

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**November 2017
ISSUE 483**

VILLAGE DIARY – November

6	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
7	7pm	Film Night, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
11	11am-3pm	Charity Christmas Fayre, Pettiward Hall
13	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
13	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
14	9-11.30am	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
18	9am-12.30pm	Shopping & Photos, Pettiward Hall
20	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
23	4.10-4.30pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
27	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY - December

4	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
7	7pm	Garden Club Xmas Party, Pettiward Hall
11	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
12	9-11.30am	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

13 November
11 December
7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

Just two months left of 2017, where did that year go to! As we start to settle in to the routine of darker mornings and evenings can I ask all residents to keep to the speed limits through the village. As well as our willing group of speedwatch volunteers the Parish Council has now purchased a vehicle activated speed indicator device which will be deployed around various sites in the village. Hopefully it will serve to remind all of the need to keep a close eye on their speed.

November sees the National day of remembrance for members of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in service of our country. There will be various acts of remembrance in the local area, please see inside for further details.

After a false start (it was put in Buxhall's telephone box), the defibrillator is now installed in the old village telephone box just across the road from the car park. Training days will be organized and published when known.

As the run up to the festive season starts there are two events in Pettiward Hall where you might pick up a few stocking fillers, see "Village Diary" on the opposite page. There is also a film night which can hopefully become a regular occurrence if we get enough support.

I know there has been some discontent with the reliability of the Post Office van on Mondays and Tuesdays but things seem to be back on track so I urge you all to make use of its services as required.

The next issue of the newsletter is a double issue, so deadline for items for the December / January newsletter is 15 November. 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.

Simon Tarabella

Parish Council Matters

Extracts from the Parish Council meeting held on the 16 October.

Councillor Matthissen's report – The summary of this report can be read on page 6 of the Newsletter. The Parish Council expressed its frustration that local views seemed not to be being considered with regards to boundary reviews.

Provision of Defibrillator – This equipment has now been received and it was reported as being fitted. Concern was expressed that it had been fitted in the wrong location as the village phone box was still empty. Parish Clerk agreed to check on fitting location. (Post meeting note – defibrillator was located as being fitted in error in Buxhall's phonebox, since been removed and relocated to Great Finborough). Training sessions and a resident awareness programme will be arranged and promulgated in due course.

Provision of Speed Indicator Device – Once again, this equipment has now been purchased and received. Locations have been agreed and posts fitted although one post is in wrong location and will be refitted. Training for volunteers to locate the device in the agreed locations to take place in due course.

Annual Playground Report – This was noted and as only minor risks identified it was agreed that these would be addressed during monthly playground inspection by Councillor's Turner and Tarabella.

Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – It was agreed a response would be formulated and submitted by closing date

Village Litter Pick – Organised for 26 November at 10.00am, meet in village car park.

The next Parish Council will be held 13 November

Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk

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Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 14 November – Coffee Morning 0930 – 1130

Thursday 16 November – Quiz Night 2000 til late

Friday 15 December – Carols in the Chestnut Horse 1700



News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Representing Onehouse, Great Finborough, Buxhall, Harleston and Shelland

Your District Council

I fully respect that the Village News is not the place for political comment and my update here is based on a wish to ensure you are sufficiently informed to make your own judgement.

In recent months representing our five villages, whilst always a privilege, has been an increasingly frustrating and ultimately embarrassing role. I have voted against the change to Cabinet Governance and also the Headquarters move to Ipswich while having mixed feelings about the principle of a full merger with Babergh District. What has been unsatisfactory is the way in which each of these three major changes has been decided by the controlling Conservative Group in private before confirmation at formal meetings presented with questionable justification. Embarrassment (and extra cost) has come from the failure to agree terms with staff before committing to timing for the Ipswich move, and consequent delay.

The move towards merger has been announced despite the ongoing disruptive effects of the now-delayed move to Ipswich, while you the residents will shortly be faced with a third consultation, about the merger, in addition to current questions about changing our ward boundaries and about the Local Plan.

