

# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**JULY/ AUGUST 2020  
ISSUE 510**

**STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS,  
SAVE LIVES**



### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Zoom platform at 7.30pm on Monday 13 July. Please contact Simon Tarabella for joining details

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## **Editorial**

As we start July, it seems as if the restrictions placed on us all are starting to ease slightly. Some of the village children are back at school, some sporting events and pastimes are back in play, the high streets are reopening and there is even talk of the Chestnut Horse being able to reopen, albeit under very different socially distanced rules. Hopefully, this will signal the start of a return to some form of normal life although I am sure some restrictions will be with us for a while yet.

The village continues to carry on with its daily life and it is looking very well-tended at present with the Council keeping up its grass cutting regime. Parish council meeting as being held over the Zoom platform so if anybody fancies attending online please see details on the facing page. There are still many members of the village that are providing help and support to friends and neighbours so thank you to all those people. Also, a big thank you to our 3 schools in the village who have been open throughout this pandemic giving help and support to children of keyworkers, I know it has been most appreciated by all concerned. If anybody needs any help or knows of anybody who needs help please don't hesitate to contact any of the people whose telephone numbers are in this newsletter or myself and any member of the Parish Council and we will all do our best to provide whatever help we can.

You will all be pleased to hear that Denzil the donkey has resumed his monthly blog although he is short of material due to social distancing guidelines. I'm sure that he will have some great material for the September issue. Similarly, if anybody has any amusing anecdotes of their time in lockdown it would be great to hear them. Once the pub is open again I have no doubt there will be a wealth of amusing stories doing the rounds.

The 15 August is the deadline for inclusion in the September issue of the Newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner if you have any articles to include.

**Simon Tarabella**

## **Great Finborough Parish Council**

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 8 June at 7.30pm was held remotely via Zoom platform.

County Cllr Penny Otton gave her report and District Councillor Matthissen's report was read out. Both reports can be found on the village website.

It was noted in the Clerks report that the dog bin had been replaced in Combs Lane. The Play Park Inspection costs were agreed and also it was agreed to carry out a Play Value assessment and an Estimated Life Expectancy test of the equipment

There were 3 planning applications to consider with one application fully supported, one application not objected to and one application objected to. Full details and wording can be found in the minutes of the meeting on the Parish website.

The footpath warden reported several new issues which the Clerk will report to the relevant department. Discussions are ongoing with landowners with a view to resolving the issues over footpaths and permissive rights of way.

Cllr Vendittelli volunteered to get a quote for the village notice board refurbishment.

For anybody out there who needs help or support please see the article Home, But Not Alone which follows. Also, please see the article on Great Finborough Help and Support Facebook page or contact Simon Tarabella on 01449 672072 or any member of the Parish Council.

The date of the next PC meeting will be on Monday 13 July at 7.30pm via Zoom Platform. Any members of the public wishing to have access please contact Simon Tarabella.

**Paula Gladwell, Parish Clerk**

## **Great Finborough Help & Support Facebook Page**

If you wish to offer help and support to village residents please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/495083728039744/?ref=share>

You can also ask for help and support there or ring Steph direct on the number below.

**Steph Rose 07966964727 [stephrose@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephrose@hotmail.co.uk)**

## **The Chestnut Horse**

With the current situation and abiding by Government guidance Sharon and Robert have, with regret, had to close the pub until further notice.

It is hoped that the pub can reopen this month albeit in a very different manner to which you would normally expect to find. We are currently working hard to provide a pleasant and welcoming environment for our many regular customers and for those of you who have used the shop and catering facilities over these past few months and expressed a wish to continue to support your local pub. Please be reassured that strict social distancing will be in force and the safety of our customers will always be our primary concern and we will not reopen the pub until we are happy with all our arrangements.

Thank you to all who have supported us during the lockdown period and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Sharon and Rob**

## The Home, But Not Alone Phoneline:

# Home, But Not Alone

Supporting vulnerable people in **Suffolk**

The Home, But Not Alone free phoneline is for people who need **urgent** help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is only for people who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.

**Coronavirus Emergency Phoneline**

 **0800 876 6926**

**9am-5pm every day**

**For all other enquiries please visit: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/homebutnotalone](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/homebutnotalone)**



Here is a snapshot of the great work going on through the Home, But Not Alone phoneline as Suffolk comes together to respond to the Covid-19 outbreak:

- We helped a 64-year-old man who was struggling to afford food whilst on sick pay and universal credit. This is the second time he has asked us for a food parcel. It was also found that he was suffering from poor mental health. With his permission, we referred him to a number of other stakeholders who could help him, including a referral to Suffolk County Council to assess his financial means, the Citizens Advice Bureau for ongoing support, linking him with his nearest food bank and his housing association to make them aware of his situation. The man was grateful for the help given and should have adequate support for the time being.
- Community response officers helped a 91-year-old man who had no close support network and was in urgent need of food

supplies. We gathered local intelligence about shops nearby who took payment over the phone and found volunteers who could deliver the food. In the end, the man just needed to place his food order and pay over the phone. He said he was very thankful for the support and the speed in which it was conducted.

