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# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



July & August 2026  
ISSUE 570

## GREAT FINBOROUGH VILLAGE DIARY

4th July 12-4pm	Buxhall Summer Fayre & Car Show (page 21)	Buxhall Playing Field
5th July 3pm	Hymns & Pimms (page 28)	St Andrews
15th July 2-4pm	Rural Coffee Caravan (page 27)	St Andrews
5th Sep 2.30-4.30pm	Buxhall & Community Village Show (pages 17-20)	Buxhall Village Hall

### FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

13th July, (no August meeting) 21st September 2026 - Pettward Hall

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## The Combs and Finborough Benefice

### Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland Services in July 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=doep7y6JYxv0lIXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

#### 5th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston Green
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
3.00 pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Great Finborough

#### 12th July: The Sixth 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

#### 19th July: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
2.30 pm	Paupers' Graves Service	Paupers' Graves Site, Onehouse
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

#### 26th July: The Eighth 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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- 73 x fabric stacking chairs = £1.25 each, plus £100 returnable deposit
- Miscellaneous crockery = hire is free of charge subject to £50 returnable deposit

If you're interested in doing so, please contact Cathy Morgan at [pettiwardhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:pettiwardhallbookings@gmail.com)



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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
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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

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## Welcome to the July & August Newsletter:

After what seemed like the return of Winter, better weather was very welcome for the Wildflower Meadow Activity afternoon on the 14th June. Further details are on page 25. Well done to all involved in making this event such a fun afternoon for all.

In Parish news, I am pleased to share that after almost a year, the repairs to Knights (Finborough) Bridge have been booked in by Highways. The works are provisionally scheduled to take place between 27th July and 4th August. This may change but we remain forever hopeful! It will require the road to be closed during the works. Also, along with SCC and Highways, we are again looking at possible measures to reduce incidents on the bridge including speeding.

You will have noticed that the Speed Indicator Device (SID), located as you enter the village from Buxhall, hasn't worked for some time. We will be replacing it with a new solar powered one. Similar to others in the village, which don't require regular charging of batteries and offers data on speeds recorded. We have also ordered an additional bracket and solar panel, so we can move the device around the village.

Suffolk County Council recently updated its 20mph policy, giving town and parish councils a stronger role in proposing 20mph limits in their local areas. We are keen to know residents' views on 20mph zones within our village. Do you think we need them? Which roads would benefit? Email [chair@greatfinborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:chair@greatfinborough-pc.gov.uk) with your thoughts.

The new bin collections are settling in, yes with some teething problems for some houses but we are assured these are being addressed. Should you still be without the new bins, email: [recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are preparing a new local plan that will help to shape the future of the districts. The Joint Local Plan will guide decisions on housing, jobs, infrastructure, town centres, the environment, transport and community facilities, helping to ensure that Babergh and Mid Suffolk remain attractive, sustainable and thriving places to live, work and visit.

More information can be found at:  
[www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/joint-local-plan-scoping-consultation](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/joint-local-plan-scoping-consultation)

You will find a link to a survey, should you want to express your views.

A Local Plan sets out how an area should develop over time. It helps plan for future housing, jobs, infrastructure and environmental protection.

As this is the summer double edition, the cut off date for content for September's edition is the 15th August.

Enjoy the sun.

**Ant Mann**  
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## Thoughts from a country gent!

As I write this, local farmers will be preparing for their busiest time in July, working long hours, seven days a week to gather our food for 2027. This will require your patience as large machines will be in your way. Spikes in fertiliser and diesel costs this spring are no help in times of thin margins.

What I am involved in is key to who I am. I am delighted several large local private drainage projects have occurred since last summer. Combined, I am confident they will hold back local flood water to keep Burford Bridge open at all times. This is key for local people. Crash repairs for Finborough Bridge remain in Highways' hands!

For me I need a garden to dry my wet washing in. It is also a place of safety and peace. I try to make a home for as much wildlife as possible. I saw a weasel here for the first time last year.

I'm delighted three pairs of birds chose to nest here and nurture their young; Robins, Great Tits and Blackbirds. They are all foraged here daily. Feeding their chicks is flat out dawn until dusk. The garden also provides us with fruit and vegetables which is time well spent. Pure. No chemicals, no food miles, unprocessed fresh and cheap. I saw my first ear of wheat out beside the house on May 20th on my walk delivering newsletters. I picked my first ripe strawberry June 8th. To watch nature and work with it is part of me. To ignore it is a folly.

