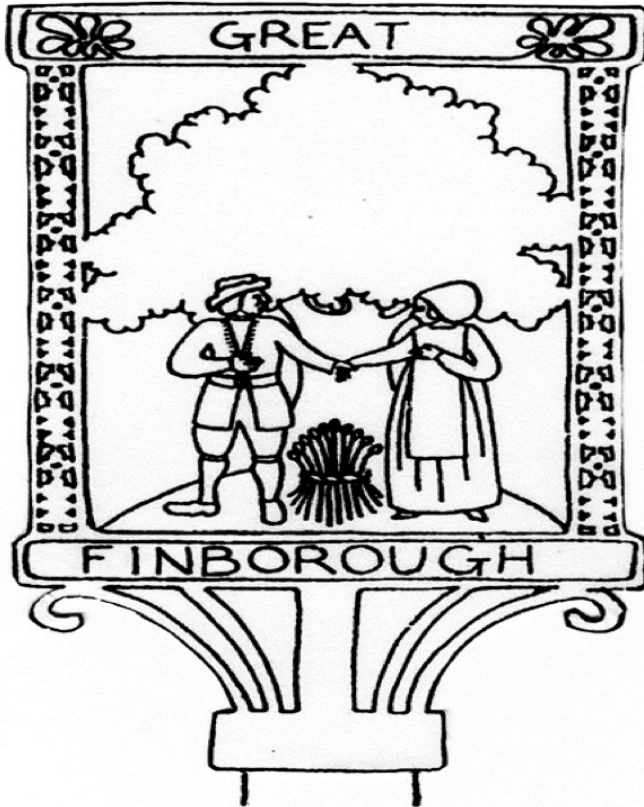


GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**June / July 2022
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VILLAGE DIARY

June 2022

2	9.45pm	Switch on Steeple Lighting, St Andrews
5	2 - 6pm	Big Jubilee Lunch, Village Car Park
9	7pm	Guided Walk, Wildflower Meadow
9	7pm	Open Mic Night, Chestnut Horse
16	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
19	12.30-5.30pm	Open Gardens, Great Finborough
19	3pm	"Super Mega", Chestnut Horse
20	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
23	8pm	Cheese 7 Wine, Chestnut Horse
26	3pm	"Jax & Co", Chestnut Horse
30	6.30pm	Boudica Border Morris Dancers, Chestnut Horse

July 2022

2	1-3pm	Afternoon Teas, Chestnut Horse
3	3pm	"Elvis Presley", Chestnut Horse
7	7-9pm	Gin & Nibbles, Chestnut Horse
11	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
14	7pm	Open Mic Night, Chestnut Horse
21	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
24	3pm	"Coast", Chestnut Horse

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022

20 June, 11 July, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November &
12 December at 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

Its finally here, the Queens Platinum Jubilee, and we hope you will all take part and attend the Big Jubilee Lunch that is being organised for Sunday the 5 June. There will be lots to see and do, see the centre pages for more details. To join in with the National Beacon Lighting celebrations on Thursday 2 June we will be switching on the new church steeple lighting at 9.45pm. Why not come and watch from the front of your local pub and perhaps raise a glass in toast to Her Majesty!

Open Gardens is back on the calendar so make a note in your diary for the 19 June and have a great afternoon walking around our lovely village gardens and having a cup of tea and some cake. There is also a guided walk around the wildflower meadow at 7pm on the 9 June, come along and learn the names of all the flowers and butterflies that inhabit our village meadow.

There is a fascinating article on one of our long-standing local village residents on page 12, definitely worth a read!

Thank you to all the people who took part in last months communal litter pick, it was the first one post pandemic and certainly cleared up a few untidy areas. Also, thank you to those residents who continue to litter pick on their daily walks around the village.

With all the cost of living increases that now seem to be part of everyday life there is an article from the Citizens Advice Bureau on page 34 that details help available and who to call should you want some impartial advice.

Monday 6 June sees the Women's Tour cycling event pass through the village again. Make sure you give them a wave.

There will be no newsletter in July. If you have stories to tell or news for the village, July 15 is the deadline for inclusion in the August edition. Please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner for further details.

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 9 May.

The final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 were approved and section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, Accounting Statements 2021/22, was signed.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

CLlr Turner reported that discussions with the land owner at Hitcham end of High Road had resulted in permission to site gates approx 80 – 100m from the first house on both sides of the road. It was noted that this will be outside the 30MPH limits however it was thought that an application to SCC Highways should explain the lack of alternative sites and the importance of speed reduction and hope that they will grant the licence.

