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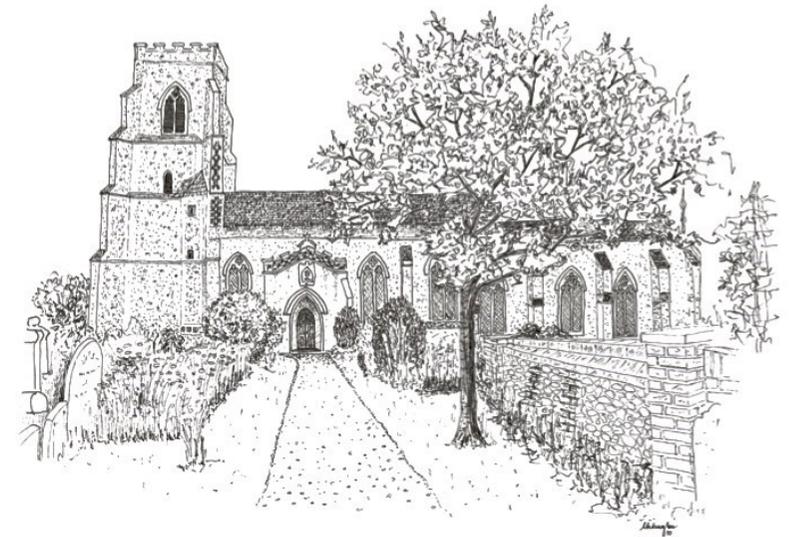
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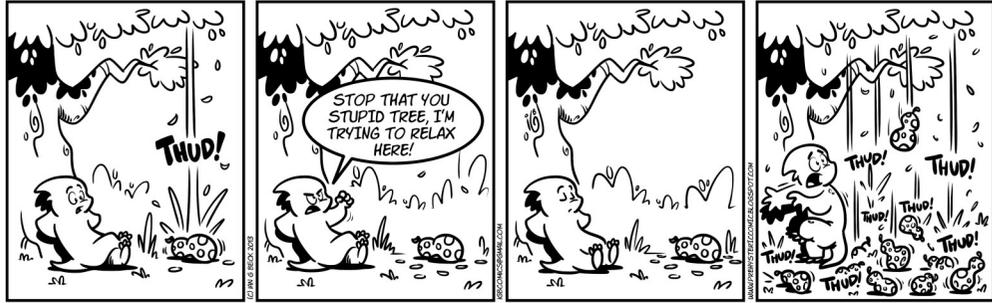
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Buxhall Broadcast



May 2014

PREHYSTERIC



From the Rectory—continued

The Centenary Hymn and Centenary Children songs will be featured and led by an orchestra, music group and choir formed from throughout the diocese. Tickets can be obtained from the Regent Box Office in person, by telephone 01473 433100 or on-line: www.ipswichregent.com. There are some free tickets for children—for more details please see the diocesan website www.cofesuffolk.org or contact me.

And to the more local - Stowmarket Deanery (the 19 parishes from Buxhall to Wickham Skeith, Wetherden to Combs) are planning a mini Pilgrimage whereby people from each parish will walk to Stowupland on Saturday 16 August to finish there with tea and a short service. I hope we will all be represented even if some more outlying parishes like Buxhall and Little Finborough only make it to their neighbour. It would be good if the walkers from our benefice could combine at Onehouse for the final push into Stowmarket en mass, enjoying the beauty of Finborough park and its quiet footpaths rather than the B1113. Simon Tarabella of Great Finborough has agreed to act as our coordinator – more details in due course.

Come and join in and be uplifted in all that we do, the beautiful weather helps us all.

Revd Chris

From The Registers



Cremation at Ipswich

Phyllis Mary Fisher, aged 86 (Gt Finborough)	19 March 2014
Margaret Johnson, aged 84 (Onehouse)	21 March 2014

From The Rectory

There are many events happening in our communities, Fetes, Flower Festivals, Concerts, Suppers, Breakfasts and the like but for us it is also a year of Centenaries. A service to mark the start of the First World War will take place on Monday 4 August, and over the weekend before, Fete weekend, there will be an exhibition in Buxhall church about how the War impacted on the families of today's villagers. If you would like to contribute to this, please contact John Biles on 736297. International events are brought to reality by the effect they have on people's lives – come and see, remember and think...

