

Was this tree a sapling

When the Norsemen plagued these shores,

This mighty oak?

And did it help to hide us as we fled,

The Norman yoke?

What wonders will it see in this fast changing world

As it lives on,

What beauty, hope, despair, when we who pass

Are long, long gone?

Reflections on a hedgerow (by David B)

Finningham Newsletter

September - October 2016

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WEBSITE

Website

Apologies folks but the website is still down. However, there has been progress, we now have a new website name www.finningham.com Tony, our webmaster, is in the process of building the new content. If you have anything that you would like to contribute, please send it to webmaster@finningham.com that includes photographs.

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, observations, points of view etc. Please email them or give us a call.

Can I ask that you try to keep each item to a max of a single piece of paper A5 size, using font Arial size 12 it will save faff. The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the 21st October 2016.

We would like your pictures for the front cover of our Finningham Newsletters Local views, subjects, well almost anything that connects to Finningham would be great. Photos, sketches, paintings are all welcome.

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EVENTS AND NOTICES

Finningham White Horse

3rd September - The Haiden Grigor Band

25th September - Quiz night

1st October - Regency Gentlemen

30th October - Quiz night

Opening times

12 noon - 11.00pm (Monday to Saturday)

12 noon - 10.30pm (Sunday)

Find us online

Website is www.finninghamwhitehorse.co.uk

Facebook search "Finningham White Horse"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Goodbye FSAC and thanks for the memories

We would like to say 'a BIG thank you' to the previous FSAC members for their dedication to the village and the many functions they have run over the years. We are very pleased that a couple have remained to help the new members of FOF take on the next chapter.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the forthcoming village activities.



FROM THE CHAIR

A new chapter for Friends of Finningham

After a lively meeting on the 11th of August a new Friends of Finningham (FOF) committee has been formed. With a range of different skills we should be able to continue the work of FOF. Many thanks to the retiring committee members and Chairman for looking after FOF for the last few years. The new committee will meet four times a year, with a sub-committee taking on the responsibility for organising events in the village. The next meeting will be 13th October at 7.30pm in the Church. If you are interested in getting involved please come along, all are welcome.

As I write this we are preparing for the annual Finningham garage sales. Whilst these are not really a fun event they offer a good way to clear out junk without the bother of going to a car boot sale. Looking back over this year we had the 50th Church Flower Festival and a professional quality concert in the church on the same weekend. Our village Queen's Birthday celebrations in June were a fitting tribute with activities to appeal to all ages. We have to thank a small group of enthusiastic volunteers for organising this event. Finnfest, the second Finningham free music festival in July offered some talented local bands and glorious sunshine.

Looking ahead to next year a number of ideas have been suggested; another event on the green, an open gardens weekend, a scarecrow trail. If you would like to get involved or have some suggestions please let us know or come to the next meeting. Who says nothing happens in Finningham?

Colin Winter (Chairman)

Newsletter editorship change

We would like to say thank you to Dilys for the many years of her editorship of our Finningham newsletter. I hope we can continue the high standard that has been set.

As Lorraine and I take over this task we are starting to see all of the hard work that went into the production. That said we hope you will continue to enjoy the newsletter and we would love to hear your thoughts, feedback, ideas and articles. So please drop us an email or give us a call.

Richard & Lorraine (Newsletter Editors)

FINNINGHAM EVENTS NEWS

Finningham's celebrations for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday.

My Grandfather died when I was 5, however I do remember receiving a few words of advice from him, one such pearl was "never volunteer boy, I did once and the next thing I knew I was at Passchendaele". Forgetting the old boy's caution I found myself, along with Erlin Quantrill and Nick Garner, volunteering. Thankfully our heed to the call to arms only resulted in our organising Finningham's celebration for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday rather than facing the mud and guns of Third Ypres.

Thanks to the early forethought and generosity of Erlin, in inviting and paying for the Suffolk Punch Trust to bring their wonderful pair of work horses and charabanc to the village to provide rides for residents, we had a core highlight around which to build an event. We also decided to run an event that would showcase some of The Queen's favourite things - namely family, dogs, children, skills and crafts and a small snifter of Pimm's!

