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VILLAGE DIARY – December 2017

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11 7.30pm Parish Council, Pettiward Hall

12 9.30-11.30am Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse

12 7pm Film Night, Pettiward Hall

15 5pm Carols in the Pub, Chestnut Horse

18 6pm Brownies, Pettiward Hall 22 4.10-4.30pm Mobile Library, Oak Close

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9 9.30-11.30am Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
 15 7.30pm Parish Council, Pettiward Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017 / 2018

11 December

15 January

12 March

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

Once again, we are at the last newsletter of the year and I would like to thank all contributors and advertisers for their continued support of the village newsletter. We are still looking for a full-time editor so, if you fancy having a go in the New Year, get in touch! Also, if you have any ideas for regular articles or just want to let people know about your event don't hesitate to email, phone or pop in to Maple Lodge.

A word of warning in the run up to Christmas. There have been a couple of break ins in the village recently so please make sure that you keep your homes and valuables safely locked up and don't forget about your garages, outbuildings and cars parked outside. In the past, we have had presents stolen from cars parked on residents' driveways, not a good way to start the festive season.

Now for the good news. By the time you read this the Church loo should have had its first official flush!! Thank you to all who have contributed to this project in any way. It has taken a long time but as with all good things, it's worth the wait to get it done properly.

Also, the defibrillator is now officially in use and the access code can be obtained, should it be needed in an emergency, by dialing 999 and asking for the ambulance service. It can be used by anybody and full instructions on its use are in the cabinet. Training, for those who want it, will be organized for the new year and widely advertised.

The deadline for items for the February newsletter is 15 January 2018. If you have any items to include, please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner, or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettle is always on. The Parish Council wish all residents a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. Enjoy the festive season and stay safe.

Simon Tarabella

Parish Council Matters

The Parish Council meeting for November was held on 13 November in the upstairs room of Pettiward Hall.

Thanks was expressed to Councillor Otton for the two donations from the locality budget towards the costs for the Speed Indicator Device and the work at Church Road. It was also agreed to get costs for posters to advertise the defibrillator sited in the village phone box.

Various Planning applications were discussed and responses agreed.

The Finance report was discussed and approved. The budget working group will meet shortly to agree outline for 2018-19 budget.

It was noted that the travel survey for the Primary School had been received and it was agreed to try and convene a meeting between all interested parties to discuss parking issues.

There was only one member of the public who attended the Parish Council meeting on this occasion. Village residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to have an input into the way the village is administered. During this council's term in office the following major projects have been completed (with help from various village organisations) – Planting of the wildflower meadow, cutting back of allotment hedges, repairs to village playground, installation and cultivation of communal herb garden, Woodpecker Hill ditch maintenance and repair, procurement and installation of Speed Indicator Device, provision and location of defibrillator, setting up of speedwatch group, provision of picnic tables and benches, tarmacking of Church Road parking spaces and fencing to sports field.

So why not come along to the next meeting and have your say on what gets done and what doesn't?

Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk

Local Resident Receives Queens Birthday Honour

Local Resident, Ann Squirrell, who was awarded a BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours, attended the Countess of Euston's home in west Suffolk where Lady Clare – Her Majesty's representative in the county – thanked her for her service to the community.

The British Empire Medal, which was revived in 2012 after 20 years, is a civil and military medal for "meritorious" service. Speaking at the ceremony, Lady Clare praised the her for finding "hours and hours" of her own time to help others.

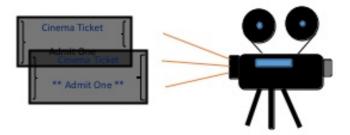
The founder of Mid Suffolk Axis, Ann received her medal for services to people with physical and sensory disabilities in mid Suffolk. For over 30 years the organisation has provided friendship and support to adults with physical and/or sensory disabilities, providing regular activities and outings, as well as arts and crafts and music.

Ann, who retired two years ago, managed the group and organised trips to places such as France, Germany and Ireland for people with a wide range of disabilities.

She said: "I was a bit nervous, but it has been really lovely. "I still can't believe it really. I have enjoyed my work, and was lucky to have such a dedicated team of staff and volunteers." Drinks and a light buffet were served to guests in the dining room following the BEM ceremony, which was also attended by former EADT editor Terry Hunt.



FINBOROUGH FILM NIGHT



Don't miss our next exciting screening 'LION'

Starring Dev Patel & Nicole Kidman (PG)

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Pettiward Hall

Tuesday 12th December 2017

- Screening commences at 7.00pm
- Complimentary tea & biscuits in the interval
- Tickets: Adults £5 Children (under 16) £3
- Tickets can be purchased on the door.

