

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**JUNE 2018
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VILLAGE DIARY – June

4	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
8	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
11	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
12	9.30 – 11am	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
13	7pm	Film Night, Pettiward Hall
21	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
25	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
30	TBC	Stowmarket Flower Club Competition

VILLAGE DIARY – July

1	12.30pm	Open Gardens
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018

11 June

9 July

10 September

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

Summer has well and truly arrived, and the sun is streaming through the conservatory windows as I start the Newsletter for June. The Swifts arrived on cue on the 12 May in good numbers, they never fail to arrive between the 10 to 12 of May each year. Nesting will start in earnest very soon under the tiles of the house, and the speed with which they enter the cavity below the tiles never ceases to amaze me.

Additional herbs have been added to the Communal Herb Garden and the paths around it have been finished in crushed Cornish stone, it looks splendid and a real asset to the village. Plenty of well established herbs for use now, however, please take care with the newly planted herbs which will require thyme to establish. (sorry could not resist) Thanks to the Garden Club for their financial and physical efforts in supporting the Parish council in this venture.

The Chestnut Horse continues to flourish and if you missed the Thai food banquet on the 6 May look out for the next one, the food was superb, street food at its very best. Bring on the next one Dave. The next May Bank holiday is party at the pub weekend, which includes blind boxing.

May has been an extremely busy month thus far, with the Annual Parish Meeting, Garden Club AGM and Cardiac Arrest/defibrillator Seminar. Reports follow in the Newsletter.

The Garden Club Open Gardens is being held on the 1 July, proceeds raised this year will be going to St Andrew's Church. Please make every effort to support this event which includes many beautiful and interesting gardens, classic cars will be on view, and excellent tea and cakes available at two gardens. (see Garden Club report page 10 for more details)

The 15 May is the deadline for inclusions for the June issue of the Newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner, or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettle is always on.

Peter Turner

The Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 May 2018.

The Annual Parish Meeting attendance was down on last year which was somewhat disappointing, although those that did attend heard positive report from all the organizations in the village together with the reports from our District and County Councillors. Reports were received from the following: St Andrew's Church, the Pettiward Hall Committee, Gt Finborough Church Primary School, the Garden Club, the Allotment Association, the Editor of the Village Newsletter and Woodpecker Hill Trust.

In his report the chairman highlighted several village projects that had been successfully completed this year, namely:

- Re-establishment of the ditch between Woodpecker Hill and Pilgrim Court.
- Improvements to the parking area in Church Road
- Completion of the Communal Herb garden and the paths around it
- The purchase of the defibrillator for the village and two professional training seminars completing the training of some 50 residents.
- The purchase of a VAS (vehicle activated sign) to assist traffic calming in the village.
- A second picnic table at the wild flower meadow.

My sincere thanks to Penny Otten and John Matthissen for financial help from their locality budgets and to the Garden Club for their financial contributions.

This year marks the last year of this council's term of office, next May will see elections for Gt Finborough Parish Council and I urge anyone who feels they can contribute, to give some thought to standing for election. Finally, a big thank you to the parish councillors and our parish clerk for their sterling work this year.

Parish Chairman

Gt Finborough Church Primary School.

A report from the Primary School given at the Annual Parish meeting by **Ant Mann**, a school governor. A personal tragedy has had an enormous impact on the school recently, however results are good with Ofsted giving an outstanding mark for some school features and recent SAT's results are very good. The Board of Governors is at full strength and the recent school residential trips to Scarborough, Scotland and Pembrokeshire have been excellent. Staffing as always remains a challenge but financially the school is in a good position. The Parish Council was thanked for their contribution to the outside area improvements which are hoped to be completed over the summer. The school is about to launch a social media project by embarking on Facebook. It has been established that the flashing lights on the road approaching the school do work, but need a key to operate them, the location of which remains a mystery so reactivating them is a work in progress. The parking issues at pick up and drop off times seem to have lessened with no recent complaints received.

The question was asked if 11yr olds were being encouraged to join in with the Crucial Crew sessions at "The Mix" Ant confirmed that he would investigate this. Question asked as to whether all village children get a place in school, it was confirmed that there is a waiting list, however there is no issue with local children getting a school place, over at least the last 10 years all village children wanting a place got one. Questions were asked as to whether the school could promote the mobile library to encourage more people to use the service which visits the car park at 4pm every fourth week. Ant confirmed that the school would be happy to promote this. Question asked about the current role numbers and it was confirmed that the current number of 142 children is expected to reduce by approximately 20 leavers in September with an estimated 20 plus new starters, so numbers would be remaining around 140 for 2019.

