

# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**Dec 21 / Jan 22  
ISSUE 524**

## **VILLAGE DIARY**

### **December 2021**

2	7pm	Garden Club Xmas Partry, Pettiward Hall
4	10.30-12am	Coffee Morning, St Andrews Church
5	3-5.30pm	Festive Fun with Andrew Spall, Chestnut Horse
5	3pm	Christingle, St Andrews Church
11	6.30pm	Xmas "Kahoot" Quiz, Buxhall Village Hall
11	8.30pm	Soul Project, Chestnut Horse
13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
16	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
19	3-5.30pm	Festive Fun with Jax & Co, Chestnut Horse
19	5pm	Village Carols, St Andrews Church
24	4pm	Crib Service & Carols, St Andrews Church
24	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, St Andrews Church
29	4pm	Twixtmas Quiz, Chestnut Horse

### **January 2022**

10	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
22	7pm	Burns Night Supper, Chestnut Horse

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021**

13 December

At 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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## **Editorial**

I can't believe it is December already! Where did that year go? Last month saw the return of a couple of annual village competitions and congratulations to Martin Males who managed to win the pumpkin carving competition as well as the conker championship. A special mention to young Morten Prentice who was runner up in the conker competition, a future champion, I'm sure.

There is lots going on socially in December in the village so please look at the dates in the village diary and book early to avoid disappointment. This is especially important with events happening at the pub as Sharon and staff need to plan carefully to keep everyone Covid safe.

A very warm welcome to our new vicar, the Revd. Sarah Jenkins. She is really looking forward to meeting as many of you as she can and the church has got a full diary of Christmas events and services so I am sure there will be something for everyone to attend.

We are looking into the possibility of starting up some form of "Great Finborough link" to help village residents in a variety of ways, details on Page 6. If you are interested or think you can help in some way, please contact Penny or myself.

We are also looking for a new editor for the newsletter, see page 21 if interested.

Thank you to all of you who have filled in your housing needs survey, it's not too late, closing date is the 6 December. Also, please fill in and return the streetlight survey if you can, we really want to know how you would like this matter taken forwards.

If you have stories to tell or news for the village, January 15 2022 is the deadline for inclusion in the February issue of the Newsletter, please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner. All that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Simon Tarabella**

## **Great Finborough Parish Council**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the upstairs room of Pettiward Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 8 November.

Concerns were expressed from several members of the public regarding the proposed housing development at the Golf Club, DC/21/05469. Matters discussed were road safety, loss of wildlife habitat, detrimental effect on views and grade 2 listed buildings, outside of planning boundary and safety aspect of the reservoir. The council decided to submit a comment of "Strongly Object" to the planning application. The Council also submitted two comments of "No Objection" to applications DC/21/05733 and DC/21/05966. The council submitted a comment of "Fully Support" for application DC/21/05707, External Lighting to Church steeple.

It was confirmed that the White Gates have been installed and SCC Highways will come and remove the name sign and replace the roundel as soon as possible.

Following a request last month for a crossing point on the High Road SCC engineers have proposed a preferred point between the Pub and Primary School to be around the entrance to Middlefield Drive where the widest verges are. They have confirmed that extensive public consultation would be needed and the cost of an uncontrolled crossing could be in excess of £15K with a controlled crossing such as a Pelican or Zebra costing over £20K. It was confirmed that if such a project was to be taken forward it would initially require further input from residents and a traffic survey.

It was agreed that the streetlight survey would be included in the Dec 21/ Jan 22 newsletter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 13 December at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room of Pettiward Hall.

**Paula Gladwell**

## **News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen**

### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

This has proved more popular year by year, totalling over 1000 trees, and will be taking place in January in the usual places. 'Real' trees only of course, and please remove all decorations. I hope all locations will be available by Twelfth Night, but collection may be a couple of weeks later.

### **Tree for Life scheme for new parents**

This offers a free tree for new parents and is open to all families who have or are welcoming a new arrival between 1 January and 31 December 2021. Parents who may have lost a child during the same period are also able to apply for a remembrance tree. The initiative offers parents with a newborn or newly adopted child the chance to mark their arrival by planting a tree. It aims to benefit families, communities and the environment by boosting tree coverage across the district. Expert help is always on hand on collection to advise families on their tree choice and aftercare at home. Also open to those without a garden, for whom trees continue to be planted at locations in the district including Needham Lake and Gallowsfield Wood in Haughley. Please apply via <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/tree-for-life/> or call 0300 123 400 by 10 January 2022.

