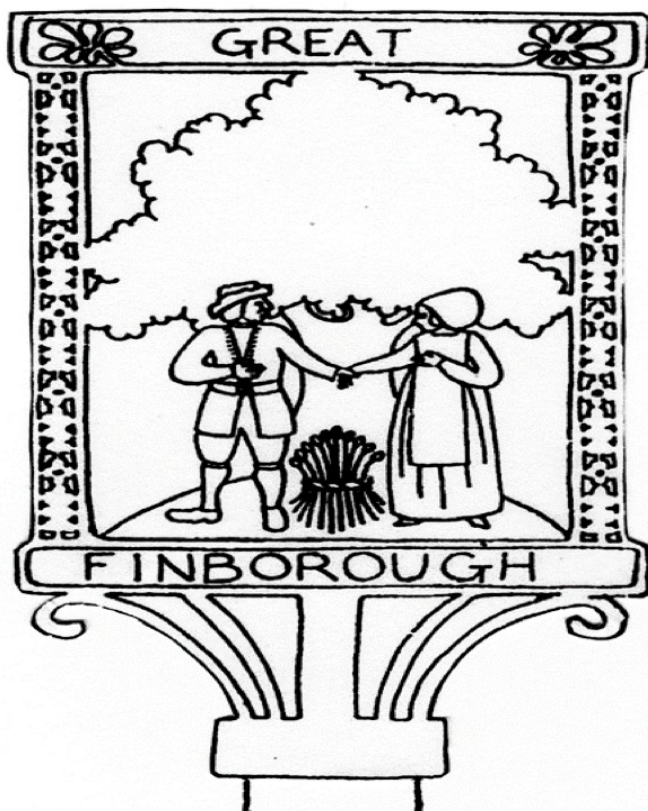
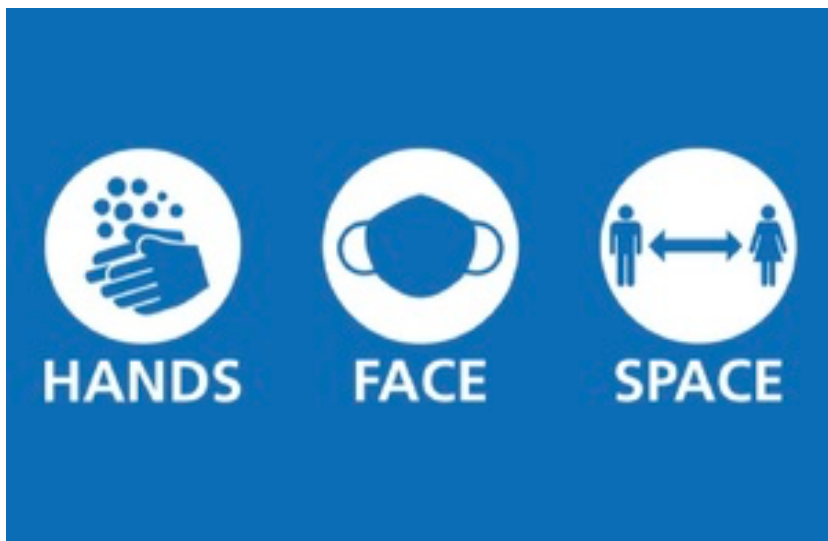


# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**June 2021**  
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Hands, Face, Space



### **VILLAGE DIARY – June 2021**

14	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
30	7.30pm	Pettiward Hall AGM, Pettiward Hall

### **July 2021**

12	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward hall
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### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021**

**14 June**

**12 July**

At 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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## **Editorial**

Well, here we are at the start of June, nearly half way through 2021, where did the time go? At least we are easing out of lockdown now with more relaxation of the rules and hopefully a time in the not-too-distant future when things get back to some kind of normality, whatever that might look like after the last 18 months!

Thanks to all of you who have returned your Play Park questionnaires. It is not too late to fill it in and return it, your views are important to the successful completion of this project. Also, check out pages 6 and 7 to see how you can contribute towards raising funds for this project in a fun way.

