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# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



**June 2026  
ISSUE 569**

## GREAT FINBOROUGH VILLAGE DIARY

5th June	New Bin Collections (Pages 8 & 9)	Village
13th June 10.30am-12pm	Messy Church (Page 13)	Trinity Hall Onehouse
14th June 1-4.30pm	Wildflowers Meadow Fete (page 28)	Woodpecker Hill
17th June 2-4pm	Rural Coffee Caravan (page 27)	St Andrews
5th July 3pm	Hymns & Pimms	St Andrews

### FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

15th June - Pettward 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 June 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=doep7y6JYxv0lIXsR0XnbeZlDa9ME.1>

#### 7<sup>th</sup> June: The First Sunday after Trinity

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

#### 14<sup>th</sup> June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

#### 21<sup>st</sup> June: The Third Sunday after Trinity

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

#### 28<sup>th</sup> June: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Revd Andy's First Eucharist	Great Finborough
	Benefice Holy Communion	

#### 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*

## Style at Stow Fashion Show 2026

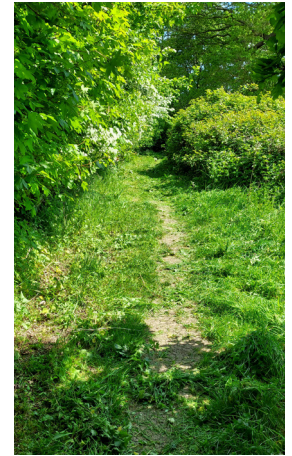
A big thank you to all those who attended the Fashion Show at St Andrew's Church and in particular Style at Stow, the models, Vicki for the flowers, and all those who donated the wine, and prizes for the raffle. The church was packed and the magnificent sum of £535 raised for church funds.



We all had a very enjoyable evening raising funds for a good cause!

## Welcome to the June Newsletter:

It's been a busy few weeks fixing and maintaining areas around the village. The path has now been made accessible from the back of the Church, down to the reservoir path. The missing tarmac patch in the playpark has been replaced.



The repainting of the lines in the village car park has been finished as well as other smaller jobs fixing gates and replacing signs. These small projects the Parish Council take on go a long way to keeping our village looking great as well as saving money to all Council Tax payers.



However, sadly some jobs are required to tackle vandalism. After the issue with the bench last month, this time the fence by the rope swing, at the end of Valley Lane, has received some unwanted attention. Many thanks to Justin for repairing it. This kind of behaviour is unacceptable and needs to stop. Should you witness any vandalism or anti-social behaviour, report it to the police.



It is good to see locals starting to use the new bus service to Stowmarket and Hadleigh. The timetable is shown on the notice board and on page 34. An adult ticket to Stow Train Station is only £1.50.

May hosted the Suffolk County Council elections, with Thedwastre South up for grabs. It was a tight result but we are now represented at County level by Green Councillor, Matt Bentley.

Cont.



Valid from Monday 13th April 2026

### 51 SUMMARY TIMETABLE

Stowmarket Railway Station > Great Finborough > Hitcham > Bildeston > Hadleigh

MONDAY TO FRIDAY | Except Bank Holidays

This service is being supported by Suffolk County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan.

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)



We are keen to know residents' views of the old BT phone box which houses the village defibrillator. Would you be keen to see it replaced, perhaps with a more iconic red phone box? Let me know.

Remember to look out for further information for the new bins which come into force in June. Pages 8 & 9 show the rotation schedule and further information.

And finally, well done to the 3 members of the Village Running Club, Lee, David and Lewi, who ran The Lap in May. A 47 mile race around the picturesque Lake Windermere. A great result for all three.

**Ant Mann**  
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## Harleston Vintage Ploughing Weekend April 25th/26th 2026

Mark Armstrong the engineer was kind enough to organise the event last month in his field beside his workshop in Harleston village. The church needs rethatching and any money raised would go towards the £100,000 required. The weather both days was warm, dry and sunny but we really need some rain.



About a dozen old, rare and interesting tractors attended, a few were static. Most pulled a plough. One did some cultivating and one some rib rolling. The Police liaison team attended mainly discussing rural crime. All 3 of them had a turn ploughing with Steve's 2 French horses; the breed Comtois, which came on the Sunday from Saffron Walden. A women in wartime display, refreshments, a traditional bumble and some strategic seats for the walk to the car park on Harleston Green completed a fun weekend.

I did a round ploughing with the horses, which was just magical.

**Simon Waspe**

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Buxhall and District Candlestick Club



2026 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Total</u>
4 June	River Stour Boat Trip with lunch at the Henry Swan	FULLY BOOKED		
9 July	Bingo afternoon 2pm to 4pm Buxhall Village Hall			
13 August	Cromer End of Pier Show	£26.00	£28.00	£54.00
4 September	To be arranged			

Please contact Emily on 07964 045373 or [emilybyam1@gmail.com](mailto:emilybyam1@gmail.com) or Mim at one of the other events or on 07414 004006 if you would like to put your name down for any of the trips.

