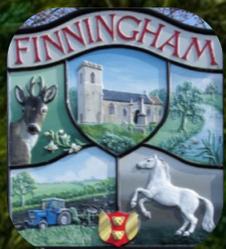


# Finningham Newsletter

July & August 2017



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Emergency	999
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## BOOK REVIEW

John Grisham is a US lawyer and his books have a legal aspect They generally feature 'good lawyers/not so good lawyers'. Characters are, no doubt, drawn from his experiences in the Law Courts in the USA.

### Sycamore Row by John Grisham

The book cover tells us that the story is a sequel to "A Time To Kill" but you do not have to have read the story to enjoy this book. Indeed, it makes you want to go to the book sale in the church on the last Saturday of the month to see if the book is there. Evidently, Jake Brigance, a new, young lawyer defended a black man. This was in the State of Mississippi, where there are still racial problems and not the done thing to have a white lawyer defend a black defendant. It hit the headlines and Jake was the talk of the town.

In Sycamore Row, Jake Brigance receives a package at his office on a Monday morning containing a hand written Will and a letter with very clear instructions. Seth Hubbard is a self-made millionaire who is terminally ill and, after church on Sunday, hangs himself. He leaves the vast majority of his estate to his black housekeeper and just 5% to a brother that he has not seen in years.

Everybody comes out of the woodwork to challenge the Will and claim that they are entitled to a share of the wealth. Seth's instructions are for Jake to defend vigorously his wishes in his Will.

I enjoyed this book and would recommend it for an easy read.

Is there a book that you have read that you think others might like to read? Why not write a review for the newsletter.

David Wadlow

## FINNINGHAM WEBSITE

We have recently uploaded the electronic versions of the past newsletters to the website, these can be found at [www.finningham.com/newsletter](http://www.finningham.com/newsletter)

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### *Finningham White Horse*

#### *Opening times*

*Monday to Friday 3.00 pm - 11.00 pm*

*Saturday 12 mid-day - 11.00 pm*

*Sunday 12 mid-day - 10.30 pm*

*July 1st - "Live Music"*

*with Stony Ground 9.00 pm*

*July 9th - Open mic session 6.00 pm*

*Finn Fest '17—14/15th July*

*July 21st Race Night*

*Thursday's in July - friendly Crib*

*Every Friday - Free Pool*

*Last Sunday of the month - Pub Quiz from 8.00pm*

*Facebook search "Finningham White Horse"*

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## FROM THE CHAIR

At last Summer has arrived in Finningham but as we pass mid-summer the nights will inevitably start to shorten, so make the best of the long days while they are here.

By the time you read this, the doughty few will (hopefully) have enjoyed a great evening at Westhorpe Village Hall, having a bit of a dance, meeting their neighbours and raising funds to augment the defibrillator project. We also thank those who couldn't attend but made generous cash donations or gave raffle prizes.

Friends of Finningham have made plans for more events in Finningham. We hope to have a Burns Night Supper at the end of January. This should be a fun evening for all (and you don't even have to be Scottish). We hope to have some Scottish / Country dancing after we have eaten the haggis (vegetarian will be available). Further details closer to the event.

The older persons Christmas meal will in future be open to all residents. We hope to hold this in December.

In September we will again be holding the annual village garage sale, but this year for the first time it will be combined with a scarecrow trail. The theme for the scarecrows will be "Celebrity" so start thinking of who you might like to depict with your scarecrow. There is no cost to participate in these two events but please let us know if you would like to take part by completing the application form on page 19. We can then put you on the map. There will be prizes for the best scarecrow for both adults and children.

We are planning to hold a Village Fete on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018. It would be great if this could be an annual event, but for it to happen at all we will really need your support and ideas to make it a success. We are only a small committee and cannot possibly manage this alone, so we will need volunteers to enable this to happen. Kelly Worger has agreed to manage the sub-committee to run this event. Please consider if you have some talents that would be useful or could be a willing pair of hands.

If you, as members of our Finningham community, have ideas for activities or events we should be considering I would love to hear from you. FOF is not a remote Quango with a remit to dictate social activities. It is YOUR organisation and you as residents should have a say in how we move forward.

Colin Winter (Chair FOF)

## FROM THE EDITORS

We would like to thank you for your continued support and contributions we are receiving. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the newsletter and please keep those contributions coming.