There have been 9,948 calls taken since the phoneline was set up and we are seeing an overall decline in the number of daily calls. Phone calls are answered, and cases managed by staff at each district, borough or county council depending on the type of enquiry. This phoneline is for vulnerable people in our communities, and not for general Coronavirus enquiries. Wherever possible we link people in need with local groups and businesses, who are doing an amazing job in our communities.

## **Test and Trace in Suffolk**

Organisations across Suffolk are working together to plan and develop our local approach to the national NHS Test and Trace programme. As local organisations we understand our residents and are able to call on resources and assets to both prevent local outbreaks, and support local organisations, groups and individuals where outbreaks arise. The tool for developing this response will be through Local Outbreak Management Plans which are required to be produced by 30th June. These plans include:

- Planning for local outbreaks in Care Homes and Schools
- Identifying and planning how to manage high risk places, locations and communities
- Ensuring local testing is accessible to the entire population
- Assessing Contact Tracing capability in complex settings
- Integrating national and local data and scenario planning
- Supporting Vulnerable people to get help to self-isolate and ensuring services meet the needs of diverse communities
- Establishing governance structures

The plans will identify and outline support for different settings e.g. workplaces, housing complexes, care homes, schools, groups e.g. rough sleepers and vulnerable individuals who may be most at risk from the coronavirus. Focusing on both preventive actions and outbreak response. The plan will also ensure testing capacity is deployed effectively, as well as helping the most vulnerable in self-isolation access essential services in their area. It will build on and strengthen existing relationship and processes already in place for these types of settings.

**Chrissie Geeson**  
**Chair of the Collaborative Communities COVID-19 Board**

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

As I write this we are looking at the cancellation of all our best loved summer events, a visit to a beautiful garden, Open Gardens here in the village and that highlight of the Garden Club year the Summer BBQ. However better safe than sorry and we will just have to look forward to next year when with luck we shall be back to approaching normality. We are hoping that we shall be able to resume meetings by September, but in the current situation we shall have to be bound by the government guidelines and members will be kept informed by e-mail and in the magazine.

In the meantime, "keep on gardening", appreciate the glorious weather and stay safe.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Membership is only £15.00 per household per year, due in September. For further information contact: Judith Cameron [judyandian@btinternet.com](mailto:judyandian@btinternet.com) on 672978.

**Judith Cameron**





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## **The Pettiward Hall**

### **"Little Ernie"**

The winners in the June draw were Gerry & Ann Squirrel and Neil Watts. They each received £8.75.

**Mary Preece**

## **FINBOROUGH COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Owing to the current Public Health emergency it has been decided to cancel all future screenings until further notice.

We will be back to monthly screenings as soon as possible.

## **Footpaths**

On the back of the very successful footpath map produced by the Parish Council, and the lock down of course, there have been a much greater use of the network of footpaths in and around Great Finborough. The Parish Council have created a notification system for any footpath issues that you come across such as poorly signed paths, impassable paths or broken foot bridges.

All you need to do is email [greatfinboroughfootpaths@gmail.com](mailto:greatfinboroughfootpaths@gmail.com) . This will be included in the Footpath Warden's report in the next parish council meeting. It will help a lot if you can let us know the path number (from the map) and include a photograph.

We are also looking to arrange a work party, when it is safe to do so to help in some of the repairs that may be required. Any volunteers gratefully accepted.

**ClIr James Spencer - Footpath Warden - GF Parish Council**

## News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

### Planning

Government are pressing the council to keep the planning system working and this is happening with some changes. At present there are no yellow site notices being put up but I am asking for this to resume soon. Meanwhile you can sign up on the website to receive by email notices of every application in your village. Register here : <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/registrationWizard.do?action=start>

### Recycling and waste

You may have heard that the brown bin service has now resumed although I continue to encourage composting as the better alternative wherever possible. The household recycling and waste centre in Stowmarket has reopened by appointment only so please book your arrival in advance. <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page>

### Car parks

These are now open once again at Chilton Fields and Needham Lake. Remember to follow the social distancing guidelines. Also, worth noting that councils have taken over enforcement of on-street parking with effect from mid-April and fines will be applied if you park on yellow lines or otherwise against the displayed regulations.

I hope that everyone is staying safe and taking care as by avoiding infection yourself, you protect everyone else.