The report and recommendations from the Local Needs Housing Working Group were considered and discussed. It was RESOLVED to support the preferred sites recommendation. The Clerk will make contact with MSDC Robert Feakes to arrange stakeholder meetings.

A report from the Street Lights Working Group confirmed that a requote from Karl Lockwood the SCC Engineer was awaited and various funding streams were being investigated.

It was RESOLVED to replace the notice board with a new manmade timber one in a similar size with the name in gold

Jubilee Celebrations – see centre pages

Next meeting will be held in Pettiward Hall on Monday 20 June 2022 at 7.30pm.

Paula Gladwell

Great Finborough and District Garden Club



**Open Gardens
In Great Finborough
On Sunday 19th June 2022**

**12.30 to 5.30 (last entry 4.30)
£4 per adult (children free)
Tickets by the car park**

**12 lovely gardens
Teas and cakes
Classic cars**

**In support of St Andrew's Church, Great
Finborough**



News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Representing Onehouse, Great & Little Finborough, Combs, Harleston and Shelland

Food Bank

As household budgets are squeezed dry, the Food Bank has more demand but is running short of supplies. Please get an extra tin or two when shopping if you can afford it, and donations can be given via <https://donate.kindlink.com/new-life--suffolk-/2120>

Should you be composting in your garden?

Composting at home is simple to do, produces something for free and helps save time, money and the planet. It helps the environment by cutting down on waste for disposal, preventing harmful methane gases and reducing reliance on peat.

Subsidised compost bins <https://suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/home-composting>

More info at www.gardenorganic.org.uk

An early start for the 2022/23 Locality Budget Awards

Please get in touch if you have projects that need a financial helping hand. There is guidance on eligibility and the application form on website <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/grants-and-funding/> but send me an email or phone with your ideas before starting to fill the form.

Rewilding green areas

The District Council and some parishes are starting to manage some green spaces differently. These may look a little untidy, but please understand this is not about saving money but giving our insects somewhere to live and to feed, so that they in turn will provide food for birds, bats, larger insects and small mammals. Insects also pollinate crops in fields, allotments and vegetable gardens.

The collapse of insect numbers in the last couple of decades especially is under-mining the whole cycle of the natural world.

Invasive species clearance - practical conservation work

I am looking for volunteers to remove Himalayan Balsam beside the River Ratt, both on the biodiversity land off Wash Lane and other local riverside areas. Left to grow and spread, this suffocates many native species of plants and thus other wildlife. A good start was made by a team from the museum last year, but the *Kickstart* Government scheme has ended, while the regrowth of Balsam has begun again. Please get in touch if you can help Mon-Fri or weekends.

Recycling stalls

Thursday June 23

Market Place 9.30am – 11.30am. You can bring medicine 'blister' packs, toothpaste tubes and brushes, cheese wrappers and nets, pens, pencils and markers. It helps a lot if you have these separated. *Clean* pet food pouches and other soft plastic packaging can now be recycled at Tesco, Solar and some other shops. You will need to check who accepts what as Asda don't accept pet food pouches, but Tesco do.

Sunday June 5

Red Gables, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket 2pm-4pm – same items can be accepted

John Matthissen: 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

St Andrews Church Steeple lighting Beacon of Hope



By the time you are reading this article the steeple lighting project will have come to fruition and I would like to give a massive thank you on behalf of the Church and myself for the very generous donations we received to reach our target of £9200, it was a tremendous effort, one you should all be proud of.

The Beacon of Hope project is more relevant now than it was at the worst of the pandemic

With the dreadful horrors of the Ukraine war the 300ft Steeple, built to the glory of God, lit up against the night sky, can give us hope for a better future. Maybe, just maybe, our prayers will begin to be answered.

The Steeple lights will be switched on, on **2 June at 21.45** when the beacons are lit around the country for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Future lighting of St Andrews Church steeple will depend on donations. From Mid-September to Mid-April, 30 weeks of the year, anyone can request the lights to be switched on to celebrate a special date, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or any memorial date that is special to you. If you would like to give a donation to have the lights on, or to mark a special occasion please contact Peter by text on 07789727974 or email p.turner125@btinternet.com

Payment can be made to St Andrews Church Great Finborough. TSB Bank, sort code 30-98-23 account no. 24197060 on the BAC's transfer reference Steeple lighting.

