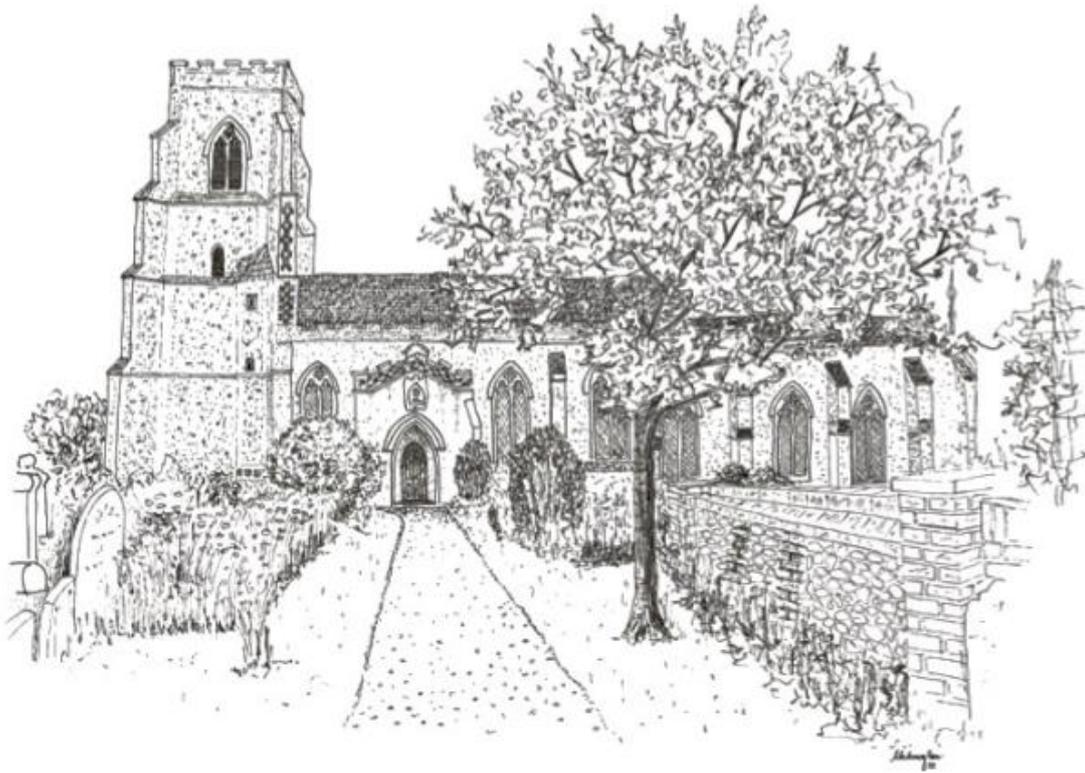


Buxhall Broadcast



April 2022

Benefice Services: April 2022

Please contact the Reverend Canon Pauline on paulinehigham@googlemail.com if you would like details of how to join any of the Zoom services.

Rector: The Revd Sarah Jenkins, The Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket
IP14 2AY 01449 676065

Associate Priest: The Revd Canon Pauline Higham, The Rectory, Woodland Close,
Onehouse IP14 3HL 01449 771791

3 April: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide Begins

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Combs

10 April: Holy Week – Palm Sunday

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00am	Holy Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Palm Sunday Procession/Service	Little Finborough

11 April: Holy Week - Monday

8.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service
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12 April: Holy Week - Tuesday

8.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service
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13 April: Holy Week - Wednesday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
8.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service

14 April: Holy Week – Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm	Said Holy Communion	Buxhall
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15 April: Holy Week – Good Friday

11.00 am	Walk of Witness	Onehouse
2.00 pm	The Hour before the Cross	Harleston

16 April: Holy Week – Holy Saturday

6.00 pm	Easter Vigil	Zoom Service
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17 April: Easter – Easter Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion by Extension	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse

24 April: The Second Sunday of Easter

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

We recommend worshippers wear face coverings and sanitise hands when attending church in order to minimise any possible risk of transmission of the virus. However, we realise that some worshippers may have exemption from wearing face coverings for medical reasons.



