



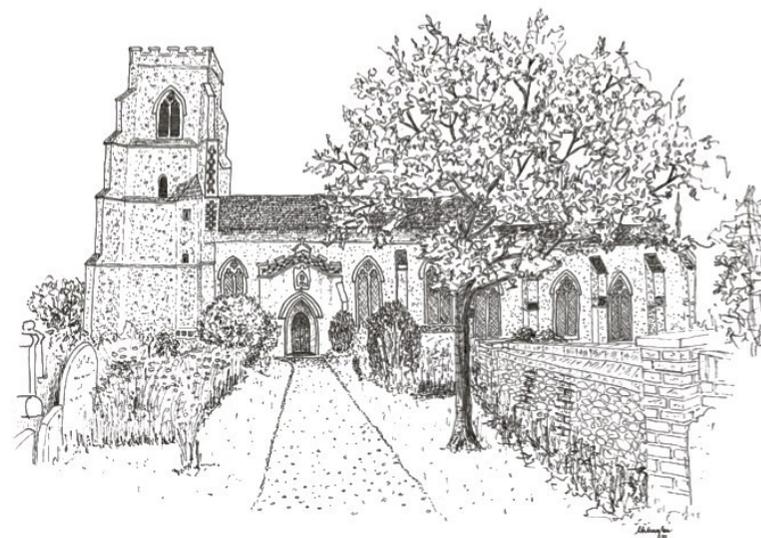
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May 2015

Services for May 2015

Priest in Charge: The Revd Chris Childs, 135 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket IP14 2AY
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3 May: The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Acts 8, 26 – 40; Psalm 22, 25 – 31; 1 John 4, 7 – 21; John 15, 1 – 8

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Arlene	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Chris	Shelland
9.30 am	Matins	Roger	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Sally Fogden	Great Finborough
4.00pm	George Ward service	Tiffer Robinson	Onehouse

10 May: Rogation Day

Special Readings

9.30 am	Matins	Ray	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Chris	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Chris & the Ven David Jenkins	Combs
	<i>with commissioning and recommissioning of Lay Elders</i>		
11.00 am	Family Service	Michael Eden	Onehouse Ch Rm
6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Chris	Great Finborough

14 May: Ascension Day

Acts 1, 1 – 11; Psalm 47, or 93; Ephesians 1, 15 – 23 or Acts 1, 1 – 11; Luke 24, 44 – 53

10.00 am	Holy Communion	Chris	Onehouse
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17 May: The Sunday after Ascension Day

Acts 1, 15 – 17 & 21 – 26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5, 9 – 13; John 17, 6 – 19

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Sally Fogden	Buxhall
9.30 am	Matins	Ray	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Arlene	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Richard Stretch	Great Finborough

24 May: Pentecost

Acts 2, 1 – 21 or Ezekiel 37, 1 – 14; Romans 8, 22 – 27 or Acts 2, 1 – 21; John 15, 26 – 27 & 16, 4b – 15

9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Chris	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Michael Eden	Harleston
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Chris	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Nigel Brown	Great Finborough

31 May: Trinity Sunday, Patronal Festival Augustine of Canterbury

Isaiah 6, 1 – 8; Psalm 29; Romans 8, 12 – 17; John 3, 1 – 17; or special readings

9.30 am	Benefice Patronal Eucharist	Chris	Harleston
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7 June: First Sunday after Trinity

1 Samuel 8, 4 – 11 & 12 – 15; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4, 13 – Ch 5 v 1; Mark 3, 20 – 35

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Arlene	Buxhall
9.30 am	Matins	Chris	Harleston
9.30 am	Reflective Morning Prayer	Ray	Shelland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Arlene	Great Finborough

We meet for Evening Prayer at 4.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's, Great Finborough—**All welcome!**

Church rotas

	Service	Cleaning for service on	Flowers for service on	Coffee	Sidesman
3.5.15	Holy Communion	John & Lavinia Biles	Gifty Cove	Ivy Friston	David & Lesley Steed
10.5.15	Matins	John & Lavinia Biles	Gifty Cove	Lucy Fisher	John & Lavinia Biles
17.5.15	Morning Worship	Angela Pead and Gill Ling	Angela Pead	Lesley Steed	David King
24.5.15	Sung Eucharist	Angela Pead and Gill Ling	Angela Pead	Denise King	Ivy Friston & Gill Ling
31.5.15	No service	Nicky and Clive Fisher	Nicky Fisher	-	-
7.6.15	Holy Communion	Nicky and Clive Fisher	Nicky Fisher	Angela Pead	David & Lesley Steed

If you wish to swap with someone, please arrange it with them directly.

Shelland Litter Pick

Shelland Parish Meeting members and their families have carried out a litter pick recently and collected five large bags of rubbish in a very small area of our beautiful countryside!

This has inspired one of our younger litter pickers to write a poem:

Why Drop Litter?

Why drop litter, when you could put it in the bin?

If you drop litter it would be a sin.

Beer cans and bottles, plastic or glass,

Didn't you learn about littering in class?!

Some of us in Shelland have picked it up for you
If that makes you feel guilty, what are you going to do?

Next time you're driving or walking around,

Make sure you don't put litter on the ground!

By Holly Jewers (age 9)



Next year we would welcome anyone to join in – as, sadly, I'm sure there'll be more! In the meantime, please take your litter home with you.

From the Revd Alison Lay: Spring clean

I pray as you read this article spring will well and truly be in the air. It seems as though our weather patterns are changing in our world today. The flowers appear and the birds start to nest earlier. At home we have successfully had tits in the bird boxes for many years and only occasionally do we find that something hasn't worked out and babies have died. I always know when they start to explore that the warmer weather will be on its way and for those of you who know me that's truly a blessing as I hate the cold!!

In spring time our minds often think about decorating and giving rooms a lick of paint to freshen them up and getting out in the gardens to plant, cut the grass and tidy the winter residue away. It is a real joy when we can see new life appear and our gardens blossom but have you ever thought about a Spiritual spring clean I wonder, new life within as well as out? We give so much time to our homes, gardens and our pets but do we allow ourselves the same degree of luxury? Do we value ourselves enough? Do we give ourselves quality time set aside for space, rest, relaxation and of course most important, time with God? A car has to have a well oiled engine in order to run smoothly, our bodies need to be healthy to work well too and that's not just about the food we eat, although of course that is important.