Minutes recorded by Parish Clerk

Newsletter Annual Report 2017/18

During 2017/18 we produced 10 editions of the newsletter which were delivered to every household within the village boundaries and are also displayed on the village website. Norman Vendittelli continues to organise the collection and delivery of the printed newsletters and the a big thank you to him and his volunteer delivery team for their work in all weathers. Many thanks to Sally Gooch who continues to provide a conduit for news articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Peter and I continue to act as temporary editors and we are still hopeful of recruiting a new editor to take over the reins. The newsletter continues to report on village activities and inform readers of social events in the locality. We currently have 19 paying advertisers which is 2 down on the number for the same time last year although there are a couple of interested parties who may take out adverts. New business ventures within the village delivery zone receive 2 months free advertising should they wish.

The editorial team are always grateful for new subject matter for inclusion in the newsletter and we would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support.

Simon Tarabella
Temporary Editor

Newsletter Aims and Ethos

The Newsletter will continue to report events of general interest taking place in the village including individual items of particular interest. The aim of the Newsletter is to support individuals and groups by publicising activities and initiatives that assist them. In event of a dispute or conflict over items submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter the production team will refer such items to the Parish Council which will, at all times, act as the final arbiter.

Great Finborough Parish Council

Proposal for houses to be built on land at Pear Tree Place

In November 2017 the Parish Council said that it would raise **NO OBJECTION** to 24 homes being built on land adjoining Woodpecker Hill. As always, the destruction of green open space is controversial. Some are against such a build and others support it. The built-in dislike of those who may seem to some to be "cashing-in" with little interest in listening to those who find such development abhorrent is understandable.

However, in such a case there is room for compromise and an opportunity to influence such a development for the good of the village. The present governmental attitude is to place the build of new houses as a priority. It would seem also that this will happen whether we approve of it or not. Therefore, at the meeting of the Parish Council on 27 November 2017 the village Councillors made this statement: -

"If MSDC are minded to approving this application the Parish Council would like the opportunity to work with the developers as much as possible as this scheme progresses. We would appreciate being involved in any CIL decisions in order that we might ensure that 24 new properties in the village are fully sustainable.

Concerns are expressed that the details used for the bus provision in the parish are incorrect, the only current bus service for Great Finborough is one bus to and from Stowmarket on a Monday and Thursday, the promise of a BSEVC funded service on a further two days a week for the period of a year is very welcome, however concerns are expressed about how this will be funded after that. The current bus is a 16-seater which is almost always full by the time it reaches Great Finborough, it is thought that this is far from a sustainable service to which additional development can be added for the long term.

The High Road through Great Finborough experiences a high rate of speeding vehicles as borne out by the applicants traffic survey date, the average of 39mph is unacceptable with the access and egress of an additional 24 properties onto the High Road. Great Finborough has an active Community Speedwatch and have recently purchased a

mobile SID machine in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. We ask that the developer consider assisting us with a financial contribution towards a new speed gun and further speed safety measures, such as average speed cameras or alternative measures that may be suggested by Highways Officers in order to help reduce the danger of what will become a busy junction at Pear Tree Place. Woodpecker Hill is a valued and well used VIOS (Visually important open space) and protection of this community amenity is paramount for the Parish Council. We request that advance structural planting along the boundary with Woodpecker Hill is a priority before any site clearance and build is commenced. A staggered double line of mature trees must be planted to protect the community asset. Some concerns have been expressed that these proposed properties are on an elevated site that will be visible from Valley Lane and the surrounding area and landscape screening must be a priority. The application contains proposals for open space which is commended with the provision of a play area within one of these open spaces. It is suggested support for the existing play provision in the village would be welcomed. The Parish Council have serious financial constraints and maintenance and upkeep of the existing provision is difficult, taking on a further play area would not be possible and an ongoing contribution to the future of the existing play provision would be preferable."

In addition, it must be noted that effective drainage is of paramount importance so that neither the High Road nor the lands in direction of Valley Lane and land in Woodpecker Hill and Wildflower Meadow are not adversely affected by sewage, land drains and flood damage. The village will benefit from a fixed percentage of development money. It seems that it is better to work with the developers and influence the new build than simply oppose the unopposable.

