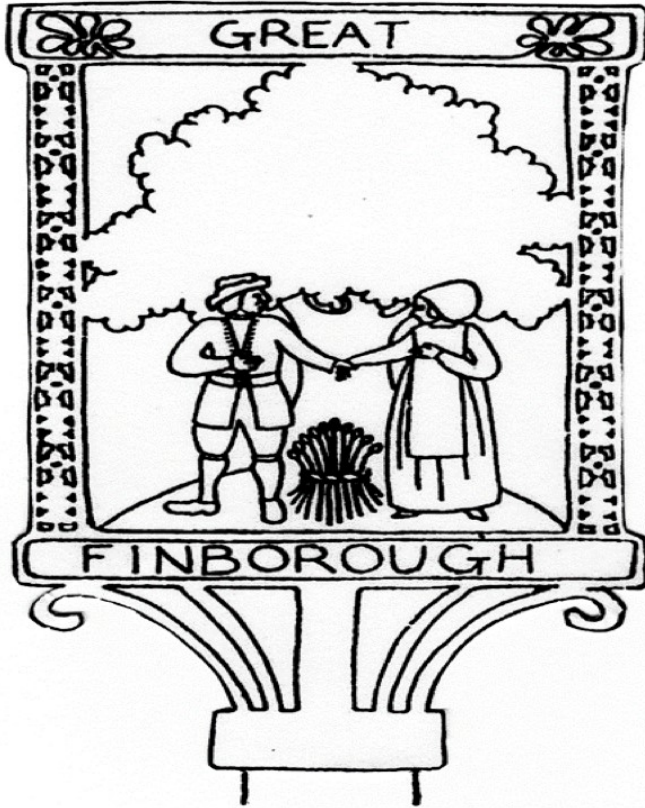


GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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VILLAGE DIARY – September

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| 7 | 3.45pm | Messy Church in St Andrew's Church |
| 8 | 8am | Men's Breakfast |
| 8 | 9am – 5pm | Suffolk Historic Church Trust, annual ride & stride |
| 11 | 9.30 – 11.30 | Macmillan Coffee Morning |
| 13 | 7.30pm | Garden Club |
| 17 | 7-30pm | Parish Council |
| 19 | 7pm | Film Night |
| 21 | John Davey commemoration after 3pm St Andrews service. | |
| 23 | 11-00am | Harvest Festival in St Andrews Church |
| 28 | 4.10pm | Mobile Library, Oak Close. |

Village Diary – October

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| 5 | 3.45pm | Messy Church in St Andrew's |
| 8 | 7.30pm | Parish Council |
| 9 | 9,30-11.30 | Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse |
| 11 | 7.30pm | Garden Club |
| 17 | 7.00pm | Film Night |

27 October Save this date for St Andrew's Autumn Supper, tickets go fast. Full details in October Newsletter.

Theme: flavours, colours and costumes from around the world.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018

17 September

8 October

12 November

7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

What a wonderful summer it has been, basking in temperatures in the high 20's and low 30's, a summer to rival or even surpass the 1976 summer, for those old enough to remember.

However, the summer has been tinged with great sadness at John Davey's suffering and his final passing in the early hours of the 1 August 2018. John did so much for this village in numerous ways over many years and will be so sorely missed. When the daffodils, crocus and cherry trees flower on the greens next spring just spare a thought for John, the inspiration for this and many other projects within the village. **(See P5)** Even fighting his illness John was still actively, through the vehicle of the Garden Club, offering help. The monthly Film Night at Petteward Hall were struggling for numbers and running at a loss, John suggested the Garden Club give a loan for the equipment hire and give a further £300 to allow the Film Club to continue.

A service of celebration for John's life will be held at St Andrew's Church at 3pm on Friday 21 September 2018 followed by a commemoration in Petteward Hall.

Please support the Film nights they are showing great films, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Plus, free refreshments all for a fiver.

The 15 September is the deadline for inclusion for September 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

Food for thought.

Recently I was driving from the Stowmarket direction to Great Finborough and had left Combs Lane and was approaching the hump backed bridge by the stables adjoining the Golf Course. A motorbike suddenly appeared travelling at speed towards me, overtaking a line of cars which had just crossed the bridge. The motor cyclist was overtaking uphill on a blind bend and I was thankful that I had decent brakes and had registered the scene. Luckily no accident happened and there were no injuries or fatalities, but it was a very close thing!

