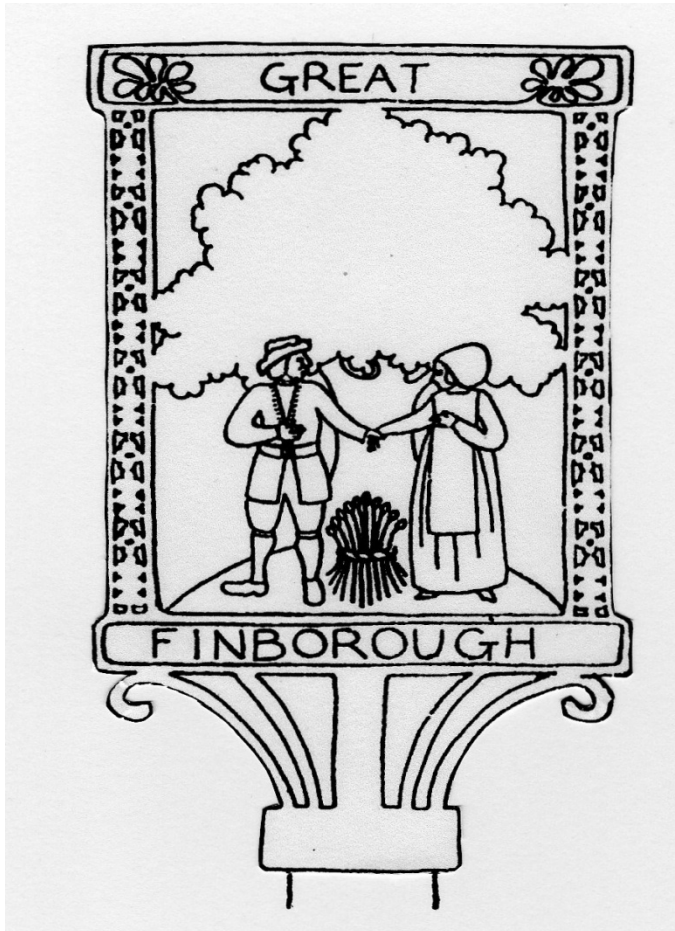


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VILLAGE DIARY – JUNE 2016

6	6 pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
11	1pm-4pm	Queens 90 th Birthday, Car Park Area
13	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
14	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
20	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
23	7am-10pm	EU referendum, Pettiward Hall
24	3pm-5pm	Pop-up Tea Room, Pettiward Hall
27	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY –JULY 2016

3	12.30-5.30	Open Gardens
9	7pm-11pm	Barn Dance, Boarded Barn
11	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016

13 June
11 July
12 September
7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

Whew! The weather has been positively Mediterranean for a few days over the last month so I hope you are all stocked up on suntan lotion and ready for what the press will no doubt soon be predicting, “a bar-b-que summer”. Remember where you heard it first.

This month will see many local celebrations for the Queens 90th Birthday, make sure you pencil in our very own Party in the (Car) Park on the 11 June, there will be lots of fun for everyone.

The Chestnut Horse is being very well looked after by Dave as we await a permanent Landlord / Lady to arrive. Please continue to support this vital village amenity during its transitional period, it's a great place to meet up with old friends and make new ones. The beers not too shabby either!

Thank you to everybody who has returned the questionnaire on the village 5 a side pitch. There is still time to return your form so make sure you have your say. If you need another form, please give me a call. The area between the sports pitch and Woodpecker Hill has now been sown with wild flower seed, so will hopefully burst forth into bright colours in the next couple of months. A big thank you to all who have given up their time to spray, plough and scatter in order to make the area more attractive for residents and wildlife alike.

The 15 June is the deadline for inclusions in the double issue (July and August) newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettle's always on. We are also still looking for an editor to share the load, so don't be shy, why not give it a go for a few months' trial period.

Finally, don't forget (as if the press would allow you to) that the EU referendum is on Thursday 23 June, when the country can finally decide to Brexit or not. Whatever happens, I'm assured it won't affect our chances of winning next year's Eurovision song contest!

Simon Tarabella

News from the Parish Council

The report of the chair of the Parish Council to the Annual Parish Council meeting 9 May 2016.

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to summarise the main activities of the Council since May 2015.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) – 2015

The APM held on 11 May 2015 was the fourth since the Parish Council's election. At the APM reports were either presented by, or received from, the Chair of the Parish Council, the District Councillor and County Councillor, Suffolk Police, the Pettward Hall Management Committee, the Garden Club, the Allotment Association, the Editor of the Village Newsletter, the Woodpecker Hill Group and the Church.

