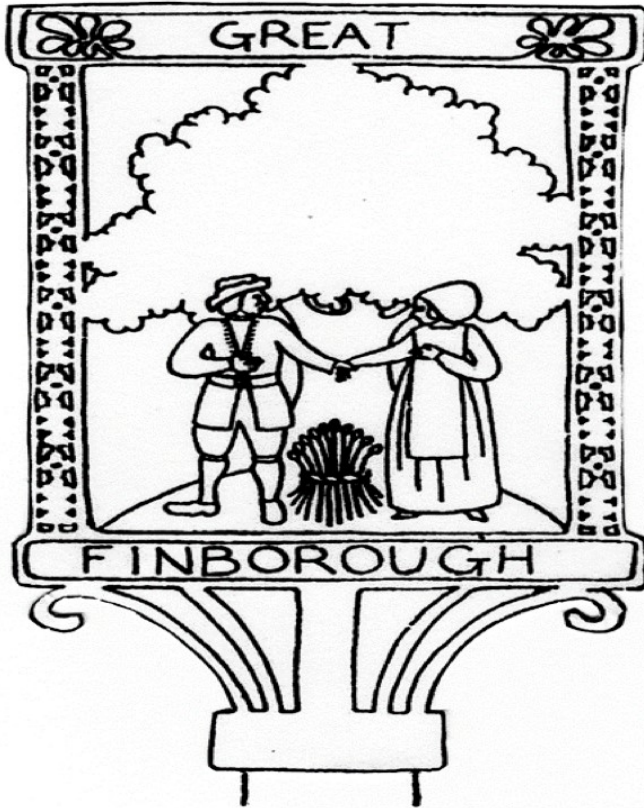


GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**February 2019
ISSUE 495**

VILLAGE DIARY – February

4	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
4	8pm	Yoga, Pettiward Hall
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12	10-12am	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
13	7pm	Film Night, Pettiward Hall
14	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
15	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
25	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
25	8pm	Yoga, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – March

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4	8pm	Yoga, Pettiward Hall
11	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
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13	7.00pm	Film Night, Pettiward Hall
14	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

11 March

8 April

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

May I take this opportunity to wish all village residents a very Happy New Year and hope you all had a good, fun festive break. For those of you that have used January to try and lose some of the extra inches gained over the Christmas period, I hope you succeeded and can now look forward to a more indulgent February.

Some good news to start the new year, the village Post Office van is back!! It will be in the car park every Thursday afternoon from 1.45pm to 3.15pm from the 31 January. You know what I am going to say next...**use it or lose it!** On a slightly gloomier note, its sad to report that there has been some vandalism reported on the allotments, all villagers are asked to be alert and report any suspicious activity to a member of your Parish Council.

The Yoga classes have started again in the village hall and look to be very well attended, the film nights are going from strength to strength and the coffee morning are running in the Chestnut Horse, although please note there is a slightly later start time of 10am. The garden club will be starting its meeting again in February and don't forget that the Mobile library van visits every 4 weeks, dates inside the back page of the newsletter.

If anybody has any ideas for regular features in the newsletter please let myself or Peter Turner know and don't forget that we are still looking for a full-time editor should anybody fancy it!

A warm welcome to Mr and Mrs Westlake-Jones who are moving into the Leys in Borough Lane.

The 15 February is the deadline for inclusion for the March 2019 issue of the Newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner, or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettle is always on.

Simon Tarabella

Great Finborough Parish Council

The January meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 14 of the month at 7.30pm.

The first order of business was to co-opt Dee Dixon and James Spencer into the vacant positions on the Council. With that done, business moved onto the District and County Councillors reports which can be found on the website.

Various planning applications were discussed with a considerable amount of time being allocated to the proposed erection of 4 dwellings on Tinkers Meadow just outside Stowmarket. We received a report from concerned residents and the Council voted to object to this planning application. The full submission of the objection can be viewed on the Parish website.

The Clerks finance report was accepted and payments authorised. It was also agreed to purchase new batteries for the Vehicle Activated Sign. The budget for 2019/2020 was discussed and agreed as was the precept request for the same period. This would see the Parish share of the Council Tax for a Band D property rise by £1.53 a year.