The speeding traffic through our village is top of the list for complaints in Great Finborough. The fact is that you are more likely to be killed in a road accident in the countryside than in a town and much more likely than on a motorway. Attitudes of drivers, particularly the young, seem to alter and verge on madness once they are in a rural area like ours. The white line engenders a belief that the road is theirs, tractors, dogs, cows, cyclists, pedestrians and even parked cars may be around the corner but never the curve ahead.

Strangely it seems likely that cutting hedges and verges increases not only sight line but accidents. The less a road looks cared for the more drivers take care of themselves. In 2016 only 34% of traffic accidents occurred in the countryside but 60% of fatalities – 1,015 deaths – were on rural roads. The real culprit appears to be SPEED. Lincolnshire cut the speed limit on high risk routes and serious collisions fell by 76%. Annual figures show that death is more likely on a country road yet nothing much is done. Urgent effective action is necessary.

A columnist in "Country Life" suggests: -

- 1) As you leave a town, a dual carriageway or motorway there should be a rigorously enforced 50 mph speed limit or 30 mph in villages.
- 2) Do not repaint the white lines or cut the verges – both activities are counter-productive and cause people to speed.
- 3) Remove all the signage clutter except for a few reminding drivers that the countryside has its hazards
- 4) Enforcing the new speed limit as well as the current ones. That could save at least 10 lives and add very little to journey times. Zero tolerance and more speed traps would work wonders – give more attention to the volunteers in villages on Speed Watch so that their records bring consequences (an average speed of 39 mph in our village is unacceptable)

It is for a reason. 75% of deaths are from collisions where speed is the main cause. Cutting speed means cutting the likelihood and seriousness of accidents. What do you think?

Rob Nurton

This article appeared in the June 2016 addition of the Newsletter and clearly illustrates how highly John Davey was thought of in Gt Finborough.

John Davey receives an award at the Community Achievement Awards Ceremony at Wherstead Park in April 2016.

At a very well-organized and most enjoyable evening on 21st April at Wherstead Park, the home of the East of England Co-op which sponsored the Community Achievement Awards ceremony in conjunction with Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, John Davey received recognition for his many years of service to the village.

Each of the thirty Award winners were the subject of a film in which the nominators were interviewed along with their nominees', Great Finborough Parish Council nominated John for his long involvement and dedication to many aspects of village life from raising money for various charities including EACH, St Andrew's Church and Pettward Hall to important roles with Neighbourhood Watch, the Great Finborough and District Garden Club the Pettward Hall and the Village Allotments Association to name but a few.

Storing, mending and helping to put up the village marquee is yet another of his indispensable help for village activities. A self-effacing and modest person, John never asked for thanks or praise.

Many congratulations to John and sincere thanks from the people of Great Finborough.

Rob Nurton

We will miss you John.

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Representing Onehouse, Gt Finborough, Buxhall, Harleston and Shelland

Tighter planning policies back in force. In July Mid Suffolk District Council announced that it was able to show it had a supply of deliverable housing land sufficient for 6.5 years building at the rate decreed by Government. This means that the current Local Plan policies are once again the main determinant of planning applications. For the past 3 years, the national definition of “sustainable” development has held sway, and applications have gained approval in some unsatisfactory places.

Locality fund: I’m pleased to say that each Mid Suffolk district councillor has been allocated a fund for the year 2018/19, so please get in touch with me if you have a local project which may be eligible.

Bikes to Africa. Thanks to everyone who got their old bike out of the shed. I have now delivered 11 of these to the depot near Colchester, where they were welcomed, and they will be part of the next shipment. I do however hope **more** local people will get their bikes out and in use, or even buy a new one to replace the old. I will try and arrange another collection later in the year, as offers of bikes exceeded the capacity of my trailer. For further information see <http://www.re-cycle.org/>

Disability Forum This meets quarterly at the Salvation Army base in Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket. It is open to people with disabilities, and their carers, as well as relevant voluntary and statutory organisations. The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th October from 10.30am – 1pm. Refreshments from 10.15am. For further information see <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/disability-forum/>

Councillors Allowances. This always contentious matter has had a lot of media coverage recently, and as I have been asked, I can confirm that I and other Green Party councillors voted against the 25% rise and its’ backdating.

