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GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



July & August 2025
ISSUE 560

GREAT FINBOROUGH VILLAGE DIARY

5th July 7pm	Illuminati Concert	St Andrews Church
10th July 10th 7pm	Gardening Club An Evening in the Meadow	Woodpecker Hill
19th July 10am -12pm	Village Maintenance/ Litter Pick	Village car park

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

28th July 7.30pm, Pettiward Hall

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

Middlefield Drive (opposite playground)

***Note new times for 2025**

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 August 2025

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Sunday Services

Please contact Rev Canon Pauline on paulinehigham@googlemail.com for details of how to join our Zoom services

3rd August: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

10th August: The Eighth 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
3.00 pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Little Finborough

17th August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Pet Blessing Service	Harleston Green (bring your own chair!)
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

24th August: The Tenth 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

31st August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Little Finborough
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Weekday Services

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

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Sunday Services

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6th July: The Third Sunday after Trinity

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

13th July: The Fourth 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

20th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
2.30 pm	Paupers' Graves Service	Paupers' Graves Site, Onehouse
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

27th July: The Sixth 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
3.00 pm	Healing & Wholeness Service	Combs

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Welcome to the June Newsletter:

Following on from requests for ideas to improve the village, I am pleased to say people are coming forward with great ideas but please keep them coming in. It could be anything from outdoor exercise equipment to improvements to paths or signs in the village. We can't guarantee every idea will come to fruition, but all will be seriously considered.

As a village, like many, we are considering the idea of a neighbourhood plan. A neighbourhood plan is a community-led framework that guides the future development, regeneration, and conservation of Great Finborough. It allows residents, businesses, and landowners to work together to shape the growth and character of their local area, setting a vision for what the community wants to see happen. These plans are legally binding if they meet certain conditions, including passing a local referendum. Having this plan helps shape our village moving forward in particular housing projects; how they look, where they should go, what should be around them etc.

This isn't just a Parish Council project, it needs inclusion of members of the village as it affects all of us. If you would like to get involved with early discussions, with a view to be involved with a committee to take it forward, please get in touch.

Sadly, we have had a reported incident of theft in the village. The honesty tin for produce off the allotments was broken into and the money stolen. Should you witness anything like this, please report it to the local police.

As mentioned in previous editions, if anyone would like to help with the Community Speedwatch, please get in touch. Being visible in the village is definitely a deterrent to speeding drivers.

Our next village maintenance day is scheduled for Saturday 19th July. Meeting in the village car park off Middlefield Drive at 10am. We will undertake litter picking as well as any other maintenance jobs needed. If you can spare an hour or 2 then please get involved. I'll post any updates on the village notice board such as any useful tools needed!

If you are enjoying the good weather and taking in the many paths surrounding Finborough, please let us know if you come across missing signs, broken bridges, gates or paths not being cut or sprayed off.

Email greatfinboroughfootpaths@gmail.com and send pictures, OS or What3Words references to help us identify the location.

Some things we can sort quickly, others may involve Suffolk County Council which may add time.

Ant Mann
finboroughpcnewsletter@gmail.com

Did you know we have a Village Facebook page?

Take a look at:
facebook.com/parishcouncilgreatfinborough



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

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What materials we compost and how we recycle the same and different materials are inter-related. Big changes are coming next year to recycling, with the whole nation benefitting from more waste being picked up from our homes and businesses. From April 2025 businesses with 10 or more employees had to separate out their food waste for it to be collected, and from 2026 (date to be decided) all households will be given a 2 part raw/cooked food waste bin, and food waste will be collected weekly. Glass and cartons will be collected in a new blue bin, into which the metals and plastics we currently put in green bins will also go. The green bins will only be used for cardboard and paper.

There will be very little left to go in black bins so the blue, green and black bins will be collected 3 weekly in rotation.

From 2027 plastic film/soft plastics will also be picked up from our homes. Brown bins will continue to be available to households that subscribe for a modest annual charge.

More information is available here:

www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/recycling-at-home/simpler-recycling

Sally Gooch
07717 582150

Great Finborough & District Garden Club

At the time of writing, we are busily preparing for Open Gardens and hoping that the weather on the day will be kind and that we get plenty of visitors who want to come and see the variety of gardens Great Finborough has to offer.

On Sunday 8 June 2025 A group of members all travelled by coach to Oxborough Hall which was built in 1482. There was the opportunity to look round and see the beautiful Victorian Gothic interiors. Outside, there were formal gardens and a walled garden. Beyond this there was a 200-acre estate was full of wildlife, with woods, parkland and a chalk stream.

