

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**April 2022
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VILLAGE DIARY

April 2022

2	10am-12.30pm	Easter Egg Hunt, Pettiward Hall
10	4pm	Live Music, Coast, Chestnut Horse
11	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
14	7pm	Open Mic Night, Pettiward Hall
14	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
18	1.34pm	Race of The Bogmen, Chestnut Horse
21	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
23	1.30pm	St George's Day Lunch, Chestnut Horse

May 2022

9	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
12	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
19	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse

Every Wednesday, "Meet up Wednesday" 12 – 2pm, Chestnut Horse

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022

11 April, 9 May
At 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

Here we are in April already and at last the sun has started to shine and the daffodils are brightening up the village greens. Last month saw the official opening of the playpark which was a great morning and thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the day a success.

There is a lot going on in April, obviously its Easter and all the churches in the benefice will be holding services so do please pop along to any of them, you will be made most welcome.

There will be a children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 2 April organised by the Great Finborough Under 5's group, places need to be booked, see page 28 for more details.

Sharon, at the chestnut Horse, will be hosting the annual "Race of the Bogmen" on Easter Monday so come along and learn the fascinating history of this village tradition, see page 8 for more details.. Also this month, as well as musical events there will be a St Georges Day lunch, booking is essential for this event.

There is a move afoot to organise a whole village party to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June. This is being spearheaded by Tracy Barnett and Bex Harvey and they are looking for volunteers to help with ideas and organisation. Please see if you can spare some of your time to make this a great inclusive village event, more details on page 5.

The Buxhall village show is back in September so start planning those vegetable plantings now!

If you have stories to tell or news for the village, April 15 is the deadline for inclusion in the May issue of the Newsletter, please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner.

Simon Tarabella

PS. We are still looking for a Newsletter editor!!

Great Finborough Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the upstairs room of Pettiward Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14 March.

It was noted that the Parish Council had supported the nomination of Simon Waspe to carry the torch for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Torch Relay.

It was resolved to submit the following comments to application; DC/21/00575, The Cottage, High Street. "Great Finborough Parish Council SUPPORT this application. This is an ideal conversion of a currently redundant commercial building into additional family accommodation. It is felt the proposal is sympathetic to the building and involves little change to the character and no harm to the adjacent main house"

It was RESOLVED to appoint Heelis & Lodge to carry out the Internal Audit for 2021/22. The Terms of Engagement and Audit Plan were approved.

It was noted that a car had damaged the herb garden. An invoice for repair will be provided and the driver has agreed to pay for the damages.

Middlefield Drive Play Area – The opening ceremony was a great success and thanks are extended to Penny for cutting the ribbon for us.

The request from Royal Air Force Air Cadets for Parish Council support for their project to provide a memorial to the crew of an RAF Wellington Bomber that crashed in 1941 in Great Finborough was unanimously supported. The memorial is planned to be sited next to the footpath sign on the path that runs from Valley Lane in Buxhall to Borough Lane and councillors are happy to support any planning application needed.

Housing Needs Survey – It was noted that there are some errors in the Summary Findings. These will be clarified with CAS and the full report chased.

Street Lights – A report from the SL Working Group confirmed that 75% of responders to the survey were in favour of replacing all the existing lights. It was agreed that an up dated quote for the replacement project be sought and all available funding streams will be investigated. It was noted that two columns currently sited in private gardens should be moved if possible to SCC Highway owned land during the process.

It was noted that volunteers had come forward to arrange an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that a Working Group be set up to take this event forward with an estimated cost involved brought the council as soon as possible. Cllr Tarabella will schedule a first meeting of the PJWG.

Councillor Vacancy – Two very strong candidates had applied for the current vacancy. After much discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Lee Morgan to fill the vacancy.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 11 March at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room of Pettiward Hall.

Paula Gladwell

Volunteers required!!



Your help is needed to organise a village event for Sunday 5 June to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. All ideas and offers of help welcome. Please contact Simon Tarabella or Tracy Barnett (07590 820866, tracy@tracybarnett.co.uk). We are particularly interested in volunteers who would represent families / children

and anybody else whose input would help to make this a fully inclusive event.

