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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

Well, February brought us quite a good covering of the white stuff, not often seen around this area of Suffolk in recent times, although I'm sure the older residents amongst us have some great tales of heavy downfalls in the area. It was good to see the children being towed around on sledges, a welcome break from the current COVID worries.

It seems that the vaccination programme in our area is working well with people being called forward by text, email, letter or telephone call from your surgery. Please be aware that there are scams in operation regarding vaccination and please be assured that the COVID 19 vaccination will always be available free of charge and the NHS will never ask you to share bank details to confirm your identity. Whilst on the subject of vaccinations, there is a useful video on Utube of the Mix centre in Stowmarket and what you will experience when and if you go there for your jab. https://youtu.be/mAUH_2ennk4

It is good to see that work has started on the rear extension to the Chestnut Horse which will provide much needed dining space for Sharon and Rob to make use of when the pub is allowed to open again. There may be disruptions to the current takeaway service whilst certain stages of the work are carried out but these will be minimal so please contact Sharon to find out what delights are on the menu, weekend specials and current availability, contact details on page 12.

Once again, I would ask you all to keep checking on your neighbours and any elderly residents that you know of in your vicinity. If you need any assistance there are numbers to call on page 9 or please feel free to contact me or any member of your Parish Council.

The 15 March 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

There was no Parish Council meeting held for the month of February, 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

To all in the Combs and Finborough Group of Churches

Wendy and I were very moved at hearing the tributes that were given at our final service on 24 January. I am not surprised to say that they were remarkably accurate in some respects but a little too flattering in others! Thank you all for your kind words and the most extraordinarily generous cheque, cards and gifts we have received from so many people.

We lived among you for a long time – nearly a life time - and this change will take some adjusting to. I believe the time is right for us all. The new Group is well established, and all parishes are 'in good heart'. No doubt you will work with your new Rector with the generous spirit you have always shown to me and the 'Kingdom' will grow.

Obviously, your villages will always be in our hearts and not far from our thoughts as will so many of you who have become friends over the years. No doubt we shall keep in touch in some ways but always respecting the traditional courtesies to Canon Pauline, the Ministry Team and especially your next Incumbent.

Thank you once again for your love support, friendship and those most wonderful gifts.

Chris and Wendy Childs

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

What a truly traditional February, snow, biting winds and deep frost. However, the snowdrops are blooming magnificently, hazel catkins are out and the early daffodils are showing buds so all the signs of approaching spring are there.

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.

Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone when the club is allowed to meet again.

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

Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's

Normally this time of year we would be getting very excited about organising our wonderful very busy Easter Hunt, we had to cancel last year due to COVID-19 and now it really hits you that's it been over a year as we cancel another.

The children have been brilliant, the washing of hands and the cleaning of toys have become second nature to them, they have coped so well, but have missed out on so much, time with friends and family, visits to different places, Christmas plays etc. But hopefully coming to preschool gives them a bit of routine and a chance to see their friends.

We are still doing as many fun learning activities as possible, some slightly differently to normal, we sang to the residents of Finborough court from a distance outside the window. We had hoped to make our loved ones some tasty valentine's shortbread, but the snow put a stop to that as we had to close due to the bad weather to keep everyone safe. One thing we have been able to do is join in the great garden bird watch/big school birdwatch, the children have had great fun making bird feeders and bird watching. Even the ones home learning has joined in and sent us lovely pictures of their homemade bird feeders and birds they have spotted in their gardens. I have joined in and sent off the list of birds I saw in my watch hour. I was amazed how many I had in my garden over that hour – 2 Redwings, 2 Magpies, 5 black birds, 4 long tailed tits, 3 blue tits, 4 collared doves, 6 wood pigeons, 4 chaffinches, 2 goldfinches, 1 Robin, over 20 sparrows and 2 squirrels (don't think they count though). We will teach the children the importantance of feeding the birds in the cold weather and putting water out for them in the hot weather. We are so lucky living in the countryside to be able to enjoy the wildlife.

After half term our theme will be Mother's Day, world book day and celebrating spring, let's hope we can celebrate springs new beginnings in more ways than one.

We hope the new term in September will see us getting back to a bit of normality, we are taking bookings for September, if you would like a welcome pack sent out to you or more information about us, please email me, see who's who on the back page.

Delia and Staff



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Non-members wild birdseed orders.

The next order will be placed on the 11 April 2021. Bird seed collection will be on 21 April 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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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	£12-50	
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£26-00	
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£13-00	
Nyjer Seed	25kg	£31-00	
Nyjer Seed	12.5kgapprox	£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 June 2021. Thank you, Peter Turner 07789727974, <u>p.turner125@btinternet.com</u>. Special arrangements will be required for collection if not collected on the day.

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Staff testing for Covid 19 - It is welcome news that those council staff who meet residents in any capacity will now be regularly tested, even if displaying no symptoms. This should reassurance everyone and help reduce transmission of infection.

Support from your Council and your Community - Most council staff (and councillors) continue to work from home, while still delivering most services and holding all scheduled meetings. Home schooling and other caring pressures inevitably take their toll, and some lessening of service is inevitable despite great commitment to serving the residents. For those with internet access, you can see how your council is operating 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 & Tenancy Advice line 0800 068 8181.

