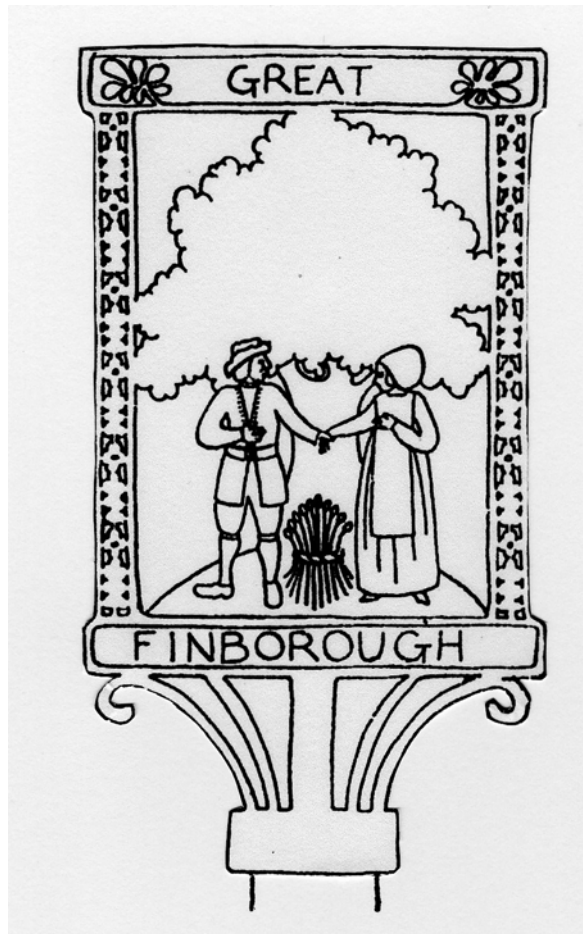


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VILLAGE DIARY – FEBRUARY 2009

11	4.30-6pm	Skylarks
11	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
11	7.30pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
24	Noon	Lent Lunch, Church Room, Onehouse
25	4.30-6pm	Skylarks
25	7.30pm	Table tennis, Church Room, Onehouse
26	2.45pm	Community Cuppa, Primary School

VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH 2010

1	7.30pm	Parish Council, Pettiward Hall
6	10.30am	Parochial Church Council, St Andrew's
6	7.30pm	Grand Quiz, Buxhall Village Hall
18	Noon	Lent Lunch, Boarded Barn Farm, Great Finborough
20	Noon	Lent Lunch, Mullett's Farm, Buxhall

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Editorial

Now that we are emerging from the wintry isolation of January, it is time to start all those projects we determined we would achieve in 2010. Hopefully some of our resolutions will involve getting more actively involved in the village community. There is plenty to join in with and always room for a contribution from those new to Finborough and longstanding residents with a bit more time on their hands than before.

If you know someone newly arrived and living in the village, or friends and neighbours who are moving on, please let me know. If you know someone who needs a copy of the Village Welcome Pack please contact me.

15 February 2010 is the next copy deadline for material. 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.

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News from the Parish Council

Village Precept

At its January meeting, the Parish Council considered the precept (ie. the Parish component of the rates) that would apply to households during 2010. As in a number of recent previous years, it was agreed that the level of precept should remain unchanged. Given the increased number of properties in the village, this means that the Parish rate for individual households will fall in real terms and, for most, will only be around 50 pence a week.

Village Caretakers

I'm very pleased to confirm that we now have two part-time Village Caretakers. Matt Goodwin and Nigel Pinney both live in the village and many residents will know them. They will do one week on and one week off respectively and will be responsible for locking up the Play Area, Hall cleaning, co-ordinating village tidiness, grass cutting and some maintenance jobs.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank all those volunteers who have locked and unlocked the play area until now, as well as Vivian Brice because I volunteered her to clean the Pettiward Hall; a job she has done on a voluntary basis for around three years.

5-A-Side Football Pitch

By the time you read this, we will have specified to Gipping Homes what we want to see around the 5-a-side football pitch. Consultation with likely users has taken place so that we end up with a facility that our older young people will want to use. Costs and grant availability are obvious factors, but potentially we're looking at an all-weather multi-sports pitch as well as a shelter on the lower field. The current expectation – with a fair wind – is that this new facility should be available around the end of the Summer or in early Autumn 2010.

Allotments

The Parish Council has received a request for the provision of allotments in the village, which in general, it supports. Identifying suitable pieces of land and the potential for acquisition or renting has begun.