The result was a traditional village show, including races for children, dog show and an arts, crafts and produce show. An event, that the 150 or so Finningham residents who attended, unanimously agreed held something for everyone...the proof of the pudding, or cup cake (winning entry by Linda), raised a healthy £300 profit for the 'Friends of Finningham' and created an atmosphere of celebration and community spirit.

To list a personal vote of gratitude to all of the wonderful volunteers who made the event possible would take up all of the pages of the Finningham News, however particular thanks must go to Colin for his superb communications equipment upon which Tony's dulcet tones rang out helping the day run smoothly. Our thanks go out too to the judges, the teams who ran the tea and Pimm's tents and those who donated their contents.

So, we've learned a few lessons in organising events, we've been reminded that the British weather can never be relied upon to behave and highlighted that Finningham boasts some delightful dogs, speedy kids, talented bakers, creative artists, ardent cake munchers and dedicated Pimm's tipplers. We have also learned that 'The Friends of Finningham' will work, and that a new guard of volunteers are out there to help the usual faces who have made our village's events happen in the past.

A suggestion has been made to spend the money raised from the event upon creating a Petanque Court (I believe the French call them Piste) on the Green. Erlin, Nick and I would be delighted to hear if this would find favour and use with village residents, alternative ideas are also welcomed.

Please let us know your thoughts via email finninghamevents@gmail.com

Richard Negus, The Cottage, Church Green

EVENTS AND NOTICES



Finningham Garage Sales 3rd September, 2016

Following the meeting of the Social Amenities Committee (Friends of Finningham) on the 11th August I have taken over the role of managing the Garage Sales from Carol Birch who I think you will all agree with me has done a brilliant job over the years and it is going to be a very hard act to follow. Thanks Carol. Any help or advice you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the short time scale I have had to work to and having a holiday already arranged, I will only take care of:

- The advertising
- Car parking arrangements
- Arranging with the police for no parking in Wickham Road to keep this route clear

If time permits I will do a plan of where the garage sales are being held. This year it will be down to the individual to do their own Garage Sales Signs.

For those people living in Walsham Road, I have made a request to the Finningham Parish Council to see if they will allow stalls on The Village Green as access in and out of Walsham Road may be difficult due to the drainage work which is currently being carried out.

If you would like to be included in the plan please contact me on 01449 781628.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary Webb

EVENTS AND NOTICES



FOGS (Friends of Gislingham School) are having a

WELCOME (BACK) COFFEE MORNING

On

Tuesday 13th September

from 10.30am-12 noon

At Gislingham Village Hall

Tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes at good prices.

A chance to catch up after the summer break and new

families to school to meet; all villagers welcome.

**There will be toys for young children to play with and our Second
hand uniform shop available.**

Proceeds to school funds



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Where have we been?

At the end of June, nine of us enjoyed a tour around **Christchurch Mansion** in Ipswich.



The Grade I listed building mansion houses a collection of pottery and glass, a contemporary art gallery and a collection of paintings by artists including John Constable and Thomas Gainsborough. There are rooms preserved as past inhabitants would have known them, complete with original items of fine clothing. A visit to this underrated amenity is to be recommended.



On a splendid summer evening, for 1 ½ hours Peter Everall led 17 of us around **the village walk**, explaining particular features and history on the way. Maybe next year we will venture a little further on the footpaths.

Future events

Guided Visit to Ipswich Transport Museum,
Cobham Rd, Ipswich
Wednesday, 28th September @ 2.00pm. £9.00
each including refreshments

Names please to Bob Storey tel. 781651 or
email robert.b.storey@gmail.com



Future plans

We are considering combining a visit to the Mayflower Project in Harwich with a guided tour of the town in 2017

Wickham Skeith History Group autumn programme
(meetings in the village hall @ 7.45pm)

21 st Sept	Alistair Govan showing his videos of Wickham Skeith
19 th Oct	The Great Exhibition & Crystal Palace - talk by Geoffrey Kay
16 th Nov	Simply Suffolk (Inn Signs) – a talk by John Goodhand