### **Planning applications**

I have received calls and emails about several issues this month and read your views on the council website. Both will be decided by planning committee, and I will be there to ensure local views are heard.

- Church Road, Great Finborough
- Pear Tree Place, Great Finborough

### **Season's Greetings**

My best wishes to everyone, and the hope that 2022 will be a far better year.

**John Matthissen**

## Great Finborough Link

I am interested in exploring the possibility of establishing a service in Great Finborough for the benefit of all the residents who choose to use it. Some of the case studies below highlight the sort of needs likely to exist among residents:

*An elderly person living alone with lonely wants companionship*

*Single partner with a toddler and no transport, keen to meet up with others in a similar position for peer support and group play*

*People moved into the village keen to make friends but limited in opportunities, possibly because of the pandemic*

*Elderly people living at home who would like to meet up with others for a coffee or to share a meal*

*Adult groups, chair-based exercises, yoga, walking groups, art classes*

*Adults who would like to go walking or dog walking with others regularly*

*Older adults or those with a disability who need advice on aids, equipment and how to organise their home for safety and comfort*

*Those newly bereaved or recently ill, who need support or practical help*

*People interested in working together to look after the village environment*

*People who need signposting to other services and opportunities.*

There are lots of ways in which the village could set up a scheme that would link more of us together (either as helpers or those receiving help) and meet the needs identified. In the first instance, if anyone would be willing to meet up (in a Covid safe way) to start to shape this into a scheme, to refine the ideas and consider the feasibility of looking for some grant funding to kickstart the scheme and/or fund a co-ordinator, please let me or Simon Tarabella know.

**Penny Waggot (Tel. 402082)**

## **BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Buxhall Community Council would like to thank everyone who joined us on 6 November to make the 2021 Bonfire Evening such a fantastic success in so many ways. Following the restrictions on our community activities and social interactions over the last 20 months, it was so wonderful and heart-warming to see so many of our friends and neighbours coming together for this annual event.

A special thank you also extended to Tomlinson Groundcare & staff, sponsors, First Aid provider Kathryn Crossland and everyone who voluntarily worked alongside the committee members either during the day or on the evening itself to enable the event to run so smoothly. Without your help and support, our village event would not have been possible.

### Buxhall Bonfire Sponsors

GM-R Sprayers  
Tomlinson Groundcare  
Buxhall Business Park  
GreenSteps windows & doors

We look forward to seeing you all at our Kahoot Christmas Family Quiz evening on Saturday 11 December. We are sure that the younger members of your families will relish the responsibility of entering your team's answers using their smart phone!

*The committee are already planning a programme of events for 2022.  
So save the date for..*

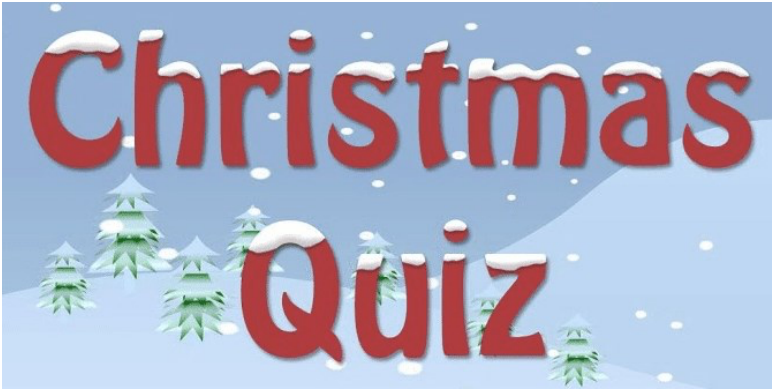
*5 February 2022: Race Night (adults only- see page 11)*

*Saturday 4 June 2022: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration*

**Hilary Hall  
Secretary**

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hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk



# **Family ‘Kahoot’ Quiz**

**Fun filled family evening**

**SATURDAY 11th DEC 6.30pm**

**Buxhall Village Hall Festive Snacks**

**Included Raffle**

**Bring your own drinks & glasses**

**Each team needs at least one smartphone**

**Entry: £5 per adult; £2 per child**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Phone or text to book in a  
team: Ben 07970 190602 Wayne 07731 995102**