Pettiward Hall

A feasibility study, involving an architect who specialises in updating public buildings, has begun as the first steps in identifying what we, as a community, want from the Hall going forward. Consultation has begun with user groups as a prelude to drawing up 'first cut' plans on which everyone will have the opportunity to comment during a forthcoming public forum whose date is to be arranged.

Village appraisal

Having received completed appraisal questionnaires, we are now in the process of analysing the data obtained. This is quite a sizeable task, but will lead to us being able to feed back the survey outcomes later this year and then act on them over the foreseeable future.

Future dates

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at 7.30pm on 1 March and 10 May 2010 in Pettiward Hall. All welcome to attend. **Richard Brice**
Chair, Parish Council

News from your District Councillor

Twin Bin Recycling and Waste

Mid Suffolk District Council is grateful for people's patience and understanding during what has been a very difficult snowy three weeks.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Thanks to everyone who brought their trees to the recycling point in the village.

New Year's Day Walk

The snow stopped in time to make this another enjoyable ramble through Onehouse, Finborough and Buxhall, for those hardy enough to risk the weather. Thanks to Derek Ames and Cathy Croome for leading the way.

Car Park Charges

These will go up on 1 April but Sunday charges will not be introduced.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

By the time you read this, there should have been an announcement that

new Unitary Councils are to be formed, or not.

Mid Suffolk & Babergh Councils

Councillors have approved further integration of services provided by the two councils, with a target of a joint organisation and management by 1 April 2011. This decision stems from frustration with the delays over LGR, and the need to contain and reduce council spending. Green Party councillors welcome the move to more partnership with Babergh, as it is similar to our proposal to the Boundary Committee to form a Unitary Council from the two authorities. Either way, we suggest a new council should be called 'Heart of Suffolk Council'

Cutting your Carbon Footprint

Householders can access the Carbon Reduction Initiative by calling 0800 232 1677 for free or by visiting www.easterncri.org. The system is completed by giving a preferred installer that is based in the area, minimising carbon footprints and information is available of preferential local offers.

Tree Planting at Paupers' Graves

Onehouse Parish Council asked for help to strengthen the boundaries of its woodland at Paupers Graves with additional hedge planting. I was pleased to be able to match this with a request from Stowmarket High School for outdoor community projects. In an all-day task on 6 November, 100 trees (mostly saved and donated by local people from Onehouse and nearby villages) were planted by a team of 15 pupils, and protected with tree guards also donated locally.

Stowmarket Plan Suffers Setback

The saga of the Stowmarket Area Action Plan (SAAP) has been extended for a further 6 months, due to Government dissatisfaction with some aspects of the draft published last November. It criticised the increase in proposed housing numbers from 1400 to 2000 without sufficient justification or specific locations for brown-field building (homes on previously developed land). Plans for increased employment land and shopping areas had also not been adequately justified.

As a result a further draft is being prepared. The work will be overseen by a small panel of councillors, including me. Planning officers will seek to better justify what they have put forward, but as your representative I will continue to argue for reduced numbers and phasing which ensures building on Chilton Leys does not begin until it is genuinely necessary because Cedars Park and Ashes Farm developments are nearing completion.

The new Submission Draft should be available for public comment from 12 April to 24 May. Onehouse Parish Council has arranged a Councillors Surgery for 17 April to make the new material available in the village.

Budget and Council Tax Bills

Half the money MSDC spends comes from Government, and half from your Council Tax. As Government has only increased their grant by 0.5%, there is pressure on our budget and some price rises and service cuts are inevitable even if Council tax goes up 3%, the working assumption so far. Your total bill will include elements for County Council and the Police, so the overall effect may be more or less than 3%.

To get in touch with me see Who's Who.

John Matthissen

Youth Club

The Youth Committee met on 14 January 2010 and discussed the problem that there are too few adults able to supervise the Youth Club sessions preventing Thursday night sessions. More parents of young people need to volunteer and the more volunteers there are, the less often each person is required. The youth also discussed their ideas for the development of the field by Gipping Homes with the Community Council for their use. Michaela was elected as Secretary replacing Rivah Polden.

Joe Ball

Thank You

For the kind wishes of so many people when I was in hospital recently. And a Happy New Year to you all.