At the other end of the scale are the celebrations marking the formation of this Diocese from those of Ely and Norwich. The celebrations started with a Eucharist at the Cathedral in March, where Archbishop Justin Welby was welcomed by children with flags and banners before being interviewed by others on topics as diverse as prayer and gay marriage. Drama illustrated the first bible reading and the cathedral resounded to the sound of a specially arranged youth orchestra with nearly 1,000 voices led by their ladies' choir. Pomp and formality it was not – the Gospel was read by an assistant verger. Choral Evensong was also a capacity congregation with a more traditional format.

I am hoping that we shall be able to show the DVD of these services soon.

Diocesan celebrations are brought to reality by the effect they have on people's lives in the parishes, by encouraging, celebrating and inspiring all that we have and share. If you are feeling jaded, and some do, come and see, for it all begins with you.

There are two further special services to celebrate the Diocesan Centenary, both at the Ipswich Regent on **6 July**. I hope many of us will be able to join in.

3 pm: Songs of Praise Be inspired by the past 100 years as we look forward to the next century; hearing stories from each decade of how the Church has impacted Suffolk lives interlinked with favourite hymns and an address from Bishop David.

7 pm: Contemporary Worship Service Be inspired by the past 100 years as we look forward to the next century; hearing personal testimonies of how the Church has changed Suffolk lives interlinked with creative arts, including Pilgrim puppets. There may even be an African flavour!

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Summary of the Annual PCC Meeting—3 April 2014

Those present were: The Revd Chris Childs (Chairman), Angela Pead, David Steed, John Biles, David King, Aidan Kendall, Clive Fisher, Christina Sansom, Jim Sansom, Lucy Fisher and Lesley Steed.

The total currently listed on the Church Electoral Roll stood at 55. David Steed and Clive Fisher were re-elected as Church Wardens. Angela Pead presented the Annual Report for 2013 and David King presented the Annual Financial Report for 2013. A sum of money has been earmarked for payment of the window repairs.

Interestingly, all the church silverware has been recorded this year by the Silver Society as part of a diocesan-wide initiative.

Chris Childs thanked everyone for all that was done for the church: care of the fabric, fund raising, administration. He recorded his thanks to the large number of people from the community who are involved in the care of the church, locking up, cutting grass, working parties etc. There are still some issues to be faced: heating, service styles, access for those with poor mobility but these are being addressed or are on the programme. Although last time he had mentioned a decline in the number of people attending church and the low number of Buxhall villagers coming to church, Chris felt that we were beginning to move forward on these issues.

David Steed and Lesley Steed were elected as Deanery Synod Representatives.

PCC elections took place. Ex-officio members are the Revd Chris Childs, the Revd Liz Law, David Steed and Clive Fisher (Churchwardens) and Lesley Steed (Deanery Synod Representative). The following were then elected: Lucy Fisher, John Biles, David King, Angela Pead, Pat Ling, Gill Ling, Aidan Kendall.

Sidesmen were elected as follows: Gill Ling, Ivy Friston, John Biles, Lavinia Biles, Michael Chatt, Barbara Chatt, Lesley Steed and Lucy Fisher. Chris thanked all the sidesmen.

East Anglian Air Ambulances

Thank you for all the stamps, ink cartridges, mobile phones and coins handed in over recent weeks.

Derek Ames

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is St Mary's Church General Management Committee. To keep people up to date with our plans, news and ambitions, we will give a summary of our Minutes after each meeting.

Summary of PCC meeting—13 March 2014

We have been working with a local supplier to fix aerials in the church to enable much **faster Broadband speeds in the area**. This work is now almost complete.

We are finalising plans to install new **under pew heaters and an overhead heater for the back of the church**. This means we can look forward to a much warmer and inviting church next winter. **Seating runners will also be installed** this month to make the pews warmer and more comfortable.

The Revd Chris Childs said a **new Common Morning Worship service would begin** (this is the newer style of service introduced into the Church of England around 40 years ago). We discussed the style of service, refreshments and time of introduction. Four styles of service will be tried starting in May.

