

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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VILLAGE DIARY – APRIL

4	7.30pm	Annual PCC Meeting, St Andrews Church
6	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
8	1-4pm	Easter Fun Day, Pettiward Hall
10	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
11	9.30-11am	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
20	8pm	Pub Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
28	2.30-4pm	Pop-up Tea Room, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – MAY

4	All Day	Suffolk County Council Elections, Pettiward Hall
8	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall (TBC)
8	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
17	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
13	7.30pm	Race Night, Pettiward Hall
15	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall (TBC)
22	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall (TBC)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

10 April

8 May Annual Parish Meeting

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

I was going to start this edition with the usual "how nice the village looks this time of year" kind of stuff when shock, horror, this month's newsletter disappeared off my computer screen and the dreaded "disk drive not ejected correctly" appeared in its place! No amount of cajoling could get the relevant USB stick to give me back the nearly completed newsletter and of course I hadn't backed it up. So, instead of idly gazing out of the window and admiring the beautiful daffodils it was head down and start again. Hopefully I will make the printers in time for delivery at the end of March, apologies if your newsletter is slightly late.

There is a lot going on in the village at the moment. Last month saw a very successfully attended Quiz night in Pettward Hall which raised a very healthy £500 for St Andrews Church, thanks to all who attended and gave so generously. This month's activities include the usual coffee morning, pop up tea rooms and pub quiz night as well as an Easter Fun day. Or, if you are looking for something a bit more active why not try your hand at petanque, see page 11 for more details.

Around the village, the communal herb garden is progressing and there are plans to put another picnic bench down by the wild flower meadow, which we hope will really start to blossom this year. The village litter pick was very well attended, some 21 people turned out, and we cleared a good load of rubbish from our verges and hedgerows (see page 21). If you recognise anything and want it back, please contact me with you details and I will arrange delivery!!

The 15 April 2017 is the deadline for inclusions for the May issue of the newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner, or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettle's always on. Finally, don't forget, if you're working on your computer, don't forget to back it up!!

Have a very Happy Easter

Simon Tarabella

Great Finborough Parish Council

As there was no Parish Council meeting in February, March's meeting saw a full agenda and was well attended by members of the public. At the adjournment for public participation the following points were raised:

- **Bus Service** – problems with the size of buses and the amount of space available for village residents. Penny Otton has agreed to look into this.
- **Dog Poo** – yet again village members were complaining about dog poo not being picked up by irresponsible dog owners. It was agreed to attempt to educate all about the dangers of Toxocariasis and also about the fines that can be awarded on completion of a successful prosecution. All village residents are asked to be vigilant and report any persons not cleaning up after their dog to the village council.
- **Woodpecker Hill** – Concerns were expressed about the state of the pathway in woodpecker hill. The Council are aware of the problems highlighted and are in the process of getting quotes to get the ditches cleared which should alleviate a lot of the wet areas.

On completion of the public participation the Parish Council noted the planning decisions that have been approved by MSDC. The Clerks Finance report was approved and Internal Auditors for the Year ending 31 March 2017 approved.

The date and format of the Annual Parish meeting was discussed and approved. It will be held on 8 May, starting at 7.30pm in the downstairs room of Pettiward Hall. All members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Parish Council

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EASTER MONDAY 17 April
RACE OF THE BOGGMEN!!

Thurs 20 April Quiz Night 8pm



News from your County Councillor – March 2017

Suffolk County Council Budget

This was agreed on 17 Feb. There was an amendment to put back the cut to the library service, to children's centres, highways maintenance, concessionary fare support and, hedge and verge cutting and post 16 travel which I was happy to support. After a long and bad tempered debate, this was defeated and the original budget agreed by a majority. This includes the 3% rise for social care.

Locality Budget

Agreed towards cost of additional road sign for Middlefield drive.

Extension to Footway, Forest Road

I have contacted David Fawcett once again to see if there has been any progress.

Ofsted Report on Special Educational Needs in Suffolk

The inspection showed significant weaknesses and requires action.

School Governors

There are a number of vacancies for school governors in the mid Suffolk area, anyone interested can speak to Joanna Howell at SCC.

Campaign for more Fire Fighters

There is also a short fall in this area, so a campaign has been launched to get businesses interested and informed. I have left some leaflets with New Green.

Penny Otton

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The winners in the last draw of the current scheme were Michel Morel and Ken Bottomley. They each received £10.25. There's still time to sign up for the new scheme starting in April. Please contact me if you would like to join but don't have the form from last month's newsletter.

Keep Fit

Just a reminder – please get in touch if you would be interested in attending some form of exercise class at the hall.

Pop-up Tea Room

The March event is on Friday, 31 and in April it will be on Friday, 28, both from 2.30-4pm. A drink and piece of home-made cake is only £2 for adults, £1 for children.