Our spiritual needs are vital for us living lives that are peace filled and nurtured. Somehow along the way we have lost the need to immerse ourselves in times of retreat and we just expect everything to carry on being ok and wonder why we are tired, run down and stressed. Maybe now's the time to consider recharging the batteries as we put our other plans into place too?

The month of May in the Church sees many events happening but one we celebrate is '**Pentecost**'. This is the day we remember the Holy Spirit descending and is often also known as the Church's birthday. It was a special time in which people were filled by the Holy Spirit and sent out to take the Gospel message to all. It was a time of new beginnings, a time to celebrate God and his amazing power. It's a time when we can blow off the cobwebs and enjoy the Christian party. Time for us to share together and to say thank you to God for all that is good in our lives. We wouldn't dream of not celebrating our own birthdays so why should it be any less important to celebrate the church's? This year let's make it a special day when we can begin our own spiritual spring clean and be filled with the Holy Spirit. I'm sure the hangover will be of a very different kind! It will be one that will stay with us for all the very best reasons as we continue our relationship with God and with one another.

Be blessed and bless each other, Alison

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Report 6: continued

The 'Little Ernie' draw continues to be a major source of income for the upkeep of the Village Hall. Take up in 2013/14 was 120 entries which resulted in an overall profit of some £270. The committee were pleased to note that in 2014/15 there were 161 entries producing income of £966 and raising £471 for village hall funds after prize monies have been paid. The committee were very sorry to receive the resignations of Jim and Jackie Sugden as administrators of the lottery due to work and family pressures. Their invaluable help in ensuring the success of the draw over many years is very much appreciated. The draw will continue with new administrators and the committee hope for the continued support of the community.

Entries for the 2015/16 'Little Ernie' lottery have now commenced and a number of entries have been received. The closing date for entries has been agreed as 23 May 2015 and the first draw will take place in June 2015. Thank you to all who have registered.

The Management Committee is very grateful to Shaun and Fiona Colby of the **Buxhall Crown** who have generously donated the proceeds of the recycled bottles from the bottle bank located outside the Crown to Village Hall funds. The amount raised via Mid Suffolk District Council recycling was £91.88.

Future

The hall is currently being prepared for the commencement of the work experience programme of students from West Suffolk College. This is a fantastic way forward as the students need to complete some 30 hours work experience in order to evidence and improve their skills, gain their qualifications and demonstrate their abilities to future potential employers. It also allows the committee to get some badly needed work completed. Included in the work is the replacement of some 8 windows. Suffolk County Council through councillor Otton has pledged £200 of Locality Funding towards the project whilst Mid Suffolk District Council has also indicated financial support of £695.98. The committee is very grateful to them particularly as there is an election going on and funds are virtually frozen.

Village Hall Reopening Ceremony: The Village Hall will be closed for redecoration following the Annual Parish Meeting on the 20th April 2015 and will officially reopen on Friday 8th May. It is intended to hold a reopening ceremony which will be attended by the press, students, staff and management of West Suffolk College. The ceremony will take place at 2.00pm. Residents will be welcome to come along and see the results of the students' efforts. Buxhall WI has kindly agreed to provide light refreshments for the occasion which will be funded by the chairman.

I must at this point mention Brian Tunbridge who has managed to secure some very keen prizes from Ridqeons and other suppliers and we look forward to seeing the end result.

Mr Arthur Hicks, Honorary Secretary to Village Hall Management Committee.

The remaining reports will be published in the June issue of the Buxhall Broadcast.

Report 6: Buxhall Village Hall Management Committee

The Annual Meeting of the Buxhall Village Hall Management Committee took place on 14 April 2015. The chairman noted the attendance of committee members but expressed disappointment at the lack of village residents at the meeting. Nevertheless he reported on the activity of the committee over the previous year, and presented his annual report. The annual accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 and treasurer's report were also presented. An election of Trustees for 2015/16 was held with existing Members re-elected.

Chairman's Report. The chairman's report covered the period 15 April 2014 (date of the last annual meeting) to 14 April 2015. The committee had held six formal meetings and one informal meeting during the year to conduct the business of the village hall. Average attendance of members over the year was 89%. He thanked members of the committee for their work to secure the future of the village hall and stressed that improvements and long term developments rely on increased hiring revenue and the support and participation of the community in the various fundraising events.

Finances

The annual accounts for the year ending 31 December 2014 have been prepared by the treasurer and audited in line with standard accounting practice. They were approved by the committee on the 19 February 2015 and presented at the Annual General Meeting in April 2015. Income and expenditure have been included in the annual return to the Charity Commission and posted online.

Two major purchases were made during the year and the management committee would like to extend grateful thanks to the Buxhall Parish Council, Suffolk County Council (supported by Councillor Penny Otton) and Mid Suffolk District Council (supported by Councillor John Mattnissen) for their generous contributions towards the purchase of new chairs which are now in use at the village hall. Taking into account the funding grants received the overall cost to the Hall for the purchase of the chairs was £198.

Further to this the committee would like to express its appreciation to the Buxhall Community Council for its generous contribution of £500 towards the purchase cost of the new storage unit which is also in place and provides some much needed space. Taking into account the funding grant received the overall cost to the hall for the facility and laying the base was £3,024.66.

Income and expenditure from hire of the hall and equipment is in line with previous year at £1,610. Indications for the first 3 months of this year is that rental is up compared to the same period last year.

Although the accounts show a deficit over the year of some £2,321.08 the overall result is much more positive when taking into account the purchase of new chairs and the storage unit. Removing these exceptional items from income and expenditure show the accounts with an operating surplus of £901.58. Village Hall funds at year end show total assets against current liabilities as £11,250.69.