Peter Turner

Great Finborough Garden Club

At last, we have had some rain for which my garden at least has been very grateful. The meeting on the 12 May saw our Chair let us into the secrets behind the production of early, tasty and prizewinning tomatoes. Peter passed on the secrets acquired over many years of growing the best tomatoes in the village to a large and appreciative audience who left full of plans to modify the care of their own tomato plants and hopes of better crops in the future.

Members are also looking forward to their visit to Pulham Cottage on the 26 May, but due to deadline constraints the report will be in the next issue.

The meeting on 9 June will be a guided walk through the wildflower meadow with Mary. She and Peter have been the driving forces behind the establishment of this haven for bees, butterflies and other wildlife within the village. Please note that this will start at the earlier time of 7pm and will go ahead rain or shine. As an inducement to venture outside there will be summer refreshments served at the end of the walk. Then comes the highlight of the summer "Great Finborough Open Gardens". This will take place on the 19 June from 12.30 to 5.30pm. Details are on the poster elsewhere in the magazine and on the village noticeboard. We hope that many residents will support us, to both visit and appreciate our neighbours' beautiful gardens and the work that goes into creating them, and raise some funds towards the maintenance of our village church. It would be much appreciated if anyone who can spare some time to help with setting up the marquee for teas on the 18 June, or could donate a cake or some time to help serve the teas would contact me via the details below and I will pass it on to the tea ladies.

The 7 July sees members off on a visit to the Hampton Court Flower Festival which is being eagerly anticipated along with some heartfelt wishes for a fine weather day.

The 18 August sees the Members Summer BBQ which will start at the earlier time of 6.30pm. Full details will be sent to members closer to the time.

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.

Judith Cameron

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Non-Members Birdseed order form.

The next order will be placed on the **29 June**. Birdseed collection will be on the **6 July** between 2 pm and 5.30 pm from Abbey Farm Cottage. Cheques 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. The next order will be in September.

Peter turner 07789727974 or p.turner125@btinternet.com

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W.B.M No Mess	12.75 kgs	£17.00	
Sunflower Kernels	20 Kg	£32.00	
Sunflower Kernels	10kg (approx.)	£17.00	
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kgs	£16.00	
Finch Mix	20 kg	£15.00	
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£12.00	
SUPER Poultry Mix	20 kg	£13.00	
Peanuts (superior)	25 kg	£36.00	
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg	£19.00	
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£17.00	
Nyjer seed	20 kg	£33.00	
Nyjer Seed (half sack)	10 Kg	£18.00	
Suet Pellets	12.75 Kgs	£20.00	
Suet Balls (Superior)	14p each	(£21/box)	

Total

Welded to Great Finborough

Although not born in Gt Finborough his family home has been here for hundreds of years. Graham Chaplin's dad was in Kent doing war service when Graham and his brothers were born and at the age of four was brought to Gt Finborough to the family house. His Family date back to 1524 so you can say he really does have true history to this village.

Graham is an Artist Blacksmith with a huge talent and just some of his work can be seen around the village. If you were to walk along Church Road you will see in his front garden a sculpture of a RSJ tied in a knot. But keep looking and if you haven't seen it already there on his garage roof is a forged iron dragon. The dragon measures 17 feet from the fiery nostrils to the tip of its tail and is made up with 3000 scales each one carefully crafted by Graham. Just these two artifacts show the breath of his talent. But talent seems to run in the family because Graham's dad is a second cousin to the very famous and exceedingly talented Charlie Chaplin. Two men, artists in their own right.

When growing up he lived with all the family in the Poplars which is at the junction of the High Road and Borough Lane. His grandfather had a stocking factory at this location which employed many of the girls in Gt Finborough and beyond. Although called a stocking factory it produced what we know as socks and these were of many different sizes and varieties. The business went from father to son but Graham's dad didn't follow in his father's footsteps instead opening a garage on this site serving petrol and doing car servicing. At the age of 11 Graham moved with the family to larger business premises in Buxhall.

Graham went to our primary school and then onto Stowmarket High School and eventually attending the Civic College in Ipswich. His apprenticeship allowed him to attend college while learning his engineering and welding trade which gave him the confidence to travel the country as a Coded Welder. The journeymen lifestyle was not conducive to bring up a family so when he met Marie he bought a house in Stowmarket and started his family. After six years and with

two baby boys he decided that there was only one place to settle and raise a family and that was his beloved Great Finborough.

