

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**MAY 2018
ISSUE 488**

VILLAGE DIARY – May

8	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting, Pettiward Hall
8	9.30 – 11am	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse.
9	7.30pm	Defibrillator Training, Pettiward Hall
10	7.30pm	Garden Club AGM, Pettiward Hall
11	4.30pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
14	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
16	7.00pm	Film Night, Pettiward Hall
17	8.00pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
26	7.30pm	Quiz Night, Pettiward Hall

VILLAGE DIARY – June

8	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018

8 May Annual Parish Meeting

14 May

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

It is great to see the Greens have had their first trim of the year, I always feel the summer is just around the corner when they are cut for the first time. The Greens look splendid with the daffodils and flowering cherry trees at their best, the additional bulbs planted last autumn by the chestnut tree have added an extra splash of colour to the village.

After the success of the Cardiac Arrest Seminar, which included a briefing on our new village defibrillator, the Parish Council have decided to hold a further seminar. **See page 20 for details.** There was high praise indeed for the way the training was carried out from those that attended the first session.

The film night on 16 May at Pettiward hall is showing **'The Greatest Showman'** a highly rated film. **Give it your full support.** Let's see if we can break Pettiward box office records of 30 people. **See page 22.**

A warm Finborough village welcome to Charlie and her daughter Boo and son Ivo who recently moved into The Old Forge.

Just a reminder that we are still looking for a **permanent Newsletter editor**, Simon and I took it over some 3 years back on a temporary basis and we will continue until a new editor is found. It would be nice to think there is a ready replacement in the village somewhere who would like to give it a try. There are 10 editions of the Newsletter a year and Simon and I would always be on standby for holidays or for any other reason.

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

Great Finborough Parish Council

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **8 May 2018**. At the APM reports will be presented and received from, Chair of the Parish Council, the District Councillor and the County Councillor, St Andrews Church, Chair of the School Governors, the Pettiward Hall Management committee, the Garden Club, the Editor of the Village Newsletter, the Allotment Association, the Under 5's Pre-school and the Woodpecker Hill Trust.

There will be information about producing a village **neighbourhood plan**, the merits of such a plan and to gauge support for such an undertaking.

It is very much hope that this meeting will be supported by the parish.
After all, this is your meeting, about your village.

Parish Council

Litter Pick Sunday 8 April

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News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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Why bother about recycling plastic?

Here's why. While plastic is a useful material found in many day-to-day products, it is non-biodegradable, and it takes thousands of years for plastic to disintegrate and decompose. At the same time, disposing of plastic through incineration releases much toxic gas into the environment. David Attenborough's wonderful TV series has shown other harm. Fortunately, some types of plastic can be recycled and used to make new plastic. Here is a guide to local recycling.

Green Wheelie Bin

- Plastic Bottles (clear and coloured, including drinks & milk)
Wash, squash and put the top back on
- Plastic Pots, Tubs and Food Trays
- Including black plastic food trays!

You are asked not to include items smaller than 4cms (1½ in). What I do is save them up until I am going to HWRC, and then put in with hard plastics.

Recycle at Household Waste Site (HWRC) or supermarket NOT GREEN BIN

- Carrier bags, cling film, food bags (Re-usable bags are best)
- Hard/rigid plastic such as garden chairs, laundry baskets, plastic toys etc

Read more: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/what-goes-in-my-bins/>

Merger with Babergh DC

The limited "engagement" by phone yielded results which have been portrayed by council leaders as favourable, but given the small sample and format of questions, unsatisfactory in my view. The merger

proposal has been withdrawn for the present, "not the right time" as I said last December in a full council meeting.

To contact your District councillor (see who's who)

John Matthissen

Spring Term News from Great Finborough Church Primary School

Staff and children have had another busy term with our usual schedule of sports clubs and trips as well as the normal business of school. A new addition this term was Band Academy; this has proved very popular, with the children working with a musician to write and perform their own song.

Red class have enjoyed a visit to the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, and children in Key Stage 1 and 2 attended the Key-Steps Gymnastics Tournament at the Bury Spectrum. The Key Stage 1 team came 3rd out of the 12 teams present – well done to both teams! We were particularly pleased when staff at the Pipers Vale Gymnastics Centre and The Museum of Computing in Cambridge praised our older children for their outstanding behaviour on their visits.

