

Diary Dates for December 2012

- Thursday 6th** **Great Finborough & District Gardening Club** Pettward Main Hall, 7.00 pm. Christmas Party John (674401)
- Thursday 6th** **Candlestick Club** Buxhall Village Hall, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Christmas Lunch. Keith (736598)
- Friday 7th** **Christmas Trees on sale** Paupers View, Onehouse. Ray (613343)
- Friday 7th** **Christmas Bazaar** Finborough Primary School, 5 pm.
- Friday 7th** **Wild bird food seed** order deadline. John Davey (674401)
- Friday 7th** **Christmas Party** Fasbourn Hall, 7—9pm. Tickets £5 on the door, please call 737876 or 736297 if you are coming
- Saturday 8th** **Men's Breakfast** Onehouse Church Room, 8—9.30 am. Discussion: led by David Baker. Order breakfast by 5 December from Derek (613328)
- Sunday 9th** **Fairtrade stall** St Mary's church, from 10.30 am, pop in for coffee and a browse!
- Tuesday 11th** **Lunch Club** Buxhall Village Hall, 2.30pm. Afternoon tea party Jill (737814)
- Wednesday 12th** **Buxhall WI** Buxhall Village Hall, 7 pm for 7.30 pm. Barber shop Quartet R2G2. Jill (737814)
- Friday 14th** **Festive Evening** Shelland Hall, 7—9pm. Tickets £6 from Rosemary Roe (736591) or John Jewers (736382)
- Sunday 16th** **The Reluctant Shepherds** St Mary's church, 4pm. Village Carol Service
- Wednesday 19th** **Community Carols** Finborough Primary School, 6 pm

Diary Dates for January 2013

- Tuesday 1st** **New Year's Day walk** See page 25. John (771742)
- Saturday 5th** **Silver Jubilee Dinner** Ickworth House. St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir. Tickets £28.75 from Ivor Thulborn (01953 717187)
- Tuesday 15th** **Buxhall Broadcast deadline for February issue**
- Thursday 15th** **Skylarks Children's Club** Onehouse Church Room, 4.00—5.30 pm. Contact Derek (613328)
- Saturday 26th** **Call My Bluff** Onehouse Church Room, 7.30pm. Tickets £\$ from Gloria (676198) or Ron (676123)

Toilet Twinning services at Buxhall on Sundays 13th and 20th January

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Buxhall Broadcast



December 2012—January 2013

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR

DECEMBER 2012

Priest in Charge: The Revd Chris Childs, Rectory Bungalow, Buxhall IP14 3DJ
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2 December

Isaiah 52.7-10; Romans 10.12-18; Matthew 4.18-22

10.30 am Patronal Eucharist *Chris*

St Andrew

Finborough

9 December

Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

9.30 am Matins *Ray*
9.30 am Holy Communion *Chris*
9.30 am Holy Communion *Barbara*
11 am Parish Communion *Arlene*
4 pm Christingle *Chris*

Advent 2

Buxhall
Harleston
Shelland
Onehouse Church
Finborough

16 December

Zeph 3.14-end; Phil 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18 (or special readings)

11 am Parish Communion *Liz*
3.30 pm Carols by Candlelight *Arlene*
4 pm 'The Reluctant Shepherds' *Chris*

Advent 3

Finborough
Onehouse Church
Buxhall

23 December

Mic 5 2-5a; Heb 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45, (46-55) (or special readings)

9.30 am Holy Communion *Barbara*
100 am Family Carol Service *Ray and Chris*
6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols *Chris*

Advent 4

Harleston
Shelland
Buxhall

24 December

Christmas Eve

Isa 52.7-10; Heb 1.1-4 (5-12); John 1.1-14 (or special readings)

3 pm Crib and Carols *Ray*
4 pm Carols by Candlelight *Arlene*
4 pm Crib and Carols *Chris*
11.30 pm Midnight Sung Eucharist *Chris*

25 December

Christmas Day

As above or special readings

9.30 am Holy Communion *Liz*
9.30 am Family Communion *Barbara*
10 am Family Communion *Chris*
10 am Family Communion *Arlene*

30 December

Christmas 1

1 Sam 2 18-20, 26; Col 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

11 am Benefice Communion Finborough

January's services inside back cover

Whether you are a regular worshiper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday, you will find a warm welcome at any of our services

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR JANUARY 2013

Priest in Charge: The Revd Chris Childs, Rectory Bungalow, Buxhall IP14 3DJ
01449 736093

