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Hands, Face, Space



VILLAGE DIARY – 2021

**Due to the uncertainty of the lockdown duration no events
will be published at present**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on the Zoom platform at 7.30pm on Monday 8 March 2021. Please contact Simon Tarabella for joining details

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Editorial

A belated happy New Year to all our readers and I am sure we are all wishing for a rather better year in 2021 than we had last year!

We are all currently surviving in Lockdown 3, some probably better than others. Once again, I would urge you all to check on neighbours and friends and to help others out where you can. Details of helplines can be found in John Matthissens' report on page 8 or please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your Parish Councillors and we will try and help out or arrange support as required.

It is good to see so many people out walking on our lanes and public footpaths getting your daily exercise allowance. The paths are very muddy at present so please take care. If anybody has lost their village footpath map or is new to the village and doesn't have one, please contact me as we have a few spare copies still available. I would also like to thank all of the Woodpecker Hill Wood Volunteers for the fantastic work that they have done over the last year. The wood is looking well cared for and with the new planting of saplings and woodland flowers will provide a haven for wildlife and walkers alike. If you feel that you could give some of your spare time to help out in the wood please contact June Nathan, contact details on page 10.

Don't forget that if you feel like a day off from cooking duties, Sharon and Rob at the Chestnut Horse are doing wonderful takeaways from Thursdays through to Sundays, see their advert on page 11 for contact details.

The 15 February is the deadline for inclusion in the March issue of the Newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner if you have any articles to include. Stay Safe

Simon Tarabella

Great Finborough Parish Council

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 11 January at 7.30pm was held remotely via Zoom platform.

The comment of “No Objection” was submitted for outline planning applications at land east of East House, Great Finborough and Willomere, Combs Lane. It was noted that planning application at Stone Farm, Borough Lane had been refused.

The Clerk’s Finance report was approved and payments authorised. The precept for 2021/22 was approved and this will see the Parish share of your Council tax bill rise for a Band D property by £1.44 a year.

The Councillors also voted to approve the supply and installation of fencing around the boundary of the buffer zone at the play park, and to approve the supply and installation of an Information Board at the wildflower meadow. Thank you to our County and District councillors for their grants to these projects

The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to Timberwolf Stowmarket and in particular to Mark for the supply and use of the wood chipper to help clear Woodpecker Hill Wood.

Discussion took place regarding the request to run a pizza van from Village. It was agreed that permission would not be given at this time as direct competition for take away food would be detrimental to the Chestnut Horse PH and that the Parish Council should support their Community Asset at this difficult time.

The date of the next PC meeting will be on Monday 8 March, 7.30pm via Zoom Platform. Any members of the public wishing to have access please contact Simon Tarabella. **Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk**

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

Firstly, your Committee wish you all a belated but very Happy New Year. Usually in this report there would be a summary of all that the Garden Club had achieved over the last year, the speakers we have listened to and the visits and club events that have taken place. This last year we have managed to have just two meetings, mainly thanks to the hard work put in by Mary Preece and the Pettward Hall team to make it a COVID secure venue. There have been no events and no outings, but we look forward, and hope that come the summer things may start to improve.

Sadly, since the last newsletter we have lost two of our members, Pat Turner and Ken Bottomley. They were both well-loved members of the club and we shall miss them greatly. Pat will be remembered not only as Peter's wife and a dear friend to all of us, but also a gracious and welcoming hostess who let her garden be taken over for the club and garden Openers BBQs. The enjoyment of life that she possessed, her astounding energy and care and compassion for others will never be forgotten. Ken's knowledge of container gardening was unsurpassed and the sheer scale of the produce that emerged from his tiny garden was mindblowing. He will also be remembered for the occasion when he stepped in at the 11th hour, when our speaker didn't turn up, to give a talk without any notes or preparation that was most interesting and enjoyable.