Recycling. While it is disappointing that recent performance shows a decline, and there are problems in the volatile markets for recyclable materials, I emphasise that in both environmental and cost terms, it is still better to recycle than to throw everything in the black bin.

John Matthissen (See Who’s Who)

Wild Bird Seed

The next order will be placed on 20 September and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Rd. Great Finborough after 10-00am and before 6.00pm on Wednesday 3 October

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 3 October

Orders may be posted to or dropped off at The Little House, High Road, Gt Finborough (IP14 3AA), or if it's more convenient dropped off at 1, Valley Lane, Gt. Finborough and **must be received by 20 September. The prices have risen slight since our last order, due to extremely hot and dry growing conditions.**

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W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£12-50	
W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£13.00	
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£13-00	
Finch Mix	20 kg	£12.00	
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£8-50	
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£9-50	
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£33-00	
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Black Sunflower Seed	12.55 kg	£10-50	
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Fat Balls (any quantity)	Price each	11p	

Please Note. Due to change in circumstances orders not collected on the day will require customer to make special arrangements to collect. The next seed order will be December. Thank you, **Peter Turner** (674407) p.turner125@btinternet.com

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The traditional summer holiday for the Garden Club, has passed all too quickly and it is time to report on the events of the last two months as well as look forward to the season of autumn meetings

The club hosted our annual Open Gardens on a beautifully sunny and hot day on the 1 July. Despite the heat, and the drought conditions making it very difficult for the gardeners, as well as many other events on locally, visitor numbers remained high with many travelling some distance to reach us. The combination of ticket sales, proceeds from the plant stall and teas, resulted in a grand total of £1200.00. As decided by members at the AGM, this has been donated to St. Andrew's church. The club is tremendously grateful to everyone who opened their garden, displayed their classic cars, helped on the day or just supported our endeavours. The feedback from our visitors has been universally positive with emphasis on how welcoming and friendly everyone was. The preview evening BBQ kindly hosted this year by Pat and Peter, for those who volunteered to open their gardens was well supported and enjoyed by all. The major social occasion of the gardening year, the annual club BBQ was held on the 19th July and saw most of the club's membership plus guests, invade Pat and Peter Turner's garden at the Little House to celebrate another successful Garden Club year. This year it was decided that the funds raised at the BBQ would be donated to the Pettiward Hall to be used towards the cost of replacing the fascia and soffit boards. The generous and sociable spirit of the Club resulted in £300.00 being raised. Thank you all for your generosity. The horticultural aspect of the club was covered by admiration of Pat and Peter's now mature prairie border, flourishing vegetable patch and bountiful tomatoes. Thank you both, your kindness in allowing us to use your lovely garden for this occasion is much appreciated by us all. I am sure that the members would also wish me to express our thanks to the team of cooks, Peter, Ian and Martin who ably ensured that we all ate at the same time, to all members for the wonderful array of delicious salads and desserts and to those members who assisted with the setup and take down of the marquee, tables and chairs.

As part of the celebrations of the club's 20th anniversary Susanna arranged a club outing to the Sandringham Flower show on the 25 July.

We had a full coach, beautiful weather and all those who participated had a wonderful day.

The next outing is to Henstead Exotic garden on the 16 August and will be in the next report to be followed on October 18th by a visit to Cambridge Botanic Garden. Susanna is again in charge of the arrangements and details will be available soon.

After a very busy summer our September meeting is a talk given by Ken Able. He will be speaking about the variety and habits of the pelargonium family. This will take place on the 13th September at 7.30PM in the Upper Room of the Pettward Hall.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, membership is only £15.00 per household per year and there is a charge of £2.50 for guest attendance at any single meeting. For further information contact: Judith Cameron on 672978 or judyandian@btinternet.com.

Judith Cameron

The Pettward Hall "Little Ernie"

The winners in July were John Williams and Elizabeth Pyke and in August, John Grimaldi and Gerry and Ann Squirrel. They all received £7.75.