4 SEASONS

It's been a good summer

We've had some rain for crops and gardens, sun for harvests and holidays, it's been a good summer. On a hot summer's day you don't need to join the traffic jams heading for the beaches; Outney Common at Bungay is a great place for a picnic. Just 21 miles away by a fast road, it is one of those precious places where you can swim in a clean river – and many do. Follow the A143 to a roundabout (there is a caravan park here) then turn hard left and go under a height barrier toward the golf course. The car park is free and there is a useful map here. The common is almost enclosed by a loop of the Waveney River so whichever way you walk you will come to the river bank - be prepared to carry your picnic basket for maybe half a mile. It's worth it. At the caravan park canoes can be hired, there is also an excellent rope swing where children (and the odd geriatric parent) spend hours frightening the fish. Don't let the kids have all the fun!

PS My readers (if I still have a couple) will be aware that I have been scraping the bottom of the barrel (the one labelled "ideas") with mounting desperation. If you would like to write this brief column on a regular or occasional basis, or just once, please talk to our new editors. I think it would be a more interesting read if it wasn't always done by the same person.

Ian Armstrong

TEA @ BART'S

The warm August weather brought a record number of people to Tea @ Bart's this month. This gathering takes place at the Church every third Tuesday of the month from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Remember that the Rural Coffee Caravan visits Finningham on the first Tuesday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon. If the weather is clement, it is held on the Green if not, in the Church; from April to October inclusive.

SPEED WATCH

a 40mph or 50mph limit does. To install a new speed limit we need to prepare a traffic regulation order (TRO).

A TRO follows a legal and democratic process. There are opportunities for people to object to the TRO so there is no guarantee that it would be installed. The cost of a new speed limit at this location would be in excess of £5,000

An alternative lower cost option to imposing a speed limit over a length of road would be to erect signs showing an advisory speed around the bend at Rob Hall Corner. This could be achieved for under £1,000.

If you think either of the above approaches would be helpful I suggest that you discuss the matter with the parish council and your county councillor Jane Storey to see if they will support a change and be willing to fund it.

In the village centre there is a 30mph speed limit. The responsibility for enforcing speed limits rests with the police.

One of the measures that I would suggest to lower driving speeds through the village is to organise a community speed watch. This has proven successful elsewhere. I note that you already have this in hand and I commend you for taking this initiative.

Other measures that are available are the use of vehicle activated signs. Again these have been successfully used where a parish council, or a group of parishes, buy a sign and move it around the parish every few weeks.

I hope that the above information is helpful. If you would like to discuss this further with one of my officers please call 0345 606 6171.

Yours

James Finch

Andy is trying to put together a team of 6 volunteers to run our own community speed watch scheme. We need the team in place before they will proceed, plus recommendations of where we plan to monitor speed so that police can check it is safe to do so. Once that is done we need to raise around £1500 for equipment through Friends of Finningham, parish council, donations etc.

Contact Andy on 01449 781591

SPEED WATCH

Reducing speed around Finningham

Following an email from Andy Brownlie, on the 2nd August in which he requested assistance to persuade drivers to reduce their speed through Finningham and thus reduce the number of crashes that have occurred. We have had a response from James Finch (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley)

Thank you for making me aware of the twelve crashes this year. We are informed by the police about crashes that involve injury. This information takes several weeks to come through. Consequently we were not aware of all twelve crashes. I have asked my officers to contact Suffolk Police to obtain more information about the crashes that they attended.

Any changes or new speed limits need to comply with our speed limit policy which was approved in December 2014. The policy can be found at this link. The policy for single carriageway roads covers 30mph, 40mph and 50mph speed limits. There is a separate policy for 20mph speed limits.

You have said that you would like the speed limit to be lowered but you have not said what to. The criteria that a section of road is tested against is given in section 19 of the policy. My officers have advised that the road between the existing 30mph in the main part of the village and Rob Hall Corner does not have a clear village character. Consequently their advice is that a 30mph speed limit does not comply with our policy.

If you look at <http://crashmap.co.uk/> you will see the locations of crashes that have led to injury between 2005 and 2015. You will see that there are many places in the county that unfortunately have a poorer crash record than Finningham. Consequently Finningham is not a high priority for funding from our safety engineering budget. Any changes would need to be funded from the local community, possibly supported by the local county councillor's local budgets. Once my officers have information from Suffolk Police about the crashes this year they will review whether this bend should become a high priority for safety engineering.