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Thurston Neighbourhood Plan Court Ruling

I welcome the decision to quash the approval of 210 new homes in Thurston, which were contrary to the village's Neighbourhood Plan. The District committee decision 2 years ago was approval by 7 votes to 6, and I voted against. It is disappointing that the District has decided to appeal this Judicial Review ruling.

Electric buses

Purchase and operation of two electric-powered buses, funded by MSDC, was approved as part of the annual budget. The intention is to provide some scheduled services for rural villages currently without meaningful provision. The current delivery time is around 6 months, so there will be time to install charging points and develop timetables.

Planning applications

Concern continues regarding several of these. If they go to planning committee, I will be there to ensure local views are heard. If there is opposition from the parish council, I will discuss with the planning officer.

- Pear Tree Place, Great Finborough – detail - no committee date yet

Reminders – no apology for repeating these

Food Bank

Please continue to donate what you can when you go shopping.

Seedling Trees to Red Gables

The tree planting season may be over, but the need to raise saplings continues. Baby native trees in pots to Red Gables Tree Nursery please.

Recycling stall Thursday April 28th

Market Place 9.30am – 11.30am. You can bring medicine 'blister' packs, toothpaste tubes and brushes, cheese wrappers and nets, pens, pencils and markers and *clean* pet food pouches. It helps a lot if you have these separated.

John Matthissen

Full-time Gardener / Grounds Maintenance Person Required

(Could be split into 2 roles, 3 days a week Gardener and 2 days a week Grounds Maintenance)

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Gardener would ideally be horticulturally qualified but must be able to use large garden machinery with relevant qualifications. Good work ethic with an enthusiasm to take the garden forward in the future is important.

Horticultural students would be considered.

For further information please apply to

Ann Basey-Fisher

ann@baseyfisher.co.uk

07970756167

World Day of Prayer

On the Friday 4 March 2022 St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough were hosting this years' service. The subject was England, Wales and Northern Ireland. As you may be aware, in High Road we were fortunate to have a gentleman who owns 200 flags. There had been an article in a previous issue that he was the owner of so many and we were delighted to say that he had the 3 flags we needed for our service and this is our way of saying **thank you** for making our service complete and enjoyed by all.

Irene Bugg

Race of the Bogmen – Easter Monday 18 April

This historic annual event will take place starting at 1.34pm at the Chestnut Horse. It will incorporate the race, egg and spoon race, egg throwing, Easter draw and BBQ and much much more. Let's keep traditions alive and make this the best one yet! Please can all cars be moved from Church Road between 1.34 and 5pm on the day to facilitate this event. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

The Bogmen Team

Non-Members Birdseed order form.

All the birdseed prices have risen substantially I have had to increase our prices accordingly, sunflower hearts are in short supply because they are grown primarily in Ukraine and Bulgaria. Our supplier has withdrawn Sunflower Kernels and No Mess (which contains 60% Sunflower Kernels) from his list of products. W.B.M New High Energy is a good alternative to Sunflower Kernels; I have used it successfully for several months. The Garden Club are willing to provide the birdseed service with your continued support. Kind regards, Peter.

The next order will be placed on the **12 April**. Birdseed collection will be on the **20 April between 2 pm and 5.30 pm** from Abbey Farm Cottage. If you would like to place an order please let me have your

requirements together with a cheque made payable to "Great Finborough Garden Club", or **by BAC's** "Gt Finborough Garden Club", sort 09-01-54, account no 20213287 please reference your name followed by B/S. 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.

Thank you. Peter turner 07789727974 or p.turner125@btinternet.com

Name

Tele No.

