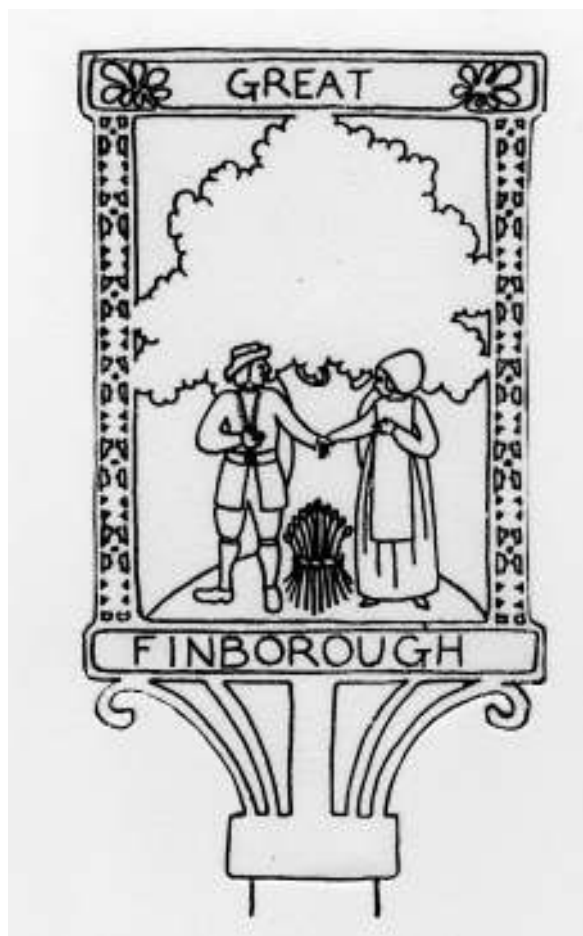


# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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## VILLAGE DIARY – APRIL 2009

1	12.00-13.30	Lent Lunch, Boarded Farm, Gt Finborough
1	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
1	tba	Walk, Buxhall Women's Institute
2	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
2		Buxhall & Great Finborough Candlestick Club
5	4.30pm	Sunday Explorers, St Andrew's Church
6	2pm	Pram Service, Buxhall Church
7	7.30pm	Local History Group, Church Room, Onehouse
8	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
9	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
9	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30pm	Garden Club meeting, Pettiward Hall
9	7.30-9.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
13	1pm-	Easter Monday village events
15	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
15	7 for 7.30pm	Women's Institute, Buxhall Village Hall
19	3pm	Onehouse Ramblers
20	7.30pm	Community Council, Pettiward Hall
21	7.30pm	Sing for Pleasure, 12 Northfield Rd., Onehouse
22	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
23	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
23	7.30-9.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
25	11am	St Nicholas Hospice 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds
25	7pm	Curry & Cabaret Night, Pettiward Hall
27	2pm	Pram Service, Buxhall Church
28	12-12.30pm	FHOBS Lunch Club, Buxhall Village Hall
29	2-4pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
30	4.30-6pm	Skylarks Children's Club, Onehouse Room
30	7-9pm	Youth Café, Pettiward Hall
30	7.30-9.30pm	St John's Adult Table Tennis, Church Room
30	7.30pm	Annual Church Meeting, Village Primary School

## VILLAGE DIARY – MAY 2009

11	7pm	Annual Village Meeting, Pettiward Hall, followed by Parish Council Meeting
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## Editorial

Sunshine, Spring bulbs and nesting birds. Who on earth would choose to live anywhere other than Great Finborough? There is plenty going on this month in the village so don't be bored, don't be lonely. Come out of your home and join in. Ladies Night at the village school raised over £400!

For those who are engaged in village life – don't forget to send a short report for publication in the newsletter. Advertising is going so well that we risk imbalance unless more of you write for it. If you think you don't have time, or the skills to write your message, let me know and we will find another way of recording your contribution.

15 April 2009 is the next copy deadline. Please put 'newsletter' in the header if you are emailing. Norman and I welcome visitors so if you need to contact me 'phone, email or call in to Park Cottage any time. The kettle is always on. **Sally Gooch**

### **CURRY AND CABARET NIGHT**

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## News from the Parish Council

### ***Vacancy: Clerk to Great Finborough Parish Council***

As a result of the resignation of the postholder, applications are invited for this paid permanent part-time role servicing the Parish Council. Applicants should be able to demonstrate they are capable administrators: some knowledge of local government, ideally in a Parish Council context is desirable, although not essential, and training will be provided.

