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GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



November 2025
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GREAT FINBOROUGH VILLAGE DIARY

15th Nov 10am - 12pm	Village Maintenance Page 30	Football Pitch Car Park
15th Nov 12.30	Veteran's Lunch	Pettiward Hall
6th Dec 10-12.30	Xmas Shopping & Santa	Pettiward Hall
6th Dec 2 - 4pm	Christmas Fair	Finborough Court

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

10th Nov 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

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Services in November 2025

Rector: The Rev'd Sarah Jenkins, The Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket IP14 2AY 01449 676065
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Sunday Services

Please contact the Rev Sarah Jenkins at revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com for details of how to join our Zoom services

2nd November: 4th Sunday before Advent, All Saints Day

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
6.00 pm	All Souls' Service	Great Finborough

9th November: 3rd Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Buxhall
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Great Finborough
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Combs
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Act of Remembrance	Little Finborough

11th November: Remembrance Day

10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Harleston Green
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16th November: 2nd Sunday before Advent, Safeguarding Sunday

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

23rd November: Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

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

30th November: Advent Sunday

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion with Guest Preacher	Buxhall
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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

St Andrews Church Autumn Supper

at Pettiward Hall 29th November 6.30 for 7pm.

£23/person to include 3 course menus.

Raffle tickets on sale during the evening.

Starters

Game terrine with green salad & sourdough toast

Salmon mousse with green salad & brown bread

Broccoli & stilton soup & roll

Mains

Venison casserole, dauphinoise potatoes & Veg.

Coq au vin, dauphinoise potatoes & Veg

Mushroom stroganoff, dauphinoise potatoes & Veg

Desserts

Lemon & passion fruit cheesecake

Chocolate brownies & ice cream

Fruit salad

Cheese board

Tickets available from Peter Turner p.turner125@btinternet.com

Please give your menu selections with your bookings

Payments can be made via BACS to St Andrews Church Great Finborough, TSB Bank, sort code 30-98-23 account no. 24197060.

Or by cheque to St Andrews Church Great Finborough.

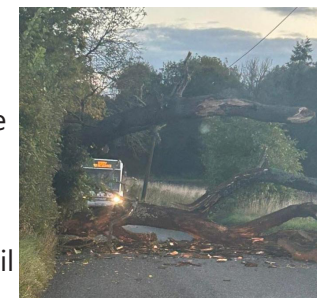
Welcome to the November Newsletter:

Earlier in October, a team of volunteers helped give the church and churchyard its annual clean up. This is on top of the excellent work already undertaken on a regular basis, to make our church truly stand out with grounds offering a peaceful, reflective space.



Many tasks were completed, including high level cleaning, grass cutting and edging and taking control of the holly tree!

The road to Buxhall was temporarily closed recently after a tree came down in the high winds. If you see something like this, a pothole or any footpath or highway issue, please use the link on the Parish Council website which will take you to the SCC reporting site: www.greatfinborough-pc.gov.uk/parish-council



I am pleased to report that following October's parish meeting, we have now ordered 2 new SID's (speed indicator devices). When erected, these will help with the ongoing issue of speeding through the village. They are solar powered and we can extract speed data from them to pass onto the police, if required. The SID's were jointly funded by our CIL budget and grants from Penny Otten, at Suffolk County Council, and John Matthissen, from Mid-Suffolk Council. There is also a team of volunteers who run regular Speed-watches in the village. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.



A reminder that on the 15th November we have our village maintenance morning. For this one we are focussing on the area around the football pitch.

If you can help, please bring sturdy gloves and pruners as most of the work is cutting back hedges.

And finally, huge congratulations from all your friends in Great Finborough, to Bex and David Mason who married on the 16th October.

Ant Mann
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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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Great Finborough & District Garden Club

Autumn is putting on a spectacular display at the moment which will soon change to fallen leaves everywhere and plenty of tidying up will be needed in our gardens. Let's hope the weather stays on the warmer side so we can get outside and get everything ready before winter approaches.