Fund Raising:

The main fundraising events currently are the fun quizzes and the village 'Little Ernie' draw. The committee are most grateful to Keith and Mim Proctor for their continuing efforts and commitment in raising funds for the village hall through the fun quizzes which are held twice a year. Proceeds for the 2 quizzes held in 2014 amount to £620. The quiz held in 28th March 2015 raised some £273 which will be included in the accounts for 2015. We also thank them for their work in the booking and hiring of the hall.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Buxhall WI

At our next meeting on Wednesday 20 May at 7.30pm in Buxhall Village Hall, we will be discussing this year's resolution to be presented at the National AGM in June and we will also have a talk about the WI College at Denman, Oxfordshire from Wendy Jary a WI Advisor.

Visitors are always most welcome at £3.50 which includes tea or coffee and refreshments.

A date to put in your diary: As part of our celebrations for the centenary of the formation of the WI as an organisation on 17 June, again at 7.30pm, we will be holding an 'Open Meeting'. Visitors (of either sex) will be welcome to come along and hear the well-known broadcaster Rachel Sloane talk on 'Celebrities and Challenges'. There will be no charge for visitors on this evening and you'll also be able to enjoy the famous Buxhall WI refreshments as well as an excellent speaker.

Please get in touch if you need further information on any of the above.

Judith Hickman Tel: 672003

Table Tennis in Buxhall

In Buxhall Village Hall, 6—8 pm on the following dates:

Wednesdays: 13 and 27 May, Tuesday: 19 May

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Jill (737814)



March's Quiz Night

This was another super evening with 10 teams taking part in eight rounds of enjoyable questions. Keith as Question Master kept things going amusingly and towards the end it was a two horse race! Team Finborough retained their title with Team Kettlebaston getting runners up. An excellent draw—we are so grateful for the lovely prizes donated—helped us raise £273 for the continuing improvements to the Village Hall. Our next Quiz will hopefully be in October 2015.

Many thanks, Mim

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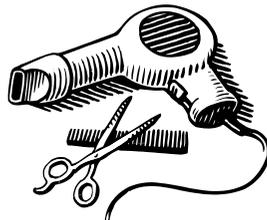
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Report 4: Mid Suffolk District Council

- I have served as a member of the Planning Committee, and also the Joint (with Babergh) Scrutiny Committee, where I have been vice chair. This has done some good work on individual topics such as the effect of Welfare Reform, Planning enforcement and Fuel Poverty, but is not allowed the time and resources to scrutinise more than a fraction of the Council's activity.
- Mid Suffolk District Council Budget and Priorities
The Strategic Priorities have been followed by "Transformation Enquiry Groups" which ended in some confusion, with their outcomes combined into a rather broad brush Strategic Plan. About 30 rather more specific projects have now emerged, some promising welcome innovations while others describing activities which appear part of normal council work. Few of these seem likely to yield significant new income to replace the disappearing Government Grants. The proposal to borrow up to £25 million pounds to invest for a return I have reported on over recent months. There is no greater clarity than in January, when private sector rental was the one specific scheme.
- Planning
The main change during the year is the failure to maintain a 5 year land supply, which has left the council vulnerable to speculative planning applications. A start has at last been made on preparing new development control policies, something our group has been urging for a couple of years at least.
- Waste
Much of our landfill waste is now going to the incinerator at Blakenham, and it is disappointing that promotion of this as "Energy From Waste" seems to have reduced public effort to recycle.
- Keeping in touch
In the past year I have written regular updates for the Village News, provided reports to and attended Parish Council meetings and met residents who had concerns they wanted to address.

John Matthissen 01449 771742 councillor@matthissen.net

Cllr John Matthissen

Report 5: Buxhall Broadcast

I would like to begin by thanking the Parish Council for their generous contribution to the costs of the Buxhall Broadcast, and also to Paula Gladwell for her contribution of Parish Council reports and notices. I am grateful to all those who send me articles and adverts for events that support village activities. Please keep contributions coming!

Mrs Lesley Steed, Buxhall Broadcast Editor

Report 3: County Council—Cllr Penny Otton

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET; this was again agreed with a zero increase in council tax; using the government grant. Whilst agreeing to take this grant I could not vote for the budget as there were too many cuts to children's services, including the learning and improvement service., Care UK who provide care homes for the elderly was called to account for the way some were being run.

COUNCIL LEADER; following the decision of Cllr Mark Bee to stand down Cllr Colin Noble has been elected by the Conservative group to be the new leader of the council.

SCHOOLS; I am concerned that despite the council putting extra money and officers into the issue of attainment there continues to be serious problems at some schools including Free Schools and Academies.

The final plans for the change to 2 tiers in Stowmarket area have taken place.

ROADS; again this has been a real problem, the contract with Keir May Gurney has meant serious delays in getting potholes filled and road repairs done but hopefully things are beginning to improve

There has been a change to the contract, now all potholes will have a permanent repair within 5days, no more "dodgy" temp jobs!!

I have again asked that BOTH sides of the bridge past Peter Jordon's are repaired

RED WILLOWS; speaking at the planning committee as your county councillor and on behalf of John who was unavailable we managed to get the committee to agree to support the request to extend the 30mph and to write to Suffolk county council with that request. However any such request has to go via myself onto the new speed limit panel.

SPEED LIMIT PANEL; it has been agreed to set up a panel of councillors to deal with request for extensions and changes to speed limits; unfortunately due to "beau racy this has yet to be ratified let alone met.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGNS. I have asked for this to be processed, they have to do a speed check and agree any suitable locations. I am sorry this is taking such a long time!!

RATTLESDEN GLIDING CLUB; although this district matter (I hope John won't mind my mentioning it) I am pleased that you have had a representative involved in the proposals for increased flying hours. The decision was to agree to them on a temporary basis and to set up a liaison group which has now met.

BROADBAND; the council has as received yet more money to deliver high speed broadband across the county, however there are still some "black spots". This is still a matter which is causing real annoyance in our rural areas.

LOCALITY BUDGET; I am pleased to have been able to allocate £800 towards the new chairs for the village hall and a further £ 200 towards the improvement works.

Confirmation

If you have been baptised and coming to church regularly you might like to confirm your baptismal vows (or those made on your behalf as a child) publicly in a special service, which the Church of England calls Confirmation.

