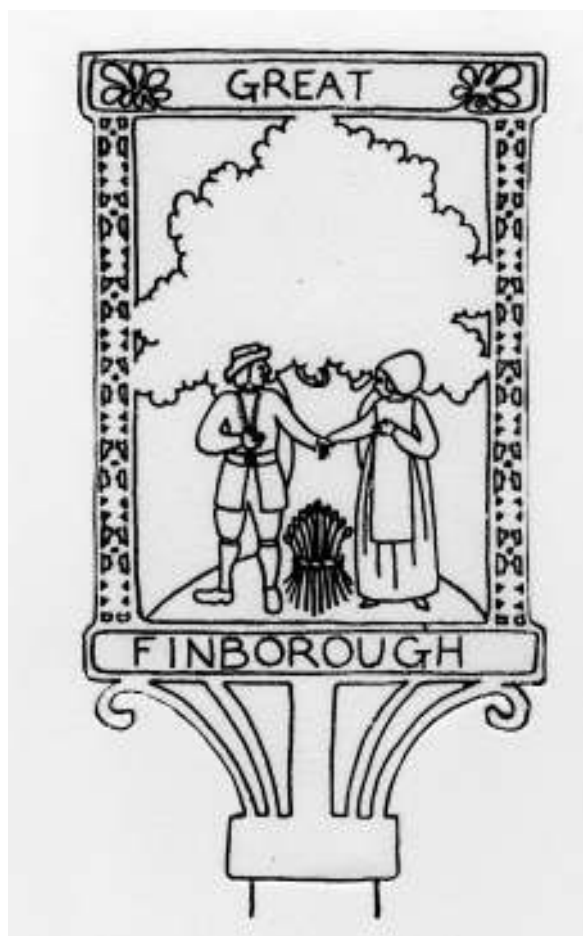


# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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## VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2008

<b>3</b>	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting, Pettiward Hall
<b>5</b>	12 noon	Lent Lunch, Abbey Oak
<b>5</b>	7pm	Team Finborough Committee, Pettiward Hall
<b>5</b>	7.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, At. Andrew's
<b>7</b>	2.15pm	Women's World Day of Prayer, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>6</b>	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
<b>10</b>	tba	Stowmarket & District Camera Club, St Peter's Church Hall, Stowmarket
<b>12</b>	12.15pm	Lent Lunch, Old Police House
<b>13</b>	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club Church Room, Onehouse
<b>13</b>	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
<b>13</b>	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
<b>14</b>	tba	LETS meeting
<b>15</b>	8.30am	Men's Breakfast, Church Room, Onehouse
<b>17</b>	7.30pm	Great Finborough Village Amenities Committee, Pettiward Hall
<b>20</b>	6.30pm	Charity Bingo, Pettiward Hall
<b>21</b>	10.30am	Family Workshop, At. Andrew's Church
<b>22</b>	10.30-12.30	Decorate St. Andrew's Church for Easter
<b>23</b>	11am	B1115 and route to Buxhall closed briefly
<b>24</b>	tba	Race of the Boggmen, The Chestnut Horse
<b>27</b>	7pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
<b>30</b>	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers, car park Church Room, Onehouse

## VILLAGE DIARY – APRIL 2008

<b>19</b>	7.30pm	Concert, St. Andrew's Church
<b>25</b>	tba	Quiz Evening, Primary School
<b>28</b>	2.15pm	Pram Service, Buxhall Church

## Editorial

Thank you for the kind feedback and constructive criticism provided about my first edition last month. A number of ideas have been shared with me as to items the newsletter could cover in future. Please keep them coming and I will try to include as many as possible.

This month please notice the competition for younger readers and a call for those with longer experience of village life to identify themselves! I didn't have any views expressed about the readability of the newsletter so, unless you tell me otherwise, I will assume you can all read it! Apologies from me to the gardeners as I forgot to include the Garden Club's news last month so a bumper contribution this month!

