

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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Hands, Face, Space



VILLAGE DIARY – OCTOBER

4	3-6pm	The return of Elvis, The Chestnut Horse
8	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
18	3-6pm	Johnny Cash Tribute, The Chestnut Horse
21	7.30pm	Pettiward Hall AGM, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – NOVEMBER

12	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Zoom platform at 7.30pm on Monday 12 October. Please contact Simon Tarabella for joining details

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Editorial

I would like to start the editorial for this month's newsletter with a word of warning to dog owners. There has been a spate of dog thefts recently in the area and it seems to revolve around people looking over properties to see if dogs are present and then leaving a chalk mark to identify the houses as targets for a later date. Chalk marks have been found at village residents' properties after noticing strangers in the near vicinity. Please keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity to the Safer Neighbourhood Team whose details are on the back page.

It is good to see the village playpark back in operation giving our youngsters somewhere to play and get their exercise. Please be aware and comply with the extra Covid 19 controls that are in place to make it safe and usable for all under twelves. The normal rules still apply as well so please abide by these and keep your dogs outside of the park regardless of being on a lead or not.

It is now approximately 5 years since myself and Peter took over the temporary editing of the newsletter. We are still looking for a full-time editor to take on this community task which is not too onerous and hopefully provides a service to village residents. Please let us know if you would be interested. It would be good to have a new perspective on village life! It has been mentioned in the not too distant past as to whether a village newsletter is still relevant and of use to the community in the digital age, I know some households don't bother reading it and put it straight in the bin. We would be interested to know the general feeling in the village regarding the newsletter and also hearing from anybody who has any ideas on, or the expertise to, produce some form of digital newsletter.

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

Simon Tarabella

Great Finborough Parish Council

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 14 September at 7.30pm was held remotely via Zoom platform.

It was noted that Councillor Dee Dixon has tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. A vote of thanks was recorded for her work whilst a member of the Council.

County Cllr Penny Otton and District Councillor Matthissen's both gave their reports which can be found on the village website.

There were 3 planning applications to consider to which the Council had no objections at this time. Full details can be found in the minutes of the meeting on the Parish website. It was noted that the planning application for the single storey rear extension to the Chestnut Horse had been granted. Thanks were recorded to Councillor Matthissen for his help with the application.

A review of Internal Controls and their effectiveness were carried out and minor changes sanctioned.

It was decided to go ahead with the provision of an information board for the wildflower meadow and the refurbishment of the village notice board.

The matter of replacement / upgrade of the Parish owned street lights was discussed. The replacement costs were in excess of £20,000 and public consultation would be required to determine if this would be something that residents considered worth investing in. Further information to be determined.

The date of the next PC meeting will be on Monday 12 October, 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 weather has been such as to keep us on our toes, it has been a very dry and sunny summer, lovely really, with the resulting heavy labour of watering to keep pots and vegetables alive and producing. Now that the autumn is here the time has come to start the autumn tidy up of the beds (when the rain finally arrives to soften the ground), tidy/prune and feed those specimens remaining and to plan the spring bulb displays.

As of writing we are still able to hold meetings but, due to the restrictions imposed on us all by COVID we are limited in numbers and places will need to be booked in advance. Please do this by email to judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com or telephone to 672978, by the Monday prior to the meeting. Any changes will be notified to members by e-mail.

The report from the AGM which took place on the 17 September, will be in the next magazine.

The next meeting will be on the 8 October at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Main Hall of the Pettiward Hall, and will feature David Page from the road side stall on Combs Lane who is coming to tell us about vegetable growing, and if you have seen the size of his cauliflowers recently he knows his stuff.

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 payable in September, or £2.50 for an individual session. For further information contact Judith Cameron on 672978 or judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com

Judith Cameron



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The Pettiward Hall

“Little Ernie”

The winners in the September draw were John Grimaldi and Belinda Aldous. They each received £8.75.

Job Vacancy

The position of Cleaner is still vacant. This is the only paid position at the hall - all the other work to keep the hall operating is undertaken by volunteers. Although we are doing all necessary cleaning for the time being, we would rather not have to add “cleaning” to our list of tasks on a permanent basis! A job description and application form are available from me (see contact details on back page).

AGM – Wednesday, 21 October, 7.30pm in the main hall

The AGM of the hall charity, which should have been held in March, had to be postponed due to lockdown. Now that the hall is a COVID-19 secure building, we are allowed to hold the meeting so that trustees can be elected, accounts approved for 2019 and annual report received. Residents who wish to attend should contact me by Friday, 16 October so I can confirm that the meeting will go ahead and send them copies of the agenda and accounts. Social distancing in the hall will be observed, face coverings must be worn (unless people are exempt) and contact details will be taken for Test and Trace which will be retained for 21 days after the meeting.