Councillors Norman Vendittelli (Chairman) Mary Preece and Ian Cameron did not seek re-election. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them all for their dedication and valuable work in helping to forge a "New" Parish Council that achieved a great deal in the past 4 years.

Parish Council

The first meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 12 May 2015. The elected Parish Councillors in 2015/2016 were:

Peter Turner (Chair) Rob Nurton (Vice Chair) Simon Tarabella Robin Fisher

Archie Gemmmell - co-opted 12 May 2015

Martin Burns - co-opted 8 June 2015

Sebastian Reeves - co-opted 14 December 2015

Paula Gladwell continued to ably serve the council in 2015/2016 and will have completed 5 years' service in November.

Parish Council Meetings

9 Formal Council Meetings took place. In addition, there have been emergency planning and work group meetings.

Responsibilities and issues addressed in 2015/2016

Precept, Budget and Finances.

The final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015 were approved. In November the Budget Working Group provided a report that enabled the council to make decisions about the future investment in

Estate maintenance, facilities and services for which it is responsible. In January 2016 the Budget Working Group recommended the budget for 2016/2017. It was resolved to approve the budget for 2016/2017 as recommended, which generated a precept requirement of £9610.00. The precept was also set. I am grateful to the councillors who assisted me in assuring an effective process for the setting of the precept.

Children's Play Area and Village Car Park

The children's play area is one of the most frequently used assets within the village. ROSPA inspection highlighted an area of concern some of the edging to the soft surface below the play equipment had caused tripping hazards. After receiving quotes it was resolved to approve a quote from SOFT SURFACING for £4257.50 + VAT to repair and replace a 200 mm edging to the surfacing below all items of equipment. Thank you to Councillor Tarabella for sourcing quotes, making recommendations and overseeing the work. Thank you also to Councillors Matthissens and Otten for the contribution of £2000.00 from their Locality Budget.

New signs have replaced the old signs at the Car Park and Play area. The signage is now in keeping with current usage and practice.

New Village Green Bench and Picnic Table

Due to the generosity of the Garden Club a maintenance free picnic table and bench have been provided for community use.

Our grateful thanks from the council for the continued support of the Garden Club to the Village.

Allotments

The allotments continue to thrive. With the the generous support of the Garden Club and the Allotment Association the tree line and hedge between Valley Lane and the allotments will be coppiced during the summer. This will allow the hedge to grow back to a manageable height which will enable the allotment association to maintain it.

Sports Field

The Council are considering ways in which we could improve the sports field facilities currently used as a five a side football pitch at Valley Lane. A questionnaire has been included in the June addition of the Newsletter and circulated to every household in the Village. A positive response from the Village will enable the Council to move this forward.

Newsletter

The Council continues to provide a newsletter for every household in

the Village. Councillor Tarabella will be giving a report later in the meeting.

Litter

Harry Hogg resigned as Litter Picker for the Village because he was going to University. Harry gave the Village excellent service and the council wished him every success. It was resolved to appoint Harry's brother George to the position and he is doing a great job.

Village Litter Pick

Volunteers from the Village carried out two major litter picks - one in November and one in March. Grateful thanks to those who helped.

Estate Management of the Greens

The Council continues to employ contractors for maintenance of the greens and their trees together with the Valley Lane footpath.

Village Facilities Streetlights

The consultation project to gauge support for replacement of the street lights in spring 2015 received very few responses and therefore it was agreed not to pursue a replacement scheme at this time. Suffolk County Council no longer carries out structural checks and to commission these checks for Village would cost £1000.00 per day. It was resolved to carry out regular inspections on all Parish Council-owned light columns and to ask S.C.C. to add a survey of our light columns to any scheduled checks they may make in future.

Community Speed Watch Scheme

The community speed watch scheme will be starting again. Volunteers have received police clearance and training. Equipment has been purchased and as soon as the speed gun has been calibrated the volunteers will be on duty in the Village.

First year of New Term of office

This meeting marks the first year of our new term of office. There are Parish Council held meetings most months which are advertised on the Village Web Site and Village Notice Boards. We would welcome residents attending these meetings where an opportunity is given in the Public participation session to air their views.

Finally, thanks to my fellow councillors and to our Parish Clerk for their sterling efforts and support in a testing first year.

Peter Turner

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 9 July. Speaker & venue will be announced in next months' newsletter.

