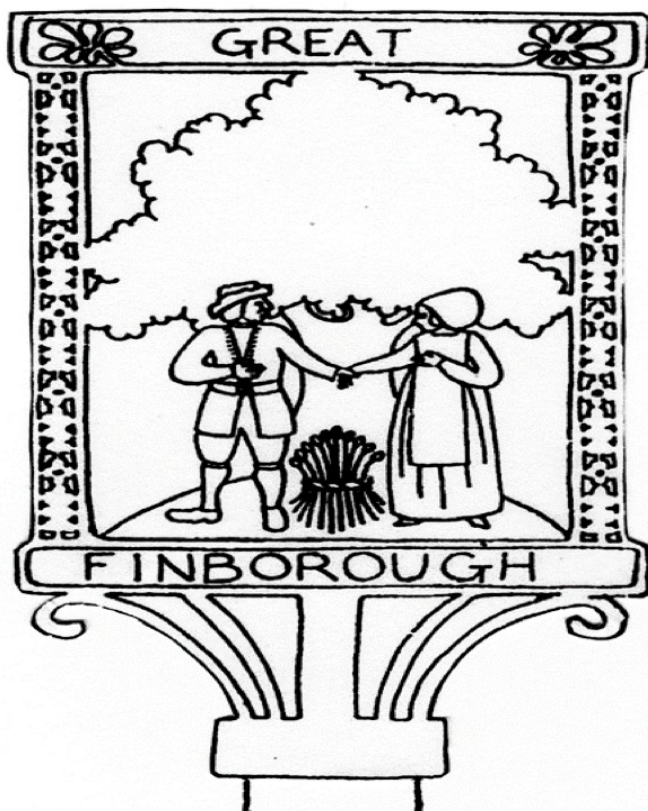


# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**May 2022  
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## **VILLAGE DIARY**

### **May 2022**

7	12 – 2.30pm	Afternoon Teas, Chestnut Horse
9	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
12	7pm	Open Mic Night, Chestnut Horse
12	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
18	7pm	Annual Village Meeting, Pettiward Hall
19	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
26	2pm	Garden Club Visit to Pulham Cottage
28	8.30pm	Soul Project, Chestnut Horse

### **June 2022**

13	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
16	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse

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

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022**

9 May, at 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

Annual Village Meeting, 18 May, at 7pm, Pettiward Hall

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## **Editorial**

Well, here I am sat writing the editorial the morning after a very successful "Race of the Bogmen" event. It was so good to see so many families out enjoying themselves and keeping the village tradition alive. Thank you to all the organisers (who narrowly managed to avoid being run over!), the race participants without whom it would not have happened and of course, Sharon, her family and staff who hosted and managed to keep the refreshments flowing! A special mention to Lee who jumped in to make up the numbers in the race, might he be the first sitting Parish Councillor to take part? I'm sure I will be corrected if not!

The results of the Local Housing Needs Survey have been collated and results can be found on Page 8. The working group will now be meeting with other interested parties and will report back to the Parish Council. You will be kept up to date with their findings in the newsletter, village notice board and website.

See page 6 for the flier for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee party which should have already dropped through your letterbox. Please contact Bex or Tracy if you want to take part as we need to gauge how many people might be attending. Let's make it another great village event!

There is a vacancy for a Trustee on the Pettiward Hall committee, see page 18 for more information. Please think about putting yourself forward for this position and help run this great village community asset.

Due to both myself and Peter being away in June the next issue will be a double issue and we will have newsletter in August for the first time in a few years. If you have stories to tell or news for the village, May 15 is the deadline for inclusion in the June / July 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 11 April.

It was noted that the response from Suffolk CC to the request for an extension to the 30MPH speed limit on High Road states again that the road does not meet the criteria.

It was resolved to submit the following comments to applications;  
DC/22/01424 Erection of single storey extension and three bay cart lodge, The Cottage, High Road – No Objection,  
Reconsultation of DC/21/06158 Erection of 19 no. Dwellings (including 9no. Affordable units) with associated parking and external works. Land off, Pear Tree Place. – “Great Finborough Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available at this time” It was noted that the site plan shows only 18 dwellings not the 19 as stated on the application.  
DC/22/01765 Erection of timber framed joinery workshop. Use Class E. Oakdene, High Road - No Objection

It was RESOLVED to approve £50 of spending towards additional Cotswold Stone for the Herb Garden.

