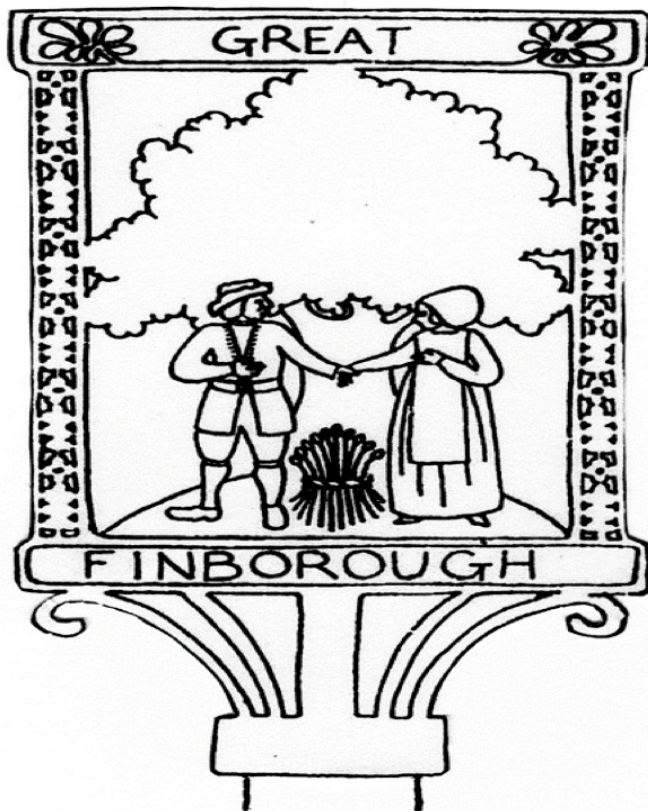


GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**May 2023
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VILLAGE DIARY

May 2023

4	7am-10pm	Local Elections, Pettiward Hall
6	10.30am	Coronation Day Breakfast, Chestnut Horse
7	1pm – 5pm	Coronation Picnic, Village Car Park
8	10am - 3pm	Volunteer Day and BBQ, Sports Field
10	7.30pm	Annual Village Meeting, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
18	8pm	Gary's Music Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
22	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall

June 2023

8	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
12	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
15	8pm	Quiz Night, Chestnut Horse
Every Wednesday, Warm Space / "Meet up Wednesday" 12 – 2pm, at the Chestnut Horse		

Mobile Library service Fridays 4.10pm – 4.30pm Oak Close

5 May, 2 June, 30 June, 28 July, 25 August,
22 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

Annual Village Meeting 10 May at 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

22 May at 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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Editorial

I hope you all had a great time over the Easter holiday and managed to catch up with family and friends. Despite the weather trying to dampen everyone's spirits, Sharon and Rob at the Chestnut Horse hosted another fantastic "Race of the Boggmen" day with lots of activities for all the family and the close fought race being won by Great Finborough, Hooray!!

This month gives us the King's Coronation to look forward to and there's lots planned in the village for you to join in with. On the Coronation Day, Sharon at the Chestnut Horse will be showing the event live whilst serving breakfast and after the procession will be testing your knowledge with a "Right Royal Quiz". On the Sunday, the village carpark is the place to be for the "Big Lunch" starting at 1pm and featuring lots of games for all and a BBQ to complement any food and drink you wish to bring along. Monday is your chance to help out around the village and once again we will be hosting a BBQ on the sports field from 1pm so come and continue the party and meet up with old friends and make some new ones. Details of all the weekend events can be found within this newsletter. Any help on the Big Lunch day will be most gratefully received, please contact Tracy or Bex for more details, their contact info is on page 4.

Next months edition of the newsletter will see a new editor taking over. It has been a pleasure (most of the time!) to edit the newsletter alongside Peter and I would like to thank all of the people who have contributed over the years and for all of the thanks and good wishes that we have received. I am sure you will give Tracy all the support you can whilst she finds her feet. To that end, early submissions for next month's newsletter will be gratefully received.

If you have stories to tell or news for the village, May 15 is the deadline for inclusion in the June edition of the Newsletter. Please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner for further details and we will pass on the information to Tracy until she sets up her own email account.

Simon Tarabella

The Village 'Big Lunch' to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III - Sunday, 7 May 2023, 1pm – 5pm in the Village Car Park

Plans are now well underway for the village coronation celebrations. The picnic in the village car park starts at 1pm. All villagers are invited to come along, bring a picnic and join in the celebrations. There will be a BBQ selling burgers and sausages and the Chestnut Horse Pub will be open as usual. There will be some tables and chairs available on a first come basis but you can bring your own or a blanket, weather permitting.

Children can take part in the fancy dress competition (theme being Famous British Historical Figures). A tombola, face painting and various craft activities will be available to keep the children entertained.