Do take a look at the village website where you will now find the newsletter held as a pdf file each month. So if you misplace your copy, or want to look at a back issue, go to the website and find the information you need. If you are responsible for any of the pages on the web site, please check they don't need updating.

I rely on you all for your contributions, views on how we should develop the newsletter over time, and critical feedback.  
Deadline for newsletter contributions: 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Norman and I welcome visitors so if you need to contact me about the newsletter or anything else, 'phone, email or call in to Park Cottage any time. The kettle is always on.

**Sally Gooch**

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## Parish Council Report

### ***Temporary site access, Valley Lane***

At the Parish Council on 7 January the outcome of the actions agreed at the November Parish Council were reported, as follows:

- The County Road Safety Officer had attended site and had offered advice but there was no clear view as to whether site access via Middlefield Drive or Valley Lane was safest. Neither presents an ideal solution, but it was important that the safeguards the developer had proposed to minimise inconvenience for residents were observed.
- The developer has agreed road signage with the Highways Authority.
- Both the Road Safety Officer and the County Council Highways Department had advised that they could not support a traffic management survey or plan: their view was that potential traffic in the vicinity did not warrant it.
- We have requested a pavement outside The Old Forge, although action is only likely in the foreseeable future if the Parish Council is prepared to at least part fund it. The Council agreed in principle to proceed, subject to trying to cover the costs through grant support.
- The subject of a final date for completion of the development has been raised with the Developer. His intention is to complete within two years, although this could be impacted by housing market conditions. The Parish Council agreed that it would not expect to see the temporary site access exist past its current two year licence.
- We also asked the Developer if temporary access to the lower field could be granted for children to play. This was considered, but is not possible on safety grounds.
- In principle, the Developer is happy to consider progressing the car park for contractors to park.

Final proposals on site landscaping were also considered by the Parish Council and the first phase of the development is now expected to start shortly.

**Richard Brice**  
**Chairman, Parish Council**

### **Great Finborough Village Amenities Committee AGM**

The Annual General Meeting was held in January. Those elected to form the committee were:

- Richard Brice
- Kath Grady
- Angela Mulligan
- Liz Michie
- Sue Green is the Parish Council representative on the committee.

Richard Brice was elected Chair and Sue Green Vice Chair. No secretary or treasurer was elected at the meeting. These elections were deferred until the next meeting. No potential co-opted members were forthcoming at the meeting.

It was agreed that the group should be renamed The Great Finborough Community Council but the Charity Commission must give approval.

Team Finborough (youth group) is up and running very successfully. It was noted that the future success of this group, which meets in the Pettiward Hall every Thursday evening depends on more adult helpers coming forward.

Risk assessments have been carried out on Pettiward Hall. The next step in moving on with the project to determine its future is to seek the services of an architect for advice.

Construction of the 40 houses in Middlefield Drive has commenced. The associated village facilities (the playground, car park and football pitch) will be commenced in the near future. The plan for the playground has been approved. The next meeting of the group is listed in the Village Diary.

**Cathy Croome**

### **News from your District Councillor**

To get in touch, see Who's Who on the back page.

#### ***The Future of Stowmarket***

This is a subject that affects all of us living locally, as the market town is a centre for health and education services, as well as shopping, transport and much more. One of my roles at Mid Suffolk District Council is on the committee over-seeing the work of planning the town's future. This reaches another significant stage with publication about now of a draft Masterplan. A summary leaflet should be available at the beginning of March. The document will be in libraries and council offices, as well as on the web – you should be able to find it from:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Planning+and+Building+Information/Planning+Policy/Local+Development+Framework/>

I will be pleased to hear opinions about this, as well as the formal representations requested in the document and on the web.

#### ***Recycling***

Previous information about recycling issues has drawn a good response, so another item to help direct material away from land fill. From July 2007, Waste Electrical and Electronic equipment – TVs, computers, phones, toasters, hair dryers, microwaves etc. – must be disposed of properly. Retailers and manufacturers are contributing to the costs, and all such equipment should be taken to the Household Recycling Centre ("The Dump") near the football ground in Stowmarket, or any of the other similar centres around the county. This will make better use of the materials, and also stop hazardous substances going to land fill.