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We are pleased to announce that we are re-commencing the above service from 1 September - same time table- but all journeys must be pre-booked on 01473 826242 Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm up to seven days in advance. Due to social distancing we can only accommodate 6 passengers on the vehicle. Passengers must wear a face covering and be able to get on and off themselves. Time table info can be obtained from suffolkonboard.com 461/2

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

On-street Parking Enforcement

I am sorry to hear that quite a few fines have been issued, now that the flexibility afforded by non-enforcement is no longer available. It may be that some changes to the permitted times and restrictions are needed, or permits for services such as plumbers and electricians working in central locations. Any changes will need to be pursued through your county councillors, although the District has out-sourced the enforcement for Stowmarket to West Suffolk District.

Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, Stowmarket

Work has commenced on a £2.2m upgrade and extension to the Leisure Centre, including a new gym, poolside features, changing rooms and catering facilities.

Stowmarket Middle School

Planning approval has been granted for 38 'affordable' homes on the Stowmarket Middle School site which is owned by MSDC. The development will be a mix of shared ownership and rental properties as follows: 6 one-bedroom apartments, 8 two-bedroom flats, 14 two-bedroom houses, 8 three-bedroom houses and 2 four-bedroom houses.

Gateway 14

This is land across the A1120 from Tesco, which the Council has bought a couple of years ago for commercial development. Public consultation on proposals, which now include land up to A14, is due to launch next week. The web address is www.G14yoursay.co.uk and you can register for updates.

Locality Budget

Each councillor has £6,250 to help groups and projects around the villages we represent. Best to give me a call or an email to explore if the project is likely to be eligible and you will be sent an application form

John Matthissen

Denzil's Diary

Hi Everybody, yes its me again, the villages favourite Ass, Denzil, Yes, you heard me correctly, I did say Ass although I could also have said Burro but then I would just have been accused of being a show off, as if!!

Myself and Tweezle often play this game called "Things we never expected to hear or do in Great Finborough". Well, a couple of Sundays ago "things" happened that really took the biscuit (or carrot as we prefer to say).

We were having our normal Sunday stroll around the paddock when what did we hear but Michael Jackson resurrected and singing at the Chestnut Donkey. I must say that he sounded very good despite being supposedly deceased for a few years. Anyway, if that wasn't enough of a shock, we were then accosted by a very nice police lady telling us to move back to a 50 metre exclusion zone as there was an unexploded bomb in the area!! Cue a stampede by Tweezle back to the stable but I stayed around for a nosey (well it is a bit big). After a while those brave lads from the Colchester Bomb Disposal Unit turned up and sorted it all out. Michael never stopped singing but I suppose he wasn't "going to stop 'til he got enough" and then he could have always "Beat it". What a "Thriller"!

Reading through the recent newsletters I am pleased to see that other village residents are taking part in the newsletter and submitting articles. As a donkey of great culture, I particularly enjoy the poems by Sarah but am at a bit of a loss as to why she hasn't put pen to paper regarding the villages most prolific resident. I'm sure you can guess who I am talking about! Just putting it out there Sarah!

Anyway, I suppose its time to go back into the stable. With the nights drawing in its back to watching TV and our favourite programme, Bray Watch! See you next month.

Denzil



CHESTNUT HORSE



Sharon, Robert & Clare would like to thank the local community so very much for their patience and understanding with regards to the playing of live music most weekends. This will cease by mid October due to the weather. These events will hopefully aid with the cash flow during the inclement months which is an obvious area of concern for us.

Opening times as follows (subject to Govt advice):

Tues - Thurs 12-9pm
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Friday and Saturday - open all day 12pm-close
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Sunday - open all day 12-8pm
Food served 12-4pm
Take aways still available

Sunday 4 October - Return of Elvis - 3-6pm
Sunday 18 October - Jax & Co - 3-6pm
Food available at both events, pre-booking essential
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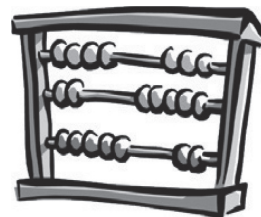
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October 2020 from the Rectory



As I write in mid-September, I hear murmurings about what we can do for McMillan Coffee Morning's, Remembering our dear departed ones and Remembrance Sunday. I know neighbouring parishes are planning their outdoor Christmas services and Onehouse Ministers have come up with a plan already. All these things are designed to help us bring

some normality back to our lives so suddenly curtailed 6 months ago and still uncertain. We are designed to live 'in community' and we miss others physical presence and life events. That is 'normality'.

We have heard enough that the church is the people not the building. That's just as well, as sadly all but Shelland and Combs remain locked. But when the 'people' can't meet, where is the church? It remains of course in the faith of individuals but that needs to be fostered and encouraged and shown through being with one another – lest the flame of faith is extinguished. Individual acts of kindness and charity have been very much to the fore, but I wonder if some haven't already lost the habit of church attendance or engagement?