Richard & Lorraine

## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### Coffee Caravan



Venues and dates for the summer months

**10am - 12 noon held on the Green**

on the first Tuesday of the month

from now until the end of September.

*Do come along and meet new neighbours and friends.*

### COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK SALE

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**St Bartholomew's Church**

**10.30 - 12.30**

Come along and have a coffee and try some of the cakes the ladies of Finningham bake.

Plenty of books to choose from and bring along any books you have read and would like to donate to our growing library.

Why not bring a friend or neighbour with you and meet other people who live in the Village.

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**

## STOP PRESS

### We need your contributions

We are looking for contributions for the next issues, so if you have anything you would like including e.g. upcoming events, pictures, art, observations, points of view etc. we would love to receive them.

Please email them to [newsletter@finningham.com](mailto:newsletter@finningham.com)

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the **18th August 2017**

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## GISLINGHAM WI

In April we had a talk on "Frock Horror". The speaker was a lady who made and sourced costumes for TV and Film. Unfortunately the photos she had were to say the least, a little old and out of focus and all in all it was mostly about her life in the industry and we are still waiting for the frock horror.

May was our Resolutions meeting and we discussed the pros and cons of Plastic Soup which is the plastic waste which is polluting our oceans. There was also one on Loneliness and what we can do to alleviate this.

Four of our members attended the National Annual Federation Meeting in Liverpool where the resolutions were put forward and both were unanimously adopted to be put forward to Government. We will have to watch this space to see if anything happens!!!

In June our outing is to Place for Plants in East Bergholt. I feel a bit of retail therapy coming on.

We are still eager to have new members join and a very warm welcome will be given to anyone who wishes to come along. We don't take ourselves too seriously and we are certainly not all jam and Jerusalem. We have members from Finningham, therefore transport should not be an issue if you wish to come along.

Aileen Kilbee, President, Gislingham WI

## NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

An incident occurred last month, whereby a car owner on Gislingham Road caught 3 children (two girls and one boy) trying to remove the number plate from her car. The children all had bikes and as they tried to flee, one of the bikes was seized by the car owner, a screwdriver was also seized.

This caused the children to return 10 minutes later to demonstrate about the seizure of said bike. The car owner's partner, at this point, informed the children that, in no uncertain terms, they couldn't have it back and the police had been called. This drove the 3 children into a fit of self-righteous indignation and caused them to start quoting the 'human rights act'.

Anyhow, the police turned up in just 5 minutes and after threatening the children with arrest if they did not immediately reveal their names and addresses, the children started to realise the game was up.

The had to leave all their bikes with the car owner to pick up the next day and were treated to a free ride home in a police car to Bacton and Wyvestone where no doubt, in front of their parents, they were politely reminded about their responsibilities of being fine upstanding members of the community.

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## FINNINGHAM HISTORY GROUP

### Village evening walk



On a beautiful summer evening, Peter Everall lead 12 of us on a summer evening walk – with old maps of the local farms through meadows, along lanes & foot-paths.

Walking away from the light at the end of the tunnel



### Events for July - September

**On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Afternoon Guided walk around Eye**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO DATE given in last Newsletter**

Jan Perry will take us on a tour of Eye including the Castle, Old Grammar School and Church



Meet 2.00pm at Buckshorn lane car park. Cost £2.00 each.

Expected duration about 1 1/2 hours, limited to 15 people max

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Afternoon Guided walk of Harwich town**

Andy Schooler will take us around Harwich to see the Ancient Treadmill Crane, the restored Electric Light Palace (the cinema!) and other historical gems.

Meet @ Halfpenny Pier 2.00pm. Cost £2.00 each. Expected duration 1 1/2hrs.

Perhaps you would like to travel by the foot ferry from Felixstowe – Landguard viewing point (next to the café). The ferry leaves @ 10.30, 11.30, 12.30 and returns from Halfpenny Pier @ 16.10. Cost £9.00 return.

Names for visits to Bob Storey on 01449 781651 or [robert.b.storey@gmail.com](mailto:robert.b.storey@gmail.com)

## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

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UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

**JULY MEETING – TRIFFID NURSERY, STOKE ASH TUES 25 JULY 2017**

Our final outing this year is to the carnivorous plants nursery owned by Andy Wilkinson, who came and spoke to us in October 2016.