I hope you have all popped in to the Chestnut Horse now that it is fully reopened and seen the amazing difference that Sharon, Rob and Clare, along with lots of volunteers from the village, have made to the pub. It really looks a different place inside and you are always guaranteed a warm welcome from the Staff with good ales, a wide selection of drinks and excellent food. Check out page 17 for opening times.

It is the Annual General Meeting of the Pettiward Hall Management committee on the 30 June, so why not pop along and have your say on how this wonderful village asset is managed. Also, the monthly Parish Council meetings are back to being held in Pettiward Hall so come along and see what goes on, you are all very welcome to attend.

Thank you to all of the contributors of the magazine both regular and one off. Please keep the articles coming, it makes the editors job so much easier!!

The 15 June is the deadline for inclusion in the July/August 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 4 May at 7.30pm was held remotely via Zoom platform.

The first item on the agenda was to nominate and elect a chairman. Councillor Tarabella was nominated and elected as Chairman with Councillor Reeves nominated and elected as Vice Chairman.

Planning – Extensive comments were noted from neighbours to application DC/21/02077 Outline Planning Application (access to be considered, all other matters reserved) Erection of 4 no. Dwellings and garages (resubmission of DC/20/05843) Land at rear of East House, High Road. After hearing from all parties concerned, it was resolved to submit a comment objecting to the application. Full details of the comment and wording can be found on the village website.

It was noted that Councillor Matthissen had confirmed his intention to set up a meeting with relevant parties to discuss the flooding at Combs Lane/ Onehouse junction. It was also noted that the Local Housing Needs Survey has been commissioned through CAS.

The Internal audit with Heelis and Lodge was noted and there were no recommendations. The final accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 were approved.

It was agreed to set up a Play Area reserve and to apply for funding from outside providers. It was also agreed to set up a Play Area Working Group.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Turner and Mary Smythe for their excellent work on the Wildflower meadow Information board.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 14 June at 7.30 in the upstairs meeting room, Pettiward Hall.

**Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk**



## **Great Finborough Annual Village Meeting**

The Annual Village Meeting (AVM) was held via the zoom platform on 6 May starting at 7.30pm. There were nine members of the public present with the meeting chaired by Simon Tarabella and Paula Gladwell. Apologies were received from PCSO Henrikson and David Preece

Reports were received from the County and District Councillors, the Parish Council, St Andrews Church, Pettward hall management Committee, the Garden Club, Woodpecker Hill Wood Volunteer Group, The Allotments Association, the Newsletter and Community Speedwatch. There were no reports filed for the Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's or the Great Finborough primary School. Full details of all reports can be found on the Parish Website.

Public concern was expressed about the flooding at the Combs Lane / Onehouse road junction. Councillor Matthissen confirmed that he would be arranging a meeting with the Environment agency within the next month. Public concern was also expressed at the destruction of trees both at Union Road and in Thurston by developers of new housing schemes. Cllr Matthissen suggested contacting Cllr Jessica Fleming, Environment Portfolio Holder and Cllr Burn, Planning Portfolio holder to express concerns and lobby for change.

The Parish Council thanked June Nathan and her team for their fantastic work at Woodpecker Hill which now looks amazing and is a pleasurable walk for the many people who use it. Others also expressed their thanks to the volunteers for making a huge difference to the wood.

Thanks were expressed to Jane & Rodney Self for their hard work and commitment to various projects for the community including refurbishing benches, helping at the pub and John's sign. All their work is done quietly in the background and it is very much appreciated.

**Paula Gladwell**

## **Great Finborough Play Park Refurbishment**

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to fill out and return the Play Park questionnaires that we delivered with last months newsletter. We still would like more of you to submit your views on the project in order to get the best possible overview of the village residents' thoughts and ideas. If you need another questionnaire, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Council and we will drop one around and can arrange collection if needed. The collection of this data will also help us in our bid to secure funding from outside grant providers to show we have the support of the village.

In order to help with the funding, we have started the "Smartie Challenge". We will provide you with a free tube of smarties and after eating the contents you put a donation into the empty tube each week. We are suggesting a £1 but any amount will do. We will be collecting the (hopefully) full tubes around February next year and all the money raised will go into the Great Finborough Play Park refurbishment fund. Tubes can be collected from the contacts opposite or you can pick up your tube from the Chestnut Horse.