The Ash Wednesday service was the best attended in memory and people from all five parishes came. Chris went on to say **there used to be three or four people on the PCC who were also involved in the WI or Community Council etc. but soon there will be none**. Also there are **fewer people from Buxhall coming to church and on the PCC**. We are all committed to improving our service to the community.

Everyone from Buxhall is invited to **Harleston's outdoor service on 6 July starting at 9.30 am**. Gislingham Silver Band will play and hot bacon rolls, coffee, tea and Bucks Fizz will be served from 9 am. The service at Buxhall on 3 August will be cancelled so that everyone can help clear up after the fete.

We are all looking forward to **the Parish Supper** in the Village Hall (see page 23 for details).

Plans for the **commemoration of WWI** are well in hand and these will echo the national plans, including an exhibition in the church during the fete and a service on 4 August.

We are also very much looking forward to the **Flower Festival on 6—8 June**, details on page

A new gold **altar cloth** has been completed together with some seasonal front hangings. We are very grateful to the maker for his skill and time.



Buxhall WI

This month's meeting saw Buxhall WI being swept along with a bit of 'high-tec' - we have purchased a portable PA System!!!! (for those like me..... a MICROPHONE). No more dozing off at the back because you can't hear the speaker - this wonderful

piece of equipment carries voices to even the hardest of hearing souls (me, being one of them).

Many thanks to the grateful donation that enabled this purchase.

Ironically this month's speaker needed no such equipment. Pip Wright, known to many, took us on a journey around East Anglia on a Bus Pass.

He had worked out bus time tables that enabled him to travel on bus routes to the loveliest of places—free of charge—well almost.

Pip produced many slides of his journeys which he incorporated with walks, taking in the wildlife of the area and supplying us with many comical stories. Guitar in hand, Pip finished off the evening with a very clever song incorporating East Anglian villages - a really enjoyable night.

Spring is here, although at time of writing, weather is on the decline again. Our monthly walks are now taking place, first one being just a taster, a short jaunt round Finborough ending at 'The Chestnut Horse' where we will replace all those calories burnt off during the walk???

Our President read out a report of the Annual General Meeting at Trinity Park, several members attended. With good seats and Roy Hudd being the afternoon speaker, our members had a good laugh.

To top the day off, one of our members won the top prize of £100 - well done her!!

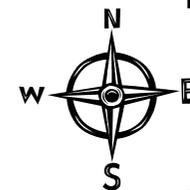
Buxhall WI meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall - 7 for 7.30 pm. Be pleased to see you ladies.

Sue Croft

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 25 May, meet in the Church Room car park at 2.30 pm. We will do a circular walk from Harleston to Haughley.

Derek Ames (Tel. 613328)



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They say that gardeners are never satisfied but none of us could complain at the splendid weather we have been having of late, except to say that a little rain would now be welcome! However do not forget that a late frost is still possible so remember to protect those vulnerable new plantings.

The April meeting was an almost full house for an illustrated talk given by Richard Ford on how to get the very best from containers in our gardens. He covered all aspects of the subject from choosing and positioning a new container to the selection of plants and their care to give the finest displays.

The members at the meeting also voted to nominate St Andrew's church as the recipient of the proceeds raised by the 2014 Open Gardens. This will be donated to help fund improvements, specifically a new toilet facility.

The next meeting will be the AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on 8 May at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room of the Pettward Hall. So pot on all those extra seedlings and cuttings and bring them along to find them a new home. Perhaps you will find yourself some plants that you have not grown before, didn't think to grow this year or lost due to drowning over the winter. Two committee members are retiring at the AGM and so we are seeking new members to replace them. If you would like to help, put your name forward at the AGM, it's not onerous and can be very enjoyable. There is always room for new committee members to help keep the club buoyant and prevent the old stagers from stagnating!

Here is another reminder of the 2014 Village Open Gardens. This will be held on Sunday 6 July. If you would be interested in opening your garden to help us in our efforts we would be delighted to hear from you. It is not necessary to be a member of the Club to participate and receive an invitation to the prestigious "President's Lawn BBQ".