6 January

9.30 am Sung Eucharist *Chris*
9.30 am Reflective Morning Prayer *Ray*
11 am Matins
6.30 pm Epiphany Songs of Praise *Chris*

Epiphany 1

Buxhall
Shelland
Harleston
Finborough

13 January

9.30 am Matins
Including Toilet Twinning collection!
9.30 am Holy Communion *Chris*
11 am Parish Communion *Liz*
11 am Christingle *Chris*

Baptism of Christ

Buxhall
Harleston
Finborough
Onehouse Church Room

20 January

9.30 am Matins *Ray*
11 am Joint Finborough & Buxhall Family Service *Chris*
Including Toilet Twinning collection!
11 am Parish Communion
Room

Epiphany 3

Shelland
Buxhall
Onehouse Church

27 January

9.30 am Benefice Patronal Communion *Chris (pr Revd Paul Clarke)*
11 am Parish Communion *Barbara*

King Charles the Martyr

Shelland
Finborough

3 February

9.30 am Sung Eucharist *Chris*
9.30 am Reflective Morning Prayer *Derek*
11 am Matins
11 am Parish Communion *Jenny*

2nd before Lent

Buxhall
Shelland
Harleston
Finborough

Whether you are a regular worshiper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday, you will find a warm welcome at any of our services

Evening Prayer will be said at St Andrew's, Great Finborough
at 5pm each Wednesday
All are welcome

Church rotas

Week ending	Cleaning	Flowers	Coffee	Sidesman
02/12/2012	Delia Golding and Angela Packer	Angela Pead	No service	No service
09/12/2012	Delia Golding and Angela Packer	Advent - no flow-ers	Denise King	Lavinia Biles and Jill Reed
16/12/2012	John & Lavinia Biles	Advent - no flow-ers	Lesley Steed	Mike & Barbara Chatt
23/12/2012	John & Lavinia Biles	- Everyone -	Jill Reed & Barbara Chatt	Hubert Mitson & Lesley Steed
30/12/2012	Mike & Barbara Chatt	Barbara Chatt	No service	Ivy Friston & Gill Ling
06/01/2013	Mike & Barbara Chatt	Barbara Chatt	Jill Reed	No service
13/01/2013	Lisa Minoprio & Shireen Wright	Lisa Minoprio	Gill Ling	Lavinia Biles and Jill Reed
20/01/2013	Lisa Minoprio & Shireen Wright	Lisa Minoprio	Ivy Friston	Mike & Barbara Chatt
27/01/2013	Jill Reed, Tina Newell & Trudy Gibbs	Angela Pead	No service	No service
03/02/2013	Jill Reed, Tina Newell & Trudy Gibbs	Angela Pead	Lesley Steed	Ivy Friston & Gill Ling

From the Ministry Team

This is mid-November and the annual round of ‘what do you want for Christmas?’ has started. It is always encouraging that someone wants to buy you something but how that simple and well meant phrase helps us get the whole concept of giving and receiving the wrong way round. Well-meaning because it prevents waste and provide the recipient with something they actually want but wrong because it puts the pressure on that recipient to think up something that they want and make a difficult guess at how much will be spent. It distorts the idea that the giver is thinking of something that will give the recipient pleasure and that is the whole point of giving. ‘Never look a gift horse in the mouth’ is a well worn phrase – many people do and come unstuck I fear by expecting too much or suffering the boredom of knowing what is to come let alone the hassle of the thinking it up in the first place. And oh, the joylessness of ‘we don’t bother giving to each other anymore’ -Christmas is just another day.

Frequently Christ is regarded as a gift to the world, yet, as says the famous reading from John, ‘The world knew him not’. The world did not want anyone like that who would upset their conventions and laws. The Jews looked for a messiah it is true but not one who would overturn their regulations and end up crucified as a common criminal. They wanted one who would let their nation rule the world where they would be the rulers too. The disciples had enough trouble working out who would sit at the right and the left.

Sometimes the gifts we receive from others are a bit like that. The socks we don’t like, the exercise bicycle given with an ulterior motive – let alone the cordless drill, cookery book or new food processor, but sometimes they are good for us. Christ has been a good present for the world. We live in a society shaped by Christianity with its care for all embodied in the welfare state founded on Christian principles: we send peacemakers out, we send millions in aid to those less fortunate. Our churches provide invaluable assistance and charity monies. Christ has been a good present for the world and us. Come and join us and give thanks and cheer - there is plenty of scope: services all over with different styles and moods. An unwelcome present to the world at the time but what wonders have since been done in his name

I join with all the Ministry Team in wishing you a happy Christmas and good New Year. May all that you give and receive be good.