The next opportunity for Confirmation will be on 13 September, when the Confirmation Service will take place at St Peter and St Mary's Church, Stowmarket. Confirmation enables you to take a full part in the church by receiving Holy Communion. If you'd like to know more, please speak to me, similarly if you haven't been Baptised.

Usually we have a group of adults meeting four or five times for discussion but sometimes we meet separately. I already have some names from across the parishes.

Rev Chris 673280



Coffee morning and flower arranging demonstration

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Report 2: Buxhall Church

I am pleased to be invited to give this report but sorry that I cannot be with you.

The Church building was subject to its 5 yearly inspection by the Architect last week and we await his full report but are not anticipating any major issues. Electric under pew heating is being installed within the next few months to augment to existing oil central heating and we hope that this together with additional overhead heating at the west end will improve the use and comfort of the building.

Following our accessibility audit some years ago, the gravel path was identified as causing some difficulty for those less able and we know it puts people off coming. The PCC has agreed in principle to investigate a new path.

The only other issue is the decades old problem of drainage on the north side and we hope this might be addressed this year

We should all be grateful to the many man hours put into the maintenance of the churchyard all by voluntary labour and of course to so many for maintaining and cleaning the building

The church is receiving a generous bequest and thoughts of glazing the western arch and providing a striking piece of artwork within it continue to be considered by the church community.

As far as the work of the church is concerned I am pleased that we give away thousands of pounds each year to charity and those less fortunate. The Handbell ringers, Lent Lunches additional collections and Harvest Auction all mean that we show our concern for the wider world. Locally of course people from Buxhall are involved in running the Lunch Club for older members of the community and the ongoing work of visiting the sick and housebound as well as engaging in the community goes on. We give generously to the Stowmarket Foodbank

The church provides one of those components on which community is built – organising the social events, from suppers to Fetes to parties which hold a community together.

Buxhall Church faces considerable difficult challenges in the next year associated with the injunction to preach the Gospel afresh to each generation and the declining numbers at our services, nevertheless we all hope and pray for its continuance and flourishing into the future. We shall do all we can for the community of Buxhall

The Revd Chris Childs, Priest in Charge of St Mary's, Buxhall

Reports from the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 April 2015

Report 1: Parish Council

The chairman and myself would like to thank Councillors Hicks, Jordan, Gant, Hall, Steed and Proctor for their contribution to the smooth running of the council in the past year and for all their help and commitment towards the duties and responsibilities of the council.

We hold approximately 7 scheduled meetings a year with additional Planning meetings added if needed. All meetings are held here at the village hall, start at 7.30pm and are open to the public who are always welcome to voice their comments, concerns and suggestions during the public session.

As a statutory consultees on planning applications within the parish the council are obliged to consider each application submitted, Over the past year we have seen very few applications come up in Buxhall resulting in the council only having to consider residents views on such things as the conversion of the garages at the Old Forge and Friars and the creation of a campsite at Fasbourne. The application that created the most discussion was the variation to the flying times and activities at Rattlesden Gliding Club which we know concerned many residents in Buxhall. Despite our objections permission for the changes was approved however we are in a position now to be able to join a residents group which has been set up by the planners, the group will monitor the flying at Rattlesden to ensure all the conditions of the planning consent are adhered to, this at least gives us a voice.

Following concerns raised that young people could not afford to stay in the village close to their family support network even if they wanted to as the market rents for housing were too expensive the council carried out a housing needs survey. The results of this identified a need for affordable housing in the Buxhall so a working group has now been set up to take this project forward, the next step is to identify a suitable location and the group are working with Mid Suffolk District Council housing department and Community Action Suffolk to see if a building project with a local housing association is feasible. Obviously any project of this kind is lengthy and involved and even now may not be a possibility but we are determined to make sure we explore every avenue now that we know the need is there. We will keep you posted of any developments.

The playingfield continues to be well used, the football club I understand is thriving and the play equipment becoming well worn. The old blue climbing frame has been removed and council are always open to suggestions for anything new. We are aware that the car park needs some work and do have a group set up to look into the best way to make some repairs to the surfacing, this will now be a project for the new council who take office in May.

When you come to vote on the 7th May you will see that the parish council election this time around is uncontested, we will have only 5 councillors taking office next month, that is Anne, Hubert, David and Chris and they will be joined by Malcolm Manning. We will be canvassing to co opt residents to fill the two vacancies that this will leave so if its something that interests you please have a word with any of your councillors or myself.

Thank you

Cllr Hubert Mitson, Chair of Buxhall Parish Council

From The Registers



Buxhall – St Mary

Brian TOYNE

Died 16 March 2015 aged 83 years

Burial service 30 March 2015

Great Finborough – St Andrew

Simon HOLLINGWORTH and Ellen BROUGHTON

Married 4 April 2015

Joyce Mary CODD

Died 7 March 2015 aged 85 years

Service and committal at West Suffolk Crematorium 1 April 2015

Onehouse – St John the Baptist

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Service and committal at West Suffolk Crematorium 9 March 2015

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Great Finborough and District Garden Club

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 a well attended, illustrated talk given by Robert Sherriff on the subject of Dahlias. He showed us pictures of some beautiful, and in some cases truly magnificent, blooms and passed on tips on how to encourage plants to perform at their best, then how to make sure they last from year to year, as well as how to increase their numbers and protect them from pests and diseases.

The members at the meeting also voted to make St Andrew's church the recipient of the proceeds raised by the 2015 Open Gardens, this will be donated to help fund improvements, specifically the new toilet facility.

The next meeting will be the AGM with a Bring and Buy Plant Sale and Social on 14 May at 7.30pm 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 replacements for those lost over the winter.

There is always room for new committee members to help keep the club buoyant and prevent the old stagers from stagnating! If you would like to help with running the club, put your name forward at the AGM, it's not onerous and can be very enjoyable.

Here is another reminder of the 2015 Village Open Gardens on Sunday 5 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 £15.00 per household per year, due in May. For further information contact either: John Davey john@abbeyclassics.co.uk on 674401 or Judith Cameron judyandian@btinternet.com on 672978.

