

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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Hands, Face, Space



VILLAGE DIARY – November

8	10.45am	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Buxhall
12	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – December

3	7.30pm	Garden Club Xmas Party, 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 9 November. Please contact Simon Tarabella for joining details

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Editorial

I would like to start this month's editorial by thanking all of you who took the time to respond to last month question as to the continued production of the newsletter. It is obviously well read in many households and provides useful local information to all. Please be assured there are no plans to stop producing the newsletter in its current format at this time. Thank you also to the ever-growing number of people who are providing articles, poems and short stories for inclusion, it is much appreciated.

Sharon and Rob from the Chestnut Horse would also like to thank the village residents who turned out on a cold and wet Saturday morning to move the Marquee. The large number of helpers ensured that the job was quickly and safely completed. Another example of how the village turns out in numbers when help is required.

As Rev Chris will allude to later on in this newsletter, November is being come to be recognised as the remembering month. As well as the long-established Remembrance Sunday to pay respects to those who have given their lives in conflict, there are services to remember our dearly departed and many ways to remember and help those who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. It is also worth remembering to check on our close neighbours to ensure that all is well and that everybody is coping in the difficult times that we find ourselves in.

Denzil the donkey is taking a rest this month to gear up for what would normally be a busy month for him with star appearances at many Christmas events although these will probably not happen with current restrictions in place. He has handed this month's Diary spot to R Tickler!

The 15 November is the deadline for inclusion in the December / January 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 12 October at 7.30pm was held remotely via Zoom platform.

MSDC confirmed that there has been no call for an election to fill the current vacancy on the Parish Council therefore the PC are free to Co-opt. Closing date for applications is 14 November. The way forward with the street lights is still under discussion to ensure they meet the needs of the village in future years. The play area risk assessment was reviewed and findings were that it is generally being used responsibly with only short periods around the school finishing times being cause for concern. Numbers and behaviour will be monitored and a decision on closure for this period will be discussed as necessary.

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.

A second quote and final draft design for the wildflower meadow information board will be sought for consideration at the next meeting.

The date of the next PC meeting will be on Monday 9 October, 7.30pm via Zoom Platform. Any members of the public wishing to have access please contact Simon Tarabella. **Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk**

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Great Finborough Parish Council have a vacant seat due to a resignation. If you are over 18, on the Electoral roll and live within 3 miles of Great Finborough or work here you could help improve the quality of life of your community! If you would like to be considered for this post or for further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Paula Gladwell (see Who's Who).

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

After a long hot summer and a very strange year, autumn has arrived and at long last there has been enough rain to make the soil easily workable. So, putting the garden to bed for the winter, along with planting bulbs and spring flowering perennials is the task in hand.

The AGM was held at its new location on the calendar in September. The end of the financial year saw the club in a very healthy state. We made £1369.86 in donations over the year 2019/20. From May to September 2020 we have made further donations; to St Andrews for the churchyard bins, to the wild flower meadow for extra plug plants and to Battisford Garden Club to help them establish their own Flower meadow.

The Chair welcomed Jane Davies to the Committee and thanked Penny Waggott for her service. The rest of the Committee was re-elected en bloc.

The October meeting saw us welcome David Page. He runs the roadside stall in Combs Lane that feature those amazing vegetables and really healthy plants. His main focus is producing vegetables for competitions and the extent of the work that goes into producing those displays is truly mindblowing.

Our next meeting will be held on the 12 November at 7.30 in the Main Hall when Sally Bendall from Hollowtrees Farm Shop will give us the insiders view of this popular local business.

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 672978, by the Monday prior to the meeting. If the rules change members will be informed by e-mail.

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 meeting. For further information contact: Judith, details above.

Judith Cameron



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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	

Orders not collected on the day will require customer to make special arrangements to collect. The next seed order will be February 2021. Thank you, **Peter Turner** 07789727974, p.turner125@btinternet.com

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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Take Care

As I write this, in mid-October, I'm pleased to say the confirmed level of Covid-19 across Mid Suffolk is quite low, although we cannot know if the infection locally will increase or decrease as winter approaches. Knowing who is infected is all the harder, of course, because of the delay between catching the virus and showing symptoms, and as some of us show no symptoms at all.

So, I am asking everyone to **take care**, care for our friends, relatives, and people providing services in shops, pubs, and to our doors. Please keep your distance, wear a mask especially when visiting any indoor places, be aware of what you touch outside the home, and keep your hands clean with soap or sanitising gel. We need to do this, not because ordered by Government, or due to police action and fines, but simple to protect others and, through them, ourselves.

