


# Finningham Newsletter

November to December 2017

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### Police

Safer Neighbourhood Team	01473 613500
Crime Reduction Officer	01473 613500
Emergency	999
Non Emergency	101
Crime stoppers	0800 555111

### Doctors

Mendlesham	01449 767722
Bacton Manor Farm Surgery	01449 781777
Botesdale Health Centre	01379 898295
NHS Non Emergency	111



## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### Coffee Caravan

Venues and dates for the winter months



10am - 12 noon held at the following locations

7th November	Venue - St Bartholomew's Church. Host Margaret and Merline
5th December	Venue - St Bartholomew's Church. Hosts - Val and Pauline
9th January	Venue - St Bartholomew's Church. Hosts - Marion & Margaret
6th February	Venue - The Old Chapel, Walsham Road, Finningham. Hosts - Aileen and Dilys
6th March	Venue - St Bartholomew's Church Hosts - Penny and Pat

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





## 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*

#### *Find us online*

*Facebook search "Finningham White Horse"*

*Camping on the field...£3.00 per person per night*

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

### **...Folks of Finningham.**

I would like to invite each and everyone of you to

The White Horse Pub on Wednesday **15th November** at **6.45 pm**

We are hosting a village meeting to gain your views on the ongoing future and style of your pub.

Free pizza to enjoy...join us to offer your views and find out what we are doing. **Lorna**



## 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 **8th December 2017**

## FROM THE CHAIR



"We was robbed" September saw the Tour of Britain cycle race come to Finningham. There was a great turnout of villagers and gathered at the crossroads to see them pass through and there was excitement in the air. It was of course all over in no time, as is the way with cycle racing. The White Horse opened early and was serving bacon sandwiches so many chose to toast our sudden fame afterwards. We went home to watch the race coming through the village on ITV 4 +1 and saw the leaders coming up to Rob Hall Corner then..... the adverts until the race got to Wickham Skeith!

The annual garage sale seemed a little quieter this year but that might have been because other local villages have emulated our great idea and decided to hold their own events too. Finningham's first Scarecrow Trail took place on the same day and although there were only 4 entries, it was good to see the efforts made. Let's hope for more entries next year.

Thanks to the generous discount offered by Roots and Shoots in Stowmarket we ended up with close to 2000 daffodil bulbs to be planted around the village. A sterling effort from volunteers has seen most of these now planted. There are still a few left if you would like to get involved. We will await the results of our efforts in the Spring.

We have two events over the Winter period to look forward to. The first is the village Christmas Meal on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This year the meal is open to all residents and will be held at the Stoke Ash White Horse again by popular demand. The cost will be £10.00 with the remainder being subsidised by FOF. There are only 50 places so do book yours early.

On January the 27<sup>th</sup> we will have a Burns Night Supper followed by dancing in Westhorpe Village Hall. This will be our first joint venture with Westhorpe. Tickets will be £10.00 but limited to 60 places again. Please see the details elsewhere in the magazine.

Finally as we start to prepare for the Fete next year the date has been changed from the Sunday to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help with this. More volunteers would be most welcome.

**Colin Winter** (Chair FOF)

## FROM THE EDITORS

Wow its nearly the end of 2017, we hope you are all looking forward to the festive period. There are plenty of activities going on in Finningham and now with the inclusion of our neighbours in Westhorpe there is even more.

Thank you again for all of your fantastic contributions in 2017, please do keep them coming and we hope you all have a great time over the festive period.

**Richard & Lorraine**

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following a leaflet drop into every household in the village with the invitation to attend a special meeting of the Parish Council on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, I was very pleased to see so many residents had answered the call.

The opportunity was given to the village as a whole to comment on various aspects of the work of the Council and their plans for the future. The subjects covered included, Amenities, Environment, Footpaths & Bridleways, Road Safety & Emergency Planning.

Lively discussion followed the introduction of each subject matter and the Council now has a wealth of ideas and suggestions which it will be able to put to good use. Also, and most valuable, a number of people offered physical help in maintaining various areas of the village, particularly the Churchyard, which is not looking its best at the moment with low hanging trees and piles of twigs and grass cuttings. Hopefully, in the next couple of months, or so, this will all be resolved.