A King Charles Cavalier Picture Trail will be set up around the village. Trail sheets can be collected any time after 10am on Sunday morning from The Ridings, The High Road (a couple doors down from the car park). Completed sheets can be returned directly to Zoe Durrant at The Ridings or to the children's stand in the car park during the village picnic. All returned sheets will be entered into a draw to win a book voucher.

There will be a raffle and various games for the adults including horse racing where 'punters' can bet upon the horse of their choice. If you wish to donate a raffle prize these can be dropped off at Over the Hill, Knackers Yard, Valley Lane. All proceeds from the day will be donated to worthy causes in the village.

Volunteers are needed to help transform the car park on Sunday morning from 9am, setting up gazebos, tables, etc. If you are able to help, please confirm by email at finborough2022@gmail.com. We will also need help after the party to tidy up, if you have a few minutes to spare that would be appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Should you require further information please contact Tracy or Bex at finborough2022@gmail.com

~ Help us to make this a memorable day for one and all ~

The “Big Village Help Out” – Monday 8 May – 10am – Midday

The Monday of the Coronation weekend has been designated as a volunteering day where local people can get involved with helping out in their locality. Great Finborough will be asking people to help out in St Andrews Church (general cleaning and high level cobweb removal) and Woodpecker Hill wood (spreading of chippings and moving of felled brush).

If you are willing to help out with either of these events please register your name with Simon Tarabella (see Who’s who) or Peter Turner (p.turner125@btinternet.com) for the church or June Nathan (junenathan1@gmail.com) for Woodpecker Hill wood.

On completion from 1pm there will be a picnic on the sports field so why not come along, bring some food and drink and meet your neighbours.

Great Finborough Parish Council

Due to the Easter weekend the Parish Council meeting was not held before the deadline of the newsletter. Any important decisions will be reported on in the June newsletter.

The annual village meeting will be held on 10 May at 7.30pm in Pettiward Hall. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 22 May at 7.30pm, also in Pettiward Hall. All welcome at both events, the annual village meeting is where you get to have your say on what matters in your village so, please support this event.

Paula Gladwell

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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

Election Day

Don't forget to vote on Thursday May 4th. And remember to take voter ID such as passport, driving license, bus pass or blue badge.

Recycling and Repairing

<https://www.recyclenow.com/> is a useful web site where you can check what can and cannot be recycled in our area, and where.

And the Eco futures stall continues to attract more and more of the 'hard to recycle' items such as medical 'blister' packs, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, pens, Coffee pods and tetra-paks. (juice cartons).

Sunday May 14th: recycling, Red Gables, 2-4pm

(Also Repair Café, and plant & seed swap and you can also take along any baby trees for the Stowmarket Tree Nursery)

Thursday May 25th: Recycling Stall, Market Place, 9.30-11.30

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

Non-members wild birdseed orders.

The next order will be placed on **23 May**. Birdseed collection will be on **7 June between 14.00 and 17.00 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.

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W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£17.50		
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£16.50		
Finch Mix	20 kg	£16.50		
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£12.50		
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£14.00		
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£37.00		
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx.	£19.00		
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£20.00		
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£32.00		
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£17.00		
Nyjer Seed	25kg	£37.00		
Nyjer Seed	12.5kg approx.	£20.00		
Suet Pellets	12.75kgs	£20.00		
Suet Balls (Superior quality)	Price each 150 £21/Box	14p		

Great Finborough Garden Club

Spring is truly here with its changeable weather as evidenced by the heavy showers of cold rain 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.

Our April Meeting saw us welcome Jan Michalak who gave us a fascinating insight into the flora of New Zealand. His talk covered the way in which the geological history of the country drove the proliferation of flightless birds taking over the role of mammals in other countries. This has led to the huge number of plants with either no or very few leaves, many thorny species and those which form dense tangles of branches to protect the flowers and fruit.

Members were asked to propose candidates for the recipients of fund raised at Open Gardens this year. A vote taken at the meeting elected The Pettiward Hall roofing fund as the recipients of 75% of funds raised. The remaining 25% will go to the bee charity supported by our March speaker Jane Tuke. Open Gardens is getting ever closer and preparations for the event on 25 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.

The May meeting will feature Saffron Summerfield presenting her illustrated talk on birdsong and calls. The meeting will take place in the Main Room of the Pettiward Hall on the 11 May at 7.30pm.

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. judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com or 672978.

Judith Cameron

The Pettiward Hall

"Little Ernie"

The winners in April were Judith Hickman and Michel Morel. They each received £8.

AGM

We were very pleased that eleven residents, apart from existing trustees, attended the AGM in March. David Preece, Delia Prior and Sara Raynes were re-elected and we are delighted that Mark Simonds has also joined us. Mark has extensive venue and event management experience and we believe he will be a real asset to the committee.