He proved to be very popular so we have decided to visit him this time!

- Members £5/Non-members £7.
- Arrival time at the nursery is 6pm prompt.
- Address – Great Hallows, Church Lane, Stoke Ash IP23 7ET.

Please advise if you are coming - anyone requiring a lift should contact Rosie 01449 765908 or Eddie 01379 788504.

**THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

**THE ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 26 AUGUST IN THE VILLAGE HALL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE CONTACT ROSIE OR JERRY 01449 765908.**

**TEA @ BART'S**

**2.30 - 4.30pm**

**Held in St Bartholomew's Church on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.**

**We are always looking for new faces.**

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## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Hello and welcome to a new regular feature written by the White Horse management to keep you up to date about the pub and future events. You may have noticed recently that there has been some refurbishment carried out - if you haven't already popped in please do, we think you'll notice the changes and enjoy them. We now have four real ale pumps on the bar, this is something we are hoping to grow after the recent success with Cask Marque. We have been given a five star rating by Cask Marque which covers cellar management, glass care and various quality issues on the ale we serve.

We have recently been recruiting pool players to represent the pub in Stowmarket pool leagues. We have a social team playing the summer league but are hoping to have two teams for the winter leagues so please come and join in. The team are practising or playing matches on Tuesday evenings - the pool table is free of charge on Fridays for anyone who would like to have a go. If the pool team can emulate the successes of the darts teams then it should go very well.

Upcoming live music events include Stony Ground on the 1st July, a very good rock covers band - and an open mic session on the 9th hosted by Chris Jolly, a talented local musician who has just released his first album. Then of course it's FinnFest, the annual two day event showcasing 15 plus bands. We are still looking for helpers on the day so please contact us if you'd like to get involved.

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*"Poor old boy," thought the well-dressed visitor to Finningham as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside the White Horse. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their pints the gentleman thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?"*

*The old man replied, "You're the eighth."*

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## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

One of the great pleasures, indeed privileges, of being involved in rural churches, is that you invariably have to pass through an expanse of churchyard to get inside the building, Finningham church is no exception. The churchyard is wonderfully maintained, and the Parish owe a great deal of gratitude to those who both oversee and contribute to its preservation so lovingly; not in a fashion of being manicured like a prestigious lawn or bowling green, but as a wild open place for serenity.

A churchyard is more than a garden around a church. It may be a burial ground of course, but it is also a place of quiet reflection and recreation, a habitation for plants, birds and animals, as well as the setting of the church building. Churchyards are very special places, often sombre, places of pleasure, yet rarely it has to be said, places of joy, unless of course you are the wedding couple. Their character comes from the memorials and the inscribed words on grave stones, the church itself, and from the history of the community that the place encapsulates.

Yet St Bartholomew's churchyard somewhat contradicts this, the area being often utilised for social gatherings and more recently an informal and joyful Pet Service. Folk who were young and not so young single or with families gathered on a blissful Sunday afternoon to celebrate God's creation. Thanks must go to all who made such a service and social event possible; especially to Reverend Pam Robson who led a service which both inspired and held the attention of the congregation with a well woven content of fun and spiritual nourishment. This was suitably followed by nourishment of drinks and food variety, with simple games and a social gathering. Other family services will follow!

But back to our churchyard, a place of memories where feelings of sadness, the Christian hope and history come together, and a place where we are not forgotten. Rabbi Lionel Blue used to be a regular contributor to Radio 4's Today programme in the 'Thought for the Day' slot. Among his many anecdotes he would often share some of the things his mother had said to him or about him. After her death he continued to mention her and speak of the times he visited her grave, when he would sit upon a nearby bench and think about her, remember her with love and tell her quietly about the things that had happened to him, or were either worrying him, or making him feel happy. These, he said, were treasured moments and it was clear that, for him, the continuing relationship between him and his mother was real and greatly valued. Even though it had been changed it had not been taken away.

Those we love are never really lost to us, never really separated from us, however it may seem at the time of their passing. They are not just a memory but a real presence, one that we can feel rather than see when we remember them with love. Memory is a very precious gift that connects us with people and events that are no longer present to us. When someone we love dies, we still feel the need to maintain the connection between our lives and theirs and that is where our memories are so important.