Sheena Dohoo

News From Great Finborough Primary School

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful snowy Christmas. I want to thank everyone who came to our Christmas Performance of '5 Gold Rings'. It was a great success and the children all performed remarkably well. A huge thanks goes to everyone for their hard work that went on behind the scenes. Our retiring collection was for *Water Aid* and we raised a superb £157.86. A big thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

The Crib Festival at St Andrews was delightful and the children made such an effort. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event. Due to the snow we were unable to open on the last day of school term so the children sadly missed their Christmas party but this has been rescheduled to the warmer months minus Father Christmas!

In the unfortunate event of a further school closure, please listen to the Local Radio stations or on line on the Suffolk County Council website. You can also check the Learning Platform www.school-portal.co.uk and select Great Finborough Primary School. This is updated quicker than the SCC website.

This month for our whole school trip we will be attending the Rock and Roll Pantomime, *Aladdin*, which is very exciting for the children. Green and Red Class, as part of their Food and Farming topic, are going to Alder Carr Farm in Needham Market. Let's hope the weather will be kind to them! Many thanks for your continued support.

If you need to contact us, please note our new email addresses:

- Headteacher: headteacher@greatfinborough.suffolk.sch.uk
- School Office: admin@greatfinborough.suffolk.sch.uk
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- 25 February 2010 - Hilary Owers and Tracey Johnson, Cuckoo Farm Studios
- 25 March 2010 - Isabella Pitisci & Laura Potter, Key Arts, Ipswich.

For further information on talks, please visit:
<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Your+Community/Local+Arts/Art+Events+and+News/Artists+for+Artists+Sake+Sessions.htm> or telephone: 01449 724633. All talks will be held at the Lecture Theatre, Mid Suffolk District Council, 131 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DL. Talks start from 7pm, so please arrive from 6.45pm. Cost - £8 for all six sessions or £2.50 each - pay on the night. To book, please call 01449 724633 or email artsdevelopment@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Vicky Smy

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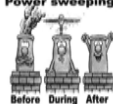
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On Sunday 7 March I am planning to come to Great Finborough and Onehouse to walk around with my brother and some of our immediate families. We did the same on my father's 100 anniversary a few years, re-visiting his village, Wickham Skeith. It was very memorable.

If anyone in Great Finborough or Onehouse remembers my mother or any of her family, or thinks we may be related, we would be pleased to meet up – or even anyone who would just like to chat about those far off days. My mother's cousin, Tom Stiff, farmed Star House Farm and we visited in the Summer holidays. I recall my brother driving a tractor at harvest when he was about fifteen. I can be contacted at 15, High Street, Eydon, Northants, NN11 3PP, or via mickhawes@btinternet.com or on 01327 261059.

Mick Hawes

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The Half Marathon race is open to all entrants aged 17 years or older on race day. The course is suitable for racing wheelchairs. The route takes in some of Suffolk's quietest rural country roads through undulating scenic countryside.

Robert Tomlinson

Wintry Weather

Gritting information from Suffolk County Council

- Nearly three weeks of sub zero temperatures in Suffolk has put unprecedented pressure on the winter maintenance team at Suffolk County Council
- From Wednesday 6 January Suffolk County Council will salt its priority 1 routes, which includes A and B roads in the county and routes to main hospitals and fire stations and routes with more than 4,000 movements a day, but will not salt other roads.
- The priority 1 routes cover almost a third of the county's roads (1232 miles out of 4272 miles of road in the county)
- We will continue to fill grit bins in the county on request from parish councils so local people can treat local trouble spots on minor roads, which otherwise would not be treated
- Supplies of salt are now being diverted to local authorities in the north whose stocks are completely exhausted. With this in mind we need to make sure we use the salt we have in the most effective and efficient way. We have stocks of salt at present, but we need to be prudent to ensure that we are able to continue to grit the priority routes
- People need to take care on roads, pavements and in parks – even if places have been gritted, or appear clear of snow, there may still be icy patches.

NHS Suffolk advice for keeping healthy, particularly for older people

- Dress warmly with several light layers of clothing and thermal underwear and wear a hat
- Wear warm, dry, flat, non-slip shoes or boots, especially in icy conditions
- In bed use several light layers. It is a good idea wear bed socks, a night cap, thermal underwear and pyjamas in bed
- Move your bed or chairs away from cold exterior walls
- Eat at least one hot meal a day; have regular warm drinks and soup
- Stock up on essential foods in case of an emergency
- Stay as active as you can.