When we replaced the chevron signs earlier this year we enhanced their visibility by providing a yellow backing. Hopefully that has addressed some of the concerns.

Whilst a 30mph may not comply with our speed limit policy it may be that

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

**At St Bartholomew's Church, Finningham
Sunday 18th September at 10.30am**

A family service, everyone welcome
Come along and give thanks for the hard work of our farmers, who
put food on our tables

**Refreshments will be served after the service
And there will be activities for the children**



THE FRIENDS OF ST BART'S

As you will all be aware (if not, why not?) the Friends of St Bart's have been hosting a café/book sale in the church, usually on the last Saturday of each month and, up to now, the magnificent total of £547.70p has been raised for church funds.

In August, however, we were unable to hold a café/book sale as the church was being used for a wedding but, on Saturday the 24th September, from 10.00am until 12.30pm, the café/book sale will return and all proceeds will be donated to the **McMillan Nurses' Charity**.

So, even if you don't normally attend, get yourself along for a cup of tea and a slice of cake in order to support this very worthy cause. You never know, you might even enjoy yourself!

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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

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SEASONAL LOWDOWN

The 'Harvest Festival'

is one of the oldest known festivals. In the UK it is traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon around the time of the Autumn Equinox in September.



The celebration of Harvest in Britain dates back to pre-Christian times when the success of the crop governed the lives of the people. Saxon farmers offered the first cut sheaf of corn to one of their gods of fertility, in order to safeguard a good harvest the following year. The last sheaf was thought to contain the Spirit of the Corn, and its cutting was usually accompanied by the ritual sacrifice of an animal - often a hare caught hiding in the

corn. Later, a model hare made from straw was used to represent the continuity of the Spirit. This practice eventually led to the making of plaited 'corn dollies', symbolising the goddess of the grain. These were hung from the rafters in farmhouses until the next year. When the harvest was in, a celebratory supper was held to which the whole community was invited.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. This led to the custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

The traditional ways of celebrating the harvest still survive today in rural communities. Nowadays, children also take gifts of fruit and vegetables to church and present them during the harvest service whilst the harvest hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand' is sung. After the service, these gifts are distributed to the elderly and needy of the community.

Many schools also have a Harvest Festival assembly and the gifts of fruit and vegetables are distributed in the local community.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Green

Sad to say, our trusty slide, which has been a source of enjoyment for our children and visitors alike, has been condemned by the Mid Suffolk Health and Safety team. We feel that their action is a bit precipitous as, although there is a degree of rot in the main support members, they are no means dangerous. However, we have had to prohibit its use until we can get further ruling on the matter.

Admittedly, it is about 20 years old so, it has served us well. We are taking advice from the manufacturers as to the best course of action but it will need to be replaced in the near future, unless repairs are viable and economic.

In the meantime, we are investigating the possibilities of grants to cover the cost. The swings are of an even greater vintage and need replacing to conform to current safety requirements. A grant for this is also under discussion.

Some of you will have noticed that the tree surgeon has been hard at work removing dead and dangerous branches from the line of Oaks that border the Green. It all looks much better now but if you happen to see something which gives you concern, please bring it to the attention of a Councillor or our Clerk.

Roads

A short while ago our MP, Jo Churchill, made a whistle-stop tour around the villages in this part of Suffolk. Although Finningham was not on her itinerary, she got as close as Gislingham. A member of your Council attended the meeting (together with a resident) and questions were asked regarding the speed limits and the state of the roads in the village (including flooding). We can only report that she agreed to take the matters up with the appropriate authorities. This is perhaps cold comfort but it is the best we can do at the moment.

Our District Councillor once made the comment that the various departments of the County Council take no notice of representation made by Parish Councils, far better for private individuals to take them to task. With that in mind, many thanks to Andy Brownlie and Nick Garner having championed the cause, let's hope things progress.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Bus Shelter

Finningham Parish Council has been approached by a resident to see if it would be possible to provide a bus shelter for the village.