Consideration was given to the request for the removal of posts from the village green at Church Road to accommodate additional parking on the green. It was agreed that the Council could not be supportive of more parking at this location at the expense of green space. Extra parking has recently been provided opposite the village green and this is thought to be sufficient at this time.

A report from the SL Working Group confirmed that a requote was awaited and various funding streams were being investigated. Further consideration of the project to replace the street lights would take place once firm costings had been established.

It was agreed that the next community litter pick would take place on Sunday 15 May, 10am from the car park.



It was agreed that the replacement for the village notice board should be a manmade recycled plastic one in a 2-bay glass fronted design similar to the existing. A quote will be sought for consideration at the next meeting.

It was noted that the Jubilee Celebrations Working Group intend to do a leaflet drop to gauge interest for an event. Preference is for a small event on Middlefield Drive Car Park with BBQ, games, stalls, picnic on Sunday 5 June. The clerk will notify the insurance company and ensure liability cover.

The report from the recent Housing Needs Survey Working Group meeting was noted. It was confirmed that the survey results had been considered and a mapping exercise had been carried out. A further meeting with CAS and MSDC will take place before discussions with other stakeholders take place. See page 7 for more details.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 9 May at 7.30pm in the upstairs meeting room of Pettiward Hall.

**Paula Gladwell**

### **Volunteers required!!**



Your help is needed to organise a village event for Sunday 5 June to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. All ideas and offers of help welcome. Please contact Bex Harvey or Tracy Barnett (07590 820866, [finborough2022@gmail.com](mailto:finborough2022@gmail.com)). We are particularly interested in volunteers who would represent families / children and

anybody else whose input would help to make this a fully inclusive event. See following page for more details.



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

### **An early start for the 2022/23 Locality Budget**

Each year, Mid Suffolk councillors have a budget, currently £7350, to support projects and groups benefitting their residents. Bids for this are now open, and to give everyone an idea of the range of awards that are possible, the following awards have been made over the last couple of years:

- Pollarding trees at Paupers Graves, Onehouse
- Speeding gates, High Road, Great Finborough
- Trinity Hall floor repairs, Onehouse, Harleston & Shelland
- Jubilee players stage, Onehouse
- Oaks Meadow survey, Combs
- Raise crowns Lime Trees, Harleston
- Survey for possible Village Hall, Combs & Little Finborough
- Oaks Meadow entrance, Combs & Little Finborough
- Tennis Club new toilet, Stowmarket area
- New Notice Board, Harleston
- Tree & green maintenance, Harleston
- Meadow interpretation board, Great Finborough
- Public Address system - community use all 6 villages
- New Mower, Onehouse
- Oaks Meadow projects, Combs & Little Finborough
- Dog Waste Bin, Harleston

Often the award covers part of the project costs, with the Parish or other groups also paying part.

For this year, I have had several enquiries about funding Jubilee events, and will use about half the budget for this, ensuring that other causes can also benefit. If your organisation wishes to bid for help, please email me or phone to discuss.

### **Recycling stall Thursday May 26th**

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. **John Matthissen**

## **Local Needs Housing Survey Results**

Thank you to all those who completed and returned the recent Housing Survey. The aim of the survey was to understand the existing and future housing needs for Great Finborough residents including all family members, not just those living here in the village. The survey has also given us valuable information about the current housing stock in the village and whether this is affordable to local people.

One survey form was delivered to each household with the option to complete online or to send back a hard copy. Additional copies of the survey were available for households where more than one person in the household required separate housing going forward.

A return rate of 29.75% was achieved, the average return rate for HNS in Suffolk is between 30% - 40% which indicates the a slightly less robust sample snapshot of the parish however from your answers we have been able to study;

- general information about the housing available in Great Finborough
- the housing needs of existing residents
- the housing needs of people with a connection to Great Finborough through family living here
- contextual information about the village
- information from the Gateway to Home Choice register

Community Action Suffolk have undertaken data analysis of the returned surveys and provided a full written report of the findings.