Chris

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Great Finborough and District Garden Club

The winter seems to be dragging its heels rather but we have been rewarded by some spectacular autumn colours, however the frosts will be here all too soon. There should still be time to finish all the chores in the garden. You know those things that remind you of housework, but in the garden, the cutting back, clearing up of debris and piling of leaves into leaf mould heaps and sorting out the potting shed. The reward is sitting by the fire with a clear conscience browsing the plant and seed catalogues ready for the next season.

The November meeting was entitled 'Rare and Unusual Perennials' and our speaker was Tim Fuller from the Plantsman's Preference. He showed us some beautiful plants many of which are new cultivars of old favourites suitable for those problem areas under hedges and trees. I for one will be making a trip to the nursery next spring.

Those of you who visited the Festival of Angels in the church will have seen the garden angel made by the Club, one of which must surely help us get a crop of something from the infinitely variable weather with which we have been provided this year.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas party to be held on 6th December. As always this takes the form of a light-hearted quiz, with nibbles and mulled wine, and not forgetting the now renowned "Pass the parcel". Please ensure that you have returned the December function slip to John so we know how many will be attending. **Please note** that the venue has moved to the main hall to allow us a bit more room to breathe and that it will start at 7.00 PM.

In January gardeners hibernate, sitting in front of the fire or go on holiday so as not to waste those valuable hours in the garden later in the year. As a result the first meeting of 2013 will be on Thursday 14 February at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Pettward Hall when Peter Gooch will speak about the 'The Care and Maintenance of Clematis'.

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 £12.50 per household per year. For further information contact either: John Davey on 674401 or john@abbeyclassics.co.uk or 674401, or Judith Cameron on judyandian@btinternet.com or 672978.

WILD BIRD SEED

The next order will be placed on 7 December and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Road, Great Finborough by about 12 December.

If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque to "Great Finborough Garden Club". It is essential that I have your telephone number so that you can be advised when the seed is ready for collection.

Orders may be posted or dropped off at Abbey Farm Cottage, IP14 3AU, or, if it's more convenient, to 1 Valley Lane or 8 High Road and must be received by mid-day Friday 7 December. The next seed order will be placed in February.

Thank you.
John Davey

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Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£25.00
Sunflower Kernels (half sack)	10 kg approx	£14.00
Niger Seed	25 kg	£21.50
Niger Seed (half sack)	10 kg approx	£10.00
Fat Balls (any quantity)		11p each



Buxhall Women's Institute

Well done and a pat on the back to all the ladies who volunteered their bodies to a pretty gruelling but hopefully enjoyable meeting.

We were entertained this month by Dance Instructor, Joanna Brown. Joanna briefly introduced herself, then promptly asked for volunteers to help her out with a Charleston Dance routine (EASY!!! as she described it). After several steps backwards and forwards, legs up to the left and then to the right and a kick in front, the heating in the village hall became unbearable - the audience as well as the participants were shedding their clothes - laughter and exhaustion then followed. Joanna, a young fit lovely girl still wondering what all the fuss was about and as fresh as a daisy, clearly wasn't satisfied with our efforts at the Charleston, so for a change of mood she introduced us to the 'hip wiggling' Zumba. By this time, I had sneaked back to a much needed chair. Well done to all you lot that stuck it out - I even heard comments such as 'I really enjoyed that, maybe I will join a class' - brings to mind the old saying 'there's life in the old girl yet'. Seriously though, thank you Joanna for a totally different meeting that took away that guilty feeling of eating all the wonderful WI's munchies - we had earned them!!!! By the way, some pretty good moves came from our girls after a bit of practice!!! I do hope the bodies didn't suffer the following day.

On a more serious note. In a previous Buxhall Broadcast, the lovely Beryl Jones was mentioned. Beryl was a long serving member of Buxhall WI who left us suddenly a few years ago. Mr Jones very kindly made a donation to the WI in her memory. It has now been decided to have a personally made and embroidered tablecloth which will go on our top table at the WI Meetings. The embroidery will consist of all things close to Beryl; it will also bring back happy memories of Beryl at our meetings.

Our next meeting will be December 12th in the Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm when we will be entertained by the Barber Shop Quartet, R2 G2.