Yoga: Unfortunately, the Monday afternoon yoga class will not continue, mainly due to low numbers.

Sharon Sings.... Musicals

Please see the separate advert for this event on 29 September. Sharon will be singing a wide variety of songs from the musicals – some old favourites and some which may be less familiar. We will provide nibbles, but please bring your own drinks. We have plenty of glasses. There will also be a short quiz to test your Musicals knowledge, with a prize for the winner, and a raffle – donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome. Proceeds from the event will be spent on further improvements to the hall. Please reserve your tickets now!

NB Sharon can also be seen at the Stowmarket Beach Party on Saturday, 1 September from 3.15-4pm at the recreation ground when she will be singing a selection of Disney songs



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25/11/18- Norwich Shopper

6/12/18- Xmas Lunch Oulton Broad/Highway garden centre

22/12/18- Xmas show Clacton

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From the Rectory September 2018

I think many of us recognise that we live in a world of entitlement. We often expect our parents to look after our children while we work, our community facilities to be there when we want them and certainly the NHS, social and education services to be free at the point of delivery. Undoubtedly, we are 'entitled' to some things because 'we' pay for them in our taxes. Many of these services

depend on local governance and call on us to play our part. Our schools need Governors, our parishes and districts, councillors, village halls committee members etc. Then there are the myriad of organisations needing support, charity shops McMillan Cancer care, the Air Ambulance etc who are always there aren't they?

If you do feel 'entitled' it may be partly because of one of the most interesting of the stories in the Gospel of Mark (7.24-30), which with other influences may have seeped into your psyche. When Jesus is asked by a Syrophenician woman if she may have bread from his table initially he refuses as she is not a Jew and he says that firstly he comes to (feed) the House of Israel. Looked at with hindsight we tend to want to think 'O for Goodness sake Jesus we know you came for the whole world – let her have the bread' - she is entitled. This is in many ways a traditional understanding and may lead us into a similar thought – we are entitled to good things, aren't we?

In a book I am reading 'Learning to Dream Again' by Samuel Wells, Vicar of St Martin in the Fields and Visiting professor of Christian Ethics at Kings College London, he argues that we should perhaps look at the story through the eyes of the woman – she is grateful for what she receives.....she is a Gentile like us: interesting and thought provoking. Often, we need to look at the world through the eyes of 'the other'. How might it feel?

Which way do you look at life – with gratitude for what you have or entitlement? It often shows in how we deal with others. It is sad that after many years the Community Council has folded in Buxhall. It has been part of the fabric of that community organising the Guy Fawkes celebrations, Bangers Beans and Bingo as well as the Produce Show and who can forget the wonderful party for the Golden Jubilee.....? I hope we will all play our part in finding a way for these valuable events to continue – perhaps we need to turn gratitude and expectation that they will happen into action to support them? Ditto so many community events and there could be much more done. Will you show your gratitude in some way?

Around the parishes

I am pleased that a **Bible Study** group is starting up in Gt Finborough because of popular demand. It will be led by Canon Pauline and is a much welcome addition to our calendar. Look out for details or ask

Please support the **Church Harvest Suppers** and lunches as advertised in Onehouse Combs and Gt Finborough and you will see that we have an opportunity to hear from Derek Ames about life in Uganda at Great Finborough and Richard Stanier from the world development group at Harleston.

The prolonged period of dry weather seems to have finally killed off the **organ in St Andrews Gt Finborough**. It is not unexpected and has been on life support for some years. We have been advised that further repair to its unusual and complicated mechanical action is not sensible and that it should be scrapped. The PCC is urgently investigating a replacement and probably repositioning of an instrument to better lead the congregation. It is likely that we shall acquire a second-hand pipe organ from a disused church or chapel, but nothing will be done without full consultation and of course a Faculty from the Diocesan Chancellor.

It is certainly something to look forward to and we are blessed with musicians in the parish to advise.

It is good to see the completion of the **building work at Buxhall and Shelland**. On a personal note – I say 'Alleluia' because when I joined Buxhall PCC in 1995 there was talk of removing the inadequate drainage system. More exciting things have been achieved in the interim, but I am very glad this is done. Well done to Buxhall. **Buxhall choir** is going on tour to Lt Finborough for a Benefice Service at the end of September. I hope they will be well supported.

