

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2016

7	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
8	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
9	12-2pm	Lent lunch, Maple Lodge
10	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
12	8-9.30am	Mens Breakfast, Buxhall Village Hall
14	2pm	Coffee Caravan, Buxhall Village Hall
14	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
16	7.30pm	Buxhall WI Meeting, Buxhall Village Hall
19	12-2pm	Charity Soup Lunch, St Mary's, Buxhall
20	10am	Litter Pick, Village Car Park
23	7.30pm	Open Evening and AGM, Pettiward Hall
21	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY –APRIL 2016

11	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
12	9.30-11.30	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
14	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016

14 March

11 April and Annual Parish Meeting

9 May.

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

As there has been a noticeable lack of editorial candidates beating a path to the door I'm afraid you will have to put up with me editing the Newsletter again this month!

As we move into the new month I would like to say we could look forward to some warmer weather and brighter days but as I write this a light dusting of snow has just fallen and the temperatures have dropped so its important that we keep an eye on our more vulnerable residents to ensure they are safe and well. At least the daffodils that are starting to open among our village green spaces show promise of sunnier days ahead.

A warm welcome to Chris and Matilda who have recently moved into the village on the green. Also, welcome to the newly arrived Post Office van which is open for business in the car park Wednesday and Thursday of each week, 2pm to 4pm. It carries out all normal Post Office services apart from passport renewal. Please try and use this facility for your regular or occasional postal needs. This is very much a trial period and as the old adage goes, use it or lose it. A big thank you to Cat Jones, who was instrumental in getting the service instigated.

A reminder for everybody that this month includes Mothering Sunday and Easter weekend. As well as the religious services and events taking place, Easter Monday will see the historic race of the Boggmen. The activities and race finale will be centred around the village pub so make sure you come along and have a great time with the family.

If you know anyone leaving the village or moving in please let me have their details so we can give them an official village welcome or send off. The 15 March is the deadline for inclusions for next months newsletter so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettles always on.

And finally, as well as being Easter day, March 27 is the start of British Summer Time, so don't forget to put your clocks forward!

Simon Tarabella

News from the Parish Council

Speedwatch – CAN YOU HELP – We are now in a position to start the Speedwatch scheme again, we have a couple of volunteers who together with some of our councillors have kindly agreed to give some time to help reduce the speeds of traffic through the village. We really do need to see a few more new volunteers come forward to help make sure that the scheme is truly effective now that we have it back up and running. We desperately need people on the ground in a HI VIS so if you think you could help by giving up a couple of hours a month then please contact me or any of your councillors.

The Community Speed Watch initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment. It addresses the problem of speeding through the joint work of the police, local community, parish councils and other partners.

The aim is not to catch as many speeding drivers as possible but to reduce speed in areas of concern.

Community Speed Watch informs drivers that excessive speed is socially unacceptable and helps to re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding while addressing concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their neighbourhoods. Police forces across the country implementing the initiative can show a reduction in overall average speeds, and a significant reduction in drivers travelling well above the speed limit, which highlights the benefits of the scheme. Please help if you can.

Dog poo - Again a reminder – Complaint about dog poo is one of the most common cause of concern raised to the parish council. It is every dog owner's duty to clean up after his or her dog and it is no defence to claim ignorance of your dog's actions. Dog mess is a nuisance, at the least it can cover shoes and clothes and at worst contact with canine excrement can lead to blindness due to a worm carried by dogs called "Toxocara Canis".

Toxocara canis is a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs are found in dog mess, which can easily be picked up by young children. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness. The eggs can remain active in the soil for many years, long after the dog mess has weathered away.

Dog owners **please** clean up after your dog in public places – If your dog fouls in a public place, you must clean up the mess under the Dog Act 1996. Always carry a poop scoop or a bag to carry the mess to a dog bin. There are several provided by the parish council around the village. If there isn't a dog mess bin on your route, take it home and dispose of it there. Failure to clean up after your dog can mean anything from the issue of a fixed penalty ticket of £50 to prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

If you see this offence happening **REPORT IT**. You can report dog fouling that isn't cleaned up to your local council, Call 0845 606 6067 or email customerservices@csduk.com If possible, give details such as the name and address of the offender or, if not, a good description of them and their dog.

We can all help to make this disgusting problem better.

UPDATE

Action is currently being taken against a village resident for persistent failure to clean up after their dog.

All residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings where a time is set-aside at the beginning to give you the opportunity to speak to the council on any matter relating to the village. Please come along and raise any issues of concern, make a statement about local matters or draw issues to council's attention. Each meeting commences promptly at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. All meetings are advertised on the village notice board with a copy of the agenda. District Councillor John Matthissen and County Councillor Penny Otton attend meetings regularly so if you have any issues you think they could help with as part of their District and County responsibilities don't hesitate to come along and question them, they would be pleased to meet you.

Paula Gladwell

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Thank you all

It has been such fun editing the newsletter over the last 7 years, and I will miss it. Thank you to the regular and occasional contributors who have been a pleasure to work with. I have really appreciated feedback from readers over the years and have been surprised and gratified by the number of residents who have taken the trouble to contact me in the last two months with their good wishes and support for the decision I made to step down. I even had a call from Jersey! I am also grateful to the parish councillors who have been supportive and who presented me with the most fantastic garden implements. These have already been put to good use. I shall remain a huge fan of the newsletter as I think we are so lucky to have it.

Sally Gooch

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

What a muddle of a winter it has been, the weather doesn't seem to have made up its' mind what sort of a winter we should have had, but spring is on the way even if it may have a sting in the tail!!

The start of the new garden club year was the meeting on the 11 February, when Karen Kenney gave us a talk on weeds and how to manage them without removing their nutrient and humus potential from our soil by covering them, even the real horrors such as ground elder, either with thick mulch or other barrier to kill annuals, prevent germination of already present seeds, or bring roots to the surface for easier removal.

The next meeting in the Pettiward Hall, on Thursday 11 March at 7.30 pm will be a talk by Colette Barrere titled 'Bressingham, the way we were' the story of Alan Bloom's passion for perennials.

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 for an individual meeting. For further information, contact either:

John Davey on 674401 or Judith Cameron on 672978.

Judith Cameron

From the Rectory

At Gt Finborough on Easter Eve as daylight mixes with night we shall gather and start a new fire from which we shall ignite our Paschal candle. Then we shall all celebrate in church with an act of worship including the renewal of our Baptismal vows, refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome at 4pm as we remember the New Life of the resurrected Jesus on Easter Day.



We have been deluged with Baptisms recently –3 at Little Finborough in just over a month and goodness knows how many booked in at Combs, even Harleston has one in July and I make a point of re-lighting the Easter Candle and passing that light to the individuals' Baptismal candle. I always explain the Christian concept of 'The Light of Christ'. As I do, I register strongly that Christians are not necessarily bringing God's Light into an entirely dark world or to people who have no concept of it. Arguably neither did Christ himself. We live in a world of shades of grey.

The fact that there were daffodils out in December and many other flowers seemed not to know they were supposed to be saving their blooms until the spring, makes the point. We all know that it was the unusually warm weather that caused the early flowering but it did seem 'wrong'. When we were young, winters were WINTERS and summers were SUMMERS. Many of us remember '76. Fewer will remember '63. Amidst the dark of this winter there are blooms, we don't remember it being like that.

Amidst darkness there is light and amidst injustice there is truth. Remember Maximilian Kolbe the priest who gave his life for another in Auchwitz? Governor Pilate asked at Jesus' trial, 'What is truth?' No black or white for him. It has been said 'Easter says you can put truth in the grave but it won't stay there'.

At Easter Christians especially mark the fact the fact that they can put behind them that which is wrong - having struggled to discern throughout Lent - and reach out to that which is good. Of course that is done each Sunday but it has particular resonance at Easter. The man they put in the grave got out because he was truth and he brought light.

Will each of us make a new start this Easter to try and do something for others, to be better, to show more support for those in need – to follow Christ's Light? That's not to say good things haven't been done in the past but it might be to say we will live a' *lighter*' or '*newer*' life.

You will find a warm welcome in any of the churches at Easter and all will have a special celebration associated with the bringing in of the Light of Christ.

I hope there will be good support for a Church sponsored new venture in Buxhall to try and combat the obvious loneliness in so many of our communities as we see the arrival of the Coffee Caravan on Monday 14 March at 2pm at the Village Hall. Hopefully it will turn into a regular Community event for all. I also hope you will be able to support the Lent Lunches.

If any village organisations would like to advertise weekly through the Pew Sheets please send to Combsandfinboroughparishes@aol.com. We circulate to about 80 people per week.