Mary Preece

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A big thanks to all who helped in the Lent Lunch

Thank you to all who helped out in preparing and serving the soups for the Lent Lunch last month. Approximately 30 people met up at Maple Lodge and had a lovely time sampling the tasty soups, homemade breads and finishing with tea and coffees.

Thanks to some very generous donations we were able to send £250 to the Turkey – Syria Earthquake Appeal Fund.

Nigel & Bernice



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King's Coronation Breakfast – 6 May at the Chestnut Horse

Come and celebrate the Kings Coronation from 10.30 am. Have a spot of breakfast whilst watching full coverage of the ceremony and procession culminating in a "Right Royal Quiz". A good time guaranteed!

The Chestnut Horse



Sharon and Rob wish you all a warm welcome

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**Please see our food boards inside or on Facebook for our many special winter warmer offers including our "spice up" Wednesday menu. Don't forget you can book the extension for your function for any day of the week**

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Spring opening

Wednesday and Thursday 12-3 and 5-close

Food 12-2 and 5-8

Friday and Saturday 12-close

Food 12-2 and 5-8

Sunday 12-8

Food 12-4

Wed to Sat Food service – 2 course "Light Bite" £10 on selected items

May 2023

Saturday 6 May – King's Coronation Breakfast, 10.30am

Followed by "A Right Royal Quiz"

Thursday 18 May – Gary's Music Quiz, 8pm

Every Wednesday Lunchtime – Warm space / Coffee meet up

4th Thursday of every Month – Acoustic Jam Night



"The Village Big Lunch"

to Celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

Sunday 7 May 2023 from 1-5pm

Great Finborough will be joining the nation in the celebrations by holding a get together in the village car park.

All villagers are welcome to come along, bring a picnic and your own drinks. There will also be a BBQ and the Chestnut Horse will be open as usual.

Various activities are planned for the children, including a fancy dress competition (theme being Famous British Historic Figures), face painting, crafts, treasure hunt and tombola.

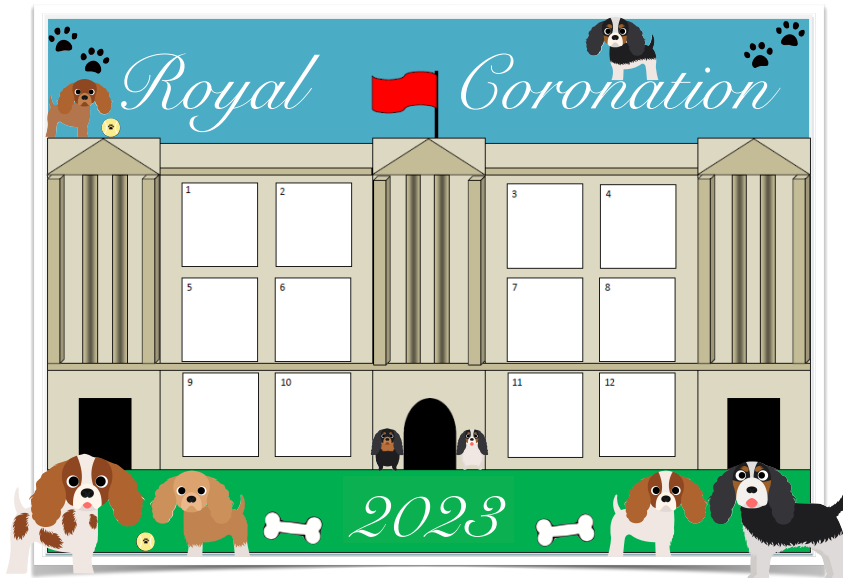
There will also be fun and games for the adults.

- Lets make this a memorable day for one and all -

For information on where to donate raffle prizes or offer to help on the day please contact Tracy or Bex at finborough2022@gmail.com



King Charles Cavalier Picture Trail



The King Charles Cavalier picture trail will take place during the village lunch on Sunday 7 May with trail sheets available from the children's craft tent. All completed correctly marked trail sheets will be entered into a draw to win a book voucher.

If children with their parents / guardians wish to complete the trail earlier in the day then they can collect trail sheets from Zoe at the Ridings, High Road (3 doors down from the pub) from 10am on Sunday 7 May. All correctly completed returned trail sheets will be entered into the draw

Letter from Combs Rectory



The month of May heralds an event that many of us will never have experienced before, namely the Coronation of a new monarch. But I know there are many amongst you who remember the late Queen's Coronation in 1953 on a very wet day in June, let's pray that Saturday 6 May dawns dry and bright and remains that way for the weekend!