Parish Council

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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Planning a Project? -- Pre-application work will help – If you are considering work that will need planning approval, consulting neighbours, the Parish Council and the Planning Department before submitting the application may save a lot of trouble. Although the District Council now charges for pre-application advice, this can often save repeated changes and extra fees later on. An on-site discussion with a planning officer, a representative of the Parish Council and the ward councillor will usually highlight problems which can be modified to achieve greater consensus and improve the chances of approval.

Sports Facilities at Finborough Hall School – I will soon be attending a meeting with Principal James Sinclair to discuss arrangements for community use during the academic year starting in September. If you are part of a local group or are considering forming a team or club, please let me know what you have in mind.

To get in touch.....

Call 01449 258894

Or email – councillor@matthissen.net

John Matthissen

Stowmarket & District Flower Club

Annual Flower Competition

This year we are joining Great Finborough Garden Club and their Open Gardens to host our annual flower arranging competition in Pettiward Hall. Our members will be creating fabulous designs on Saturday 30 June, judging will take place by a NAFAS judge on Sunday morning, then all the exhibits will be on display for you to enjoy from 12.30pm as part of Open Gardens route. Please come and look at these marvellous creations, inhale the delectable perfumes and chat to us about how we create them. There will be the opportunity to buy flower arranging related goods.

Who knows, you may be so inspired you wish to join us at the club.

Vickie Hease, Club Chairman

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

They say that gardeners are never satisfied but although none of us should complain at the weather we have been having of late, we do need some rain and it looks as though at last we will get our wishes.

The AGM Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social was held on May 10th and attended by 29 members of the club. They had a good selection of plants and seedlings to choose from and a choice of delicious homemade cakes to go with their coffee. The business part of the meeting progressed smoothly, and the Treasurer revealed that we had been able to donate £775.00 to both Pettward hall and EACH being the profit from Open Gardens. The profit from the purchase of bird seed resulted in a series of smaller donations to deserving projects around the village. The meeting also confirmed that St Andrew's church will be the recipient of the funds raised by Open Gardens 2018.

Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 1st July from 1230 to 5.30PM. The programme has almost been finalized, however, anyone interested in allowing us to include their garden, should let Mary Smyth know as soon as possible. Those opening their gardens will receive an invitation to an exclusive and select Garden BBQ, provided by the committee "on the Presidents Lawn" on the 30th June.

We have two events for June; the first is an afternoon visit to Leon and Jenny Patterson's garden studio on 10th June, via car share, for an insight into how their beautiful ceramics are made with refreshments. If you haven't booked, please contact Susanna Spencer (677174) so there will be enough cake to go around. Our second visit is also a car share to Chelsworth Open Gardens on the 24 June 11AM till 5PM. Again, please contact Susanna if you are planning to go.

The events following Open Gardens will be the club Summer Social and BBQ at the Little House by kind invitation of Pat and Peter Turner. This will be on the 19th July from 7PM and details will be circulated later.

As part of our 20th birthday celebrations we are having several excursions over the summer. The biggest of these is a coach trip to Sandringham Flower Show on July 25th. Tickets are: Members £10.00,

non-members £25.00. This includes the coach and the entry fee to the show. Please book with Susanna. On 16 August we have a car share visit to Henstead Exotic garden to arrive at 6.30PM there will be a guided tour of the garden followed by refreshments. Tickets are £8.00 from Susanna. 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 per household per year or £2.50 per individual. Subscriptions are due now. For further information contact either: John Davey or Judith Cameron. (see who's who)

Judith Cameron

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The Pettward Hall

“Little Ernie”

The winners in the May draw were John Williams and Sara Raynes. They each received £7.75.

Sharon Sings....

Sharon will be performing at another cabaret-style evening with the theme of “Musicals”. This will be held on Saturday, 29 September at the hall and will be in aid of the Hall Improvement Fund, so please keep the date free! Further details will follow.

Mary Preece

Wild Bird Seed

GOOD NEWS!!! I have managed to find another wholesale supplier at a sensible price, so no price changes and normal service can be resumed. The next order will be placed on 8 Jun and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Rd. Great Finborough after 2-00pm on Wednesday 13 June.

If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque to "Great Finborough Garden Club", it is also essential that I have your telephone number so that I can advise you if there is a problem with seed collection on the 13th. Orders may be posted to or dropped off at Abbey Farm Cottage (IP14 3AU), or if it's more convenient dropped off at 1, Valley Lane, Gt. Finborough and must be received by Wednesday 6 June

Product	Weight	Price	
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£9-50	
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£11-50	
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£13-50	
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£12-00	
W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£12-50	
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£13-00	
Finch Mix	20 kg	£11-50	
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£8-00	
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£9-00	
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£33-00	
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx.	£17-50	
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£11-50	
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£22-50	
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£12-00	
Nyjer Seed	20kg	£26-00	
Nyjer Seed	10kg approx.	£13-50	
Fat Balls (any quantity)	Price each	11p	

Please Note. The next seed order will be placed in August.