Our Footpath Warden, Beryl Allen took the opportunity to resign from her position and introduced her replacement, Doug Aiken. We thank Beryl for her years of maintaining a watch over the state of our footpaths (ably supported by husband, John) and diligently reporting her findings to the Parish Council. We are very confident that Doug (most probably aided by wife, June!) will be a very able new Footpath Warden.

There were far too many points raised at the meeting to comment on them here but they will be reported in the Minutes of the Meeting, which will be posted on the Parish Notice Board, in the fullness of time.

Very many thanks to those who attended the meeting and to others who have given input via other means. The Council was delighted by the response and has undertaken to carry out as many of the ideas and suggestions as it can. This should be considered as an on-going process and we welcome comments, favourable, or otherwise regarding our progress in the implementation of the points raised.

Tony Kilbee (Chairman)

### Our New Councillor

Welcome to our new Councillor, Richard Negus (left). His first Council Meeting was the 10<sup>th</sup> October where he was able to demonstrate his knowledge in matters arboreal and made valuable contributions to the meeting.



He will be a great asset to the Parish Council and, by association, to the Village.

Also, we are pleased to announce that Eliot Coward (right) has joined the team as the Leader of the Working Group responsible for guiding us through the establishment of the new-look recreation area on the Green.

We wish them the best of luck in their new roles and look forward to working with them.



## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD

IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL

UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

**TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017 – 7:30PM**

With Christmas less than a month away, our friend Karen Kenny will be telling us about Christmas Traditions. Members £1/Non-members £3.

**FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2017 – 6:30 FOR 7:00PM AT THE COACH HOUSE**

Our Christmas dinner is, once again, at The Coach House on the Thornham Estate. However, this year we will be entertained as it coincides with one of their theatre nights. Cost is £24.95 for a set menu (Vegetarian available). Further info from Eddie 01379 788504.

### 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.

Let's make Finningham  
a welcoming and social place to live.

## Finningham History Group – Nov/Dec 2017

- For the foreseeable future there will not be any meetings of the group held in the winter at Finningham only visits / walks during the summer months.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 12 members of the history group went on an historical tour of **Harwich**. Some of us went straight there while others braved the ferry from Felixstowe. We were met on the Ha'penny Pier by our guide, Clive Booth, a former mayor of the town and retired history teacher. Jeremy Corbyn, masquerading as the town crier, welcomed us to the town. Clive led us round the town starting with the museum. He told us the story of the Mayflower and showed us round the lighthouse, cinema, fire station, treadmill crane and the site of the royal naval shipyard amongst other points of interest. Sadly Bob and Barbara weren't able to come which is a shame as Bob had arranged everything.



## Bacton & Cotton History Society (meetings 7.30pm Bacton Village Hall)

- Tues Nov 21st **Revel, Riot & Rebellion in Bury St Edmunds 1648-1688.**

In 1648 Bury residents rioted when puritan oligarchs tried to stop a Morris Dance. This was a cover for a full-scale royalist uprising. In 1688 an anti Catholic demonstration turned into an attack on all property owners in the town.

Dr John Sutton, a senior lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University will describe the whys & wherefores

- Tues Jan 16th **The A to Z of curious Suffolk**

Sarah Doig will talk about rambling through the countryside and coastline unearthing strange, spooky and mysterious facts

## Wickham Skeith History Group (meetings 7.45pm Wickham Skeith Village Hall)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Mike Levy **“From Hitler to Hi-de-hi: the Dovercourt Holiday Camp and Jewish refugee children from Nazi Germany”**

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# 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

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James Black, 01449 782965

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

Catherine Winter, 01449 781372

Holly Howe, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, IP14 4TW

Richard Negus,

The Cottage, Church Green, Finningham, IP14 4HU

**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:

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Tuesday 9th January 2018

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Tuesday 10th April 2018

**The ANNUAL meeting of the Parish will no longer be in May, it will be on 10th APRIL 2018**



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# Christmas at St Bartholomew's Church Finningham

Come and join us !  
All welcome !