It was reported that a list of missing footpath marker posts was being compiled with a view to getting these replaced in the spring. It was also resolved to investigate the production of a local footpath map with popular walks illustrated.

The Council also discussed the proposal to provide a book exchange within the village and agreed that further costings and grant streams be investigated.

Date of the next meeting 11 March, 7.30pm in the upstairs room, Pettiward Hall.

Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The winners in December were Angela Cuthbert and Dorothy Rham and in January, John Grimaldi and Sara Raynes. They each received £7.75.

Yoga

The new yoga class got off to a successful start on Monday, 14 January with a good attendance at the free taster session. The class is now full and there is a waiting list. If you would like your name to go on the list please contact the instructor, Catherine Wager, on 01449 771338, 07790 842432 or catherinewager@hotmail.com.

Grant

We were very pleased to receive a grant of £800 in January from Cllr Penny Otton's Locality Budget towards the cost of replacing the garbeboards on the hall roof.

Bookings

The 2019 diary is filling up fast, so if you are planning a party this year please get in touch (see back cover) to secure your date. Hire charges for the main hall are from £8 an hour.

Mary Preece

CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST

Thank you to everyone who has bought produce from the stall outside Nightingale House in the past year. You have raised £123.30 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Special thanks go to Doris and Peter next door, whose mistletoe raised £12.20 this Christmas.

Sally Gooch

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Representing Onehouse, Great Finborough, Buxhall, Harleston and Shelland

Locality Grants for village organisations and projects

The locality budget award has now been fully allocated. I have agreed major awards for play equipment repairs in Onehouse and repairs to the Pettward Hall in Finborough. In addition there is some money for village hall lighting and Church bell ropes in Buxhall, tree maintenance in Harleston and for allotments and Speedwatch in Finborough. I also contributed with other councillors a small amount towards The Mix Youth Centre to help replace their trailer which was stolen.

Healthwatch

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Local Plan

The draft Joint Local Plan has been delayed once again and this will be made public for consultation sometime later this year.

Council Borrowing

Mid Suffolk's administration has decided to borrow a further £25 million to buy property for income, and I will again be voting against this, having heard concern from many people locally.

Beware of scams

I have heard from a constituent who received an email inviting them to claim a Council Tax refund. Don't click their link, it is a scam. We don't send such emails. If you think you are due a refund, get in touch via www.midsuffolk.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4000

John Matthissen

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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The past Garden Club year has been very busy, as the members were encouraged to plant, grow and harvest by presentations from a wide ranging group of speakers.

The social side of the club started with Open Gardens and the now traditional "Openers" BBQ, followed by the Club members BBQ at "The Little House". Our final social event of 2018 took place in the Pettiward Hall on 6 December. The Christmas quiz over nibbles and mulled wine was another resounding success with many club members enjoying an evening of quizzes, good food, good company and club carol singing.

The horticultural aspect of the club was maintained by a variety of talks and visits which included Sandringham Flower Show, Chelsworth Open gardens, Henstead Exotic garden and a splendid day at the Cambridge Botanic Garden. The charitable side of the club's activities focused on the organization of Open Gardens to raise money which was donated to St Andrew's Church.

The Club opens 2019 with the meeting on 14th February, to be held as usual in the upper room of the Pettiward Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker is to be James Blake, the Head Gardener at Bressingham. His talk, entitled 'Around the world in 80 plants' will be looking at the wide variety of non-native plants that can be grown here and anecdotes regarding their cultivation at Bressingham.

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 Judith Cameron (see Who's who).

Judith Cameron

BUXHALL WI

2018 ended on a high note with a bonanza of seasonal activities.

In November members started their Christmas Shopping spree with a visit to Ely Cathedral Christmas Craft Fayre. The atmosphere within the cathedral was ideal and in addition to purchasing those unique gifts, many members watched free floral demonstrations, enjoyed the seasonal refreshments or simply admired the venue and its inglenooks of stillness. Our Christmas meal was at The Norton Dog with the coach picking up and dropping us off, virtually to our doorsteps giving that finishing touch to our special evening.

Our final meeting of the year started with a mini musical extravaganza inspired by Gill, Lou and Mary's visit to Deman College earlier in the year. Song and dances were performed by members and friends to My Fair Lady, I Dreamed a Dream, New York New York and Anything Goes. The evening concluded with a Secret Santa and the Buxhall Hand Bell Ringers with members spontaneously singing along to their carol melodies.