**\*\*Prices are based on a minimum of 25 people attending, if numbers fall short trips may have to be cancelled\*\***



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## Great in Finborough Together

In the last 12 months our 40 volunteers have provided gifts of their time and skills to 22 different households (31 people) in the village, often on multiple occasions. Some receiving gifts have also volunteered.

Gifts have included lifts and support at hospitals/GPs, the bank, the supermarket and the theatre. Small gardening and DIY jobs are often requested, as well as help to apply for state benefits, and liaison with organisations or loved ones on behalf of those needing help and with their consent.

Some people are benefitting from social calls and/or linking them up with other people. Although we aren't an emergency service we have helped people who have fallen at home or those coping with bad news or the stress of caring for family members. We appreciate the aids/equipment donated for lending to others.

Volunteers continue to help us get our affairs in order, like sorting power of attorney. Our partnership with Rural Coffee Caravan continues with monthly social meet-ups, open to everyone in the village who fancies a cuppa and cake. The next one is on 17 June in the church, which is accessible for those with restricted mobility, and it has a toilet. Help to get there can be provided on request.

### GiFT Steering Team

#### Thank you Great Finborough residents:

I would like to pass on my thanks to the Great Finborough residents who came to my aid after I had a fall in the road on the 15th April. I was released from hospital on the 29th April and it's because of the aid I received that I made it home at all.

You are truly a great and generous village and I'm proud to be a resident of this caring village.

Thank you  
**Frank Raynes**

## Non-members wild birdseed order form for June 2026

The next order will be placed on **3 June 2026** the birdseed collection will be on **Wednesday 10 June 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
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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		

## Simpler Recycling

By now every household should have received a letter in the post explaining the new bin system starting with the 5 June collection. Everyone should also have their new blue bin and 2 food caddies. One is smaller than the other and it should have come with a free roll of bags.

### Key messages are:

**Collections will still be Fridays** (or a day later in Bank Holiday weeks) in this order: Blue, Black, Green (see page 9 for rotation)

The **larger food waste bin** will be collected every week on the same day as the wheelie bins. Cooked and uncooked food. Use any plastic bag or no bag. Pull the black handle down at the front to seal it

**Green bin** is only for paper, cardboard and books

**Blue** is for the plastic put into green bins until June plus plastic film that couldn't be recycled until now (but not crisp packets silvered on inside); glass bottles/jars including lids; tins; foil in balls; cartons (Tetrapaks)

**Black** is for residual waste including hard plastic, crisp packets, bagged dog/cat waste, nappies and continence/menstruation/make-up pads, bagged vacuum dust

**None** goes to landfill, with everything being recycled or turned into electricity.

- The Simpler Recycling law, passed in 2023, is being implemented by councils throughout England so everywhere does the same
- If you haven't received your bins or are uncertain about anything contact Mid Suffolk Council: 0300 1234 000 (option 4) or [recycling@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk). The answers to questions are also at: <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling>

Advice on managing the change is available on 14 June in the Wildflower Meadow afternoon village event, along with help with composting.

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Bowling, Nimble Thimble, Higher or Lower,  
Welly Wanging and more.



Collection	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<b>Food Waste</b>			
<b>Refuse</b> general rubbish		<b>BLACK</b>	
<b>Paper and Card</b>			<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Recycling</b> glass, plastics, metal and cartons			 <b>BLUE</b>



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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 50 members enjoying a varied range of activities and interesting visiting speakers.

At our April meeting we welcomed Eric Punake who enthralled members on “The craft of comic verse”. He was a very talented man who had previously been an English teacher and for many years had written amusing poetry, songs and many limericks. There was a lot of laughter, and we thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

### Forthcoming Speakers and Events

17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – The Summer Garden Party

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

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



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## Wildlife watching this month in Great Finborough

It’s a busy month in our gardens and countryside – a few joys to watch out for:

The **Peacock** is a large butterfly, with a wingspan of 6.3–7.5cm, and it can be seen year-round. However, it is especially active in the summer months. It can be seen in your garden (especially if you have Buddleia).

The **Small Tortoiseshell** butterfly is so called because of the yellow and black stripes at the top of its forewings. All four of its wings are edged with blue half-ovals. Despite these glorious colours, this butterfly shuts its wings when at rest – then resembling a dead leaf. The Stinging Nettle is vital to both these butterflies for egg laying and as food for the caterpillars.

**Bat** pups are usually born in June. Lactating female bats need to eat a lot of insects to feed themselves and their young. You can see bats flying just after sunset – usually pipistrelles.