Locality Budget

I have had some applications for the locality budget scheme for 2020/21, and will be allocating some of the money shortly I would like to ensure that some goes to each of the 6 villages, and await more bids. Best to give me a call or an email to explore if the project is likely to be eligible and if so you will be sent an application form.

To get in touch:

John Matthissen: councillor@matthissen.net. Telephone 01449 258894

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



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. All customers must wear face masks on entering and moving around inside the pub and marquee. All customers must be seated at tables and your drink and food orders will be taken by a member of staff. Prior booking essential at busy times. You will be required to register for track and trace.

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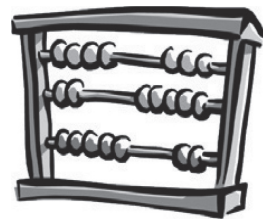
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November 2020 from the Rectory



The war-time mantra of 'Keep Calm and Carry on' was revived for the recession of 2008. It retains a certain sound common sense that we all admire, and none could have anticipated how much we all need it now in this the 'Remembering' month.

Our churches traditionally remember the dearly departed – *and we will again this year* on 1 November with a Special Service at Combs (and in each of our churches within the normal act of worship, as the month progresses.)

Communities and churches remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country *and we will again this year* on the 8 November with a Special Service at Buxhall, another on Zoom and another at Onehouse.

We all remember (or at least hear) the celebrations of Guy Fawkes on 5 November *and we will again this year* – though no doubt from our own gardens.

Men have chosen this month to 'Movember' by growing a moustache to raise money for Prostrate Cancer research *and we will again this year*.

I make these points to remind us all that life goes on amidst this pandemic and there are many people trying to do their best to make a living in their businesses and cafes. No doubt we are supporting them as much as we can. For many paid work continues, but in a different format and with many added pressures and stresses. Life is less certain than it was and the older we get the more we realise it and perhaps turn to the God who is there to sustain and support and strengthen in the good times and the bad.

Perhaps oddly I was strongly reminded of this fact when I had the pleasure of conducting three marriages recently. The couples had gone through much disappointment, stress and upset at changing plans and dreams made over years but as I have tried to say, these are minor issues when set against the long life they will enjoy together. One of the set prayers in the service asks that

'they may nurture their family with devotion, see children grow in body, mind and spirit and come at last to the end of their lives with hearts content and in joyful anticipation of heaven'

Who knows what life has in store for any of us? Who knows how we will cope with the

'sudden changes and chances of this life'?

I pray those couples have many fulfilling decades ahead of them, but also very much echo those sentiments that when our senses and our health begins to fail, we shall be ready with hearts content, that we have done our best and be in joyful anticipation of heaven.

So as I said at the beginning, I am sure we are trying to keep calm and carry on amidst these present troubles, many people are trying to make life as normal as possible and Remember, Remember those who have loved you, those who have given their lives that you might enjoy yours, those who have fought for our system of government and those who try to raise money to fight the diseases that afflict so many of us today. Support them and encourage when you can.

With all good wishes and prayers,

Rev Chris

PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough

There were no entries into the Parish Register this month



St Andrew's Gt Finborough November 2020

At the Annual Meetings and elections held on 5 October we were pleased to welcome (back) Paul Goodchild and Nigel Brown as Churchwardens for the ensuing year. The PCC remains unchanged and a full report of its work and accounts for 2019 are available to any who ask. We are all most grateful to Tim Hines for his work as Churchwarden for the past few years and indeed all those others who have and continue to serve the parish in so many ways.

At the subsequent PCC Maggie Vincent and Andrew Robinson were elected Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Neil Watts was elected Lay Chairman. Is there anyone who could offer a couple of hours every other month to take the Minutes please? It's not onerous, Church attendance is not essential but it would greatly help us all, especially our Secretary whose greatest skill is with piano and organ keyboard and our choirs..... Any offers please to me.....or the Lay Chairman.

We are wondering what to do about **Christmas celebrations** since it seems unlikely we shall be able to gather in any number inside. Many will miss the Carols let alone the ever popular Crib Service. If anyone can help with technology or a venue for an outdoor service please be in touch with me within the next few weeks.

Rev Chris

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ANNUAL SUPPORTERS' DAY, SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2020

Fittingly, our Supporters' Day this year is close to St Andrew's Day itself. We hope very much that you will take the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of the church to our community.

Few would disagree that St Andrew's is a fabulous building, a prominent landmark and a major feature of the village. Over the last few months, many have 'socially distanced' amidst the tranquillity of St Andrew's while enjoying the views towards Buxhall and beyond.