**Buxhall Community Council**

### Non-members wild birdseed orders.

The next order will be placed on 14 February. Birdseed collection will be on **23 February between 14.00 and 17.30 hrs. 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
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£11.00		
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£12.50		
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£15.00		
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£14.00		
W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£13.50		
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£14-00		
Finch Mix	20 kg	£13.00		
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£9.00		
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£10.00		
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£35-00		
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx.	£18-50		
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£14.00		
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£25-00		
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£13-00		
Nyjer Seed	25kg	£31-00		
Nyjer Seed	12.5kg approx.	£16.50		
Suet Pellets	12.75kgs	£19-00		
Suet Balls (Superior quality)	Price each 150 Box £19.50	13p		
		<b>Total</b>		

**Price for Sunflower kernels and Black S/F seed has reduced**

## **Great Finborough & District Garden Club**

The winter has arrived, but with more rain than cold, so that all the remaining garden clear up is still on hold until we get some decent fine and cold weather.

Our speaker in November was our local Potato expert David Wilson who provided some fascinating insights into all things potato related from development of new varieties, cultivation for the best crop, the various nasties that can wreak havoc on a crop and the best way to avoid the problems.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party, to be held on the 2 December. As always this takes the form of a light-hearted quiz, with nibbles and mulled wine, and not forgetting the now renowned "Pass the parcel". Please note that the venue will be the Main Hall and that it will start at 7.00 pm.

In January gardeners hibernate, or go on holiday so as not to waste those valuable hours in the garden later in the year. As a result, the first meeting of 2022 will be on Thursday 10 February at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Pettward Hall.

Our speaker on that evening will be Dr Ian Bedford, Aka "the Bug man". He will be telling us about garden bugs, "the good the bad and the ugly", and whether we should "cohabit, control or conserve" them.

We also have a coach visit to Anglesey Abbey to view the snowdrops in February. Further information will be sent out to members soon.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Membership is only £15.00 per household per year or £2.50 for a single meeting. For further information contact Judith Cameron (see Who's who)

**Judith Cameron**

# Mid Suffolk District Council

## Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2021/22

	Usual Collection Date	Revised Collection Date	Change
Refuse	Monday 27th December 2021	Wednesday 29th December 2021	2 days later
	Tuesday 28th December 2021	Thursday 30th December 2021	2 days later
	Wednesday 29th December 2021	Friday 31st December 2021	2 days later
	Thursday 30th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022	5 days later
	Friday 31st December 2021	Wednesday 5th January 2022	5 days later
Recycling	Monday 3rd January 2022	Thursday 6th January 2022	3 days later
	Tuesday 4th January 2022	Friday 7th January 2022	3 days later
	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Saturday 8th January 2022	3 days later
	Thursday 6th January 2022	Monday 10th January 2022	4 days later
	Friday 7th January 2022	Tuesday 11th January 2022	4 days later
Refuse	Monday 10th January 2022	Wednesday 12th January 2022	2 days later
	Tuesday 11th January 2022	Thursday 13th January 2022	2 days later
	Wednesday 12th January 2022	Friday 14th January 2022	2 days later
	Thursday 13th January 2022	Saturday 15th January 2022	2 days later
	Friday 14th January 2022	Monday 17th January 2022	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 17th January 2022	Tuesday 18th January 2022	1 day later
	Tuesday 18th January 2022	Wednesday 19th January 2022	1 day later
	Wednesday 19th January 2022	Thursday 20th January 2022	1 day later
	Thursday 20th January 2022	Friday 21st January 2022	1 day later
	Friday 21st January 2022	Saturday 22nd January 2022	1 day later

From Monday 24th January 2022 refuse and recycling collections return to the normal schedule.

**Please note:** There will be no garden waste (brown bin) collections during the weeks commencing 27th December 2021 and 3rd January 2022. Please refer to the garden waste collection schedule, which is available at: [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services)

**Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am on collection day**

### Waste Services

Web: [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services)

Email: [recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

Phone: 0300 1234 000 (option 4)



## **The Village Craft Group**

We will also be hosting a Christmas Coffee morning at St. Andrews church on Saturday 4 December 10.30-1200. It's a long time since we were able to have a get together so it would be lovely to catch up with old friends and new. Cakes, crafts, raffle and more. See you there.

**Grace Gemell**

# **RACE NIGHT**

AT THE BUXHALL VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2022

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CALL OR TEXT TO BOOK TICKETS:  
WAYNE 07731 995102, BEN 07970 190602.  
ON BEHALF OF BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.



## **BUXHALL WI**

In October David Webb from the TV series Hi-De-Hi, gave a very talented, entertaining and enjoyable talk. He shared slides of his career and sang along to some of them. Needless to say, many members joined in with the singing as the evening rekindled many nostalgic memories of sitting round the TV as a family, watching the Hi-De-Hi programmes.