For round the clock healthcare enquiries your first contact should be NHS Direct on 08456 46 47

Look out for vulnerable people

- If you have any concerns at all about an elderly or vulnerable person living nearby, please knock on the door and check they are OK
- Please check to see if older people can get to the shops and have what they need in the house
- Encourage people to use their heating, drop in some essential supplies or extra blankets if you can, and make sure that driveways and steps are ice free
- If you have serious concerns, contact the emergency services.

Vicky Smy

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on 28 February. Meet at Church Room Park at 2.30pm for a walk of about four miles. If you need a lift please call me on 613328.

Derek Ames

Grand Quiz

For all you Quiz fans, book your places now. Saturday 6 March 2010 at Buxhall Village Hall, 7.30pm. Teams of up to six people (£3 per person). Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Original format back by popular demand! Grand draw as well. Phone us on 736598 to book your places.

Keith and Mim Proctor

Window Appeal St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough

Thanks to all who have made a contribution towards the repair of the window. We hope that work will be underway in the near future. Funds are still needed and it is not too late to contribute to the repair of the North Window in St Andrew's.

If you would like to contribute to this work and to have a dedication held in a permanent record in the church please complete the form printed in this newsletter. Further copies of the form are at the back of the church and available from me on 677223. I hope you can give us some help!

Paul Nettleton

Church Window Appeal



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Stowmarket and District Camera Club

Snow caused the cancellation of the last two meetings but, looking on the bright side, the cold weather created some great photos. Our meeting dates for February are:

- 8 February - Exchange of views (computer work, photo mounting, photography or just chat)
- 18 February - Fun night against Bury (away)
- 22 February - AV with Roy Fidler (How to produce AV sequences).

If you are interested in joining our friendly club they will be welcome to come on a club night or log on to our website at www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.co.uk or call me on 07774 779701.

Brian Payne

Great Finborough & 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 and maybe even start an allotment, through presentations from a wide ranging group of speakers. We also enjoyed a beautiful, scented afternoon in May visiting the national collection of lilacs at Norman's Farm, Wyverstone.

The social side of the club started off with Open Gardens and the now traditional "Presidents lawn" BBQ followed by the Club members BBQ at Jordan. The final social event of 2009 took place in the Pettward Hall on 3 December. The Christmas quiz over nibbles and mulled wine was another resounding success with many club members present for an evening of silliness, fun and good company.

The Club opens 2010 with the meeting on 11 February, to be held as usual in the Upper room of the Pettward Hall at 7.30pm. Our planned speaker Jim Marshall has been forced to cancel and so our old friend Barry Gayton has kindly agreed to step in.

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 or John Davey at john@abbeyclassics.co.uk - see Who's Who. **Judith Cameron**

St. Elizabeth Hospice

If you have updated your three-piece suite or dining table and chairs in the New Year sales, then why not let St Elizabeth Hospice have your old ones? Donations of good quality furniture are urgently needed to resell and raise funds for the Hospice, which costs £5.9million a year to run. Call the shop in Meredith Road, Ipswich, on 01473 744080.

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With enough volunteers, working as part of a team, doing a small amount throughout the year much can be achieved. If you are interested in playing even a small part in this

task or if you just like tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches then please do come along. Children Welcome: there is no age limit for volunteers. This event is part of the *Fairtrade* fortnight BIG BREW initiative:

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2009 Number Quiz

There were 14 entries with correct answers in the 2009 Quiz. As in previous years as long as the answer was logical it was allowed. Congratulations to the overall winner, Mrs S. Bond from Buxhall. In all 44 entries were returned and the winner for the Spot Prize for a bottle of wine was Pat Ling from Onehouse. I had to smile at the number of the regular congregation of St Mary's who could not fathom out Question 2. That one and Question 7 seemed to be the stumbling block for many!

A very big thank you to those who sold Quiz Sheets, including Nigel and Jeanette at 'Chaplins', to everyone who took part, and for all the favourable comments. In total £255 was raised for St Mary's Fabric Fund. The answers sheet is available from Sally Gooch at Park Cottage in hard copy or by email – on request.

Judith Hickman

Soothing painful joints: *What causes the pain?*

When joint tissues have been damaged, the body activates the inflammation response to limit and repair the damage. Blood flow increases to the painful area, which creates heat, redness and the swelling. The nerve endings are stimulated causing pain signals to bring the problem to our attention and limit our movement, preventing us aggravating the injury further.

Why doesn't the pain stop?

