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GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**October 2026
ISSUE 572**

GREAT FINBOROUGH VILLAGE DIARY

21st Oct 2-4pm	GiFT Social	Pettiward Hall
31st Oct 6pm	Halloween Party & Conker Tournament	Pettiward Hall
7th Nov 6pm	Quiz Night	Pettiward Hall
14th Nov	Veterans Lunch (page 10)	Pettiward Hall
14th Nov 10am-12pm	Village Maintenance (Page 12)	Football pitch Car Park

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

19th Oct, 16th Nov & 14th Dec - Pettiward Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE - every 4th Friday 2:50 - 3:10pm

Middlefield Drive (opposite playground)

MOBILE POST OFFICE - every Thursday 1.30 - 2.30pm

Middlefield Drive Car Park

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The Combs and Finborough Benefice

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland

Services in October 2026

Rector: The Rev'd Sarah Jenkins, The Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket IP14 2AY 01449 676065
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Canon Pauline Higham, The Rectory, Woodland Close, Onehouse IP14 3HL 01449 771791

Sunday Services

Please use this link for all services held on Zoom - Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 - Password: Benefice
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxvOllXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1>

4th October: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

11th October: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough

18th October: Luke the Evangelist

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom

25th October: The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

Weekday Services

9.30 am on Wednesday	Holy Communion	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
10.00 am on Saturday	Morning Prayer	Zoom Meeting

All Welcome! Whether you are a regular worshipper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday, you will find a warm welcome at any of our services

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Buses towards Hadleigh	51	51	51	51	51	51
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:48	09:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48
Hitcham, White Horse	07:57	09:57	11:57	13:57	15:57	17:57
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00
Hadleigh, Bus Station	08:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16
Buses towards Stowmarket	51	51	51	51	51	51
Hadleigh, Bus Station	07:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00
Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Hitcham, White Horse	07:16	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:25	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34

For the latest updates, search us on Facebook & X (Twitter)



Welcome to the October Newsletter:

Saturday 12th September saw the annual Church Ride & Stride event. Perfect weather conditions for all who took part with classic cars, walkers and runners from Great Finborough. The FFD Running Club had a great turn out and ran 14 miles around 7 local churches. Many thanks to Lee and Cathy for hosting a post event BBQ for all involved.

At the end of August, we had a team of tree surgeons undertaking essential maintenance work in Woodpecker Hill. Some trees needing removing due to damage or rot and some to bring in much needed light. This is part of an ongoing plan to improve the wood for everyone and you will see more activity before later in the year. All the chippings created will be distributed onto the paths to improve the surface and larger logs have been stacked while we decide how best to use them to benefit the whole community. Sadly, someone has stolen a large amount of the felled timber within hours of it being cut down! If anyone has any information on this, please get in touch.

On the 14th November we will be holding a village maintenance morning. This time focusing on the area around the youth shelter on the football pitch car park. We need to clear and tidy this area in advance of the community orchard we are planning to plant there. Any help will be much appreciated.

I sound like a broken record but speeding through the village still remains an issue. We are always looking for volunteers to help with roadside speed watches. Offenders are reported to the police but also our presence does slow drivers down and hopefully makes them think not to speed in the future.

In other Parish news, we have been advised that Knights Bridge will be repaired between the 23rd Nov - 4th Dec, closed 9.30am - 2.30pm. However, this is based on the major works in Bilderston being completed on time. We will post any updates on Facebook.

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Autumn & Winter Wildlife in Great Finborough

During the autumn and winter season, **Birds** will visit your garden for much needed food, water and shelter. Robins are bold garden favourites that remain active through the colder months, often joined by continental migrants. They sing all year round, one of the few UK birds that do. Resident numbers of Blackbirds swell as visitors arrive from Scandinavia. Redwings (you can spot them due to their orangey-red feathers underneath their wings) and Fieldfares are migratory thrushes that arrive in the UK to feed in our hedgerows and fields. It's wonderful to watch a flock of Redwings and Blackbirds gulp down holly berries – they can strip a tree in days. We can see small Starling murmuration around November – Lackford Lakes is usually good for spectacular numbers. Log-tailed tits are very cute tiny sociable birds that move through gardens in lively tight-knit flocks.

While most queen **Bumblebees** hibernate underground, species like the buff-tailed bumblebee can remain active during milder winter days.

Hedgehogs scuttle about building winter nests in leaf piles before entering hibernation, usually between November and March. They hibernate in nests made from fallen leaves or find a sheltered spot underneath logs, compost heaps or garden sheds.

After the temperature drops, **frogs, toads and grass snakes** may be hiding in your garden, nestled up in compost heaps or other warm secluded spots.