Although, for obvious reasons, access to the church building has been limited in recent months, the ministry team has worked tirelessly to deliver weekly services via the internet and to maintain contact with those who would otherwise have been left isolated by the restrictions that have been placed on our daily lives.

The reduced activity within the church has resulted in a dramatic reduction in income. However, the costs of maintaining and insuring the church and our contribution towards the cost of our ministry team have not gone away. Neither has the urgent need to improve the heating within the church, to help make it more welcoming and comfortable in the winter months.

Regretfully, it seems highly unlikely that we will be able to hold our usual programme of services over Christmas. These are incredibly popular and well supported events – an opportunity for the whole community to come together in celebration. They also play a vital role in the church's annual fundraising efforts. They will be greatly missed.

We rely entirely on the generosity of residents and friends of Great Finborough, whether that be generosity of time and expertise, or of monetary support. **This generous support is needed as much now as it has ever been.** If you are willing to help with the general maintenance of the church, such as mowing the grass, arranging

flower displays, cleaning, polishing etc., please contact Paul Goodchild on 401185 or by email at paul.goodchild@yahoo.co.uk.

If you're able to offer financial support, please either visit the church between 09:30am and 12:00pm on Saturday 28 November 2020 to make a donation in person, or send a cheque made payable to "St Andrew's Church Great Finborough" to the church's Treasurer, Andrew Robinson at 30 Willow Close, Great Finborough, IP14 3BF.

Thank you!

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The winners in October were Doris Riseborough and Sue Yeates. They each received £8.75.

Mary Preece

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Having issued a challenge to raise funds by alternative means this year, I was amazed by the methods used - and delighted to add £75 towards the sum raised by Sharon's hugely

successful MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING at the Chestnut Horse.

One donor claims to have raised funds by selling his entire stock of:-

- 8 fog knives – with compass in handle
- 9 left-handed screwdrivers
- 3 silent doorbells
- 1 tin of striped paint (black & white)

Thank you to those who contributed for your generosity - and imagination!

Sadie Watts (on behalf of St Andrews Church)

A Country Tale

It was a warm summer evening with only the sound of birds conversing. Farmer Gilbert was leaning on his five-bar gate looking across his meadow. It had been a good day's work and he was feeling contented. He could see his son reversing the tractor into the shed, and hear his wife clattering the urns and pails in the little dairy now that the day's milking was over. He was giving some thought to tomorrow's work and considering moving the cows to a fresh bit of pasture when a huge American car pulled up across the road. No sooner had the car stopped than a great big man jumped out and shouted across in a broad Texan accent, "Hi Mack, is this little spread yours?"

Gilbert just nodded and in a quiet voice said "Yer, tis that".

The American strode across the road and grabbed the farmer by the hand and shook it like he was shaking a rattle snake from his boot. "Howdy, my name's Hank. I'm on holiday in lil' old England and just wanted to meet a fellow farmer". Then, without waiting for a reply, he said "How many head you got?"

"There be 23 cows" replied the farmer, "and 2 bulls".

"I've got two thousand head all prime stock and 30 cowhands lookin' after the cattle and another 20 takin' care of the ranch while I'm away. How you doin'?"

"Well" says Farmer Gilbert, "There's my missus an' me and my boy yonder. So, we be just fine".

The American turned to look across the fields and, leaning his heavy bulk against the gate, said "How much of this little country is yours?"

"If ye look yonder along the road to the church and cast ye eye up to the tall pines at the crest then along the brow to where that little white cottage be. Then, come ye down to this 'ere farmhouse, that be mine. 'Bout 34 acres all told".

"Sure is cute" says Hank, "But me I got a ranch that is so big it takes me a day and a half to drive all the way round".

Then after a pause and with a touch of irony and a wink in his eye, Farmer Gilbert says "I used to have a car like tha' ".

R. Tickler

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SERVICES AT CHURCHES

1 November: All Saints' Day

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

8 November: Remembrance Sunday

10.45 am	Remembrance Service	Buxhall
	<i>Please make sure you book for this service</i>	
3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Onehouse

15 November: Second Sunday before Advent

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Shelland

22 November: Christ the King

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evening Worship	Harleston

29 November: Advent Sunday

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evening Worship	Onehouse, Trinity Hall

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

Morning Prayer on Wednesday and Saturday at 10 am.

Bible Study on Wednesday at 4 pm. Please contact Rev Chris on revchilds@aol.com to join these services

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