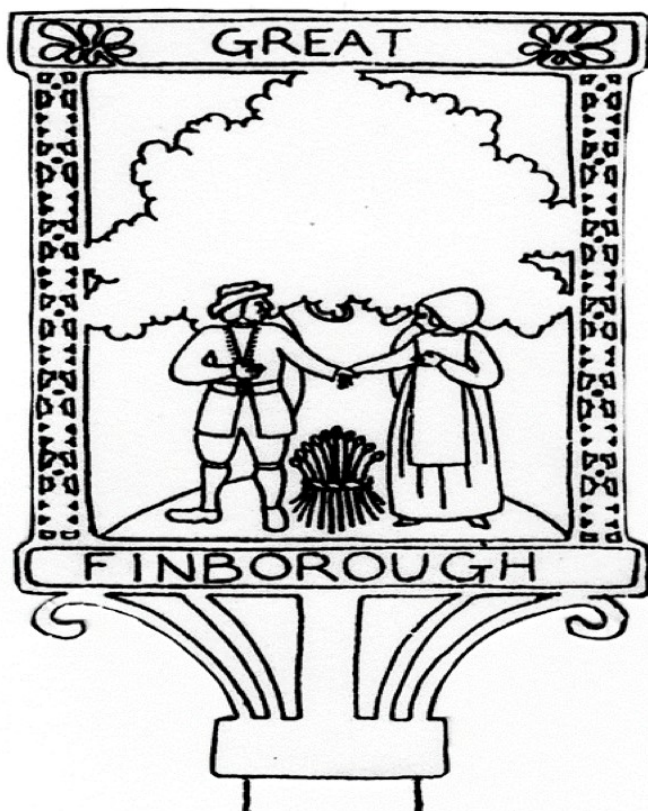
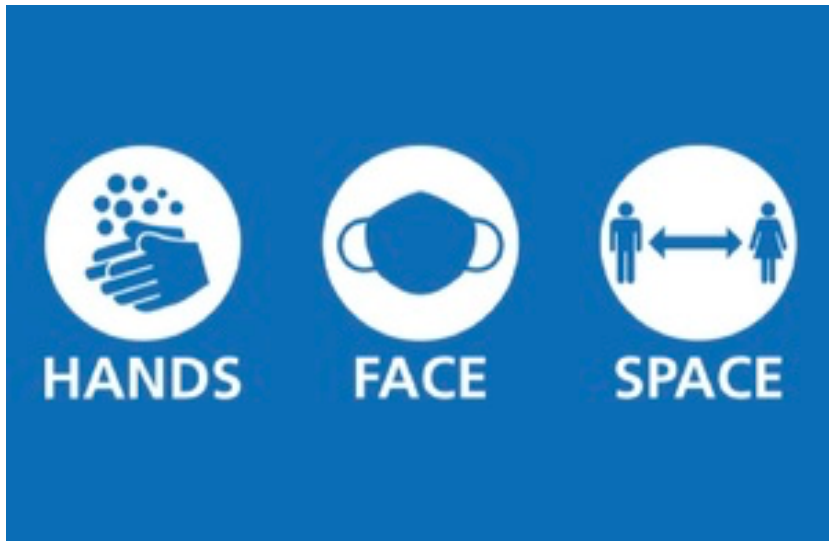


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VILLAGE DIARY – 2021

**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 12 April 2021. Please contact Simon Tarabella for joining details

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Editorial

Spring is finally here and it is lovely to see the daffodils flowering around the village greens and hear the birdsong not to mention the ever-increasing daylight hours. Hopefully, the strong winds and heavy rain will shortly come to an end and we can look forward to a brighter future with the continuing rollout of the vaccination programme.

I would like to offer congratulations to Gerry and Ann Squirrel who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married at the United Reform Church in Stowmarket on the 14 March which was also Ann's 21st birthday. Being locals, they have lived in the village ever since and have been active in supporting the community. Ann was awarded the BEM in 2017 for her work in founding the Mid Suffolk Axis, which offers help and support to people with physical and / or sensory disabilities. She was also instrumental in creating a village pre school play group which was the fore runner to what we now know as the Village under 5's pre school group (see page 6). Hopefully we can meet outside in the not too distant future for a celebratory beverage!

Talking of which, the building extension work on the Chestnut Horse is progressing very well. It is planned to re-open the pub and new extension on Wednesday 19 May, Covid restrictions allowing. Takeaway food will continue to be served up until that date so please see page 12 for details. Sharon and Rob want to say a massive thank you to all who have supported them over this difficult time and look forward to welcoming you all back into the refurbished pub as soon as is safely possible.