Boundary Review

Recommendations from the Boundary Commission would link Harleston and Shelland with Rattlesden while joining our other three villages with Combs. This flies in the face of close links between Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland which I and others emphasised in initial submissions for the Review. I urge everyone to contest this recommendation which results from single-minded pursuit of equal numbers of electors in each Ward, setting that far above community cohesion. <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/suffolk/mid-suffolk> or just email them at **reviews@lgbce.org.uk**

Local Plan

Please look at the maps showing areas considered for possible development over the next twenty years. Consultation on this first stage

closes on 10 November.

Locality Grants

I have had a number of bids from groups in the area but there is still an opportunity if your voluntary organisation has a particular project that needs a little help.

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

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The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The winners in the October draw were Rodney Self and Irene Bugg. They each received £8.75.

Parking

Can I remind all those using the hall to observe the "No Parking" signs which are prominently displayed on the building? The only exception is short-term parking for the loading or unloading of equipment or dropping off a disabled person. Cars should then be moved either to one of the village car parks or the main road. Lorries and farm vehicles use the lane and there have been a number of near misses with parked cars. Now that the clocks have gone back, it gets darker earlier and there are children arriving and departing in the dark. Parked cars on Valley Lane, which has no street lights, cause a hazard as they block sight lines up and down the road. Parents taking children to the hall or collecting them should park in the car park or the main road and walk to and from the hall. Organisers of events and meetings should make their guests aware of the above. Thank you for your co-operation.

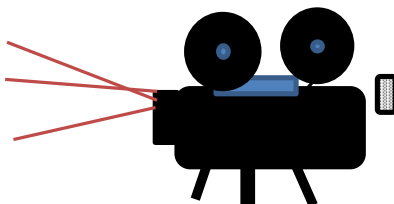
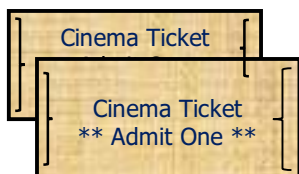
Mary Preece

Finborough Film Night

A group of us are going to try and show a film in Pettiward Hall once a month starting on Tuesday 7 November with the film "Sully" starring Tom Hanks. How this project develops, will in many ways, depend on the feedback we get. As can be seen from the advert, the film starts at 7pm, you pay on the door and there is an interval about half way through. We are open to suggestions about which films to show, how much to charge, concessions, should it be a club, etc. So please come along on Tuesday, enjoy the film and let us know what you think .

Chris, Debbie, Mary and Norman (07930338580)

FINBOROUGH FILM NIGHT



Don't miss our next exciting screening –

'SULLY' starring Tom Hanks 12A

In January 2009 the world witnessed the "Miracle on the Hudson" when an American commercial pilot tries to make an emergency landing on New York's Hudson River after US Airways Flight 1549 strikes a flock of Geese.

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Pettiward Hall
Tuesday 7th November 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.

For more information please contact **Norman Vendittelli** on
07930 338580

A date for your diary

We are once again holding a Christmas Fayre at Pettiward Hall Great Finborough on Saturday 11 November 2017 from 11.00am to 3.00pm. There will be a good variety of stalls, including Crafts, Christmas gifts, home-made preservers, Jewellery, cards, cakes, tombola and a raffle. As well as the stalls, we will also be serving delicious home-made refreshments. Free Admission

Fund-raising for EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) charity number 1069284

for more information contact Marion Mason - 01449 675447
Thank you,

Marion EACH Volunteer

Buxhall Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported our Macmillan coffee morning at Buxhall Village hall on the 30 September. We are very grateful to those that were able to attend and to those that donated cakes and prizes.

We are delighted to inform you that we raised £488.49 for Macmillan.

Julie Francis

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.

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Hooked on Craft

We have enjoyed another successful productive year trying all kinds of crafts some better than others. A new line this year is cute Scottie Dogs/Door stops.

Come along to see us at the Annual Christmas Fayre in Pettiward Hall on 11 November.

We will also be hosting the Christmas Coffee morning at the Chestnut Horse on the 12 December. Hope to see you there.

Grace Gemmell (774595)



Great Finborough Parish Council Needs You!

We are looking for a new Newsletter editor and volunteers to help out with the speedwatch team.