Little Finborough is working on new lighting and then much of the floor seems likely to have to be removed to eradicate damp and replace the many broken tiles. **Items were stolen from St Augustine's at Harleston**, but we remain determined that the church should be open and provide a haven of peace tranquillity and prayer.

There is **rejoicing in Combs** as the Faculty has been granted for the restoration and augmentation of the Bells to 10. This is being done to commemorate the men who gave their lives in WW1 and for the centenary. There will be a launch of the appeal in due course and then the serious business of grant applications and fund raising will begin. We will be including as many local organisations as we can and all the schools. We already have a tentative booking for a wedding in May 2020. It is to be recorded that it was too hot in St Mary's on the 29th July – a situation that may not be repeated in your life time. New Chairs are being ordered for the **Church Hall**, new crockery has been purchased and there is a plan for the restoration of the outside of the building and development of a landscaped area at the rear.

And not to leave **Onehouse** out – the congregation is growing again.... wonderful news and the cross will shortly be replaced on the Nave gable. The new PA system is excellent.

Many of you will have seen the '**There but not here**' initiative of Perspex silhouettes which can be purchased and placed in a pew to remind us of the fallen in **WW1**. If anyone would like to consider this further with me, please be in touch. Each silhouette costs £42. Combs and Lt Finborough churches are each involved already. They may be kept for future years perhaps and certainly are a poignant reminder of the lost.... There is much information on line. And finally, both Messy **Church** events for Children and families is proving a great success so please join in if you can. Baptisms are running at record levels, so we are trying to keep our part of the promise to you.

With all good wishes.

Chris

A Little Thoughtfulness for those in need



We are proud of Amy, Lily and Mia Mayes, Eleanor Rose and Jessica Robinson of this parish. As you will see from the picture they made a local collection for the **Food Bank** having heard some families struggle for food in the summer holidays. They also made and sold some air fresheners.

Rev Chris received the donations on 2nd August 2018 and £8.72. Thank you to all who contributed, **Chris**

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PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough

Baptisms



Harry Thomas JACKSON
22 July 2018
DOB. 27 January 2018
Parents: Tom and Katie JACKSON

Zac Thomas GODFREY
29 July 2018
DOB. 3 May 2017
Parents: Daniel and Victoria

Theo William BRETT
5 August 2018
DOB. 4 June 2017
Parents: Benjamin and Sara Jane Brett



BUXHALL WI

At our next meeting on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30pm at Buxhall Village Hall our speaker will be Linda Sexton on 'A Short History of Shopping'. Visitors are always most welcome.

Judith Hickman (677540)

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

37th Annual Ride and Stride 8th September 2018 9am – 5pm

It is not too late to take part in the Ride and Stride please let me know mary-bbf@hotmail.com or 612822 and I will give you a form and list of churches taking part. You can cycle or walk to as few or as many as you choose. (children must be accompanied)

If like me, you are unable to do either but would like to take part by sponsoring someone else please let me know and I can arrange for you to sponsor someone who is.

50% of any funds you raise will go to St Andrew's Church Gt Finborough and the remaining 50% will be used by SHCT to give grants for repairs, renovations and improvements to Suffolk Churches and Chapels.

It's a great way to have fun and help maintain some of the many beautiful Suffolk Church's at the same time.

Mary Williams



Wednesday 26 september 10.30am-12.30pm

Trinity Hall, Onehouse (Formerly Church Room)

Volunteers required to make cakes, etc. serve coffee and cake.

Offers of help to Derek Ames 6133328

Marking the Centenary of the end of World War One

We plan to mark the Centenary of the end of World War One with a display in the church.



Lest We Forget.

I have come across a list of all the men who went to fight. It has become tatty and stained with time and would really like to find someone who would be prepared to copy it, so we could once again frame it and hang in the church in time for this centenary Remembrance. Please contact me.