Mary Preece

Lent Lunch Onehouse

The Lent Lunch for Onehouse Church will be held at the Trinity Hall on Wednesday 12th April from 12 noon. No charge but donations will be given to the Bishop's Kagera Appeal.

Carole Hearn

Easter Flowers at St Andrews

Brenda Grimaldi will be very pleased to hear from you if you would like to make a donation towards them, perhaps in memory of someone, and/or help decorate. Please contact Rev Chris or Brenda for further details.

Rev Chris

BARN DANCE

Our annual hoedown will take place on 15 July this year at the usual venue, John and Mary Williams's lovely Boarded Barn. Please don't leave it till the last minute to book your places because there will be a limit to numbers.

Adults £10 each and children under 16 are £5 each. There is adequate parking and of course included in the price is your supper and a choice of punches.

This is always a great fun event and all proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. To book please phone or text me on 07930338580

Norman Vendittelli

Great Finborough Neighbourhood Watch

It is now almost 20 years since our scheme was set up and although I don't have any specific statistics I do feel that the level of targeted crime in the village has dropped quite significantly since the 90's, so it would seem that Neighborhood Watch does have an effect. This is reflected in the fact that Insurance companies offer quite good discounts on home insurance in Neighborhood Watch areas.

We do however have a problem with this, back in the 90's the Insurance companies only asked "do you live in a Neighborhood Watch area" before allowing the discount, now it is more common for them to ask "are you a **Member** of a Neighborhood Watch scheme".

You will have received with this newsletter a Neighborhood Watch window sticker. If you would like to display this prominently in one of your front windows, then as far as I'm concerned, you are a member of Great Finborough Neighborhood Watch. I don't keep a membership list as such but should you require confirmation of your Membership at any time in the future just contact me and I will provide this in writing.

John Davey



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We hope to practice on Sunday afternoons, from early April, weather permitting, and would be delighted to welcome anyone with an interest - no experience necessary, but it could be a help! Our first game of the season will be Wednesday 12 April (away at Meadlands, Cup 1st Round), and the league season opener will be on Wed 19 April.

Anyone interested please contact Peter on 613593.

Peter Thurston

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The weather this month has been drier, brighter and warmer so that the spring flowers are blooming beautifully and it has been warm enough to get out and about in the garden. We also have to thank Suzanne for her impeccable organization of a splendid outing to Anglesey Abbey on the 16 February. Members and friends enjoyed a day of beautiful warm and sunny weather to view the snowdrops and winter gardens which were looking their best. As always, many plants returned to the village to adorn our own gardens in future Spring seasons.

Our March meeting was an illustrated talk by Ben Potterton on the subject of snowdrops, their breeders and finders, along with an update on the projects in which he is involved. As always, he gave us an amusing, entertaining and informative evening which was enjoyed by all attendees.

The next meeting will be held in the Pettward Hall on Thursday 6 April at 7.30pm when Ed Berger who is an experienced Herbalist will talk to us about the use of medicinal plants both in historical and modern times.

The 2017 Village Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 2nd July in aid of a Charity to be decided at our April meeting. If you would be interested in opening your garden to help us in our efforts we would be delighted to hear from you. For details of how to volunteer to open your garden please contact Mary Smyth (mary@blossomz.co.uk) or John Davey.

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 session for visitors. For further information contact either: John Davey or Judith Cameron (see who's who).

Judith Cameron

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From the Rectory April 2017



Thank you to all those who responded to the Bishops invitation to meet them. I wish Onehouse Church had been bigger to accommodate. Certainly, the Young Farmers at the Shepherd and Dog on Wednesday night were surprised to engage with others just as used to wielding crooks as they are in different circumstances - but perhaps to the same effect. It seems appropriate that they came to see us all in Lent because it runs into Easter which is the festival of Surprise if not shock. At its barest, a man died was buried and then was seen alive by his shocked followers. Many today cannot quite accept that, but they can and do acknowledge that because of that event a great number of good things have happened and continue to happen in the world. Christian Charity is not alone but it is very prominent both financially and socially. I have mentioned the Church ventures in Gt Finborough, Combs and Onehouse to alleviate loneliness and isolation, perhaps the Church Coffee caravan in Buxhall will find traction now after a few months and its arrival at Harleston/Shelland do the same. Pettward Hall Committee in Gt Finborough are doing their part too. The church most definitely does not have a monopoly on good will(!) Dare I suggest that care and concern for each other, whether identifiably from the Church is a Christian value embedded into our culture that was certainly not around in 1st Century Palestine and is wanting in many places in the world today.

It is still a shock to some that others care about their neighbours and the world but the root is the shock of Easter that God cared so much that his son had to die and God made the point by making him rise again. In our increasingly faithless society let's not forget, nor fail to teach the story of Easter and its implications for each of us. The Traditional and less Traditional services are all advertised. For those looking for something a bit different so is Lt Finborough's Easter Egg Hunt and procession, Combs Messy Church on Good Friday will build an outdoor garden and on Holy Saturday we have a very special service/party at 5pm for all. Please join us as we remember and celebrate the real meaning.