As things are at present, there will be no meetings or events for the next few months, but members will be informed by e-mail and through the newsletter when we are able to resume

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: Judith Cameron on 672978 or judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com

Judith Cameron



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Non-members wild birdseed orders.

The next order will be placed on the 12 February 2021. Bird seed collection will be on 24 February between 2pm and 6pm from Abbey Farm Cottage. If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque made payable to "Great Finborough Garden Club", or by BAC's "Gt Finborough Garden Club", sort 09-01-54, account no 20213287 please reference your name followed by B/S. Orders may be posted to or dropped off at The Little House, High Road, Gt Finborough, IP14 3AA, or if it's more convenient dropped off at 1 Valley Lane, Gt Finborough.

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Product	Weight	Price	Quantity Cost
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£11-00	
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£12.50	
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£15-00	
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£13-00	
W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£13-50	
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£13-50	
Finch Mix	20 kg	£13-00	
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£9-00	
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£10-00	
Peanuts (superior)	25 kg	£34-00	
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5kg approx	£18-50	
Black Sunflower Seed	12.55 kg	£11-00	
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£24-00	
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£13-00	
Nyjer Seed	25kg	£31-00	
Nyjer Seed	12.5kg approx	£16.50	
Suet Pellets	12.75kgs	£18-00	
Suet Balls (Superior)	Price each 150 Box	13p £19.50	
		Total	

The next seed order will be April 2021. Thank you, Peter Turner 07789727974, p.turner125@btinternet.com. Special arrangements will be required for collection if not collected on the day.

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Support from your Council and your Community

After an easier few months for most of us, the pandemic once again looms very large in all our lives. This is equally the case for council staff who in most cases continue to work from home, while still delivering most services. Home schooling and other caring pressures inevitably take their toll, and some lessening of service is inevitable despite great commitment to serving the residents. Some staff have been redeployed to work on business grants again and also to strengthen community support. For those with internet access, you can see how your council is operating under lockdown here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/features/our-covid-19-response/>

but we do appreciate lots of people do not have the internet, and 0300 123400 is the council number to call.

My particular thanks once again to all those in the villages who are supporting family, friends and neighbours who face particular difficulties.

Help is available:

- Home But Not Alone line 0800 876 6926
- Financial Advice line 0800 068 8181.

Both these are currently available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

For those who aren't yet aware, our vaccinations are initially most likely to take place at The Mix in Stowmarket, or possibly Woolpit Surgery. Everyone will be contacted individually when their time is due. Please don't phone your surgery to ask due to all the other pressures on their time.

Wheelie Bin Service

These staff are inevitably exposed to greater risk than most of us, and due to sickness absence and self-isolating, brown bin collections have been suspended in order to maintain weekly service for recycling and residual waste.

John Matthissen
councillor@matthissen.net. Telephone 01449 258894 or write to me at
2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market IP6 8RZ

Woodpecker Hill Wood- Update

The 15th December saw a great turnout for the mammoth task of feeding the Timberwolf shredding machine with the vast amounts of trees and brambles which had been cut down during 2020. Those of you who use the wood will appreciate the amount of debris we had to clear.

The sun was shining (great news since it had been pouring with rain leading up to the 15th) and even with an early start of 08:30, the volunteers arrived willing, able and raring to go. Mark from Timberwolf showed us the safety aspects we needed to adhere too and with the "boot up" of the machine off we went.

Stacking and feeding in our little groups and ensuring that we were Covid aware, we made excellent progress and took a break with teas, coffees and homemade cakes and sausage rolls which went down a treat. Another two hours saw the main bulk of the work completed and we stopped again for a BBQ of hamburgers and sausages.

We finished at about 4 o'clock just in time before the day closed in. Dirty, tired but very pleased that the work we are undertaking in the wood is seeing the benefits.

