

# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**February 22  
ISSUE 525**

## **VILLAGE DIARY**

### **February 2022**

10	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
10	7-10pm	Open Mic Night, Chestnut Horse
16	12-2pm	Meet up Wednesday, Chestnut Horse
23	12-2pm	Meet up Wednesday, Chestnut Horse
24	10am-4pm	Garden Club Trip, Anglesey Abbey
26	11am	Village Playpark Opening, Village Car Park
26	8-11pm	Italian Evening, Chestnut Horse

### **March 2022**

10	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
14	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall

**Don't forget to return your money tubes for the "Smartie Challenge"!**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022**

14 March, 11 April  
At 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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## **Editorial**

May I take this opportunity to wish a very Happy New Year to all our village residents and newsletter readers.

The festive period seemed to go off very well in the village with lots of events taking place both in the church and Pub. A special mention of thanks to young David Peck for his excellent piano playing in church.

An exciting start to 2022 as by the time you read this work should have started on refurbishing the village under 13 playpark. If all goes to plan, we are hoping to have the grand opening on Sat 26 at 11am. All are welcome and coffee and cakes will be served. If you have still not returned your smartie tube full of money, its not too late, they are still being collected, any amount will do! See page 5 for further details.

Sharon is hosting a "meet up Wednesday" in the pub from 12 until 2pm starting Wednesday 16 February. Details are on page 14. Why not come along and have a chat over a cup of coffee and maybe make some new friends. We are also 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 9. If you are interested or think you can help in some way, please contact Penny or myself.

On a more sombre note, I'm afraid we had an instance of sheep being attacked by dogs over Christmas, details on page 25. Please will all dog owners ensure that they are in control of their dogs at all times, especially around livestock and help support our local farmers who do so much to make our village and the surrounding countryside a lovely place to live.

If you have stories to tell or news for the village, February 15 is the deadline for inclusion in the March 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 10 January.

Norman Vendittelli's resignation was noted. Cllr Tarabella led a vote of thanks to Norman for his contribution to the Parish Council during this tenure and previous ones, his commitment to the work of the council and the community will be sorely missed.

It was agreed that a site visit be arranged with a SCC Highway Officer to look at possible positions for White Entrance Gates at the Hitcham end of High Road.

It was resolved to submit the following comments to application; DC/21/06393 Installation of all-weather football pitch to western boundary. Finborough School, The Hall, Finborough Park – "Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"

The Budget Working Group put forward their recommendations for the 2022/2023 budget. It was resolved to approve the budget with no further amendments. It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of £14136 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional £2.05 per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2022/2023 at £14136.

A report from the SL Working Group confirmed there had been 36 replies within the deadline date which is a 10% return rate on number of properties. 75% of responders were in favour of replacing all the existing lights. It was resolved to action a project to replace the street lighting. The Street Lighting Working Group were tasked with taking the project forward including liaison with directly affected residents to establish if any columns needed resiting and sourcing a new detailed estimate from Suffolk County Council before fund raising and grants can be secured.



A report was heard from the Middlefield Drive Play Area Working Group. Details can be found following the Parish Council report.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 14 March at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room of Pettward Hall.

**Paula Gladwell**

## **Middlefield Drive Play Area**

This project is still on course to commence in the month of January, start date 24 January. The park will be closed from this date until the opening ceremony on Saturday 26 February. To date we have raised approximately £1000 via the smartie tube challenge. There are still outstanding tubes to be returned so please return them to the Chestnut Horse, Maple Lodge or contact Simon Tarabella who will arrange collection. Thank you to everybody who has taken part and donated.

It was agreed that the opening event be set for 11am on Saturday 26 February with invitee list confirmed to include MP Jo Churchill, representatives from Kompan, Virador and National Lottery together with local groups and schools and an open invitation in the Newsletter. Cllr Shipp will arrange refreshments to go alongside the Coffee Wagon who have agreed to do hot drinks at cost price. Cllr Shipp will invite Suffolk Radio and EADT. Pop up gazebos will be sought in case of inclement weather. Decorations such as bunting, plaque, ribbon etc will be sourced. It was agreed that Cllr Otton be asked to perform the opening.

Once again, many thanks to all who have contributed, taken part in surveys and sat on the working group committee. A great all-round village effort!