** Arrive early for your complimentary mince pies and mulled wine **

For more information please contact Norman Vendittelli on 07930 33858

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Representing Onehouse, Great Finborough, Buxhall, Harleston and Shelland

How to contact the District Council:

The Council Access Point at 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket is now open and provides several computers which you can use to access services and report problems. If you are not familiar with using computers, there will be a member of staff available to help and there is also a telephone line at the centre to contact experts on particular problems such as council tax and benefits, fly tipping noise and much more.

Services on the internet are available at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk and you can also telephone free of charge on 0300 1234 000. Access Point opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm. There is a similar access point at Sudbury Town Hall but this does close at lunch from 12.30-1.30pm.

The Needham office is now closed. I will be reporting on the proposal for a merger of Mid Suffolk with Babergh once the way ahead is clearer.

Christmas Tree Recycling:

After Christmas you can leave your Christmas tree at the usual places, including Great Finborough car park, Buxhall playing field, Stowmarket recreation ground and Chilton Fields Rugby Club entrance. This year there will be a little more time after Twelfth Night to drop trees off as they will be collected on Friday 19 January. No artificial trees or decorations please!

What is the Fundraising Preference Service?

In 2015, the Cross-Party Review of Fundraising Regulation agreed that a service should exist for members of the public to control the nature and frequency of direct marketing approaches that they receive, including fundraising communications. Through this website, you can choose to stop email, telephone, post and/or text messages from a selected charity.

If you prefer, you can call the helpline on **0300 3033 517**

Locality Fund:

The one-off budget made available for groups and projects serving our

five villages has now all been allocated and cheques should be on their way in the next few weeks. This is one of the most satisfying aspects of my role and I very much hope that all the groups involved continue in their success through 2018.

Season's Greetings for Christmas and 2018.

To get in touch councillor@matthissen.net 01449 258894 or write to me – John Matthissen,2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market. IP6 8RZ

John Matthissen



The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The lottery winners in November were Doris Riseborough and Caroline Dexter. They each received £8.75.

Dance Classes

Regrettably the children's dance classes have ceased due to lack of interest.

Yoga

The Monday afternoon class continues. For information please contact Sue Murray on 07760669466.

Mary Preece

Finborough Film Night

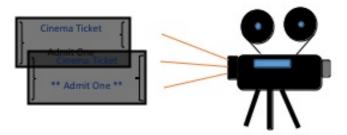
How wonderful it was to be able to stroll to the Pettiward hall, with no long drive or parking worries, to see a top rate film.

Refreshments are provided during the interval and all for only £5!!

Watch this magazine for future dates and film titles and do support this new venture. I can thoroughly recommend the experience.

Sara Raynes

FINBOROUGH FILM NIGHT



Don't miss our first screening of 2018 -

'THEIR FINEST'

Starring Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin & Bill Nighy (PG)

It is 1940 London and the height of the Blitz. The British ministry turns to propaganda films in a bid to boost morale at home. This is the story of two screenwriters working to make an epic film depicting the Dunkirk evacuation. Starring an eccentric and gloriously vain actor (Bill Nighy).

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Coffee Mornings



St Andrew's church coffee mornings will take place on the 12 December 2017 and 9 January 2018 at the Chestnut Horse, Great Finborough.

£1.50 coffee/tea cake and free refills.

December will be a Christmas craft morning, charity St Andrew's church and January will be St Andrews church and the Samaritans.

All welcome

Irene Bugg

Advertise Free

To support new local business initiatives, the Parish Council would like to offer village residents (households receiving a hard copy of the newsletter) 2 months of free advertising within the village newsletter. To take up this offer please contact any of your Parish Councillors or the Editor with details of your business and any promotional advertising that you have produced.

Parish Council

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From the Rectory December 2017

'Well it's just for children, isn't it?' said the lady in Solar as I looked at the first Christmas products appearing there in early November. 'Not completely', said I, 'I like Christmas too' and I suppose I do because I have been fortunate so far. There hasn't always been children in my family but we have always made an effort to make it a special time even though these days it is busy. Christmas is for everyone.



I believe that we are celebrating the birth of the' Prince of Peace' the Messiah, the one who comes that we might have 'Life' etc and so our Church services always have more of a party or festival atmosphere often helped along by the refreshments and mulled wine. We need to remember that the birth of Jesus is the reason for Christmas – not as some wag said – what luck he was born at Christmas, all the parties.....!