In October **ladybirds** will start seeking out sheltered spots – such as underneath tree bark, or in curled dead leaves – to spend the winter in. Adult ladybirds will remain here until the weather warms in spring.

Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Brimstone and Comma **butterflies** overwinter as adults in sheds, houses, evergreen hedges such as dense ivy or woodpiles. Others lay their eggs at the base of grasses or on walls or sturdy shrub stems and wait out the frost until spring as caterpillars, chrysalises or eggs. Red Admirals increasingly survive our winters as adults staying partially active.

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It may be a route to you learning how to complete basic DIY tasks or you may have a project in mind or started that would be nicer to do with the support of others. Please contact us by messaging **07522 171190** to express your interest. Once enough members have come forward, meetings will be arranged so you can shape the groups how you want them.

Children's Books

In the foyer of Stowmarket Library is a box of children's books that are free to take home and keep. You can also drop off unwanted children's books in good condition with library staff for rehoming.

Bildeston Foodbank

If you see anyone in difficulties please refer them to Bildeston Foodbank, also known as Bildeston Community Support. If pride is getting in the way, talk to GiFT volunteers on the number above.

Action over Anxiety

If you are living with anxiety and want help to manage it in a safe, supportive and non-judgemental space, turn up at Stowmarket Library on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (2-3pm). It's free. No need to book. GiFT can help you with transport if that holds you back.

GiFT Steering Team



Great in Finborough Together

GiFT Social

The next session is 2-4pm on 21 October in Pettward Hall so please come along for a cuppa, cake and a chat. Rural Coffee Caravan will be there too, with lots of information about services you may find helpful. All ages welcome so if you're stuck at home with young children and fancy some adult conversation, or you are caring for older family members, we're here for you too. We can provide transport too. Pettward Hall has a ramp at the side entrance and there's plenty of help if you need it.

Watts Next?

Last month we explained why we are running an information sharing session on renewable energy (solar panels, heat pumps and electric vehicles) and how to save energy costs. We have arranged this for 11am-12.30pm on Saturday 7 November in Pettward Hall. There will be some local suppliers, people in the village who have been down this route and are happy to share their experiences, and Community Energy Advisers from the Council who will share information about grants and energy saving schemes. It will be informal, with refreshments, and families with children can be accommodated. Come and get your questions answered, or come along and tell your neighbours what you know from your experience of leaving oil and LPG behind.

Want to meet people with similar interests?

GiFT is all about people in the village making connections with each other. Keeping learning, being active and helping others is all good for our own wellbeing. We are always looking for more volunteers.

Interest has been shown in setting up two groups: one focusing on crafting and the other on workshop skills/DIY. The craft group may focus on handiwork like sewing, knitting, crochet and embroidery - unless those involved have more ambitions! It will suit both beginners and experienced crafters, sharing skills and learning from each other. The other group is likely to focus on working with wood and other materials using one's hands and workshop machines.

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How you can Help:

Avoid cutting back mature ivy until the spring, as it is an excellent source of nectar for bees and other pollinators, and hibernation space/shelter. Leave healthy herbaceous and hollow-stemmed plants unpruned until early spring as these can provide homes for overwintering insects. Leave piles of leaves, logs and long grass to provide crucial overwintering sites. Check areas for little creatures before strimming, burning or moving heaps.

Float a ball on your pond to prevent total freezing, and melt ice with a warm pan of water rather than smashing it. Keep your birdbath clean and topped up.

There have been a number of Hedgehog releases in the village and we would love to hear they are surviving. If you have seen one in your area contact Jaqueline. To help Hedgehogs to search for food and mates, make a small hole at ground level between fences to allow them to roam.

We are interested to hear about your sightings of wildlife in our village so we can understand what we have and find ways of improving our biodiversity: j.tarabella@btinternet.com

Mary Smyth & Councillor Jacqueline Tarabella



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I finished school in the summer and since then I've applied for countless jobs, but I'm not having any luck - most companies don't even bother getting back to me. It's really getting me down - what can I do to be more successful?

Navigating your first steps into the world of work can be really daunting. If you're struggling to find a job, you're not alone. Nearly one million young people aged 16 to 24 in the UK are not in education, employment or training. Clearly, there are some big structural and economic issues that are making it hard for young people to find work, but there are still things you can do.

When you're applying for a job, it's vital to do your homework. Make sure you've done your research about both the role and the employer and adjust your CV to fit the position you're applying for. Employers will usually want to know why you're interested in working for them specifically, so take some time to look into who they are and their values as an organisation. Then discuss how they align with what you're looking for in a role in your application.