An executive summary and Key findings are below;

- The Great Finborough Housing Survey 2021 achieved a 29.75% return rate, with respondents in favour of homes for older people, small family homes and homes for couples.
- From the 116 surveys returned, 21 households responded that their current household have identified a current need totalling 32 people.
- From the 116 surveys returned, 10 of those households responded identifying a need for 20 family members (people with a local connection) wishing to live in or return to Great Finborough.
- It total, the response from 31 households identified a housing need for 52 people in Great Finborough.

Great Finborough Parish Councillors are committed to addressing the need established from the survey results and are now actively investigating possible ways to provide local affordable homes specifically for Great Finborough people who have expressed a wish to stay or return to the village.

### **Great Finborough Parish Council**

### **Great Finborough Garden Club**

Spring is truly here with its changeable weather as evidenced by the snowy sight that greeted early risers one morning to the unseasonably high temperatures tempting the unwary to shed layers of clothing and release the seedlings from the greenhouse. The tulips are looking magnificent this year and all the early trees seem to have an abundance of blossom, hopefully a foretaste of things to come.

Some very sad news to report this month as two of our long-standing members have passed away. Lesley Cass, who lived in the village for 40 years and was a stalwart supporter of the garden Club. She made the best compost in the village and continued to support club events even after moving to Stowmarket. She will be much missed by all her friends in the village.

Betty Bottomley was the quieter half of the Ken and Betty partnership but she still took an active part in the club, made the best shortbread for club events, and the tree planted on the green to celebrate their Diamond wedding will serve as a permanent reminder of their time with us.

Our April Meeting saw us welcome Sally Bendall who, together with her husband Graham, is the owner of Hollow Trees farm shop in Semer. She gave us a deeper insight into the development of this popular and successful local business from a 12 acre smallholding on Purdis Heath in the 1980's to the gradual redevelopment of the family farm in Semer into the company it is today.

A vote was taken at the meeting to elect St. Andrew's Church as the recipients of funds raised at Open Gardens.

The May meeting will feature our Chairman Peter Turner who will be sharing the secrets behind growing prizewinning tomatoes which are also full of flavour. The meeting will take place in the main room of the Pettiward Hall on the 12 May at 7.30pm.

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

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

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

**Judith Cameron**

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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.

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**Total**



## **Food for thought or musings on fusion cooking (Part 2)**

Continued from last month - one family's early foray into the wonderful and colourful world of continental cooking!

Despite the following week's deliberate dragging of its heels the next Saturday eventually dawned and Dad duly set off for the grocer's, returning about an hour later with a cardboard box containing a goodly number of cans and several bags of dry goods. The labels on the cans pictured a variety of ostensible foodstuffs, none of which so far as we were concerned, was readily identifiable. To add to the mystique, the wording was not in English and my suspicion now, is that any number of separate languages must have featured, although I only seem to recall the single word "Sauerkraut". Also, with the benefit of hindsight, the dry goods must I think, have been a somewhat arbitrary assemblage of pasta and noodles, neither of which had previously reached these shores. Actually, this is not strictly correct as my nan, true to form, made the most enticing, and equally filling, macaroni cheese, but no-one realised at the time that macaroni was pasta, nor indeed that there was any such thing as pasta, firmly believing macaroni cheese to be as British as an old penny.

Once we had all wondered sufficiently at the unusual array before us, the kitchen was declared out of bounds to everyone except the Chef (Dad) who summarily banished us all to the living room for the duration. The latter room it should be noted, opened directly on to the kitchen. My younger brother and I were filled with excitement but by contrast and rather to our surprise, our mum seemed a little apprehensive while nan was visibly flustered. She was unused to being anything other than busy, especially when there was food to be prepared, and she clearly harboured serious misgivings as to the likely outcome of the culinary experiments being conducted in her kitchen.

As previously mentioned, the room to which we were confined opened onto the kitchen, so we were witness to the sounds and smells emanating from the apparently complex, and time-consuming

processes involved in the preparation of the “continental meal”. The sounds were those of clattering pans, rattling crockery and cutlery, and the hissing and spattering of goodness knows what, punctuated at intervals by sharp exclamations, seemingly those of pain, frustration, or perhaps both. The smells, by contrast, were probably best described as unfamiliar or if truth be told, bordering upon the peculiar. Paul, my younger brother, dared to sneak a peek by opening the adjoining door just a little but was only able to report the presence of steam as nothing else was visible.