In November we are joined by Jenny Pearson one of our regional advisors for our AGM to elect a new committee and President.

Our December meeting will naturally have a festive theme as we will be making table decorations and wreaths followed by festive refreshments

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

### **Forthcoming guest speakers**

8/12/2021 Meeting: Wreath Making or Table Decorations from 6:30pm

19/01/2022 Meeting: 'There is Nothing Like a Dame'  
with Harry and Sue Parsons.

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Buxhall Village Hall

**Hilary (737671)**

## **The Pettiward Hall**

### **"Little Ernie"**

The winners in the November draw were Frank Raynes and Hazel Terry. They each received £9.25.

**Mary Preece**



# CHESTNUT HORSE



Sharon, Rob and Family wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year and would like to thank you all for your support over the last year. Please see below for our Christmas period opening hours

**Opening Hours (Christmas and New Year only)**

**Christmas Eve, Food 12-6pm, Normal Opening**

**Christmas Day, Drinks Only, 12-2pm**

**Boxing Day, Closed**

**New Years Eve, Normal Hours, Food and Drink**

**New Years Day, Food and Drink, 12-6pm**

**Sun 5 Dec - Festive Fun, Andrew Spall, 3-5.30pm**

**Sat 11 Dec - Soul Project, 8.30pm til late**

**Sun 19 Dec - Festive Fun, Jax & Co, 3-5.30pm**

**Wed 29 Dec - Twixtmas Quiz, from 4pm**

**Sat 22 Jan - Burns Night Supper, Pre Book Only**

**For December events see our Facebook page**



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## From Combs Rectory December 2021



This is my first letter as Rector of the Combs and Finborough Benefice and I wanted to thank everyone for the wonderfully warm welcome I've received since moving to the benefice. I've had cards, flowers and a beautiful hamper which even included treats for my cat! The service at Buxhall on the 4 November, when I was formally installed as Rector by the Bishop of Dunwich, was very

moving and involved so many people in preparing the church, taking part in the service and providing delicious refreshments afterwards in the marquee. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part in that service and in welcoming me since then as I begin my ministry amongst you all.

It's been another strange year starting as we did with an extended lockdown at the beginning of the year and the variety of restrictions we've faced due to the continuing Covid pandemic. I had my booster last week and I expect many of you have done so too, the flu jab is next on my list! And I can hardly believe that we have reached December and are planning and looking forward to our Christmas services which this year we are again able to hold in our churches.

We have planned for a wide range of Christmas services which you'll find included in this publication and I do hope that you'll be able to join us at one of our Carol, Christingle or Crib services being held across our seven churches in the run up to Christmas. We are also holding Midnight Communion with Carols at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough on Christmas Eve, which is bound to be a special service, to welcome the birth of the Christ child. And for those unable to join us in church, there will be a Compline service held on Zoom on Sunday, 12 December at 6pm. In case you're unaware, the ancient office of Compline is usually held from early evening onwards and is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.

As well as our church services there are other events taking place across the benefice where we would love to see you. On Saturday 4 December, from 10.30am to 12 noon Great Finborough's Village Craft Group are hosting a Christmas coffee morning in St Andrew's Church. There will be cakes, crafts, a raffle and more. The Combs choir are performing at the Co-op store in Combs Ford on Saturday, 11 December and that same day, Shelland are holding a Christmas quiz at 7pm in the Community Centre, Onehouse. If you would like tickets please contact Lisa on 07881 787840 or Martin on 07532 024655.

And if all of that isn't enough, I'd like to suggest a book that you read like an Advent calendar. '*The Christmas Mystery*' by Jostein Gaarder is set 50 years ago when a girl disappeared from her home in Norway. She ran after a lamb and found herself travelling right across Europe to Palestine, and back through two thousand years to meet the Holy Family in Bethlehem. There she met angels, shepherds, wise men and other biblical characters who joined her on her pilgrimage; and she heard of many of the things that had happened in the world in the last two thousand years. In present-day Norway, a boy acquires a strange old Advent calendar. Hidden in each of the windows is a tiny piece of paper. Little by little these pieces unfold the girl's story and as we learn what happened to her, another story is revealed - that of the strange old man who made the calendar. Reading this book has become an Advent tradition for me as I read it for the first time over 10 years ago and have read it every year since then, one chapter every day beginning on 1 December, never failing to get caught up in the joy of the journey back through time to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. If you do decide to read it, please let me know what you think of it.