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 john@abbeyclassics.co.uk or 674401 or Judith Cameron judyandian@btinternet.com or 672978.

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We are once more including a display and parade of classic and interesting vehicles at the Buxhall & Shelland Church Fête, which takes place this year on Saturday 2nd August at Copinger Hall, starting at 2:00pm.

If you would like to take part with your vehicle, please call Damian Nunn on 07753 815678 (e mail: damian.nunn@me.com) or Clive Fisher on 01449737867 (e mail: clive.fisher@suffolkfieldfayre.com)



Red Cross Syria Crisis

On 22 March we held a soup lunch in the church to raise funds for the Red Cross Syria Crisis appeal:

“Three years of conflict in Syria has forced millions to leave their homes.

With each passing day, more lives are lost and more families are torn apart. For those who have been able to flee, the battle for survival is far from over.

The Red Cross movement is supporting more than 4 million people affected by the conflict each month, with vital aid such as food, blankets and clean water. However, up to 9 million remain in desperate need.”

We had a choice of eight delicious soups (and there was enough for seconds!), cheese and fruit, and people came from Buxhall, Finborough, Onehouse and even as far away as Stowmarket! We were very pleased to be able to send the Red Cross a cheque for £140.

Thank you to those who were so kind and generous with their donations, those who made soups, those who helped with setting everything up and clearing it away, and to those who did the shopping!

Lesley Steed



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Buxhall Flower Festival



As you will see on p 9, we are holding our first Flower Festival in June this year. With the theme of 'Hymns', we wonder whether you would like to sponsor an arrangement to contribute to the cost of the flowers. If you would like to make a donation in celebration of a wedding anniversary or a new arrival, in memory of a loved one, or just because you love flowers, please get in touch with Lesley Steed on 737991 or lesleyann.steed@btinternet.com. We will include your name (and business, if appropriate) to the programme, unless you let us know otherwise.

Events in Onehouse

Pudding Evening

Onehouse Church is holding a fundraiser and social get together at John and Sylvia Emsden's home (22 Forest Road) on Friday 2 May at 7. 30pm. Besides puddings there will be a cheese board for those who prefer savouries. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children. Please call Carole on 736025 if you would like to attend. Please bring your own beverages! Ron has kindly offered to organise a quiz and of course the mandatory Raffle. Please support us!

Onehouse Church Room

Onehouse PCC has decided to charge an hourly rate in future for the hire of the Church Room. This will be £12 an hour for the duration of the use of the Hall. This means that setting up and closing down time will now have to be paid for too. No extra charge will be made for heating. We are sorry for the increase but it is becoming more and more difficult to cover the ever increasing expenses of this very useful and essential facility.

Messy Church

Messy Church with The Rev Liz Law on 11 May at 11am in the Church Room, Onehouse. All the family are welcome. Liz always finds plenty of fun things for us to do!

Plodders & Ploughman's



Sunday 11th May 2014

Meet @ Buxhall Village Hall

10.00am start

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By Saturday 10th May

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6th - 8th June 2014

'Hymns'

A celebration of hymns in flower arrangements
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Friday 6 June: Preview evening 7.30—9 pm Come to our country church on a beautiful summer evening to see the new arrangements, sit and listen to the 'Tudor Rose' singers with their floral programme, enjoy a glass of wine and canapés. Tickets £6.50 including refreshments.

Saturday 7 June: Flower Festival 10 am—4 pm Enjoy the flower displays while being entertained by the choir from Finborough Primary School (morning) and more music in the afternoon. There will be Fairtrade tea and coffee, home baked cakes and scones in our tea tent. Entry £2.50 for adults, £1 for children aged 11—16, 10 years old and under free.

Sunday 8 June: Flower Festival 10 am—3.45 pm The Festival continues! Your last chance to enjoy the beautiful arrangements in our lovely light church. We hope to have a musical background again, and the tea tent will be open until 3 pm. Entry £2.50 for adults, £1 for children 11—16, 10 and under free.

Sunday 8 June: Flower Service 4 pm The culmination of the Flower Festival will be our traditional Flower Service with Songs of Praise. Buxhall's four-part choir will be leading the singing and we will sing some of the hymns depicted in the arrangements. Refreshments afterwards.