This term we also welcomed 47 mums, grandmas and aunties in for 'Afternoon Tea' prepared by children in Years 5 & 6. We and the children were delighted that so many special relatives were able to attend.

Mrs Hartley has been running a 'Zimbel!' choir this term and they joined with two other schools, the Stowmarket Chorale, a band and the composer of the music, Alexander L'Estrange to perform at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 18th March. It was lovely to see the children perform with such confidence for their age to a packed auditorium. They were amazing!

Finally, we would like to thank Rodney Self for not only providing a number of bushes and saplings to border our school field but also planting them in bitterly cold weather. Community support like this is always much appreciated.

Stephen R. Dodd, Headteacher

Shovel—It— Yourself!

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Men's Breakfast

Saturday 12 May 2018 at 8.00pm
In Buxhall Village Hall

Speaker: Simon Snell

Finish by 9.30am

There will be an offering to cover expenses

Please book places with Derek Ames by Wednesday 9 May.
(Tel. 613328) We now only serve traditional cooked breakfast.

Simon Snell is the regional coordinator for Christian Aid in Suffolk and will show a video about Haiti, which shares an island in the Caribbean Sea with the Dominican Republic. In 2016 Haiti suffered from the ravages of Hurricane Matthew. **Christian Aid week is 13 – 19 May**



Great Finborough Quiz Night
(in aid of St Andrews Church)
Saturday 26th May 7.30pm
Pettiward Hall

Bring your own drinks & nibbles
(any raffle prizes gratefully recieved)

£3 per person
To book tickets
contact:
Simon 07771 762600
Tim 01449 775525



Great Finborough & District Garden Club

They say that gardeners are never satisfied but a little sunshine would now be welcome! However, do not forget that a late frost is still possible so remember to protect those vulnerable new plantings. The April meeting was an interesting review of pruning techniques by Anne Tweddle from Plant Heritage. Anne's aim was to help us get the best out of our shrubs and other plants that need this attention to be their very best.

Those members at the meeting were asked to vote between the choice of St Andrew's Church and the Pettiward Hall as the recipients of the Open Gardens profits. The vote resulted in a decisive win for St. Andrew's as the beneficiary and this will be ratified at the AGM.

Our next meeting will be the AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on May 10th at 7.30 PM in the Upper Room of the Pettiward Hall. So, pot on all those extra seedlings and cuttings and bring them along to find them a new home. Perhaps you will find yourself some plants that you have not grown before, didn't think to grow this year or replacements for those lost over the winter.

There is always room for new committee members to help keep the club buoyant and prevent the old stagers from stagnating! If you would like to help with running the club, put your name forward at the AGM it's not onerous and can be very enjoyable.

Here is another reminder of the **2018 Village Open Gardens**. This will be held on **Sunday 1st July**. If you would be interested in opening your garden to help us in our efforts, we would be delighted to hear from you. It is not necessary to be a member of the Club to participate and receive an invitation to the prestigious "Presidents Lawn BBQ".

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, due in May. For further information contact either: John Davey or Judith Cameron (see who's who)

Judith Cameron

From the Rectory April 2018

Some years ago, a newspaper carried an interview with Philip Pullman author of a trilogy of fantasy novels entitled 'His Dark Materials'. These attacked religions and some criticised him for it. Pullman said he disliked the harsh mocking atheism of Richard Dawkins with his assertion that children shouldn't be taught Fairy stories full of magic, because one thing he recognised was that there were occasions when 'Frogs' of people could be turned into 'Princes' of people.... through religion.



Pullman said that his attack on religion is not that it isn't true but that it does bad things when it gets its hands-on power - and I think many of us would agree. No one can be listening too or have read the Independent Inquiry into Child sexual abuse currently running and not be horrified at the failures of the Church of England in Safeguarding - I paraphrase:-

'not my job to report - though I might have known something was wrong,

people called safeguarding advisors almost used as window dressing by Dioceses but not given access to files or had their advice accepted. Too busy to check on Personnel Files or listen to allegations. I believed them because they were men of God -

O Dear O Dear O Dear.....no one heard of sin....? All fall short on some occasions, none of us is immune'

Yes, religion can be dangerous when power goes unchecked at Diocesan level and the same is true locally when a clique takes over the running of a parish for their needs and wants and ignores the rest. The proper development of the parish suffers.