Rev Chris

The Pettiward Hall Open Evening and AGM

On Wednesday, 23 March we will be holding an Open Evening in the main hall, commencing at 7.30pm. This coming October it will be 80 years since the hall became our village hall. Do come along to find out about the history of the hall, see the latest improvements we have made and hear about our plans for the future. Free refreshments will be available. The evening will start with the AGM of the Great Finborough Village Hall charity – a short meeting when residents vote to appoint the charity's trustees for the coming year and the accounts and annual report are presented. The existing trustees are willing to stand for re-election but we need one more person to become a trustee and up to two additional people can be co-opted. If you feel you can spare a little time and are interested in joining us, please contact me in the first instance.

We would like to encourage some more regular activities in the hall. The committee have come up with a list of possibilities, so if anyone is interested in running an activity or class (maybe starting with a "taster session" to gauge interest), know someone who would be willing to do so or would like to attend such a session, please get in touch. We can discuss this further at the Open Evening, but here is our list of suggestions:-

Knit & Natter Art Colouring for Adults Basic Baking Cake Decoration Simple Sewing Flower Arranging Crafts Singing Dancing Drama Keep Fit Music Appreciation Film Club Slimming World/Weightwatchers Discos Youth Club Beavers/Cubs/Rainbows Games afternoons/evenings Pop-up Tea Room.

"Little Ernie" Lottery

The winners in February were Paul Presland and Doris Risborough, each receiving £8.75. The current lottery scheme ends in March and a new scheme will start on 1 April. Over the last two years the lottery has raised £368.50 for the hall which has been spent on major improvements including new heating, smoke & heat detectors linked to the fire alarm, stage curtains, acoustic panels and window blinds. Our own fundraising efforts enable us to secure grant-funding, without which improvements such as these would not be possible. Please consider purchasing one or more tickets at £12 each (one ticket gives you one chance per month, two tickets give two chances etc.). Fifty percent of receipts is given back in prize money so the more tickets that are sold, the higher the value of the prizes. Please complete the form and return it to me at South Lodge, High Road (the house on the corner of the main drive to Finborough School) by 25 March. We will happily collect the form and payment if that is more convenient – please telephone me on 771360 or email mary.preece1@btinternet.com to arrange.

Mary Preece

I wish to join the Pettiward Hall "Little Ernie" Lottery scheme and enclose £..... (£12 per number) for numbers. Cash or cheque payable to **Great Finborough Village Hall** please.

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Church Maintenance

There is a lot of building work happening in our Churches at present and we are certainly keeping the Diocesan Faculty (Planning) System busy let alone ourselves with the monumental task of maintaining and improving these beautiful buildings in our midst. If you can help in any way, please speak to me. The administration task alone is enormous.

In my long experience the most challenging has always been St Andrews Great Finborough because of the sheer quality and detail of the original workmanship, now at the end of its life, coupled with a general antipathy to Victoriana throughout most of the last century. The roof and drainage repair work is due to start shortly and thank you to those who have been generous to the church Council, who are all volunteers and really do their best to maintain this treasure.

Combs should be completely repaired by the autumn and up to A1 condition thanks to remarkable support from so many and now the PCC has approved tentative plans to get the Bells ringing for the Centenary of the end of WW1. Many of us think that is a fitting tribute to our heritage but more particularly to those who gave their lives.

Shelland and Harleston have severe problems with their turrets and in Little Finborough, a rotten timber in the west wall is causing great concern. Buxhall forges ahead with plans for glass exterior doors to reduce the drafts and perhaps a new internal glass wall to the tower arch. Onehouse is very proud of its wonderful plans for virtually rebuilding Trinity Hall.

Once again, if you can help in any way please contact me or any member of the various PCC's.

Rev Chris

Buxhall Quiz Night

Another fun quiz night will be held in Buxhall Village Hall on Saturday 19 March at 7.30pm. Entry fee £3.00 per person, please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book you or your team in please contact Mim / Keith on 736598 by 18 March. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds, any draw prizes greatly appreciated.

Mim Proctor

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

We welcome into the family of Christ's Church

At St Mary, Buxhall

23 January 2016, Sophia Alice Miller

Parents: James Edward Patrick Miller and Sally-Jane Miller

Cremation

At West Suffolk 2 February 2016

Patricia Dawson of Harleston, died 10 January 2016 aged 82

At West Suffolk 3 February 2016

Leslie George Sheldrake of Gt Finborough, died 9 January 2016, aged 77



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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The Care Quality Commission monitors and regulates services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety. It has a legal duty to listen to the things Local Healthwatch say about services. As your local watchdog on health and social care services, Healthwatch Suffolk is best placed to inform the work of the CQC with the experiences of local people in Suffolk.