Christian Aid Week collection May 2016

Thank you to all those who helped to raise money for Christian Aid this year and to those who gave so generously. The amount raised will be printed in the July issue of the newsletter.

Derek Ames

Hooked On Craft

Now in our second year, we have raised over £400 for charities. We try out various crafts, have fun and eat a lot of cake.

We are having a stall at the Queen's birthday celebrations in the car park June 11. Come along and meet us, some of our work will be on sale and we could discuss making bespoke products for you. See you there.

Grace Gemmell

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Parish Council

John Davey at the Community Achievement Awards Ceremony at Wherstead Park at the end of April

At the very well-organised and most enjoyable evening on 21 April at Wherstead Park, the home of the East of England Co-op which sponsored the Community Achievement Awards ceremony, in conjunction with Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, John Davey received recognition for his many years' service to the village.

Each of the thirty Award winners were the subject of a film in which the nominators were interviewed along with their nominees. Great Finborough Parish Council nominated John for his long involvement and dedicated attention to many aspects of village life, from raising money for various charities to important roles with Neighbourhood Watch, the Great Finborough and District Garden Club, the Pettiward Hall and the village Allotments Association to name but a few. Storing, mending and helping to put up the village marquee is yet another of his indispensable help for village activities.

A self-effacing and modest person John never asks for thanks or praise.

Many congratulations to John and sincere thanks from the people of Great Finborough.

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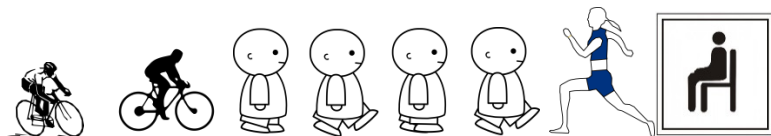
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Ride and Stride 2016

Signs of summer are finally here - it's time to get out in the fresh air!



The idea for this annual sponsored event started in Suffolk...and now Suffolk Historic Churches Trust's main fundraiser is in its 35th year!

Take part by either cycling or walking from church to church (a list of open churches is available to participants). Half the money you raise will go to your chosen church and the rest to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to enable it to make grants to churches towards repair and restoration costs.

Get a group together or cycle individually, or perhaps your Cycling Club or a group of ramblers (you could take your dog too!) would like to take part?

Churches will be open and manned by volunteers (who may also seek sponsors) from 9am until 5pm so, if you'd like to take part, *please* get in touch!

- you don't have to be a churchgoer and there's no entry fee
- there's no age limit, but children *must* be accompanied
- *you* choose your route and how far you go; cycle or walk between as few as two churches
- No requirement to find lots of sponsors – even one will be fine, or sponsor yourself!
- You may drive with a group to another part of Suffolk, be dropped off at one church* and walk to another. Have a day out!
- Don't feel energetic? No problem! Volunteer to spend 30-60 minutes welcoming and recording visitors to St Andrew's, offering them a refreshing drink and finding out where they've been and where their planned route will take them.

- Finally.... **do* remember to insert St Andrew's on your sponsor form to ensure your local church benefits!!

Go to the Events page on our website for more information
<http://www.standrewsgtfinborough.co.uk/>

Sadie Watts

Finborough Flyers

On a bright Sunday morning at the end of last month, 11 of the "flyers" managed to get together for pleasant ride out around the Battisford area covering about 15 miles. There was a vast difference in ages, bikes and cycling apparel but a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all with everybody completing the distance and arriving back in Finborough together. As the weather improves we hope to get out more regularly and fit in some evening rides. If you are interested in joining us just give me a call or drop me an email and I will keep you up to date with future rides.

I also managed to get out with two of our members on different occasions during the month on their chosen routes so thanks to Penny and the ladies for inviting me along and letting me keep up and to Matt for dragging me out and providing a wind break when needed!

Finally, well done to the young cyclist from the primary school on their completion of the Coast 2 Coast cycle route. A fantastic achievement over a very challenging course.

Simon Tarabella



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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

They say that gardeners are never satisfied but none of us could complain at the weather we have been having of late, even though it seems set to be cooler for a little while now.

The AGM, Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on was held on 12 May and attended by 28 members of the club. They had a good selection of plants and seedlings to choose from and a choice of delicious homemade cakes to go with their coffee. The business part of the meeting progressed smoothly and the Treasurer revealed that we had been able to donate £1000.00 to St Andrews church for the Loo fund as a result of Open Gardens and the profit from the purchase of bird seed resulted in a series of smaller donations to deserving projects around the village.