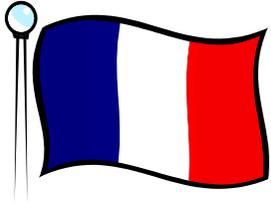
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Candlestick Club

The opening meeting of 2015 turned out to be a very enjoyable and musical evening. The entertainer 'Rick Shaw' sang some 60s and 70s songs, all those we remembered from our youth. The Committee had done some very pleasant refreshments and with a lovely cup of tea made the evening start the year very nicely. Janet collected the annual subscriptions and at going to press, we have over 30 signed up members.

The May meeting is the start of our outings season. We are forming up with our friends from Onehouse, Harleston and Sheland for Katie's mystery trip. It is on 19 May leaving Great Finborough at 9.45 am, Buxhall Village Hall at 9.50 and onto Harleston for 10 am. Cost of coach is £8 and the meal is also £8. Please let Keith (736598) or Katie (736430) know by 12 May so we know numbers for the meal. New members are always welcome.

Keith

Little Ernie Winners—March

£25 Mrs F. Canham

£10 Mr H. Mitson

£5 Mr H. Alexander

£5 Mr W. Foss

Table Sale

Following the refurbishment of the Village Hall, it has been decided to run a Table-top Sale of collectibles and bric-a-brac on

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Cycling to Stowmarket

A couple of days ago I saw a father and young daughter carefully cycling along Union Road towards Stowmarket. Everyone is reminded that the safer and nicer route from Onehouse to Stowmarket is across the fields from the top of Starhouse Lane past Paupers' Graves and beside the rugby ground. I will remind Sustrans of the need to improve signposting at both ends of this route.

For those not living in Onehouse, Harleston or Shelland there are some relatively quiet lanes locally and opportunities to explore further afield along National Cycle Route 51 and around Stowmarket. A cycle route map for Stowmarket is available at <http://tinyurl.com/StowmarketCycleMap>

StowmarketCycleMap

There is also a large-scale copy in the window of Barton's Bikes in Marriotts Walk.

Countryside in Spring

One advantage of election time is the opportunity to see the hundreds of beautiful front gardens around our villages, at their very best in at this time of year.

I do hope everyone will take the opportunity to use their votes on May 7th.

To get in touch...

Call 01449 771742

Or email – councillor@matthissen.net

Or write to me at 3 Wash Lane Corner, Great Finborough, IP14 3BJ

Michael Green

Michael works for the Church Mission Society as a learning disabilities nurse at a hospital in Mafraq, Jordan. He is at present in the UK on leave.

On **Sunday 31 May** there will be a bring & share supper at Combs Rectory, starting at 7.00pm. **All are welcome.**

Michael will say what it is like for an Englishman to work amongst Arabs, with refugees from the fighting in Iraq and Syria living in nearby camps.

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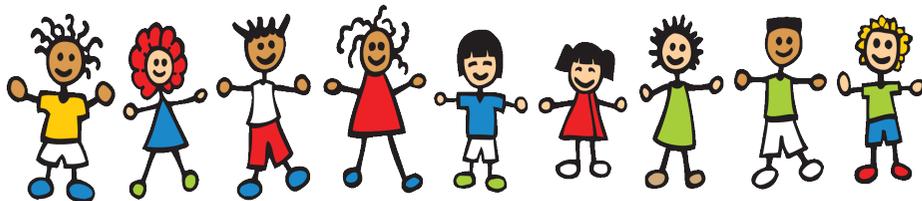
U11, U13 and U15 teams entered into local League (games played during the week)

We also field 3 men's teams and a ladies team and play in a mid-week 20/20 league.

Men's training is at 6.30pm on a Friday, and ladies at 6.30 on a Monday.

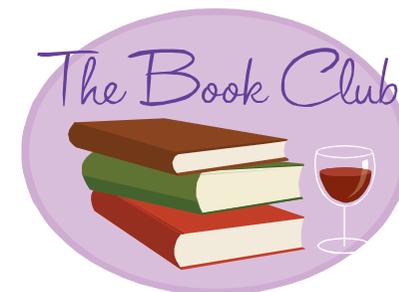
Why not come along and join in. No experience necessary. Ask for Jonny or Jane.

For further information contact Anthea, Club Secretary on 01449 675161, 07958 223265 or anthej@btinternet.com



Hope to see you soon!

Book Club



At the last meeting (kindly hosted by Steve and Annya), we had a homemade Cinema evening with the customary popcorn and delicious homemade pizza. We were watching a film made from our recent book review, 'Notes on a Scandal' by Zoe Keller.

Most of the group had read the book first and some saw the film first, followed by reading the book. It was interesting to witness the preference made from all of the group and the differences we felt about the two.

Zoe Heller delves into the consequences of illegal adultery of a youth, from the more unusual side of a female seducer. This brought up questions at the meeting about 'the norm' and semi-acceptance of the male usually being the criminal. Zoe also includes a major character played by Judi Dench as an old, lonely unmarried woman who 'makes notes' on the obsessions. The book is more extensive and detailed, where as the film only used about three quarters of the content, which leaves one to muse over the question, 'Do film makers have a duty of care, or do they simply adapt the main 'theme' and turn it into a BLOCKBUSTER?' The film production company 20th Century Fox, with Robert Fox who headed the team and coughed up a £19 million budget, (the film grossed just under £50 million by the way), certainly chose very good actresses and actors to star. Amongst them, Dame Judi Dench was the stoic 'Barb', Cate Blanchette was the philandering 'Sheba' and Bill Nighy (always a housewife's favourite as the intriguing male), was the cuckolded husband.

The adulterated Boy, was played by the very young Andrew Simpson. I have subsequently seen him in an American movie (the title I cannot recall), he has grown into a very handsome young man with enviable acting skills. The only downside of this is possibly our loss, as he will no doubt be snapped up by the Hollywood Movie Makers and Shakers.

I recently re-watched the film and observed the list of credits at the ending. One credit was a 'WARDROBE SUPERVISOR'. This has always intrigued me. I wouldn't mind being paid to observe a wooden wardrobe!!!! Anyone have that opening?