Sue Croft

Whist drives

Whist drives are held in the Village Hall on the first and third Fridays of the month at 7.30 pm. So if you know the game, do come along for an enjoyable evening for just £1.

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out this Christmas!**

Some bin collections are
being brought forward this
year, so make sure you
check what day your
bin is due to be
collected.

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection day
Mon 24 Dec 2012	Saturday 22 December 2012
Tues 25 Dec 2012 (Christmas Day)	Monday 24 December 2012
Wed 26 Dec 2012 (Boxing Day)	Thursday 27 December 2012
Thur 27 Dec 2012	Friday 28 December 2012
Fri 28 Dec 2012	Saturday 29 December 2012
Mon 31 Dec 2012 (No change)	Monday 31 December 2012
Tues 1 Jan 2013 (New Year's Day)	Wednesday 2 January 2013
Wed 2 Jan 2013	Thursday 3 January 2013
Thur 3 Jan 2013	Friday 4 January 2013
Fri 4 Jan 2013	Saturday 5 January 2013

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Christmas Tree Recycling

During the month of January we will collect
your real Christmas tree when it is left next
to your brown bin. Please make sure that
all decorations, pots and stands are
removed. There is also a network of local
Christmas Tree recycling points. Please
check our website or contact us for details.



Brown Bin Collections

There will be no garden
waste collections during
the weeks of 24th and
31st December. Please
refer to your brown bin
calendar for details.

Waste and Recycling Helpline 0845 606 6045
www.babergh.gov.uk or www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

Adult Education Courses – Spring Term



Term Starts week commencing 14 January 2013

Hillside Community Centre, Stowmarket

Fri – Watercolour Painting, 10am - 12pm (10wks)

Stowmarket Learning Centre

Mon – Computing for Absolute Beginners 1pm - 3pm (3wks)

Tue - Book Keeping & Accounts, Level 2, 12.45pm – 2.45pm (15wks)

Wed – Digital Photography, 6.30pm – 8.30pm (5wks)

Wed – Photoshop - Beginners, 6.30pm – 8.30pm (5wks)

Thu – Computerised Accounting Level 1, 6.30pm – 8.30pm (15wks)

Fri – Book Keeping & Accounts, Level 1, 9.45am – 11.45am (15wks)

Stowmarket High School

Tue – Learn to Draw and Enjoy It, 7pm – 9pm (8wks)

Thu – Introduction to Sugarflowers, 7pm – 9pm (10wks)

Thu – Introduction to Counselling, 7pm – 9pm (8wks)

Gipping Valley Centre, Stowmarket

Mon – Creative Writing, 7pm – 8.30pm (8wks)

Mon – DIY Brickwork, 7pm – 9pm, (5wks)

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From The Registers



Funerals

St Andrew's, Great Finborough

Sylvia Dorothy Youngman, aged 96 7 November

St Mary's, Buxhall

Heather Valdes-Scott, aged 95 15 November

Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving

St John the Baptist, Onehouse

Alfred (Joe) Copsey, aged 91 31 October
followed by cremation at the West Suffolk Crematorium

Burial of Ashes

St John the Baptist, Onehouse

Gordon Barry Ellam, aged 76 27 October

St Mary's, Buxhall

Mary Underwood, aged 77 8 November

Marriage

St Mary's, Buxhall

Timothy John Barnard and Julie Ann Jones 9 November

Fairtrade Stall



A Fairtrade Stall runs every first Sunday of the month in church following morning service. If you don't wish to come to the service, you will be very welcome to pop in at 10.30 for coffee and a browse. The range includes cereals, chocolate, biscuits, dried fruit, pasta, honey, jam and marmalade, tea and coffee.

Front cover

You will have noticed our brilliant front cover—the artist is Ian Beck who, I hope, will be a regular contributor to the Buxhall Broadcast in the future. He describes himself: "I'm a freelance cartoonist and illustrator local to Buxhall who has felt compelled to make pictures for the past 25 years. When I'm not slaving away over the drawing board, I can be found slaving away, opening tins of Whiskas under the watchful eyes of a hungry cat." Ian can be contacted by email artofigb@hotmail.co.uk.



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Toilet Twinning



Buxhall's church toilet is now officially twinned with a latrine in Cambodia! But what is toilet twinning?

About 40% of the world's population don't have somewhere safe, clean and hygienic to go to the loo. The human impact of this statistic is enormous: nearly one in five child deaths each year is due to diarrhoea. For people in poor communities, a hole in the ground is quite literally a life saver – protecting women from the risk of attack as they find somewhere private to squat, and shielding children from preventable diarrhoeal diseases—every minute, three children under the age of five die because of dirty water and poor sanitation.