The meeting also confirmed that St Andrew's Church will be the recipient of the funds raised by Open Gardens 2016, again as a contribution to the refurbishment fund.

Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 3 July from 12.30pm to 5.30pm. The programme has almost been finalized, however, anyone interested in allowing us to include their garden, it does not have to be large, should let Mary Smyth know. Those opening their gardens will receive an invitation to an exclusive and select Garden BBQ, provided by the committee "on the Presidents Lawn" on the 2 July.

The event following Open Gardens will be the club Summer Social and BBQ at the Little House by kind invitation of Pat and Peter Turner. This will be on the 28 July from 7pm and details will be circulated later.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due.

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 per household per year or £2.50 per individual for a single meeting.

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

Judith Cameron

From the Rectory

The 10 May 2016 was a significant day in the life of the Christian community in Stowmarket as it saw the official opening of the first new Church of England School in the Diocese for over 40 years and the first ever in Stowmarket. 'Trinity' has 41 pupils and another 30 are expected in September from which we expect it will grow to over 300, filling the magnificent facilities of the former Combs Middle School. Bishop Martin, the Mayor of Stowmarket, local head teachers and other dignitaries engaged with the children for a memorable opening service in the school.



The night before I had attended Gt Finborough Parish Annual Meeting in a packed Pettward Hall to hear reports on most village activities and organisations. The Chair of Governors of the Church School, Mr Jamie Warner, explained amongst other things how it was significantly oversubscribed because of its outstanding reputation for academic and Spiritual development as well as in the opportunities it gives to children for sport and outdoor activities. Very well done to Mr Stephen Dodd at Gt Finborough and Mrs Linda Curran Spain at Trinity, who with their teams, give our children a remarkably good start in these two church sponsored schools.

Rev Rachel and I visit them both regularly and we remember when access to schools was easy – no security pads, buzzers and intercoms. But barriers and boundaries seem to be more integral to our lives than ever before. One of the set readings for Rogation Sunday on 1 May was from Paul's second letter to the church in Thessalonica (2.Thess.3.6-13) and that talks about relationships, father and child, neighbour and neighbour, purchaser and seller. It says how important good relationships are. How easily they go awry. Interestingly, the last teaching Jesus gave us is to love one another, a gift of peace.

And for there to be peace we need to know our boundaries and roles. Rogation Sunday was traditionally the time when parishes marked their boundaries to ensure all knew their responsibilities – who said high hedges make good neighbours?

There are good boundaries, like those placed around marriages to help and support, around children and vulnerable adults and there are those that de-mark areas of responsibility in our civil and church life. But there are bad boundaries too, like those that make this group or organisation, this nation or that, think they are better than another and denigrate others for not having the same privileges of birth or contact. There is a whole debate here on nation states and the EU which I will not enter into, but I hope that all will use their democratic right to cast their vote.

At Pentecost, just celebrated, the Spirit of God speaks into this pot of conflicting loyalties and mind-sets, begging that we might recognise each other locally, nationally and internationally as made in Gods image. Shall we thank God for showing us our responsibilities to community, loved ones, the newcomer and the stranger? Shall we ask for the Spirit of God to help us support and honour them?

And shall we ask God which boundaries need to be demolished because they are based on fear, arrogance, ignorance and thoughtlessness?

Her Majesty the Queens 90th birthday Celebrations

Everyone from the 7 parishes is most welcome at Buxhall on Sunday the 12 June at 4pm – please see service schedule – perhaps come for tea beforehand and view the displays. Similarly, Combs Barn Dance on the 11 June will include a rendition of the National Anthem and a Toast to her Majesty.

Rev Chris

The Pettiward Hall "Little Ernie"

The winners in the May draw were Doris Riseborough and Jackie Presland. They each received £8.50. Do visit our stand at the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations on 11 June. If you sign up to the lottery on the day you will be entered in a special draw for an extra prize!

Chairs

We will shortly be ordering some new upholstered chairs for the main

hall. This means that we will need to dispose of some of the old ones. If anyone knows of a local organisation that could make use of some free chairs, please let me know (see who's who). Similarly, if any residents would like one or more chairs for their own use, these can be "purchased" for a suggested donation of £5 each.

Pop-up Tea Room

There will be a Pop-up Tea Room in the hall on Friday 24 June from 3-5pm. Do come along for tea, coffee or squash and home-made cake for £2 per person. If successful, it is hoped to make this a regular, monthly event on the last Friday of the month, so please check the village noticeboards for details. Proceeds will be spent on hall improvements.