Product	Weight	Price	Quantity Cost
W.B.M Standard	20 kg	£13.00	
W.B.M. Premium	20 kg	£15.00	
W.B.M No Wheat	20 kg	£17.00	
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kgs	£17.00	
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kgs	£15.00	
Finch Mix	20 kg	£15.00	
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£11.00	
SUPER Poultry Mix	20 kg	£12.00	
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£36-00	
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx.	£19-00	
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£17.00	
Nyjer seed	20 kg	£33.00	
Nyjer Seed	10 Kg	£18.00	
Suet Pellets	12.75 Kgs	£20.00	
Suet Balls (Superior quality)	13p each	(£19.50/box)	
		Total	

Food for thought or musings on fusion cooking

Unlikely as it may seem - I was to be found in the Chestnut Horse the other Friday evening, generally minding my own business, when Simon reminded me that it had been some time since I last penned an offering for the auguste publication that is the Great Finborough Newsletter. I naturally tried to mitigate my errant behaviour, explaining that; I had been busy – flat out in fact; I had been laid low by the old war wound – flat on my back in fact; I had completely run out of anecdotes, thoughts and ideas, and also forgotten who I was and where I lived. I did, however, harbour the expectation and belief that all of these nuisances, might well cease and desist in time for the next issue. Thankfully, Simon is the most reasonable of men and, although I had the distinct impression that he was somewhat less than convinced by my catalogue of excuses, he graciously accorded me the benefit of the doubt, for which leniency I am most grateful.

We are all, I am sure, plagued by junk email. For my part, the vast majority is unceremoniously consigned to the “bin” but recently, one in particular did rather catch my eye. It was from a food wholesaler whom I have used on occasion - a recipe for Chicken Tikka Lasagne! I protested vociferously that nothing was sacred - but was authoritatively informed that this was “fusion cooking” and that I am, as usual, living in the past. What next then – Pizza Vindaloo, Toad in the Paella with Naan Bread or even perhaps, looking ahead to those long, languorous summer barbecues to come, a refreshing ice-cold Welsh Rarebit, on a bed of Guacamole, with a Sushi garnish and a side of Jelly Beans?

As to living in the past, and with all due deference to Jethro Tull’s 1969 masterpiece, this accusation brought to mind an event from the mid 1950s, when my Dad, having called at our local grocer’s to place the weekly order, rather uncharacteristically returned home mightily enthused, having discovered that the worthy emporium now stocked an extensive range of “continental” food. This was a time of course, when rationing had only recently loose’d its grip upon the nation, and

when the prospect of anything “foreign” was viewed with either deep suspicion, or conversely, as being invested with a mysterious and exciting allure. Continental food, happily, fell very much into the latter category making the prospect nothing short of thrilling – it all had so much more flavour than our dull, bland diet – or so the received wisdom would have us believe. Dad’s inspiration was such that he proclaimed his intent to make the necessary purchases the following Saturday, and personally to prepare a continental meal for the edification and delight of the whole family; an enticing prospect that my younger brother and I looked forward to with eager anticipation.

We lived at the time with my paternal grandmother (Nan) who, throughout her working life, had been a cook, in service with well to do military family in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea. Indeed, she still carried on in much the same vein, running the household in strict adherence to Mrs Beeton’s book of rules but, on the plus side, her culinary skills were second to none. She had a repertoire of suet puddings, both sweet and savoury, that was nothing short of stunning. Steak and Kidney pudding was at once both my greatest favourite, and my cruellest tormentor! The filling, comprised of shin of beef, kidneys, carrots, onions, celery, and sundry flavourings, was simmered very slowly, throughout the whole of the day preceding its featuring on the menu, and the aroma would pervade the entire house. This routinely drove me to distraction, knowing that it would not be available for consumption until the following lunchtime at the earliest - a veritable eternity for a lad of tender years and healthy appetite.

J. K. Jerome would probably have been proud of the preceding digression but the point I was endeavouring to make, before the Steak and Kidney pudding distracted me so effectively, was that the kitchen was Nan’s exclusive province and she guarded its borders vigilantly. So, it was the case that even if it had been with the most laudable of intentions, Dad would have faced considerable opposition, in attempting to negotiate permission for the use of the kitchen for his proposed extravaganza but, given that it was to be specifically for the preparation of foreign food, he could reasonably have been expected

to be on a hiding to nothing. Contrary to all such expectations however, he somehow succeeded, albeit that the means by which he did so, remain a secret to this day. How did it go? Find out next month....