A donation of £60 for the twinning goes to the charities Cord and Tearfund who use the money raised to enable operational teams and local partners to work with local communities in Africa and Asia to build thousands of latrines around the world. Many of these communities also receive education about domestic hygiene and access to clean water. This means better sanitation, clean water and hygiene education – helping people enjoy better health, go to school and work, and ultimately, begin to flush away poverty.

Buxhall PCC has now twinned our toilet with one in Chhuksaw Village, near to the Cambodian/Vietnamese border. Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in Asia. 1 in 3 people live below the national poverty line, surviving on less than 50 US cents per day and only 1 in 3 people in Cambodia have a loo. This means people are forced to go in the open which affects the health of the community and their animals – often a main source of income, especially for people living in rural areas.

We thought that this was such a good idea, we're having two special collections at services in the New Year, on 13 and 20 January, to raise money to twin with another toilet (or £240 buys a school toilet block!)

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact David Steed (737991) or John Biles (736297) or come to one of the services. More information on twinning is on this website: www.toilettwinning.org.

Skylarks

Over the past few months we have been doing things a bit differently at Skylarks and we have come up with a pattern which will operate until July.

Sessions will continue to be held in the Church Room, but now **once a month** on Tuesdays, **4.00pm to 5.30pm**. We will start each session with refreshments.

There will be a greater link between Skylarks and Family Services, to provide continuity of teaching, as well as in art and craft and games.

The dates until July will be as follows:

Tuesday 15 January • Tuesday 12 February, leading into a Pancake Party at 6.00pm • Tuesday 5 March • Tuesday 9 April • Tuesday 14 May • Tuesday 4 June • Tuesday 2 July

Numbers have steadily increased this term, but we still have room for more 5-9's to join Skylarks. We would particularly welcome some boys!

Any enquiries about Skylarks to Derek Ames (613328) or Christine Hagger (736487).



Onehouse

There will be a **Call My Bluff** evening on Saturday 26th January 2013 at 7.30pm at Onehouse Church Room. The tickets will be £4 and available from Gloria (676198), Ron (676123), Derek (613328) or Carole (736025). Please bring your own liquid refreshments, light nibbles will be provided.

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Orders being taken now for Easter.

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St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

SEMVC is 25 years old in 2013 and besides our usual concert programme, we have two very special events to celebrate our birthday.

We would really like as many as possible of our ex-choristers and friends to attend our celebrations.

On Saturday 5 January 2013 we are holding a Silver Jubilee Dinner at the West Wing, Ickworth House with some singing included! Cost is £28.75 per ticket. If you would like to come to the dinner please contact one of the following:

Ivor Thulborn 01953 717 187 thulborn@aol.com

Richard Everett 01284 78 7751 richardeverett257@btinternet.com

On Saturday 22 June there will be a concert at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds featuring Suffolk's very own Laura Wright as well as SEMVC. Tickets for this will go on sale in April.

You might also consider becoming a Friend of the Choir: as a friend you will receive a monthly newsletter and be entitled to discounts to many of our concerts as well as the chance to come on tour with us all. Or why not join us and come and sing? We rehearse every Thursday evening at Howard Middle School in BSE.

If you are interested please contact either Ivor or Richard.

Advance notice: on Saturday 20 April 2013 we have a Concert in St Mary's Church, Stowmarket.



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Sunday 23rd December

Shelland Church at 10.00am

Children most welcome to take part in Nativity play

Contact Jenny Jewers on 736749 if interested

Woolpit Christmas Tree Festival

Once again this year, Shelland Church will be decorating a Christmas tree for the Woolpit festival on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December. If anyone has pictures of a "White Christmas" to help decorate the tree, please contact John Jewers on 736382.

News From Shelland

On Monday 12th November members of Shelland PCC met up with James Halsall of the DAC to discuss the proposal of installing a toilet in the church and a second emergency door. This was met with a positive response and investigations are ongoing.

Combs Ford Surgery

Opening Hours—Christmas and New Year 2012/13

Monday	24 December	8am-4pm
Tuesday	25 December	CLOSED
Wednesday	26 December	CLOSED
Thursday	27 December	open as usual
Friday	28 December	open as usual
Saturday	29 December	open as usual
Monday	31 December	8am-5pm
Tuesday	1 January 2013	CLOSED
Wednesday	2 January	open as usual
Thursday	3 January	open as usual
Friday	4 January	open as usual
Saturday	5 January	open as usual

Please telephone 0300 130 3066 if you require urgent medical assistance when the surgery is closed.