Any questions or concerns please get in touch  
Call 01449 258894

Or email – [councillor@matthissen.net](mailto:councillor@matthissen.net)

Or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market  
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**John Matthissen**

## **Denzil's Diary**

Hello everybody, its Denzil, Great Finboroughs favourite Donkey blogger and I bet that's another phrase you probably haven't heard before! Only in the pages of the Finborough newsletter eh!!

I decided to end my furlough (I say Furlong) and put hoof to keyboard as there have been mummering around the village that people have missed my blog, that's what I told Tweezle anyway.

It's been a strange few months, much quieter than normal but we have seen a lot more families out on their walks. Keeping to strict social distancing guidelines, we haven't got too close to people to hear their words of wisdom, other than to partake of the occasional offered titbit. I must say I am rather partial to the village shop provided carrots, much nicer than those supermarket bought ones.

Anyway, hopefully by the next edition I will have put my ear to the ground and have lots of juicy news to report on. Obviously, I have to be very careful when I do this as I have very big ears and Tweezle is not that careful when it comes to stepping into my personal space.

As we come out of lockdown Tweezle and myself are starting to prepare to return to normal life. I have put my order in for a muzzle mask for us both to the Knit n Natter group run by Grace, not quite sure how we are going to put them on or eat through them but I'm sure there must be some detailed government advice on the matter. If all else fails we will be guided by the science! I must say that we are looking forward to a lifting of restrictions so that we can get our hair cut and have a lovely Hoof manicure.

So, it's back to the stable for us and don't forget, stay alert 'cos the country needs more lerts!!

**Denzil**



# CHESTNUT HORSE



Sharon & Robert apologise that during this uncertain period and due to Government guidance the Chestnut Horse is closed as a public House but we will endeavour to provide a community service to village residents

Preparations are underway to reopen the Chestnut Horse under government guidelines as soon as is possible.

Customers are asked to bear with the current situation and obey all social distancing rules and guidelines as displayed once the pub is reopened

We would like to thank all village residents and customers for their support and understanding over this very difficult and distressing period

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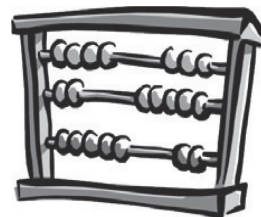
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## July / August 2020 from the Rectory



We are all no doubt doing our best in these strange times and looking forward to further relaxation of the lockdown as soon as 'the science' tells us it is safe. The Churchwardens at Combs and Gt Finborough have just agreed that they can safely re open their buildings under strict conditions for limited times as below. I completely support the others in their decision to remain closed for various reasons. I hope that by the time you read this there may be an indication as to when some form of limited worship can start – though we cannot expect any sort of return to normal and singing for many months. Churches do remain touchstones of our communities, but it has been necessary for them to be closed. Please look out on the various parish websites, AChurchNearYou and Facebook for up to date information in these fast-changing days, especially as this is a double magazine.

Our Zoom Sunday Services have been very well supported by over 70 people with representatives from all our parishes taking part and our many of our musicians proving their worth. Those not Zooming have received the sermon on U tube or through the post, again please see below for details.

We have tried to keep life as normal as possible and so have decided to celebrate Rural Mission Sunday – an initiative of the Arthur Rank Centre – for Confident Rural Christians – because the church is still here! We are still believers seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and to do his will. I am hoping that each parish will have a small display on the front of their building drawing people's attention to the worship we are offering. Please see separate Poster.

This years Rural Mission service has the strapline 'God in the Ordinary' and there is no doubt we are all taking more notice of our surroundings

– perhaps the simpler things of life – as I have commented before. Their editorial on this year’s Mission Sunday says: -

‘In Exodus 3 we read of an encounter between Moses and God at the burning bush. Moses is going about his normal, everyday life when he catches sight of a bush that’s on fire. This is a fairly ordinary occurrence for him, but he’s paying sufficient attention to notice that the bush isn’t burning up. What follows is an exchange that transforms not only Moses but the future of the whole people of God.

Many centuries later, the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning reflected on this simple act of ‘noticing’:

*Earth’s crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God,  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;  
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.*

This Rural Mission Sunday, we want to create space for you to stop and ‘notice God’ in a new way, to find, in George Herbert’s glorious phrase, ‘heaven in ordinary’.

So many of us have had more time to contemplate ‘the Ordinary’ and see God in and through nature of course (*but also as was commented at a recent bible study the Glory of God is in ‘a Life Fully lived’*)

So please ask yourself where you have experienced ‘heaven in ordinary’ or found yourself on holy ground in the last few weeks. Perhaps it’s been in the wonderful bird song we can hear, now that the noise of traffic is silenced. Maybe you get the chance to stop and stare as you walk around your community. Perhaps it is as you give or receive help that the ordinary becomes holy.