Buxhall WI

At our February meeting, Meg Amsden and Nicky Rowbottom presented 'Caught in the Act'. A brief background look at species of otters found worldwide and in the UK was followed with the causes of the otter population decreasing to almost extinction level in Suffolk in 1984. This was happily followed by their reintroduction over the last three decades. Members were fascinated by the work of the Otter Trust and the brilliant film produced by Nicky using recent footage from strategically placed cameras along the Blyth Valley where the otter population is now thriving.

After a two year break, 20 members joined a long anticipated Ladies at Lunch gathering at the Chestnut Horse, Great Finborough. Good food, drink and company ensured this was a memorable afternoon with everyone looking forward to the next Ladies at Lunch session in April.

If anyone wishes to pop along and see us in action, please do so.

Forthcoming guest speakers

20 April: Anne Reeder presents 'Headwear, Hats and Millinery'

18 May: Resolutions and Games Evening

Time: 7:30pm | Venue: Buxhall Village Hall

Hilary (737671) - Minute Secretary

Weekday services

9.30am Wednesdays Holy Communion Trinity Hall, Onehouse

10.00am Saturdays Morning Prayer Zoom service

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The Revd Sarah Jenkins, 135 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket IP14 2AY.

From the Rectory

As I sit and write this letter, I'm listening to the latest news from Ukraine. There's no doubt of the heartbreak and tragedy being experienced by Ukrainians due to the unwelcome invasion by Russian forces. Many people are suffering, in Ukraine and also in Russia where a clamp down on free speech is being enforced. Can I ask you to pray for all those affected by this terribly sad situation and if you are able, to make a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) who represent 15 of the leading aid charities in the UK to provide and deliver aid to those in need. The website can be found here www.dec.org.uk/donate/ukraine (see also p7).

This month of course we will be experiencing the joy of Palm Sunday when Jesus was cheered as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey, through the hollowness of Holy Week when the crowds began turning on Jesus to Maundy Thursday with the celebration of the Last Supper, a celebration repeated every week in one or more of our churches as the Eucharist or Holy Communion. And then the darkness and misery of Good Friday when Jesus was crucified on the cross and descended into the depths of Sheol, the depths of the dead. Holy Saturday is a day of quietness and reflection as we prepare for the joyful and triumphant resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. A whole gamut of emotions in a single week, all of which will be celebrated and remembered in services taking place across all seven churches in our benefice. I do hope you'll be able to join us at one or more of these gatherings and if you'd like to know more about any of them then please do get in contact by email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com or by phone 01449 676065. You will be most welcome as we move through this final period of Lent, into Holy Week and the joy of Easter.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Easter and to offer my continued prayers for a hopeful and peaceful resolution to the current situation in Ukraine. May God bless you all.

Revd Sarah

Buxhall and District Over 60s Candlestick Club

The Candlestick group is run as an Over 60s club in the village and district. They organise meetings and outings on a monthly basis, starting in April and ending in December with a Christmas dinner. The current committee have expressed their wish to retire and are looking for the next generation to take up the reins. They would be happy to advise and help anyone willing to take on the roles of Chairman, Treasurer and Outing Planner to form a new committee. Please phone Keith on 01449 736598 for further information.

Buxhall Community Council

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Buxhall Playing Field

Saturday 4 June 2022

3.00pm – 11.00pm

FREE to Buxhall residents as defined by the electoral register

Opens: 3.00pm with cake & a drink served by Buxhall WI

Afternoon Games: both traditional & inflatable

Children's Fancy Dress: Any related Royalty outfit/uniform

5.30pm: Pay Bar opens

6.00pm: BBQ - choose either a burger or a hotdog—bring your own side dishes / salads and nibbles

8.00pm: Live Band

10.45pm: Closing Firework Display

Guests: FREE for all primary school aged children

Adults: £5 (whether staying for the whole or part day)

All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event.

Can you help us to make this Jubilee Celebration a memorable day?

Let me know if you can help...

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*erect the marquee,

*serve refreshments

*supervise games

*set up/tidy up the event on the field

*as a parking warden

Commemorative mugs: Free to Buxhall children or can be purchased for £5. All mugs must be ordered.

TICKET ONLY event- Place your order to avoid disappointment.

Ticket Collection (and ticket payment):

Saturday 7 May between 11.00am - 1.00pm from Buxhall Village Hall.