I am much struck by the powerful words of the new hymn by Marty Hughen 1994 which we sang with gusto at the Commissioning of our 3 new Elders on April 15th.

'Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.'

So, this Eastertide and as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit at Whitsun let's emphasise

- 1) All being genuinely *welcomed* and heard whatever their attitudes and
- 2) Safely as so many of us are asked politely to undertake the Safeguarding Training which will enable us all to better serve the whole community.



For Children and Families. Come and Join us each month, 1st Sunday Friday at St Andrews Gt Finborough at 3.45pm and 1st Sunday at St Mary's Combs at 11am. All Welcome

Churchwardens Sadie Watts and Tim Hines replacing Nigel Brown and Paul Goodchild. Maggie Vincent, Hilde Cobbald and Frank Raynes were newly elected to the PCC. So far, we have a full complement of Officers and PCC Members showing everywhere plenty of new life which is very encouraging. All three churches are in good order, though work is long outstanding to **Harleston's** Bell Cote. The Bell and South aisle projects are in progress at **Combs** and **Gt Finborough** is launching its new heating fund soon. The 3 churches have seen increasing congregations particularly **Combs** which has trebled in 3 years and Children's work is flourishing under the excellent leadership of Suzzie Spurgeon, Maria Scadding and Jan Pearl. Helen Boulger, Emma Hines, Dee Dixon and Debby Peck lead Messy Church at **Gt Finborough** very well. **Combs** choir welcomed 4 new members

and said goodbye to 2, so they are moving in the right direction. They continue under the leadership of Anna Heaven and the Lunch Club there has now reached its temporary maximum of 20. Thank you to those who have served the church in any way but now have stood down and welcome to those who have stepped up.

Please join us at St Mary's Buxhall for the **Licensing of Pauline Higham** as Associate Priest and her husband Rod as Reader on Monday 14th May at 7.30pm. Refreshments follow as usual. We look forward to their Ministry with us.

And please support your **Churchwardens** at their Admission in St Peters Church Stowmarket on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm by Bishop Mike in the absence of the Archdeacon.

Thank you to the nearly 90 people who have satisfactorily completed the **Safeguarding Training** and particularly to Lisa Hicks for all her work. When you have an e mail regarding **Data Protection** please complete the form and return it to me, so we can keep in contact in the future in that way

With every good wish

Rev Chris

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PARISH REGISTERS



Funeral

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

At West Suffolk Crematorium

10 April 2018 Anne Barbara MOORE died 16 March 2018 aged 89

Service of Thanksgiving 10 April St John Baptist Church.

Marriage

St Andrew's Gt Finborough

Wayne Paul HUBERT and Joanne LLOYD

17 March 2018

Holy Baptism

Elisha Rose COLMAN

Born 4 October 2017

18 March 2018

Coffee Morning at the Chestnut Horse

Tuesday 8 May, 9.30-11.30am.
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The Answer to the Naïve Question?

Following the request in last month's newsletter about the ownership of Finborough Hall, the following information has been supplied by one of our readers from further afield.

I'm writing to you in response to a request from Dave Cox in April's Great Finborough Newsletter concerning the ownership of Finborough Hall.

The hall was purchased by the East Anglian Electricity Supply Co Ltd in 1936. It was used as the Central Office for the East Anglian, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Newmarket and Cambridge and Melton Electricity Companies and in 1948 became the headquarters of the Eastern Electricity Board.

My husband, Ian, was employed by Eastern Electricity, and its numerous successors, from 1966, when sponsored at City University, London, until his retirement in 2008. For some of that time he worked at Finborough Hall, also at the HQ at Wherstead, at Woodlands, Needham Road, Stowmarket and at the Bury St Edmunds offices on Barton Road. We were therefore interested to note the request in the newsletter.

Although confident of the date of purchase we have confirmed this via the National Archives website.

As many in the village will know, we lived in Finborough from 1975 until 2010 when we moved to Northumberland where I took up a post as House for Duty Priest in Upper Coquetdale. In 2013 we retired to Berwick upon Tweed. For many years I was editor of the Finborough Newsletter, for some time editing both Finborough and Buxhall newsletters.

Trudi Gray

So, as you can see, the newsletter reaches all areas of the UK and beyond and our thanks goes to Trudi for taking the time to reply and answer the question.