June is an important nesting month for birds. Many bird species will be gathering food for their chicks, then encouraging the youngsters to leave the nest for the first time. The beautiful summer sight of swifts, swallows and house martins darting around our skies and houses scooping up thousands of insects is fabulous.

### How You Can Help:

Try not to disturb nesting birds. Avoid cutting hedges and large shrubs between March and August, so as not to disturb any nesting species.

Top up water for birds to drink and bathe in and ensure bird baths are kept clean.

Wildlife ponds in the garden are a fantastic way to support a wide variety of creatures, including dragonflies, damselflies, frogs and toads which are fascinating to watch.

Let us know if you see any of these and other butterflies, bats or birds - [j.tarabella@btinternet.com](mailto:j.tarabella@btinternet.com)

**Mary Smyth & Councillor Jacqueline Tarabella**

## News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

Representing Onehouse, Great & Little Finborough, Combs, Harleston & Shelland

### Election updates:

A new County Councillor Matt Bentley (Green) was elected to Thedwastre South Division, following Cllr Penny Otton's decision to step down from the County Council. You can contact Matt.Bentley@suffolk.gov.uk

Unitary elections are due to be held in May 2027. Elected Unitary councillors will spend their first year within the three 'shadow councils', preparing for Suffolk to officially become three Unitary Councils (when both the District and County councils will be disbanded) on 1st April 2028.

The election to appoint a Mayor, representing both Suffolk and Norfolk, is now planned for May 2028.

### Council funding for Neighbourhood Plans:

Government funding for Neighbourhood Plans was withdrawn in June 2025, and at the same time its house building targets have significantly increased (up 40% in Mid Suffolk). Neighbourhood Plans are vital to give a voice to local communities and to ensure the right types of development are built in the right place. MSDC has therefore introduced its own funding to support parish and town councils in the preparation and reviewing of their plans (up to £20K per plan).

### Onehouse to Woolpit Quietway

There is a chance to help design this project, a second open session at Trinity Hall, Onehouse from 4pm - 7pm June 10th, and also in Woolpit on 9th. There is also an opportunity to view and to comment on this proposed walking and cycle route between the villages, via <https://communitymap.uk/project.257>

### Food Bank

Don't forget there are many in need locally when you are out shopping for food and household supplies. Collection points at all supermarkets and many other places.

**Councillor John Matthissen 01449 258894 or 07976 308128  
councillor@matthissen.net**

**Or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane,  
Needham Market IP6 8RZ**

## Great Finborough & District Garden Club

After what felt like a return to winter over the last few weeks hopefully, we are in real spring now and get out and enjoy our gardens.

Our May meeting was an engaging talk by Mel from Mickfield Hostas. Mel gave us lots of helpful information about how to cultivate Hostas, how to divide them successfully and how to beat the scourge of the slugs and snails who happily eat the plant leaves.

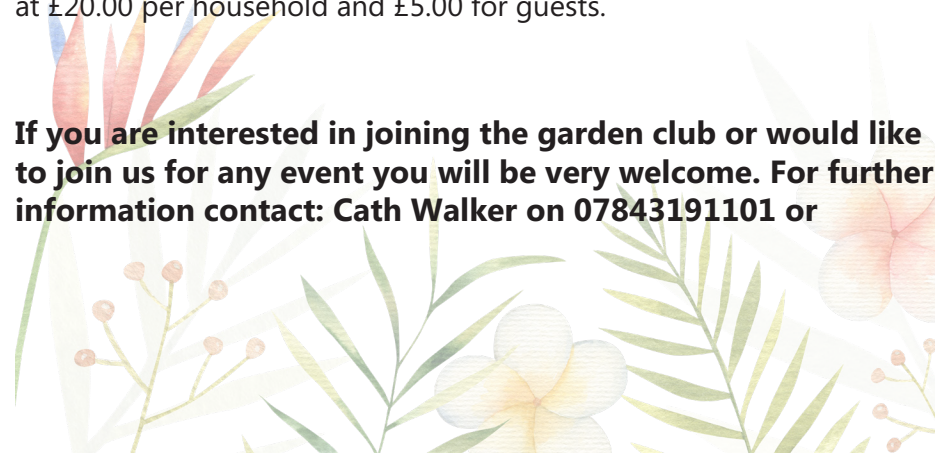
She also took us through the development of the family nursery business and the early days of seed swapping with fellow enthusiasts in America, through their years of attending plant shows and building up to national collection status.

The evening ended with a popular plant sale and there should now be varieties of Hostas in many gardens all around the village.

Our next meeting will be the wildflower meadow event on Sunday 14 June between 1pm and 4.30pm. Entry is free and to celebrate his 100th anniversary there will be Winnie the Pooh themed activities for the children. This will include our own village version of the 100-acre wood. There will be quizzes with prizes and traditional games to join in. Everyone can bring a picnic and there will be a BBQ as well as tea and coffee and cakes.