**Village Playpark Working Group**

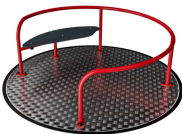


**Saturday 26th  
February at 11am**

**Great Finborough  
Playpark  
Grand Reopening**

**All village residents welcome  
Coffee and Cakes**

**Thank you for all your support  
with this project**



## **Beacon of Hope**

The fund raising for St Andrew Steeple Lighting has been ongoing since my article in the June issue of Newsletter. Our fund now stands just short of £5000 of the £9200 total required, May I take this opportunity to thank all the contributors to the fund. We recently received a very generous donation from James Sinclair from Finborough School who is fully supporting this project. Grace Gemmel's craft ladies raised £400 at the Chestnut Horse where they held their Craft Fair. Finborough Magna Charity Golf Day raised £525 - A big thank you to Wag & Penny who organised the day. The Gt Finborough Garden Club gave a donation of £500. Carols at the Chestnut Horse on 17 December raised £200 There has been other contribution, from Jacqueline Tarabella's charity collection, Pat's memorial charity and individual donations from village residents.

We have applied for a grant from the Alfred Williams Charitable Trust, we should hear in February if we have been successful.

We are still waiting planning permission as I write, but all being well we will have received this by the time you read this article. Lighting trials are to take place, again before you read this article and God willing, they will have been a success.

As I stated in the June article in the Newsletter, when the lights are in place, there will be an opportunity to make a nominal donation to St Andrews Church to have the steeple lights illuminated for an evening to mark a special occasion, birthday, anniversary or just to commemorate a significant date that is precious to you. Anyone wanting to contribute to the 'Beacon of Hope' project please contact me on 07789727974.

**Peter Turner**

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

### **Recycling and waste collections**

Staff absence related to Covid is varying day to day, and some disruption of collections is inevitable. The advice remains to leave your bin out to await delayed collection, and to check that the council knows of the delay by looking at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services/> where changes and missed collections are frequently updated. If your village is not listed as missed, please fill the report form.

### **Planning applications**

- Church Road, Great Finborough – in abeyance as planning officer has issues with it
- Pear Tree Place, Great Finborough – detail - no committee date yet

### **Father Christmas collecting for the Food Bank**

Having heard about the hugely successful event in Combs and Battisford, I would like to see this extended to more villages. I have had interest from Finborough already, so some explanation of how it works with about 10/12 people involved.

- Mid December leaflet to whole village explaining what will happen, the date and guidance of what the Food Bank needs.
- 1 volunteer to drive a 4x4 with trailer carrying Santa, perhaps PA playing some carols, a couple of cars each carrying 4 'elves' who go door to door knocking and collecting donations of food etc. Optional Xmas jumpers, hats etc of course.
- 1 or 2 people to keep an eye on traffic and safety

Please let me know if you would like to help with this next Christmas

**John Matthissen:** [councillor@matthissen.net](mailto:councillor@matthissen.net). Telephone 01449 258894 (7 days a week !)

Or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market IP6 8RZ

## 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 and 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. 01449 259104)**

## Covid-19 vaccination and booster information

### *Some common myths*



**Myth: I don't need to be vaccinated because I have already had Covid.**

**Response:** A recent study has found that people who had not received a vaccination against Covid-19 could get catch Covid again as soon as three months later. Remember, you can also carry and spread the virus to others without knowing, even if you are feeling great and not showing any symptoms.



**Myth: It's more natural to become immune by catching Covid-19**

**Response:** We don't know how long or how strong the immunity is from catching Covid-19. What we know, is that you can catch Covid-19 again and again, if you choose not to have your vaccine. You risk being seriously ill, off work and potentially in a hospital if you wait to catch Covid-19. By getting vaccinated, you get immunity in a controlled way and most importantly, you pick the time.



**Myth: I've already had both doses of the vaccine, I don't need a booster.**

**Response:** A booster dose of the Covid-19 vaccine helps improve the protection you have from your first two doses of the vaccine. It helps give you longer-term protection against getting seriously ill from Covid-19.



**Myth: I've heard you can get nasty side effects from the booster, and I don't want to be unwell for the festive period**

**Response:** The simple answer is that it's much better to be vaccinated now and minimise the risk of becoming seriously ill. Some mild side effects are common, and you could feel unwell for a short time. Common side effects can include headache, fever and some numb pain in the arm but are usually mild, and not everyone gets them.