Pauline



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Hedgehog Survey

As you may have seen for yourselves, hedgehogs are waking up and at the Suffolk Wildlife Trust we are gearing up for another year of action for hedgehogs in our towns and countryside.

Our 2014 campaign to record hedgehog sightings was one of the largest localised hedgehog surveys in the country - with more than 8000 records submitted. We are looking to build on this in 2015.

Record a hedgehog sighting

Of particular importance this year is information about road kills. Last year survey participants recorded more than 1300 hedgehog road kills in Suffolk alone – this is significantly higher than was previously thought. By continuing to collect this information in 2015 and beyond we can begin to see if there are hot spots for road deaths, both in terms of the time of year and location, and if high road kill numbers represent strong populations near to where they are recorded.

We also need to continue to collect live sightings of hedgehogs. When you come to log your live sightings on our website you only need tell us the earliest date you saw the hedgehog (an approximation is fine). You do not need to record every sighting if you are regularly seeing them in the same place – although another record at the end of the season with a summary of activity would be useful.

If you are unable to log your sighting online please call us on 01473 890089 where we will be happy to take the details for you.

Alongside the survey we will be looking at areas of the county that have recorded good numbers to direct on the ground conservation advice to communities and individuals. We know joined up landscapes are better for hedgehogs – so simply creating a small hole under a fence or leaving plenty of nesting material in your garden really can make all the difference. Take a look at the advice on our website suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehogs to help make your garden and local green spaces more hedgehog friendly.

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Last year around 100 people took part and it would clearly be worthwhile to build upon what was achieved in 2014 and a chance to further strengthen ties and friendships by holding a similar type walk in 2015.

As last year, several separate walks would take place simultaneously with brief acts of worship along the way, culminating in a combined service at a central location after the groups have met up, to be followed by a tea (the tea was delicious last year, thanks to Stowupland).

The date for this year is Saturday 23 May and the timetable of the walks and the brief act of worship as they call at each of the 18 villages in the Stowmarket Deanery area will be published shortly.

Roy Pettitt

Table top sale

Spring Bank Holiday is the perfect time for a clear out so why not join us to sell on those things you no longer need and buy the things you really do!

Join us at the Boys' Brigade Hall, Combs Lane on Saturday 2 May from 2 - 4pm. We will be serving refreshments and home made cakes.

All funds raised from this event will go towards the Boys' Brigade back room project. The Children use this room weekly and it is in great need of updating and modernising. If you are interested in having a table contact Ellen Kirkby or Julie Francis on 01449 736185. Tables £5 each

Onehouse Ramblers

The next walk will be on Sunday 24 May, meet at Petteward Hall at 2.45pm. The walk is a circular one starting off along Valley Lane and taking in the Rattlesden River.

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Buxhall PCC

Two Annual Church meetings were held on 14 April 2015 in the church. The first meeting was the ‘**Vestry Meeting**’ where the Church Electoral Roll Officer reported that 54 people had been on the Roll at the end of 2014, but that there were now 56. David Steed was re-elected as a Churchwarden and David King elected as the second Warden—they will both be ‘admitted’ at the Archdeacon’s Visitation Service at Buxhall on Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

Next was the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** where the Annual Report and the Annual Accounts were presented. If you would like to see a copy of either of these please get in touch with Lesley Steed, whose contact details are on p 4.

Churchwarden David Steed reported that the ‘fabric, goods and ornaments’ of the church were all present, but that an inventory check would be carried out with the new Warden.

The Revd Chris Childs thanked all those involved with the smooth running of the church.

As David and Lesley Steed have completed their three year terms as Deanery Synod reps, the meeting elected Lucy Fisher and David King as the new representatives for Buxhall.

Elections for the PCC members took place. Elected were: John Biles, Lavinia Biles, Angela Pead, Pat Ling, Gill Ling, Aidan Kendall, Lesley Steed and Jim Sansom. Ex-officio members are the Revd Chris Childs, David Steed, David King and Lucy Fisher.

The following were elected as Sidesmen: Gill Ling, Ivy Friston, John and Lavinia Biles, Michael and Barbara Chatt, David and Lesley Steed, Lucy Fisher.

The Annual Meetings were followed by a brief **PCC meeting**.

David Steed was re-elected as Lay Chair, Pat Ling as Treasurer and Lesley Steed as Secretary.

The Revd Chris Childs has approached a teacher at Finborough School to ask if she would consider becoming Choir Master. A local teenager is considering whether to become Buxhall’s organist under the Diocesan Organists Training Scheme.

A donation of £100 is being made to the Stowmarket Deanery Youth Project to help cover the cost of a Youth Worker for two years.

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This annual service which takes place at Onehouse Church is a memorial to local lad George Ward, who was killed during WWII. George was a member of 1331 (Stowmarket) ATC Squadron before joining the RAF in 1941 to serve his country. Unfortunately he lost his life in an air crash in Yorkshire in 1943. However his memory lives on, for the cadets of 1331 (Stowmarket) Squadron took over the upkeep of the grave from the Commonwealth Graves Commission and each year in May, on a date close to George's death, a service is held in Onehouse Church followed by a graveside tribute. It is amazing that there are still people around Onehouse and Harleston who remember him.

This year the service will take place on **Sunday 3rd May at 4pm**. It will be led by **the Revd Tiffer Robinson, Chaplain 1331 (Stowmarket) ATC**.

This is a popular service lasting about 40 minutes and is usually well attended by local people as well as others from the area. Everyone is very welcome at this simple service.

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Derek Ames (Tel. 613328)



Darlington Bendankeha

This is just to let you know that Darlington Bendankeha is visiting the diocese in June – successful visa application permitting, you know what a cliff hanger these visas are. He will be here from 5 June to about 21 June, so that he is here for Bishop Martin's enthronement on 20 June. A programme has been laid on for him across the diocese, but he wants to see his old friends from Stowmarket deanery again, and we would love to see him.

We are arranging a special Deanery Kagera Evensong at Holy Trinity, Stowupland on Sunday 14 June at 6.30pm.