SUNDAY 26th November 10am

*'STIR UP SUNDAY'*

*Family worship and lots of activities*

SUNDAY 17th December 3pm

*Carol Service*

MONDAY 25th December 10.30am

*Christmas Day Family Communion*

## WESTHORPE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES



[www.westhorpe.onesuffolk.net](http://www.westhorpe.onesuffolk.net)

### YOGA



Juliet Wright  
[jujuyoga39@gmail.com](mailto:jujuyoga39@gmail.com)  
Tel. 07503 212670

MONDAY (Weekly)  
11:00 - 12:30 pm

### ART CLUB



Paul Weston  
[paulwestonarchitect@gmail.com](mailto:paulwestonarchitect@gmail.com)  
Tel. 07860 376592

MONDAY (Fortnightly)  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

### LINE DANCING



Rosie Macro  
[rosemary\\_macro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemary_macro@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel. 07748 563926

MONDAY (Weekly)  
6:00 - 7:00 pm

### CARPET BOWLS



Diane Gladders  
[dianegladders@outlook.com](mailto:dianegladders@outlook.com)  
John Offord  
Tel. 01449 258501

MONDAY (Weekly)  
7:30 - 9:00 pm

### IT CLINIC



Vanessa Bilonick  
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Tel. 01449 782921

TUESDAY (Bi Monthly)  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

### CRAFT CLUB



Lynda Cotgrove  
Tel 01449 789142  
Rosemary Mees  
Tel 01449 780394

TUESDAY (Fortnightly)  
10:00 - 12:00 PM

### MEDITATION



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WEDNESDAY (Fortnightly)  
10:00 - 11:30 am

### STOTT PILATES



Miranda Tuddenham  
[mtwannadance@gmail.com](mailto:mtwannadance@gmail.com)  
Tel. 07540 696167 or 01379 742845

THURSDAY (Weekly)  
11:00 - 12:00 pm

### WINTERS ACADEMY



[charley@wintersacademy.co.uk](mailto:charley@wintersacademy.co.uk)  
[www.wintersacademy.co.uk](http://www.wintersacademy.co.uk)

THURSDAY (Weekly)  
4:00 - 6:45 pm  
During Term Time

### BOOK CLUB



Judith Kennedy  
[jkstreetfarm@gmail.com](mailto:jkstreefarm@gmail.com)  
Tel. 01449 781249

THURSDAY (Every six weeks)  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

### KEEP FIT



Kelly  
[kelly@jcpersonaltraininguk.com](mailto:kelly@jcpersonaltraininguk.com)  
Tel. 07402 973287

FRIDAY (WEEKLY)  
10:30 - 11:30 am

### GARDENING CLUB



Martin Little  
[martindavidlittle@gmail.com](mailto:martindavidlittle@gmail.com)  
Tel. 01449 78031

FRIDAY (3<sup>rd</sup> of every Month)  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

### WESTHORPE FILM NIGHT



Philip Aldous  
[philipaldous@outlook.com](mailto:philipaldous@outlook.com)

FRIDAY (4<sup>th</sup> of every Month)  
7:30 - 10:30 pm



## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### \*\*\*\* GISLINGHAM PLAYGROUP \*\*\*\*

We provide a safe, warm, friendly and caring setting for children aged 2-5 years, in a brand new purpose built building on the same site as Gislingham CEVCP School, with whom we work closely to provide an excellent education.

Breakfast Club 8.00am - 8.45am

Morning 8.45am to 11.45am, Lunch Club 11.45am to 12.45pm

Afternoon 12.45pm to 3.45pm

**"The well-qualified staff have a good knowledge of how children learn. They carefully organise the indoor and outdoor learning environment so that children enjoy free access to a wide range of toys and resources" Ofsted December 2015**

Please visit our website [www.gislinghamplaygroup.com](http://www.gislinghamplaygroup.com)

or phone us on 01379 788934

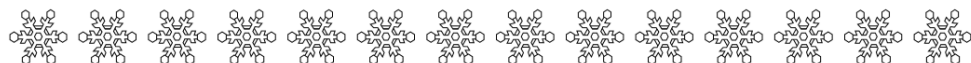
Also, every Monday morning at Gislingham Village Hall

9.30am - 11.00am a Parent and Baby Group for under 2's,

run by parents of the group

Cost per session £2.00 per family

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Come and join friends in your local community to celebrate New Year's Eve in Westhorpe.