Have a safe happy summer and enjoy some time in nature. It surrounds us here.

**Simon Waspe**

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## Wildlife watching this month in Great Finborough

As the warm summer progresses, our summer butterfly species can be enjoyed in gardens and July and August are often peak months. They are also highly sensitive indicators of the health and biodiversity of our environment.

**iRecord Butterflies** is a free app that will guide you through the identification of any butterfly that you see in the UK and allow you to add your sightings to millions of other valuable records that inform the work of Butterfly Conservation.

**Garden Birds:** Many young fledglings are active in early July. Keep an eye out for Robins, Goldfinches, Great Tits, and Blackcaps. Swifts are highly active in early July but depart rapidly by the first week of August on their journey back to Africa. Look out for Swallows gathering on telegraph wires. In August Buzzards, Kestrels, and Sparrowhawks soar over local farmland. Red Kites are often seen too.

**Bees:** You will see a mix of bumblebees, honeybees, and solitary species (like the leaf cutter bee) flying through late summer. Bumblebees: Common carder, Buff-tailed, White-tailed, Red-tailed, and Garden bumblebees are all active as they raise their new queens. You might also see Tree bumblebees, which often nest in bird boxes.

**Our Wildflower and Grasses meadow** - between the football pitch and Woodpecker Wood - access via Valley Lane or Peartree Place. Wander through and see many different insects feeding on the variety of flowering wild plants.

### How You Can Help:

Have plenty of flowers in the garden that offer a mid to late summer nectar source like buddleja, salvia, cosmos, lavender, open cup roses and dahlias, marjoram sedum and Verbena bonariensis.

Take part in the Big Butterfly Count from 17th July to 19th August. Join in for just 15 minutes and help record the state of our nation's species. More info at: [bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about](http://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about)

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### Buxhall and Great Finborough 'Candlestick Club'

The Candlestick Club is hosting a Bingo and Raffle on  
Thursday 9 July 2026 at Buxhall Village Hall

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## Great in Finborough Together

Our social get together on 20 May was well attended, with nearly 30 of us meeting for a cuppa, cake and chat. Rural Coffee Caravan, with which GiFT is partnering, were also on hand to provide information and advice on a range of topics. The next one is on Wednesday 15th July 2-4pm in the church. It's for everyone in the village and we can accommodate babies and young children so if you want to get out of the house for an hour do join us. The church is fully accessible, has a toilet, and transport can be provided.

We're also celebrating success this month in getting Attendance Allowance for another villager, worth over £100 a week, so if there are any benefits or council services you think you might be entitled to, contact GiFT (see back cover of newsletter). Perhaps you struggle to put out your bins due to age or disability, are eligible for Council Tax reduction, don't have all the household goods/furniture you need, or are in social housing and are finding it hard to manage your garden.

If you would be interested in an event where you could learn more about reducing energy costs, solar panels and heat pumps, please message us as we want to gauge interest in the topic for an event we may put on in the autumn.

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Look out for and report any sightings of Asian Hornet. Do not disturb their nests. It's an aggressive predator of our native insects. It's smaller than our native hornet and is dark brown with an orange band on its abdomen and yellow tipped legs. Our own hornet is very yellow with brown legs so quite different. For advice and to report sightings go to:  
[www.nonnativespecies.org/asianhornet](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/asianhornet)

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](mailto:j.tarabella@btinternet.com)

## Mary Smyth & Councillor Jacqueline Tarabella

### Buxhall Fun Quiz, March 21st - Report

Another enjoyable Fun Quiz night was held in March. Ten teams poised with pen and paper went into battle. After the eight rounds and all the Jokers had been played, Judith's team were well in the lead and even with the table round to be added could not be caught. Well done to them as winners.

A wonderful sum of £401 was raised towards the further improvements to Buxhall Village Hall. Once again we are indebted to the generous quiz players and committee who donated such terrific draw prizes to help make this great sum.

**Mim and Keith**

## Citizens Advice - Mid Suffolk

I've recently had to give up work due to a back injury and I'm worried about how I'm going to cope with the drop in income. I'm not sure what benefits I can get - where should I start?

Lots of people miss out on benefits they're entitled to, so it's worth checking what you can get.

Claiming benefits also means you can get access to other financial help like cost-of-living payments and discounts on energy and transport.