**Myth: There's no point getting vaccinated if there's still a chance that a vaccinated person can get Covid-19.**

**Response:** Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with Covid-19. While many people with Covid-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness, or they may even die. There is no way of knowing ahead of time how Covid-19 will affect you, even if you are not at increased risk of severe complications.



Covid-19 vaccinations help protect you by training your body how to spot and fight Covid-19 without actually catching it and being ill.

For more information about the Covid-19 vaccine, including how to book and details of local walk-in centres, visit [www.sneevaccine.org.uk](http://www.sneevaccine.org.uk)

## **BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

2021 ended with our first Kahoot Quiz. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed its festive flavour in terms of questions, refreshments and prizes.

The previously advertised February Race Night has been postponed. So, keep a lookout for an alternative 'Save the date' evening.

Whilst our efforts are heavily focussed on planning our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on 4 June, we are still hosting a spring event.

### **BANGERS, BEANS & BINGO**

**Buxhall Village Hall**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 6:30pm**

**Tickets: Adult £5, Child £2**

**Book your place by contacting: Mim and Keith**

**01449 736598**

### **Race Night Cancelled**

**The race night planned for the 5 February at Buxhall Village Hall has been cancelled due to concerns about coronavirus.**

**Hilary Hall**

**Secretary**

**01449 737671**

**hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk**

### 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 past Garden Club year has been very strange to say the least. In the first part of the year our speaking programme was cancelled by Covid restrictions and the social and visits programme was abandoned. By midsummer things started to improve and we started off with a socially distanced, outdoor summer social in Peter's Garden which was a great success. The remainder of the year saw the AGM in September, followed by a coach trip to Beth Chatto's to view the autumn colours in October. Our speaker in November was David Wilson who turned us all into potato experts and we finished the year in true Garden Club style with the Christmas party. All attendees had a lovely evening with a feast of food, drink and good company with tuneful entertainment provided by the Stowmarket Strummers who had us all singing along. Even the now legendary Pass the Parcel was managed, although slightly differently to previous years.

The Club opens 2022 with the meeting on 10 February, to be held in the Main room of the Pettiward Hall at 7:30pm. Our speaker is to be Dr Ian Bedford. He will be asking us if we should Cohabit, Control or Conserve Garden Bugs and which are the good, the bad or the just plain ugly.

The club will be visiting Anglesey Abbey for the snowdrops and other early bulbs on the 3 March. This will be a coach trip and all members should have received the details. Non -members who would like to join us can contact Jane Davies on [janedavies2@hotmail.com](mailto:janedavies2@hotmail.com) to see if there are places available on the coach. Costs for non-members are £24.25 (entry + coach) or £10.00 (coach only) if you are a National Trust member.

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 per session for visitors. For further information contact either: Judith Cameron on 672978 or [judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com).

**Judith Cameron**

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## **The Pettiward Hall**

The recent winners were as follows. They each won £9.25.

December 2021: Judith Hickman, Neil Watts  
January 2022: Sally Nurton ,Gerry & Ann Squirrell

**Mary Preece**



# CHESTNUT HORSE



Sharon, Rob and Family would like to wish you all a  
very Happy New Year

During the period 6 to 12 Feb food service will be  
slightly altered as follows :

Sun 6 Feb - No Food

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat - 5 - 8pm only

Sun 12 - back to normal (as below)

## Opening Hours

Wed & Thurs 12 noon to 2.30pm - 5pm to 10pm  
(Food 12 noon to 2pm - 5pm to 8pm)

Fri & Sat - 12 Noon to 10pm  
(Food 12 Noon to 2pm - 5pm to 8pm)

Sunday - 12 Noon to 8pm  
(Food 12 Noon to 4pm)

3rd Thurs of every Month - Quiz Night

Thurs 10 Feb - Open Mic Night 7-10pm

Wed 16 Feb - Meet up Wed 12 - 2pm

Sat 26 Feb- An Italian Adventure!