Of course, it might be better to seek out a repairer or take the equipment to the British Heart Foundation shop in St Matthew's Street, Ipswich if it is less than 5 years old. Still working? What about Freecycle?

**John Matthissen**

<http://www.freecycle.org/group/United%20Kingdom/East/Stowmarket>

### **EACH 'Stowmarket & District Friends Group'**

Thanks to everyone who supports my fundraising for The East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Our Friends Group has now raised a wonderful £56,000. We could not have done that without your fantastic support. I need your help again! The EACH charity shops are in desperate need of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, etc. If you have any unwanted items you could donate please drop them off at 8 High Road, Great Finborough, or I will come and collect. You can call me on 01449 675447 or email me [marionmason@uwclub.net](mailto:marionmason@uwclub.net) Thank you.

**Marion Mason**

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**News from the Friends  
of Great Finborough CEVC Primary School**

The Friends have a number of events coming up that the village community may be interested in. These include a ***Quiz Evening*** on Friday 25th April. This will be a general knowledge quiz held at the school in the evening. Tables will be sold for £12 each with a maximum of 6 people per table. If you would like to join us for this event, please contact Ivana on 616922. Places will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

***100 Club*** - This is our own mini lottery and anyone is welcome to join throughout the year. A number draw is held at the end of each month and there will be three lucky winners each time. This club costs £1 a month so if you want to join in March we will ask you for a £10 entry to take you through to the end of the year. If you would like to join this club please contact Alex Denley on 777088.

***Easy Fund Raising Website*** - If you are an Internet shopper why not help the Friends raise funds by using this free website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and follow the links. Over 400 well known retailers can be accessed from this site and up to 15% from each on line purchase will be donated to the Friends.

***Unwanted Items*** - The Friends always need gifts and items for raffles and stalls so if you have any unwanted treasures in your house please consider giving them to the Friends. Gifts can be left at the school office. All funds raised by the Friends are used to directly benefit the children in school, please help us if you can!

**Ivana Barron - Friends secretary**

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## Community Safety

Suffolk County Council is working with district and parish councils and partners to improve community safety and tackle anti-social behaviour problems across the county, and local people are being encouraged to play their part in making Suffolk safer.

To raise awareness, a series of short articles about common issues have been prepared for publication in parish magazines and community newsletters, with local examples and contacts where possible.

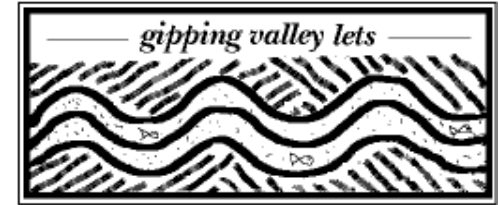
### **Suffolk County Council community safety article 5: Play your part in reducing cycle crime**

Cycle crime is an ongoing problem. The number of cyclists is increasing as people look to improve their health, avoid congestion and reduce emissions. As more of us use cycles, it is vital we ensure they are kept secure at all times. In the year 2006/2007 there were 1,759 cycles reported cycle thefts across Suffolk. Tracker bikes fitted with GPS satellite tracking equipment are being used by Suffolk Police across the county to deter and catch cycle thieves, who may be frequent offenders. Five simple steps to protect your bike:

- **Lock it** – wherever you are even within a secure shed or garden
  - **Secure it** - with good quality security locks such as the hardened D-shaped lock
  - **Mark it** – using a UV pen to write your postcode and highlight this fact with stickers
  - **Record it** – registering your bike with [www.immobolise.com](http://www.immobolise.com)
  - **Park it** – using secure cycle parks or in a busy well lit area
- If you have any information relating to cycle theft, contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) For further information, visit the Suffolk County Council website at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk) or contact a member of the Cycling Team on 0845 606 6067.