To get started, you can use an online benefits calculator. For the most accurate answer, you'll need information about your savings, income, pension, childcare payments and any existing benefits for you and your partner, if you have one. You can use the Entitledto benefits calculator (<https://www.entitledto.co.uk/>) or Policy in Practice version (<https://www.betteroffcalculator.co.uk/login>) for a detailed overview. The Turn2us online tool (<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/>) can provide a quick idea of what benefits and other financial help you might be eligible for.

The main benefit available for most people of working age is Universal Credit. You should check if you can get Universal Credit if you're over 18 and under State Pension age you can check your State Pension age on the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/state-pension-age>), and if you have less than £16,000 in savings or other investments. You can check if you're eligible on the Citizens Advice website.

If you're finding it difficult to work because of your injury, you might get more Universal Credit or not have to look for work. You'll need to inform the Department for Work and Pensions that you have a health condition when you claim Universal Credit and, if possible, submit a fit note. You can find out more on the Citizens Advice website.

You might be entitled to other benefits depending on your situation, like your age, if you're disabled or if you have a child. Some people can claim more than one benefit - for example, disability benefits such as Personal Independence Payment (if you're under pension age) or Attendance Allowance (if you're over pension age) and Universal Credit. These disability benefits aren't means-tested and can often be claimed in addition to other benefits like Universal Credit. Look at our website for more details.



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**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](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**



## **Buxhall and Great Finborough 'Candlestick Club'**



**The Candlestick Club has arranged an outing on the 13 August 2026 to the End of Pier Show at Cromer**

**Price is £54.00 and includes coach and show ticket**

Pick up times are:

9.30am - Buxhall Village Hall  
9.40am approximately - Great Finborough  
9.50am approximately - Combs Ford, the Co-op  
It would be wise to get to your pick up point a little early

The show starts at 2.30 and lasts approximately 2.30 hours with a 30-minute interval. All seats will be located on the ground floor.

If you would like to join us on the trip please contact Emily 07964 045373 or Mim 07414 004006 or email [emilybyam1@gmail.com](mailto:emilybyam1@gmail.com) **before 13 JULY** as ticket numbers need to be confirmed with the theatre

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## The Beacon Club



The Beacon Club was set up nearly 3 years ago for two reasons, firstly to have the money to have the iconic steeple of St Andrews Church illuminated every night of the year at lighting-up time until 23.00hrs. Secondly, to support the running of the Church which costs £20,000/year to keep the doors open. The Church has 2 services a month but is usually open 5 days a week for moments of quiet reflection

We are still looking for new members of the Beacon Club, members donate £100 a year to support the steeple lighting & Church. We hold an Autumn Equinox supper in the Church by way of a small thank you. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch: p.turner125@btinternet.com or 07789727974

**Peter**

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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## BUXHALL WI

We meet at Buxhall village hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. We are a very friendly group of around 54 members enjoying a varied range of activities and interesting visiting speakers.

At our May meeting, as we have recently had a welcome influx of new members, we had a 'getting to know you' evening entitled surprise bingo. This involved guessing and learning about members past exploits and adventures. This proved to be tremendous fun, members laughing almost until it hurt, a highlight being the discovery of one member getting lost not once but twice in the depths of the Amazon jungle.

### Forthcoming Speakers and Events

15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Michael Farley - 'I'm Henry the Eighth I am'

19<sup>th</sup> August 2026 – Face Yoga bring your own face (cream)

Christine Hagger [christinemhagger@gmail.com](mailto:christinemhagger@gmail.com)



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## Should I be feeding birds in my garden during the summer?

Following recent advice from the RSBP and BTO, I hope the following information will help you to decide if you want to continue to feed birds in a responsible way, that gives as much protection to the birds as possible.

## Should I stop feeding birds from 1st May to 31st October?

It depends. If you have seen sick greenfinches or chaffinches, following the RSPB's seasonal guidance, is a sensible precaution. The disease is serious, and reducing crowding at feeders during peak months is reasonable. If you have not seen sick birds, and keep feeders clean, the current evidence does not necessarily require you to remove seed feeders. What it does require is strict hygiene.

Birds often rely on garden food in spring and summer, and species such as house sparrows, starlings, blackbirds, and thrushes are already under pressure. Since April to July is the key breeding season, withdrawing food then is not a neutral choice.

## How many feeders tested positive in the study?

The study sampled feeders and other surfaces in gardens with sick birds. The Trichomoniasis was found in 2 of 106 feeder seed samples (1.88%). Swabs from feeder ports and mesh, the parts birds touch, were all negative. Higher rates were found on base trays (19%) and in water baths (24%). This suggests the main risk is not the hanging feeder itself, but flat surfaces and standing water. Removing seed trays, cleaning bird baths daily, and keeping feeder ports clean targets the most likely transmission routes more directly.