Mary Preece



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Councillor Nick Gowrley has taken over as Leader of the Council, following Councillor Haley standing down at the Annual General Meeting. With the Chief Executive giving three months' notice of her departure to Kingston upon Thames, there is a complete change at the top taking place. I am hoping this will bring about a more participative style of working in due course.

Household Waste Recycling Centre

With effect from June 1 the site at Stowmarket (and indeed Centres all across Suffolk) will be closed every Wednesday. The extended opening hours on Sundays (9-5) & Bank Holidays, together with late opening on Thursday evenings (up to 7pm) are more positive changes throughout the summer months.

Currently the Stowmarket site is achieving 80% recycling and re-use and of course I encourage all of us to use the site and especially its many recycling skips, as this will always show a saving for council tax payers compared to material going into either black bins or the landfill skip at HWRC.

John Matthissen

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At St Andrew's, Great Finborough

12 April 2016

Anita Angela Brown, died 7 March 2016

Cremation

At West Suffolk Crematorium

25 April 2016

Norman Alfred Payne of Onehouse, died 4 April 2016



WILD BIRD SEED

The next order will be placed on 6 June and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Rd. Great Finborough on Wednesday 8 June.

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 you can be advised when the seed is ready for collection.

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 Sunday 5 June.

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John Davey



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Help Wanted

I am looking for a reliable person(s) to visit and take my new puppy (golden retriever) for short walks on 3-4 weekdays commencing from late August. Can you help me? I can offer a small fee and the pleasure of a very grateful dog and its owner. Please contact Christine Smith at 4 the Green Great Finborough email: christinesmith544@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 01449 774937.

Buxhall WI

Glenda Price from the Stowmarket Sugarcraft Club made the creation of amazing sugar paste flowers look deceptively easy at our April meeting. Those of us who have tried to master the craft know that it is much harder than she made it look.

The June meeting will be our Annual Garden Party which this year will have a royal red, white and blue theme to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

Our next meeting at the village hall on 20 July will again have a royal theme with speaker Ken Stone talking about the 'Royal Year'. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Buxhall Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Jane Dolan

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 12 June. We are planning to go to Felixstowe for a walk organized by Ken and Rita Brown, meeting at Trinity Hall car park at 1.15pm to car share for the journey. Please let me know asap if you wish to attend as I need to let Ken and Rita know if we are coming. The walk is in a lovely area, do come and join us.

Sylvia Emsden 615592

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Great Finborough Allotments. Annual Report

This is our 5th year and the site is maturing nicely. I can now report a healthy population of worms, so no wonder a few moles have made their way onto the allotments as well! Last year we saw monster pumpkins, huge headed dahlias and Gerry's prize winning onions. The 3 apple trees, which thanks to the Parish Council replaced some dead amenity trees are beginning to show great promise of some yummy apples.

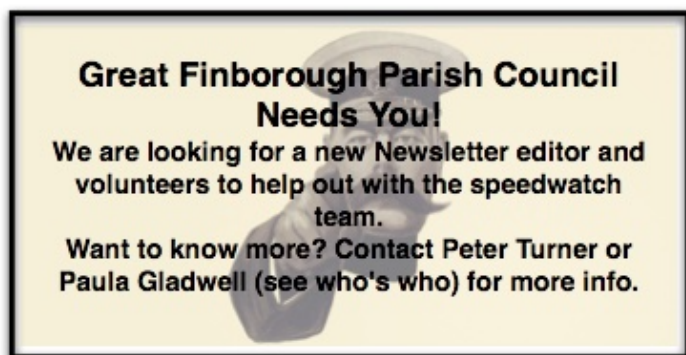
The produce stall netted £55 from donations for flowers and vegetables from the passing general public.

We had a few work parties, mainly to manage the hedge bordering the site. Later this year the roadside hedge will be reduced in height so that we can easily manage it, thanks to the garden club and Parish Council for helping to sort this problem out.

Unfortunately for differing reasons some people gave up their allotments throughout the year. However, we have filled those vacancies and currently do not have anyone on the waiting list.

The association has a modest surplus of £500 which is being held to pay for annual insurance, a contribution towards the hedging work later in the year and any repairs and equipment needed on the site.

Mary Smyth



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Great Finborough Church Primary

The children have all been working extremely hard this term, and we would like to particularly say well done to all of our Year 2 and Year 6 children who completed their national tests for English and Maths in May; you have all put in a tremendous effort! Our youngest children in Green class have also been showing their Literacy skills during a share afternoon on 7 June with parents and grandparents.