We all want to be remembered, and Jesus did too. In His love He left us a special way of remembering Him, namely the Eucharist, our Holy Communion. He said, 'do this in remembrance of me.' When we remember Christ at the breaking of bread, He becomes present to us, perhaps not physically present, but nonetheless present for us, and that is something we can feel as we share Holy Communion, and so are in communion with Him.

With Every Blessing. Reverend Philip

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## LIVES REMEMBERED

### Sidney Seeley (29th March 1933 - 12th February 2017)

Born in Finningham, one of nine brothers and sisters, Sidney Seeley suddenly passed away in February, aged 83, at his home in Rickinghall. His wife Hazel survives him.

Sidney lived at home with his parents, Ethel and Alfred Seeley, until he married Hazel Flatman when aged 25. They had met at the then Cross Public House at Allwood Green, owned by her grandparents Mr and Mrs Tuffs.

Sidney worked as a lorry driver all his life, apart from a period of National Service, and was employed by Sturgeons of Ixworth for a number of years. His sporting interests extended to horse racing, football, snooker and darts.

Married for 58 years, the family has grown to three daughters, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Sidney's wishes were to be buried back at Finningham where he grew up and to be reunited with his mum, dad and brothers. He is buried next to his younger brother Dennis, and also some of his old friends, with whom he had attended Finningham school.

Sidney is greatly missed by his family and friends.



## VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The village litter pick which took place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April was a huge success, the turnout was the best we have ever had. A very big thank you to everyone who gave up their Sunday morning to help and not forgetting those who were not able to help on Sunday, but did so a few days beforehand. It is good to know that so many people care about the appearance of our village.

Mary Webb (Vice Chairman, Finningham Parish Council)

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Friends of Finningham have the following for loan.

Marquee	- 40ft x 13ft (12m x 4m)
Festival Tent	- 22ft x 16ft (6.8m x 5m)
Party Marquee	- 20ft x 10ft (6m x 3m)
Folding tables	- 6ft x 2½ft (1.8m x 0.8m)

Below are suggested donations - Held at last years level again.

Marquee	£60	Village residents	£70	non residents
Festival Tent	£70	Village residents	£80	non residents
Party Marquee	£30	Village residents	£40	non residents
Folding tables	£5	Village residents	£6	non residents

A refundable deposit of £100 is required.

Loan period is normally up to four days and delivery and collection by arrangement

Further information available at the point of hire, for enquires and bookings please contact

**Ian Armstrong - 01449 780215 or 07879 670949**

We do not have an erecting service therefore it is the hirer's responsibility to provide sufficient labour to erect and dismantle marquees under the supervision of a FOF member. Terms and conditions apply.



## LIVES REMEMBERED

### Daphne Howat (18th October 1933 - 28th March 2017)



A well known figure in Finningham the past 20 years, Daphne was born in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, the only child of Evelyn and George Burton, by her own admission a bit of a tomboy, getting into scrapes, later an enthusiastic Girl Guide. She was fond of taking the family's long-suffering cat on outings, wheeling him up and down the road in a doll's pram, securely trussed up in dolls' clothes!

Her father's civil service job led to the family spending the war in the London suburb of S Kenton and a rather chequered education for Daphne, lessons in cold and damp air-raid shelters, but she passed the 11+ and attended Westcliff High School after the war, excelling at sport, music (piano, singing) and maths. Against encouragement from her teachers and parents,

Daphne decided to become a PE instructor, which took her to Chelsea College in Eastbourne in 1952, where she flourished and became Head Student.

On graduation, her first teaching post was in Weston-super-Mare involving a difficult journey (2 bikes and a train!) from her digs in Bristol. About this time, Daphne was introduced to Graham Howat, whom she married in 1956. Their first child, Andrew arrived in 1961, followed by Simon in 1968. She had a successful teaching career when child-rearing and house moves allowed, in Orpington, then Beaconsfield in the 80s, where she felt the most fulfilled, at a secondary girls' special needs school where her organising skills were further honed.

Daphne also found time to join a Ladies' choir, and after retirement, worked in a bookshop and served on the Committee of the local Friends of Imperial Cancer Research, organising fund-raising events. She also played racket sports to a high standard, and with Graham, took up golf quite seriously. When he retired in 1992, they moved to Suffolk to be nearer family and first grandchild Hazel.