Business was busy, very busy. He was doing structural engineering, general welding and at the same time developing his artistic skills. He had a small forge in his garage and employed nearly two dozen men to meet the demand. After 22 years of working very long hours he decided as he puts it to "quietly step lightly sideways" and sold his business to Michael the man he had managing it. It is still going today "Mikteke" on the Earnest Nunn industrial estate on the way to Needham Market.

Graham set up a forge in Buxhall and concentrated on just doing smithing. His work is wide and varied and as a member of the Artist Blacksmith Association and the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths he was being recognised both at home and abroad. When the Globe Theatre was being brought back to life on London's South Bank Graham was selected from Smiths from many different countries to do work on the newly designed gates. This level of skill from his many different creations was rewarded with a Bronze Medal from the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths (the oldest in the country founded in 1225), followed two years later by a Silver Medal. Finally, he was awarded a "Fellowship" of the W.C.B. and this honour he is rightly very proud of.

During his working life Graham has attended Madingly House University doing a host of different subjects and also Ipswich College where he gained an M.A. Hons.in Fine Arts. One or two examples of his work can be seen around the village. The picture of the chestnut horse above the door to the pub is his, also the village sign on the green, as well as the seat below.

You may see his 6ft.3in frame walking around the village because this is what he loves to do. He and Marie and their two best friends some years ago walked 205 miles across the country raising money for the MacMillan Trust, Cancer Research and the Children's Hospice

Treehouse Appeal. This was then followed by further charitable fund raiser by a coast road trip in a 1961, Rover 100 round England, Wales and Scotland. But what started these efforts was a solo cycle ride from Lands End to John O Groats. The culmination of all this charitable work is writing and illustrating a book about the life of children between 1948 and 1963 in the Great Finborough, Buxhall and Rattlesten area. It is called "Please try not to be late for tea" and all profits from this publication go to charity.

Finally, not only is Graham a highly skilled metalworker having made many beautiful pieces, he is also an artist.

Norman Vendittelli





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The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The lottery winners in the May draw were Frank Raynes and Cathy and Nick Croome. They each received £8.

Mary Preece

Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's

The children this term have been busy getting ready for the jubilee. We have been planting flowers, making crowns, decorating our jubilee goody bags and making bunting. We are having a tea party for all our parents and children, the children will be helping decorate the hall, the parents will celebrate with a glass of bubbly, to go with their sandwiches and cakes. One of our children will be queen for the day and another her special corgi.

The children are enjoying getting out of pre-school in the nice weather and getting to play with our new physical play equipment purchased with the money made through our fundraising, we have of course have been making good use of the new village play area.

If you have a child age 2-5 and would like to know more about our pre-school, please do get in touch, see the back page for who's who.

Delia



CHESTNUT HORSE



Sharon and Rob wish you all a warm welcome

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

Every Wed - Meet up Wed 12 - 2pm

Every Wed - Redtooth Poker - from 7.30pm

Sat 7 May - Afternoon Teas - 12 til 2.30pm

Thurs 9 June - Open Mic Night - from 7pm

Sun 19 June - Live Music, Super Mega - 3pm

Thurs 23 June - Cheese & Wine - Sold out!

Sun 26 June - Jax & Co - from 3pm

Thurs 30 June - Boudica Border Morris Dancers

Sat 2 July - Afternoon Teas - Pre Book Only

Sun 3 July - Elvis Presley - from 3pm

Thurs 7 July - Gin & Nibbles - Pre Book Only

Thurs 14 July - Open Mic Night - from 7pm

Sun 24 July - Live Music, Coast - from 3pm



Tel 01449 674688 or
contact via Facebook Messenger



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

GREAT FINBOROUGH BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

Sunday 5th June 2-6pm



We are delighted to announce that due to the number of positive responses we received planning is now underway for our Big Jubilee Lunch. This will provide an opportunity for the village to come together to celebrate our amazing Queen who has served us all so selflessly for the past 70 years. A big thank you to everyone who responded to our expressions of interest leaflet and those who have offered to help, we will be in touch as the plans are formalised.

We will be organising a street 'style' party in the car park and surrounding area on Sunday afternoon. Villagers are invited to bring along their own food and drinks, there will also be a BBQ selling burgers and sausages and the Chestnut Horse will be open.

Tables and chairs will be set up in the car park, however there are a limited number of seats. Therefore, if you can please bring along a seat, your own picnic table and chairs or feel free to set out a blanket on the grass.

We are conscious of the need to keep waste to a minimum so we are asking everyone to bring their own place settings (e.g. plates/drinking vessels/cutlery) which can be taken home at the end of the party. We encourage you to spruce up the table with decorations but no lit candles please.