(3 courses using authentic ingredients, pre booking  
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on booking)



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# Mid Suffolk District Council

## Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule 2022

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Refuse (general rubbish) collection week



Recycling collection week



Please refer to the Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2021/22



Collections following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week

*All recycling collections during the week commencing 6th June will take place a day later than usual*

*\* Refuse collections for Thursday 2nd June will take place on Saturday 4th June instead*

*\*\* Refuse collections for Friday 3rd June will take place on Monday 6th June instead*

**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)



## From the Rectory, February 2022



I have to admit that February is probably my least favourite month of the year. Although there are small signs of spring appearing with snowdrops popping up and daytime hours slowly extending, it can feel as though the dark winter days are never-ending. And with the ongoing presence of Covid in our communities, it's all too easy to hunker down and miss out on seeing our families and friends. Thankfully, across our benefice we have a number of regular events that can help with loneliness and isolation such as:

- Meet Up Mondays, held at Combs Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Combs Ford from 10.30am to 12.30pm. An opportunity to come together with others for tea and coffee, cake and a chat. In February they will be held on 7 and 21 February and everyone is most welcome
- Knit and Natter is also held at Combs Church Hall from 11.30am to 2pm with the next event taking place on Thursday 3 February. Bring a light lunch with you and take the opportunity to knit or crochet and chat! If you'd like to know more, please ring our church warden Jenny on 01449 615956 for details
- Regular coffee mornings are held at Trinity Hall, Onehouse on a Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. Prior to these events a short service of Holy Communion takes place and after that the tables come out, together with the tea, coffee and cake and the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours
- For those unable to meet up face to face, every Monday at 4pm we have a Zoom get-together for anyone who would like to join in for a chat, bring your own tea and biscuit! The link is below and as with all our events, everyone is most welcome

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89865903589?pwd=RzNtZFM1eGN4dHY5NFJGSTg3QjIIZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 6590 3589 Passcode: 614043

There's another event I'd also like to draw your attention to. The Rural Coffee Caravan exists to help rurally isolated people in Suffolk access services and information to improve their lives, health and wellbeing, and to bring people together, empowering and strengthening rural communities. They set up in 2003 to tackle rural isolation and promote community spirit. The project was the brainchild of the Revd Canon Sally Fogden who felt very strongly that there was a need to do something to combat the stress of rural isolation. The service is free and accessible to everyone and the good news is that they will be visiting one of our parishes in February and March.

On Monday 28 February and Monday 28 March, between 2pm and 4pm, you'll find the Rural Coffee Caravan at Buxhall Village Hall. Taken from their website, this is what to expect from their visit:

- We will park up, set out tables and chairs and get the kettle on!
- We provide free refreshments and always a warm and friendly welcome!
- Our team and our volunteers love a good chat, so don't worry about coming on your own, there's always someone to talk to
- We have access to a raft of information on local and national agencies, organisations, activities and support services. If there's something on your mind then chat with us. If you've questions about what's available locally for you, we'll help you find the answers

So, I hope that this month, although we're not quite through winter, you'll be able to appreciate those early signs of spring and enjoy meeting family, friends and neighbours at one of the regular social events that take place across our benefice of 7 parishes.

With blessings and all good wishes,

**Revd Sarah**



## **PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough**

There were no entries into the registers this month



### **Onehouse News**

There will be a Pancake Party at the Trinity Hall at 6pm on Shrove Tuesday 1 March, current regulations permitting. Please let Carole Hearn know if you will be attending on 01359 307721. There is no charge for this get together but donations will be gratefully received. Monies to go to Onehouse Church Funds. Please check with Carole nearer the time just in case the Covid situation changes. Fingers crossed we will see everyone on Shrove Tuesday.

The World Day of Prayer will be held in Great Finborough Church on Friday 4 March, the time is yet to be arranged. The Women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland have planned the Service, the theme being 'I know the plans I have for you'. Anyone who would like to be involved please contact Carole on 01359 302271.

**Carole Hearn**

### **Ding Dong – Avon Calling!**

WOULD YOU LIKE AN AVON BROCHURE?

I have been with Avon for 12 years and have taken over from Leila as the Avon rep for Great Finborough. If you'd like me to bring you a brochure soon, please get in touch on 07563755617.

Many thanks,

**Helen Toffanello**

## **Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk**

**I keep seeing on the news that my bills could be going up soon. It's making me really worried, especially as I spent more on Christmas than I should have done. How can I get my spending habits back on track in 2022?**

A lot of people will be asking themselves this question right now. The good news is there are lots of things you can do to be more in control of your money and better prepared for the future.

Firstly, find out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. Then you can set yourself a budget that you can stick to - take a look at the budgeting tool on the National Citizens Advice website to help you do this. This can be found at [citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting) .