During her Finningham life, Daphne helped to organise the noted annual St Barts Flower Festival, leading in 2010 to 2012. As in her teaching, she skilfully persuaded people to take part. She held office with Graham as Treasurer and often took services once made a Lay Elder. She was a chorister at St Margaret Walsham, and the main organiser of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored Cycle Ride, one year persuading the PC Chairman to achieve 50 church visits in one day. Other fund raising activity included hosting Strawberry Teas, and Barn Dances at the Field Centre in Thornham Magna. She made an impression on many lives.

Graham died in May 2010, Daphne being very occupied in caring for him. In November 2012, after much thought, she was persuaded by the family to move closer, and spent her last years in Loddon, where she remained quite active.

Above all, Daphne is remembered as a tremendously generous, appreciative, forthright, warm-hearted lady; decisive, not afraid to speak her mind at times - certainly no push-over - but with a love for life, a great sense of fun, and a frequently irreverent twinkle in the eye. Her sudden death has left her many friends and family shocked and bereft, but with gratitude for her life and for having known her.

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Even though your Parish Council continues to pay the District Council Environmental Department vast sums of money every year in an effort to keep the streets and footpaths of our lovely village free of dog deposits, it seems to be an uphill battle to get some dog owners to acknowledge their Civic Duty and use the bins we have provided. The threat of prosecution and imposition of a heavy fine does not seem to hold any sway.

To those responsible people who clean up after their dogs, a heartfelt thank you from your Council.

Since the flagpole was installed, the flying of our flags has been under the control of Kaye Laytham. Unfortunately, she has had to relinquish her position so, we are now looking for someone to take over this light duty. Our thanks go to Kaye for looking after our flag-flying requirements during her period of tenure.

Normally, the Cross of St George is flown until a special flag flying day (e.g. the Queen's Birthday) comes along, when it is replaced by the Union Flag. Unfortunately, with the recent spate of incidents with high loss of life, it has been necessary also to fly the flag at half-mast, as a mark of respect.

If you would like to offer your services to become Flagmaster, please drop an email to our Clerk or give me a ring.

Just a reminder, if you were intending to attend one of our monthly meetings (second Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm in the Church), there will not be a meeting in August but you are very welcome at any other time.

Tony Kilbee - Chairman

## PARISH VACANCY

Following the retirement of Cllr Jimmie Downie, the Clerk to the Council posted the required notice on the Parish notice board asking for interested persons to apply to the Electoral Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council.

As there were no applicants, the Parish Council is empowered to co-opt a new Councillor.

If you would like to be considered for co-option, please contact myself or any Councillor (for contact details see page 11), before 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Natalie Hill

Clerk to Finningham Parish Council



## GREY MATTER MOVERS

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## SCARECROW TRAIL ENTRY FORM



### Finningham Scarecrow Trail Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Free Entry Form

I would like to enter a scarecrow for the scarecrow trail on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Theme "Celebrity"

I am over 16 years old

I am under 16 years old

Judges will be around during the Saturday

Name .....

Address .....

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Please return this form to Mary Webb, Kimberley, Gislingham Road  
Finningham. 01449 781628

## 49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

**April to June  
Congratulations to the following winners:**

<u>Date drawn</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	24	Joanne Allen
29 <sup>th</sup> April	7	Roy Alexander
6 <sup>th</sup> May	30	Pam Smith
13 <sup>th</sup> May	52	Peter Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> May	16	David Wadlow
27 <sup>th</sup> May	33	Susan Rush
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	48	Carol Birch
10 <sup>th</sup> June	2	Richard Webb
17 <sup>th</sup> June	42	Chris Kerridge

The Bonus Ball Club provides the only regular income for Friends of Finningham to provide amenities, including the cost of printing this newsletter and support to projects for young and old within the village.

There are 3 vacant numbers available and they keep on winning

The available numbers are : **54, 58 & 59**  
to take up one, call or email Bob Storey

**Telephone 01449 781651 or**  
**Email [robert.b.storey@gmail.com](mailto:robert.b.storey@gmail.com)**



## PARISH COUNCIL

**Your Finningham Parish Councillors are:**

**Chairman:** Tony Kilbee, 01449 781075

The Old Chapel, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JG

**Vice-Chair:** Mary Webb, 01449 781628

Kimberley, Gislingham Road, Finningham, IP14 4HY

James Downie

St. Edmunds House, Broad Road, Bacton, IP14 4HP

James Miller, 01449 781265/07860 382816

Rob Hall, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JL

Dilys Sewell, 01449 782978

Holly Cottage, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JN

James Black, 01449 782965

Black Horse Barn, Walsham, Road, Finningham, IP14 4JN

Catherine Winter, 01449 781372

Holly Howe, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, IP14 4TW

**Clerk :** Natalie Hill, 07802 492495

Elmer Farm, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JN

**Parish Council Meetings are held at**

St Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7.30pm.