Remember Michael Green this Christmas, working in Jordan
for the Church Mission Society

Quiz night

Once again the fun Quiz Night in the Village Hall was a great success. With over 70 quizzers taking part and a superb draw, the magnificent sum of £318.50 was raised. Many thanks to those who gave draw prizes and donations and helped tidy up at the end. Make sure you don't miss the next one on **Saturday 23 March 2013**.

See you there!

Grass cutting at the church

The PCC owes a huge debt of thanks to the band of volunteers who once again spent many hours keeping the grass mown around the graveyard. This is very much appreciated by the PCC and thank you all once again. I hope you will all be willing to sign up again next year. If anyone else is able to spare a couple of hours from time to time to help in the graveyard, please let me know as soon as possible.

David Steed (737441) Churchwarden

Christmas Eve

Crib Service with Carols

Monday 24 December at 3pm

St Mary's Church, Buxhall

A short service for all the family –
home in time for tea



King Charles the Martyr, Shelland

We keep the **Patronal Festival** on the Sunday nearest to the execution of the King. This year it falls on Sunday 27 January when we shall celebrate at 9.30 am in our usual style, and we will welcome the Revd Paul Clarke, Curate of Haughley, Wetherden and Stowupland, as preacher. Our service will be led by the choir.

Chris

St John's Table Tennis January—March 2013

Thursday Nights, 7.30-9.30pm in Onehouse Church Room

10th, 24th & 31st January • 14th & 28th February • 14th & 28th March



It's been encouraging to have some new players join us during the autumn and together with those who come regularly, it's made for some lively matches. Whether you're a beginner or you've played before, we look forward to you coming to join us. We would like to see more ladies coming to Table Tennis.

We have to cover our overheads (mainly lighting and heating) from the subs people pay and as the next three months are likely to cost more for heating the room, we're putting the subs up to £2 from January.

Happy Christmas and Every Blessing for the New Year

Derek Ames (613328)

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News from your councillor – John Matthissen

New Year Walk – Tuesday 1 January 2013

Derek Ames and I are once again defying the weather and organising a walk, this year offering a choice of distances, starting points and lunch venues. The idea is to start at any one of our three local pubs, all meet up opposite the shop in Finborough at about 11.35am, and finish at Combs Ford, where at least one of the pubs is open for lunches. Walkers may then stop for lunch or return to their starting point for a meal and a rest. You are advised to book lunch in advance if required.

Start 10.30am	Buxhall Crown	01449 736521
Start 11am	Shepherd and Dog	01449 400179
Start 11.30am	Chestnut Horse	01449 612298
Finish	Gladstone Arms	01449 612 339

Further information from Derek Ames on 613328 or from me.

Credit Union now in Stowmarket

Christmas brings with it pressures to spend, spend, spend and let 2013 take care of the consequences. I urge everyone to resist the heavily-promoted payday “easy” loans, because repaying them is never easy, and with interest rates exceeding 1000% debts of a few hundred pounds can quickly become an unmanageable financial disaster.

Two organisations able to help are:

- **Ipswich & Suffolk Credit Union** 01473 690690 www.iscu.org.uk
Information and collection point now at Red Gables, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket every Thursday 2pm – 4pm
- **Citizens Advice** 01449 676060 www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk
5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

To get in touch: call 771742, email: john.matthissen@midsuffolk.gov.uk
or write to 3 Wash Lane Corner, Great Finborough, IP14 3BJ

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Candlestick Club

The November meeting saw members being advised on what to, and what not to, put in our green recycling bins. Mr John Matthissen, with the help of a few short films, very interestingly showed us what items of household waste goes into which bin. A very constructive afternoon John, many thanks from the Over 60's. We also had a few games of 'Play your cards right' to finish off the afternoon on a happy note.

The December meeting is our Christmas dinner, This year it is on Thursday 6 December, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Mrs Enid Castell has again kindly agreed to cater for us, and we all know what an excellent lunch she does. Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland are joining us this year so it should be a fun afternoon. The club will be subsidising the lunch a little, and please do not forget a little Christmas present for a lady or man. If you would like to come, please let Keith (736598) know if you are from Buxhall and Great Finborough; and Katie (736430) know from Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland. Also if you have ideas for talks or outings for 2013, please let any committee member know. Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year to you all.