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Buxhall Community Council
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 4 June 2022

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Number of Buxhall primary sch children tickets		
Number of guest primary sch aged children tickets		

COMMEMORATIVE MUG ORDERS	Free	£5
Number of mugs for resident children		
Number of mugs to purchase		

Children's first names and ages

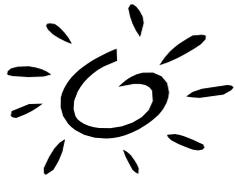
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St Mary's Lent Lunch—Buxhall

The Lent lunch took place on Saturday 19 March. We had a good turnout of hungry eaters and they—and others—were incredibly generous in support of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, **raising well over £300**. The Rt Revd Bishop Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, wrote, "The crisis in Ukraine is creating a humanitarian catastrophe, as all of us can see from the daily news reports. Bishop Mike and I are calling on all this Lent to raise funds through collections, individual gifts, events and activities, to respond to the terrible situation the people of Ukraine are facing - both in the country and as refugees.

We are very grateful to be in partnership with World Vision who will receive our donations and handle the gift aid. Please make your donation to a churchwarden (see p 4), scan the QR code, use the link <https://mysponsorship.worldvision.org.uk/emergency-appeal/ukraine-crisis-eds-ips-appeal/#top> or use World Vision's bank details with the reference: Ukraine Appeal, Account Name: World Vision UK Donor, Sort Code: 20-57-69, Account Number: 30008540.



Be assured that every pound goes directly to those in need. World Vision is also part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), whose appeal is supported by the UK Government. We ask you to be as generous as possible, and to continue to pray fervently for the end of the military operation and for peace.

With prayers for you, and for the children and families affected by the conflict in Ukraine."

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All most welcome.

Dedication of Buxhall Bells

On 20 February the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich came to Buxhall to dedicate our new bells. We'd like everyone who helped make the occasion go so well: the ringers (of course!), the choir, the clergy, the cake-makers and Denise for organising the refreshments, the donors and everyone who came to enjoy the service. The two bells have been blessed and dedicated:

Bell 1 "In memory of those from Buxhall who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and peace 1914—1918"

Bell 2 "Donated by Hubert A Mitson 1920—2019. Churchwarden 1955—1982"

David Steed

News from Little Ernie

*Many congratulations to the **March 2022** Draw winners*

Henry Alexander (83)	First Prize	£30
David Shepherd (91)	Second Prize	£20
Fay Canham (268)	Third Prize	£10

The draw was made at the Community Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 8 March 2022

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Onehouse News

There will be a homemade cake sale on 2 April at Trinity Hall, Onehouse from 10.00am until noon. Other stalls include books, plants, jewellery, chocolate tombola and refreshments. Anyone who can help on the day or donate anything to the stalls would be very much appreciated. Please call Carole on 01359 302271 if you can help in any way.

Proceeds will go to Church Funds. Everyone welcome as these are always lovely social occasions to catch up with friends old and new!

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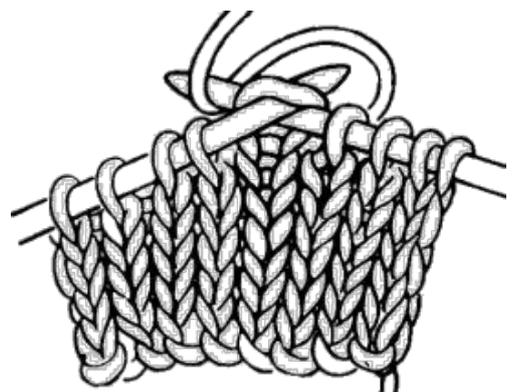
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Knit and Natter

We are a happy band of knitters and natterers who meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 11.30am—2.00pm at Combs Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Combs Ford IP14 3EH. Bring a light lunch. If you would like to know more, please contact Jenny on 01449 615956. All new members very welcome!



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World Day of Prayer

Many thanks to all who attended and took part in the World Day of Prayer Service on 4 March at Great Finborough. Many thanks to all who supported the service—we had 32 people attend—and our thanks go to everyone who took part especially Bernice and Nigel who organised everything else that day. The refreshments, provided by members of the Benefice, were outstanding as always. Next year Buxhall have kindly said they will host World Day of Prayer and we look forward to the service that the women of Tawain have prepared, the theme being 'I have heard about your faith'. The collection for WDP amounted to £200 which I know will be very much appreciated and used for the many different charities they support.