The children from Finborough C.of E. Primary School have planted bulbs and trees and we are hoping to continue with this venture every November. All of the 105 trees donated by the Woodland Trust have been planted, along with various bulbs (daffodils, bluebells, woodland irises, crocuses) and "seed bombs" which should bring colour to the wood during the spring and summer. The saplings consist of Silver Birch, Rowan, Hazel, Dogwood, Wild Cherry and Hawthorn and are protected by plastic sleeves to help them become established so please be aware of their positions.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of the volunteers who participated and apologies if I have left out anyone: Helen (who sourced the benches), Martin, Anthony, Dave, Mark (Timberwolf), Nick, Kathy,

Rodney, Jane, Kevin, Paul, Leigh, my husband Ian and Simon. A special thank you also to the ladies who supplied all of the wonderful food and kept us going throughout the day; Jeannie, Virginia, Helen, Kath, Alison, Jane and especially Jackie who kept the teas and coffees flowing.

The next phase will be the laying of extra chippings which, I gather, maybe delivered end January beginning February 2021. So, if you feel up to some hard work, fresh air and a laugh then please let me know by contacting the e-mail address below.

The following years will see us continuing with the work to ensure that Woodpecker Hill Wood is kept as an area which can be utilised by young and old alike.

Let's hope that 2021 brings us happier times.

June Nathan

Woodpecker Hill Wood Volunteers e-mail: whwv2020@gmail.com

PS: unwanted bulbs will be greatly appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks

I just want to give my heartfelt thanks to the Great Finborough community for the love and support you have given me during these last few weeks and months. I have always been aware of the community spirit that resides in this wonderful village and it has wrapped its arms around me at the most difficult time of my life. It is difficult to describe just how much your gestures of support mean to me, to have a reminder from people that care that I am not alone in my grief is immeasurable.

Thank you to the many people who supported my family and I at Pat's service at St Andrews Church and for the kind donations to Pat's charities.

Peter



CHESTNUT HORSE



Sharon, Robert & Clare would like to thank the local community so very much for their help and support in these current uncertain times. We are still providing take away food and hope to be able to re-open on the lifting of restrictions due to lockdown 3. Our menu is available via Facebook or call for further information

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“Chewing “over the old days

A few evenings ago, as I collapsed into bed, following yet another day of frustrating and largely thankless toil, I was immediately struck by a distinct and insistent fragrance. Not exactly floral, this was sweeter, reminiscent of 1950s’ confectionary, in fact something specific – Bazooka Joe bubble gum no less! Upon enquiry, she who must be obeyed informed me that this was attributable to the use of a different brand of “fab-con”.

The intricacies and inner workings of fab-con are a mystery to me but the reawakening in my memory of my old pal Bazooka Joe, was akin to pushing open a door that had stood barely ajar for many years. The room beyond was a sweet shop. Not just any sweet shop, but every sweet shop. The archetypal – street corner, news-agent tobacconist, little old lady behind the counter sort of sweet shop. Myriad jars of boiled sweets, and on the counter - gob-stoppers, penny chews, black jacks, jamboree bags and - pause for fanfare - an extensive range of chewing and bubble gums, to delight the connoisseur.

The chewing and bubble gum boom took place broadly during the latter five years of the decade, as new brands sought to topple the old favourites. In the beginning there was just spearmint or peppermint chewing gum and the main players, from recollection, were Beech Nut YZ and Wrigley’s. These were widely available from the usual outlets and additionally from dedicated, if rather rudimentary, externally mounted vending machines. These served to oblige the more enthusiastic masticator at any hour of the day or night - a novel concept in its time. These machines held the further attraction of automatically dispensing a free extra packet to every fourth purchaser – wow!

This particular departure into the world of mechanisation and 24-hour shopping was overtaken however, not by newer and slicker technological advances, but by new flavours, and more innovative

styles and packaging. So, even as the machines rusted outside the sweet shops, the array inside became ever more spectacular. There were Sour Grapes – remarkably authentic looking, elliptical, hollow, purple offerings, with a flavour all their own, the Bag of Gold - a small linen pouch with draw strings, filled with small, irregularly shaped gold nuggets, Anglo Bubbly – wrapped like a large toffee and in chewing terms not for the faint hearted, but above all, there was Bazooka Joe! Unremarkable in its appearance this was roughly the size and shape of the era's penny chew, albeit with some decorative corrugation, but its genius was that the reverse side of the wrapper was a comic strip, featuring the adventures of Bazooka Joe - the man himself.