Whether you had a good or a bad experience, it is easy to share your story. Simply visit the Healthwatch Suffolk website www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk where you can search for the service and leave a review, call 01449 703949 or email info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk.

Michael Ogden



Latest WSCCG newsletter is published

The latest edition of the NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group newsletter has just been published.

Highlights include:

- High level of satisfaction with GP practices in west Suffolk
- Continuing support for children with asthma and epilepsy
- First class stroke care delivered in west Suffolk
- Your invite to give input to review of eye care services at special event on 1 March

Read the newsletter here:

http://www.weatsuffolkccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/WSCCGNewsletter_FebMarch2016_VFINAL.pdf

St Andrew's Church coffee morning

The Next coffee morning at the Chestnut Horse will be on Tuesday 8 March. £1.50 for cake and tea or coffee with a raffle and tombola. A warm welcome to everyone guaranteed. Proceeds to St Andrews church and CAMHS

Irene Bugg

Finborough Flyers

Thank you to all those who replied to my query about a cycling group. We have had enough interest to arrange a social ride out and are just waiting for the weather to be kind to us. Anybody still out there that's undecided, get off the fence and onto your bike! We aim to cater for all levels of cycling fitness and the main idea is to have a good time whilst having some exercise and exploring our countryside.

Simon Tarabella

Onehouse Ramblers

It was encouraging to have 3 new walkers join us in January. Hopefully as footpaths dry out, conditions for walking will improve.

The next walk will be on Sunday 20 March for a walk of about 4 miles along local footpaths. Meet in Trinity Hall car park at 2.30pm.

Derek Ames (613328)

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Award for Great Finborough Resident

Congratulation to John Davey who has been chosen to receive one of the fifteen Community Achievement Awards presented annually by Babergh / Mid Suffolk District.

John has been an invaluable member of this community for 30 years. His achievements are numerous. He established the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the mid 1990's and has remained as coordinator. A long standing member of the Garden Club, he has been Chairman for the last 10 years. Together with his committee, he has inspired a flourishing organisation which as well as providing informative and well attended monthly meetings also organises the village Open Gardens Day which raises large sums for local charities. As an additional money raiser for charity, he organises the ordering and delivery of wild bird seed within the community. Over the last decade approximately £18,000 has been donated to good causes including EACH, St Andrew's church, the village primary school, Pettiward Hall and the allotment association, to name but a few.

He was to the fore in the recent creation of the village allotments and has also spent much of his time in recent years improving and maintaining the facilities within Pettiward Hall. He was the instigator in creating the daffodil display which bursts forth every Spring throughout the village and has just sourced and installed a new picnic table and bench around the village green areas.

John is always willing and able to help out any organisation or individual within the community whether by prior planning or in a crisis. He never asks for thanks or praise but he could be said to be worthy of the title 'Mr Great Finborough' but his modesty would lead him to be embarrassed by such praise.

The award will be presented to him at Wherstead Park on the evening of Thursday 21 April. Very well done John!

Great Finborough Parish Council

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Derek Ames (T: 613328)

Men's Breakfasts

The next Men's Breakfast for the early rising male will be held on Saturday 12 March at Buxhall village hall 8-9.30am. Thomas Jewers is the speaker looking at the future of farming. To book full English or continental breakfast please ring Derek Ames on 613328.

John Kendall

Women's World Day of Prayer

A service will be held at Buxhall church this year on Friday 4 March at 2.15pm. This Service is not just for ladies, everyone is welcome. The service has been compiled by the Women of Cuba this year. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Buxhall W.I.

David Barker bought a collection of bygone agricultural and household implements to our January meeting, and members were invited to 'Guess what is it? A bunion stretcher? A horse hair singer? An evil eye stone to ward away bad spirits? Lots of our guesses were very imaginative if totally incorrect!

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Buxhall Village Hall. The Hearing Centre will be our speakers at the meeting on the 16 March. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Jane Dolan

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Julia Baldwin



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Finborough School

There were 31 comments on the planning application by the time a number of residents attended the Planning Committee meeting on 3 February at which it was decided by Mid Suffolk District Council that up to 30 commercial events per year can take place in the first floor of the sports hall but that amplified music must have the volume controlled by a sound limiting device, and that it must stop at 23.30 hours on Saturdays and Sundays and at 22.30 hours on the other days. Fireworks must not be used and there cannot be more than one event with music per week. Cars must be parked in accordance with the original planning consent for the building of the hall.