The village Craft Class have been busy making poppies to cover the Screen which was built as a memorial to those who died. The village subscribed to have both the screen and the memorial in the churchyard made. We'd like as many people as possible to make a poppy to make it a real village act of Remembrance. We really need lots and hope you might like to make one or some to swell the numbers. We have a knitting pattern, a crochet pattern and some made from felt, stuck or stitched. Any style of poppy, in any medium you like to make will be great. If you wish to use the patterns we have, let Mary Williams know (mary-bbf@hotmail.com) and I will let you have it, but there are also many on the internet etc. Or maybe you need no pattern and can come up with your own design.

Thank you so much for any you can make, let's make a real display to honour our fallen of so long ago to whom we owe so much.

Mary Williams

Buxhall and Great Finborough Over 60's Candlestick Club

We have had two outings since going to press in June. Both well attended, the July outing found us in Manningtree, a very pretty little Essex town with nice walks along the river and very accommodating pubs and restaurants around the town. We then went on down to the Suffolk Food Hall for a cup of tea and ice cream, very interesting. August took us up the A12 to Aldeburgh, again nice walks along the sea front and of course the delicious fish and chip lunch.

In the afternoon we went on to Priors Oak Gardens. Several acres of flowers, shrubs and trees had us all amazed how well they looked after the garden in this dry summer. We finished off with a lovely cup of tea and piece of cake. A pleasant afternoon from Trudy, the host lady concerned.

Our final outing is a day trip to Felixstowe. This is just a trip to the seaside, you can get off the bus in the town or at the Pier, getting your own lunch and entertainment. This is on Thursday 6th September, leaving Great Finborough 09.45, Buxhall Village Hall 09.50 and on into Stowmarket. Please let Keith know if you wish to go.

New members are always welcome.

Keith 736598

Autumn Fun Quiz

The Autumn Fun Quiz will be held in Buxhall Village Hall on Saturday October 27th commencing at 7.30pm, £3.00 per person. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

To book in you or your team, please ring Mim/Keith on 736598 by Friday October 26th. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds, any draw prizes will be greatly appreciated.

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Caribbean Food weekend 29 & 30 September



Great Finborough and Buxhall under 5's

Firstly, to our children that left in July a huge thank you for our wonderful gifts and cards, we were very spoilt, we loved having you all, we hope you all have fun on the next chapter of your Learning journey at primary school. What a wonderful busy year, we've learnt about different animals on land, under the sea, big and small, we learnt all about our senses,

hearing week was very noisy with a pre-school Rock band and we found out about different ways to travel, feet to space rockets. Our get togethers have included our fantastic Nativity play and party, a royal wedding tea party, a very busy Easter Trail and an even busier sports day with over 100 children, parents, grandparent and friends coming to join us, all fantastic fun. At Pre-school we welcome back the children new and old to our new September term, this term we will be finding out the children's favourite books, maybe going on a bear hunt, meeting a Gruffalo or even taking a trip to the moon.

If you have a child that would love to come on some of our adventures with us, please get in touch, you are welcome to phone up for a chat or make an appointment to visit and look round. We look forward to meeting you. Do have a look on our Facebook page to see what we have been up to. Telephone us on: - 07513 140072.

Delia

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8 September in Pettiward Hall, Great Finborough at 8.00am. Speaker is **Paul Dale from Tools with a Mission**. Finish by 9.30am.

There will be an offering to cover expenses. Please book places with Derek Ames by Wednesday 5 September. (613328)
We only serve traditional English breakfast.

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Derek Ames

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline & Charity Shop

This year, whilst the weather was fantastic it also presented problems trying to work and occupy 15 children at the same time! Although the heat was hard for us to deal with it didn't seem to bother the children who are used to very hot summers in Belarus.

A big thank you must go out to Stowmarket Football Club for allowing us the use of their facilities every day and for letting the children run in the water sprinklers on the hottest day of the year.

The children had more success with dental treatment this year with only 15 extractions and 21 fillings being carried out and, for the first time in 11 years, having started at 8.30 am we were finished before lunch! This was a record especially as in past years we have all been working flat out until 6:00 pm.

The children enjoyed many outings, most sponsored by local businesses and people in the community. These included trips to Easton Park Farm, Chessington World of Adventure, Felixstowe Beach, Fred Lasts private Railway, The Circus and Beach at Great Yarmouth just to mention a few. We are of course tremendously grateful to all of you who have continued to support us over the years, I just don't know where the time has gone. In 2007 my husband and I hosted a little girl called Nastia who was 7 years old, little did we know what it was leading to!