After an opportunity to have lunch in the cafe it was onto Gooderstone Water Gardens: a former water meadow developed over years into a peaceful and restful place of gardens, ponds, a natural trout stream (The River Gadder), 13 bridges and plenty of seats for those who needed to rest for a moment. It was a busy day but it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came along.

Our next meeting will be on July 10th at 7.00pm and will be An Evening in the Meadow: This is a chance to explore the meadow or just sit and socialise whilst enjoying the environment with some summer fizz and nibbles. Please note the earlier start time.

The member's BBQ will take place on Thursday 14 August there will be further details and an invitation to members nearer the event. A reminder that subscriptions were due in September. They will remain at £15.00 per household and £2.50 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



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Stowmarket Eco Future Group

Collection of hard to recycle items:

Market place on 4th Thursday each month which is July 24th 2025 9:30 to 11.30 am. (Note this is not the last Thursday of the month this time)
2nd Sunday each month (13th July) at Red Gables 2-4 pm plus REPAIR CAFÉ stowrepaircafe@gmail.com

PLASTIC IS NOT FANTASTIC!

Talking to some of our younger supporters recently, their big concern is plastic pollution. Traces of plastic are everywhere, in soil, up mountains, in our seas, in our bodies. It lasts a very long time - your coffee pod, plastic bottle, man-made textiles, plastic toothbrush may well be around 500 years from now and will have broken down into pieces too small to see, but causing widespread pollution. Plastic Free July started as an Australian project and has spread globally - last year 174 million people in more than 190 countries got involved in making small changes that made an overall big difference.
www.plasticfreefoundation.net
www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved

Will you take a thoughtful look around your home, school, workplace, the shelves in your local store and see just how much plastic is around? And then decide on a change you can make to cut plastic. For example...

- Say No to plastic brushes in the kitchen and bathroom
- Say No Thanks to plastic bags and packaging (really hard to avoid, but consumers have great influence.)
- Refill products in plastic bottles instead of buying new
- Learn to really dislike plastic
- Remember that plastic nappies were invented for travel, not for everyday use
- Think of alternatives to plastic freebies and giveaways, toys, lanyards, corporate gifts etc etc
- Aim to use natural products - wood, metal, glass, wool, linen, cotton
- Congratulate your supermarket for the changes they have made and show your support for different ways of purchasing.
- Recycle where you can, but know it is better not to have it in the first place

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Letter from the Rector

It's hard to believe that we're half way through 2025. As I write this letter we've had a week of clear blue skies, sunshine and high temperatures, but the beginning of June was cold and grey. Across the world we're seeing more and more examples of global warming or climate change. As Christians, we're called to care for the environment and here in mid-Suffolk we're doing our best to preserve not only our church buildings but also the green spaces that surround them.

All seven churches in our benefice are surrounded by churchyards which we have the privilege of continuing to care for. To that end it's important to be aware of the detrimental effects of climate change and to do all we can to protect those environments. We have introduced a number of initiatives across the benefice such as a dedicated wild flower area at Harleston to encourage pollinators to visit, and a designated wildlife area at Onehouse which we always leave unmanaged and includes wood piles and areas of bracken to encourage the natural world.

At Shelland bird boxes have been installed and the hedges aren't cut until the birds have finished nesting, we've also planted trees in the church yard. And Little Finborough has been awarded the A Rocha Bronze Eco Church Award because of the progress it has made in becoming more environmentally aware and is now working towards a Silver award. These are just a few of the initiatives we've introduced.

Throughout the year we also have a number of services that celebrate the countryside such as Plough Sunday in January when we celebrate the work of our farming communities and bless the plough, Rogation Sunday held in May when we ask for God's blessing on the crops and then of course Harvest Festivals in September when we give thanks for the safe gathering in of the harvest.

So, despite the continual changes to our climate, we will carry on maintaining our churchyards in the most environmentally friendly ways we can so that they are there for everyone to appreciate.

**With blessings,
Revd Sarah**

My son and I are both struggling to find work at the moment. He's just finished university and looking for his first job, and I'm retired but need to top up my income. We've both been sending out applications for a while now, could unpaid work help us find something?

Whether you're trying to get into work for the first time or after time off, finding a job can be really challenging.

It's always a good idea to think about what skills or experience you could be missing for the kind of work you want, especially when feeling stuck after weeks or months of sending out job applications.

If you can afford to take unpaid work, it can be a good way to plug gaps in your CV and get a taste for different types of jobs. These sorts of roles usually come in the form of volunteering, work experience, or internships.

If you receive welfare benefits, you should check the Citizens Advice website or speak to an adviser before taking unpaid work.