Eventually, however, the long wait was over and the masterwork pronounced complete. The kitchen windows and the back door were flung open in a gesture of triumph, and also to dispel the worst of the smog which, in turn, revealed the scene in the kitchen. There was a pile of used items in the sink, sufficient to test the nerve of even the stoutest hearted of washers-up and, if Dad’s intention had been to make use of every single pan and utensil, he had clearly succeeded.

Despite these minor practical concerns however, or more probably as a direct result of them, the ladies grasped the nettle, swiftly assisting with the ritualistic serving up of what, so far as we boys were concerned, were platters laden with the promise of something new, different and delectable and, as the offering was set before us, the promises of both newness and difference were indeed fulfilled – we certainly had not previously encountered anything quite like it. As to its being delectable, well the expression “acquired taste” cropped up more than once among the adults, but we boys tucked in regardless and initially at least, with great gusto, albeit that our enthusiasm waned rather more quickly than we might reasonably have anticipated.

Apart from the aforementioned “acquired taste”, the ladies said very little during the meal, and ate even less. Dad, on the other hand, as the founder of the feast, fared rather better and, following a second helping, itself both an act and a demonstration of faith, pronounced himself well pleased with this, his “first attempt”, confidently predicting more exciting and adventurous forays into the world of “foreign food”

to come, and even contemplating the possibility of it's becoming a regular weekly event. This proposition it must be said, was not greeted with any particular enthusiasm and the general consensus was that any such decision should be postponed - for the time being at least and possibly indefinitely.

For my part, I retain no clear recollection where the food was concerned, no startling new flavours or textures, just a vague impression of disappointment. I suspect looking back, that Dad's fundamental mistake lay in his methodology. He seems, unwittingly, to have selected and mixed items from every available nation and cuisine, then boiled them together until they begged for mercy.

Nan's enduring memory on the other hand, and one often recounted, was that it took her two full days to deal with the washing up, and to restore the kitchen to something akin to full working order. I had never known my Dad to cook before this incident and he was not, to my knowledge anyway, either called upon or allowed to do so again. There may therefore have been some method in his madness but regardless of all else, the event was a memorable one indeed, if not necessarily for the best of reasons.

There remains a question however – are we not led to the inescapable conclusion that my Dad's pioneering attempt at Sauerkraut Bolognaise, or whatever his contrivance might reasonably have been called, was in fact the trail blazer for the whole of today's "fusion cooking" and thus in turn for the effrontery that is Chicken Tikka Lasagne and, if so, why Dad, why?

I am not sure what lessons this particular snippet from history has to impart – probably none, but just for the record; the following Saturday evening we reinstated our previously regular order with Mr Wright's fish and chip shop - and jolly good it was too!  
Keep taking the medication!

**David Cox**

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## **BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Thank you to over 60 adults and children who joined us for our 'Eyes Down' session at our biannual Bangers, Beans and Bingo evening in April. What a fantastic atmosphere! It was lovely to see so many families and friends socialising and relaxing together; in addition to winning the cash prizes of course! We are already looking forward to hosting this event again in the autumn.

### **Save the Date:**

Saturday 10 September - Buxhall Village Show, Continue to nurture those plants and look out for our 2022 programme in upcoming editions of the Gt Finborough Newsletter.

**Hilary Hall**

### **The Pettiward Hall**

#### **"Little Ernie"**

The lottery winners in the April draw were Tim Hines and Hazel Terry. They each received £8.

### **AGM**

The AGM of the hall charity was held on 31 March. It was disappointing that, for the third year running, no residents attended. Consequently, the trustees that were willing to stand for re-election had to elect each other. That's not how it is supposed to be. You will forgive me if I get the impression that much of the village community have no interest at all in their hall and probably wouldn't care if it closed. Yes, but what about the Pre-school, the Parent & Toddler Group, the Garden Club, Yoga, the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the children's parties? Where would they go? Where would you vote? The hall committee have worked hard over the last ten years to make the hall a more welcoming place with better facilities but perhaps we shouldn't have bothered. There is a vacancy for a trustee on the committee. Please get in touch if you feel you can give a couple of hours of your time every couple of months. I'm not holding my breath.

**Mary Preece**

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## **Take me back to the days of my youth**

Take me back to the days of  
my youth  
Where the trickiest event was  
a troublesome tooth  
I'd go and see grandma for a  
toffee to chew  
That would break it from its  
gum moorings  
This I already knew

If ever we went to grandma's  
We couldn't leave without  
having a cake  
If you refused her butterfly  
buns or Victoria sponge  
You'd be met with a "why for  
heaven's sake?"