Pay is on a scale between £8.04 and £9.58 per hour and the role involves 16-20 hours work per month. Reasonable expenses (eg. telephone and mileage) are also paid. Parish Council and Planning Meetings are held during the evening, but follow up actions can be arranged to suit the successful candidate.

If you are interested in the role and would like to know more about it, please call Richard Brice, Parish Council Chairman, on 01449 676249. Applications in writing should be sent to Cllr Liz Michie at [lizmichie@btinternet.com](mailto:lizmichie@btinternet.com) by Thursday 9 April 2009. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview in the Pettiward Hall on the evening of Tuesday 14 April 2009.

### ***Parish Council***

The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual General Meeting. It will take place, with the Annual Village Meeting, in Pettiward Hall on Monday 11 May 2009, starting at 7pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

### ***Village Developments***

Work on the new car park and children's play area is now progressing apace and it is expected that the car park will open in time for Easter. The play area will take a little longer as the site will be turfed and we need to ensure that the turf has 'taken' before the facility opens. Thanks to Peter Blemings and Neil Beales of Gipping Homes for the way they have

collaborated with the Village to make sure that we have great new facilities as a legacy of the Ravenscroft development.

The Triangle opposite the Village School has also been completely refurbished with the setting out of formal parking and the planting of a Tulip tree to set off a much smarter amenity. All these developments have been arranged on your behalf by the Parish and Community Councils, with the lion's share of the costs being met outside the Village.

### ***Welcome to Former Buxhall Neighbours***

From 1 April the village boundary with Buxhall changes to bring our former Buxhall neighbours on the High Road, Boundary Cottages, Buxhall Hill and around Borough Lane, formally into the parish of Great Finborough.

The Parish Council's view is that this is a sensible realignment of the parish boundary, correcting an historical anachronism. Although the change is not universally popular it does mean that everyone who lives in the Great Finborough settlement and enjoys the facilities it offers pays the same Council Tax and votes at the same place - in the Pettiward Hall. All Great Finborough residents also benefit from beneficial hire rates for the Hall.

### ***Pettiward Hall Heating***

The heaters in the Pettiward Hall have now been in continual use for well over fifteen years and are approaching the end of their useful life. With this in mind, we have been looking at new technology to find a new, cheap and effective heat source for the Hall.

Firstly we looked at geothermal energy and contractors have sunk a small bore hole at the back of the stage. The drill went down through the subsoil and underlying rock to a depth of 360 metres, where it hit a small pocket of gas and oil. This

caused quite a mess in the Hall and we have therefore ruled this out as a reliable heat source.

We then looked at the new technologies being developed off the back of the CERN project in Switzerland. With grant assistance from the European Union, the European Energy Commission, we have purchased a small fast breeder reactor, which synthesises unlimited heat through nuclear fusion. The boiler unit is small enough to fit in one of the kitchen cupboards. It is both silent and glows in the dark, thereby reducing our lighting bills.

The unit only produces a small amount of radioactive waste which goes into the normal green recycling bin and is collected fortnightly by the dustmen. On the day that the green bins are emptied, please avoid going near Valley Lane so as to reduce potential exposure. For similar reasons, when putting anything in the green bin outside the Hall, please wear sunglasses. The next waste collection from the Hall is on Wednesday 1 April, just before noon.

**Richard Brice**

### **Community Council Meeting: 23 February 2009**

#### ***Pettiward Hall Group***

The roof in the playgroup area has been repaired but the ceiling still needs work. The piano has been examined and found to have wood worm. It will be disposed of and not replaced although an electronic keyboard may be purchased. It was noted that the stage lights are not working and it was agreed to purchase four tables and ten chairs to replace broken ones.

#### ***Village Web Site/ Welcome Pack***

A subgroup meeting was arranged.

#### ***Village Appraisal***

It is hoped to issue this in April.