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

Vaccinations are progressing well, and I urge everyone to take up the free offer when you get an invite. Please don't call the surgery to ask when your turn will be.

Wheelie Bin Service - With snow and ice adding to inevitable staff shortages, brown bin collections remain suspended and some delays to other bins occurred due to weather. The message is to put your bin out the night before collection is due, and leave out until crews catch up.

Not just recycling - Many of you will have just received a flier from the Council reminding households about how and what to recycle. Please do! But don't forget to do the other 4Rs of sustainability first: REFUSE to take excess packaging or single use plastic items such as bags or cutlery; REDUCE the amount of stuff you buy in general; REUSE items as much as you can; and REPAIR things that break rather than replacing them.

Trees needed - As you start to get out in the garden, don't forget that baby native trees in pots are needed by the Red Gables Tree Nursery. They also need large pots. Leave by the greenhouse. And you have any land suitable for tree planting, please let me, and the parish council, know.

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

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So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

15 February 2021

Dear Great Finborough Newsletter readers

I am writing this note on my last day in the village, as today I am moving out of 4 The Green. I am going to live in Wilmslow, so that I can be closer to my elderly mother (now aged 91 and still living independently) now that I have mostly retired.

I am leaving with quite some sadness, due in no small part to my amazing and generous neighbours, Marcin and Chris, who have helped me in so many ways and become true and very dear friends. Also, to Carolyn for being such a lovely neighbour. It has been a joy to know you all. My thanks too, must go to Haley Peck who helped me with my dog, Luca. And to dear Debby who helped with Luca and with my garden, when I broke my leg. Not least my thanks to dear Hilde for your lovely eggs, and those hugs - back when we were allowed to do that.

I also send my very best wishes to the many friendly people of this village who have stopped and chatted with me while I have been gardening, or while out walking in this beautiful countryside that surrounds us here. Thank you for making me so welcome, Great Finborough. I spent some 5 years in the village and know it is a good and strong community. I am sure you will offer the same warmth to the lady moving into my house.

Take care and stay safe all,

Chris Dr Christine Smith



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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A Spring Ramble (or stage two of the Trouser Trilogy)

Inspired by the first part of the trilogy, I fell to considering the history of the humble trouser. I use the singular because originally a pair of trousers was comprised of two separate parts, two individual trousers, one for each side, hence the term a "pair of trousers".

Early versions were cumbersome as the component halves were joined by what was to all intents and purposes, a continuous fly arrangement, running from the top at the rear, around to the top at the front. Originally this fastening, or fly, was by way of a lace or leather thong, and continued thus until the notion of a one-piece pair (if that is not an oxymoron — which it probably is) was conceived, sometime it is believed in the eighteenth century. This in turn led to the development of modern fly arrangements; the far more practical use of buttons, occasionally studs and even press-studs, and thence eventually to the ubiquitous zip fastener.

As with all advances in science and technology of course, the point presently reached — the zip fly is, as older readers will readily appreciate, quick and easy to use and, from the economic perspective, it lends itself to inexpensive mass production but, it is not the panacea it may appear. When a zip fails it tends to do so totally whereas, with the older button arrangement, anything more than a minor or partial malfunction was rare indeed and many a blush spared.

It is widely believed that the earliest "trowsers" were developed in, and took their name from, the small town of Trowse, on the banks of the river Yare a mile or two south east of Norwich, where there has long been a plan to erect a suitable commemorative monument in the market place — a forthcoming attraction keenly to be anticipated.

Pip-pip!

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The February winners were Gerry & Ann Squirrell and Mary Smyth. They each won £8.75. The next lottery scheme starts on 1 April and we hope you will consider joining this year. Tickets cost £12, giving you one chance per month until March 2022. Obviously, the more tickets you buy, the more chances you have of winning! The income is divided equally between our funds and prizes, with two winners each month. The 2020-21 scheme raised £209 for our funds and was spent on essential repairs to the roof. This year we hope to have some exterior and interior painting done, so your support will be much appreciated. Please complete and return the form opposite to me at South Lodge (on the corner of the main entrance drive to Finborough School) by 28 March. Please let me know if you would like the form collected or would like another form so you can keep your newsletter intact (contact details on back page).

AGM

The provisional date of the 2021 AGM is 24 March in the main hall, commencing at 7.30pm. However, there is every possibility that it will have to be postponed, so please contact me nearer the time if you wish to attend.

Mary Preece

I wish to join The Pettiward Hall "Little Ernie" Lottery scheme commencing 1 April 2021 and enclose £ (£12 per number for numbers. Cash or cheque payment to Greatinborough Village Hall or BACS transfer to sort code 20-98-07 account no. 43082660, quoting reference Lotto/ your surname
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March 2021 From Onehouse Rectory

Dear Friends,

Many of you were able to join us on zoom on 27 January 2021 for Chris Child's last service with this group of parishes before his move to the Forest Heath Team Ministry in Mildenhall Deanery.