Our long summer holidays  
we'd blissfully spend  
Eating our delicious  
strawberries and constructing  
impressive straw dens  
We'd hide ourselves away  
From our perplexed Mum  
She'd be baking a cake  
We'd hear the mixer  
And indoors we'd immediately  
run

For we so loved licking  
anything left in the bowl  
Our hunger had got the better  
of us  
We'd lost our self-control

I have many a happy memory  
Of collecting shells at the  
seaside  
I'd take my bucket to the  
coast  
And lovingly fill it with pride

For life as an adult brings with  
it a good deal of stress  
With so many decisions to  
make  
My head's often a mess  
Life was much simpler when  
we just came  
Home from school and ate our  
meal at five  
My brain wasn't working at a  
million miles an hour  
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## **WE HAVE A NEW RECTOR!**

She may not be Dawn French but she is a vicar and has a smile that is every bit as broad and happy. Sarah Jenkins is our very own Rector of The Combs and Finborough Benefice. She uses the title rector rather than vicar because it is historically significant and still generally indicative of a rural setting. I'm sure she would be happy to explain this in more detail if you were to ask.

Sarah is a Suffolk girl, born and raised in and around Ipswich with her younger brothers. She knows this area very well as when she lived in Needham Market, she learned to drive. Recalling reversing up Jacks Lane during a lesson still makes her shudder 40 years later.

She was brought up as a Christian by her Anglican mother and Catholic father, although her mother was the more regular churchgoer. Faith has always been central in her life. She describes herself as a 'liberal Catholic', her understanding fostered by accompanying her mother to services and who was also the secretary to the Parochial Church Council. Sarah attended The Convent of Jesus and Mary in Ipswich, moving to Northgate Grammar School at the age of 11 due to her interests of languages and sport being better catered for at the grammar school.

Sarah's parents died within 10 months of each other when she was in her thirties, at a time when she worked at Waterstones. Understandably, their loss evoked a lot of questions in her mind as well as sorrow. A regular customer was the vicar of St Mary-le-Tower in the centre of Ipswich. He would walk around the store talking to staff and customers. On one occasion when talking to Sarah he was unconvinced when Sarah said that she was fine – she was not – and he offered her the chance to talk somewhere less public than a bookshop. When they met as arranged at his church, somewhere she had been before, but on this occasion when she walked in, "it felt like stepping into a warm bath and being surrounded by love". They talked and the vicar asked if he could pray for her. No-one had ever asked this before and Sarah was touched. Sarah became a regular attender at St Mary-le -Tower, slowly at first but

building up to attending weekly from late 2006. The style of worship took her right back to childhood at the convent. The following year Sarah was confirmed – not having been confirmed as a school girl because of her mixed religious heritage!

For the next four years she involved herself in the church in much the same way as her mother before her. In 2010 she enrolled in an 'Exploring Vocation' course offered by the diocese, the leaders were Chris Childs and Arlene Cruickshanks. At the end of the 6 week course, Sarah felt called to lay elder ministry. She started her training at a time when her husband, Alan, had prostate cancer and sadly, just 6 weeks before she was to be commissioned as a lay elder in 2012, he died. He had been very supportive of her vocation and had confidence that she would receive love and support from the church after he was no longer there to support her. This has been her experience.

About 18 months after she was widowed, she told an associate priest at church that she had an itch she just could not scratch. She was wondering whether she needed a break from her job at the booksellers. The priest suggested she try saying 'yes' instead of 'no' next time a parishioner asked her whether she planned to go for ordination. This prompted Sarah to embark on the long process to ordination: two years of interviews, tests, observations, recommendations, selection panels, retreats and psychometric tests followed by two years at theological college in Cambridge. Sarah was ordained as a Deacon at the St Edmundsbury Cathedral in 2018, the following year returning to the cathedral to be ordained a priest. The next 3 years as a curate were spent at the Orwell and Deben Benefice.

Sarah has now been our rector for 6 months, living at Combs Rectory and is enjoying getting to know the seven parishes for which she is responsible. Sarah's smile is infectious, and her ecclesiastical embrace warm and welcoming. If you see her about in the village do introduce yourself and say hello, she'll be delighted to have the opportunity to get to know more people in our community. We in Great Finborough wish her a long and happy tenure.