### ***Youth Engagement***

A letter was received from MSDC querying whether the grant was still required. The last 4 Criminal Records Bureau checks were to be made before the end of March. British Bulldog and indoor football have been stopped by the adults supervising Youth cafe on safety grounds. There are plenty of other activities. With evenings getting lighter more outdoor events will take place. There is now a recording mechanism for all incidents and accidents.

### ***Conservation Area***

The village school has asked to move the main entrance into the school, which would require the re-alignment of a footpath, to the Oak Close end. This will also have the benefit of discouraging inappropriate parking. The only pedestrian access to the school would be through the new gate.

The next Community Council meeting is on Monday 20 April 2009 at 7.30pm.  
**Sue Green**

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### **St Nicholas Hospice Care: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On 1 May 1984 the first nurse started work for the Hospice, taking care into people's homes in the Western part of Suffolk. Now 25 years later St Nicholas Hospice Care employs around 100 staff; has over 500 volunteers; and contributes to the care of over 2000 people affected by life-limiting illnesses every year.

Many events are being held this year, raising much-needed funds to keep the work growing and to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please visit [www.stnicholashospice.org.uk](http://www.stnicholashospice.org.uk) for details. One really celebratory event will be a service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 25 April at 11am to which everyone interested in the Hospice is warmly invited. No tickets are needed. Just come along to show your support for the Hospice!

Local churches are invited to have their own Hospice service. Material to help with this will be on our website later and it may be possible for the Hospice to provide a speaker. Please contact [wendy.evans@stnh.org.uk](mailto:wendy.evans@stnh.org.uk) for more information about any of the above. At the end of the year on St Nicholas Day, Sunday 6 December, there will also be a Songs of Praise Service in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Do put that in your diary now.  
**Canon Richard Norburn, President**

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### **NHS Suffolk Consultation- Have Your Say!**

On Monday 23 February NHS Suffolk, the county's Primary Care Trust, launched a consultation to invite everyone in Suffolk to have their say about GP and dentist services available outside normal surgery times – or 'out of hours'. The out of hours consultation will run for 12 weeks until 22 May 2009. It will give people across Suffolk the chance to give their views of the current service and what improvements they think could be made.

The contract for the current service has been extended for one year throughout 2009, so that a newly tendered service can begin in 2010. NHS Suffolk assures patients that during this changeover period, if they require attention from a doctor or dentist outside normal surgery times, they will continue to receive a high quality and consistent service.

The consultation and questionnaire is now online at [www.suffolk.nhs.uk](http://www.suffolk.nhs.uk) and in print from the NHS Suffolk communications team, telephone 01473 770014 or by e-mail to [comms@suffolkpct.nhs.uk](mailto:comms@suffolkpct.nhs.uk)

**Jo Davies**



### **Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5s**

We have welcomed many new faces recently. All the children are enjoying the wonderful activities the team works so hard to prepare. This term includes Spring plants, animals, Mother's Day and Easter.



Thank you to those who supported our Quiz Night either by joining us for the evening or donating raffle prizes. We made £130 with which we have started a children's outing fund for the Summer.

Our next fundraising event will be stalls at the annual Race of the Boggmen on Easter Monday at the Chestnut Horse Public House. This year we are planning to have the now famous cake stall, tombola, children's games, lucky dip and many more. We would be very grateful for all donations of cakes and raffle prizes PLEASE! Please contact me on 736881 for Buxhall area and Gail on 770853 for Finborough area. We will be happy to collect. Thank you for your continued support to our growing pre-school.

### ***News from the Toddler Group***

We are open 9-12pm on Fridays in the Pettward Hall except for Good Friday.

### ***Bags 2 School***

Last year we raised an amazing £372 through Bags2School; a business specialising in selling on quality second hand goods to wholesalers in emerging nations. We hope to have similar success again this year. We need your help. Have you got any unwanted quality second hand ladies', men's or children's clothing; bedding; curtains; soft toys; shoes; belts or handbags? Please pop them into a black bin liner and drop to Kim Cotton at 23 Middlefield Drive or Nic Foss at 18 Edmunds Road, Buxhall before Wednesday 20 May. Thank you for your support.

**Jane Nunn**



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### **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15 May**

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15 May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.



You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold one in your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 you will raise at least £35 from your supper.

In 2009 SIA celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 15 May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day. What better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA?

