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GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



September 2026
ISSUE 571

GREAT FINBOROUGH VILLAGE DIARY

30th Aug	Family BBQ & Entertainment	Chestnut Horse
5th Sep 2.30-4.30pm	Buxhall & Community Village Show (pages 17-20)	Buxhall Village Hall
13th Sep 11am	Harvest Festival	St Andrews Church
16th Sep 2-4pm	Rural Coffee Caravan (page 30)	St Andrews Church
14th Nov	Vets Lunch (page 10)	Pettiward Hall

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

21st September 2026 - Pettiward Hall

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The Combs and Finborough Benefice

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland Services in September 2026

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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=doep7y6JYxv0llXsxROXnbzIda9ME.1>

6th September: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Harleston
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Combs

13th September: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Shelland
9.30 am	Patronal Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Great Finborough

20th September: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom

27th September: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	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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- Miscellaneous crockery = hire is free of charge subject to £50 returnable deposit

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Welcome to the September Newsletter:

The summer is still very much with us as I put September's newsletter together and not showing many signs of letting up. The good weather has meant that many events have enjoyed unbroken sunshine including the annual village golf day which took place in August. Another great event brought together by Colin, Penny, Dave and Jo; this year raising £ 3000 for various great causes. Special thanks goes to Tydeman's in Stowmarket who generously donated a pair of diamond earrings, which were auctioned on the day. Well done to Kevin and Neil for winning this year's trophy.

In Parish news, I am sorry to say that the bridge repairs scheduled for the end of July were postponed and at time of writing I am chasing for a new date. We will post this on Facebook and the notice board, once confirmed.

It's sad to report again that the footpath circular markers around the village are being removed. Annoyingly the cost to replace them could be better spent on other things in the village.

As reported earlier in the year, the Chestnut Tree opposite the pub will be getting its major haircut in the autumn. This is essential maintenance. Should you have any questions or concerns, James, the tree surgeon, is coming along to our September 21st Parish Meeting. Him and his team are also working throughout Woodpecker Hill, again, this is essential maintenance on some trees, that require felling. After advise, other areas will be tackled to allow more light in and growth of varieties currently being restricted.

The new SID (speed indicator devise) has been installed on the road coming up from Buxhall. These devises do help with reducing speeds through the village but sadly there are some road users who treat our village like a racetrack. We will be liaising with the Police to see what else can be done.

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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

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Thoughts from a country gent!

Most local farmers finished their wheat harvest mid July 2026. To put it in context as I considered a career in food production we planned to be finished for August bank holiday weekend so we could have Monday off. My Dad Trevor married 18th September 1965. He still hadn't finished and they only had 280 acres. Nobody was bothered. Yes the ground is dry to travel on and the grain is dry enough to sell but yields are down. It's hardly rained since March. My allotment has suffered. It's ironic, the early plants the frost killed. The rest have been killed or restricted. I only have an abundance of blackberries!

I am proud I saw 8 partridge chicks running in the dust beside Mum's wild flower patch. I've never seen 8. Mummy pheasant proudly brought 5 chicks into our garden. We have 3 batches of Robin chicks that feed daily here on the patio and are so tame. We watch their red breasts develop. All the great tits born here have vanished. We have one green woodpecker, I think a red kite, blackbirds, sparrows, blue tits, goldfinches and too many magpies. At least it's a little cooler but we desperately need rain. The fields are so dusty, dry and hard we can't drill the oilseed rape as planned until rain is coming.

We are totally in the hands of whatever the seasons throw at us. I picked my first blackberry July 10th and first courgette July 13th. The first pear on the orchard was visible July 12th. Next year it will be different. We all need to make an effort to produce some food for ourselves. Most urban people don't grasp this. We can't be sure what tomorrow may bring. My next challenge is blackberry jam and a blackberry and plum crumble, hopefully a success!

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Wildlife watching this month in Great Finborough

September is a time of preparation, not just for us, but for the wildlife that shares our gardens. As the leaves change and the air cools, take a moment to enjoy the beauty of nature and the important role your garden plays in it.

In September, **bird migration** continues. We had a good number of swifts in the village, and most will have left in early August. Swallows, house martins and warblers may be seen gathering on wires and on the move heading south. Depending on the severity of the weather in Russia and Northern Europe, species including redwing and fieldfare will soon arrive in Suffolk for the winter.

Several **butterfly species** can still be spotted in our gardens on a sunny day. Some, such as the Small Tortoiseshell, are focussed on building up their fat reserves in preparation for the long hibernation through to next spring. Red Admirals too, often on the same flowers, hurriedly feeding up either for their southerly migration or to hibernate here. Many Peacocks have already entered hibernation.