Simon Tarabella & Dave Cox

From Ironoak forge.

Dear customers, friends and customers who have become good friends,

I write to let you know of my next move, which I hope, will allow me to continue the pattern of the fantastic time I have enjoyed in my forge at Hollybush Farm Buxhall. At almost 74, life has dictated I should move now into high art and sculptures...the stuff which perhaps customers at Harrods will enjoy again.

So dear friends, No more commissions, No more last-minute repairs of iron work and no more estimating.

Time should belong to me and Marie a bit more than it has over the past 60 years.

I plan therefore to move from my wonderful forge taking all my useful tools with me.

I can never thank all my friends enough for their companionship and humour, and their making of the teas. I will miss all of that and much more.

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Graham Chaplin

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Thurs 17 May - Quiz Night 8pm
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Community Defibrillator Seminar

Wednesday 9th May 7.30pm

Pettiward Hall

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

**The more people that know how to use the portable
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The Pettiward Hall

Little Ernie

The winners of the first draw of the new scheme which started on 1 April were Dorothy Rham and Pat Turner. They each received £7.75. We had hoped to sell 40 tickets this year but only managed 31 by 1 April. However, you can still join the lottery – by paying £10 per ticket now you will be entered in each monthly draw from 1 June-1 March. For each ticket sold, the monthly prize money increases by 50p. Please contact me by email or phone (see back cover) for an application form.

AGM

The trustees of the hall charity were re-elected at the AGM on 26 March: Lesley Cass, David Preece, Delia Prior and Norman Vendittelli. Mary Preece is the Parish Council's nominated trustee until 2021. The committee re-elected David Preece as Chairman and Treasurer and Mary Preece as Secretary, Bookings Secretary and Keyholder.

Mary Preece

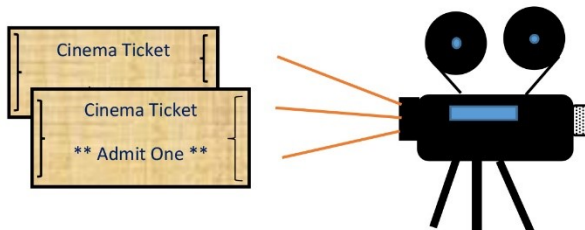
Buxhall and Great Finborough Candlestick Club

The opening meeting of 2018 was a happy affair with a few new members joining with old members and enjoying the music of G & T. They entertained us for a couple of hours and with a few nibbles, provided by the committee, a very pleasant evening was had by all.

Our first outing of the new year is on **Thursday May 3rd**. Please note this date has changed since the April Newsletter. This takes the form of a mystery outing. The coach will be leaving Great Finborough at 09.45 am, Buxhall Village Hall 09.50 am then on to Harleston for 10.00 am, cost £12. Notice of the June outing, this is on **Thursday June 7th** with a visit to Harwich to see the port and museums. Please let Keith know (**736598**) if you would like to go on any of the outings.

Keith Proctor

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Pettiward Hall

Wednesday 16th May 2018

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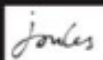
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Saturday 23rd June - 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7AN. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

Saturday 7th July - 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, IP14 1AD. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

Sunday 1st July - Stowmarket Chorale take part in the Ipswich Music Day. Further details available soon.

Saturday 3rd November - *Messiah* (G F Handel) performed at St Peter and St Mary Church, Stowmarket, IP14 1ES. We would welcome guest singers to join us for the Autumn Term at our weekly rehearsals to sing this marvellous work. Further details available soon.

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICES FOR MAY 2018

6 May:	Rogation Sunday	
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Matins	Shelland
11.00 am	Worship and Messy Church	Combs
3.00 pm	George Ward Service	Onehouse
6.30 pm	Evensong	Great Finborough
10 May:	Ascension Day	
7.30 pm	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
13 May:	Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
14 May:	Monday	
7.30 pm	Licensing of Rev Canon Pauline Higham and Mr Rod Higham	Buxhall
20 May:	Pentecost	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion Patronal Service	Harleston
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Messy Church	Great Finborough
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
27 May:	Trinity Sunday	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough

11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion and Baptism	Combs
6.30 pm	Evensong	Buxhall
3 June:	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

We meet for

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

Holy Communion 9.30 am on Wednesdays at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

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