We will be sharing supper in our lovely new village hall and dancing to local band

**Nutz and Boltz**

Tickets are £5 which will include a glass of bubbly.

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 8.00pm till 12.30am, bring a dish of food to share and your own drinks.

For tickets contact Clive Mees on 01449 780394

or [clive@waitrose.com](mailto:clive@waitrose.com)



## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



During a recent conversation on the doorstep of the Rectory with some visiting members of the Jehovahs Witness organisation, the topic centred around the outlawing of their sect in Russia and all the implications behind that decision. At the same time we spoke about the persecution and imprisonment of their members in many of the countries which were once part of the old USSR. I may be far removed from their beliefs, but as a Christian and active member of Amnesty International I am always appalled at intolerance and injustice in the world.

Christians of course have never been immune to persecution themselves, and it is estimated that Christians suffer in one form or another in over 100 countries around the world today. Indeed it is widely recognised that Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world. Figures suggest that during the 20<sup>th</sup> century more Christians died through their faith than all the preceding centuries put together.

November is a month when we remember those who have died whether as Christian martyrs, through war or otherwise. All Saints Day starts us off on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, followed by All Souls Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> when we remember those dear to us, and we move on to our Services of Remembrance for those who have died as a result of conflict, and through their sacrifice have allowed us the freedom we share in our society in this country today.

Amongst the many and varied martyrs the Church remembers at this time of year is East Anglia's 'own son' St Edmund; whose Feast Day falls on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Known as King of the East Angles, Edmund was King from his early youth in the middle of the 9<sup>th</sup> century, and a committed Christian, taking time out to study the scriptures. Edmund repelled the invading Danes on several occasions but was to be finally defeated by the Danes somewhere near to Hoxne in Suffolk. It is said that Edmund would not accept the terms of surrender because of his Christian faith and subsequently was used as arrow practice before being beheaded. In the 10<sup>th</sup> century Edmunds bones were moved to Beodricsworth, later known as Bury St Edmunds, and the Abbey built there became a popular place of pilgrimage. Bury St Edmunds finally became a Cathedral City in 1914 with the creation of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, of which we are a part.

November gives way to December and the season of Advent, traditionally a time of reflection leading up to Christmas, although with the hustle and bustle of the Christmas preparations such reflection can often be somewhat neglected. Advent is above all a time of hope and anticipation, leading through the celebrations of Christmas and on to the New Year with all that 2018 may bring. As I am writing this in mid-October both Advent and December seem rather a long way off; but by the time the next magazine comes out we will be in the New Year, so may Denise and I wish all our readers every joy and blessing this coming Christmas.

Philip



## MOWING ROTA

Now that we have come to the end of the mowing season, the time has come for me to offer a hearty thanks to those of you who have taken part in the Mowing Rota this year.

This continued effort during the summer months has ensured that the Churchyard and Cemetery have been kept neat and tidy.

As always, it falls on a dedicated few to do the work so, as in previous years, a cry goes out for more volunteers. If we have a full complement, it means that one person would be called upon only twice a year. We have a high quality self-propelled mower, which is regularly serviced, making the task relatively pain free!

At the recent open meeting in the church, the point was raised that the cuttings heaps were getting out of hand and becoming an eyesore. Point taken, this problem will be addressed in the winter months.

If anyone would like to join the Merry Band of Mowers, please contact any Parish Councillor.

## FOUR SEASONS

Autumn is rapidly sinking into winter – so I will cling to memories of an excellent summer. As an add-on to the usual staycation we had a week in France. Soon after our ailing campervan rolled off the ferry it was becoming clear that the French do things differently. For example, on our first evening beside the sea at Boulogne (the sort of place where any English council would plant a sign saying “no overnight parking” - and feel that their job was done) here was an area just for motorhomes and a sign saying something like “Welcome, for €7 per night you can stay for up to 48 hours and make use of the basic facilities. A baker will call in the morning.” We walked around the British war cemetery, climbed Napoleon’s column (it’s higher than Nelson’s, wonderful views), wondered about the men who defended and attacked the German pillboxes which are spread along the beach (erosion has toppled them from the cliff tops), swam as the sun set - and were more than happy to spend our money at the aquarium and supermarket. The peaches I bought there were ripe and full of flavour - our stores apparently can’t achieve this. I was surprised to find that even the service station had perfect croissants. Food in general is just better and I ate too much – then wondered why the French are, on average, obviously thinner than we are. I thought they were supposed to be rude – but in every encounter they waited politely until I had run out of “Google-French” before answering my query in English.