On Thursday 9 October we started our new programme of events with a talk from Neville Stein who presented Strange Vegetables: Gardening's Greatest Oddities - A Tour of Truly Strange Veg. Neville's talk was about far more than oddly shaped vegetables (although he did start with a few pictures to highlight that funny looking vegetables are fine to eat).

Neville gave us some insights into unusual items such as the fact that Japanese Knotweed is edible and can be made into humous or a Knotweed and Strawberry pie. There are many plants that grow wild like dandelions wild garlic and sea cabbage that can be eaten and there are some unusual vegetables that have been created by breeding. Brusselberg sprouts which are created by crossing red cabbage with Brussel sprouts to give a sweeter milder taste than standard sprouts as well as a vivid purple colour. Also Solanum which is known as the egg and chips plant as it consists of an aubergine grafted on a potato plant. Vegetable breeding aims to provide varieties that give an increased yield but can also withstand changes to growing conditions.

Neville's talk was very engaging, and several of our members admitted to having tasted some of the more exotic vegetables mentioned. Although there was a general consensus that the dried form of Cassava i.e. tapioca, brought back too many memories of school dinners!

On Sunday 12 October our car share trip to Porters Lodge Garden & tearoom took place. Porters Lodge is a working garden and tearoom on the outskirts of the village of Cavenham. The gardens were created by Craig Wyncoll & Lionel Stirgess when they moved to Porters Lodge 37 years ago. It features three acres of gardens with unique features, woodland walks, and of course delicious cakes. A wonderful outing was enjoyed by all who attended.



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Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 13, at 7.30pm and will be a talk from Chris Wiley the owner of the Sustainable Plant Store and the co-ordinator of Bury in Bloom. Chris will be talking about Sustainability in Gardening.

A reminder that subscriptions were due in September. These are £20.00 per household and £5.00 for guests.

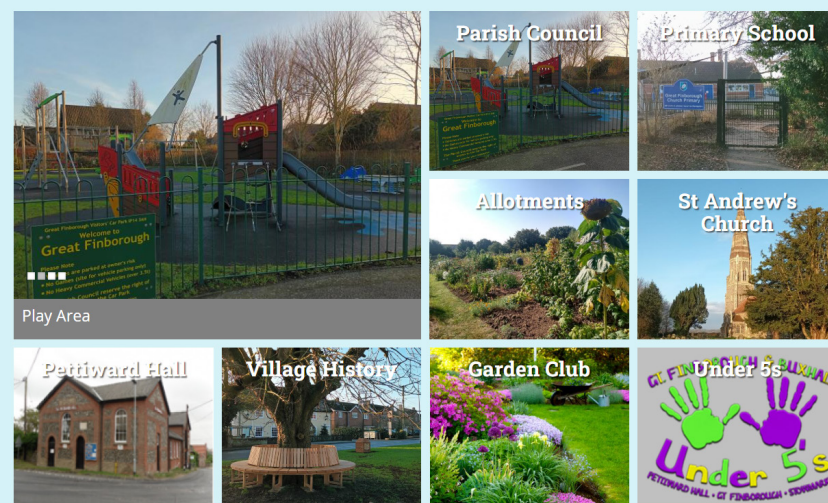
Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome.

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

Great Finborough Web Site: greatfinborough-pc.gov.uk

Our web site holds a wealth of information about village life.

If you see something that needs updating or amending, please email clerk@greatfinborough-pc.gov.uk




Village Maintenance Morning
Saturday 15th Nov 10am - 12
(Meet at Football Pitch Car Park)

There are several 'cutting back of vegetation' projects around the village so please bring any tools to help, as well as gloves and sturdy footwear

Letter from the Rector

As we enter November the church begins a season of remembering, we celebrate All Saints and All Souls; when we remember those who have died amongst our own families, friends and in our community. We all have our own memories and remember in different ways; it can be a difficult time or many as they remember those they have loved and lost. This year we will be having our All Souls Service on Sunday 2nd November, 6pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough. Everyone is very welcome at that; it is a gentle service when we focus on remembering and giving thanks for those who have died.