Pip Pip!

Great Finborough Garden Club

Our March meeting was a fascinating talk by Jim Paine from The Walnut Tree Nursery near Attleborough. He was speaking about the gardening definition of shade, how the surroundings in the garden can produce shade in unexpected places and how it affects the plants we can grow. He also gave us some recommendations as to how we can extend the range of plants that will tolerate shady conditions by improving the soil, lifting the crowns of overhanging trees and shrubs and improving the soil moisture levels.

The next meeting on 8 April will be a talk by Sally Bendall who owns the popular Hollowtrees Farm Shop. She will be giving us the insiders view on running this large and varied local business.

The May Car Share, has been booked for the afternoon of Thursday 26 May. We are going to Pulham Cottage which is very local being just a 10 minute drive away and is a relaxed cottage garden set in 1½ acres, created over the last 5 years. It is divided into rooms using mixed hedging, hazel fencing and vintage iron gates and fencing. It has a clipped box parterre, a kitchen garden with flowers for cutting, orchard and wildflower areas to explore. There are also areas left for re-wilding to encourage moths, butterflies and bees, a Victorian style greenhouse, orchard and free-range chickens. Plus, lots of seating to relax and enjoy the vistas and views. The price per person is £8 and this includes tea and cake. Cars to leave the village car park at 2pm. If you would like to book a space on the car share please email Jane Davies (janedavies2@hotmail.co.uk) stating if you require a seat in a car or if you can offer any seats.

If you would like to join the visit to Hampton Court in July please contact Jane Davies as soon as possible as she needs to confirm numbers with them very soon.

Preparations for Open Gardens on 19 June are already underway and more details will be available soon, along with requests for help from the Committee for members to help run this event which is our major charity fundraiser.

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 September. For further information contact: Judith Cameron judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com or 672978.

Judith Cameron

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BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Buxhall Village Show
10th September 2022**

Yes, following its hugely successful return last year, we are looking forward to hosting the show once again – so do save the date!

Remember to think about the show when choosing this year's vegetable and flower seeds to nurture in your garden or allotment.

There will be opportunities for all ages to enter a range of classes including vegetables, fruit, plants & flowers, baked goods, preserves, arts & crafts and photography not forgetting the humour section!

There is still time to book your place at the-

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Every Wed - Redtooth Poker - from 7.30pm

Sun 10 April - Live Music, Coast - from 4pm

Thurs 14 April - Open Mic Night - from 7pm

BH Mon 18 April - Race of the Bogmen

Sat 23 April - St Georges Day Lunch - Booking
Essential



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A Sainly Dispute

Let's state the case for St
Edmund
To again be our patron saint
At least he's an Englishman
Unlike St George
For heaven's sake

Whatever made us switch our
patron sainthood to a Turk?
Had King Edward III indeed
gone totally berserk?
It is claimed he wanted a
fearless champion
And not a defeated king
But did George really slay a
dragon?
That's simply not a sure thing

Let's consider the saints George
and Edmund anew
For there are indeed parallels
between the two
Both refused to renounce their
Christianity
and were violently punished
with their mortality
But Edmund was an Anglo-
Saxon king
Doesn't that count for a special
something?

After Edmund was beheaded
The Danes in the East were
embedded
They simply ran amok
And had no truck
With our writings of the time

There are differing stories
of Edmund's personality
So it is hard to compare him
With St George of the Roman
cavalry

Will we ever revert to St
Edmund?
Personally, I have my fears
St George is so entrenched in
our national consciousness
For he's been our patron saint
now
For nearly 700 years

Sarah

**Happy St George's Day
23 April 2022**



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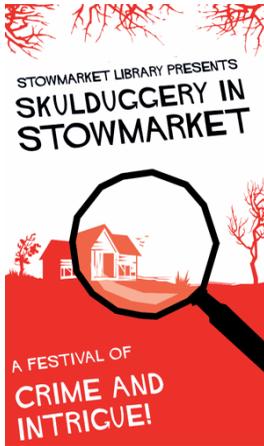
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Announcing *Skulduggery in Stowmarket*, 22-24 April 2022.