Whatever your experience, our prayer this Rural Mission Sunday is that you will see and take off your shoes. Leave the blackberry picking to others.’ We are joined by the Venerable Sally Gaze Archdeacon of Rural Mission as our preacher that day

## **Our Services on Zoom are**

Wednesday and Saturday at 10am Morning Prayer, Wednesday 4pm Bible Study, Sunday 10am. The Sermon and a Reflection are uploaded onto U Tube each week as well. Log in details gladly given by me as well as the weekly Pew Sheet and Orders of Service. Please ask

## **Church Opening for Private Prayer** (liable to change)

All folk from any of the parishes are welcome for private prayer as follows:-

Saturday 27th June 10am -12noon and each Saturday following – St Andrew's Gt Finborough

Wednesday 1st July 2.30pm – 4.30 pm and each Wednesday following – St Mary's Combs

Sunday 28th June 2.30 - 4.30pm and each Sunday following St Marys Combs

Men's Breakfast on Zoom also proved successful with a talk and discussion on the work of Stowmarket Foodbank. Please be in touch if you would like more information and we are awaiting speaker confirmation for dates. Rev James Marston awaits 'lift off' from 'lock down'.

With all good wishes and prayers,

**Rev Chris**

### **PARISH REGISTERS for Gt Finborough**

#### **Funerals and Cremation**

Sylvia **Brown**

Died 3 May 2020, aged 93

Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium 26 May 2020



In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we are delighted to be opening two of our church buildings for private prayer.

## St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough

will be open from 10.00am to 12 noon on Saturdays from 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

## St Mary's Church, Combs

will be open from 2.30 to 4.30pm on Wednesday and Sundays from 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Please follow the direction of stewards

Hand sanitisers for your use will be available in the churches. Please replace them afterwards.

It's important to respect other people's space by keeping a 2m distance and note that some areas of the church may not be accessible.

We are sorry that the other churches in the benefice have to remain closed for the time being, but look out for notices.

We look forward to welcoming you to an act of worship when the Government regulations and circumstances permit.

To be with us for Sunday worship whilst the churches are closed join us on Zoom or receive a YouTube link, email [revcchilds@aol.com](mailto:revcchilds@aol.com) for log in details

### Non-members wild birdseed orders.

The next order will be placed on the **4 August**. Bird seed collection will be on 12 August between 2pm and 6pm (reduced to 4-hour window). If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque made payable to "Great Finborough Garden Club", or **by BAC's** "Gt Finborough Garden Club", sort 09-01-54, account no 20213287 please reference your name followed by B/S. Orders may be posted to or dropped off at The Little House, High Road, Gt Finborough, IP14 3AA, or if it's more convenient dropped off at 1 Valley Lane, Gt Finborough.

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3. Azure decrease – **Blue Peter**
4. Current affairs circle – **News Round**
5. Mr Dylan the Developer – **Bob the builder**
6. Emergency rodent – **Danger Mouse**
7. Witchcraft in direct route – **Magic roundabout**
8. Colour spectrum - **Rainbow**
9. Vegetable and vanilla sauce – **Rhubarb and Custard**
10. Siblings laughing -**Chuckle brothers**
11. Temporarily purchase a phantom – **Rent a Ghost**
12. Absolute best mother of your parent – **Super Gran**
13. Long marshmallow – **The Flumps**
14. Recreational education establishment – **Play School**
15. Animal foot safeguard – **Paw Patrol**
16. Small carpet rodent – **Rug Rats**
17. This tiny hoofed mammal belongs to me -**My Little Pony**
18. Energy wardens -**Power Rangers**
19. Noisy storm lions – **Thunder Cats**
20. Pale red feline – **Pink Panther**
21. Ghastly past events – **Horrible Histories**
22. Yellow fruit male – **Bananaman**
23. Enormous cuisine miniscule cuisine – **Big Cook Little Cook**
24. Mr Smith extinguisher - **Fireman Sam**
25. OJ or Wallis – **The Simpsons**
26. The Disintegrators – **The Perishers**
27. Tiniest vagabond -**The littlest Hobo**
28. Mr Oliver's sorcery lantern – **Jamie and the magic torch**
29. Commander troglodyte - **Captain Caveman**
30. Carrying vessel cat – **Bagpuss**

**Well Done**

## BUXHALL WI



As the recent social distancing restrictions are being lifted, whilst several members are still shielding, many others have welcomed the chance to meet relatives or a close friend or two in their gardens. Many will also be making good use of the face masks, made by their WI friends, as they begin to venture out over the coming weeks. So, our daily email has now become a weekly update.

During the recent months we have all come to appreciate even more where we live and the numerous public rights of way we can access from our homes.

Members are still nurturing their potted sunflowers in anticipation that the competition, planned for later in the year, may still be able to go ahead in some format – maybe using photographs!

All WI members send their best wishes to all readers of the Great Finborough Newsletter and encourage everyone to continue to ***'stay alert, stay safe and stay well'*** over the summer months.

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