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From the Rectory November 2017

Mid October has been blessed this year with some warm dry weather just before the Feast Day of St Luke on the 18 October and, as I write, it is warmer outside the Rectory than in. This mini heatwave is often known as 'St Luke's little summer'. We celebrated him on 15 October at Buxhall with Evensong and rightly so because he is the most prolific of all the New testament writers with not only the Gospel that stands in his name but reputedly the whole of the Acts of the Apostles. St Luke's Gospel is noted for



- a) It's **humanity**; in that he shows characters feelings and reactions. Mary 'was greatly troubled' when the angel Gabriel spoke to her etc
- b) It's **sympathy**; the story of the Good Samaritan is surely one of the most powerful in showing that everything should be overridden by care and concern for others.
- c) It's **mercy**; who but Jesus, at a time of terrible suffering as he is nailed to the cross, could have compassion on another – remember his words to the thieves next to him?
- d) It's **practicality**; the story of the dogged widow who keeps coming back for justice which the judge denies her over and over again until it pays off. Prayer can be like that, for it doesn't change God at all – it changes us as we come to accept Gods will - sometimes even happily.

St Luke is often regarded as having been a doctor and certainly he is the patron of many medical organisations. In a way, he ought to be our overriding saint because what other 4 words can be better describe the Christian ethos which are often paramount at times of war and tragedy? November is a time for remembering – join us at Combs or Buxhall for the special services if you can. At Buxhall, the Stowmarket Concert Band will be with us. There will be an act of remembrance at Lt Finborough too in the afternoon. With all good wishes

Rev Chris

Around the Parishes

Our Advent course will take place on Monday afternoon at 3pm at the Rectory on Monday 27 Nov and following until the 18 Dec. Please make an effort to come. No prior knowledge is expected. Each one is 'standalone'. More details from Rev Chris or in the Pew Sheet

All our Church Councils have now approved the appointment by the Bishop of new Elders and their training is well underway. It should be complete by the spring and then we shall have a Licensing service. They are Sue Budd (Lt Finborough), Dave Fenton (Harleston) and Jake Lees and Martyn Key (Combs). Thank you to each one for their commitment and please pray for them in their training and work.

The work in St Andrews, Gt Finborough is likely to be finished and wonderful it looks too. A special event for the parish is to be planned and once again I thank so many people who have undertaken the work freely for the church. Sadie Watts is the real star as our project manager.



For our Children we now have Messy Church at Gt Finborough (as well as Combs on the 1st Sunday) – 2nd Sunday of each month at 3pm all welcome

The Combs and Lt Finborough Lunch club were pleased to hear the school choir sing at their gathering in September and we look forward to more entertainment as time goes on. If you would like to come please let me know. The cost is £3.75.

Combs Choir are delighted to have *found* Maggie from Gt Finborough as their excellent new accompanist (and singer). It was good to hear them combined with Buxhall's choir at the end of October and perhaps more joint ventures may occur

Don't forget the Men's Breakfast on the 11 November at Buxhall Village Hall when we shall be pleased to hear from Stuart Watson, the football writer in the EADT. Details on page 16.

**St Andrews, Gt Finborough
Funerals**

Aster Margaret BRIDGER

Died 11 September 2017 aged 71

Funeral service at St Andrew's Church on 4 October 2017

William Noel BROWN

Died 4 August 2017 aged 75

Funeral service at St Andrew's Church on 12 September 2017

Leah MASON

Died 20 August 2017 aged 94

Funeral service at St Andrew's Church on 20 September 2017



**St John the Baptist, Onehouse
Funerals**

Caroline Louise SMITH

Died 4 October 2016 aged 43

Interment of Ashes at Onehouse Churchyard on 4 October 2017

Beryl May HURST

Died on 2 September 2017 aged 87

Funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium on 21 September 2017

**St Mary's, Buxhall
Funerals**

Michael Donald CHATT

Died 16 September 2017 aged 81

Funeral service at St Mary's Church on 28 September 2017

Joyce Mary SMITH

Died 5 December 2016 aged 95

Interment of Ashes at St Mary's Church on 11 September 2017

Men's Breakfast
Saturday 11 November 2017
in Buxhall Village Hall at 8.0am

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Stowmarket _____ Chorale

FORTHCOMING EVENTS as at 7 October 2017

Friday 17 November 2017 Quiz Night at The Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket. 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Teams of 6, £14 per person to include a fish/sausage/veggie and chip supper. Contact tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk to book a place.