Please support Your **Parish Annual Meetings as below**. Rev Rachel will speak at each one on her life and call to Priesthood. It may surprise some – it's certainly not dull. All welcome at 7.30pm as we hear reports see the accounts and discuss the parish and its future.

Tuesday 28 March Green Farm **Shelland**

Wednesday 29 March **Buxhall Church**

Tuesday 4 April **Gt Finborough Church**

Wednesday 5 April **Lt Finborough Hall**

Tuesday 11 April **Combs Church**

Wednesday 12 April **Onehouse Trinity Hall**

Thursday 27 April **Harleston Church 2pm**

Rev Chris



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This year's Suffolk Historic Trust sponsored Bike Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 9 September. Will 2017 be the year you accept the challenge to ride or walk any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm, visiting churches along the way and raising funds – half for St Andrew's and half for SHCT to re-distribute as grant monies? You don't have to make that decision just yet, but a little exercise is always beneficial – and you might be tempted to put your training to good use.

Dogs and children (both accompanied please!) are welcome to take part; or you can go it alone, as a family, or in a small group. Just one church visited will make a difference.

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Wild Bird Seed

The next order will be placed on 7 April and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Rd, Great Finborough after 2pm on Wednesday 12 April.

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 on the 12 April.

Orders may be posted to or dropped off at Abbey Farm Cottage (IP14 3AU), or if it's more convenient dropped off at either 1, Valley Lane, Gt. Finborough or 8, High Rd and must be received by 5 April.

Product	Weight	Price	
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£9-50	
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£11-50	
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£13-50	
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£12-00	
W.B.M. No Mess	15kg	£14-50	
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 quality)	25 kg	£33-00	
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx	£17-50	
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£11-50	
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£22-50	
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx	£12-00	
Niger Seed	20kg	£26-00	
Niger Seed	10kg approx	£13-50	
Fat Balls (any quantity)	Price each	11p	

Please Note. The next seed order will be placed in June.

John Davey

Great Finborough and Buxhall under 5's



What a wonderful term we have had, learning all about spring animals on the farm and in and around the pond. We have learnt about everything from cows to chickens and ducks to frogs. We have also made some wonderful creations to give our lovely mums for Mother's Day. We are looking forward to next term when we will be learning all about summer fruits and flowers, planting our own vegetables to look after and see grow. We have some caterpillar's coming and will be looking forward to watching them grow into butterflies ready to watch them fly away. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather coming so we can go on a bear hunt in the woods at woodpecker hill, go bug hunting and have our snack and story time at the park.

At the moment, all our sessions are fully booked, but we will have spaces available in September, if you would like to book a space, have a chat or come and have a look, please phone Delia on 07513 140072. Or, take a look at our website at www.gfbunderfive.co.uk

Delia Prior

Buxhall & Gt Finborough o'60's Candlestick Club

Our opening meeting of 2017 is on Thursday 6 April at 7.00pm in Buxhall village hall. It takes the form of a social evening with the committee providing a few nibbles and the subscriptions being collected. An entertainer has been booked to give the evening a bit of a swing. New members are always welcome and anyone requiring a lift please give Keith a ring on 736598. See you all there

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR APRIL 2017

Sunday 2 April

Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist
Holy Communion
Worship and Messy Church
Shelland at Three
Evensong

Sunday 9 April

Matins
Holy Communion
Matins
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Procession & Palm Sunday Service

Thursday 13 April

Holy Communion

Friday 14 April

Walk of Witness
Worship and Messy Church
The Last Hour

Saturday 15 April

Family Worship for Easter Eve

Sunday 16 April

Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Family Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

Sunday 23 April

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Worship
Evensong

Sunday 30 April

Benefice Holy Communion
Benefice Holy Communion
Deanery Songs of Praise

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Little Finborough 9am
Buxhall 9.30am
Onehouse 11am
Combs 11am
Shelland 3pm
Great Finborough 6.30pm

Palm Sunday

Harleston 9.30am
Shelland 9.30am
Buxhall 9.30am
Combs 11am
Great Finborough 11am
Little Finborough 2.30pm

Maundy Thursday

Great Finborough 7.30pm

Good Friday

Onehouse 10.30am
Combs 11am
Harleston 2pm

Holy Saturday

Buxhall 5pm

Easter Day

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Buxhall 9.30am
Combs 11am
Great Finborough 11am
Little Finborough 6pm

Third Sunday of Easter

Onehouse 9.30am
Combs 11am
Stowupland 6.30pm

We meet for

Morning Prayer 10.00 am on Saturdays at St. Mary's Combs (Lady Chapel)

Holy Communion 9.30 am Wednesdays at St. John the Baptist,
Onehouse

Midday Prayer 12.00 noon on Tuesday at St. Mary's Buxhall

Evening Prayer 4.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's, Great Finborough

Great Finborough Mobile Library Service

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