I came home thinking that although the Duke of Wellington, William Marshal etc. were no doubt trying to help, if Suffolk had finished up as a *département* we would be healthier and happier – and the baguettes would be so much nicer.

Ian Armstrong

## MARQUEE & TABLE HIRE



**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	£60	Village residents	£70	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.







## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Garage Sale

#### Teas, Cakes and Books in the church

The teas, cakes and books in the church on the day of the garage sale raised the mighty figure of £371 for The Church Fabric Fund.

Pauline and Val would like to thank all those who contributed to this success, either by helping in the church or by making and donating delicious cakes and savoury tarts etc.

People sampling the fare were very complimentary and many said how lucky Finningham was to have such talented people within the village.

Also, many thanks to Mary and Richard for the organisation of and signing the event ensuring that visitors could find their way around to all the sales.

Pauline and Val



### An Evening with "Nutz and Boltz"

at Wyverstone Village Hall

**Saturday 11th November 2017 from 8pm**

**£10 per ticket** includes a light supper and Licensed Bar

**In support of The Cogwheel Trust**

Tickets available from Barbara Evans 01449 781251 or [barbaraevan@btinternet.com](mailto:barbaraevan@btinternet.com)



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or contact Alison Weston, Bookings Secretary on 01449 781490

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## GISLINGHAM WI



As the year draws to a close the end of my first year as President is looming.

I have enjoyed every minute of it and thank my hardworking committee members for making my job so much easier.

As you read this we will already have had our Halloween party and in November we hold our AGM.

In December we will hold our Christmas Lunch which this year will be held in the White Horse at Stoke Ash. Always a jolly affair.

2017 has been a particularly busy year for our WI and as we embark on 2018 hopefully we will continue to grow bigger and better.

If you have never considered WI now is the time to take a step towards something different, meet new people and join in our activities.

It now just leaves it up to me, on behalf of my Committee to

WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Aileen Kilbee (President, 01449 781075)

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## BOOK REVIEW

It will not be long before we will be reminded how many days it is to Christmas. I, therefore, decided to review a couple of books for two groups who you might find it difficult to cater for at this festive time: teenagers and grandparents.

### **Surgically Enhanced by Pam Ayres**

Pam Ayres writes poems about everyday events with a quirky and humorous stance. Her poems are not stuffy. The loose-leaf cover of this book has an example,

#### **BONEMEAL**

Bury me beside my dogs,  
The dogs I loved and Knew,  
So as in life, they'll never be  
Short of a bone to chew.

The poems in this book are inter-dispersed with recollections of different events in her life. It is a book which can be read at any time when you want a little pick-me-up.

Now for the teenagers. In a previous review I commented on James Patterson's publishers saying that the author was keen to get children to read. He is not the only one because I have come across a series of books by John Grisham. They are about a thirteen year old boy called Theodore Boone. Both his parents are lawyers and has, therefore, become interested in all matters legal.

The titles are:-

#### **Theodore Boone**

**Theodore Boone; The Abduction**

**Theodore Boone: The Accused**

**Theodore Boone: The Activist**

**Theodore Boone: The Fugitive**

**Theodore Boone: The Scandal**

I have read The Scandal and it centres around school and I believe many teenagers will relate to Theodore and how he feels about aspects of school life, particularly tests, which in my day was called the 11+. In fact the story in this book is relevant today in this country. In September 2017 there was media coverage about teachers 'enhancing' pupils scores in test to push their schools up the league tables.

David Wadlow

## WANTED

**Do you want or need something ...**

let us know and see if our village can help.