## **LETS – no cash needed just TALENTS**

LETS stands for LOCAL EXCHANGE TRADING SCHEME. We trade skills, produce and favours for Talents instead of money and yes – it is legal!



We meet regularly on the second Friday of most months when trading is a regular feature, often with a seasonal theme. Plants, books and produce feature high on the trading list but the skills vary from babysitting to decorating! All members receive a membership directory detailing skills and needs and a regular newsletter so you can still trade and play an active part, even if you cannot attend our get-togethers. However they are friendly informal affairs and we welcome visitors to come and find out all about LETS.

On 8 February, we started the year with a pancake party: members brought their favourite fillings and it was a great success. On Friday 14 March our theme is chocolate and members will bring favourites to taste. Nick Hardingham of Alder Carr will also give us a short presentation on Fair Trade.

Working parties are a feature of Gipping Valley LETS and recently, a group of members eager to earn talents, got together to paint the barn at Alder Carr. In the past other working "gangs" have tackled spring-cleaning, garden clearance and even a house move!

Are you new to the area and need some neighbourly help? Come along to our meetings and meet a whole new group of friends. Alternatively you may ring Elaine Bailey on 01449 677206.

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### **Great Finborough and District Garden Club**

The past Garden Club year has been busy, both horticulturally and socially. The gardeners of Great Finborough and District were encouraged to plant, grow, and entice wildlife to our gardens by presentations from:

- Richard Ford covering "Ornamental Grasses," who in partnership with his wife runs Park Green nurseries in Wetheringsett;
- Robert Good of "Bumblebee Wildlife Gardening;"
- Julian Flood encouraged us to plant climbing shrubs wherever we didn't have clematis;
- Mary and Roger Mitson-Woods from Green Thumb told us how to care for our Lawns;
- Graham Proctor from Crown Nurseries had us pruning apple trees.

The social side of the club began with Open Gardens and the now traditional "Presidents lawn" BBQ followed by the Club members BBQ at "Jordan". The final social event of 2007 took place in Pettiward Hall on 7 December. The Christmas quiz over nibbles and mulled wine was another resounding success with over 30 members present for an evening of silliness, fun and good company.

The Club opened 2008 with its meeting on 14 February, held as usual in Pettiward Hall, at which Collette Barrere, who was curator of Allan Bloom's Dell Garden at Bressingham, enthralled us with an illustrated talk entitled "Fragrant Delights". You could almost smell the arrival of spring!

The next Club meeting will also be held in the upper room of Pettiward Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 13 March. The evening is entitled "Butterflies in your garden" and will be a talk with slides by Robert Parker, who is part of The Butterfly Conservation Society. His talk will help us view our gardens



from a butterfly's perspective so that we can encourage more of these lovely insects to visit our gardens.

Also here is the first notification of the 2008 village Open Gardens. This will be held on Sunday 22 June in aid of a charity to be decided by the membership of the Club at the AGM. If you would be interested in opening your garden to help us in our efforts we would be delighted to hear from you. It is not necessary to be a member of the Club to participate and you will receive an invitation to the prestigious "Presidents Lawn BBQ".

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 £10 per household per year. For further information contact me on 674401 or at [john@abbeyclassics.co.uk](mailto:john@abbeyclassics.co.uk) or Judith Cameron on 672978 or at [ianandjudy@beeb.net](mailto:ianandjudy@beeb.net)

### Wild Bird Seed

Thanks to all of you who purchased seed in our 'emergency mini order' in February as a result of which Great Finborough and District Garden Club were able to make a donation of £17.00 to EACH – the children's hospices.

We will be placing our next order in March and are offering this to non-members at the prices shown below. Sunflower based products have increased in price. Please note that the price for Sunflower kernels is based on the 20kg sacks which are available today. If larger sacks are supplied then we will have to make an extra charge on collection.

The one bit of good news is that fatballs are being supplied loose in boxes of 100 rather than in 6 packs. This has reduced the price by a third, and we have no packaging to throw away when you order as many as you need!