The money raised will enable the SIA to support those who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs and for the rest of their lives. We provide services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives. Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury. There are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Be a part of something special. Make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives. For more information or to request a fundraising pack call me on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk)

**Elizabeth Wright**

### **Buxhall Women's Institute**

When I read our February speaker called herself 'Britain's Top Mrs Mop', I expected someone who would give us tips on household cleaning. Instead, Mrs Deborah Preston, now retired from a career as an Executive Housekeeper, worked at several top London hotels. She won an award called 'Catey' in recognition of her ability to manage 171 staff, maintaining high standards in a 5 star hotel.

We were enthralled listening to her 'behind the scenes' tales and she spoke of a few of the characters who live permanently in such hotels - very entertaining.

The Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes AGM was held on 3 March providing a chance to learn how our area is developing and the opportunities on offer for WI members. We then had a range of speakers covering topics as diverse as 'Donations for Rumania', 'Domestic Violence' and 'Preparing and Presenting a Garden Programme for the BBC'.

In the same week we headed off by coach to Chilford Vineyards in Cambridgeshire to enjoy the 'The Tastes of East Anglia'; and this we did. Samples of sausages, ham, quails eggs, jam, cheese, chocolate, ice cream, dips, crisps, savouries, biscuits, fruit juice, wine and beer were tasted with relish (some of that too!).

I, for one, hoped the journey home wouldn't be too bumpy. There were cookery demonstrations by two chefs. David Ryan, Executive Chef of the Swan Hotel, Lavenham, will be speaking at our next meeting on 15 April.

The walks resume on the first Wednesday of the month commencing in April. The next meeting is Wednesday 15 April. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Visitors welcome.

**Anne Hicks**



### **Key facts about St Elizabeth Hospice**

St Elizabeth Hospice was established in 1989 and cares for patients in East Suffolk who have a life-limiting illness for whom the focus of care is quality of life. Our services include an in-patient unit, day care services, outpatient clinic, a Hospice at Home service, family support team, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and complementary therapies such as massage, reiki and aromatherapy. All of the wide ranging services are provided free of charge. It costs £10 per minute to run St Elizabeth Hospice with annual running costs of £5.2 million.

### ***Would you like to open your garden in aid of the Hospice?***

St Elizabeth Hospice is looking for people to open their garden to the public with all proceeds benefiting the charity. Every Summer people open their gardens in aid of the Hospice. They range from small cottage gardens to the large and grand, and are a great way to spend a relaxing Summer's afternoon.

St Elizabeth Hospice would love to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden throughout May, June or July. For more information, please contact Laura Backhouse, community fundraiser at St Elizabeth Hospice, on 01473 707026 or email [fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stelizabethhospice.org.uk) For further information about St Elizabeth Hospice, its work or how you can get involved please contact Helen Causer or me on 01473 723600.

**Leanne Thorndyke**

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### **Local History Group at Onehouse**

At the March meeting we looked in depth at the arrangements for schooling of children in the area, starting in the 1800s in the Church Room at Onehouse until the new building was completed in 1900. This lasted until 1966 when children were transferred to schools in Stowmarket and the building at Onehouse was purchased by residents of Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland for use as a Community Centre. It was later added to with the acquisition of land to the rear for use as a playing field. A new file has been opened for all information received.

For the meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7 April, Richard Gale will give his presentation on the history of the Golf Club and Course which was originally to have been given in February. On 5 May John Jewers will be looking at our local farms.



Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Room at Onehouse. We ask for £2, which includes refreshments, to cover our costs. There is always a warm welcome for all who are interested in local history, from youngsters to elders. The Group is a member of the Suffolk Local History Council so our notice board gives details of other Groups and events in the County. If you want more information, please ring me on 673190.

**Pauline Llewellyn**

### **Rabbit Health Awareness**

Most people have heard of Myxomatosis and many have seen 'myxi' rabbits at the roadside. Did you know all rabbits are susceptible including pets that do not mix with wildlife at all? This is because the disease is spread by blood-sucking insects (usually rabbit fleas, but mosquitoes and other biting flies have also been implicated).