Stowmarket Library's Skulduggery team is excited to announce the return of the live event. Book your place on Suffolk Libraries' website: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/skulduggery

Join us at Stowmarket Library on Friday 22nd for an evening with Simon Brett. Tickets are £8 each or £15 for two, including a glass of wine on arrival and light refreshments.

On Saturday 23rd come & meet our guest authors: Rebecca Tope; Imran Mahmood, Tim Weaver, Ruth Dugdall, & Jill Dawson; and on Sunday 24th we will have guest authors J M Hewitt, Laura Purcell, Jim Kelly, Louise Millar, and Rory Clements. Tickets are £5 per author, £20 for a full day, or £35 for both days.

All profits go to Suffolk Libraries (HMRC Charity Number XT34476)

Pauline Manders

Help support and rebuild your NHS – call out for NHS reservists



A call out is being made for former health and care staff across Suffolk and north East Essex to register their interest in becoming an NHS reservist. There are a wide range of opportunities available, including assisting people who are being discharged from hospital or as part of the ongoing NHS COVID-19 vaccination programme.

Anyone who has previously worked in health and care is encouraged to register, with interest sought from all former staff members such as

administrators, care assistants, GPs, nurses, physiotherapists, paramedics and pharmacists. Those interested may have retired from their roles or still be working but in a different sector.

Full training will be provided, and NHS reservists will be paid in line with the role they are doing. Support will also be given by existing full-time staff that they can 'buddy up' with before starting any role. Although time commitment will vary it is anticipated to be around 30 days each year.

Local hospitals and NHS services can then call on the 'NHS reservist community' depending on their staffing requirements and pressures in their area, creating a bank of extra resource for when it is needed. Following this initial call-out for former health and care staff, it is anticipated that in the coming months people from all backgrounds and experiences will be asked to register their interest.

Amanda Lyes, Director of Workforce for the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System, said: "Over the past two years of the pandemic former health care workers and volunteers have played an invaluable role in ensuring our local vaccination programme has been one of the very best in the country.

"As our NHS starts to rebuild itself, both locally and nationally, there's now a need for NHS reservists to support that recovery.

"We ask people to help their local NHS regain the ground lost during the pandemic, and help to tackle the backlog and support the continued delivery of the vaccination programme."

Anyone interested should complete a registration form at: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=sITDN7CF9UeyIge0jXdO42nk1ijHV21HpbdjaRZvfz1UMzhRSIY1VEdBQjBCUDIWTRCRjFBMzRZSi4u> and they will be contacted direct, including details of a webinar taking place later in March to find out more.

Heading up the 'responsible team'

Who is responsible for the village? Making sure the grass gets cut, the litter gets picked up, that the street lights are working? Looking at every planning application that affects us? Planning the maintenance of the trees and hedgerows, and all the facilities put in place for our pleasure. Well, that would be the parish council, of course! Our parish council is made up of 8 people who share these responsibilities. Our current chairperson is Simon Tarabella, the latest resident whose profile is being shared in this series. Simon was 4 years on the parish council before becoming the chair. His term of office will end in May 2023.

Simon moved to the village 8 years ago from Gosport, Hampshire, because he and his wife Jacqueline were looking to move closer to children and grandchildren. Whilst waiting to view Maple Lodge they happened to meet the Rev Chris Childs looking at the noticeboard outside Petteward Hall. Chris introduced himself and his outgoing personality (along with the house being 4 doors from the Chestnut Horse) tipped the scales in our direction. Well done Chris.