To place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque to "Great Finborough Garden Club". Orders may be posted or delivered to Abbey Farm Cottage (IP14 3AU). If it is more convenient deliver your order either to 1, Valley Lane or 8, High Road. Orders must be received by 13 March as the order will be placed on 14 March. It is essential that I have your telephone number so that you can be advised when seed is ready for collection. This is likely to be 20 March.

Product	Weight	Price
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£8-00
Finch Mix (no corn)	20 kg	£9-50
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£7-00
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£19-00
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx	£10-00
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£9-50
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£22-00
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx	£12-00
Niger Seed	20 kg	£17-00
Niger Seed (half sack)	10kg approx	£9-00
Fat Balls	Each	10p

Garden club members please use your normal order form, which should have been delivered by now. If you haven't got one please give me a ring.

**John Davey**







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Stop a minute. As a Foster Carer myself for the last 28 years, I'd like to encourage you to go behind the headline for a minute and genuinely consider whether you *could* be a foster carer. For example:

- Do you enjoy rising to a challenge?
- Do you enjoy learning new things (perhaps you are endlessly curious about people and relationships, or can usually find a way to deal with whatever life throws at you)?
- Are you OK at organising things? Can you create sensible routines to help both yourself and those you care for to manage their lives, without dominating them?
- Can you put up with uncertainty and keep yourself on an even keel?
- Can you let out your frustration, distress and anger in ways that don't hurt or harm others?
- Can you overcome shyness, embarrassment, reluctance, or anxiety to act on someone else's behalf?
- Can you get up each morning, and find something to look forward to? Find pleasure in 'little things'??

If you've answered 'yes' (or even 'Hm... may be... it depends...') to most of these, then YES, **YOU COULD BE A FOSTER CARER.**

So why not enquire NOW, and find out about Suffolk children who need foster families? You will meet experienced foster carers, learn about the different types of fostering, and the training and support provided. Speaking from personal experience, the rewards have been enormous and so – please seriously consider whether you could be a foster family too.

**Jenny, a Suffolk Foster Carer**

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### Charity Bingo

The next Charity Bingo evening will be held on Thursday 20 March at 6:30pm at Pettiward Hall. Please note the new start time. This month we will be raising money for Great Finborough and Buxhall Brownies. There will be bingo, a raffle and refreshments. All are welcome and children need to be accompanied by an adult. Any questions please feel free to contact me or Mari (770032). **Sharla Goldsmith**

### Creating – and Breaking Records in Finborough

Great Finborough's history is created by its people – and lived through by them. Some people have lived in the village their whole lives. Some families go back generations. We are trying to find the people in the village with their story to tell; as their story is Finborough's story too. If you have lived in the village a long time (more than 20 years) or know someone else who has, and/or whose family goes back years, please let the editor know. If you all contribute we will identify those with the longest reach back into our village's history and should find the record!

### Cartoon Competition

The Parish Council is seeking talent among young people aged 11-17 years. Draw an original cartoon that can be published in the newsletter and you may win the £10 prize we are offering! Simple as you like any theme - funny – and your own work. We will publish as many as we can in future editions. Send by email to the editor or drop in at Park Cottage.

### Bunny

Has your little one lost a lovely pink and white toy rabbit, about 10 inches long, left near the 'phone box outside The Old Forge? Please call 737347 to reclaim. **Jacqueline Sugden**

### Welcome to the Village!

If know someone newly arrived and living in the village, or friends and neighbours who are moving on, please let the editor know.

### Race through the Village

Please note a group of runners will be starting a road race on the B1115 from the gates of Finborough School on Easter Sunday. The road will close briefly just before 11am. The race will take the road up to Buxhall and the first runners will return via the same route from about 12.30pm. Why not turn out to wish them well!

### Stowmarket & District Camera Club

28 January was a members' night with one of our longstanding members, Dave Kemish, giving us an insight into portrait lighting and lighting for still life. We had a range of different 'models' from the audience and it proved an interesting and informative evening.