And because the rules around unpaid internships are complicated, you should get advice on being paid less than the minimum wage before applying to this type of role.

Volunteer roles are often well-defined and can expose you to specific types of work, whether you're looking for experience in an office or something more practical, like supporting people in your local community. Charities, including Citizens Advice, usually have a range of opportunities available.

Being a volunteer doesn't just give you a chance to learn and improve skills that are transferable to paid work, it can also help you gain confidence and self-esteem in a professional setting and provide structure to your day or week.



Songs for Summer

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7.00 pm
Saturday 5 July 2025
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Buxhall and Finborough Candlestick Club



2025 Trips

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Total</u>
3 July	Peter Beales Roses Norwich	£20.00	N/A	£20.00
7 August	Lowestoft	£24.00	N/A	£24.00
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** Plus the cost of lunch

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Please contact Emily on 07964 045373 or 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****

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.

Contact the Parish Council:
greatfinboroughfootpaths@gmail.com

This can set you up well for job applications and interviews by showing employers you've got transferable skills, relevant experience, and are ready to enter paid work. Just like any job advert, you can find plenty of volunteering opportunities online, so it's well worth seeing what's out there if you're interested.

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.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

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Village Improvements

As a Parish Council we are always looking at ideas and opportunities to improve the village we live in. The recent new circular bench and village sign improvements are 2 obvious examples.

But we are keen to know what **YOU THINK** we need in the village.

There are often grants and funding we can apply for or use funding already in place. The playpark at Middlefield Drive represents a joint funding initiative from external organisations to deliver a much-used asset in the village.

If you have idea, no matter how big or small, we would love to hear from you. It could be something as simple as a new bench or litter bin in Woodpecker Hill, through to a zebra crossing or improved speed cameras on the High Road. We can't guarantee all ideas will happen but it's good to start somewhere!

Please email: finboroughpcnewsletter@gmail.com, suggestions can be anonymous if preferred.



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Great in Finborough Together (GiFT)

Great in Finborough Together is the village's good neighbour scheme, launched on 1st March 2025. It is co-ordinated by a small team of volunteers to serve anyone who lives in the parish of Great Finborough. Its' ambition is to be long lasting,

becoming an integral part of the healthy community culture the village already values and fosters – with every villager becoming a volunteer and every villager being aware they can ask for a gift. Currently there are over 35 volunteers and, to date, 11 households have received help - some of them quite intensively during periods of illness and/or major life events including bereavement and moving house.

We are developing a database of local trades and professionals that residents can access on request. It will only contain recommendations made by someone in the village who has actually used the service. Please contact GiFT on **07522 171190** to add in those you recommend to your community, and for services you need.

Focus on Falls Prevention

GiFT is working with the Rural Coffee Caravan (next in the village on 18 June) and the local NHS team providing falls prevention support locally. Did you know our risk of falling increases as we get older. Falls can lead to a loss of confidence, injury and hospitalisation. They can be life-changing: the tipping point for needing paid care at home and a permanent loss of independence. Falls are not, however, inevitable.

If you've noticed you're starting to feel unsteady on your feet and it's stopping you doing the things you used to do – whether it's down to your health, your activity levels or your home environment – it's important to reach out and ask for help. Admitting that things have changed could help you stay independent for longer. You might think that moving less will help you avoid a fall, but actually, moving more and staying active is the best thing you can do to stay as mobile and independent as possible. Being active can help you maintain your strength, balance and coordination, which can help you prevent falls. This doesn't have to mean doing vigorous exercise.

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As well as eating well, you should make sure you're drinking at least 6-8 glasses a day of water, tea, coffee or low sugar/sugar-free squash. When it's hot, drink a little more to make sure you stay hydrated and reduce your risk of a fall.

For those in their fifties, sixties and seventies: aim to go into older age as healthy as possible. Stronger bones don't just make a fall less likely, they reduce the risk of fractures if you do fall. Keep your bones strong by doing regular exercise such as walking, bowls or tennis. You also need calcium and vitamin D to maintain strong bones. For calcium include dairy products, fortified soya products or canned fish in your diet, and fortified breakfast cereals, pulses and nuts. For vitamin D, try to include oily fish, eggs or fortified spreads but it's difficult to get enough vitamin D from diet alone. Sunshine is actually the best source but, if you can't spend some time outdoors most days, have darker skin or cover it for cultural/health reasons, consider taking a daily vitamin D supplement.