November also brings Remembrance Sunday, this year Sunday 9th November, where we remember those who have given their lives in the World Wars and all the subsequent conflicts for our freedom and for peace in the world. We will be holding a number of services across the benefice on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day itself:

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As we approach the changes and challenges of everyday life, let us remember that we do so together as a church and a community, as friends and neighbours. May we also give thanks to God that we do not approach them in our own strength, but in knowing that the ever present and loving God is there beside us and walking with us as we journey together, and as we face the changes and challenges given to us.

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Pettiward Hall - Starting at 12:30

FFD Running Club

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

No need to book, simply meet on the village green opposite the pub.

If you would like any more details, please get in touch.

Everyone welcome.

Ant Mann 07968 154171



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Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, Stowmarket

Elmswell train station

New Green Community Centre, Thurston

Station Yard car park, Needham Market

Buckshorn Lane car park, Eye

This means residents can now recycle their small broken electrical items, like coffee machines, kettles, mobile phones, tablets, and anything smaller than a 4-slice toaster.

Larger items will still need to be taken to a Suffolk Recycling Centre.

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/twelve-new-electrical-recycling-bins-for-babergh-and-mid-suffolk

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A real encouragement:

Over the Summer, the Design Museum in London ran an exhibition called "Human". All types of "life" (plants, creatures etc) rely on our planet to live, so their needs are equally as important as human needs, we are "More than Human". In considering what other life forms need to flourish we are enabling life for humans to continue. The exhibition showed the results of research grants looking at waterways, land use and fishing practices. There were traditional designs that have worked sustainably for many centuries, and items made from completely new materials, eg seaweed and fungi. Many displays showed new building materials and methods that provide homes for birds and insects, and installations that protect creatures from the worst of climate change. Nature can also teach us surprising lessons in living sustainably. Many artists, scientists, designers and radical thinkers are on the case, creating good adaptations to the things we need and the ways we work, so that the natural world is not just unharmed, but also supported. We can be a part of this too. If our mindset becomes not just "what do I want?" but "how can I live in a way that allows others to live?" the choices we make will be good ones for both humans and nature.

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WHAT'S ON!

6th Nov & 4th Dec Open Mic with Jax Deacon 7.30pm

20th Nov pub quiz 7.30pm
£2.50 entry that makes up prize fund,
max 6 people per team

27th November sip and paint starts at 6.30pm
£35.00 per person includes free drink
and half time nibbles,
payment in full at time of booking, filling up quickly

28th November Live Acoustic Music with Jax Deacon

13th Dec Jax & Co Live Music, starts 7.30pm

Open Christmas Day 11am-2pm
Boxing Day 3pm to 9pm
NYE Karaoke & Disco from 7.30pm

*"Look out for our Christmas Menu, available on Facebook or
ask for a copy when passing. Runs 19th Nov to 21st Dec.
Booking essential and deposit required."*

Roly & Mandy

Simple Christmas styling to bring the festive spirit home

As Christmas nears, there's real joy in readying our homes for the season. I love decorating, but for me, simple and stylish is best, natural touches, soft textures, and a few timeless adornments that bring warmth without fuss. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Start with foraging: even beginners can gather evergreens, holly, and pinecones from the garden or local woods. These finds add instant freshness and charm. Tuck greenery into vases, drape it along the table with baubles and candles, or trail it up the stairs, it's cost-effective, beautifully organic and will look far better than anything you'll find in the shops.

Baubles aren't just for trees, either. Try arranging a few favourites in a bowl or along a windowsill to catch the light. I treat myself to one large Nkuku bauble each year, hanging them on a rod behind the living room window so they glimmer from the road, a small ritual I adore. Swags are another favourite: gather greenery, tie one end with twine or ribbon, and drape over doorways, mantels, or mirrors. I finish mine with a velvet ribbon (often saved from gifts) and sometimes a few vintage bells for a touch of nostalgia.

And then there's candlelight, the simplest magic of all. A few tealights, a cluster of tall candles, or one glowing in the window instantly transforms a space. Add layers of texture with velvet cushions or chunky throws in deep jewel tones, and you'll have a home that feels calm, cosy, and classically festive.

This year, embrace an easy, natural Christmas, beautifully simple, quietly joyful, and full of heart.