- Vote for the People's Choice Arrangement!
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This year's swimming season is from 24 May—2 September. Family membership £50, adults £21, 5-15 years old £16, under 5s free.

For further details or an application form please contact Marie on 01359 270474 or email mariecopeman@hotmail.co.uk



Buxhall Village Hall

The Village Hall is an ideal venue for hosting most types of events. It can be booked for birthday parties, wedding receptions, club and company meetings, musical events etc., and is an ideal venue for the occasion whatever it may be and whilst available for hire to non residents, the inhabitants of Buxhall benefit from preferential rates. For information on hire rates and availability please contact Mim Proctor on 01449 736598.

Visit of Bishop David

On Sunday 11 May at 11am we will welcome our Acting Bishop **David, Bishop of Huntingdon** to St Mary's Combs. Bishop David will celebrate Holy Communion and preach. There is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to meet the Bishop and stay behind for refreshments. Please join us – there is no shortage of space! Appropriately it is 'Good Shepherd Sunday'.

Bishop David's enlightening Blog is accessible through the website: www.cofesuffolk.org/

Revd Chris

Coffee morning and flower arranging demonstration

Buxhall church, Saturday 17 May 10 am—12 noon

Come and join us for coffee and cake! Rosemary Roe will be giving two flower arrangement demonstrations.



St John's Table Tennis 2014

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News releases...

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- Telling the victim there is a nail in their tyre
- Saying that the victim has dropped a £5 or £10 note
- Asking for directions, or asking for change

Whilst the victim is distracted, the suspects steal a purse or cards from the purse, or take bank cards loose in the victim's pocket (depending on the distraction method used). Offenders already know the PIN from watching previously. These offences usually take place during the afternoon or early evening. Victims are often parked in the disabled bays and aged over 70.

Please keep a close eye on your purse, wallet or handbag, and always be careful when entering your PIN number at cashpoints or at store checkouts so that no one can see what numbers you are putting in.

If you are approached, or see something and suspect a crime may be in progress, please alert police using 999.

SNT news...

A Safer Neighbourhood Team Priority setting meeting was held recently in Needham Market, and this next quarter our attention is being given to parking outside schools and Anti-Social Behaviour in public places.

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Church and Village Hall Security

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If you witness any suspicious 'workmen' at these places with vans, ladders or scaffolding, etc or see anyone that looks out of place, then firstly try to make contact with the Priest-in-Charge, Church Wardens (contact details on p 2) or the Village Hall Secretary (contact details on p 9) to verify that these people are genuine. If you cannot, then call Suffolk Police immediately on 999 so that the credentials of the workmen can be checked. Suffolk Police would much prefer to respond to a 'false alarm' than miss the opportunity to apprehend criminals in the act.

Any similar activity witnessed during the hours of darkness should always be treated as suspicious and a 999 phone call should be made straight away.

Suffolk Police's Babergh Crime Reduction Officer Verity Line said: "Churches and community centres are often targeted in rural areas as they are often isolated and away from houses. They do not generally have high-tech security systems and burglar alarms as they do not have the funding. They place a lot of trust in the fact that these are either places of worship or for the community to gather. But there are individuals out there who do not respect these places and will steal from them. There have been positive results when members of the public have called in with information. Any information passed to us will be acted on quickly and may help to bring an offender to justice. Just one piece of information could be vital in helping detect and solve crimes. It is understandable that some people may have concerns about contacting police with their suspicions, however please be re-assured that all information received by us remains confidential."

MALCOLM MCKESSAR

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If you have any information about any crime, please contact your local Police by dialling 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. For all Emergencies, dial 999.

It is every dog owner's duty to clean up after his or her dog.

It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's action

The problem of dog mess in the parish has been highlighted to the Parish Council on several occasions. Problems have been reported on footpaths throughout the parish and especially on the playing field.

Please remember—dogs are not allowed on the playing field

Dog mess is a nuisance, at the least it can cover shoes and clothes and at worst contact with canine excrement can lead to blindness due to a worm carried by dogs called "Toxocara Canis".