Be cautious about using AI. When you're feeling the pressure to get out as many applications as possible, it can be tempting to turn to AI to help you write your CV, cover letter or application form. But employers can usually tell when you've used AI, and some may use AI detection tools when screening your application. It might put them off wanting to progress your application, so it's best to always use your own words.

If you're worried about your lack of experience, one way to make your CV stand out from the crowd is to try volunteering. Not only will you gain vital skills and work experience but also make a positive difference to people's lives. For example, volunteering in your local Citizens Advice service can give you office experience and customer service skills - you can find out more about opportunities in your area on our website.

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Thoughts from a country gent!

Rain. It's come! Just before the first shower I had a flock of house martins circling the house. I think they knew it was coming.

The oilseed rape was drilled September 5th and has enough moisture now to start growing. Robins and blue tits feed at home daily. I have never seen the small part of Boyton Hall moat dry up ever until this summer. My friend has lived near the river since 1970 and her pond has dried up for the first time.

Buxhall had its historic produce show September 5th. I was pleased Sis got 1st in art with her drawing of John Lennon. A programme of the first Buxhall Historic fair in 1984 was on display. The information in there was fascinating. The founder, Mr Mitchell-Rowlands, his deputy, Peter Jordan, Colonel Freeman, who used to farm in Buxhall Vale and Dad's cousin Evelyn Fisher all wrote pieces how life was. I manned a clay pigeon trap there in 1986 with Sean Dade. Alison Dunning was a hot shot.

September is traditionally when all the farmers spread their farmyard manure. Years ago, farmers measured their prosperity by the size of their muck heaps. How times have changed. Harvest Festivals are going on at all the churches. It's good to give thanks for all we have.

Some of you will recall a film, A Mid Suffolk Night's Dream, made in Pettiward Hall and at Buxhall in the summer of 2024. Sis and I were extras in the audience. The premiere of 'Once Upon a Time in Suffolk' was shown at The Abbeygate Cinema on September 4th. We were pleased to go. It's very cleverly put together. It's about eight short fairy tales including A Mid Suffolk Night's Dream, introduced by a wise wizard. It will be at The Regal on November 1st and 2nd. It features twists on the green children of Woolpit; Black Shuck; a scarecrow; John Constable, Rapunzel; Little Red Riding Hood and the Yoxman.

What we do about badgers in the village is a bigger issue than ever. At least it is not so hot.

Simon Waspe

f you're over 18 (or in some cases 16 or 17), not in education or training, and you have less than £16,000 in savings or other investments, you may be eligible for Universal Credit. You might also be able to get 'new style' Jobseeker's Allowance for up to six months while you look for a job. You can check what benefits you can get on the Citizens Advice website.

And lastly, job hunting can take a real toll on your mental wellbeing. Endless applications, back-to-back rejections or being ghosted entirely can all chip away at your self-esteem and affect your mental health. If you're finding it tough, there's help and support available. You can reach out to organisations like StudentMinds, try YoungMinds or get in touch with Mind - you don't have to face it alone.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

East Anglian Traditional Music Trust

We are sending out this warm welcome to everyone who would like to enjoy an afternoon of music, dance displays, songs and stories which have originated in East Anglia. We also promote recent traditions which are making the East Anglian history of the future.

Entry is free, but donations gratefully received. There is the opportunity to take part in a raffle and for a small payment teas, coffees and homemade cakes are available. If you are hoping to perform please give your name to the MC as you walk in, if not please come along to just sit back and enjoy. The afternoon is very relaxed, chairs are set out in a big circle and performers can perform in their seats if they choose. We do hope you will be able to join us on 1st November at Coddtenham Community Centre, IP6 9PS. Doors open at 13.30 and we kick off with two session tunes at 14.00.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jan Robinson

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activities and interesting visiting speakers.

At our August meeting we welcomed Bernie Harrison who demonstrated to us the benefits of Face Yoga. We were shown how, with the use of face cream, we could massage our facial muscles which in turn would help reduce our wrinkles and sagging cheeks! It was very interesting and quite amusing to watch each other pulling very strange faces.

Forthcoming Speakers and Events

3rd October 2026 – Harvest Supper

21st October 2026 we will be celebrating our 78th Birthday and also hearing about Walks in the slow lane of Suffolk from Angie Jones.

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Saturday 14th November
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If you can help, please come along with sturdy gloves and any useful tools.

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Non-members wild birdseed order form for November 2026

The next order will be placed on **18 November 2026** the birdseed collection will be on **Wednesday 25 November 2026 between 14.00 and 16.00 hrs. from Abbey Farm Cottage**. If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque made payable to "Great Finborough Garden Club", or **by BAC's** "Gt Finborough & District 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.