Keith (736598)

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Historic Churches Trust Bicycle Ride 2012

We have now received a cheque for over £307 for the church. Many thanks to all those who took part – Gillian Ling – Joanna Gray – Dave and Jennie Norman (we shall miss them next year now they have moved house) – Graham Hickman and David Steed: a wonderful effort from you all.

Mulletts Farm, Buxhall

Garnham and Salter Charity

Grants are available for any Buxhall resident requiring help with winter heating. Written applications should be sent to the Chairman of Trustees: The Revd Chris Childs, Rectory Bungalow, Buxhall IP14 3DJ.

Hello everyone,

What's happening in the area...

Rattlesden - a vehicle left parked on a residential drive on Top Road was stolen and later discovered abandoned by police at a field on Rattlesden Road, Buxhall. The contents of the car had been stolen.

Hessett - A garage was forced within a local business and a ride-on John Deere rotary mower and generator were stolen.

Elmswell – Two homes were entered via insecure rear doors and car keys were removed. The vehicles were entered and one vehicle was stolen. There have been similar incidents within Mid Suffolk area. Try and make sure keys are not hanging near doors or on display and double check doors and windows are locked at the end of the evening.

Anti Social Behaviour complaints over Halloween...

Suffolk Police Community Safety produced figures around Halloween this year and found that only 6% of recorded ASBs were attributed to the period. Safer Neighbourhood teams in the area were patrolling over this period and working with shops, schools and residents in the area to encourage respect for those not wishing to participate in the event, and to promote the enjoyment in a positive, safe way.

Police Tractor visits Rattlesden Primary School...

Pupils at Rattlesden Primary School got the opportunity to explore the marked police tractor earlier this month by winning a 'Design your ideal police tractor' competition. With backing from Ernest Doe at Marlesford and Case IH, the tractor has helped get an important rural crime reduction messages out to communities. The company provided Suffolk Constabulary with a Case tractor, free of charge, to assist police in raising the profile of steps that can be taken to prevent rural crime within the county. Police launched a new booklet 'Shutting the gate on rural crime' designed to give advice to land and home owners on measures that can be taken to protect property in rural locations. One pupil, Sam Parker, was presented a special edition Britain's model of the tractor on the day and was lucky enough to actually drive the machine itself! For a copy of the new booklet please contact our SNT.

Pc 421 Annelly Miles & PCSO 3155 Sian Uttley

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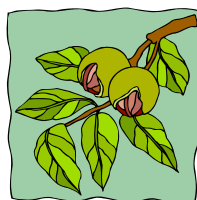
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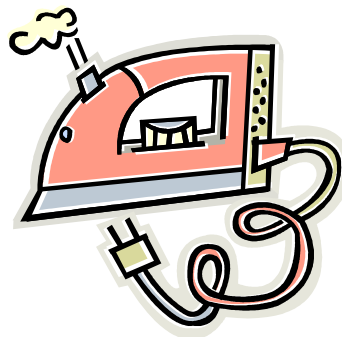


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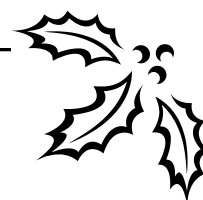
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For catering purposes please ring either 737876 or 736297 to let
us know you are coming; we don't want to run out of anything!



Handbells at Christmas



The handbell band will be calling at houses in Buxhall again,
raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. If you
have a party or family gathering on a certain date and you
would like us to call and ring carols for you, please phone me
on 737991.

David Steed

The Revd Arlene Cruickshanks

Many of you will know by now that Arlene retired from the Ministry Team
at the end of October. The Bishop has granted her permission to
officiate and so she will continue to conduct some services and of course
remain living in Onehouse with Ron. A good number of people have
reason to be grateful to Arlene for her ministry over these past seven
years and we shall certainly all miss her experience, enthusiasm and
care in so many ways. Personally I shall miss her as a friend and
colleague as well. We wish her and Ron well in the future. A collection
is being made towards a gift from the benefice—if you would like to
contribute, please see me.

Chris

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Rev'd Chris Childs and Stephen Dodd, Headteacher

Friends of Great Finborough Primary School



It's that time of year again. Christmas will soon be with us. We have forthcoming events for the children and families.