**Norman Vendittelli**



## **BUXHALL WI**

At our March meeting, Wendy Smith shared some of her experiences as a Wimbledon line judge for 35 years. Members were captivated by Wendy's account of how the 330 line judges were appointed and trained each year. The exact details of their roles and the strict dress code for both judges and the ball boys and girls were fascinating. The information she shared about the biggest catering event of the year was astonishing. The light hearted yet factual presentation together with a display of her Wimbledon memorabilia demonstrated why this event is such a British icon with established traditions and standards; that runs so smoothly and is recognised as a world leading sporting event.

Our Knit and Natter ensemble meet every second Tuesday of the month. Needless to say, this continues to grow in popularity for the sharing of refreshments and conversation in between the exchange of knitting and sewing skills and ideas!

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

### **Forthcoming guest speakers**

18 May: Resolutions and Games Evening

Time: 7:30pm, Venue: Buxhall Village Hall

**Hilary (737671) (Minute Secretary)**

## From Combs Rectory



Well, it looks like spring may have sprung! I expect most of us are welcoming the warmer weather and lighter evenings and it is a joy to look forward to the next few months with, hopefully, less reliance on having to heat our homes. There's no doubt that a combination of events – the rise of the energy price cap, the

increase in National Insurance contributions and the cost of petrol and diesel to name just a few – are causing many households to worry about how to support themselves and their families. However, there are some local charities that can offer help in such situations so please do email me (see Who's who) if you would like details of these organisations who are keen to offer help wherever possible.

During May the church celebrates Rogation Sunday on 22 May. Rogation is a time of asking for God's blessings on emerging crops. In times gone by when everything depended on the local harvest, this was vital. A failed local harvest meant starvation, so asking God's Blessing at various points was seen as important. In centuries past, Rogation Sunday also saw the Beating of the Bounds. Congregations would walk around the boundaries of each parish, marking what lay inside the parish, and what had changed from last year. Some parishes still do this today, looking at natural resources and focusing on God's creation in their own parish.

Of course, we still depend on farming today for our food but can also draw on harvests from all over the country and beyond. It can be easy to feel disconnected from where our food comes from which makes this a good time to pray for farmers who are at the mercy of the weather. The pandemic has reminded us that farmers are key workers and need our support and Rogation provides us with the opportunity to praise God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it and to pray a blessing on the communities in which we live and share together.

We will be celebrating Rogation Sunday, in our churches which are holding services on 22 May, and everyone is welcome. Although we

won't be beating the bounds of entire parishes, we will be taking the opportunity to venture out of our churches in order to bless our local landscapes and communities. Please do come and join us!

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**Revd Sarah**

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**Hayley Attew, Nexus Fostering**

A recruitment poster for Nexus Fostering. The top section has a blue background with the text "could you foster?" in white. Below this is a photograph of three people: a man, a woman, and a young man, all smiling. Overlaid on the bottom left of the photo is a red speech bubble that says "we urgently need carers in Suffolk". Overlaid on the bottom right is a blue Ofsted logo with the text "Ofsted Outstanding Provider". At the bottom of the poster, on a blue background, it says "Visit us at [www.nexusfostering.co.uk](http://www.nexusfostering.co.uk)" and "Call us on 01603 951 405".

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The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Current volunteers at Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk said:

"I wanted to help in some meaningful way in the local community. Volunteering at Citizens Advice has made me feel that I am doing something useful. After three years of retirement, it is nice to have a form of regular commitment and I enjoy interacting with the others in the office."

"When my youngest started school I had some extra time, so decided to volunteer, and haven't looked back! The team are great here, so the atmosphere is consistently very welcoming."

**Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer) or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.**

## SERVICES FOR THE BENEFICE May 2022

### 1 May: The Third Sunday after Easter

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

### 8 May: The Fourth Sunday after Easter

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Morning Worship (G Ward Service)	Onehouse

### 15 May: The Fifth Sunday after Easter

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

### 22 May: The Sixth Sunday after Easter

9.30 am	Matins	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Service	Great Finborough

### 29 May: Sunday after Ascension Day

11.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion With guest speaker	Great Finborough
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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



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