The combination of early autumn sunshine and rainy days often leads to a build-up of garden pests in September. **Ladybirds** continue to be a gardener's best friend as a form of natural pest control and help create a naturally functioning garden.

There have been a few more **hedgehog** sightings in the village. They will start to feed more intensively ahead of their winter hibernation. Leave a shallow bowl of clean water, but **do not feed them bread or milk**. You can leave out a small amount of meaty cat or dog food. Check long grass etc before strimming.

How you can Help:

Embrace a less tidy garden. Keep seedheads on your plants as a valuable source of food. Wild areas left in the garden with longer grass, log piles etc. also provide good opportunities for winter shelter for hedgehogs, ladybirds and other wildlife. Fallen leaves may seem like garden debris, but they're a treasure trove for wildlife

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An average LPG or oil-fired boiler lasts 10-15 years with professional annual servicing, although components may need replacing in that time, so many of us will face the decision as to what to replace it with in the near future. Experience tells us it is better to have a plan for this rather than having to make the decision fast when the boiler fails, find the money and wait for up to several weeks/months without hot water and heating. Coming off oil and LPG onto solar panels gives a household cheaper electricity and saves the cost of LPG/oil standing charges and the hassle of maintaining the supply. Combining solar panels with an air source heat pump and/or electric vehicle helps to pay for the capital cost of these technologies.

We are arranging an information sharing session for the autumn on navigating the switch to renewable energy. The plan is to have some experts and lots of information, with villagers there who have embarked on the journey to a lower carbon future. Whether we do this on a weekday evening in Pettiward Hall or a Saturday depends on the interest you show in this event. Please message GiFT on 07522 171190 to express your interest in principle (no commitment).

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Thank you to everyone who helps at and supports our monthly GiFT Socials, run in collaboration with Rural Coffee Caravan. They have been so well-attended over the summer that we will continue them. The next session is 2-4pm on 16 September in St Andrew's Church. After that we move back to Pettward Hall so thanks to the Committee for their support. All are welcome so do come. Please put these dates in your diary: 21 October and 18 November. There will be a Christmas Social too, date to be confirmed.

We are grateful to the Garden Club for donating the proceeds of the annual BBQ to GiFT. This significant sum will be used to continue to fund the essential expenses any good neighbour scheme incurs, including phone charges, insurance and DBS checks.

Watts Next?

Some of us have had to do a lot of research and personal learning when our oil tank needs replacing, our LPG boiler has been condemned, or our car needs replacing. When someone said they wished there was an easy way to share the information about the technologies, costs, grants and what might work in a particular home, we thought about how to help, given Great Finborough is never going to have mains gas and our homes vary so much in age, style and size.

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Instead of bagging them up, create leaf piles in a corner of your garden or back of borders. If you have a bird nest box, clean it in autumn once any chicks have fledged.

Keep bird baths clean and full. This not only helps birds stay hydrated but also provides a much-needed resource for other creatures like bees, butterflies and bats.

Hedgehogs love to roam, travelling up to a mile a night to feed. One of the most important things you can do is to allow free movement between neighbouring gardens. This could be as simple as a small hole at ground level between fences.

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

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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People can experience different types of problems with traders, and there's specific advice available on our website depending on what the issue is. In your situation, it's important to note if a trader hasn't done a good job with 'reasonable care and skill', the Consumer Rights Act 2015 entitles you to ask for the problem to be fixed or for a refund.

This is something you can mention when you take the problem up with the trader and cite your evidence. They should fix the problem within a reasonable amount of time, without causing you too much inconvenience. The law doesn't say what counts as reasonable, so you'll have to agree on it with them.

If they can't or won't fix the problem, you can ask for a partial or full refund, depending on how bad the problem is. You'll have to come to an agreement about how much you should get. It's a good idea to start by suggesting a figure and explaining why you think it's reasonable, then take it from there. Once you've agreed on the amount with the trader the law says you should get your refund within 14 days.

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St John's Onehouse

Harvest Supper at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
Friday 25th September, 6pm for 6.30pm

Tickets are £15 and can be booked via Sylvia Emsden 01449 615592. Please book early if you would like to attend. Any profits will go to Onehouse Church Funds.

Hymns & Pimms 2026

A big thank you to all those who attended Hymns and Pimm's - a very good vintage in 2026!

Great stories why individual hymns meant so much, some really good singing led by Revd Andy and the Combs choir, and of course lots of chatting post singing, fuelled by the odd glass (or two) of Pimm's....