Email to [newsletter@finningham.com](mailto:newsletter@finningham.com) Or Call us on 01449 781048

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES



# Older Persons' Information Fair

Hosted by Jo Churchill MP  
Bury St Edmunds

Having hosted a similar event last year in Stowmarket, Jo Churchill, Member of Parliament for Bury St. Edmunds, is hosting an Older Persons' Information Fair in Bury.

The event will bring together over thirty organisations operating in and around the town to inform and advise on services. Jo's particularly concerned with the issue of loneliness, which the event will help highlight.



Friday 1st December  
10:30AM - 1:30PM

### The Apex

1 Charter Square, Bury St. Edmunds IP33 3FD



*Last year's event at the John Peel Centre, Stowmarket.*

Come and meet with local organisations and community groups.

Mingle around the interesting and fun stalls.

Enjoy a cuppa with friends.

Learn more about what's on offer locally: how to access services, participate in community groups and unearth opportunities.

Support - Advice - Services - Arts - Health - Gardening - Tech advice

Get information around well-being: health, fitness, technology, safety, volunteering, crime prevention, gardening and the arts.

You can expect a warm welcome and free tea and refreshment.



## CHRISTMAS MEAL

Please join us at our annual Christmas meal @ White Horse Stoke Ash on the **3rd December 13.00**,

There will be a 2 course meal consisting of a main course and dessert including coffee.

The cost is **£10 per person** to accompany booking below.  
Please note additional drinks to be paid for separately.

Payment and booking by **Saturday 18th November** sent to **Tony Kilbee**

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

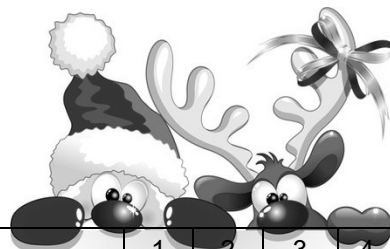
Telephone 01449 781075 email : tkilbee@tiscali.co.uk



### Application Form

Names:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



Name	1	2	3	4
<b>Mains</b>				
Seasonal Turkey				
Venison Meatballs				
Traditional Beef Stew with Cheese & Rosemary Scone				
Grilled Red Mullet (GF)				
Honey & Mustard Chicken (GF)				
Parsnip & Chestnut Roast (Veg)				
Mushroom, Nut & Leek Filo Stack (Veg)				
<b>Desserts</b>				
Frozen Coffee & Tia Maria Mousse (Veg & GF)				
Seville Orange Marmalade Pudding (Veg)				
Ginger Sponge				
Homemade Morgan's Spiced Rum & Raisin Ice Cream (Veg & GF)				
Chocolate & Walnut Brownie (Veg)				

Cheque to the value of £..... enclosed.

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## 49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULT



### Congratulations to the following winners:

Date drawn	Ball number	Winner
5th August	27	Leslie Holland
12th August	17	Lily Elsey
19th August	3	Gemma Atkins
26th August	58	Caroline Lough-White
2nd September	8	Ian Armstrong
9th September	6	Val Rowell
16th September	38	John Allen
23rd September	57	Reg Draper
30th September	20	Rita Leggett

Vacant balls : **47, 51 & 59**  
to take up one, call or email Bob Storey

**Telephone 01449 781651 or Email robert.b.storey@gmail.com**

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.

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Burns Night Supper

Cost £10.00

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 – 11.00

At Westhorpe Village Hall

Traditional Burns Night meal of haggis, neeps & tatties (swede and potatoes) plus dessert.

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**Holly Howe, Westhorpe Road, IP14 4TW**

**01449 781372 [catherine-winter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine-winter@hotmail.co.uk)**

Payment and booking by 23<sup>rd</sup> December

*Don't forget to bring your own drinks*



### Scarecrow competition 2017

Well done and thank you for those fantastic entries for the scarecrow competition in September. We look forward to seeing what the competition brings in 2018 ... keep up the good work.