Simon moved around in his childhood because of his father's work in the cement industry, but spent most of it in Nottinghamshire. He completed his education in Dunstable, joining the Royal Navy at sixteen. He describes having loved every minute of the next 36 years he spent in the Navy. If you listen to the stories of his world travels, it is clear to see why. He played different sports on different ships in different countries, and retains a commitment to physical health and sport. Life is regimented in all the armed forces but his real motivation for involving himself in contributing actively to village life came from his parents. Both did voluntary work in their communities, running the Scouts and the Guides and serving on various church and local group committees. This, he says, taught him that "doing your bit" helps build communities. Simon and Jacqueline have been together for 16 years although they first met almost 41 years ago when Simon joined the Navy with her brother Clive who he served with for the next 8 years and they became good friends. She supports Simon in many of his

endeavours and they enjoy travelling in their motorhome together and attempting to play golf (his words!).

Simon gives up a huge amount of time to his work on the parish council and, in common with all councillors, it is unpaid. He has personally driven the refurbishment of the children's play park in the centre of the village. Thanks to Simon, nearly the full cost of the £70,000 refurbishment was funded through grants and donations rather than from the parish council's own funds. It was his idea to run the Smartie challenge, with local people invited to fill a Smartie tube with pound coins. This smashing idea raised £1,500 on its own. Grace Gemmill's craft group and Delia Prior's Preschool also made contributions. The main grants came from the Lottery Fund and Viridor. The playpark reopened on 26 March 2022, providing a vital facility for children in the village.

Simon and the parish council have, of course, been involved in many other projects including Woodpecker Hill, the wildflower meadow, the housing needs survey, the street lighting survey, and provision of seating/benches in various locations. One that is really close to his heart is the herb garden between the village car park and his house. It delights him to see parents and children picking what they need to season the next family meal.

But Simon is not resting on his laurels in the last year or so of his leadership role. There is still the outcome of the two surveys to address, no small tasks in themselves. Of great importance is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee scheduled for the 4-6 June this year and the parish council with Simon's leadership will be making sure there is an event to mark the occasion for the benefit of the whole village. As always, anyone who would like to help, will be warmly welcome to the team.

Simon is a great supporter of The Chestnut Horse, always enjoying convivial company, but he will often say he has to leave his beer to make the dinner. One of his less obvious attributes is his great skill in the kitchen which he puts down to his grandfather's Italian ancestry.

He loves to experiment with new dishes and always strives for perfection both in flavour and presentation. If Simon and Jaqueline invite you for dinner then be sure to say yes as he is always a charming host and you would be in for a treat.

Norman Vendittelli



BUXHALL WI

At our February meeting, Meg Amsden and Nicky Rowbottom presented 'Caught in the Act'. A brief background look at species of otters found worldwide and in the UK was followed with the causes of the otter population decreasing to almost extinction level in Suffolk in 1984. This was happily followed by their reintroduction over the last three decades. Members were fascinated by the work of the Otter Trust and the brilliant film produced by Nicky using recent footage from strategically placed cameras along the Bylth Valley where the otter population are now thriving.

After a two-year break, twenty members joined a long-anticipated Ladies at Lunch gathering at the Chestnut Horse, Great Finborough. Good food, drink and company ensured this was a memorable afternoon with everyone looking forward to the next Ladies at Lunch session in April.

If anyone wishes to pop along and see us in action, please do so.

Forthcoming guest speakers

20 April: Anne Reeder presents 'Headwear, Hats and Millinery'

18 May: Resolutions and Games Evening

Time: 7:30pm Venue: Buxhall Village Hall

Hilary (737671, Minute Secretary)

Letter From Combs Rectory



As I sit and write this letter, I'm listening to the latest news from Ukraine. There's no doubt of the heartbreak and tragedy being experienced by Ukrainians due to the unwelcome invasion by Russian forces. Many people are suffering, in Ukraine and also in Russia where a clamp down on free speech is being enforced. Can I ask you to pray for all those affected by this terribly sad situation and if you are able, to make a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) who represent 15 of the leading aid charities in the UK to provide and deliver aid to those in need. The website is as follows: www.dec.org.uk/donate/ukraine.