We thought it might be fun to dress in period clothing (home created, not hired), indeed some of us may still have clothes from the era! This is not mandatory but should you wish to partake we will be awarding a prize for the best dressed adults and children. As well as a commemorative gift for the children.



Events planned include:-

Corgi Hunt	Crafts Table
Games on the Lawn	Royal Quiz
Tombola & Raffle	Music
Royal Photo Booth	Best Dressed
Horse Racing	



We need help on Sunday morning from 11am to set up. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, if you can spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. We will also need volunteers to help clear away at the end of the afternoon.

The village car park will be closed for the weekend from the evening of Friday, 3 June. All vehicles normally parked there will need to be moved elsewhere for the weekend. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you would like to help or donate a raffle prize please contact us directly. Any funds raised will be donated equally between the 'Light Up' St Andrews Church fund and EACH.

Tracy & Bex - Email: Finborough2022@gmail.com


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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday class 6.45 to 8pm at The Pettward Hall

Thursday outdoor class 6.45 to 8pm in the 
Orangery Gardens of Finborough School FINBOROUGH
SCHOOL

Outdoor Yoga afternoons at Café Como on CAFE
Saturday 23rd July, 13th August + 3rd Sept. 

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Saturday 6th August

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BUXHALL WI

At our April meeting, Anne Reeder gave a brief history of headwear from ancient times; starting with its use to protect the head, its importance in religion, as a sign of status, for work, as an integral part of uniforms, worn at ceremonies and more recently a fashion accessory. Members were intrigued to learn how she made various designs of couture headwear and several members eagerly took advantage of the opportunity to try on a range of varying hats and fascinators.

Members were saddened to hear of Jean Squirrel's death, a founder members of Buxhall WI over 70 years ago. In true WI style, members were only too pleased and honoured to host and provide the catering and for Jean Squirrel's funeral.

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

Forthcoming guest speakers

20 July: Working with the Early Learning School, Entebbe, Uganda

17 August: Health Evening

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Buxhall Village Hall

Hilary (737671)

(Minute Secretary)

BUXHALL VILLAGE SHOW

**10th September 2022 at Buxhall
Village Hall**



After considering the constructive comments and ideas we received from visitors and judges of last year's show, we are delighted to announce our 2022 Village Show Programme. We have tried hard to retain the traditional qualities of our show whilst keeping up to date with current trends and the aim of keeping our programme as diverse as possible without it becoming too big! This year we have also included classes to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Classes are open to everyone with the only rule being; you can only enter one exhibit per class. We do not follow the Royal Horticultural Society strict rules as we want our show to be entered by those just learning the skills to those with a more 'experienced hand'. We would like everyone to feel confident enough to 'have- a- go.'

The programme together with the entry form will be available in the August edition of the Great Finborough Newsletter.

BUXHALL VILLAGE SHOW: 2022 PROGRAMME

SECTION 1 – VEGETABLES

1	5 Potatoes - any colour	6	2 Courgettes – equal size
2	5 Onions – any colour	7	5 Runner beans
3	5 Shallots	8	5 Tomatoes – any variety
4	3 Carrots with foliage	9	1 Marrow
5	3 Beetroot with foliage	10	Any other specimen vegetable

SECTION 2 – FRUIT

1	5 Apples - dessert any variety	3	5 Plums – any variety
2	5 Pears – any variety	4	5-10 of any other fruit

SECTION 3 – FLOWERS

1	3 Dahlias	4	10 Stems of mixed flowers
2	3 Roses – any variety	5	Pot plant – any
3	3 Chrysanthemums	6	Platinum Jubilee table decoration

SECTION 4 – BAKED GOODS

1	4 Fruit Scones	4	4 Shortbread biscuits
2	4 Cheese straws	5	Lemon Drizzle Traybake
3	A flan: pastry base with sweet or savoury filling	6	Platinum Jubilee cake- any recipe / decoration.