The varied programme of monthly presentations has already been finalised with Origami in February and Tai Chi & Healing Arts in March. If you are interested ladies, why not pop along to one or two of our meetings to see 'what we get up to!'

Date of next meeting: 20 February 2019

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Buxhall Village Hall

Hilary

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Stowmarket Chorale

Stowmarket Chorale finished the year on a high, by being part of the BBC Radio Suffolk Children in Need concert at The Apex, Bury St Edmunds. This concert, combined singers, musicians, and readers, and Pudsey the Bear and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended as well as raising funds. The evening was recorded to be broadcast on Christmas Eve.

We will start the new year's rehearsals on Wednesday 9 January at Chilton Community Primary School at 7.30pm, when we will begin rehearsing Brahms' *German Requiem* for our next concert on Saturday 30 March at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket.

If you are interested in joining us please contact

secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk.

Mary Payne

Allotment Vandalism

It is sad to report that there has been a recent case of vandalism on the village allotments. An Allotmenteer has had their Brassica netting sliced open and cabbage and Brussell Sprout plants pulled up.

All villagers are asked to keep their eyes open when walking around the area and report any suspicious activity to either members of the allotments or Parish council.

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Tom Appleton

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7.30 pm

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From the Rectory February 2019



Each Lent four of our churches hold Soup lunches to raise money for 'hunger' or 'world development' charities. Please support them where you can. Death through hunger is obviously a terrible thing, more so when we realise that there is enough food produced to feed everyone. The causes of hunger vary but they usually include one of the 3 W's War,

Waste and World Trade. Weather is not one of them and famine isn't primarily about drought.

In the bible in 1 Kings 17:8-24 God commands Elijah to go to Zaraphath to meet a widow who will feed him. When he arrives the widow and her son are in a desperate state: all she has left is a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug. Elijah instructs her to make a cake for him to eat and then make something else for herself and her son. He tells her that according to the word of the Lord her jar will never be empty or her jug run dry. The woman obeys and the word of the Lord regarding the jug and jar come true.

Wouldn't you think it an insult to ask a hungry widow for food? After all she is just about to cook her last meal. It seems that Elijah does it to test her faith and respect her dignity because he begins by assuming that she is the agent of her own salvation in relation to hunger. He doesn't buy her off with a handout. Any solution to hunger has to come from her. Many of the charities we support work in the same way.

Faith means living in the world God promises until the promise comes true and that often means people of faith may appear to make odd choices. The woman knows feeding Elijah will take everything she has – her last meal in fact - and she faces a moment of truth. If you have so little that there isn't even enough for yourself will you cling to it all the tighter – or feed another and thus entrust it to God? How many of us would risk giving away what we had even at the last resort? How

many of us give very much away financially or in terms of our time and talents? –many of us fiercely protect our 'free'time. We sometimes see others and organisations struggle in all sorts of ways but don't take a risk with what we have, however meagre.

One of our targets for 2019 is to combat loneliness and even if you don't feel it yourself, you might one day and so 'today' why not come and join in one of the many events we have in our communities – it might help others. There are two Lunch Clubs, three coffee mornings, Friendship Club, Knit and Natter. Be generous with what you have...dare you give it to God?

Our events are planned for the people of all our parishes

For our children we have at :

St Andrews Gt Finborough Friday 1 February 3.30pm



Bible Story - Jesus at the Temple and Lights - songs, games, activities crafts - tea and cakes. Designed for Children up to 10 and Families. (Messy Church also happens at Combs Church on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11am)

At the Onehouse Coffee morning and in other places, some people have been asking about faith issues and so we are running a **Mini Christian basics course** at Combs Church Hall on Thursdays the 28 February, 28 March and 25 April beginning at 2.30pm. Further information from Gini Williams on 07572872515 or Rev Chris. Please see separate posters.

And our **Bible Studies** continue on Wednesdays 13 and 27 at 2.30pm at Finborough Court, Enquiries to Canon Pauline. Lifts can easily be arranged.