Grant applications have been started with the National Lottery fund and Viridor Credits (a landfill communities fund) as well as approaching our District Council for a share of the Community Infrastructure Levy that they collect from new build schemes. We will keep you updated with the progress of these applications. If anybody has any ideas or running events that could contribute to our funding, we would love to hear from you.

Once again, I would ask you all to sign up for the Smartie Challenge and do your bit towards the refurbishment of the children's Play park.

Thank You,

**Great Finborough Parish Council**

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To sign up for the challenge and get your free tube of Smarties contact

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## **Great Finborough & District Garden Club**

Once again, the Garden Club has little to report, but spring is here, the spring flowers have been magnificent and the birds are starting to raise their families and the weather is at last improving. On a more optimistic note, and in the absence of covid controls we are planning to resume formal meetings in September commencing with the AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

However, to reacquaint ourselves with each other, and COVID guidelines permitting, we are hoping to hold the Annual BBQ and Summer Social on the 5 August. Peter has kindly offered to host this at The Little House and further details will be sent to members nearer the time.

There is a birdseed order this month, closing date for orders is the 6 June with collection scheduled for the 16 June. Please see the May magazine for details, members should have received their form by e-mail.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event please contact: Judith Cameron on 672978 or email [judyandian@btinternet.com](mailto:judyandian@btinternet.com) **Judith Cameron**

## **News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen**

Consultation on 'Active travel' (Walking and cycling) - How would you improve cycling and walking routes in our districts? Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are developing a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan. As part of this, we want to hear your views on where and how you think improvements could be made to walking and cycling routes in your area. You can take part on line here, including a map <https://baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is/>

**John Matthissen** (see Who's who) or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market IP6 8RZ

## Beacon of Hope

Sometime during 2019 before the dreadful events of 2020 started to unfold, several friends sat having a drink at the front of The Chestnut Horse. As dusk descended, we were looking at the iconic and beautiful steeple of St Andrews Church, "*wouldn't it be magnificent if it could be illuminated*" someone suggested and so an idea was born.

Since that evening in late summer of 2019 the fragility of the world we live in became all too apparent, with the beginning of the pandemic. It has impacted our lives in ways we could not have imagined. The Beacon of Hope project is just that, hope for the future of our community and the wider world we live in.

That same group of friends have started raising funds towards the project and it has now become an item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council. There are several hoops to jump through yet; not to mention planning consent, the approval of the Diocese and the funding to enable us to proceed.

When the lighting is in place, there will be an opportunity to make a nominal donation to the Church to have the steeple illuminated for an evening to commemorate a special occasion, wedding anniversary, birthday, wedding or any significant date that means something to you. A Beacon of Hope and community for all to see and enjoy.

**Peter Turner**



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## Denzil's Diary

I love this time of year! It is full of new life and the return of old friends.

The days are still growing longer and (hopefully) warmer, my meadow looks beautiful with its buttercup blanket and my dear old friends the swifts are back, bringing the skies above the village to life.

Tweezle at times comments that their screaming and soaring breaks her moments of quiet contemplation. But what better thing to contemplate than their annual journey home to nest.

*"I think Buxhall's a long haul, Tweezle. Imagine travelling from West Africa and across the Sahara to reach us every year. They must love Finborough as much as we do!"*

As well as returning friends, there is no shortage of new life. From the fledging birds in our hedgerows to the wildflowers waking up on Woodpecker Hill. Now we have the Interpretation Board up on the wildflower meadow, I am learning all their names too. Although slightly surprised they have not named the most beautiful plant of all *Daucus Carota* - mmmmm Carrots.

I hear the human world is opening a bit more this week. I hope you all can spend some beautiful late spring evenings with your friends and family, as I intend to with the swifts...and Tweezle - if I can get her off *Rightstable*.

**Denzil**

## **Stage three of the trouser trilogy**

It was most gratifying to hear that Milton Waterbeach, one of East Anglia's foremost literary authorities, upon encountering one or other of the earlier articles in this series, pronounced it "...an unusual offering, the substance of which is not so much elusive as incomprehensible..."; and so it was, with this accolade still ringing in my ears, that I fell to considering a fitting conclusion to our exploration of this fascinating subject.