The Revd Canon Barbara Bilston

So what's happening in the area over the last month?

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We have unfortunately seen a rise in catalytic converter (CAT) thefts in the west of Suffolk. All vehicles with a catalytic converter are at risk of theft, especially vehicles which have a high ground clearance, such as vans, 4x4s, pick-ups and people carriers, as these can provide thieves with easier access.

We have arranged a free catalytic converter marking day: members of the public are invited to attend during the day to get their catalytic converters marked free of charge by officers to reduce the chances of becoming a victim. No appointment necessary – just bring your vehicle along on

Saturday 16 May, Evergreen Garage, Gosbeck Road, Crowfield, Ipswich IP6 9TB between 9.00am – 12.00pm.

But there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of your catalytic converter being stolen.

- Park your vehicle in a locked garage when it's unattended
- If it's not possible to garage your vehicle, park it in a busy well-lit area as close to your property as possible
- If you see anyone working under vehicles, and they are acting suspiciously, report it to the police
- Fix a catalytic converter security device (e.g. 'Cat Clamp Maxx' available from www.catsafe.org.uk). Discounts are available on the 'Cat Clamp Maxx' - Contact your local Crime Reduction Officer on **101** for more details
- Fit a Catalytic Converter alarm system (e.g. www.fuelshield.co.uk)

Anyone with information about catalytic converter theft should call Suffolk Constabulary on **101** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

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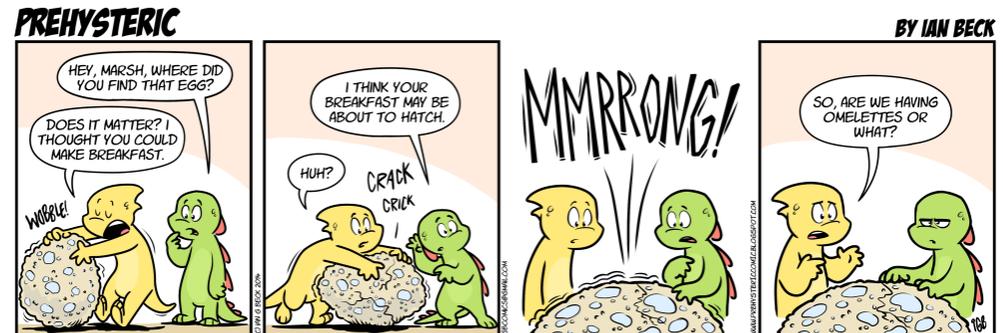
- The small change in the centre console that is kept for car parks or using in trolleys
- The bag containing sports kit left on the back seat
- The old jacket on the parcel shelf in case you break down
- The shopping bags in the footwell
- The handbag left under the passenger seat
- The house keys in the door pocket
- The sat nav holder on the windscreen as the sat nav is almost certainly under the seat or in the glove box

Please check if you have any of these items in your car and remove them. A few pounds may not seem worth breaking into a car for, but if you can get £2-3 from 10 cars, it becomes more worthwhile if you need cash. Whilst you may know that there is nothing valuable in the sports bag, jacket or shopping bags, the thief won't and may chance breaking the window to get in and check.

Please use the following advice to help keep your vehicle secure:

- Do not leave any items on view in your car
- Always check that your car is locked before you leave it, even if it is only for a few minutes or when it is parked on your drive
- Use your alarm or immobiliser if you have one
- Report anything suspicious to police immediately on 101 or 999 in an emergency

Should you require any further advice please contact your local Crime Reduction Officer on 101.



Encounters

Drake Mees

Derek Ames
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Buxhall and Shelland Fête – Tea Tent



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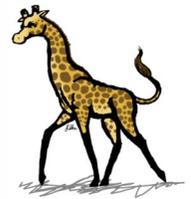
12 September 2015: Annual Church Sponsored Bike Ride

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Safari Supper

A Safari Supper to help raise funds for Onehouse Church is on Saturday 6 June, starting at 6.30pm. So much more though! A chance to meet others from the benefice socially. Limited numbers so book early!

Tickets available from Derek (613328), Mary (615203), Peggy (672664) or Gloria (676198). These will be available from early May at £15 per person. Starters will be at Peggy Fuller's home, Forest Road; Mains will be at Pauline and Derek's home in Forest Road; Pudding, Coffee and Raffle will be at John and Sylvia Emsden's home, also in Forest Road.



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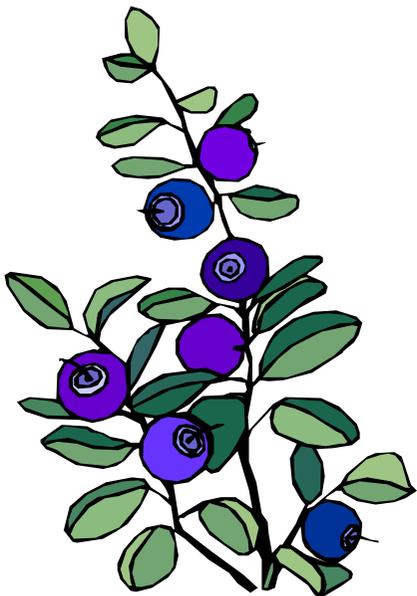
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The Little Ernie Lottery - fundraising for Buxhall Village Hall

Dear Fellow Villager,

The Little Ernie Lottery has successfully raised much needed funds for the village hall for over 20 years. Monies have been used in three main ways: profits have contributed to the overall running and maintenance costs of the building; they have helped to maintain a contingency fund should anything major happen to the structure and its contents; and finally have assisted with any new purchases needed for hall use - for instance last year new chairs and a new storage unit were purchased.

Please continue to help the village by supporting the Little Ernie Lottery. It helps keep the Village Hall going, which plays an important role in our community, providing a centre for social and sporting activities.

Q: *How does it work?* A: *Very simply!* Annual subscriptions are available at £6 per entry- with no limit imposed per household or per person—although all entrants must be over 16*. Each subscription received is allocated a number, and ten monthly draws (June to March) are held per year. Four prizes are awarded each month (**£25, £10, £5 and £5) - with winnings doubled for the Christmas draw. Winners are drawn in public at a monthly village event and announced in the Buxhall Broadcast. Prizes are paid by cheque and delivered directly to the winners.