'Myxi' causes bulging eyes and swellings are also seen around the rest of the head, as well as around the bottom and sex organs. The facial swellings can lead to blindness and distortion around the face within a day of the onset of symptoms, leading to difficulty with feeding and drinking. In addition to this, secondary bacterial infection often results in fatal pneumonia. Euthanasia is generally recommended, especially given that affected rabbits remain a source of infection for other rabbits. The best course of action is to prevent the disease by vaccination combined with control of parasites.

A dose of vaccine to all rabbits over six weeks of age who are healthy and not pregnant is recommended, ideally in early Spring, so that rabbits have the best protection during the high risk time (late August-October). Boosters are recommended twice a year in areas (like mid Suffolk) where wild rabbit populations are vast, and disease risk is that much

higher. A good control programme also includes regular checking for fleas, use of an insecticidal treatment from your vet to reduce bites by fleas and other insects, and nets plus insect repellent are recommended. Your vet will advise as not all products are suitable or safe for rabbits.

The other disease being targeted is caused by *Encephalitozoon cuniculi* (E.cuniculi); a microscopic parasite that can cause head tilt, hind limb weakness, fits, kidney disease and blindness. Treatment with Panacur Rabbit, which contains a drug called Fenbendazole, is effective in preventing E.cuniculi in rabbits. It may also eliminate the parasite, but often, sadly, treatment is too late to eliminate the clinical signs, therefore prevention for this disease is most definitely better than cure. The best recommendation is to use Panacur Rabbit 2-4 times a year to help prevent E.cuniculi.

**Ross Kelly**

### **FHOBS Lunch Club**

FHOBS stands for Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse, Buxhall and Sheland: the five parishes of the benefice. Under this umbrella, we have a thriving Lunch Club with upwards of 40 members who enjoy a meal and some valued comradeship. This takes place on the last Tuesday of each month: 12 noon for 12.30 in Buxhall Village Hall. A small charge of £3.50 is made to cover expenses. We would be delighted to welcome new members. Please contact me on 737814.

**Jill**

### **Mid Suffolk District Council Waste and Environmental Services**

#### ***Free soil improver give-away***

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## **Easter Monday in Great Finborough**

Come along and enjoy an afternoon and evening with the rest of the village on 13 April. Easter Monday is the Race of the Boggmen. Meet your friends and neighbours. Great fun for children and even more for us bigger kids! Make and wear your Easter bonnet – prize for the best! Children will be able to decorate eggs during the afternoon and there will be a tombola, cake stall, and more. All activities will be on the green or behind the pub.

The approximate timetable of events is:

12 noon	Chestnut Horse opens
1-4.30pm	Barbecue
2.30pm	Egg and spoon races
3.15pm	Egg throwing competition
3.30pm	Children's competition judging (colouring, bonnets and egg decoration)
4pm	Race of the Boggmen Followed by a get together in the pub.

The colouring competition is provided with this newsletter. Get your child to colour in the picture and bring it along on Easter Monday. If you need more copies feel free to photocopy the picture. If you don't need your copy, pass it on to a child. All proceeds go to charity. Last year we had snow as well as great fun. This year promises to be even better! Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

**Delia Prior**

## **Onehouse Ramblers**

With the coming of the brighter, warmer weather, it's time to get those walking boots and trainers ready and walk some of the local footpaths. The walk in April will be on Sunday 19 April. Meet at the Church Room car park on Forest Road at 3pm for a walk of about an hour (around 3 miles). Please let me know if you are coming or need more information (Tel: 613328).

**Derek Ames**



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### **Great Finborough & District Garden Club**

Thanks to all of you who purchased Bird Seed in our February mini order (if almost half a ton of bird seed can be described as 'mini'). This raised £25 for EACH; and should make another £70 from the March order.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 April in Pettward Hall (upstairs room). Peter Chinnery will give a talk and practical demonstration on tubs and hanging baskets. He will show us how to make the best of our containers and there will be cut-price plants for sale.

This year we will hold our Open Gardens event on Sunday 5 July, following the usual successful format with one exception. In addition, there will be a scarecrow competition for the village with a prize for the best child's scarecrow. Entry will not be restricted to children and scarecrows may be put in gardens or displayed on the green. Please watch future editions of this newsletter for further information.