In some cases, the inflammation response doesn't switch off as with rheumatoid arthritis. With gout, the pain can go but return with a build up of uric acid crystals near a joint. In osteoarthritis, wear and tear has caused the bone structure at a joint to change. This prevents the easy flow of blood and tissue fluids and the build up continues to aggravate the nerves causing pain. After muscular injury or after an operation, scar tissue may develop which inhibits normal movement in the area and again causes pain.

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Young children are being vaccinated against swine flu in Suffolk. Those born between 1 January 2005 and 7 June 2009 plus babies who attain 6 months of age during the vaccination programme will be included.

Some of the GP practices that have already finished vaccinating people in the first at-risk groups have started vaccinating children in this age group in Suffolk. Now all these family doctor practices will start to contact and vaccinate these children.

Swine Flu has had less public attention recently, but it is still a major threat to public health. We don't know whether the numbers of people affected will continue to reduce or not. Young children are still very much at risk, and when they are infected some suffer severely, so this vaccination programme for the under fives is very important. Having your child vaccinated greatly improves his or her protection from the disease, but also helps to make it less likely the illness will be spread between children. Please do respond when you are contacted by your doctor's surgery asking for you to bring your children in for vaccination.

For more information on the vaccine please visit
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Pandemic-flu/Pages/Vaccine.aspx> or speak
to your GP.

Dr Brian Keeble



**Why not come along and
join the Community
Cuppa at the Primary
School on 26 February at
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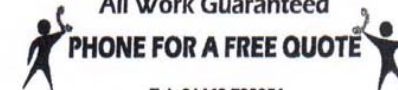
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St Andrew's Church

I hope it's not too late to thank everyone who was involved in any way with the Christmas services – helping prepare the church, contributing to the worship in all sorts of ways. It was particularly pleasing to see so many families at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. We were able to make very good use of the crib provided by the Primary school with many children getting down to join Mary and Joseph around the baby.

The Big Crib exhibition proved very popular with a great variety of cribs on display – thanks to all who contributed. It was a good start to the Christmas preparations. The final celebrations of the Christmas season takes place in February at Candlemas on 2 February, which falls on a Tuesday this year. We are having a special service in the evening when the church will be full of candles. Do come along and join us for this service.

You will find details of a number of other events dotted about the newsletter – some inside, some outside – most involving food in some form or another and a chance for a chat. Anyone who comes along will be most welcome.

Trudy Gray

Women's World Day of Prayer

**The 2010 Service will be held at
St Andrew's Great Finborough
at 2.15 p.m. on Friday 5 March.**

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

**LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH
PRAISE GOD**

Speaker: Revd Barbara Bilston

All welcome, contact Elizabeth Pyke (612749)
if you'd like a lift.

Refreshments served afterwards.

From the Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

Listening to the radio on my way to work at about 7am after the holiday I was surprised to be told that whilst there was no snow in the County at the moment, people were advised not to travel *unless absolutely necessary*. My car thermometer recorded -2°C and clearly there was ice. It was 4 January so no real surprise but I hope many heeded the warning.

This advice was well meant and within a few days we were all battenning down the hatches *but* it would have been wrong to follow the advice blindly. It is all too easy to take the soft option. We stay in our comfort zone taking no risks. With our tried and tested friends, outings, holidays, restaurants and clubs – or none. We keep our opinions formed years ago in a different world and sometimes regard those who change theirs as weak. We usually play it safe or very safe for fear ofOf what? Other people who might disagree with us? Who might dislike us? Who might do things differently? Of appearing foolish? Of making ourselves vulnerable to ridicule for our opinions?

I was reminded of the story of the woman who religiously recorded the names of the people who sent her Christmas Cards and if one year someone missed she never sent another. Eventually she sent very few. Her world had shrunk because she was not prepared to take the risk of doing or giving something to someone who might not reciprocate. She was not going to be thought *generous*. What a sad state that we might all close down to the lowest common denominator.

Christ calls us to take the risk; to step out (of line) because as the Psalmist had it all those millennia ago: 'Where there is no vision the people perish'. We as a nation are in need of a new vision and we, as village communities, must assess what it is that we are called to do and to be for each other as this new decade begins. It is not the same as twenty years ago. It is a changed world and there are many opportunities. What, I wonder, is God calling each of us to risk this year for the sake of a better world? Will you be brave?

Chris Childs



LENT LUNCHES

Are being planned at a number of venues:

Onehouse: Wednesday 24 February at the Church Room
from Noon to 1.30pm

Great Finborough: Thursday 18 March at Boarded Barn
Farm from Noon to 1.30pm

Buxhall: Saturday 20 March at Mulletts Farm from Noon
to 2pm.