## What should I do instead?

A few simple changes can reduce risk. If your feeder has a bottom tray, remove it. This may be the single most effective step, as base trays had the highest detection rates in the study and can collect contaminated saliva and droppings.

**Cont.**

Clean feeders weekly: take them apart, scrub with mild disinfectant, 1 part bleach to 9 parts water, rinse well, and dry before refilling. Focus on ports and mesh and move feeders occasionally to prevent build-up below. Avoid bird tables for seed in summer, as they collect contamination and keep sick birds in one place. Clean bird baths daily and refill with fresh tap water, and only put out enough food for a day or two so it does not become damp or stale.

If you see signs of trichomoniasis, such as lethargy, fluffed feathers, wet or matted feathers around the beak, or difficulty swallowing, remove feeders and water sources at once, clean everything thoroughly, and stop feeding for 2 or 3 weeks.

**The RSPB's CEO Beccy Speight says** "We're not asking people to stop feeding, just to feed in a way that protects birds' long-term health. By making small changes together, we can ensure garden feeding continues to be a positive force for nature."

### Peter Turner

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## Great Finborough & District Garden Club

On the afternoon of Sunday 14th June we held a lovely event in the meadow that was open to everyone in the village. Taking our theme from Winnie the Pooh's centenary we had a 'treasure hunt in our village version' of the hundred acre wood along with nature quizzes with prizes that included mini jars of honey.

There were a variety of traditional games that ranged from splat the rat, nimble thimble, bowling, tin can alley and welly wanging that were all enthusiastically enjoyed by those present. There was also one lucky winner who managed to guess the weight of a cuddly Winnie the Pooh.

A stall was on hand for those that needed a bit of guidance on which of our new recycling bins should be used and for advice on composting.

A bbq and tea and delicious cakes were on offer as well and a very pleasant afternoon was had by everyone who attended.

Our next meeting is on 9 July at 7.30pm at Petteward Hall and is a talk from Roger Hance who is a multi award winning photographer about "Attracting Birds & Wildlife to your garden" illustrated by amazing photographs.

There will be two events in August: a coach trip to Hyde Hall flower show on Sunday 9 August and the garden club members BBQ will be held on 13 August. Details of these events will be circulated to members nearer the time.

The September meeting will be the AGM. If members have any item they would like to discuss please contact me at the email below. A reminder that subscriptions will be due in September. They remain at £20.00 per household and £5.00 for guests.

**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**

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**Non-members wild birdseed order form for September 2026**

The next order will be placed on **9 September 2026** the birdseed collection will be on **Wednesday 16 September 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](mailto: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		
	150	£22.50/Box		

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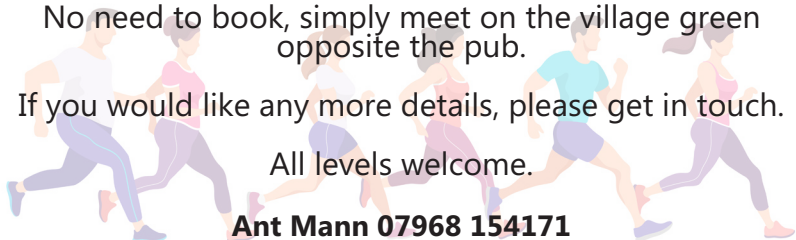
If you are keen to start running, get fit, run in a group or socialise, then join us every Thursday at 6.45pm.

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## WHAT'S ON!

### July

Thursday 2nd July Open mic from 7.30

Sunday 5th July from 3pm Andy Ottley is Elvis

Thursday 23rd July 7.30 Music Quiz

Saturday 25th July Jax acoustic 7.30pm

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## Letter from the Rector

Although it's the middle of June as I write the letter to cover July and August, with all the rain we've had recently I'm beginning to wonder if it will warm up at all soon. So much for a proper Summer, let's pray that it improves so that by the time you read this the sun will be shining and it won't be too hot!

When it comes to major Christian festivals, July and August are quieter months in the church calendar. The Summer months however still have a lot to offer, from the Leavers' services for our Church schools, to the main wedding season, and church fetes. Then, at the end of the Summer holidays, our pet blessing service takes place on Sunday, 23rd August at 3pm on the Green at Harleston. Last year we had a selection of dogs and in the past we've had a horse and hamsters join us so if you'd like to come along please bring a chair and your pet if you have one!