Toxocara canis is a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs are found in dog mess, which can easily be picked up by young children. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and, in rare cases, blindness. The eggs can remain active in the soil for many years, long after the dog mess has weathered away.

Dog owners **please** clean up after your dog in public places – if your dog fouls in a public place, you must clean up the mess under the Dog Act 1996. Always carry a poop scoop or a bag to carry the mess to a dog bin. There are several provided by the parish council around the village. If there isn't a dog mess bin on your route, take it home and dispose of it .

Failure to clean up after your dog can mean anything from the issue of a fixed penalty ticket of £50 to prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

If you see this offence happening **REPORT IT**. You can report dog fouling that isn't cleaned up to your local council: call 0845 606 6067 or email customerservices@csduk.com. If possible, give details such as the name and address of the offender or, if not, a good description of them and their dog.

We can all help to make this disgusting problem better.

Buxhall Parish Council

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 7 June in the Church Room, Onehouse

8.00—9.30 am

Speaker: Andrew Buttress

Please note it's the first not second Saturday!

Derek Ames (613328)



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For Sale—Lamberts of London Upright Piano

The Buxhall Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to dispose of the piano currently located in the village hall. Offers for the upright piano made by Lamberts of London are cordially invited and should be made to the secretary either by email or by post. The closing date for bids is noon 31 May 2014 at which point all bids will be assessed and the piano sold to the highest bidder. The piano may be inspected at the village hall by arrangement with the secretary.

Arthur Hicks (secretary)

Tel: 01449737476. Email: arthur.hicks@tiscali.co.uk.

Roena Cottage, Orchard Drive, Buxhall, Stowmarket. IP14 3EE

Who can apply?

Customers who are dependent on medical equipment; customers who are chronically sick or have a disability; customers who are blind, visually impaired or deaf; customers with young babies; nursing or residential homes and elderly customers. We will consider other cases too if you think you would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut.

What we can do

We can't get your power back on more quickly (although we will try our hardest) but we can:

- Phone you if we expect bad weather in your area that could result in a power cut, and offer useful advice on how to prepare
- Offer you a special priority phone number that you can call if you have a power cut
- Provide you with a generator where necessary or book you into a hotel
- Keep you updated during a power cut, either by sending you text messages or phoning you
- With your agreement, we can ask the British Red Cross to visit your home for extra help and support

How to apply

Please help us spread the word about the Priority Service Register so we can reach more people who need us in power cuts.

If you or someone you know, meets our criteria above and then please apply by

- emailing psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk
- writing to Customer Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA
- applying online here: www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority



FHOBS Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7 May at Copinger Hall

10.30 to 12 noon

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Bring and Buy Sale and Draw

All very welcome

UK Power Networks information

Who do I call if there is a power cut?

UK Power Networks owns and maintains electricity cables and lines across London, the South East and East of England, making sure your lights stay on.

What causes power cuts?

There are several scenarios that can cause power cuts. These include:

- Bad weather - severe winds cause damage to overhead power lines, or wind-borne debris and trees fall on power lines pulling them down
- Water, if it gets underground and into the cables
- Other people working near overhead lines or digging underground, occasionally resulting in damage to our electricity cables.

What we do to mitigate this

We have an extensive tree-trimming programme to prevent trees from damaging cables. Our flood defence measures are effective at protecting against water damage. We provide plans of where our electricity cables are and we train other companies' staff to ensure other people do not damage our cables. Overall, each year we spend about £600 million to maintain and replace power lines ensuring that the electricity network remains reliable.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, accidents happen. If you experience a loss of power supply, you can contact us in the following ways:

Power Cut?

Contact UK Power Networks:

 0800 783 8838 (24 hours a day) or from a mobile phone 0333 202 2021

 Text POWER and your postcode to 80876

 ukpowernetworks.co.uk

Vulnerable customers

During a power cut we understand that some people may need extra support and so we offer priority assistance for our vulnerable customers.

If we know where you are, we can help. We hold a list – called the Priority Services Register – of customers who feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut and we provide them with extra support if needed.