Saturday 9 December 2017 Christmas Concert at Stowmarket Parish Church, with children's choir from South Lees School, Bury St Edmunds. 7pm, Contact tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk to book your ticket.

Sunday 18 March 2018 We welcome Alexander L'Estrange and his jazz band, together with children from South Lee School, Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Primary School and Great Finborough Primary School, to perform Alexander L'Estrange's *Zimbe* (Songs of Africa) and John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds at 4pm. Contact the Apex Box Office for tickets. 01284 75800 www.theapex.co.uk



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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

Autumn has arrived and the leaf colour has been spectacular, but the level of rainfall has still not been enough to make the soil easily workable, or not in my garden, so putting the garden to bed for the winter is the next task in hand as soon as the soil is moist enough to get a fork into.

Our meeting this month was a talk by Andrew Brogan who very amusingly described how he almost single-handedly has made the most amazing garden at Henstead. It all started with a job move to Norwich 12 years ago and now is a lush and beautiful garden full of exotic plants and trees which *do* survive in East Anglia's dry climate. The nursery is now seen at the major garden and local county shows and has featured on TV.

November's meeting is on 9 November at the usual time of 7.30pm and features a wine tasting, led by Jillian Macready from Ickworth vineyard with a talk on her experiences of growing wine grapes in Suffolk.

Please put the date for the Christmas party in your diaries. This will take place on 7 December, with nibbles and mulled wine. There will also be a demonstration of Christmas flower arranging by Patricia Shepard. It will be held in the main hall downstairs and will start at 7.00pm, half an hour earlier than our normal meeting time. Further details to follow.

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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The October meeting was an enjoyable afternoon with Bring, Buy and Bingo. The Bring, Buy and draw raised £70 for club funds. The Bingo was a little bit of fun and entertained the club members. Our November meeting is on Thursday 2 November at 2.00 pm in the Buxhall Village Hall. We have managed to get Brian Gooderham to come and show his slides and talk about village life in times past. A very interesting talk, so please don't miss it. Janet will also be taking names and deposits for the Christmas lunch. This year we are going to the Cedars Hotel in Stowmarket. A coach has been booked to leave Great Finborough at 11.30 am and Buxhall Village Hall at 11.45 am. This has been sponsored by the club so please take advantage of it. The lunch has been booked for 12.00 noon for 12.30. Any questions please ring Keith 736598 or Janet 723717.

Keith Proctor

Is it too early to mention Christmas???

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

Can you help Healthwatch Suffolk to shape and improve home care services?

Healthwatch Suffolk is exploring people's experiences of accessing home care services (domiciliary care). It is an opportunity for you, your friends or family members to influence and improve these services now and for the future.

The watchdog wants to hear from people that are currently using home care services, have used them in the past or those who may need help at home but have been unable to obtain support in the county.

Domiciliary care is care provided in a person's home. Sometimes it is called home care or 'Support to Live at Home'. Home care can include support with things like helping people to get out of bed, washing, dressing, getting to work, cooking meals, eating, seeing friends, caring for families and being part of the community.

Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

Sharing your experiences couldn't be easier

If you are currently using a service, Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to take part in a short survey. You can access it using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/homecareinsuffolk>

If you are not currently accessing support or would prefer not to feedback online, please contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 08004488234 (Freephone) or by email to info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk. Hard copies of the survey and other formats are available on request.

Emma Gaskell
Healthwatch Suffolk

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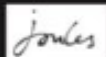
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5 Nov

All Saints Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland
11.00 am	Worship and Messy Church	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
6.30 pm	Evensong	Great Finborough

12 Nov

Remembrance Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Buxhall
10.50 am	Remembrance & Holy Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evensong with an Act of Remembrance	Little Finborough

19 Nov

Second Sunday before Advent

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
9.30 am	Matins	Shelland
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
6.30 pm	Evensong	Buxhall

26 Nov

Christ the King

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Patronal Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

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	Evensong	Great Finborough

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,
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