Concern was expressed by councillors about the potential impact on the boarding pupils at the school as well as near neighbours. The parish council's opposition to the application was noted, as was the open investigation into whether the building was built too high and contrary to the planning consent. Most importantly, in a decision the committee members described as 'finely balanced', approval was given only for 3 years to encourage the potential nuisance to the village community to be properly managed by Mr Sinclair who explained that the profit from the events is needed to improve the financial viability of the School.

Sally Gooch

Buxhall and Great Finborough Candlestick Club

This is just a reminder that the candlestick club will re-awaken on Thursday 7 April 2016 at 7pm in the form of a social evening. We have managed to obtain the services of a global superstar to entertain us. The committee will be providing a few nibbles and Janet will be collecting subscriptions. We are also meeting with Onehouse over 60's to discuss planned outings and visits throughout the summer so any ideas, please let me know. Please support your local candlestick club and any new members wishing to join are always very welcome. More news in next months newsletter.

Keith Proctor

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Tarabella

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Stowmarket and District Camera Club

The annual Tripod Competition between Framlingham, Wymondham and hosted by Stowmarket took place on 25 January. The judge, Brian Carlick LRPS, gave good critique and was generally impressed with the standard of the entries, which was 8 DPIs and 8 prints from each club. We failed to beat the invited clubs with Wymondham coming 1st with 294 points, Framlingham 2nd with 272.5 and Stowmarket 3rd with 269.5 points. The evening was, as usual, a bit of a social event with a buffet provided by Stowmarket.

The Ray Giffin Tankard for Wildlife was judged by Phil Chatfield on February 8th. The members really stepped up for this competition and this made it difficult for the judge to find a winner. However, Geoff Walker was the winner with his fabulous picture entitled 'butt out' – two antelopes butting each other.

Next Meeting: Mar. 14 - Open Competition (4): Judge Alan Sarby

Regular meetings are held at Stowmarket Community Centre, Hillside, Stowmarket, IP14 2BD, usually on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month between September & June. We start arriving at around 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. We'd love to see you there, so why not join us?

For more information see our web site

www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net

ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

Thursday Nights

7.30-9.30pm:

10, 24 and 31 March

14 and 28 April

In Trinity Hall (Church Room), Onehouse

Bats & balls provided. £2 per session including refreshments.

We welcome new players.

Give me a ring for further details.

Derek Ames (613328)

"Clean for the Queen" Initiative

This is a campaign run by Country Life and supported by Keep Britain Tidy. Its aim is to clean up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

When she came to the throne litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, countryside and sense of pride. What better way could we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?

In order to support this campaign, we have organised a **village litter pick** for Sunday 20 March starting at 10am from the village car park. Gloves, Hi Vis jackets, litter grabs and bags will be provided. This is the best time to give our village a good spring clean before the verges become overgrown and make the picking of litter more of a challenge.

Our resident litter picker does a fantastic job of keeping the village looking clean and cared for and this is an ideal opportunity to have a deep clean in some of the more difficult to access areas in order to have the village looking its best in time for the Royal celebrations.

Peter Turner



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Children's – Easter Trail

(parent/carer to escort their child)

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Amy Burgess



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**Tell us about
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West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Thursday 3rd March 2016

Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM

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Stowmarket & District Lions Club



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Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2016

Opening Times: Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4pm

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Friday 4th March 2016, from 7.30pm

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH 2016

Sunday 6 March

Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist
Family Service
Matins
Family Service and Baptism
Worship and Messy Church
Family Service

Mothering Sunday, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 13 March

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Matins
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Evensong
Evensong

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 20 March

Holy Communion
Matins
Family Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Songs of Praise

Palm Sunday, The Sunday Next before Easter

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

Thursday 24 March

Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

Buxhall	7.30pm
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Friday 25 March

Walk of Witness
Messy Church
The Last Hour

Good Friday

Onehouse	10am
Combs	11am
Harleston	2pm

Saturday 26 March

Easter Praise and Egg Hunt
(Suitable for Children)

Holy Saturday

Great Finborough	4pm
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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH 2016

Sunday 27 March

Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist
Family Communion
Family Communion
(with an Egg Hunt at 10am)
Holy Communion
Family Communion
Holy Communion (by extension)

Easter Day

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

We meet for

Morning Prayer 10am on Saturdays at St Mary's Combs (Lady Chapel)
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