Thank you. Peter Turner 07789727974 or p.turner125@btinternet.com

Please note there are some price increases on some birdseed products

Name

Tele No.

Product	Weight	Price	Quantity	Cost
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£15.00		
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£17.50		
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£20.00		
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£18.00		
W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£18.50		
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£18.00		
Finch Mix	20 kg	£18.00		
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£12.50		
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£14.00		
Peanuts (superior quality)	20 kg	£37.00		
Peanuts (half sack)	10 kg approx.	£20.00		
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£19.00		
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£31.00		
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£17.00		
Nyjer Seed	20kg	£44.00		
Nyjer Seed	10kg approx.	£23.00		
Suet Pellets	12.75kgs	£23.00		
Suet Balls (Superior quality)	Price each	15p		
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Letter from the Rector

The month of October in the life of the church is an opportunity to draw breath after the busyness of the summer months with weddings, the Strawberry Fayre at Combs, a Hymns and Pimm's service at Great Finborough, our annual pet blessing service at Harleston, the first Open Day at Buxhall church and our benefice Quiet Day on pilgrimage amongst many other events and services that took place at the seven churches in our benefice. And of course the harvest festivals held in our churches during the month of September which, as I write this letter, are still ongoing.

We are of course preparing for services for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday in November, our annual Advent course in December and services and events for Christmas. But October brings a moment of quietness and stillness in our churches when we are able to focus on our worship, spend time tidying our churchyards before the winter and remind ourselves of the importance of maintaining a Christian presence in our communities.

And just a reminder that we have a group of people from across the Benefice who pray individually and privately for anyone who asks for prayerful support, whatever the situation may be. All information given is kept totally confidential. Our only request is that the person receiving prayer gives their consent.

If you or someone you know would welcome prayer, please contact Elizabeth Mooney at emooney6@sky.com.

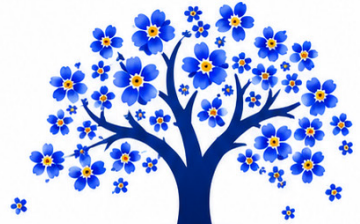
With blessings
Revd Sarah

If you spot something in the village in need of attention, please get in touch. It could be overgrown footpaths, missing or hidden signs, broken or damaged play equipment in the playpark.

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 **Friday, 9th October**

 **11:00am – 3:30pm**

FREE ENTRY

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BUXHALL BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook is located in a quiet area in the small room at the Village Hall and is open five times a month for residents and visitors to browse the bookshelves, choose a book to sit and read or take away.

**All books are free to borrow but please return them when you've read them so others can enjoy them too.
Donations are always welcome.**

If you've enjoyed a book let us know or write a review!

If you would like to start a Book Club or have any ideas of how to expand this service to the Community, please let us know!

Contact Emily at emilybyam1@gmail.com

October Opening Times:

**TUES 6th 2PM - 3PM
SAT 10th 12PM - 3PM
MON 12th 6.30PM - 7PM
THURS 15th 6.00PM – 6.45PM
FRI 23rd 6PM - 9PM**

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

The 2026/27 garden club year began with our Annual General Meeting held on 10th September.

The chairman's report gave us an overview of how busy we had been throughout the previous year with talks, willow weaving and Christmas wreath workshops, car share trips, celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh in the meadow and our Christmas party and summer bbq.

We have a new programme for another exciting year with talks and events as well as Open Gardens in the summer.

Bex Harvey was confirmed as a new committee member at the meeting. The other committee members will continue in their roles with Peter Turner re-elected as chair.

After the formal proceedings we had a quiz based on gardening knowledge and then an opportunity to taste some cider and apple wine along with enjoying a slice of cake

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm at Pettiward Hall, with a talk from Kate Elliott, who is head gardener at Columbine Hall. Kate's talk "A Garden Love Affair" chronicles her 29-year journey transforming the grounds, creation of the estates landscape from scratch and the ongoing evolution of the historic moated property.

A reminder that subscriptions are now due in
They remain at £20.00 per household and £5.00 for guests.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome.

For further information contact: Cath Walker on 07843191101 or cathwalker85@gmail.com

Some dogs need space!

Villagers may have seen me out and about with my dog, who can be seen with a yellow lead cover and bandana.

He was a lockdown pup, nervous of other dogs but after lots of training and support, for me and him, things are so much better. He still prefers to have distance from other dogs and can walk past them or alongside, providing they don't get too close.

Dogs running up off lead can cause barking and lunging. I have been grateful for much support and understanding and have made use of the Yellow Dog UK information including items like yellow tabards, lead covers and ribbons to indicate that he needs space.

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