Like the school Summer holidays, July and August in our church communities tend to be a time to recharge the batteries, enjoying regular opportunities to worship together and share fellowship, to get odd jobs done in our church buildings and churchyards before the onset of Autumn and to welcome visitors to our beautiful churches.

I do hope that you too have time to recharge your batteries over the Summer months, and are able to take time to make the most of hopefully the much improved weather. And we would love to welcome you to our social events, any of our regular services or just to spend some quiet time in our churches. Our weekly pew sheet gives details for worship services and social events and can be found on the A Church Near You website for each church ([www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)).

**With blessings for a restorative Summer,**

**Revd Sarah**

**BUXHALL SUMMER FAYRE & CAR SHOW**

**ON THE PLAYING FIELD**

**SATURDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** **IP14 3DS**  
**12:00PM TIL 16:00PM**

**Event Highlights**

**CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS -**  
**KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT - FIND THE 'BUXHALL BADGER'**  
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## BUXHALL VILLAGE SHOW: 2026 PROGRAMME

### SECTION 1 – VEGETABLES

1	5 Potatoes - any colour	6	2 Courgettes – equal size
2	5 Onions – any colour	7	5 Runner beans
3	5 Shallots	8	5 Tomatoes – any variety
4	3 Carrots with foliage	9	1 Marrow
5	3 Beetroot with foliage	10	Any other single specimen vegetable

### SECTION 2 – FRUIT

1	5 Apples – Any dessert or baking	3	5 Plums – any variety
2	5 Pears – any variety	4	1-10 of any other fruit

### SECTION 3 – FLOWERS

1	3 Dahlias	4	10 Stems of mixed flowers
2	3 Roses – any variety	5	Pot plant – any
3	3 specimen stem - same flower		

### SECTION 4 – BAKED GOODS

1	4 Scones: sweet or savoury	4	Tray Bake cake: any flavour
2	Any home-made bread	5	Loaf Tin cake: any flavour
3	Sponge cake with filling: any flavour	6	Decorated celebration cake

### SECTION 5 – PRESERVES

1	Any non-stoned jam or fruit preserve	3	Pickled relish or chutney- any type
2	Any stone fruit jam or fruit preserve	4	Any home-produced honey

### SECTION 6: PHOTOGRAPHY (Maximum A4 in colour or black & white)

1	A landscape photo	3	A Family and/or Pets photo
2	A Wildlife photo	4	A serendipitous photo

### SECTION 7 – ARTS AND CRAFT

(Any medium eg fabric, wool, wood, metal, card, paper, pottery etc)

1	A child's toy	3	A picture
2	A new home-made item for the home or garden (including to wear)	4	Recycled or upcycled item for the home or garden (including to wear)

### SECTION 8 – CHILDREN Ages a) 7 and under b) 8 and above

1	Any 2D or 3D art form made from recycled materials or vegetation	3	4 cup cakes: any flavour
2	2D or 3D art form of a farm using any medium including lego	4	A portable home-grown garden in a container of your choice.

### SECTION 9 – BRITISH HUMOUR IN THE GARDEN – Make the Judges Smile

1	A single vegetable – your longest, heaviest, most misshaped, ugliest, or humorous vegetable. Creatively displayed with accessories and an apt title, caption or name
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## Buxhall and District Community Council

### Village Show

5<sup>th</sup> September 2026



at  
Buxhall Village Hall

2.30 – 4.30 pm

Programme Entry Form

Refreshments by Buxhall Women's Institute

Contact and enquiries:  
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**Village Show Entry Form – HAND IN TO THE ORGANISERS**

Entry form and payment by **6.00pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026** to

- Hilary Hall, Old Guildhall Cottage, Mill Road, Buxhall.  
or by email [hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk)
- OR: via the red post box at Buxhall Village Hall

Enter as many sections as you wish, but only 1 entry in each class

**Please tick the relevant boxes for the classes you wish to enter.**

Classes:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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5: Preserves										
6:Photography										
7: Art and Craft										
8a: Children 7 and under										
8b: Children 8 and over										
9: Garden Humour										

Age (children only) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee included (20p per class in section, free for sections 8a and 8b).

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Entry Fee: 20p per entry per class in each section, Section 8 is free.

All entries must be exhibited in the village hall between **8am and 10am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, in the respective marked sections.

- Judging will take place from 10am.
- Doors open to the public between 2.30 and 4.30pm
- The judge's decision is final.
- Any entries not removed by 4.40pm will be auctioned for the BCC.