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Recycling & Repair Café

Repair Café & Recycling

Red Gables Sunday November 9th - 2-4pm

Market Stall Thursday November 27th - 9.30-11.30am.

You can find out more about the Repair Café here:

<https://stowmarketecofuturegroup.co.uk/repair-cafe/>

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**

Finborough Court

Coffee With Friends

We had our last Rural Coffee Caravan in September. The caravan will come back and see us again, but not on a regular basis as before. We are starting 'Coffee with Friends' in the housing dining room over the winter months. The idea is to have fellowship with our friends behind the wall and invite anyone in the local community to come and join us. Tea, coffee, cake, and a simple activity for those not in a chatty mood.

Our next meetings are on
November 12th and
December 10th, from 2pm
for about an hour (although
if we are enjoying ourselves,
we won't be chuckled out).

A big thank you to all who
came to our Macmillan Coffee
morning, we raised £100!



Pilgrims's Friends Society

News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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

Grants for home adaptations

If you need to adapt your home due to infirmity or injury, Mid Suffolk may be able to help. Our Disabled Facilities Grants are available, details here: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/disabled-facility-grants or phone 0300 123 4000

Solar Together – panels and batteries

The County Council bulk buying scheme is open again, and this time including battery options. You can find out more from www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/join or by calling 0800 014 8851 or email: suffolk@solartogether.co.uk

Priority Services Register (PSR)

The PSR is a free support service offered by energy and water suppliers. It identifies people who need priority support during planned and unplanned outages. By registering for the free service you will receive extra help. You might receive electric heating and cooking appliances or even alternative accommodation to keep you safe and warm while you're without energy. You are eligible for the PSR if you live with children under five, use medical equipment reliant on electricity or water or have a disability.

Find out more and register at <https://www.thepsr.co.uk/>

Local Government Reorganisation

Your council, along with the other Districts and Ipswich Borough, has sent Government a detailed submission calling for 3 Unitary councils to be formed. We expect to hear a decision by late February, and meanwhile Government will run a consultation expected November.

Locality budget 2025/26

There is still some left in the kitty, so let me know of project ideas to benefit the communities.

Full details available <https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards>

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Village Biodiversity Plan

A village biodiversity plan is a local strategy to conserve and enhance biodiversity, often created by the parish council and community. These plans typically involve surveying local wildlife, identifying threats, and outlining actions for residents and other organisations to take e.g. the Parish Council. This can include managing green spaces sustainably, considering biodiversity in planning applications, and running local conservation projects. This is part of a wider framework that includes national and regional strategies aiming to reverse biodiversity loss.

To help create our plan in Great Finborough, we would welcome input from any residents currently doing similar activity, no matter how small, such as erecting bat and bird boxes, documenting birds in your gardens or even planting hedgerows and native trees, as well as the ongoing development of our wildflower meadow and Wood-pecker Hill wood



Understanding what goes on in our village will help us shape the plan which can then be utilised when looking at bigger green space projects, as well as suggestions for future planning applications. This has already been adopted at Pettward Hall where we erected swift boxes to encourage nesting.

As well as the positive, we can review any negative elements that are identified, such as invasive weeds or trees growing where they shouldn't and any potential threats to local wildlife.

If you already are doing some of this activity or would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

Please email: finboroughpcnewsletter@gmail.com

Pettiward Hall - Fundraising Quiz Night Success!

It was fantastic to see the hall so full at our sell-out Quiz Night on Saturday 4th October!



Sincere thanks to the fantastic Simon Tarabella who lived up to his reputation for setting a fabulous quiz and ensuring that everyone had a brilliant time!

Thank you to everyone who helped to set up and clear away and donated raffle prizes, plus to the lovely Ant and Lee who organised the raffle and sold huge numbers of tickets!



Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we were delighted to raise an amazing £626.50 for the Community First Responders plus £188.50 for the Village Hall.

We would also like to thank Roly and Mandy at The Chestnut Horse who are kindly donating the proceeds they receive from hosting the bottle bank, to the village hall.

We're very much looking forward to seeing you at our future events!

Pettiward Hall Team



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