The Church of England will play an integral part in the Coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey, which although an occasion for pageantry and celebration, is also a solemn religious ceremony that has remained essentially the same over a thousand years. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London. The service is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose task this has almost always been since the Norman Conquest in 1066.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have recently written to all clergy in the Church of England regarding this momentous event and I include an extract below:

"Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are writing to you to share with you our hopes, desires and prayers for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on the 6 May. The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, reflect and celebrate something of who we are, and look forward.

The Coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. It is essentially a consecration to service. Happening within a Eucharist, the most basic and the central act of Christian worship, it includes oaths, regalia and crowning. Through it we receive

from Jesus the one who comes to us as a servant; the one who is the king of Kings.

The Coronation weekend and bank holiday is aimed at bringing the nation together in common meals and in helping and serving our communities through the [Coronation Big Lunch](#) and the [Big Help Out](#). It is, of course, part of every Christian's witness to commit joyfully to a life of service to God and one another; a commitment the King has exemplified throughout his life. We pray this would be a moment for all to encounter afresh the person of Jesus Christ – the servant King – and be renewed in our calling to serve Him by serving others.

At the heart of communities across the country, particularly through your ministry, the [Church of England](#) will provide space for prayer and worship, as well as events where people of all faiths and none can gather together. This is a moment for us to witness to the love of Jesus Christ and a chance, in partnership with many others, to reach out and serve our communities."

Across the villages served by our parish magazines I know there will be many events taking place over the Coronation weekend which I hope you will be able to engage in and enjoy. The Combs and Finborough Benefice will be holding a special Coronation Evensong service on Sunday, 7 May, 6pm at St Mary's, Buxhall at which our choir will be enriching our worship with Coronation themed pieces. We do hope you'll be able to join us for this service to give thanks for our new monarch, King Charles III.

With blessings

Revd Sarah

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- ***Hymn Books - got...***
- ***Bottles of Pimm's - got ...***
- ***Fruit and Cucumber cut up and ICE - got ...***
- ***Non-Alcoholic Fruity drinks - got ...***
- ***Glasses - got ...***
- ***Method: email your own favourite hymn suggestions in advance to revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com ; come along and join us, sing loudly, have great fun enjoy a long cool drink and a chat after some hymns - then do it all again!***
- ***Conclusion: A lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon***

St Andrews Church Steeple lighting – ‘The Beacon Club’

Firstly, a big thank you to those people who responded to my article in last month's newsletter to join 'The Beacon Club'. The club is being set up to raise funds to support the increased energy costs of the new electric central heating with donations of £100. I am still looking for another 10 people to join the club. The new electric heating system is being installed this month, which will make attending church in the winter months less daunting!! It will also enable the Church to be used for coffee mornings, craft fayres, and music concerts etc.

I will be sending out details this month to all those who have committed to join the club. It is fitting that this month is the one-year anniversary of the steeple lights being installed and it will be a wonderful to see the steeple lit, up every night of the year, for everyone's enjoyment.

If you are interested in joining the Beacon Club, please contact me on 07789727974, Or email p.turner125@btinternet.com

Peter Turner

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

I recently started a new job where my boss has told me I'll have to work on bank holidays. This was never the case in my old job. Can my employer make me work on a public holiday, and should I get paid extra if I do?

When it comes to bank holidays, whether or not staff have to work is up to their employer, and you don't have to be paid more if you do. Unless your contract says you'll be paid extra for working bank holidays, you will just be paid your normal amount.

The situation will vary from job to job and may depend on a number of factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and crucially, what your contract says.

Take a look at your contract, if you have one, to find out what your personal situation is. Your contract might say you will always get bank holidays off but it could say you are sometimes required to work or will always be required to work. If your place of work is normally open on a bank holiday you'll probably be asked to work at least some.

Your contract might say something like: "In addition to bank and public holidays, your annual entitlement to holidays is X days". This means you get public holidays off in addition to your annual leave entitlement but it might not mean you're entitled to take the specific days off. You may be required to work a bank holiday, in which case you should get another day off instead.

Alternatively, it might say something like: "Your annual holiday entitlement (inclusive of bank and public holidays) is X days" - this means you have to take bank holidays off as part of your annual leave entitlement. Bank holidays will either be deducted from your annual leave allowance (so you'll have to book all bank holidays as paid time off) or counted as additional holiday days.

If you don't have a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can or can't take time off.

If you find you need to resolve an issue with your employer, first ask for an informal chat, where you can raise your concerns. If this doesn't get you anywhere, you may need to raise a formal grievance. If you need advice on this, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can help.

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Services for the Benefice - May 2023

7 May: The Fifth Sunday after Easter

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship/Messy Church	Combs
6.00 pm	Benefice Choral Evensong	Buxhall

14 May: The Sixth 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 (George Ward Service)	Onehouse

21 May: The Seventh Sunday after Easter

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

28 May: The Feast of Pentecost

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Service	Great Finborough
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

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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