gift for your Mum. From retro tins to chocolate, shopping bags to locally made soaps, and Norfolk lavender to writing sets. We also have a fantastic selection of cards from local artists, left blank for your own message.



2015 Visitor Guides

Most of our 2015 visitor guides are now in and our own Heart of Suffolk guide offers plenty of variety in accommodation, both self-catering and serviced, along with details of local attractions. Pop in for a copy to share with friends or family who may want to visit the area, or we can post to you or them.

Open Day

The Museum of East Anglian Life has its Stowmarket Open Day on Sunday 22 March. This marks the start of the season; then the whole site is open through 'til November. Entry will be £2 per adult; children free. A range of activities include steam engine running, face painting, printing press and cream teas.

Events

Mid Suffolk events include Egg Trails at Needham Lake on Tuesday 31 March and Thornham Walks on Tuesday 7 April. For more information call 724639.

Bookfest

Suffolk Libraries is having a Bookfest at various locations across Suffolk from 6-22 March. Tel 263838 for more information.

For more ideas to inspire you, why not look at our website www.heartofsuffolk.co.uk where you will find information on stately homes, farmers markets, the countryside, guided walks and lots more.

Sue Green

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH 2015

Sunday 1 March

Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Matins
 Reflective Morning Prayer
 Holy Communion
 Worship and Messy Church

Second Sunday in Lent

Little Finborough 9am
 Buxhall 9.30am
 Harleston 9.30am
 Shelland 9.30am
 Great Finborough 11am
 Combs 11am

Sunday 8 March

Holy Communion
 Matins
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Evensong
 Evening Worship

Third Sunday before Lent

Shelland 9.30am
 Buxhall 9.30am
 Combs 11am
 Harleston 11am
 Onehouse Church Room 11am
 Little Finborough 3pm
 Great Finborough 6.30pm

Sunday 15 March

Holy Communion
 Morning Worship
 Family Service
 Morning Worship
 Morning Worship
 Family Service

Mothering Sunday

Little Finborough 9am
 Buxhall 9.30am
 Shelland 9.30am
 Combs 11am
 Great Finborough 11am
 Onehouse Church 11am

Sunday 22 March

Sung Eucharist
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Holy Communion
 Evensong

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Buxhall 9.30am
 Harleston 9.30am
 Combs 11am
 Great Finborough 11am
 Onehouse Church 11am
 Little Finborough 11am

Sunday 29 March

Benefice Holy Communion
 Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

Combs 11am
 Great Finborough 11am

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR APRIL 2015

Thursday 2 April

Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

Buxhall

7.30pm

Friday 3 April

Procession of Witness

The Last Hour

Good Friday

Onehouse Church Room

Harleston

11am

2pm

We meet for Evening Prayer:

1.30 Pm on Thursday at St Andrew's, Great Finborough

All Welcome!

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

Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's

Easter Trail

Saturday 28 March 2015 - 10am to 12 midday

Start / finish at Pettiward Hall, Valley Lane, Great Finborough

*Children's – Easter Trail
(parent/carer to escort their child)*

*Raffle Cake Stall
Face Painting Quiz*

£2 entry per child (each child receives an Easter Egg)

to book place call/text 07966 964727



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