Buxhall and Great Finborough Over 60s

Candlestick Club

The opening meeting of 2014 turned out to be a fun social evening. The entertainer, Mrs Sally Waldron, had us split into teams and playing 'Name that tune' from her piano accordion. Two teams had the same number of points, so a tie-break was played and quickly answered by Elizabeth, Jim and their team. Well done to all who took part. The committee had done some lovely refreshments and with a cup of tea the evening went off well.

We were all sad to hear over the past few weeks of two of our ex-members gone up to join the over 60s club above. Our condolences go out to the families of Phyllis Fisher and Geoff Woods. They were both good members and joined in the fun and outings of the club. Talking of outings, our next meeting is on Thursday 22 May and it is Katie's Mystery Tour. The coach will be leaving the Old Chapel at Great Finborough at 9.45 am, Buxhall Village Hall at 9.50 am and onto Harleston for 10 am. Please let Keith (736598) or Katie (736430) know if you wish to come on any of the outings.

2014 Candlestick Club Programme

- 19 June **Cambridge Botanical Gardens:** A 40 acre oasis of beautiful gardens and glasshouses
- 17 July **Pensthorpe Bird Sanctuary,** Norfolk
- 6 August **Colchester Castle:** followed by a delicious WI tea on the way home
- 4 Sept **Aldeburgh:** Just a day visit and home
- 2 October **Bring, Buy and Bingo:** Buxhall Village Hall, 2 pm
- 6 Nov **Speaker Michael Vordram:** to talk about Suffolk First Responders
- 4 Dec **Annual Christmas lunch:** to be arranged

All outings leave Old Chapel at Great Finborough at 9.45 am, Buxhall Village Hall at 9.50 am and onto Harleston for 10 am. There are meals or snacks at all venues and so we will need to know numbers.

New members are always welcome!



The Buxhall Crown

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Here at the Buxhall Crown we pride ourselves on only using the freshest ingredients possible for our menu, our deliveries are daily and all our food is cooked for you when you order. This ensures you get your food just how you want it. Every thing possible is made on the premises from Craig's delicious sticky toffee ice cream to our apple-smoked pork belly.

On Sundays we also offer a roast rump of mature British beef along with our usual menu. This proves to be very popular so be sure to reserve the beef when you book your table.

As usual a warm welcome is guaranteed to eaters, drinkers and dogs.

To avoid disappointment please call ahead to book a table on 01449 736521.

See our website for more information and for our daily menu:

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Windows

In 2010 a surveyors report identified repairs required to the church which came to an eye watering total of £32,400. On checking Best Buys in cars, a new Skoda Superb Estate is available for that amount. I haven't analysed why but somehow this makes me feel better.

Top of the list of repairs needed were the windows which suffer a range of problems from missing or cracked glass to warped lead work. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the people of Buxhall and the wider church community, money has been raised to tackle the window repairs. We have now also received a grant from The National Churches Trust.

Work began in December on the large window in the West of the tower. This window lights the gallery where the bells are rung and shines on into the nave and chancel. At 7.30 am in the church one cold December morning I met Terry, the craftsman who would carry out the work. I learnt that the entire window was to be removed, the lead work to be repaired and the original glass refitted. The glazing would be carried out by Terry's wife Estelle.

There are people, surveyors, conservation officers and the like who get carried away discussing the 'fenestration' of old buildings. The windows form the eyes, the principal elements of the face of the building, the way the building looks out at you as you approach. I didn't discuss the 'eyes' of the church with Terry but I had a strong sense that here was someone who would put more into the church than glass and lead and bronze, he seemed to care about the structure, he had a sense of craftsmanship that would be incorporated as part of the history of this ancient building.

I'd recommend you walk through the church yard and view the window. The church is open every day to see it from inside. If you'd like a closer look please give me or David a call and we would be happy to unlock the ringing chamber and show you.

Last Wednesday, as I got things ready in the church for evening prayers, the sun was setting over Tomlinson's and shone in broad laser rays through the new window - picking out the alter and glinting on the brass of the cross and candles. These bright reflections remind me of the efforts of the village over the centuries. Funding the work of the craftsmen who have contributed to making our church what it is and who have left their signatures in its fabric.

Clive Fisher

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