A reminder that subscriptions were due in September. They will 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**



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## WHAT'S ON!

### June

Open mic Thursday 4th June from 7.30

Friday 5th June Andy Ottley is ELVIS from 8pm

Friday 19th June Jax & co from 7.30

Sunday 21st June Father's Day  
Roast from 12.00 - 5pm

### 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

*"Please check our Facebook page for latest updates including details for the next quiz night."*

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## Letter from the Rector

The month of June, as well as hopefully bringing warmer weather, tennis and the end of the exam period, also brings some notable saints festivals in the Christian calendar, in particular the shared festival of St Peter and St Paul on 29th June.

St Peter was also known as Peter the Apostle and Simon Peter. Originally a fisherman, he was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and one of the first leaders of the early Christian Church. Peter appears repeatedly and prominently in all four New Testament gospels as well as the book of the Acts of the Apostles. According to Christian tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero after which he was venerated by the church as a major saint and as the founder of the Church of Rome.

St Paul, who was previously called Saul of Tarsus and became commonly known as Paul the Apostle, was a Christian apostle who spread the teachings of Jesus in the first-century world. Generally regarded as one of the most important figures of the time, he founded several Christian communities in Asia Minor and Europe. Originally Paul was called Saul and lived as a Pharisee, participating in the persecution of the early disciples of Jesus. Whilst Paul was travelling on the road to Damascus to search out Christians he had what is commonly called a conversion experience. After these events Paul was baptised and he made three missionary journeys to spread the Christian message to non-Jewish communities throughout the countries of the western Mediterranean.

St Peter and St Paul are associated with the creation of new deacons and priests within the church so it is usual for services of ordination to take place on the weekend nearest to their feast day of 29th June. This year, these services will be taking place in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds on the 27th June and our curate, the Revd Andy Little, will be ordained as a priest! Revd Andy will then celebrate Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, 28th June at our service at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough starting at 10am and to which all are welcome. A time for celebration indeed!

**With blessings,  
Revd Sarah**

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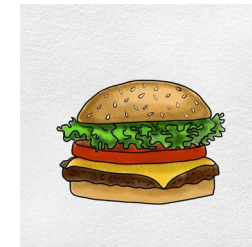
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## Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's



We're looking forward to a lively and engaging few weeks at Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's, with a range of exciting themes including healthy eating, gardening, Father's Day, wildlife, recycling, and preparing for our transition to school. Children will explore where some of our healthy food comes from, even planting their own seeds and visiting the allotments to meet June and discover what's growing locally. We'll also learn about recycling, investigating what happens to our rubbish and why it's important to care for our planet. Wildlife week will be especially magical as we grow butterflies and watch them transform and take flight in the flower meadow.

If you join us on Facebook, you can follow our 'Butterfly TV', watching the caterpillars grow and sharing in the moment when they flutter away into the meadow. With sports day on the horizon in July, we'll be decorating T-shirts and practising our running and sporting skills to make the day memorable. For many, it's also time to get ready for the big step of starting school, so there's plenty to do and lots of excitement ahead.



We're delighted to share that thanks to our fundraising efforts and a generous donation from the gardening club, we now have a new fence around our outdoor area. We've also invested in a water play wall, complete with jugs and funnels, giving the children lots of opportunities for creative play. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has supported our fundraising events and to Simon Waspe for his kind donation from the quiz night, we're glad to hear Simon is on the mend.

If you have a child aged two to school age who would enjoy joining our lively and friendly group, we're now taking bookings for September.

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Please feel welcome to get in touch for a chat or to arrange a visit. All four-year-olds are grant funded, and three-year-olds qualify the term after their third birthday. Working parents may also be eligible for two year old funding or extra hours above the standard 15, so do check your eligibility on the government website.

Contact Delia and the team on 07513 140072 or email [gfbunderfive@gmail.com](mailto:gfbunderfive@gmail.com) for more information.

We look forward to welcoming new faces and sharing our adventures with you!

**Delia and team**

### Cancer Research for Life

One in two people will get cancer in their lifetime. It's a sobering thought. However, over the past 50 years research has helped double the cancer survival rates in the UK. I know I'm not the only person in Great Finborough to have lost family or friends to this terrible disease.

This year is the 20th anniversary of my own cancer diagnosis and I am taking part, with my youngest daughter, in the Cancer Research UK Race for Life at Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds on 7th June. I wish to celebrate the fact that I am still here (well, most of me is), to remember those I have lost and to support those currently on their own cancer journey.



If you feel able to sponsor me, the link to my fundraising page is: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/mar-y-s-race-for-life-32746570811> or scan QR code. I can also accept cash donations through my door at South Lodge (on the corner of the drive to Finborough School).

Thank you.

**Mary Preece**