The Parish Council have been looking into this and the only type of bus shelter it would be possible to install would be an open sided shelter with just a roof as there are restrictions with regards to blocking the pavement. The cost of providing such a shelter would be in the region of £3,000 - £5,000.

Before the Parish Council can move forward on this we would like to know the views of other residents in the village to see how many people would like a bus shelter. This will be on the Agenda of the Parish Council meeting on 11th October at 7.30pm to be held in the church.

We would urge you to come forward with your views.

Mary Webb (Vice Chairman, Finningham Parish Council)

Transparency

As the village website has been shut down due to the activities of a hacker, we have not been able to conform to the legal requirement of publishing our Minutes (apart from on the village noticeboard). Until the new site is functional, we shall be using the One Suffolk site (www.onesuffolk.net)

Walsham Road's New Water Main

Nearly there! Essex & Suffolk Water engineers are doing the final tie-in from the Rickinghall feeder to the new water main they have installed along Walsham Road.

The summer of road closure has been a boon to some and an irritation to others but it is now almost over.



GREY MATTER MOVERS

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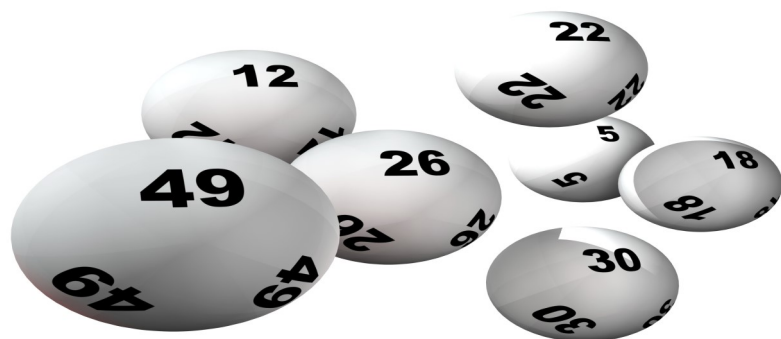
59 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4th June	30	Pam Smith
11th June	3	Gemma Atkins
18th June	47	Marion Bell
25th June	16	David Wadlow
2nd July	13	Penny Harris
9th July	12	Bob Storey
16th July	41	G Jones
23rd July	25	Lucy Owen
30th July	48	Carol Birch

There are 12 vacant numbers available and they keep on winning
The available numbers are : **23, 28, 37, 38, 42, 45, 46, 53, 54, 56, 57 & 58**
to take up one, call or email Bob Storey

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PARISH COUNCIL

Your Finningham Parish Councillors are:

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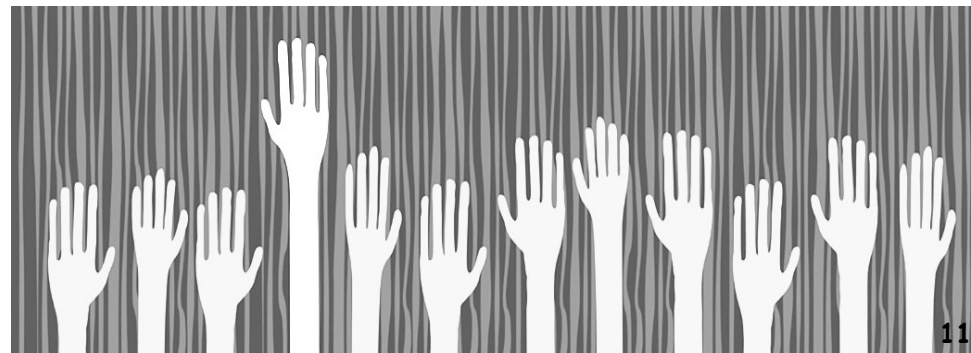
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Parish Council Meetings are held at
St Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7.30pm.

Dates of future meetings:
Tuesday 13th September 2016, Tuesday 11th October 2016



FLOODING

Flooding on the North bound carriageway of the B1113

Report number: 144284

Report Location: B1113 in Finningham opposite Church Green.

We have now received an update from our Highways Technician with the following information:-

"Please contact the customer and inform them that works are due to be carried out in the next few months to fix the drainage issue and repair the road section as surfacing works are due to be carried out next year and we will be prepping the road this year and carrying out the works at the same time."