Posada The Holy Family visited very many homes in the 7 parishes and thank you for the hospitality given. They engaged well with their host families. Joseph is recorded as over eating and had a very rough night in one house where the host families baby woke him twice. Mary is recorded as suggesting he 'had better get used to it'. It reminded one family of the coming of the prince of peace at a time of so much political turmoil in Westminster - so Brexit had its mention. We thank Rod and Pauline Higham for their great skill in producing new figures for Onehouse.



Many of you will remember **Canon Darlington** coming to stay in the Deanery about 10 years ago. Jill and John Reed accommodated him and his wife Emelia for several days in Buxhall. Now as Bishop Darlington of Kagera, he is coming to visit and will be at a service and reception in Stowupland on Sunday the 24 February at 6.30pm. All are welcome and perhaps to hear about the work of the diocese and how the money we sent to alleviate drought and consequent hunger has been used. Many of us have supported the work thereover the years.

A New name for us?

The Church Commissioners have sealed the long-anticipated scheme for the union of the benefices comprising our 7 parishes and the legal 'suspension of presentation' has been lifted enabling us to have a Rector once again or Vicar in the case of Gt Finborough, effective from 1 December 2018. We are known as the Combs and Finborough Benefice but some have suggested a more inclusive name and the PCCs are all in consultation as to what might be appropriate. Burford Bridge seems to be topping the poll but there are others emerging such as 'Stow Hundred South' or 'Stow Valley'. Then there is the rather cryptic 'SWA147'. Suggestions gladly received by Chris for consideration by the PCCs

Electoral Roll of church membership Each parish is now carrying out a renewal and so all people are required to reapply to their Electoral

Roll Officer. Forms will shortly be available at all services and should be returned as follows - Gt Finborough Hilde Cobbald, Buxhall Lesley Steed, Onehouse Heidi Bingham, Harleston David Fenton, Shelland Rosemary Roe, Combs Ann Cole and Lt Finborough Sue Budd.

Rev Chris



Parish Register for Gt Finborough

Funerals

Daniel James Mason

Died 21 November 2018, aged 33

Funeral and interment 14th December 2018

Baptism

Austin Michael Blake

Parents Tammy Blake and Jamie Clarke

Aged 10m

2 December 2018

Interment of Ashes

James Huson Boughton

Died 12 October 2018 Aged 93

Interment 9 January 2019

Coffee Morning

Community Coffee morning at Chestnut Horse, Tuesday 12 February from **10 – 12am**. A Valentine celebration. £1.50 cake and tea/coffee plus free refill. Everyone is welcome. (Please note our new timings)

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Stowmarket and District Camera Club

On 10 December we welcomed Howard King to the club to judge the Wildlife competition for the 'Ray Giffin Trophy'. It was good to see a large number of prints entered giving Howard quite a task to find a winner. The results were:

1st 'Grey Heron Taking Off' by Roy Fidler

2nd 'Kingfisher Poseur' by Roy Fidler

3rd 'Batsman Friend' by Paul Fisk

Well done to Roy Fidler and Paul Fisk

Next meetings: 2019

Monday 11 February: Open Competition 3 to be judged by Mike Lloyd

Monday 25 February: Talk: 'Earth & Skies' by Barry Freeman

Monday 11 March: Open Competition 4 to be judged by Frank Blyth

Monday 25 March Talk: 'As I See It' Interactive with Roy Fidler
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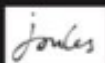
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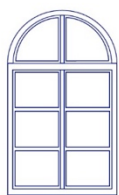


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CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

3 February: Fifth Sunday before Lent

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion (by extension)	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Worship & Messy Church	Combs

February: Fourth Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
3.00 pm	Evensong	Great Finborough

17 February: Third Sunday before Lent

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
6.30 pm	Evensong	Buxhall

24 February: Second Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

3 March: Sunday next before Lent

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion (by extension)	Onehouse
11.00 am	Worship & Messy Church	Combs

We meet for:

Midday Prayer 12.00 noon on Tuesday at St Mary's Buxhall

Holy Communion 9.30 am on Wednesday at Trinity Hall Onehouse

Evensong Prayer 4.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's Great Finborough

Morning Prayer 10.00 am on Saturdays at St. Mary's Combs (Lady Chapel)

Great Finborough Mobile Library Service 2019

Oak Close 4.10pm to 4.30pm Fridays as follows:

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