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 either: Judith Cameron on 672978 or [judyandian@btinternet.com](mailto:judyandian@btinternet.com) or me on 674401 or [john@abbeyclassics.co.uk](mailto:john@abbeyclassics.co.uk)

**John Davey**

### **Welcome**

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

**Sally Gooch**

### **Buxhall & Great Finborough Candlestick Club**

We have awoken from hibernation and meet for the first time in 2009 on 2 April 2009 when we will enjoy a social evening.

**Keith Proctor**

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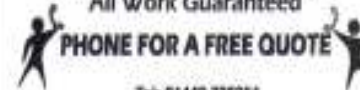
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### Skylarks Children's Club

We recently had a session on music, during which we made percussion instruments. We sang songs and used the instruments to accompany them. We are grateful to Rosemary Oliver for leading the session. In March we heard the story of Jesus overturning the tables of the money-changers in the Temple, as he moved into Jerusalem on the way to his trial and crucifixion. We played games involving money or counters - Monopoly, Ludo and Shove Halfpenny. In the final session this term, we will hear the stories about the first Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross; and Easter Sunday, when he rose from the dead.

Skylarks Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month during term time from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in the Church Room, Onehouse. Dates are in the Village Diary. It is open to children of primary school age who live in Buxhall, Great Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland. We do have some spaces available, so if you are interested, please contact Christine (736487), Trudy (674819) or me or 613328.

**Derek Ames**



### LENT LUNCH IN FINBOROUGH

Wednesday 1 April at Boarded Barn Farm (left at green at Hitcham end of village). Lunch of soup, bread and cheese served from noon to 1.30pm. Proceeds to the Children's Society.

### Services at St Andrew's Church in April

5 April	11am	Holy Communion
10 April	10am-12pm	Workshop
12 April	11am	Holy Communion
26 April	11am	Time 2 Worship

### GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY WORKSHOP

10am 10 April 2009 at St. Andrew's Church

**A chance to learn more about the Easter story**

Something to make

Something to do

Something to listen to

*Refreshments include Hot Cross Buns and Easter biscuits*

*For further information contact Trudy Gray*

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 April. This year it will be held in the village primary school which we hope will be more convenient. This is a public meeting, open to anyone to attend, when a report of the Church's year is presented. At this meeting we appoint the Churchwardens and elect members to the Parochial Church Council.

Following a recent meeting to consider the future direction and needs of the church we look forward to new names coming forward for these roles. If you would like to come along to the meeting to listen, enquire or volunteer, you will be very welcome. Refreshments will be provided from 7.15pm.

**Lesley Cass**

### Pram Service

6 and 27 April



1<sup>st</sup> and last Monday this month. At 2pm in Buxhall Church. An informal service for pre-schoolers (0-5) and their entourage. Come along for songs, stories and squash!



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## **Sunday Explorers**

Meeting  
First Sunday of the Month at  
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from 4.30 – 5.30pm

### **Next Session: Sunday 5 April**

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### **From the Ministry Team**

Dear Friends,

What difference will Easter make for you? Here are some possibilities:

- ◆ Lots of chocolate – or whatever other indulgences you gave up for Lent.  
An extra hour of daylight in the evenings, as we move into summer time.
- ◆ An urge to get into the garden, cut the grass, tidy up the borders and do some Spring planting.
- ◆ Time to put away the drab colours and heavy fabrics of winter, and to bring out your Spring wardrobe.
- ◆ Beginning to think of holidays or day trips, perhaps getting out your caravan or even your tent, if you're very hardy.

All these are pleasant suggestions, and will no doubt lift the spirits after a long and bitter winter. But there's more to it than that.

*Walking in a garden, At the break of day, Mary asked the gardener Where the body lay;  
But he turned towards her, Smiled at her and said: 'Mary, spring is here to stay, Only death is dead.'*

The first Easter was a life-changing event for all those who experienced it. They could never go back to being the people they had been. The followers and friends of Jesus were devastated when he died; but as they encountered him in the meetings that took place in the weeks following that Easter morning, as they began to realise that in a new and wonderful way, he was still with them, and the power of death had been defeated for ever, they became different people.