Fans of JRR Tolkien's magnum opus - the Lord Of The Rings, may expect this, as the third and last in the series, to celebrate the ultimate triumph of good over evil, plus all of the trimmings, although some, rather churlishly in my opinion, have suggested that its tripartite nature constitutes the only possible similarity. To such doubters I say; read on and all will be revealed.

My earliest, but none the less enduring, trouser-specific recollection, is of experiencing at first hand the inadequate protection that shorts afforded to young knees. It seemed to me a cruel irony that those whose lives consisted almost entirely of falling over – small boys that is - should have been forced to wear short trousers all year every year until early teenage.

There was of course a sound, though not widely acknowledged, reason for the now bygone era of enforced short-trouser wearing. The privations of the post-war years meant that there were shortages of almost everything, and the material for trouser manufacture was no exception. The "baby boom" added significantly to the demand for children's clothing generally and there was just not enough to go round. Indeed, I must have been at least eight years old before realising that there were, or indeed had ever been, such a thing as new trousers - my experience thus far having suggested that the pre-existing stock of second-hand shorts was simply to be re-cycled ad-infinitem.



Consequently, my memories are of grazed and battered knees ill bandaged by dinner ladies, whose job it was not - as they vociferously pointed out at the time. Hardly the good old days but then present-day trousers are not devoid of their difficulties. Witness, for example, the recent and mysterious disappearance of a very decent pair of casual slacks from my wardrobe. Inadvertent loss is most unlikely; left behind at the library or upstairs on the bus – really? - and souvenir hunters are these days very thin on the ground, so just what could have become of them?

There would seem to be only one possible explanation and, though some might think it blatantly contrived, it is one which deftly yet firmly reinstates the connection to Tolkien and the Lord of the Rings, while simultaneously confounding those who may have thought William Golding's Lord of the Flies a more appropriate comparison. Is it not possible, and in the absence of any alternative even probable, that the trousers are not lost, but have instead been rendered invisible by some arch-necromancer? Or that unbeknown to me, they were perhaps always imbued with the power of invisibility and if so, whether it was just by chance that I stumbled upon them in Age Concern, or whether it was pre-destined and, most importantly if this was the case, whether I too was unknowingly rendered invisible when I wore them? I should appreciate the readership's assistance on this point – can anyone remember not having seen me recently, whilst wearing the grey slacks of course, as any other failure to spot me would not signify.

**Pip-pip!**

## **News from Onehouse**

Many Thanks to those who donated and attended the Cake and plant Stall held on 1 May. The proceeds of £241 have gone to Onehouse Church Funds. The weather was good enough for people to enjoy a hot drink and catch up with friends. Safe Distancing of course!

On 19 June we will be holding another Cake, Plant and Book Stall at Trinity Hall Car Park from 10am until 12 noon. Hot drinks will be available too. Please support if you can by either attending or donating cakes, books or plants. Contact Carole on 736025 if you require any further information. Proceeds to Onehouse Church Funds.

**Carole and Mary, Churchwardens.**

## **The Pettiward Hall**

### **"Little Ernie"**

The winners in May were John Grimaldi and Frank Raynes. They each received £9.25.

### **AGM**

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the hall charity will be held on Wednesday, 30 June at 7.30pm in the main hall. Depending on the Government guidelines at the time, face masks and social distancing may be required. Please contact me for further information.