Thank you, **John Davey**

From the Rectory June 2018



I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming Pauline and Rod Higham to the Rectory in Onehouse. Pauline comes to work with me as a priest and Rod as a Reader, sharing with the others across the 7 parishes. Pauline's contact details are as above, and I have asked her to write a mini biography for July's magazine. Thank you to the choirs, flower arrangers, drink pourers and churchwardens at Buxhall for all their work.

As I write the churches are preparing for Whitsun/Pentecost when Christians celebrate the coming of the Spirit. In Worship we often use the words "Come, Holy Spirit!". Sometimes we say them with anticipation and enthusiasm and sometimes not. I wonder whether we really know what we're asking for. Some might say we're playing with fire, and that we're messing with a wind mighty enough to blow the whole house down. We may feel all snug and secure in our churches, cosy in our ways with our friends and history, but the Spirit of God refuses to be confined or conformed. The Holy Spirit comes not only to comfort and guide us gently, but to huff and puff and and....

In this generation we stand on the brink of what scholar and author Phyllis Tickle calls "the Great Emergence." She says that every 500 years or so, the Holy Spirit comes in and cleans house, dismantling structures that have become tired and crumbling, upsetting the church's patterns and expectations, and digging out entrenched views. God is always up to something –often it is outside the church in the community and if we are not careful, those inside it don't notice. Do you look and engage with your community?

We are always in danger of domesticating our churches. For example, in a school last week, I was offered a battery-operated candle. They are a poor substitute for the real thing. How can we reclaim the great live fire of the Spirit with its wild, unpredictable, and holy ways? But this is not to say that we must always expect something that *will upset us*. Christians might say that the Spirit of God blew into the relationship between Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness in Ulster and

peace came. Some might say the spirit of God is blowing between Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump – we pray – where do you see the spirit blowing in your life, community, church and the world?

With all good wishes,
Rev Chris.

Around the parishes

Annual Church Meetings

At Buxhall we were pleased to thank and re-elect David Steed and David King as Churchwardens. We welcome Amanda Huxtable of The Mill to the PCC as Secretary. The church building is reported to be in good condition with the iron downpipes replaced and tower steps restored. No doubt there will be other work identified as none of us can be complacent. **Shelland's Annual meeting** saw a big Thank You to Rosemary Roe who did not seek re-election as Churchwarden after many years. Lisa Hicks was re-elected as was the rest of the PCC with Rosemary joining as a member. Work to the turret is continuing. At **Onehouse** Carole Hearn and Mary Ellam were thanked and re-elected with Mary Lockwood and Andrew Sykes joining the PCC. Jill Raisey did not seek re-election and is no longer the booking secretary for Trinity Hall. She was thanked for her work over some years. Sylvia Emsden takes over. Major issues there relate to Trinity Hall and its improvement as well as a replacement organ. At **Lt Finborough** Sue Budd was thanked for her work as Churchwarden and did not seek re-election. Ken Mudd was similarly thanked and was re-elected. Dorothy Spain did not seek re-election to the PCC which has been augmented by Claire Nay, Gail Jarrett and Cheryl Edwards. The main issue there is the renewal of the western Nave floor and suggestion of removal of pews to enable better use of the building.

Buxhall's ANNUAL FLOWER Service happens once again on Sunday the 10th June at 4pm – All welcome. Gislingham Silver Band shall support us once again.

Onehouse Patronal Festival is on Sunday the 24th is followed by the usual **BBQ** – Open to all – see details elsewhere



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**St Andrew's Gt Finborough Friday 1st
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Rev Chris

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Tickets will be on sale from myself or phone me, so I can reserve you a place. (07734872718) You can turn up on the day just for coffee and cake. Raffle tickets will be on sale, all proceeds to Christian Aid.