Find out how you can reduce your risk of falling, and what prevention services are available. Sometimes simple changes at home can make a big difference. GiFT can help you and this guide provides more detailed advice:

https://www.ageuk.org.uk/siteassets/documents/information-guides/ageukig14_staying_steady_inf.pdf

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Non-members wild birdseed order form for August 2025

The next order will be placed on **29 July 2025**. The birdseed collection will be on **Wednesday 6 August 2025 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

Name **Tele No.**
The wholesale price of Sunflower kernels has increased

Product	Weight	Price	Quantity	Cost
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£14.00		
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£16.50		
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	£18.00		
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£18.00		
Finch Mix	20 kg	£17.00		
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£12.50		
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£14.00		
Peanuts (superior quality)	20 kg	£38.00		
Peanuts (half sack)	10 kg approx.	£20.00		
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£19.00		
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£30.00		
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx.	£16.00		
Nyjer Seed	25kg	£43.00		
Nyjer Seed	12.5kg approx.	£24.00		
Suet Pellets	12.75kgs	£21.00		
Suet Balls (Superior quality)	Price each	14p		
	150 £21/Box			

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WHAT'S ON!

Thursday 3rd July - 7.30pm
Jax Deacon is back with Open Mic Night

Thursday 24th July - 7pm
Sip & Paint Evening
£35.00 per person with 1 drink and half time nibbles,
please book your place early and drop a £15.00pp
deposit into the pub.

Monday 25th August - 3 to 6pm
Andy Otley as Elvis
+
Roosters Smokehouse serving great
American style BBQ food, 2pm - 7pm

*"We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to
the village for such a warm & friendly welcome."*

Roly & Amanda

Pettward Hall

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the events going on at Pettward Hall.

Did you know that it's not just the main hall space you can hire? There is an upstairs meeting room that can seat up to 40 people. This room has a wall-mounted screen, making it perfect for meetings or company training days. You may even want to use it for hot desking if the school holidays mean working from home is a little noisier than usual.

We also offer the hire of tables and chairs at very reasonable rates! We have...

11 x 4'x2' folding tables at £1 each
6 x 6'x2'6" folding tables at £1.50 each
1 x 6'x2'7" trestle table tops with 3 trestle legs at £2
1 x 7'x2'7" trestle table tops with 3 trestle legs at £2
4 x 9'x2'7" trestle table tops with 3 trestle legs at £2 each
1 x 10'x2'7" trestle table tops with 3 trestle legs at £2
60 x plastic chairs at 25p each.

If you'd like to hire either the main hall, meeting room or the tables and chairs then please contact our bookings secretary Cathy Morgan at pettiwardhallbookings@gmail.com

Vicky Godfrey

Village Maintenance Morning

Join us on Saturday 19th July, 10am - 12pm

Litter picking & small maintenance jobs around the village



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News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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

Local Government Reorganisation

We are asking for your views on the future of local government in Suffolk. Mid Suffolk DC has organised a survey on behalf of all the Districts and the Borough of Ipswich, which allows residents across Suffolk to voice their opinions and concerns. Emails to me if you prefer. <https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say-suffolk>

River Ratt Catchment – nature recovery

With help I was able to remove the main remaining patch of Himalayan balsam from the council-owned land near Wash Lane, Great Finborough. Information about this invasive species anywhere upstream would be useful, especially from Buxhall or Rattlesden as well as Finborough, including tributary streams.



Landowners are encouraged to pull it up when spotted, to benefit the environment and help others downstream.

Tree for Life

Applications for the free tree scheme are now open for families in Mid Suffolk celebrating new arrivals. The Tree for Life scheme is open to all families across the districts who have welcomed, or are set to welcome, a newborn baby or adopted child during the 2025 calendar year.

The initiative, which runs every year, gives parents the opportunity to mark their child's arrival by planting a fruit tree, which can then grow alongside them. Parents that may have lost a child during the same period are also able to apply for a memory tree as part of the scheme.

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**

Buxhall and District Community Council

- Any entries not removed by 4.40pm will be auctioned for the BCC.

BUXHALL VILLAGE SHOW: 2025 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 - dessert any variety	3	5 Plums – any variety
2	5 Pears – any variety	4	5-10 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 Chrysanthemums		

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	4	Recycled or upcycled item for the home or garden

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 windmill using any medium including lego	4	A named vegetable character made from at least 3 vegetables

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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Village Show

6th September 2025



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

Buxhall Village Entry Form – Copy for the organisers

Entry form and payment by 6.00pm Thursday 4th September 2025 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

(You can enter as many classes as you wish, but only 1 entry in each class)

Classes:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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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										

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

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: _____

Buxhall Village Entry Form – Your copy to keep

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

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 6th 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.