**Mary Preece**



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# Rules from 17 May 2021

## Stage three of the easing of lockdown

	<p><b>You can meet people as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People can meet in groups of up to 30 <b>outdoors</b>.</li> <li>• Six people or two households can meet <b>indoors</b>, with overnight stays allowed.</li> </ul> <p>Social distancing with close family and friends is a matter of personal judgement, but people are asked to remain cautious around close contact, like hugging. <a href="http://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-friends-and-family-covid-19">www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-friends-and-family-covid-19</a></p>
	<p><b>What is now open?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can restart</li> <li>• Outdoor and indoor entertainment, such as theatres, cinemas, museums, children's play areas, zoos, theme parks, libraries and community centres</li> <li>• All shops, hairdressers, beauty salons and other close-contact services</li> </ul>
	<p><b>What else can I do?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurants, cafes and pubs can seat customers indoors (following the rule of six or two households)</li> <li>• Up to 30 people can attend weddings or other life events, like christenings or funerals</li> <li>• Care home residents allowed five named visitors and more freedom for visits out of the home</li> <li>• Performances and large events can restart, but with limits on audience numbers</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Can I travel?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-essential journeys are allowed; continue to work from home if you can</li> <li>• Hotels, hostels and B&amp;Bs can reopen in the UK</li> <li>• Some international leisure travel may resume. Countries are in three categories: green, amber and red, with different testing and isolation rules. Green countries have the fewest rules. <a href="http://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england">www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Can I access testing if I don't have any symptoms?</b></p> <p>1 in 3 people with the coronavirus do not show any symptoms. Through testing we can stop the spread of the virus to other people. Go online to book a test or a home test kit at <a href="http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test">www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test</a> or call 0333 772 6144 (interpreters are available).</p>
	<p><b>Whether you have had a vaccination or not, you can catch and pass Covid-19 onto other people, so still remember 'Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air':</b></p> <p><b>Hands</b> – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds <b>Face</b> – wear a face covering over nose and mouth in indoor settings <b>Space</b> – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible <b>Fresh Air</b> – meet in the fresh air. Keep buildings well ventilated</p>



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## **From Onehouse Rectory June 2021**

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter it looks as if further aspects of “ordinary” life will be opening up once again after months of shutdowns; lock downs and closures during the ravages of this awful Covid 19 virus. We hope so, anyway, because it appears that the Indian variant in Bolton and elsewhere in the country is raising some

difficult issues.

However, it isn’t stopping us all from looking forward to “getting back to things as they were before” as some people put it. Can things ever be “as they were before” and do we want them to be?

Very few people, if any, have been unaffected by the pandemic. “If my neighbour isn’t vaccinated/healed then I am not healed” has become a type of slogan. People of all ages have been affected mentally, physically emotionally and spiritually. We have learned lessons about the way others live and their needs which perhaps were hidden before those needs were pushed to the fore.

Sometimes we’ve seen flagrant breaking of rules of behaviour as laid down by the Government to keep us all safe. Not only has it affected the people breaking the rules, but risked other people’s lives and well-being. But we’ve also seen the most amazing adaptation of neighbourliness in all sorts of ways. People have used their gifts and skills in the most ingenious ways often to help others too. I hope so much that this creativity will continue and that all those who were struggling before and during the pandemic will continue to receive the care and attention they so badly need starting or, should I say, continuing with the valuable work going on in our own communities.

I have gone back to a poem sent to me in March 2020 written by a retired teacher from Madison, Wisconsin USA called Kitty O’Meara. It expresses much more eloquently than I can what I am trying to say.

## Reflection

And the people stayed home.

And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

**Canon Pauline**

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**There were no entries this month**



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## SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE JUNE 2021

Please contact Rev Canon Pauline on paulinehigham@googlemail.com if you would like details of how to join any of the Zoom services.

### 6 June: First Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
11.00 am	Family Communion Booking essential	Combs
6.00 pm	Holy Communion Booking essential	Shelland

### 13 June: Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
11.00 am	Holy Communion Booking essential	Great Finborough
6.00 pm.	Holy Communion. Booking essential	Harleston

### 20 June: Thirds Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
11.00 am	Family Communion. Booking essential	Combs
6.00 pm	Holy Communion. Booking essential	Onehouse

### 27 June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
11.00 am	Holy Communion. Booking essential	Buxhall
6.00 pm.	Holy Communion. Booking essential	Little Finborough

Services in churches are subject to regulations changes and safety precautions to reduce the risks of Covid-19 transmission for the safety of all our worshippers and communities.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK A PLACE WITH A CHURCHWARDEN FOR THESE SERVICES.

**Combs – Jenny 615956, Buxhall – David 737405, Gt Finborough – Nigel 675344, Lt. Finborough – Cheryl 774027, Shelland – Lisa 01359 245013, Onehouse – Mary 615203, Harleston – Michael 736331**

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