Thanks to donations of the Pimm's £300 was raised for church funds and a good time was had by all!

Great Finborough
Veteran's Lunch – Saturday 14th November



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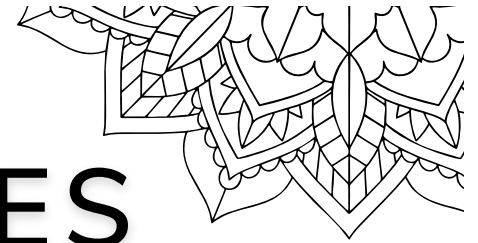
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activities and interesting visiting speakers.

At our July meeting we welcomed Michael Farley dressed as Henry the Eighth and learnt about Henry's life and that of his wives. He was amusing and a little saucy but another good evening's entertainment.

Forthcoming Speakers and Events

5th September 2026 – Buxhall Village Show – WI to do afternoon teas

16th September 2026 – Grow my Wellbeing. The mental health benefits of plants with Chantal Dawson

3rd October 2026 – Harvest Supper

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Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's

As another wonderful term came to an end, we'd like to share some of the lovely memories we made together at preschool.

The term was full of fun, learning and new experiences. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of recycling and how we can all do our bit to look after our world. Our older children also worked hard on getting ready for school by practising their numbers, learning their letters and becoming more confident at writing their names.

One of the highlights of the term was watching our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. The children were fascinated as they observed each stage of the life cycle, and it was a truly special moment when we released the butterflies into the village flower meadow.

There were lots of smiles, excitement and wonder as we watched them fly away.



We also enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, where the children proudly took part in their running races and enthusiastically cheered one another on. It was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun and showing great determination.

At the end of term, we celebrated our Leavers' Day. While it was sad to say goodbye to the children moving on to big school, we were incredibly proud of everything they had achieved during their time with us. We wish them all the very best as they begin their next exciting adventure.

We were also delighted to welcome our returning children back in September and to meet some new families joining our preschool community. As a small village preschool, we are proud to provide a warm, caring and nurturing environment where children can learn, play and thrive together.

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Crafts, Stories, Songs and Food

All ages welcome, primary age children and younger welcome with their parents/carers

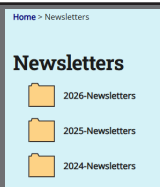
Places must be booked by emailing

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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

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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Take a look at:

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WHAT'S ON!

Sunday 30th August
Family BBQ & Entertainment

Thursday 3rd Sept
Open Mic Night 7.30pm

Thursday 17th Sept
Pub Quiz 7.30pm

Sat 25th September
Jax & Co 7.30pm

1st October
Open Mic Night 7.30pm

Thursday 15th October
Pub Quiz 7.30pm

Sat 31st Oct - 7.30pm Jax & Co

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Letter from the Rector

In the church September is traditionally the month for harvest festivals and there are seven taking place across our benefice churches this month. But why do we have them?

These services in church are a celebration of the food grown on the land and thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are held worldwide and are very ancient. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food and Christians are reminded of all the good things God gives them. In schools and in churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service and after the service, the food that has been put on display is donated to the Stowmarket Food Bank.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

Our Harvest Festivals this month take place as follows:

6th September	9.30am	Harvest Festival, Harleston
	11.00am	Harvest Festival with Bring and Share Lunch, Combs
13th September	9.30am	Harvest Festival, Shelland
	11.00am	Harvest Festival, Great Finborough
20th September	3.00pm	Harvest Festival, Little Finborough
27th September	9.30am	Harvest Festival, Buxhall
	11.00am	Harvest Festival, Onehouse

I do hope you'll be able to join us at one of Harvest Festival services taking place across the benefice as we give thanks for the harvest being safely gathered in.

With blessings
Rev'd Sarah

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Join us at
The Dementia Event
at Stowmarket Golf Club



Lower Road, Onehouse,
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Friday, 9th October



11:00am - 3:30pm

FREE ENTRY

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at Finborough Park



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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

5th September 2026



at
Buxhall Village Hall

2.30 – 4.30 pm

Programme Entry Form

Refreshments by Buxhall Women's Institute

Contact and enquiries:

Hilary Hall

hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk / 01449 737671

Village Show Entry Form – HAND IN TO THE ORGANISERS

Entry form and payment by 6.00pm Thursday 3rd September 2026 to

- Hilary Hall, Old Guildhall Cottage, Mill Road, Buxhall.
or by email 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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Section:										
1: Veg										
2: Fruit										
3: Flowers										
4: Baking										
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).

Fee included: _____ (Cash only please)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

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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 5th 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.