On 11 February we were pleased to welcome back Peter Hrebien and Vicki from Bury St Edmund's Club. Peter gave us a digital presentation on the basic functions of the camera, and this proved a great help to many of our members new and old. On 10 March we welcome back Dave Jordon, who will give a presentation on 'Painting with a Lens'.

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### Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's

Just a note to let the whole village know of our success in providing our pre-school service at Pettward Hall. Our mornings are fully booked so sorry if you need a place! We do have a few spaces for the afternoons (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) so do let us know if we can help you and your child.

The children have already been busy since New Year exploring

their senses. They have had their hands and feet in everything from jelly, paint and 'gloop' to talcum powder and shaving foam! Better they do it with us, I hear you say! They have made magic potions using garlic, rosemary, perfume and other 'smells' to test their noses.

Noisy week was good fun although the grown-ups ears are still recovering! The children learned a song in sign language too. Taste week was especially popular with lots to test out their taste buds. They've also enjoyed celebrating pancake day, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. For the latter the children told us whom they love and why (included in this list were hugs, bedtime stories and chicken nuggets!).

After half term they will be learning all about Spring, Easter and preparing for Mothers' Day. We are now taking names for places for September 2008. Secure your child's place by calling us on 07708 362 697.

**Delia Prior**



### St Andrew's Church

Over the course of the month we try to provide a variety of styles of worship at St Andrew's; some relatively formal, some more relaxed, some with more space for individual reflection. Whatever the style we hope that we provide a welcome to all who come along. In particular we're looking forward to welcoming families, and others, to the informal service for Mothering Sunday on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

There is information elsewhere about the Easter services both here and in the other churches of the Benefice. A wide variety of times and services available from which to choose.

If you would like to help with decorating the church for Easter do come along on **Saturday 22 March between 10.30am and 12.30pm**. If you'd like to know more beforehand do contact me or Lesley Cass.

**Trudy Gray**

### CMS Mission Partner

Michael Green worked with the Church Mission Society in Jordan for three years until June 2007 and then came home on furlough. He was due to return to Jordan to resume his work as a nurse in the New Year, but because of ill health he went instead to work with a church in Woking. He says that he has received great support and encouragement from the people there. He hopes to hear from the Church Mission Society very soon about his return to Jordan.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting takes place in church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the church at 7.30pm. This is a public meeting to which anyone may attend. A report of the church's year will be presented. At this meeting we appoint the Churchwardens. If you would like to come along you will be very welcome - and of course refreshments will be provided.

**Trudy Gray**



### ***From the Ministry Team***

I was not sure whether to be shocked or entertained when I popped into the supermarket on Boxing Day and saw Easter eggs on the shelves! When they subsequently disappeared for a couple of weeks I concluded that either it had been someone's joke or else the computer had calculated the date for putting them in and a human being somewhere had decided that perhaps it was a *little* close to Christmas...

Still, as we now approach Easter in earnest it cannot be denied that for most people the key characteristic of the feast is the consumption of vast quantities of egg shaped chocolate - often as the conclusion of 46 days abstinence from that same confectionary. In fact it feels as if the Lenten fast was simply a prelude to the indulgence.

Leaving aside the discipline of fasting for a moment, part of the inescapable nature of Easter is that sudden abundance. The churches, bare all Lent, burst into flower. Our lips (in church anyway) sealed to the great celebration. 'Alleluias' are suddenly caught in an endless chorus of Alleluias and yes, we go home to feast and toast our joy.

This matches the weal and woe of our lives. We all go through times of blessing and times when we feel we have been cursed. Times of great emotional energy; times when we feel we are in our heart's wilderness. Times of confidence; times of uncertainty. So also times of fasting and times of feasting. Times of introspection and times of celebration.



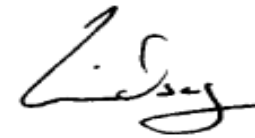
It was Julian of Norwich, a 14<sup>th</sup> century mystic who saw clearly this facet of the human condition and she writes: ...in times of joy I might have with St Paul: 'Nothing shall separate me from the love of Christ.' And when in pain, I might have cried out with

St. Peter: 'Lord, save me for I perish.' This vision was shown to my understanding ... For God wants us to understand that it is he who keeps us surely whether we be in woe or weal.