Christmas can also be a lonely time for some and I would ask that you keep an eye on those in your communities who may live on their own or be far away from their families. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself, Revd Pauline, Revd Alison or a member of the ministry team if you, or someone you know, is in need.

It just remains for me to send you blessings for a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year and I shall look forward to continuing to meet and get to know you during December and on into 2022!

**Revd Sarah**

### **PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough**

There were no entries into the registers this month



### **Onehouse News**

St John's Onehouse would like to wish all Great Finborough residents a Happy Christmas time and also a healthy and happy New Year.

If anybody still has one of our Children's Society boxes we collect them in at our Christingle service which is on Sunday 12 December at 11am. All welcome.

On Saturday 22 January 2022 we are holding another Cake and Book Sale in the Trinity Hall from 10am until 12noon. Refreshments will also be served and the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards Church funds. Please support and we promise you a SAFE and WARM WELCOME. Donations of cakes or books will be most welcome.

**Carole Hearn**

## Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

**My energy supplier recently went under and the new tariff I've been put on is far more than I used to pay. I've heard energy prices are set to rise further and I'm just not sure I can afford it. What help can I get or small changes can I make around my house to help save some money this winter?**

The cost of energy is very high at the moment and it's causing many people to worry. Normally we would suggest switching to a better deal, but the situation is very difficult at the moment and there aren't a lot of good deals out there. However, there are still other small ways you can keep your bills down.

Little everyday things can help, such as making sure televisions and other electronic devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need. Turning down your main thermostat by 1 degree can save you around £60 on your energy bill. And by spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save £75 a year on energy and water bills.

You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long-run is to invest in good insulation if you can afford to. If you're renting, ask your landlord to do this.

You may be able to get financial support to help insulate your home under the Energy Company Obligation scheme. Contact your energy supplier for more information on this. If you're in a household that's not connected to the gas grid you may also be able to receive help under the Home Upgrade Grant scheme through your local authority.

There's some financial support available for paying your energy bills, depending on your situation. For example, if you're a pensioner with a low income or receive Universal Credit or other means-tested benefits, you may be entitled to the Warm Home Discount. This gives you £140 a year to go towards your bills.

## **If it gets too much**

If you are starting to fall behind on your energy bills, then Citizens Advice can help. Our Advisers can look at your budget to see if we can help you save money and check that you're claiming everything that you're entitled to, including Warm Home Discount.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). For more information and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).

**Jaz Last, Community Officer**

## **Great Finborough Parish Council Needs You!**

**We are looking for a new Newsletter Editor to take over the editing and collating of articles and production of the newsletter for printing.**

**Full training and support provided.**

**If you think you might be interested, please let Simon Tarabella or Paula Gladwell know.**

## Woodpecker Hill Wood

We would like to thank those of you who have been kind enough to donate your time and effort in cutting, clearing and maintaining Woodpecker Hill Wood for the residents of Great Finborough during 2021.

A number of you have also donated bulbs, seeds and little oak saplings (thank you Graham, Nick, Helen, Karen and the Great Finborough Gardening Club for their donations) and these have been planted ready for the Spring. All in all, around 2,000 bulbs have been put into the ground by the volunteers and hopefully these should make a lovely display in early 2022 (deer permitting).

I would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Helen Stevens for donating a metal framed bench for the wood. Unfortunately, one of the wooden benches has been destroyed which is a shame.

On a lighter note, the volunteers received a lovely Thank You card from the Buxhall and Gt. Finborough Under Fives who are making great use of the wood as a learning tool along with the Gt. Finborough Primary School. A group of under-fives helped plant some crocuses and oak saplings and I was told that they enjoyed the experience especially learning how to plant the bulbs the "right way up." Again, may I ask those who would like to help to contact me using the email below. Woodpecker Hill Wood is an ongoing project and only with your help will the wood be there for the benefit and enjoyment of the village.

I have attached two photos of the wood taken in early spring and again during a short snowfall over the winter.



**June Nathan – Woodpecker Hill Wood Co-ordinator,  
whwv2020@gmail.com**

## FLYING THE FLAG

Driving or walking along the High Road, have you ever wondered about the flag flying from the garden of the second bungalow – why it is there, and which flag is flying? I for one have often wondered and, mostly, have not been able to identify the flag. Well, I wonder no more. My curiosity (and perhaps yours) had to be satisfied so I knocked on the door of No 2 The Bungalows. I said “I hope you don't think I'm being rude but what is this flag business all about?”