Kids (and parents) don't forget to sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt, see page 4!

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



Come and meet the Easter Bunny

Saturday 3rd April 2021

Starting At

Great Finborough Car Park

Time slots are from 9:30am until 11:30am

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(please ask for a sheet before the day)

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*Money received will go towards Great Finborough and Buxhall under 5's and other charities running their own stalls
Thank you for your support.*



Great Finborough Parish Council

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council meeting scheduled for the 8 March at 7.30pm was held remotely via Zoom platform.

The council received a briefing from Sunila Osborne, Community Development Officer, Rural Affordable Housing at Community Action Suffolk who outlined the process needed to carry out a Local Housing Needs Survey within the village. The council agreed that it would be good to have a true picture of the needs of families and residents within the village to ensure that any housing that is built meets current and expected future needs. Further enquiries as to funding will be undertaken and discussed at the next meeting.

One objection was submitted for further planning changes at Dairy Farm Barns, Valley Lane, the full wording of which can be viewed on the Parish Website. Two other comments of no objection were submitted to the other planning applications at Keepers Cottage and 6 Middlefield Drive. It was noted that the refusal of planning permission at land adjacent to Buxhall Lodge has been sent to the appeal review process. It was also noted that planning permission for land east of East House had been refused.

It was agreed that a questionnaire consultation should be produced and agreed upon to determine residents wishes on the future maintenance and replacement of Parish owned streetlights.

The concern of residents with regards to flooding at the Finborough end of Coombs lane was noted and a meeting is to be arranged with all parties concerned

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12 April, 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

The last half of February and the beginning of March have been and gone and the gardens are really starting to show all the signs of spring. The daffodils are now fully out, there are buds on the tulips, the first bees have been foraging around the garden and the greenhouse is full of new seedlings.

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

From the Archive Newsletter 52, March 1979

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir,

A Pre-School Playgroup for Gt.Finborough?

I would like to know how many parents think their children would benefit by a pre-school playgroup. Some interested mothers and myself have decided to try to see if we can form our own group. If any parents are interested in helping to get us established i.e. sending toddlers! - fund-raising, giving or collecting toys, and eventually helping to run the group, would they please contact Brenda Bennett on Stowmarket 5822 or myself, Ann Squirrell on Stowmarket 76154.

Help from fathers and grandparents will be equally appreciated - also from any other readers of our Newsletter!!

Yours faithfully,

Ann Squirrell, 1 High Road, Great Finborough

As you can see from the above letter, from little acorns grow mighty oaks! Congratulations to all involved over the years.



Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) is an emergency medical charity, operating in Suffolk. Volunteer SARS clinicians carry equipment and drugs not normally found on frontline ambulances and provide immediate and advanced medical care to patients with serious or life-threatening conditions.

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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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Product	Weight	Price	Quantity Cost
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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	£12-50	
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£26-00	
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 June 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

Flooding

This winter seems to have been the worst for many years regarding local flooding. At the request of Finborough parish council and other local people I am working with County Councillor Penny Otton to arrange a meeting with both the Environment Agency and the county council in its role as Leader Local Flood Authority (LLFA). We recognise concerns regarding both the river overflowing around Burford Bridge and also the increased surface water coming down Star House Lane and flooding Finborough road.

That these problems have worsened at a time we are all encouraged to take more exercise and stay local is a frustration, but more serious is the long detours to reach Stowmarket or A14, and the delays when emergency vehicles are needed in the villages.

Trees needed – repeated by request

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, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1BE. 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.

Council Services

If you need to contact the council, many services can be accessed via the web site at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/> or by phoning **Phone [0300 1234000](tel:03001234000)** to be connected to any council service.

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John Matthissen: councillor@matthissen.net. Telephone 01449 258894 (7 days a week !)

Or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market IP6 8RZ

The Pettiward Hall

“Little Ernie”

The winners in March were Cathy Croome and Sadie Watts. They each received £8.75.

AGM

The AGM, scheduled for March, has been postponed. A new date will be announced in due course.

Mary Preece

News from Onehouse

Unfortunately, the Homemade Cake Stall organised for Easter Saturday is postponed due to Government restrictions. It was to be held at the Trinity Hall or the Car Park there. The event is now planned for Saturday 1st May from 10am until 12 noon at the same venue. All proceeds to Onehouse Church Funds. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Carole and Mary, Churchwardens.