There have been and are still many gaudy contenders for these laurels – Hubba Bubba and Bubblicious come to mind but their appeal is a thin commercial veneer by comparison to the rugged and adventurous pioneering spirit of their predecessors, quite apart from which their flavours are scientifically engineered so as to vanish within either forty-five jaw movements or sixty seconds of unwrapping, whichever comes first.

I have to say, in conclusion, that the unexpected calling to mind of the halcyon chewing days of my childhood brought tears to my eyes – the initial jaw-ache and subsequent tooth ache could be excruciating.

Pip-pip

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The lottery winners in December were Marion Mason and Tim Hines and in January, Sally Nurton and Chris Aldous. They each won £8.75.

Mary Preece



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February 2021 From Combs Rectory



The rolling out of the vaccine is proving, as I write, to be a light in a dark and quite frightening world for many people. Who would have thought that Brexit would have been secondary in news stories? We all sincerely hope that the small 'light' at the end of this long tunnel is the success of the vaccine not a train coming towards us, but the news is very encouraging. In the meantime, we must all play our part and be sacrificial in the way we lead our lives; giving time to support others and staying 'in' when we would rather be out. I am sure most of us are keeping to the spirit of the regulations and not ignoring them.

Life goes on. We are all pleased to hear of babies being born, weddings and baptisms taking place and of course people moving to new homes and changing jobs. We try to make things as normal as possible, but the smaller delights of life seem to take on an added pleasure. Even the larger ones have an added 'brilliance'.

Last March I turned my desk round to look out of the study window – to watch the garden over the top of the computer screens. The most dominant sight is a wonderful old holly tree. It has been heavy with berries each year since we came here but only this year have I noticed it fully. That maybe to do with the fact that I have had to spend so much time sitting here on Zoom Meetings for one thing but also because the holly has that wonderful carol with the memorable words and in my mind has always therefore been special.

'Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the Crown'

There is much mythology associated with holly (and ivy). In some pagan societies a teenage boy and girl would be dressed in holly and

ivy leaves respectively and paraded around the community to remind people that in the midst of winters darkness, there remains life. Last night Wendy and I watched the 'Green Planet' with David Attenborough and saw those astonishing Alaskan Wood frogs that freeze for a couple of months a year as the climate around them reaches minus 40 degrees then simply thaw out. Their skin when frozen provides an excellent camouflage in the surrounding rocks. We don't have to do that but there is a sense this year that all our lives are 'frozen' at the moment. Although the frogs looked dead, they were actually alive. In our lives the holly and indeed evergreen ivy remind us of life in the midst of seeming death and the brightness of the berries is stunning.

In a previous home we had a very vibrant holly tree that never had any berries and was quite dark and dangerous in a sense that if you got caught by it you were scratched. Holly trees have those prickly leaves which protect the beautiful berries often obscuring them from sight and the prickles make it hard to cut them.

As you read this the days of sunshine will be longer – but let's cling onto the frog and the holly and remember there are brighter days around the corner. Don't let the almost invisible life of the frog against the rock or the dense and dangerous foliage of the holly obscure the brightness and life that is coming.

With good wishes and prayers for you all, Chris

You will know that **services in church** have been suspended and Bishop Martin has made a Declaration under Canon B14 to enable this to happen. Each PCC voted unanimously in favour, but I very much hope this will be a temporary measure. I bear in mind the safety of those church officers who have responsibility for the services. Provision remains online from us and by post and telephone if you wish.