Carole Hearn

Buxhall Community Council

Buxhall Village Show

10 September 2022

Yes, following its hugely successful return last year, we are looking forward to hosting the show once again – so do save the date!

Remember to think about the show when choosing this year's vegetable and flower seeds to nurture in your garden or allotment.



There will be opportunities for all ages to enter a range of classes including vegetables, fruit, plants & flowers, baked goods, preserves, arts & crafts and photography not forgetting the humour section!

There is still time to book your place at the

Buxhall Community Council

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Buxhall Village Hall

Saturday 9 April 2022 at 6.30pm

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Our shop in Eye has great quality items, particularly bric-a-brac and ladies' clothing. We welcome donations 9.30am - 12.30pm every day. If you would like to make donations outside of these times, please give the shop a call on 01379 870186 to make an appointment, as we have only limited storage at the shop. You can follow the charity shop here www.facebook.com/eyecharityshop, and you can also follow Home-start on Facebook Marketplace for bulkier items that we don't have room to display. For example, at the moment we have a doll's house, a vintage pram, a cot and a sewing machine listed, amongst other things!

We also use our online eBay shop to sell items including any unusual, collectible or designer items. These are sent to our Stowmarket selling hub and you can find them here: www.ebay.co.uk/usr/familiestogethersuffolk. There is a wide range of items, including clothing, shoes and collectibles, we currently have almost 1,000 items listed, including a set of bongo drums, some Biggles books, outdoor dominoes and a Jacques Vert 3 piece "Mother of the Bride" wedding outfit. You can't get much more varied than that!

If you would like to volunteer in the shop (sorting, preparing and pricing items for sale, rotating stock, serving customers, transporting items between Eye and Stowmarket, scanning and recycling items etc) or in our eBay hub in Stowmarket (preparing items, researching, photographing, listing items, packing ready for dispatch), please call 01379 678552 for more details. You will be helping to raise vital funds to keep family support services running for local families in these challenging times.

Bird seed order

All the birdseed prices have risen substantially and I have had to increase our prices accordingly. Sunflower hearts are in short supply because they are grown primarily in Ukraine and Bulgaria so our supplier has withdrawn sunflower kernels and No Mess (which contains 60% sunflower kernels) from his list of products. W.B.M New High Energy is a good alternative to sunflower kernels; I have used it successfully for several months. The Garden Club are willing to provide the birdseed service with your continued support.

The next order will be placed on 12 April. Bird seed collection will be on 20 April between 2.00—5.30pm 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 BACS “Gt Finborough Garden Club”, sort code 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. Orders not collected on the day will require customer to make special arrangements to collect. Thank you. Peter Turner (07789 727974,

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W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£15.00		
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£17.00		
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£17.00		
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£15.00		
Finch Mix	20 kg	£15.00		
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£11.00		
SUPER Poultry Mix	20 kg	£12.00		
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£36.00		
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx.	£19.00		
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£17.00		
Nyjer Seed	20kg	£33.00		
Nyjer Seed	10kg	£18.00		
Suet Pellets	12.75kg	£20.00		
Suet Balls (Superior)	Price each	13p		
Suet Balls (Superior)	Box of 150	£19.50		
			TOTAL	

Great Finborough and District Garden Club

Our March meeting was a fascinating talk by Jim Paine from The Walnut Tree Nursery near Attleborough. He was speaking about the gardening definition of shade, how the surroundings in the garden can produce shade in unexpected places and how it affects the plants we can grow. He also gave us some recommendations as to how we can extend the range of plants that will tolerate shady conditions by improving the soil, lifting the crowns of overhanging trees and shrubs and improving the soil moisture levels.

The next meeting on 8 April will be a talk by Sally Bendall who owns the popular Hollowtrees Farm Shop. She will be giving us the insider's view on running this large and varied local business.