## INSIGHTS

### The loneliness of the long distance Curlew runner.

Have you noticed how one's most poignant memories are often soundscapes? The discordant clang of the Horse Guards clock chiming the quarters transports me to younger, military days and preparation for duty on Queen's Life Guard. Lapping waves, laughter and shrieks and I am whisked to childhood holidays in North Devon. The haunting *whaup, whaup whaup* call of the Curlew conjures up Reydon marshes...its a sound that, to me, means home. Having recently taken a trip to 'The Smoke' I took a detour via Horse Guards and can happily report the clock over Wellington's office continues to clank every fifteen minutes, children are still as raucous on beaches, yet sadly the plaintive call of the Curlew was absent from the Reydon marshes as I ran through one of its reed lined tunnel like paths last weekend.

It is that missing echo of home that led me to embark upon my own effort to raise money for and awareness of the GWCT's Curlew Appeal. How could such an evocative sound, such an iconic part of my life have just gone silent? The news that there are less than 500 Curlew south of Birmingham is tragic, yet thanks to the research undertaken by the GWCT it appears that this decline can be halted and reversed. Of course to get this information out to land owners and managers, and the Conservation tools they need to utilise costs money. If I was a wealthy man I would simply open my cheque book, write out a suitably generous donation and return to my life. Sadly a career spent largely enjoying myself in the countryside has caused ongoing atrophy of the wallet. I am blessed however with good health, a pair of legs that work and lungs that, despite too many years smoking too many cigarettes, seem to combine and help to propel me over long distances.

My positive physical attributes therefore have been put to the use of the GWCT. I have set myself the task of running the Northumberland Coastal Path Marathon in February next year. For those of you unaware of St Cuthbert's way I will, along with 300 or so other lunatics, be running 27 miles from Alnwick to Bamburgh through sand hills, soft dunes, wide expanse of beach, shingle, marram grass and, seeing as the race is in February, howling North Easterly winds and a fair smattering of sleet squalls. I ran the London Marathon eight years ago in aid of the Jockey Club's Charity, Racing Welfare but the Capital's slog will be a breeze compared with this "extreme race". My training thus far sees me running around 30 miles per week mainly across country and I will start winding that up as the nights draw in (wildfowling commitments permitting!)

If like me you wish to see the Curlew return to our farm and wetlands and would be kind enough to support my fundraising efforts for the GWCT's Curlew Appeal I will be eternally grateful. I have set up a Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Richard-Negus3> for those of you who are happy to donate on line or you can send a cheque directly to the Charity but please mark your envelope with Curlew Appeal. I try to update my progress via Twitter @troopersnooks or through The GWCT website. Thank you.

**Note:** Richard Negus is 46, a former Household Cavalryman, he spent 20 or so years 'wasting time' selling horses and learning to lay hedges before ending up riding a desk for the Jockey Club. Four years ago he realised his long term ambition and set up his own business designing and building wildlife friendly gardens and landscapes. He lives in Suffolk with his wife and young son and is a member of a small Breckland walked up syndicate and The Gt Yarmouth Wildfowling and Conservation Association.



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WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2017						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Parent & Baby Group	7 Coffee Caravan	8 White Horse village meeting	9	10	11 Westhorpe VH "Nuts & Boltz"	12
13 Parent & Baby Group	14 Parish Council mtg	15 Wickham Skeith History Group	16	17	18 Finningham's Christmas meal deadline	19
20 Parent & Baby Group	21 Tea @ Bart's Bacton & Cot- ton Hist Society	22 WI	23	24	25 Coffee Morning and book sale	26 Stir up Sunday St.Bart's White Horse Quiz
27 Parent & Baby Group	28 Wickham Skeith Garden Club	29	30			
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WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER 2017						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Older Persons Information Fair	2	3 Finningham's Christmas meal
4 Parent & Baby Group	5 Coffee Caravan	6	7	8	9	10
11 Parent & Baby Group	12	13	14	15 Wickham Skeith Gardening club Christmas Dinner <b>Newsletter copy deadline</b>	16	17 Carol Service St.Bart's
18 Parent & Baby Group	19 Tea @ Bart's	20 WI	21	22	23 Burns Night supper deadline	24
25 Christmas Day Family Com- munion St.Bart's	26	27	28	29	30 Coffee Morning and book sale	31 New Years Eve Westhorpe VH "Nuts & Boltz"
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