So please come along and help with some **FUN**raising



Christmas Bazaar: Friday 7 December at 5.00pm at the school

BBQ and refreshments ◦ Father Christmas Grotto ◦ Tombola ◦ Children's games ◦ Face Painting and Tattoos ◦ Hamper Raffle

Stowmarket Xmas Lights switch-on: 30 November

The Friends will be attending the evening of the Official lights switch-on. We will be selling Glow merchandise, Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies

Children's Christmas Market: 17 December

This is held every year during the school day. The children will be able to choose a gift for their parents/guardians, wrap and label it themselves to be put under their tree at home. This is especially popular with the children



At all the events we will be selling our **Christmas Prize Draw tickets with a First Prize of £100 cash** and many other prizes

We would be grateful of donations of any unwanted gifts for our tombola, raffle and Children's Christmas Market. Any small ladies gifts, for example: a diary, jewellery, candles, soap, chocolates or toiletries, and for men: toiletries, items for the car, pens, socks etc. Also Christmas wrapping paper, gift tags and sellotape. All donations can be left at the school reception or given to a committee member.



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Speeding near Finborough Primary School

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"This stretch of road is within the 20 mile an hour school zone. However, the vast majority of the traffic travels along this road at speeds far in excess of this, which presents people with problems trying to cross over with children, as they walk them to the primary school and back. There are also several driveways along this stretch, with limited visibility due to the curvature of the road. When vehicles come up the hill going too fast, it is very difficult to pull off those drives safely.

After speaking to the council and asking for clearer signage of the school zone 20mph limit, they have moved the sign (from behind a tree) to the opposite side of the road where it is more visible. Please could we remind everyone heading towards Great Finborough on the Buxhall road that the 30mph zone starts at the bottom of the hill, before the houses, and then changes to a 20mph zone a little further on up the hill, as per the new sign."



Village Carol Service

THE RELUCTANT SHEPHERDS

Will perform at St Mary's Church on
Sunday 16 December 2012.

Curtain up at 4.00 pm.

Refreshments afterwards.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8th December in the Church Room, Onehouse 8.00—9.30am

After breakfast, David Barker will lead a discussion. Please bring a friend.

There will be an offering to cover expenses. Please book places with Derek Ames (613328) by Wednesday 5th December indicating continental or traditional breakfast

Community Carols



At Great Finborough Primary School

Come and join in with Community Carols

6pm Tuesday 19 December

Carols around the Christmas Tree. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. Mince pies and a hot drink afterwards in the school.

Everyone welcome

St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough



Christingle

Join us for a special celebration
with the Salvation Army Junior singers
under the direction of Mr Rob Moye

Sunday 9 December at 11.00 am



the service for children that welcomes the whole community

Neighbourhood Watch

Operation Drawbridge launched to deter burglaries during the winter months

'Protect your House' and 'Help us catch the burglar', these are the messages from Suffolk Police as they launched 'Operation Drawbridge'. The Operation is aimed at reducing the number of house burglaries in the county. The campaign aims to reduce the number of these offences by encouraging homeowners to take simple measures to protect their house, and to increase the amount of crimes 'solved' by asking the public to provide police with crucial information to help bring those responsible to justice. As darkness now descends earlier in the day, homeowners are reminded to light up their homes and deter would-be burglars.

Tackling burglary is a key priority for police. Despite latest figures showing a 15% drop in this type of crime, the distress and upset it causes victims means that it remains a top concern. For further details see news stories under news and events on www.suffolk.police.uk.

Please don't give burglars an easy ride

Police in Suffolk are urging residents to keep car keys out of view in their homes following a spate of burglaries involving the theft of keys and subsequent theft of motor vehicles. As part of Operation Drawbridge, police are reminding all to take this simple step and stop giving burglars access to vehicles. Not only are offenders gaining access to people's homes and stealing their possessions, but also going one step further and taking keys so that they may steal vehicles. If burglars have managed to get inside a home, it is essential that they are not offered 'easy pickings':

- Valuable items, cash and jewellery should be kept out of view, and secured if possible, and keys should not be left in obvious places.
- Do not leave keys near to windows and doors, as burglars will often target these directly, quickly gaining access.
- Considering fitting a letterbox cage or restrictor which prevents burglars from putting their hands or gadgets through the letterbox and trying the latches from the inside.
- Don't leave keys on 'key holders' or similar with labels explaining what they are for, and avoid leaving them hanging in keyholes.
- Fit a burglar alarm, but make sure it is installed by a company that is registered with SSAIB or NSI and is fitted to BS EN50131.