As to the future, Canon Diane Williams the Rural Dean and Archdeacon David Jenkins have set in process the procedure for the appointment of my successor. There is a group of people working with Canon Pauline on the parish profile and distilling plans for future ministry here so that the next Rector will know what you are looking for them to 'do' with you all! A final meeting is fixed for the Bishop to approve the advertisement and paperwork in April. Please pray for a good appointment.

Christmas Services

We were pleased with attendance at our 5 outdoor services and on Zoom. Enormous thanks are due to the Churchwardens and others for their work. The wonderful Nativity images made by Dean Hearn of Harleston provided a good focus at Little Finborough, Onehouse and on Harleston Green. I am sure they will be useful in the future. We were grateful to the bandsmen of Battisford Free Church and Buxhall Handbell ringers for our music.

Our District Councillor has made a most generous donation to enable the purchase of an outdoor amplification system which will no doubt also be useful in the future.

Thank you to all who contributed to the work of the Children's society in our Christingle and Carol Services.

Until a new Rector is appointed a first point of call will be to Canon Pauline, Rev Alison or the Ministry Team. I am sure that they and all the Churchwardens will receive your support and prove their worth. With all good wishes and prayers for your future.

Rev Chris

PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough

Funerals and Cremations



Patricia **Turner**

16 December 2020, died 27 November 2020

Funeral St Andrews Church then West Suffolk Crematorium

Burial of Ashes

Philip Hugh **Dade**

14 November 2020, died 22 November 2019

Mary Elizabeth **Dade**

14 November 2020, Died 21 December 2012

Christine **Bullett**

16 November 2020, Died 16 September 2020

Raymond **Bullett**

16 January 2021, Died 7 December 2020

Patricia **Turner**

16 January 2021, Died 27 November 2020

News from Onehouse

On behalf of all parishioners and visitors I would like to thank Buxhall hand bell ringers and the Battisford Band for their part they played in the Christmas Services. The weather was not kind to us on all three occasions but they were very memorable Services none the less and we sincerely thank you for your participation. We must not forget Pauline's organisation along with Dean's nativity figures and the people who erected the gazeboes and organised the sound systems. Thank you so much.

Carole Hearn

Denzil's Diary

As it has been a quiet start to the New Year, I thought I would share with you a little story.

An old man, a boy and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked. As they went along, they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding.

The man and boy thought maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions.

Later, they passed some people that remarked, "What a shame, he makes that little boy walk."

They then decided they both would walk!

Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride.

So, they both rode the donkey. Now they passed some people that shamed them by saying how awful it was to put such a load on a poor donkey.

The boy and man said they were probably right, so they decided to carry the donkey.

As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and it fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story? If you try to please everyone, you might as well kiss your donkey (or any other donkey synonym) good-bye!





Stay safe,

Denzil and Tweezle

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Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule 2021

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-  Refuse (general rubbish) collection week
-  Recycling collection week
-  Collections following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week
-  Please refer to the Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2020/21

Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am on collection day

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Exercise is allowed outdoors once a day, in your local area. You can exercise on your own, with your household, support bubble, or with one other person.



Get tested if you have symptoms: a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell and taste. If you or anyone you have been in close contact with has symptoms, follow the guidance on self-isolation.



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At the time we normally wish a 'Happy New Year' to one and all, the overriding message is that we pray for good health and an end to the current pandemic...which in turn would bring much happiness. Those who have suffered ill health and/or bereavement are very much in our thoughts as we enter yet another lockdown.

In an effort to prevent the spread of Coronavirus SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES ARE SUSPENDED until further notice.

However, ALL ARE WELCOME to join our online services via ZOOM at 9.30am each Sunday. If you would like more information about these, please contact Rev Canon Pauline Higham (email paulinehigham@googlemail.com /telephone 01449 771791), or one of the churchwardens.

And finally, from a village resident.....

Thank you so much to Simon and Peter for the sterling work you both do in preparing the newsletter and the work you do around the village. Also, to all the other helpers in the village that keep us all going, thank you from all in Great Finborough.

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