The previous day a very small group of representatives presented Chris and Wendy

with gifts on behalf of us all. We were all socially distanced and wearing masks of course. They were delighted to receive a card and a generous cheque from Revd Alison Lay; flowers for Wendy presented by Carole Hearn; Wine for Chris given by Martyn Key; a copy of Derek Ames' latest book and a wonderful book full of cards, emails and letters as well as pictures sent in by everyone and beautifully arranged by Bernice and Nigel Brown. I was privileged to say prayers at the beginning and end of the short ceremony which took place outside Combs Church door and was videoed by Andy Little ready for inclusion in the service next day.

Two days later Chris and Wendy moved into their new home at Gazeley and we have begun a period of being "in vacancy" (without a Rector) although legally this only became the case on Thursday 11 February. The ways of the Church of England are sometimes very strange! On that day at another zoom service with Bishop Mike and the Archdeacon of Sudbury Chris became a Team Vicar in the Forest Heath Team Ministry as well as Acting Team Rector and Assistant Rural Dean of Mildenhall Deanery. He will, as he has been, be extremely busy but we know that he has many gifts and skills to be used in God's work in new churches and communities. We shall miss him; he's been in this area for a long time, but we wish him and Wendy well in their new life and ministries.

Many people have asked how a new Rector is selected. It's an interesting process and it sometimes appears very strange to those who work in the business world. For example, a benefice or parish cannot even advertise for a new Rector until the one who has left has been licensed into their new ministry. This dates back to medieval times and no one has seen the need to change it! Although in some deaneries in Suffolk this has been altered and they are allowed to advertise and appoint depending on the situation.

Anyway, we are now on the pathway to choosing a new Rector. We have already had a pre-vacancy meeting last December with the Archdeacon and Rural Dean meeting the Churchwardens. Now all of us in our individual Church Councils are thinking and praying about the sort of person we want to come — what skill set should they have? What can we offer them and what is it like to live and work in our churches and communities? We are also working on our profile which is really advertising each church and community and the kind of things we do; where we think a new person can help in all sorts of different ways. The next meeting takes place at the end of March with all the Church council members present followed by another with the Bishop on 29 April. Then the profile is published; adverts appear in appropriate places; representatives from each church are chosen to take part in the interviewing process and we watch wait and keep praying

Chris has been very much involved in our communities so all of us may have ideas about the sort of person who would settle well into our benefice (our group of churches). Please let us know your thoughts about it all.

Canon Pauline

PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough

There were no entries in the Parish Register this month





Future system

Join our community engagement group

As the plans for a new hospital for West Suffolk get underway it is important that as many people are involved in developing the proposals as possible.

WSFT is establishing a Co-production Community Engagement Group (CCEG) and is looking for community members who have an interest in hospital services which will add an additional dimension to the redevelopment proposals.

The group will meet on a monthly basis and, due to the current climate, these meetings will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. It is important that there is a good representation across the group at each meeting and the opportunity to attend will be offered to as many people as possible who apply.

If you would like to join the CCEG or to find out more information, visit the website at https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/New-healthcare-facility/Get-involved.aspx or scan the QR code (right), and complete the expression of interest form.



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COMMUNITY TESTING

How to get tested for Covid-19 if you cannot work from home



What is community testing?

If you cannot work from home, and have to go into a place of work, you can get a free test through new community testing available in Suffolk. This will help to prevent people who do not have symptoms from spreading Covid-19 to other people without knowing.



Who is it for?

Anyone <u>without</u> Covid-19 symptoms can get tested. It is aimed at people who cannot stay at home during lockdown due to work commitments. This includes people who work in roles such as: education and childcare, food production, manufacturing, transport, factories, construction, engineering etc.



Why should I get tested if I don't have symptoms?

1 in 3 people with the coronavirus do not show any symptoms.

Through community testing, we can quickly identify those who unknowingly have Covid-19 and stop the spread of the virus to other people.



What does the test involve?

Community testing uses a new test known as a Lateral Flow Test. These are processed at the centre where you take the test, instead of being sent away. The test involves a simple swab taken from the throat and nose. Results will be processed and sent to you within 1 hour.



What does the test show?

If you test positive, you must go home and self-isolate for 10 days.

Financial support is available in some cases from the local authority you pay Council Tax to. If you test <u>negative</u>, you do not need to self-isolate but it is recommended to repeat the test in a few days as the level of the virus in your body may have increased, or you may have been infected since your last test.



How do I get a test?

The first three test centres are in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft. More centres will open across the county during February. Find your nearest centre and book an appointment online at https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-asymptomatic-testing/ or by calling 0333 772 6144.

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Please keep up to date with the current situation by visiting St Andrews Church website:

http://www.standrewsgtfinborough.co.uk/

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......

Could people please refrain from taking their dogs into the churchyard and if it is necessary that they do, then please keep them on a lead and clear up any dog mess.

Also, please ensure that you clear up after your dog around the village. There have been a growing number of instances of dog poo being left on walk ways along the high road and Borough lane area. If it's your dog, it's your responsibility! Please have respect for your fellow village residents



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