The new life of Easter is about more than flowers and chicks and blossom – though the rebirth of creation in the Springtime is a welcome reminder of God the Creator making all things new. Easter is about new possibilities for our lives, about all that is dead in us being revitalised, about hope being restored. Even if the bodies we are stuck with for the time being don't function as well as they might, the picture of the risen Jesus, his wounds still visible, is a sign to us that the worst tragedy can be transformed by the power of God – as the blackness of Good Friday was to become the joy of Easter morning.

A wise person wrote: *'What then is resurrection? If it happens to us now, how are we to identify it? What are the signs of its coming? Resurrection as a present miracle does not deliver us from the unevenness and turmoil and fragmentariness of being human. The miracle is to be found precisely within the ordinary round and daily routine of our lives. Resurrection occurs to us as we are, and its coming is generally quiet and unobtrusive and we may hardly be aware of its creative power. It is often only later that we realise that in some way or other we have been raised to newness of life.....'*

So – what difference will Easter make to you? As you savour all the joys of Springtime and give thanks for all the new life around you, look for the signs of that new life within you, too, and for signs of growth in your own life. And may your Easter be peaceful, happy and full of blessings.

### **Introduction to the Easter Vigil**

"From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter liturgy is not merely a presentation of God's work. It is meant to be a real experience of new life for the worshipper, a passing from darkness to light

which offers hope to all the faithful." *Common Worship, Times and Seasons*

The Easter Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday, and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The Vigil itself is an hour of quiet reflection and readings as we watch and wait for the Easter joy. It is not necessary to stay for the whole vigil. People may wish just to come for a short time of reflection during the Holy Night. Others may wish to come and follow the salvation story to its glorious conclusion. Participants may wish to bring their own objects for reflection (books, pictures, a cross etc) to help them focus in the silences between the readings.

At Midnight the lighting of the New Fire – the renewed Light of Christ – marks our entry into the Easter celebrations and the singing of the Exsultet, the ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing, links this night of our Christian redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt. The renewal of our baptismal promises strengthens our sense of participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, dying to sin in order to be reborn in him, and celebrates the royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God. The Easter Gospel is proclaimed with all the joy and splendour that the church can find. The Easter Eucharist provides the climax to this great celebration when we are sacramentally reunited with our risen Lord.

*Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render.* (John of Damascus).

## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR APRIL

### Weekday Morning Prayer

Monday	Onehouse	8.00 – 8.30 am
Friday	Great Finborough	8.00 – 8.30 am

### Sunday 5 April Palm Sunday

*Psalm 118.1-2,19-24, Hebrews 1. 1-12, Mark 11.1-11*

Sung Eucharist (1)	Buxhall	9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am
Family Service	Harleston	11am
Evening Prayer	Onehouse Room	6.30pm

### Thursday 9 April Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	7.30pm
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### Friday 10 April Good Friday

Workshop	Finborough	10am-12pm
Procession of Witness	Onehouse	10.30am

### Saturday 11 April Easter Saturday

Fire and Eggs	Buxhall	4pm
Easter Vigil	Shelland	11pm
Lighting the New Fire & Holy Communion	Shelland	Midnight

### Sunday 12 April Easter Day

*Isaiah 25.6-9, Acts 10.34-43, Mark 16.1-8*

Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	9.30am
Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	9.30am
Holy Communion (1)	Harleston	11am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse	11am
Holy Communion (1)	Finborough	11am

### Sunday 19 April Low Sunday

*Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21, Acts 4.32-35, John 20.19-31*

Family Communion (1)	Onehouse Room	11am
Family Service	Buxhall	4pm

## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR APRIL (Contd)

### Thursday 23 April

Holy Communion (2)	Shelland	10am
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### Sunday 26 April Easter 3

*Zephaniah 3.14-20, Acts 3.12-19, Luke 24.36b-48*

Holy Communion (2)	Buxhall	9.30am
Matins	Harleston	9.30am
Time2Worship	Finborough	11am
Holy Communion (1)	Onehouse	11am

*Holy Communion (1) = modern rite (order 1);  
Holy Communion (2) = BCP (order 2)*

**Mid-week services should return to Shelland this month**

## 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.



## Church AGMs in April: (at 7.30 in Parish Church unless otherwise stated)

20 April	Onehouse (in Church Room);
26 April	Buxhall (at 10.30am);
27 April	Shelland;
30 April	Great Finborough.

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