It is with much regret that the Village Hall Management Committee learned that Jim and Jackie Sugden have, after many years' sterling work, decided to give up administering the lottery. The Committee would like to express their deep appreciation for all they have done in raising funds for the Village Hall. The new administrators of the lottery will be Trevor Taylor and Arthur Hicks.

**the law stipulates that children under 16 are not allowed to directly participate- so all entries must be in an adult's name. Your signature at time of entry is taken as evidence that you and all lottery subscribers applied for are over 16.*

***Please note: prize levels are dependent on a subscription level of 180 participants. In the event of a smaller number of participants, payment may have to be scaled back -although the chances of winning will remain as great.*

Please see overleaf for an application form, entries to be received by 23 May 2015.

Arthur Hicks

Little Ernie Application Form
Latest entries by 23 May 2015 please

Name of Each Person	Number of entries

Full Address:

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Telephone:

Signed:.....

(I certify that all entrants are over 16 years old)

The annual payment for each subscription is **£6**.

Total payment enclosed £.....

Cash or cheques accepted—please make cheques payable to 'Buxhall Village Hall'.

Return form to either:

Trevor Taylor, Cleves Cottage, Buxhall, IP14 3DJ, tel: 736307

or
 Arthur Hicks, Roena Cottage, Orchard Drive, Buxhall. IP14 3EE, tel: 737476



Coffee morning for Christian Aid

10 am – 12 noon

Saturday 9 May in church

In recent years we have not been able to do a house to house collection in the village for Christian Aid, and so this year there will be a coffee morning held in church between 10am – 12 noon to coincide with Christian Aid week.

There will be delicious home made cakes, a bring and buy and a prize draw.

Please do come along and support the vital work of Christian Aid.

Angela Pead (Tel: 674754)

Christian Aid Week: 10-16 May 2015

Envelopes will be available at St Mary's Church on Sundays 10 and 17 May. Money you give will be used by Christian Aid to help people grow crops and fight off disease.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Derek Ames



Old Newton Methodist Church

Christian Aid Lunch

Tuesday 5 May in the Chapel Hall

12.15 – 1.30pm

A hot two course lunch with tea or coffee afterwards. There will be no set price.

All profits will go to Christian Aid so please come, enjoy lunch and make as generous a donation as you are able to help the poorest of God's children.

Afraid, alone, in pain

Be the answer to Loko's prayer this Christian Aid Week



This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko.

From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko.

Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid.

This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

Loko's choice in life is simple: 'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.'

Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It's a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn't her children will starve.

She prays to God as she walks. 'I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,' she says.

Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.

Find out how you can play your part at www.caweek.org



Suffolk Constabulary

'See it, Hear it, Report it' campaign

Detectives are appealing to local communities to help them put an end to a series of 80 burglaries across Suffolk and south Norfolk by launching the 'See it, Hear it, Report it' campaign. The burglaries, dating back to November 2014, have predominantly taken place in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk districts, with St Edmundsbury and Suffolk Coastal the other areas most affected.

The burglaries are being linked by police due to the similarities in their nature and forensic evidence that has been obtained from the crime scenes. The typical features of these break-ins is that they occur in rural areas, usually in the afternoon or early evening, involve forced entry to the property and with jewellery the main target for the criminals.

The 'See it, Hear it, Report it' campaign runs alongside the well-known burglary prevention message 'Close it, Lock it, Check it', but places an extra emphasis on the importance of community intelligence in providing crucial leads to apprehend the offenders. The Police are asking people to be their 'eyes and ears' and help catch those responsible for these crimes by reporting anything that appears out of place or suspicious.

More information on the campaign and to view a map highlighting the offences and details of where and when they occurred visit the Suffolk Police website:

www.suffolk.police.uk/newsandevents/newsstories/2015/april/burglarycampaignlaunched

Gardening tools used to gain entry to properties

There have been a number of burglaries to rural domestic properties recently where offenders have made use of tools and gardening implements left outside or in poorly secured outbuildings.

Suffolk Police advise that all tools and gardening equipment should, where possible, be stored in outbuildings, securely locked with a quality closed shackle padlock and hasp. If tools and equipment are of high value then the outbuildings should be alarmed, mains and battery models are available from stockists. (Please contact your local crime reduction officer on 101 for further advice)

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Buxhall Village Hall News

Annual Meeting of Buxhall Village Hall: This took place on 14 April 2015 when the existing Committee were re-elected. The Chairman gave his report on the activities of the Management Committee and the annual accounts were presented.

The Little Ernie Lottery: Thank you to all who have already registered for the little Ernie Lottery. For those still to register please complete registration forms and let Trevor Taylor or me have them by 23 May 2015 ready for the draw in June. An entry form is included in this edition of the Broadcast (p 22) and your support is much appreciated.

Donation: The Management Committee is very grateful to Shaun and Fiona Colby of the **Buxhall Crown** who have generously donated the proceeds of the recycled bottles from the bottle bank located outside the Crown to Village Hall funds. The amount raised via Mid Suffolk District Council recycling was £91.88.

Village Hall Reopening Ceremony: The Village Hall will be closed for redecoration following the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 April 2015 and will officially reopen on Friday 8 May. It is intended to hold a reopening ceremony which will be attended by the press, students, staff and management of West Suffolk College. The ceremony will take place at **2.00pm**. Residents will be welcome to come along and see the results of the students' efforts. Buxhall WI has kindly agreed to provide light refreshments for the occasion. Please be aware that the hall will be open as a Polling Station on Thursday 7 May 2015 for voting in the election to take place.

Arthur Hicks
Hon. Secretary

Men's Breakfast in June

In April, we enjoyed breakfast in Buxhall Village Hall. This was followed by an interesting talk & discussion led by John Kendall, recounting experiences from his trip to Namibia.

We are back in the Church Room, Onehouse on Saturday 13 June, starting at 8.00am.

Speaker tba.