16 Year 6 pupils took part in the challenging Coast 2 Coast bike ride during half term, beginning with their bike tyres in the sea at Whitehaven in the West and cycling 134 miles to the sea at Sunderland in the East; a fantastic achievement after months of training. A big thank you to all of the staff and parents who also gave up weekends to help with training, and their May half term to complete the challenge. Year 5 will be continuing our timetable of action packed adventures this month when they travel to Wales for an exciting residential trip which will include activities such as coasteering and horse riding on the beach.

Our older children have begun cricket coaching at Battisford Cricket club as part of their P.E., and the whole school are practising their athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day on 30 June. I think everyone will have earned a well-deserved rest at the end of term next month!

Melony Mayhew

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We are all living longer than we have before. This is great news, but the age of retirement has not really changed, so people are having to make their pensions and savings go further in later life.

Here are some tips on how to help to make your money go further:

Save money on energy bills - Check with your current supplier and see if you could go on a cheaper tariff, or if they're able to fix their prices. Many energy suppliers offer a discount if you pay by direct debit each month, you could also make a saving by switching to paperless billing and managing your account online.

Claim the right benefits - There are a number of benefits that you may be eligible for in your retirement, including Pension Credit, Winter Fuel Payment, and Cold Weather Payment.

Pension Credit - Is an income-related benefit made up of 2 parts – 1. Guarantee Credit and Savings Credit. Guarantee Credit tops up your weekly income if it's below £151.20 (for single people) or £230.85 (for couples). 2. Savings Credit is an extra payment for people who saved some money towards their retirement, eg a pension.

Winter Fuel Payment - You could get between £100 and £300 tax-free to help pay your heating bills if you were born on or before 5 January 1953. Most payments are made automatically between November and December. You usually get a Winter Fuel Payment automatically if you get the State Pension or another social security. If you qualify but don't get paid automatically, you'll need to make a claim.

Cold Weather Payment - If you're getting certain benefits you'll get a payment if the temperature in your area is recorded as, or forecast to be, zero degrees celsius or below for 7 consecutive days. You'll get a payment of £25 for each 7 day period of very cold weather between 1 November and 31 March.

Save money on travel costs - In England you can get a bus pass for free travel when you reach the female State Pension age, whether you're a man or a woman.

Apply for a concessionary TV licence - Once you or someone you live with are over 74 you are eligible to apply for the over 75 free licence for your household.

Shop wisely – Plan the meals for the week this will help to reduce waste and ensure you buy what you need and are not impulse buying.

Also make use of the freezer, cook food in batches that can be frozen and used later. Freeze everyday foods like milk and bread so that can be used when needed and will reduce waste.

All these tips can all add up to make savings.

Claire Bewley

Raising Money for Church Roof Alarms

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is holding a concert at St Peter & St Paul Church Lavenham on Saturday 25 June.

One hundred and fourteen Suffolk Churches with lead roofs have now installed roof alarms to help deter the spate of roof theft that has occurred over recent months. The concert is designed to raise additional money to fund alarm systems for the remaining churches.

The Marian Consort have agreed to perform. Those who attend will be treated to an unaccompanied recital of singing by a truly outstanding vocal ensemble including some of the best young singers in the county.

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Our June outing is to the Westhorpe Farm Museum. This is on Thursday 9 June leaving Great Finborough at 09.45, Buxhall 09.50 and on to Harleston for 10.00am. We are then proceeding on to a pub lunch. Cost is £7 for the coach and pay for your own pub lunch. Please let Keith 736598 or Katie 736430 know if you wish to go on the outing.

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Sunday 5 June

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

The Second Sunday After Trinity

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

Sunday 12 June

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Flower Festival & HM Queen 90th
Birthday Celebration Service

The Third Sunday After Trinity

Harleston 9.30am
Shelland 9.30am
Onehouse 11am
Combs 11am
Buxhall 4pm

Sunday 19 June

Holy Communion
Family Service
Family Service
Family Communion
Morning Worship
Evensong

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

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

Sunday 26 June

Holy Communion
Patronal Holy Communion
(followed by a Barbecue)
Evensong

The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Combs 11am
Onehouse 11am
Little Finborough 6pm

Sunday 3 July

Holy Communion
Service on the Green
Worship and Messy Church
Open Gardens

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

Little Finborough 9am
Harleston 9.30am
Combs 11am
Great Finborough 12.30pm

We meet for

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

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