Denzil's Diary

So sorry I haven't been doing the diary lately, but I have been furlonged, I think that's what Mrs. B said, or was it furloughed? Anyway, whatever it is I am being paid to sit about doing nothing, "nothing new there then" Tweezle said. I've a good mind to Eeyore right in her ear one night when she's sleeping. Tweezle is only jealous because I was asked to do the blog, as us writers like to call it, and not her. Plus, I pick up more village gossip having bigger ears than her.

I must ask when we are likely to receive our jabs, it must be soon, in human years we are both knocking on a bit, I am not fussed which vaccine I have if it stops me getting Covid. I can't bear the thought of losing my taste and smell. Tweezle says she wouldn't mind as I do pong a bit some nights, it's the turn of speed I have in getting to the fence before her to get the carrots when the lovely local residents bring them, I can demolish 3 or 4 before she arrives. However, I do suffer for it later with a touch of flatulence.

I was so sorry to hear that Rev Chris had moved to a new Diocese, he was highly thought of in the parish and we are going to miss him. I didn't see him very often, but he did bless me at one Christmas crib service, as I'm sure I heard him say "blessed Donkey!"

The big excitement in the Village is the Denzel Inn is being extended and will be completed by the time we come out of lockdown. They tell me its looking rather special.

I haven't told you any donkey jokes lately, so here goes.

What do you call a baby donkey? A burrito.

What do you call a frightened baby donkey? A chicken burrito.

What do you call a country populated by donkeys? An assassination.

I know the jokes are not too good, but the Ed always wants a full page otherwise he gets in a bit of a strop.

Denzil



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 fully on the 19 May, covid restrictions permitting. Our menu is available via Facebook or call for further information

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April 2021 From Onehouse Rectory



Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, several things have been on my mind – the cautious return to some normal activities of life following months of various lockdowns as a result of this awful pandemic: many people who are suffering from mental health issues because of these lockdowns and loss; the attempts to rid the citizens of Myanmar and Hong Kong [amongst other countries] of democratic rights; the death of Sarah Everard reminds us of the safety risks of women and others walking alone sometimes; domestic abuse amongst women and men. I could go on. These things can make us depressed but people who really know me will probably say that I'm a "glass half full" person rather than a "glass half empty" person. In other words, I try to look positively at things and I can be very determined when I need to be! This doesn't mean that I see everything through "rose coloured spectacles" or think that everything will be alright in the end. The world in which we live as we know can be a very hard place, a difficult and lonely habitation and many experience such awful things that it would take an absolute miracle not to be depressed, angry and afraid.

I think there are several reasons why I have a glass "half full" perspective

- Faith in a God who loves me and all humankind and will never give up on us – which is not to say that I haven't had my doubts.
- Parents who had to face tremendous difficulties in all sorts of ways but kept going and taught my brother and me life-long lessons about stickability and standing together. My Mother is still there to listen and to give her thoughts, which I value.
- Subsequently, very special people who have/are sharing my life and for whom I thank God daily.

When I think about my parents' generation, they were/are quite incredible. The generation who faced the horror of Nazi-ism and refused to give in though it took them almost everything they had and necessitated digging deep inside themselves to find a strength they never thought they had. After it all, they had to pick themselves up, literally dust themselves off and begin to build a new world for us to live in. These things in spite of losing loved ones; returning to an uncertain world; in some cases, being physically or mentally scarred – it wasn't easy. So how do we in our turn think positively and try to encourage others particularly the young, but all ages are important.

"When the world tries to tear us down, we need people who build us up, people who recognise our talent and help us make the most of it. Consider these 'commands for parents' written from a child's point of view.

1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball.
2. My legs are short; slow down so that I can keep up with you.
3. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; let me explore it safely, and don't restrict me unnecessarily.
4. Housework will always be there; I'm only little for a short time. Take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world and do so willingly.
5. My feelings are tender; don't nag me all day long. Treat me as you would like to be treated.
6. I am a special gift from God; treasure me as God intended you to – holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner. Today be an encourager!

Those 'commands for parents' – not to expect perfection; slowing down for the sake of others; safety, but without too much restriction; giving time to people; being considerate of others' feelings; encouraging because we're all God's children can be applied to anyone.

If prayer is your thing:

Where are you Lord?

In the voice on the phone; in the smile across the street; in the kindness of strangers; in the courage of carers; in the laughter online; in the colours of spring; in the stories of hope; in the instinct to pray; in the wisdom of people; in the words of The Book.

Child, here I am.

Canon Pauline

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