Christians are called upon to look after the stranger, the lonely, the sick and the homeless so it is somewhat ironic that at Christmas those who are in those predicaments usually feel worse because they think everyone else is having a good time. The fact that not everyone else actually is, doesn't help. There are surprising numbers of people who find Christmas a very difficult time and so amidst all the excitement and thoughts of *ourselves*, *our* families and *our* Christmas, can we spare a thought about what it is really about and do *our* bit perhaps for *our* neighbour or further afield? Happy Christmas.

Rev Chris

Around the Parishes

The Posada figures will be making their way around each of our parishes, look out for them to be offered to you and take care of the Holy Family as they make their way to Church either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Please remember to write in the diary.

I am told that **Denzil the donkey** should be appearing at Gt Finborough

for the Crib Service at 4pm and **just a reminder** that all are welcome at any of the services across the parishes, but if going to Onehouse, Harleston or Combs it is as well to have an idea where they are before setting out! Please ask......

Not in the Church, but in the Community Centre is Onehouse Carol Service - details elsewhere. We will be accompanied by **Stowmarket Salvation Army Band** — please join us and contribute to their wonderful work

Christingles are happening in Gt Finborough in December and Combs and Onehouse in January. Proceeds are to the Children's Society. These services are particularly designed for Children.

Can I **thank all those** who work so hard to clean flower arrange sing play instruments and organise our churches over Christmas? It is hard work but of course enjoyable.

I have been given a copy of **Combs Church Magazine** from 1931 and if anyone would like sight please let me know. Interestingly it begins with details of attendance and offerings. I suppose £2.14s 10d was a lot of money then? We think the then Rector Canon Bannerman was the first to live in this Rectory.

Trinity School - We are always looking to strengthen the Governing Body and so if you or anyone is interested in becoming a Governor please let me know. It is interesting work and there is the chance to make a difference.

We look forward to our next **Men's Breakfast** at Trinity Hall Onehouse on Saturday 13 January at 8am. Stuart Watson of the EADT was certainly enlightening in November and we thank him for coming. I think he equalled Bishop Mike in attendance...football has been likened to religion so....



Combs Sunday 3 December at 3pm and Gt Finborough Sunday 10 December at 3pm. All children welcome.

St Andrews, Gt Finborough Funerals Alan KILLINGBACK

Died 5 October 2017 aged 91 Funeral service at St Andrew's Church on 25 October 2017

Weddings Nathan David BATES and Sarah Jane MAYES

14 October 2017

St John the Baptist, Onehouse Funerals Janet Patricia DUNCAN

Died 20 October 2017 aged 67 Funeral service at St John the Baptist Church on 2 November 2017

St Mary's, Buxhall Funerals John Edward SCOTT

Died 10 October 2017 aged 87

Funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium on 26 October 2017

Sybil Audrey Florence MOYE

Died 27 October 2017 aged 86

Funeral service at St mary's Church on 17 November 2017

St Augustine's, Harleston Funerals Joan Anne BRODIE

Died 1 October 2017 aged 98

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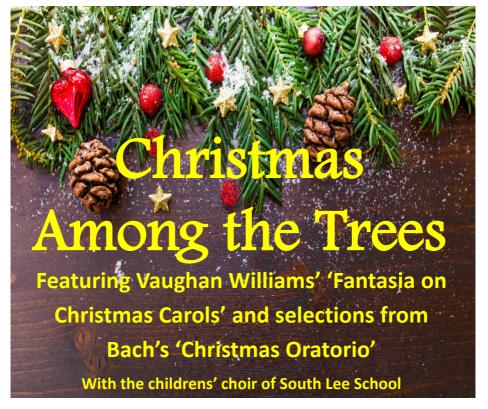
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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The winter seems to have arrived at last so the time is limited for any remaining clear up jobs. The reward for all the work during the year is sitting by the fire with a clear conscience browsing the plant and seed catalogues ready for the next season.

Our November meeting was an illustrated talk and wine tasting by Jillian Macready. Jillian and her husband planted vines in the old walled garden at Ickworth, and until circumstances forced them to leave, produced some award-winning wines. We had a great turnout of members to taste some delicious English wines and it was lovely to see everyone.

Many thanks to all those members and residents who turned out on a very wet day to help us plant LOTS of crocus bulbs around the cherry trees on the green, fill in some gaps that had appeared in the daffodil display around the car park, and plant some new ones by the chestnut tree opposite the pub.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party, to be held on the 7 December . As always this takes the form of a light-hearted quiz, with nibbles and mulled wine, and not forgetting the now renowned "Pass the parcel". We also have Patricia Shepherd joining us to show us how to create that show stopping flower arrangement for Christmas. Please ensure that you have returned the December function slip to John so we know how many will be attending. Please note that the venue will be the Main Hall and that it will start at 7.00pm.