The May Car Share has been booked for the afternoon of Thursday 26 May. We are going to Pulham Cottage. Pulham Cottage is very local being just a 10 minute drive away and is a relaxed cottage garden set in 1½ acres, created over the last five years. It is divided into rooms using mixed hedging, hazel fencing and vintage iron gates and fencing. It has a clipped box parterre, a kitchen garden with flowers for cutting, orchard and wildflower areas to explore. There are also areas left for re-wilding to encourage moths, butterflies and bees, a Victorian style greenhouse, orchard and free range chickens. Plus lots of seating to relax and enjoy the vistas and views. The price per person is £8 and this includes tea and cake. Cars to leave the village car park at 2.00pm. If you would like to book a space on the car share please email Jane Davies (janedavies2@hotmail.co.uk) stating if you require a seat in a car or if you can offer any seats.

If you would like to join the visit to Hampton Court in July please contact Jane Davies as soon as possible as she needs to confirm numbers with them very soon.

Preparations for Open Gardens on 19 June are already underway and more details will be available soon, along with requests for help from the Committee for members to help run this event, which is our major charity fundraiser.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Membership is only £15.00 per household per year, due in September. For further information contact: Judith Cameron judith.e.cameron@btinternet.com or 672978.



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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Buxhall Village Hall Management Committee will be held in Buxhall Village Hall on Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7.00 pm.

People 18 years of age and above who are residents living within the parish of Buxhall; or members of the local government register of electors by virtue of residence in this parish are welcome to attend and vote on matters included on the agenda (subject to Covid restrictions). The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Any person having an interest in any matter on the Agenda is required to declare such.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

To receive and approve Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2021

4. Matters arising from those Minutes

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

To receive a report from the Chairman.

6. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Annual Accounts 2021

To receive a report from the treasurer and the Annual Accounts for year ending December 2021.

7. Trustees' Re-election / Appointment

To re-elect / appoint Trustees to serve until the AGM 2023.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

To approve the date of next Annual General Meeting of the Committee as Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.00pm.

Should you wish to either stand or nominate someone for election as a Trustee of the Village Hall, please complete a nomination form and forward it to the Secretary by 5 April 2022. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, any member of the committee or can be downloaded from the website at <http://buxhall.onesuffolk.net/village-hall/>

If you have any questions on this or other matters regarding the AGM please contact Emily Byam (Secretary) on 07964 045373 or at emilybyam1@gmail.com

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Also ... let us know about the events you're planning to celebrate your community, the Jubilee and Suffolk. Visit us at www.festivalofsuffolk.org/contact.

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Spring has well and truly sprung. Mornings are filled with bird song and migrant birds arrive back on their territories ahead of a busy breeding season. Here are just a few things to look for:

Blue tit Nesting is in full swing for most species but more so for the blue tit as these will be laying eggs and then feeding young towards the end of the month. You'll know eggs have hatched as parents will be busy taking food into the nest box.

Swallow This month sees a whole range of migrant birds arrive back to breed but the most anticipated is the swallow. Listen out for their celebratory chatter overhead as they arrive back.

Cuckoo Cuckoos are in steep decline but listen out through April as there is still a chance to hear this iconic bird. Named after its famous call although only the males shout 'cuckoo'. Females make a bizarre bubbling sound usually when a male is nearby.

Cuckoo flower/lady's smock This spring flower often grows in damp meadows and is a quintessential spring species. Its name cuckoo flower derives from the time of year it flowers but, of course, cuckoo used to be much more common. An alternative name is lady's smock.

Orange tip Earlier in spring, we see species of butterfly that have overwintered but now look out for freshly emerging orange tips. Males have very distinctive orange tips to their wings but females are mostly white and could be confused with other species of white butterfly. Their food-plant is cuckoo flower so they are often seen together.

Slow worm As days get warmer our reptiles get more active and one to look out for in the garden is the slow worm. It's not a worm but a legless lizard and has devolved its legs. Look out for one warming up in a sunny spot or try popping down a small piece of felt, slate or tin near dense vegetation and they may use that as a warm refuge.

Bat We won't quite be expecting warm and balmy evenings but it's certainly warm enough to tempt out bats at dusk to start feeding. Look high overhead for larger species such as serotine and noctule or in gardens for pipistrelles whizzing around catching insects.

April is a great month to get to grips with bird song ahead of international dawn chorus day on 2 May.



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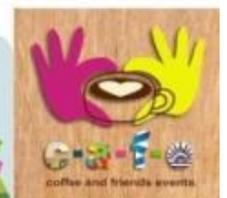
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