**Dates of future meetings:**

On every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except for December and August, when there are no meetings

Annual Parish Meeting which is held in May on the same evening as the Parish Council meeting



## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### **COFFEE CARAVAN**

The Coffee Caravan is well under way and attendance has been good.

It is held on the first Tuesday of every month and is from 10.00 am until 12 noon.

There is no better chance to meet with a jolly bunch and get to know people who also live in your village. We usually put a £1 in the kitty and that is all it takes for two hours of chatter and sharing of stories.

There is no need for anyone in Finningham to feel lonely!!!!

**Come along - you won't be sorry.**

## FOUR SEASONS

### **Ian's "A140" Casserole**

A quick round of applause please for the councillors who somehow brought a concrete table tennis table to our lovely Green, it is a most welcome addition. On a calm evening you might find me and my youngest enjoying ourselves there. Anyone for doubles?

In days of yore nettles were an important food as well as a source of fibre which was used to make fabric and rope. It seems that they were probably brought here by the Romans – along with peas and carrots, pears and apples, cats and rabbits, also concrete – and an early form of ping pong with bronze bats and dogs' testicles. (Sorry, that could be fake news). I can attest that the tender tops are indeed edible; they have something in common with spinach but a flavour of their own. I enjoy them but can't say they are much welcomed on our table. I love to gather nature's freebies - it goes against the grain to pass by a mushroom, blackberry, or anything else beside track or road that might go to waste. My "spring gleanings" included roadside venison. If chosen carefully it is excellent meat - it is almost fat-free, seriously free-range and FREE. Some say it is guilt-free but as a road user I will take my share of blame for the everyday carnage. If you aren't too sure about how to butcher a deer, it is all on You Tube (as is everything else).

Legally I'm straying into a grey area, maybe they will lock me up. (The family would be so grateful).

Ian Armstrong



## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### **Finningham Village Defibrillator**

Your questions answered.

#### **What is a defibrillator?**

It is a portable battery powered device used to restart a heart in certain circumstances such as after a heart attack.

#### **Why do we want one in Finningham?**

We live in a rural area and statistics show that it can take some time for an ambulance to arrive in our village. In cardiac arrest time is a vital element. Speedy treatment can save lives.

#### **I have been taught CPR (resuscitation skills) Is this not sufficient?**

Delivering chest compressions is very helpful and needs to be started as soon as possible. In most cases this alone will not restart a heart but it does buy time. Delivering a shock with a defibrillator as soon as possible offers the best opportunity to restart the heart. Research has shown that every minute delay in delivering a shock reduces survival chances by 10%.

#### **Can anybody use it?**

The defibrillator is fully automatic and a screen will provide visual instructions with voice prompts to guide you through the process. Whilst it is ideal to undertake some training, there are many recorded cases of children without any training successfully saving a life.

#### **Will a defibrillator always help?**

No. There are some occasions where a shock is not likely to be useful. Because the defibrillator is able to detect the heart rhythm it will not deliver a shock in these circumstances.

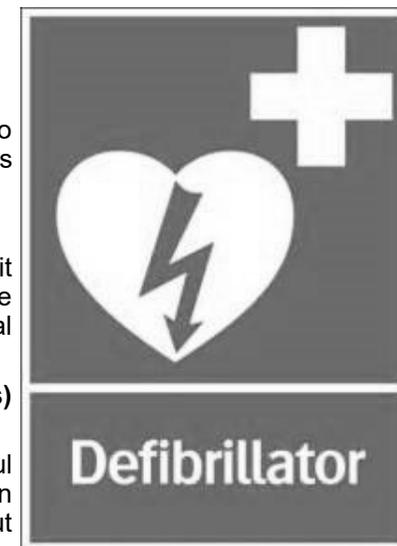
#### **Can I cause more harm using the defibrillator?**

No. The machine is highly sophisticated and will analyse the casualty's heart rhythm. It will only deliver a shock if needed.