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Skylarks Children's Club

At the last session in November, Skylarks members made peppermint creams, gingerbread cookies, gift tags & decorated boxes. They sold them at the Onehouse Church Christmas Fair two days later and made an amazing £47 for EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices). Well done Skylarks! A certificate of appreciation has been received from EACH.

The title of the first session of 2010 was Music and Dancing. Skylarks and Helpers threw themselves into the dancing with great enthusiasm and it was a good activity for a cold day. Thank you to Diana for arranging and leading this.

There was one new member. There are still some places available at Skylarks. Any child aged between 5 and 9 years living in Onehouse, Harleston, Shelland, Great Finborough or Buxhall who would like to join Skylarks, please contact me on 613328 or Christine Hagger (736487). The next Skylarks sessions are on 11 and 25 February. **Derek Ames**

Revd Lindsay Llewellyn MacDuff

A well attended party was held in the Church Room at Onehouse on Saturday 9 January to say farewell to our Priest In Charge, Lindsay, and her family. Michael Robinson's 'Ode to Lindsay' was swiftly followed by a presentation to her by Lesley Cass on behalf of the five parishes. As well as a substantial cheque, Lindsay received a bracelet with many Christian symbols attached which will no doubt complement her sense of fashion in the years to come. She leaves with the very best wishes of these communities. **Chris Childs**

ST JOHN'S TABLE TENNIS

Thursday Nights 7.30-9.30pm in the Church Room: 11 and 25 February

Why not try a bit of gentle exercise with a game of Table Tennis? New players welcome. £1 per session. Give me a ring for further details.

Derek Ames (613328)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism at St Andrew, Great Finborough

Allegra Helena Gould

William Frederick Gould

Oscar Michael Jan Lewis

13 December 2009



Burial at St Mary, Buxhall

Denis Sydney Phillips

14 January 2010

Services at St Andrew's in February

2 February	7.30pm	Benefice Communion
7 February	11.00am	Holy Communion
14 February	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
17 February	7.30pm	Benefice Communion
21 February	11.00am	Holy Communion
28 February	11.00am	Time2Worship

Pop in For Coffee at St Andrew's

Every Saturday Morning

from 10.30am to Noon

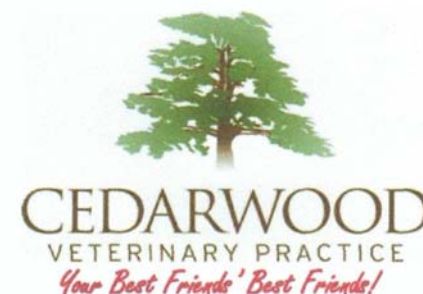


This is an informal opportunity to have coffee and a chat - perhaps when you're passing on a stroll around the village or visiting the churchyard.

Carol Singing at the Shepherd & Dog

Many thanks to those from the churches who turned out on a cold, slippery night to sing carols and all those who came especially for the singing. It was a great night and it was good that we were able to support our local pub on this occasion.

Derek Ames



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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR FEBRUARY

Weekday Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday	2 February	Candlemas	
Benefice Communion	Finborough		7.30pm

Sunday	7 February	Second Sunday before Lent	
Sung Eucharist	Buxhall		9.30am
Reflective Morning Prayer	Shelland		9.30am
Holy Communion	Finborough		11.00am
Family Service	Harleston		11.00am
Taize	Onehouse Church Room		6.30pm

Sunday	14 February	Sunday next before Lent	
Matins	Buxhall		9.30am
Holy Communion	Shelland		9.30am
Holy Communion	Harleston		9.30am
Family Service	Onehouse Church Room		11.00am
Evening Prayer	Finborough		6.00pm

Wednesday	17 February	Ash Wednesday	
Benefice Communion	Finborough		7.30pm

Sunday	21 February	First Sunday of Lent	
Family Service	Buxhall		9.30am
Matins	Shelland		9.30am
Holy Communion	Finborough		11.00am
Family Communion	Onehouse Church Room		11.00am

Sunday	28 February	Second Sunday of Lent	
Holy Communion	Buxhall		9.30am
Holy Communion	Harleston		9.30am
Time2Worship	Finborough		11.00am
Holy Communion	Onehouse Church Room		11.00am

*Whether you are a regular worshipper or visiting this Sunday
you will find a warm welcome at any of our services*

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