And so it is with the Easter story. It is the same God that we follow from the garden of tears to the empty tomb. It is the same God we worship from our terror at the death of God to our great joy at his victory over death. In death and in life, in sadness and privation and in joy and abundance; God is with us.

I hope, then, you eat your eggs this year with delight in the knowledge that the God who made the cocoa bean enjoys our joy, just as much as he suffered with you in its lack!

God be with you this Eastertide.



### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

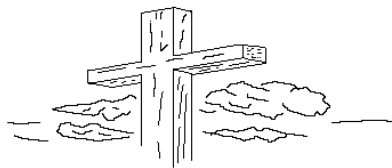
The 2008 Service will be held at the Church Room, Onehouse at 2.15 p.m. on Friday, 7th March.

This year's service is planned by the Christian Women of Guyana

**GOD'S WISDOM PROVIDES NEW UNDERSTANDING**

**Speaker: Revd Sally Fogdon**

All welcome. Contact Elizabeth Pyke (612749) if you'd like a lift.  
Refreshments served afterwards.



## Services for Holy Week and Easter

The build up to Easter begins on 9<sup>th</sup> March on **Passion Sunday** when we shift our

focus from our Lenten observances to the story of Jesus' suffering and death. The services on that day will include the reading of the Passion narrative and in Finborough and Onehouse that reading will be dramatised. Then on **Palm Sunday** on 16<sup>th</sup> March we recall Christ's entry into Jerusalem and palm crosses are handed out.

On the evening of **Maundy Thursday** (20<sup>th</sup> March) we remember the last meal Jesus had on earth with his disciples as we share a similar meal at Onehouse Church Room, a powerful reminder of the meaning of that meal.

On the morning of **Good Friday** we process around Onehouse with the cross, stopping to mark Christ's journey. A family workshop at Great Finborough is a chance to discover more about the Easter story in an informal way with a mixture of activities and music. At Harleston, in the afternoon, we remember Christ's last hour in a service that takes us to the heart of the cross.

In the afternoon of **Easter Eve** there is an informal service at Buxhall, the New Fire of Easter, celebrating the new life that Easter brings and which also includes an egg hunt for the children (of whatever age!). Later in the evening Finborough is holding a **Tenebrae** (Latin for *shadows*) service; a service of readings and prayer characterized by the gradual extinguishing of candles.

On **Easter Day** we celebrate first with a dawn communion service; this year at Onehouse. This lighting of the early fire marks the "breaking from the tomb" as the dawn breaks; a

memorable start to Easter Day. Later in the morning there are five communion services: one in each parish. The day is a full day, but rightly so as it celebrates the rising of Jesus Christ from the tomb as God's decisive act in our salvation. Come and celebrate with us. *For details of the times of Services please see the Church Diary on the inside cover.*

### Lent Lunches

These are being held at various locations during Lent with the last two in early March. Proceeds will be in support of agencies working to support communities overseas including WaterAid and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome – do come along for a simple lunch of soup and cheese. Details are in the Village Diary.

### Skylarks Children's Club

The group is open to Primary School children from the five parishes of the Benefice and meets during term time on second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from 4.30 to 6pm at the Church Room, Onehouse. Dates in the Village Diary.



There is a varied range of activities – stories, games, songs, craft – sometimes cooking or drama. Why not come along to the next meeting on **13 March** and see what goes on. For more information contact Derek Ames or Trudy Gray.

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### **Good Friday 'Family Workshop'**

**10.30am 21 March 2008 at St Andrew's Church,  
Great Finborough**

- A chance to learn more about the Easter story.
- Something to make
- Something to do
- Something to listen to

**Activities from 10.30 to 11.30am.**

**Refreshments including**

**Hot Cross Buns and Easter Biscuits.**

All welcome. For more details contact Trudy Gray.