#### **How can I find out more?**

We are fortunate to have a number of professional life support trainers living in Finningham who have volunteered to provide regular training sessions. There will be free training sessions for all villagers who want to attend, so YOU will feel confident to use the equipment and possibly save a life.

Catherine



## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### The Annual Garage Sales will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10am -2pm.

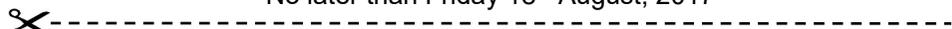
Those of you who have taken part in the past will know that people start coming round much sooner than 10am.

There is no fee to take part.  
All advertising is done by The Friends of Finningham.

Last year we had 33 official sale sites.  
If you would like to take part and would like signs to put up and be included on the maps please contact:

**Mary Webb 01449 781628**

No later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017



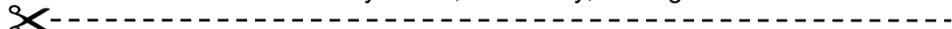
#### Free Entry Form

I would like to be included on the map for the garage sale on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Name.....

Address.....

Please return this form to Mary Webb, Kimberley, Gislingham Road



## MOWING ROTA

Thank you to those of you that have been keeping the church grass looking neat and tidy and in advance to those who will be doing it these coming months.

<b>1st July</b>	<b>David Papworth</b>	<b>5th Aug</b>	<b>Doug Aiken</b>
<b>8th July</b>	<b>Bob Storey</b>	<b>12th Aug</b>	<b>Jimmie Downie</b>
<b>15th July</b>	<b>Mick Cattermole</b>	<b>19th Aug</b>	<b>Dave Bell</b>
<b>22nd July</b>	<b>Andy Brownlie</b>	<b>26th Aug</b>	<b>Chris Goddard</b>
<b>29th July</b>	<b>Tony Kilbee</b>		

## INSIGHTS

True Romany customs. It is a romantic mistake to think that the Romanies lived in the wonderful bow-topped wagons that we commonly associate with them. True, they *had* such wagons and took great pride in decorating them, but they were mainly used for transporting their goods and essentials. Very rarely did they sleep in them, preferring the open air, either stretching out *under* the wagons or more often in a 'rod tent', which was merely a tarpaulin thrown over some cut boughs.

It is also an error to imagine that Romanies lived 'outside the law'. True, they paid little attention to the laws of the *giorgios* (house-dwellers), but their own customs and unwritten rules were very strict indeed.

A Romany once told me "we are the least free people in the world, we are slaves to our own people".



Although many Romany men loved their wives, their first and lasting love was reserved for their mothers, being the only person who had any real control over them. If a Romany had an altercation with his wife, besides beating her, he often reacted by breaking their most treasured possessions or going out and selling their best horse at a silly knock-down price. If he were lucky, a good friend would buy it, then sell it back at the same price when things calmed down. The surest way to restore order would be to fetch the man's mother, who would take a stick to him if he didn't see reason.

The legend that Romanies abducted young children is true. Consanguinity and inbreeding had always been a concern among the Romany tribes. Naturally, they preferred to take little girls for eventual breeding purposes and, being dark themselves, they particularly prized blonde-haired children. If a child was taken young enough, she would lose all memory that she had ever been a *giorgio* (house dweller). The Berber tribes of Morocco and the Tuareg and Bedouin of the desert still carry out the practice to improve their bloodstock.

Nowadays, the Romanies hold massive annual Fairs, such as at Appleby at Whitsuntide, to try to bring new blood into the family. Here young people may meet and prospective marriages be arranged. Romanies descend from all over the country, even from the *waver tempo* (other land) for these colourful gatherings, now sadly tainted by the influx of drop-outs, hippies and 'travellers'.