In January gardeners hibernate, or go on holiday so as not to waste those valuable hours in the garden later in the year. As a result, the first meeting of 2018 will be on 8 February at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Pettiward Hall when Leon Patterson, who is a local ceramicist, will be talking about how his garden inspires his work. You may have seen some of his work without realizing it as he supplies the National Trust with some of their items.

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

£15.00 per household per year or £2.50 per meeting. For further information contact either: John Davey or Judith Cameron (see who's who).

Judith Cameron

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Buxhall & Gt Finborough O'60's Candlestick Club

The November meeting was an enjoyable affair. Brian Gooderham showed us his slides of Vintage Village life, some really amusing, with several mutterings of people remembering how life was. Thank you, Brian, it was great. Janet went around and collected names and money for the Christmas Dinner. At the time of going to press we have 44 members going. Should be a nice day. The coach will be leaving Buxhall at 11.30 am and on to Great Finborough for 11.45 am. This is all taking place on the Thursday 7 December, we should arrive at the Cedars Hotel by 12 noon and sit down for 12.30 pm. The coach will be returning from Stowmarket at approximately 2.30 pm.

Well members I've enjoyed 2017 and I hope you all have, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year. New members are always welcome to join us in 2018, our opening meeting will be Thursday 5 April at 7.00 pm in Buxhall Village Hall.

Keith Proctor

Did somebody mention Christmas Carols???

After last year's choral success and back by popular demand, we will once again be holding a "Carols in the Chestnut Horse" event on Friday 15 December starting at 5.00pm.

This is a great family affair and just what you need to kick off your festive celebrations. Music and Carol sheets provided, all you need to do is to turn up and exercise your vocal chords. All standards of "carolers" welcome.

To make the evening even more festive why not dust off your favourite Christmas jumper or wear the one that granny knitted you last year. You know you want to!!

Great Finborough community groups coming together

Wild Bird Seed

The next order will be placed on 8 December and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Rd. Great Finborough after 2.00pm on Wednesday 13 December. If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque to "Great Finborough Garden Club", it is also essential that I have your telephone number so that I can advise you if there is a problem with seed collection.

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Energy		
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W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£13-00
Finch Mix	20 kg	£11-50
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£8-00
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£9-00
Peanuts (superior	25 kg	£33-00
quality)		
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5kg approx	£17-50
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£11-50
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£22-50
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx	£12-00
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John Davey





















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3 Dec	First Sunday in Advent	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Worship and Messy Church	Combs
5.00 pm	Christingle	Great Finborough
10 Dec	Second Sunday in Adven	t
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
5.00pm	Village Carols	Buxhall
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16 Dec	Saturday	
6.00pm	Carols in the Community Ce	ntre, Onehouse
17 Dec	Third Sunday in Advent	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
10.00 am	Carol Service	Shelland
11.00 am	Carol Service	Combs
6.30 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Great Finborough
19 Dec	Tuesday	
7.00pm	Christmas Carols by Candleli	ight, Little Finborough
24 Dec	Christmas Eve, Fourth Su	ınday in Advent
3.00 pm	Crib & Carol Service	Buxhall
3.00 pm	Crib & Nativity Service	Combs
3.00 pm	Crib & Nativity Service Crib & Carol Service	Onehouse
4.00pm	Crib & Carol Service	Great Finborough
4.00 pm	Carol Service	Harleston
11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Buxhall
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25 Dec	Christmas Day	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
10.30 am	Family Holy Communion	Great Finborough
10.30 am	Family Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Family Service	Combs
31 Dec	First Sunday after Chris	tmac
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9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICES FOR JANUARY 2018			
7 Jan	Epiphany		
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall	
9.30 am	Matins	Shelland	
11.00 am	Worship and Messy Church	Combs	
11.00 am	Christingle	Onehouse	
3.00 pm	Evensong	Great Finborough	
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9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall	
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs	
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough	
3.00 pm	Messy Church	Great Finborough	
21 Jan Third Sunday after Epiphany			
9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall	
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland	
11.00 am	Family Communion & Christingle, Combs		
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough	
2.00 pm	Epiphany Procession	Little Finborough	
28 Jan Presentation of Christ in the Temple			
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough	

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
6.30 pm	Evensong	Buxhall

We meet for

Morning Prayer 10.00 am on Saturdays at St. Mary's, Combs

(Lady Chapel)

Holy Communion 9.30 am on Wednesday at St. John the

Baptist, Onehouse

Evening Prayer 4.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrews, Great

Finborough

All welcome!

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

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Oak Close 4.10pm to 4.30pm Fridays as follows:

22 December

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