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
8am~9.30am in the Church Room, Onehouse**

***Speaker: Simon Attwood from Ipswich***

Simon, who works for Ipswich Borough Council as the manager responsible for their revenues and benefits business, attends a small Christian gathering in Martlesham. Over the last two or three years he has visited Christians in other countries, including India, Nepal, South Africa and Malawi. He will talk about some of these visits using a Power Point presentation. There will be an offering to cover expenses.

**Please book places with Derek Ames by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March indicating continental or traditional breakfast.**

### **Sunday Explorers**

There will be no Sunday Explorers session on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Next Explorers' Session is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Pop in For Coffee at St Andrew's**

**Every Saturday Morning**

**from 10.30am to Noon**

This is an informal opportunity to have coffee and a chat – perhaps when you're passing on a stroll around the village or visiting the churchyard.



### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Interment of Ashes at Buxhall, St Mary**

Doris Lyall aged 84

2 February 2008



### **Mothering Sunday: Sunday 2 March**

A chance to say Thank You!

A chance to remember the gifts, talents and love that mothers can give us



**Why not come along to**

**Family Time 2 Worship for Mothering Sunday**

**11am St Andrew's Church**

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### Onehouse Ramblers

The walk in March will be on Sunday, 30. Meet at the car park outside the Church Room on Forest Road at 3pm for a walk of about an hour. On recent walks it has been suggested we arrange a longer weekday walk each month in places such as Thornham, Barham and Aldeburgh and include a pub. lunch. Monday seems to be the preferred day and we could start in April or May. Let me know if you are interested. **Derek Ames**

### Local Meat

I was delighted to see the inclusion of a local meat producer in the newsletter. What with all the talk about shop local/food miles, etc it would be great if we could do everything to support our local farmers/small holders etc. Why don't other local farmers tell us what we could be sourcing from them?

**Jacqueline Sugden**

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*Current prices- 1/8<sup>th</sup> ie 16/18Kg pack of meat will cost £6.50/KG ((ie £2.95Lb)*

*1/16<sup>th</sup> ie 8/9Kg pack of meat will cost about £7.00/KG (ie £3.18/lb)*

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## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR MARCH

<b>Weekday Morning Prayer</b>		
Monday	Onehouse	8.00 – 8.30 am
Friday	Great Finborough	8.00 – 8.30 am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
<u>Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25-27</u>		
Mothering Sunday Service	Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland	9.30am
Time2Worship for Mothering	Finborough	11am
Sunday		
Matins	Harleston	11am
Family Service	Onehouse Church Room	11am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse Church Room	6.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9 March</b>	<b>Passion Sunday</b>
<u>Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66</u>		
Matins	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	11am
Family Service	Onehouse Church Room	11am
Holy Communion (1) &	Finborough	6.30pm
Reading of the Passion Narrative		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13 March</b>	
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	10am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16 March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<u>Matthew 21.1-11; Ezekiel 37.1-14; John 11.1-45</u>		
Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	9.30am
Matins	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Family Communion (1)	Onehouse Church Room	11am
Songs of Praise	Harleston	4pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20 March</b>	
<u>Exodus 12.1-4(5-10)11-14; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17.31b-35</u>		
Passover Meal	Onehouse Church Room	7pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21 March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<u>Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42</u>		
Procession of Witness	Onehouse	10am
Last Hour	Harleston	2pm

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22 March</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
Fire and eggs		Buxhall	4pm
Tenebrae		Finborough	8pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23 March</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
<i>Jeremiah 31.1-6; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 28.1-10</i>			
Holy Communion		Onehouse	5.45am
Sung Eucharist (1)		Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)		Harleston	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)		Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion & Baptism (1)		Finborough	11am
Holy Communion (1)		Onehouse	11am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27 March</b>		
Holy Communion (2)		Shelland	10am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30 March</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
<i>Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21; Acts 2.14a.22-32; John 20.19-31</i>			
Benefice Eucharist (2)		Buxhall	10.30am
<i>Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1)</i>			
<i>Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)</i>			

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