Kelven Studd has lived in that house since 1963 and lives there with his wife and two daughters, but it was only about 5 years ago when he started flying flags. Some of you may know Kelven from the 'Race of the Boggmen'. Can you remember when there were 4 strange men doing even stranger things outside The Chestnut Horse and along Church Road on Easter Mondays? There was Steve Hammond, Mike Williams, Colin Barber and Kelven. Kelven was the one dressed up as a priest. The first Boggmen Race was reportedly in 1896 but in 1978 this strange competition was revived, and the afore mentioned men were instrumental in its rerunning.

Just a few years ago Kelven received a present for his birthday (or retirement - he's not sure which) of a flag pole and Union Flag. He installed it in his front garden for all to see. Only a few weeks later, a Welsh friend suggested flying the Welsh flag on every St David's Day (3 March). This he did. Then Kelven got a flag of Scotland and one of Ireland, and flew these on their national days too. Flags then started coming in on birthdays and at Christmas. His collection grew. Well, why stop there? He did not. He started googling different countries to find the dates of their national or independence days. He bought the relevant flags and hoisted them up the mast on the appropriate days.

On the day that I spoke to Kelven he had a flag flying that I did not recognise. He advised me it was The Bahamas national day so what else should be up there but their flag. On Bastille Day you will see the

French flag; the Stars and Stripes on America's day of independence; Christmas day features Christmas Island's flag; and Easter day is the flag of Easter Island. The day the Duke of Edinburgh died, Kelven, flew the Union Jack and the Greek flag too, recognising the Duke's native country. Kelven has a fondness for Canada and, it being one of his favourite places, he has a number of flags from the provinces too. Not content with flying different flags, Kelven researches the different countries and has built up quite a knowledge. He shared with me information about different countries' histories and many interesting facts. I just had to ask, for you as well as me, "How many flags?" Kelven estimates he has around the 200 mark and his collection continues to grow.

**Norman Vendittelli**



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## SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE December 2021

### 5 December: The Second Sunday of Advent, Advent 2

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
11.00 am	<b>Christingle</b>	Combs
3.00 pm	<b>Christingle</b>	Great Finborough

### 12 December: The Third Sunday in Advent

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	<b>Christingle</b>	Onehouse
4.00 pm	<b>Village Carols</b>	Buxhall
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

### 14 December: Tuesday

4.00 pm	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	Little Finborough
7.00 pm	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	Little Finborough

### 18 December: Saturday

4.00 pm	<b>Community Crib Service</b>	Onehouse Green
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### 19 December: The Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.00 am	<b>Carol Service</b>	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	<b>Carol Service</b>	Combs
4.00 pm	<b>Village Carols</b>	Great Finborough
6.30 pm	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>	Buxhall

### 24 December: Christmas Eve

2.00 pm	<b>Crib with Carols</b>	Combs
3.00 pm	<b>Crib with Carols</b>	Buxhall
3.00 pm	<b>Crib with Carols</b>	Onehouse
4.00 pm	<b>Crib with Carols</b>	Great Finborough
4.00 pm	<b>Carol Service</b>	Harleston
11.30 pm	<b>Midnight Communion with Carols</b>	Great Finborough

## **25 December: Christmas Day**

9.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Little Finborough
9.00 am	<b>Family Communion</b>	Shelland
10.30 am	<b>Family Communion</b>	Buxhall
10.30 am	<b>Family Communion by Extension</b>	Combs
10.30 am	<b>Family Communion</b>	Onehouse

## **26 December: Boxing Day**

10.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Harleston
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## **SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE January 2022**

### **2 January: The Epiphany**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion.	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Family Worship	Combs

### **9 January: The First Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30 am	Plough Sunday Service	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion.	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Epiphany Procession	Little Finborough

### **16 January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Service	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

### **23 January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse

### **30 January: Candlemas**

9.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion Patronal Service	Shelland
11.00 am	Family Worship	Combs
3.00 pm	Benefice Healing and Wholeness Service	Great Finborough

### **Weekday Services**

9.30 am on Wednesday      Holy Communion. Trinity Hall, Onehouse  
(Including Wednesday 29 December)

10.00 am on Saturday      Morning Prayer      Zoom Meeting

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**Although the majority of the Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted, we would like as many worshippers as possible to wear face coverings when attending church in order to minimise any possible risk of transmission of the virus. We realise that some worshippers may have exemption from wearing face coverings for medical reasons.**

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