All the photos taken during the visit have now been uploaded to our photo website and can be viewed by clicking on the following link. You will need to use the username of member and password of Viewfotos1* (case sensitive) <http://alphacenturi.com/ccil>

There is also a link to a video which was shown at the leaving party covering the highlights of the visit. This can also be found at our website www.ccilmidsuffolk.org.uk

Finally, we have to turn our thoughts to the next visit which may seem very much in advance but the whole progress is a never-ending cycle. We may bring a very small group of children for December, to include Christmas, this is much lower key and more relaxed visit with a maximum of 6 children in the group. These tend to be slightly older than the summer group with means they will have started to learn English and will be more independent than most of those who come in the summer. Of course, we still have an interpreter for the duration of the visit. Obviously, this is a magical time of the year especially for children who have never experienced Christmas before. In the summer we will again bring a group of 14 children and this will be for the month of July.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Hosting, please get in touch with me and I will provide further details.

With grateful thanks as always.

Elizabeth Parker

Sharon Sings....

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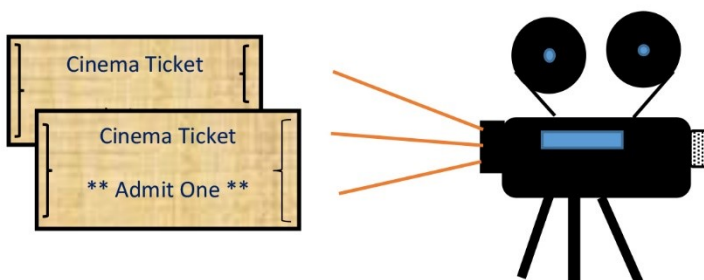
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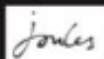
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2 September: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Song of Songs 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9 (or 45.1-7) or Deuteronomy 4.1. 1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1.17-27;

MARK 7.1-8; 14-15,21-23;

9.30 am Sung Eucharist, PATRONAL FESTIVAL Chris Childs Buxhall

9.30 am Morning Worship Pauline Higham Shelland

11.00 am Holy Communion and Holy Baptism Chris Childs Great Finborough

11.00 am Holy Communion (by extension) Rod Higham Onehouse

11.00 am Worship and Messy Church Pauline Higham Combs

6.00 pm Evensong Chris Childs Little Finborough

9 September: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 61.10-11 or Rev 11.19-12 6,10; Psalm 45.10-17; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke.46-55

9.00 am Holy Communion Pauline Higham Little Finborough

9.30 am Holy Communion Chris Childs Harleston

9.30 am Matins Derek Ames Buxhall

11.00 am Holy Communion and recommissioning Chris Childs Combs
of Elders

11.00 am Morning Worship Pauline Higham Onehouse

6.30 pm Evensong Chris Childs/Derek Ames Great Finborough

Derek will speak about his visit to a Christian hospital in Uganda

16 September: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19.1-6 (7-15) or Wisdom 7.26-8.1 or Isaiah 500.4-9; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-36

9.30 am Holy Communion Pauline Higham Shelland

11.00 am Family Communion Alison Lay Combs

11.00 am Morning Worship Pauline Higham/Nigel Brown Great Finborough

4.00 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL Pauline Higham Buxhall

6.00 pm Evensong Rod Higham Little Finborough

23 September: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1 or Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12-22 or Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54; James 3.13-44.7-8

Mark 9.30-37

9.00 am Holy Communion Barbara Bilson Little Finborough

9.30 am Holy Communion Chris Childs Buxhall

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11.00 am Holy Communion Chris Childs Combs

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5.00 am HARVEST FESTIVAL Chris Childs Shelland

30 September: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28. 10-17 or Revelation 12.7-12; Psalm 103. 19-22; Hebrews 1.5-14; John 1. 47-51

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Chris Childs Little Finborough

3.00 PM BENEFICE HARVEST FESTIVAL Chris Childs/Richard Stainer Harleston

Richard Stainer is the Diocesan World Development Advisor

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