David Bell

## WHAT'S ON - JULY 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31					1 White Horse Live Music	2 St. Bart's Morn- ing Service
3	4 Coffee Caravan	5	6 White Horse Friendly Cribb	7	8	9 White Horse Open Mic
10	11 Parish meeting	12	13 White Horse Friendly Cribb	14 White Horse FINN FEST	15 White Horse FINN FEST	16
17	18 Tea @ Bart's	19 Finningham History Group - guided walk Eye	20 White Horse Friendly Cribb	21 White Horse Race Night	22	23 St. Bart's Holy Communion
24	25 Wickham Skeith Garden Club - outing	26	27 White Horse Friendly Cribb	28	29 Coffee Morning & Book Sale	30 White Horse Quiz
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## WHAT'S ON - AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Trowel & Ham- mer Live Music
7	8 Coffee Caravan	9	10	11	12	13 St. Bart's Morn- ing Service Trowel & Ham- mer Live Music
14	15 Tea @ Bart's	16	17	18 <b>Newsletter copy deadline</b> Garage Sale forms deadline	19	20 Trowel & Ham- mer Live Music
21	22	23	24	25	26 Coffee Morning & Book Sale	27 St. Bart's Bene- diction Trowel & Ham- mer Live Music White Horse Quiz
28	29	30	31			
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## FLOWER FESTIVAL 2017

One of the great blessings of our annual flower festival is how it brings the village together. Besides the regular churchgoers and Friends of Barts, unsung heroes such as Mick Cattermole, Andy Brownlie and Ian Armstrong appear to lend a vital hand. Without the help of these people, it is difficult to imagine how we could put on such a competent show.

And, as always, the ladies (plus Gerald!) excelled themselves in their ingenious interpretations of the theme. This year we were representing 'The Glory of the Garden' and we were taken to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The White Garden of Sissinghurst, The Garden of Olives, A Garden Party and many others.

Despite the very variable weather, especially on the last day, overall receipts were up on last year and, when all expenses and costs had been deducted, we were able to add £2424.70, to the Treasurer's Fund, an increase on last year's figure of £122.35.

The ladies in the Refreshment Tent did as well as ever, but contributions in the church were well down on previous years. This was made up for, however, by the rather spectacular success of John and Dilys' Plant and Produce Stall, takings being well up on previous years. Keep on growing, you two! And so another year goes by and, despite all the Treasurer's worries, our Happy Band of Pilgrims, once again led by Aileen, rose to the occasion, pulling together what we can in all justice claim to be the best Flower Festival in the local area. David Bell

## THANK YOU

Finningham Parochial Church Council are very grateful to Aileen Kilbee and Dilys Sewell for organising the annual Flower Festival once again which was held on the May bank holiday weekend. "The Glory of the Garden" was the theme this year and the exhibitors had interpreted this in many wonderful displays.

Special thanks to Marion & David Bell for having the teas in their home this year and many thanks to Val and her team and all the ladies who baked cakes and scones.

Thanks also to Dilys & John for manning the produce tent and their helpers. Lastly, thanks to the A team for erecting the marquees and also the stewards in the church.

It was pleasing to see again our many visitors from the parish and from various parts of our lovely County of Suffolk. The three days were very successful and raised £2,424.70 for much needed church funds

Lily Elsey (PCC member)

## FLOWER FESTIVAL 2017

On the first May Bank Holiday, Finningham held its Annual Flower Festival in the beautiful St Bartholomew's Church.

The theme this year was "The Glory of the Garden" and the ladies of Finningham once again rose to the occasion. The diversity of the arrangements was fantastic.

We travelled through time from the Garden of Eden to The Eden Project. From The Hanging Gardens of Babylon to The Garden of Olives.

We went East to a Japanese Garden, we came back West to a summer Garden Party then off to the Arid Desert of the Mediterranean and once again jumped back to Orchids at Kew and The White Garden at Sissinghurst. We had a Restful Garden, a Perfumed Garden, and a Garden of Remembrance. Then came a Garden of Earthly Delights and after all that travelling we definitely needed a Healing Garden.

We then jumped to childish things with Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, then the children astounded us with their wonderful interpretations of their own small gardens. What a sight to see the artistic flair of the younger generation. Budding gardeners all, I think, or perhaps, a few flower arrangers following in Grandmother's footsteps.

We also had a Rock Garden which was certainly an exercise for the mind to get the grey matter working. Thankfully there was an explanation for those not quite on the same planet as the arranger. There was then An Octopuses garden which took us right back to the 60's and 70's.

We then travel through the Secret Garden to the Rose Garden, after which there is always a Vegetable Garden.

By this time, we are looking for shade in the Evergreen Garden but all too soon The Winter Garden is upon us. We will have to wait another year to see the wonders of the Finningham Flower Festival.

Dedicated to all those who took part, including everyone behind the scenes.