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PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough

Funeral

Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have recently died

Dorothy Sylvia Jean WASSELL

Died 26 April 2018 aged 87

Funeral service at St Andrew's Church on Monday 14 May 2018



Holy Baptism

Polly Jane Elizabeth WILSON

29 April 2018

DOB: 1 May 2017

Parents: David Francis WILSON and Elisabeth WILSON

Erin Haf BRICE

15 April 2018

DOB: 21 March 2017

Parents: William Richard BRICE and Alwen Haf BRICE

Coffee Morning at the Chestnut Horse

Tuesday 12 June, 9.30-11.30am.
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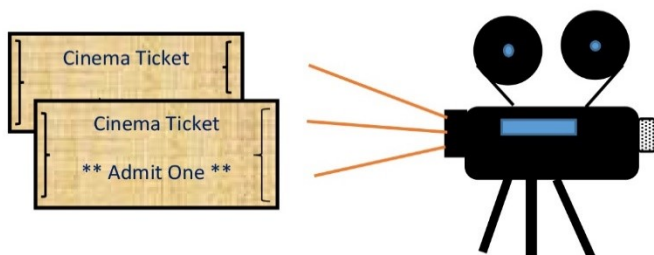
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Pettiward Hall

Wednesday 13th JUNE 2018

- Screening commences at 7.00pm
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- Feel free to bring own alcoholic drinks (glasses provided)
- Tickets: Adults £5 Children (under 16) £3
- Tickets can be purchased on the door.

For more information please contact **Norman** on 07930 338580

Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 14th July
in Trinity Hall,
Onehouse
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**Speaker: Derek Ames
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and Rwanda.

Family Search

I am looking for information about James Nettleton, who was my mother's husband. By 1937 he had taken over the reins of Great Finborough Post Office from Geraldine Chapman, who was in charge in 1916. He disappeared in the early 1940s and my sister and I are trying to find out what happened to him. Mother would never mention him at all, but somewhere out there someone must know what happened and where he went. Anything of help would be gratefully appreciated. I can be contacted at stingern126@aol.com

Richard Lee Nettleton

Cello Recital in Onehouse Church

On Saturday the 30 June at 6.30 in Onehouse Church there will be a cello recital from Yalda Davies and Will Bass. A glass of wine and refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets £5 are available from Gloria on 676198 or Mary 615203. All proceeds to Onehouse Church Funds.

Carole Hearn

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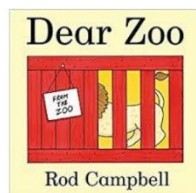
At Pettiward Hall

Great Finborough

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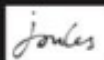
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The beam of light cut through the darkness and a little voice said, "Jesus is watching you". Bill switched off his torch and froze. The choice was either to scarper or face the challenge. Well, Bill was quite handy with his fists and, in his balaclava, he knew he couldn't be recognised so he planted his feet and steeled himself. On went his torch again. The little voice repeated "Jesus is watching you". Pulling himself up to his full height and puffing out his chest, he scanned the room, but no-one was there. Only a parrot in his cage on the Welsh dresser.

With relief, Bill asked "was that you?". "Yes " said the parrot, "Jesus is watching you". Bill visibly relaxed, scoffing at the parrot: "What's your name, my little feathered friend?". "Moses" said the parrot. "MOSES!" cried Bill in disbelief: "That's a daft name for a parrot! What sort of people call a parrot Moses?" "The sort that call a rottweiler 'Jesus' " replied Moses. **A. Tickler**

Buxhall and Great Finborough Candlestick Club

The first outing of the year was the usual Mystery outing, and this time we finished up along the A140 to Bressingham Steam Museum and gardens. Although numbers were down because of other commitments a very enjoyable day was had by all. Our June outing is a visit to the Essex town of Harwich. This is on Thursday 7th June leaving Great Finborough at 09.45, Buxhall 09.50 and then onto Stowmarket for just after 10.00am. There are various museums to look around and eating places. Names of those wishing to go please let Keith know 736598. A distant notice of our July outing, this is on Thursday 5th July to the town of Manningtree and then onto the Suffolk Food Hall at Whersted for tea. New members are always welcome.

Keith Proctor

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICES FOR JUNE 2018

3 June:	The First Sunday after Trinity	
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Matins	Shelland
11.00 am	Worship and Messy Church	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
6.30 pm	Evensong	Great Finborough
10 June:	The Second Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
4.00 pm	Flower Service	Buxhall
17 June:	The Third Sunday after Trinity	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
24 June:	The Forth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion Patronal Service	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
6.30 pm	Evensong	Buxhall
1 July	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	
9.30 am	Tent Service with Gislingham Silver Band	Harleston
11.00 am	Worship and Messy Church	Combs
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

We meet for:

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

Holy Communion 9.30 am Wednesday at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

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

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