The inability to physically meet has been a great loss to many people and the Bible says that Christians are meant to meet together physically, to hear and consider the Scriptures, to pray, to 'break bread' and to share fellowship.

So how are we maintaining 'normality'?

Fortunately, we have two physical services each Sunday and it is good that we are achieving nearly 50 people from across the parishes, though our meetings are restricted with little traditional fellowship and no singing.

Much has been done to facilitate worship through technology and our numbers remain remarkably high on line – over 50 and several remain doing so because they can sing and like the fellowship Zoom is providing that can't be allowed in church building.

Zoom is with us for a long time, perhaps for ever in some way. Our enormous gratitude goes to Lisa Hicks of Shelland, Maggie Vincent of Gt Finborough and Andy Little of Combs for their talent and work to facilitate it.

Our Bible Readings set for 6 September lead me to remember that the Law of God is the Law of Love and however much we might come to understand the Law of Love by the written word, prayer and long 'membership' of the church – we also remember that ultimately God didn't reveal himself as written word or to a few people living alone. God chose to become incarnate – with us – enfleshed -if you like and many believe he is especially present to them in the Holy Communion. He is a God who came as one of us into community and lived in community. Let us hope and pray that we can soon be together again in all our activities and worship. In the meantime, please join us in one or other way – to keep our lamp of faith burning as brightly as it can.

With prayers and all good wishes,

Rev Chris

PS If it sounds a bit like the start of Christmas well – you heard it here at the same time as B and M stocked their shelves with their Christmas Fayre (*apparently.*)

PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough

Funerals and Cremation

Trevor Bernard **Waspe**

Died 11 August 2020, aged 90

28 August 2020 St Andrews Church



Trevor Waspe

Linda, Sarah and Simon Waspe would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, letters and flowers following Trevor's passing. We were also touched by the number of people who had assembled in the churchyard on the afternoon of the funeral. We would also like to thank Sharon and her team at the Chestnut Horse for providing such an excellent buffet. The marquee was very welcome when the heavens opened. Special thanks to Rev. Chris for proceedings.

Remembering the Dear Departed 1st November 11am St Mary's Combs

This has been a particularly difficult year for many and so we have chosen the church with the largest safe seating capacity to hold the service. Invitations are being sent to all who have lost loved ones recorded in our Registers over the past year, BUT ALL ARE WELCOME and there will be an opportunity to leave a personal memory rather than lighting a candle. Otherwise please ask. **Booking in is essential** with the number in your 'bubble' by the previous Thursday to Rev Alison on alidivineone@gmail.com, if possible or phoning either Rectory

Well done to all who took part in the "Ride and Stride" event



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A Little bit of History

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.....and a letter from a parent

As parents of two little ones getting back to some sort of normal routine has been both exciting and daunting. Our youngest had spent a very happy six months with Delia and her nurturing team before lockdown changed our world. After no contact with children her own age, the start of preschool again was a little scary for us all. However, all our worries were very short lived. The preschool has put in place lots of COVID-19 safety measures but have maintained a happy, friendly

learning environment. Our daughter asks to go even at the weekend! I think the novelty of mummy time has worn off!! Both of our children have attended the setting and we cannot recommend it enough or thank the team enough for all their love, care and patience.

Delia marks 20 years within the setting this month. Her dedication is second to none. Fingers crossed this academic year is a smoother one.

Audacious Autumn

Thanks to autumn's regal splendour

There's a real riot of colour on view

The trees are conspicuous and stunning

A rich roadside avenue

Season synonymous with harvest

We delight in devouring your deliciously ripe fruits

Which we've gathered in from our laden orchards

Whilst donning our waterproof wellington boots

We love bubbling bowls of berries

With steaming crumble toppings

Homemade apple pies and plump, pear tarts

And less ready meals in our shopping

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That matures along the vine

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Putting your money into autumn's wine

Your morning mists herald the coming of cooler, inclement climes

The sun is still strong and the shadows long

It's such a beautiful time

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To the shades of red, yellow and plum

I'm only sad the days get shorter and darker

We know that winter's next to come

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Services at churches

4 October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Little Finborough

11 October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am	Holy Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Shelland

18 October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Onehouse

25 October: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evening Worship	Harleston

1 November: All Saints' Day

11.00 am	Remembering the Dear Departed	Combs
3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Little Finborough

To facilitate safe seating arrangements, numbers may need to be limited. Please book with the churchwardens or clergy if you would like to attend.

Precautions against coronavirus transmission will be in place. Face coverings must be worn. The precautions may change as the regulations and best practice are modified.

If the weather is fine the afternoon services may be in the churchyards. Please bring your own chair to these services.

Services on-line The following services will be held by Zoom meeting

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION for the benefice every Sunday at 9.30 am

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