This month of course we will be experiencing the joy of Palm Sunday when Jesus was cheered as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey, through the hollowness of Holy Week when the crowds began turning on Jesus to Maundy Thursday with the celebration of the Last Supper, a celebration repeated every week in one or more of our churches as the Eucharist or Holy Communion. And then the darkness and misery of Good Friday when Jesus was crucified on the cross and descended into the depths of Sheol, the depths of the dead. Holy Saturday is a day of quietness and reflection as we prepare for the joyful and triumphant resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. A whole gamut of emotions in a single week, all of which will be celebrated and remembered in services taking place across all seven churches in our benefice. I do hope you'll be able to join us at one or more of these gatherings and if you'd like to know more about any of them then please do get in contact by email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com or by phone 01449 676065. You will be most welcome as we move through this final period of Lent, into Holy Week and the joy of Easter.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Easter and to offer my continued prayers for a hopeful and peaceful resolution to the current situation in Ukraine. May God bless you all. **Revd Sarah**

From Onehouse Rectory

On the 20 February, 2022 we had a beautiful service at Buxhall to dedicate two new bells making up the ring from six to eight bells. Bishop Martin took the service assisted by our Rector Sarah. Towards the end of that service Bishop Martin gave us a card and a very generous cheque from this Benefice "with many many thanks for your ministry throughout the interregnum and to Rod for his valuable support".

To say that we were absolutely stunned would be an understatement, but we want to thank you very much indeed for your kindness and support.

It was a pleasure to enable the Benefice to "keep going" after Chris Childs moved and before our Rector Sarah came to us.

Thank you all so much and we look forward to continuing to work with Sarah, the Ministry Team, Churchwardens, PCCs and all of you.

With love and prayers,

Pauline & Rod

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The winners in the March draw were Jenny Lucas and Geoff Poulding. They each received £9.25. Don't forget to return your completed form to enter the new lottery starting on 1 April. I can supply another form if required.

AGM

We hope to see you at our AGM on Thursday, 31 March, commencing at 7.30pm. For the last two years the trustees have had to re-elect each other as no residents have been present. We'd rather this didn't have to happen again! We will have a trustee vacancy this year so please get in touch if you are interested.

Mary Preece

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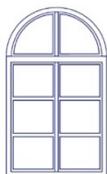
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Onehouse News

Many Thanks to All who attended and took part in the World Day of Prayer Service on 4 March. 32 people attended and our thanks go to everyone who took part especially Bernice and Nigel who organised everything else that day. The refreshments were outstanding as always. These were provided from members of the Benefice. Next year, Buxhall have kindly said they will host World Day of Prayer and we look forward to the Service that the women of Tawain have prepared. The theme being 'I have heard about your faith'. Many thanks to All who supported the Service at Gt Finborough. The collection for WDP amounted to £200 which I know will be very much appreciated and used for the many different charities they support.

On 2 April at Trinity Hall, Onehouse from 10am until noon there will be a homemade cake sale. Other stalls include books, plants, jewellery, chocolate tombola and refreshments. Anyone who can help on the day or donate anything to the stalls would be very much appreciated. Please call Carole on 01359 302271 if you can help in any way. Proceeds will go to Church Funds. Everyone Welcome as these are always a lovely social occasion to catch up with friends old and new!

Carole Hearn

SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE April 2022

3 April: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide Begins

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs

10 April: Holy Week – Palm Sunday

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Palm Sunday Procession/Service	Little Finborough

11 April: Holy Week - Monday

8.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service
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12 April: Holy Week - Tuesday

8.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service
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13 April: Holy Week - Wednesday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
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8.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service
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14 April: Holy Week – Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm	Said Holy Communion	Buxhall
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15 April: Holy Week – Good Friday

11.00 am	Walk of Witness	Onehouse
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2.00 pm	The Hour before the Cross	Harleston
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16 April: Holy Week – Holy Saturday

6.00 pm	Easter Vigil	Zoom Service
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17 April: Easter – Easter Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
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9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
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9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
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9.30 am	Holy Communion by Extension	Harleston
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11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
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11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
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11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
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24 April: The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall
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9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
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11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
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11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
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Weekday Services

9.30 am on Wednesday	Holy Communion Trinity Hall, Onehouse
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10.00 am on Saturday	Morning Prayer Zoom Meeting
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