If any of your bills do go up in the coming year, you can go back to our budgeting tool anytime to create a new plan and stay in control. The website also has tips on how to reduce your regular living costs which you may find helpful if you find you have more money going out than coming in at any point.

If you've been using credit cards, your overdraft or store cards for your spending, it's understandable if these debts are causing you worry. It's important to prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax. Not paying these has the most serious consequences. If you need further support on this, our advisors can explain which bills you need to prioritise and the support available for paying these and other bills. We can also make sure you're getting all the income you're entitled to, such as benefits or government grants.

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](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). For more information and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).

**Jaz Last, Community Officer**

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Coming to the end of the year and the end of the term, we have been busy completing our reading together challenge. The children chose a book to take home to read and they also had tasks to complete, at the end of the challenge the children received a prize and certificate.



We have been busy with our Christmas crafts and learning the songs and sign language actions for our nativity play. This will be done within the pre-school and a video sent to parents under covid rules. It will be lovely when we can have the parents back into the setting to do our nativity to them. We are all looking forward to our Christmas party and lunch with Santa coming up.

The children visited the lovely residents of Finborough court on Monday 6 December, and we performed our Christmas play through the window and exchanged gifts and cards with them. There was a lovely piece in the east Anglian daily times about it, showing that we are trying not to let covid get in our way.

We are all going to enjoy our Christmas holidays and look forward to coming back in the new year. Let's hope we say goodbye to covid in 2022.

If you have a child coming up to 2 or above and you would like to know more about our setting do feel free to call or email us on [Tel:- 07513 140072](tel:07513140072) email: - [admin@gfbunderfive.co.uk](mailto:admin@gfbunderfive.co.uk)

**Delia and all the team.**

## **Boxing Day Dog Attack**

At lunchtime on Boxing Day two large brown dogs were attacking our small flock of sheep grazing on our meadows in the centre of the farm. We were away for Christmas and the Barron family were kindly looking after the flock in our absence. Ivana heard dogs barking excitedly and went to investigate. She found two dogs (similar in size to Alsatis, but not Alsatis) dragging one sheep in the middle of the meadow and the rest of the sheep well scattered with several buried in hedges trying to escape. Fortunately, her shouting scared the dogs away down the meadows towards Bakers Wood / Valley Lane. It then took the family the rest of the afternoon to get all the sheep into the barn and to have the vet treat the injured ones. In all 7 sheep were injured with the one being dragged by the dogs being the most serious. The Vet did not think it would survive but fortunately, with further treatment, it has. All the ewes were in lamb and this kind of trauma can cause them to abort so we will not know until we lamb in March, the total damage caused by the dogs and their careless owner. The ewes are so traumatised, they have been difficult to get back into that meadow and even now stay up near the farm! The police were informed and were very helpful. They tell me that this has become a more common issue with the increase in dog ownership. 'Despite the publicity and education work done around this, so many people still don't seem to get it.' (Their words).

These meadows are private land on which we allow Permitted Public Access in order that the general public can enjoy the Natural and Historical Environment that we enjoy. We make nothing out of it and to have this kind of thing happen is soul destroying. The Countryside Code makes it quite clear that dogs should be under control and always kept in sight. They should be kept on a lead when near livestock. This is especially the case with sheep as they tend to run away which encourages the dogs to chase them.

We have the right to withdraw this Public Access, so it is up to all dog owners to be responsible if the majority of the public are to continue to enjoy our meadows.

The whole situation could have been so much worse if Ivana had not heard the dogs barking and gone to investigate. We are so grateful to the whole Barron family for coming to the rescue on Boxing Day. I only hope, if you own such dogs, you know where they were on Boxing Day and can honestly say your dogs were not the culprits.

Please, will all dog owners who use the meadows for walks please follow the Countryside Code and always keep your dogs under control and in sight as wildlife can also be disturbed.

**John Williams, Boarded Barn Farm.**



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## SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE February 2022

### **6 February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

### **13 February: The Third Sunday before Lent**

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion.	Onehouse Trinity Hall

### **20 February: The Second Sunday before Lent**

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

### **27 February: Sunday Next before Lent**

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse Trinity Hall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

### **2 March: Ash Wednesday**

9.300 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse Trinity Hall
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### **Weekday Services**

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

### ***All Welcome!***

*Whether you are a regular worshipper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday, you will find a warm welcome at any of our services*

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