SECTION 5 – PRESERVES

1	Any berry jam	3	Any marmalade
2	Any Stone fruit jam	4	Chutney – any type

SECTION 6: PHOTOGRAPHY (A4 or A5 in colour or black & white)

1	Life & Scenes around Buxhall	3	A Serendipitous photo
2	Life and Scenes beyond Buffolk		

SECTION 7 – ARTS AND CRAFT

(Any medium eg fabric, wool, wood, metal, card, paper, pottery etc)

1	A child's toy	3	A Picture
2	A home-made item for the garden	4	Any other home-made item

SECTION 8 – CHILDREN Ages a) 7 and under b) 8 and above

1	Grow your own mini garden in a bucket	4	4 Chocolate crispie or cornflake cakes
2	Any 2D or 3D art form made from recycled materials	5	A vegetable character made from at least 3 vegetables
3	3D model of Buckingham Palace or a crown using any medium	6	A picture of the Queen using any medium- face only or whole figure

SECTION 8 – BRITISH HUMOUR IN THE GARDEN – Make the Judges Smile

1	A single vegetable – your longest, heaviest, most misshaped, ugliest, or humorous vegetable. Creatively displayed with an apt title, caption or name
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Letter from Combs Rectory

June is upon us and at last we have the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to enjoy! There are many events taking place across the villages in our benefice and I do hope you're able to join in and make the most of them. The Queen's loyal service as monarch

of the United Kingdom is unsurpassed, for 70 years her sense of duty has been undimmed and sets an example to us all. All of our churches are holding services on Sunday, 5 June including a 'Service on the Green' in Harleston and a 'Jubilee Songs of Praise' that will take place on Zoom. We would love to see you at these services if you're able to join us!

The Christian festival of Pentecost also falls on Sunday, 5 June. Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem. This Sunday is also known as Whit Sunday or Whitsun, especially in the UK. All very confusing! The festival is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. It's a happy festival and ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

So that's two reasons to enjoy the extended bank holiday, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost, the birthday of the church. May you enjoy spending time with family and friends and making the most of the celebrations for both events, in our village communities and at services in our churches!

Blessings,

Revd Sarah

Jubilee Services



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5th June

Little Finborough
9am Holy Communion

Buxhall
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Harleston & Shelland
9.30am Service on the Green

Onehouse
3pm Thanksgiving Service

Zoom
6pm Jubilee Songs of Praise

Combs
11am All Age Worship

Great Finborough
11am Holy Communion

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JUNE 2022

Wednesday 29 June, 7.30pm – SUFFOLK OTTERS With Meg Amsden and Nicky Rowbottom

We rarely see otters because they're mostly active at night. Trail cameras have brought a revolution to our understanding of where they are and what they get up to. Using first-hand data, photos and a film – Caught in the Act – composed of video clips from volunteers across the county, Meg and Nicky will tell some of the story of otters in Suffolk; how we lost them completely and how they're doing now.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Wednesday 28 September, 7.30pm – PUFFINS GALORE With Simon Hooton

Skokholm island off the Pembrokeshire coast with its thousands of puffins along with a multitude of other birds. This talk reflects of 50 years of visiting this special island and its wildlife. And of course, a lot of pictures of puffins. Plus, sale of the Trust's Christmas cards.

NOVEMBER 2022

Wednesday 30 November, 7.30pm – WILDLIFE SPECIAL

Our special evening with a variety of items planned, Including a wildlife quiz, presentations, annual raffle and more.

Arrangements may change.

Please check the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website at:

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events for updated information about these events.

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I am a single parent, with two young children. I am already struggling to stay on top of my household bills; my weekly food shop isn't stretching as far anymore and now my energy bill is going up too. I don't know how I'm going to afford all of these price rises. What can I do to stop my finances spiralling out of control?

First of all, you are not alone in this and there's support to help you.

It's always worth checking if there are benefits you don't know about that you're eligible for, including support with your energy costs and living costs. On the Citizens Advice website - citizensadvice.org.uk - there's a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income.

There's also emergency support that you may have access to, such as food bank vouchers or fuel vouchers.

If you're struggling to stay on top of bills, it's really important to understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. Citizens Advice also has a budgeting tool on its website that can help with this.

If you're already behind on bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if they can help you repay your bills sustainably.

We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don't have to face this alone, so do contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk to help you find a way forward.

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. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk

SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE June 2022

5 June:	Pentecost, Platinum Jubilee Sunday	
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service	Onehouse
6.00 pm	Jubilee Songs of Praise	Zoom Meeting

12 June:	Trinity Sunday	
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

19 June:	1st Sunday after Trinity	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Flower Service	Buxhall
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service

26 June:	2nd Sunday after Trinity	
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

Weekday Services

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

There is no longer a requirement for worshippers to wear face coverings. However please continue to sanitise your hands when attending church in order to minimise any possible risk of transmission of the virus. Many thanks.

All Welcome!

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