For further information about how we deal with highway issues, please visit our website: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/highways/>

Nick Garner

NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Police safer neighbourhood team

The police safer neighbourhood team no longer have anything to do with NW and don't know the details of who will be running it now. I'll keep trying to find out and will let you know if/when I get any joy.

Andy B

WANTED

Grazing Needed

....for two native ponies.
About 2 acres to rent or buy.
If you can help, please 'phone:
IRVING 07784 983 814
Many thanks.

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FAREWELL

the muddle. I got it out of the way of the hedge and that's how I started ploughing.

Mrs Hose came up to mine once when my wife was there. We'd just got a new phone. 'My that looks smart Brenda,' she said. 'Mind if I try it?' Brenda said, 'Yes you can try it.' 'Tell you what,' says Mrs Hose, 'I'll ring my own number.' So that's what she did but she got a fright because somebody answered it and the house was supposed to be empty. It turns out that she got her own number wrong.

One day she said, 'If there's a pheasant in my garden you're welcome to shoot it.' She had a porch on the side of her house and the door was all glass, or half glass. I went up there one Sunday night and I could see her sitting there watching the London Paladium cross legged and she was a-flipping her top leg up and down to the music on the telly. So I knocked on the door cos I didn't want to scare the old girl but she didn't take no notice and I shone my torch through the window and she still didn't notice so I thought well I'm up here now I'm not going back empty handed. So I shot a pheasant and went home. Next day Mrs Hose was talking to a neighbour. She said, 'You know there was a cowboy film on the telly last night and when the guns went off you'd have thought they were in the room.'

Thomas Fowler from the Post Office had petrol pumps. He said, 'If we've got the closed sign up, don't take any notice of it. You're welcome any time.' He used to say, 'Here comes the man with the considerable means.'

I was lifting some sugar- beet for Doris Rayment when the harvesters were first introduced to farming and I was working with an old boy from Gislingham called Finbow. He was an old fashioned particular sort of feller. I was lifting these beet and I noticed he kept looking at them. When I saw Doris I said, 'If I aint doing it right I hope you'll treat me like anyone else on the farm. Swear at me if you like.' So she caught me a smack on the side of the ear.

We had one old horse who was worse than the governor. He'd be pulling a tumbril when we were topping sugar beet and he'd give you so many minutes to top the length of the cart then he'd draw forward. If you wanted a bit of a natter you'd have to get hold of him or he'd walk on. When he got to the end of the row he'd turn round and come in the next row – you didn't have to touch him. And he always knew when it was quarter to four – time to knock off.

We would have a four wheel trailer for straw carting. When it was full we would hitch a tractor to the front to take the straw back to the yard but we'd always use a couple of horses to pull it in the field. With a tractor you had to keep starting it up to move forward but with the horses they would just walk up and you'd just say whoa to stop them.

Peter Everall

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FAREWELL

Frederick Cayley Clarke (11th June 1930 – 7th June 2016)

Freddy was one of the first people I met in Finningham in 1971. He would always find time for a chat and would always help a person out if he could. He nearly always saw the good side of people and you had to have done something pretty unforgivable to incur his disapproval.

Freddy was one of the very last of a generation of farmers to have started working with horses and witnessed the mechanisation of the industry.

These are just a few of the memories he kindly shared with me over the years.

When I was 5 or 6 we'd have three horses on the binder and I was riding the middle one. My father used to call the name of the one that wasn't pulling hard enough and I was supposed to hit it with a stick. I used to think it was cruel so I used to bring the stick down and ease off so that I hardly touched it. I'd be standing there, holding 3 massive Suffolk horses if something went wrong with the binder while my father would be lying underneath it.

My father was strict but we never went without. We had chicken huts in each of the meadows and we'd have to go round and collect the eggs. If someone had forgotten the keys they used to post me through the popple (pop-hole – the chicken's entrance). It was about 12" square (30cm)

Every morning we used to get the Friesian bull out of his box and bring him along a passageway about 12 foot wide and put him in with the cows. Then at night we used to take him out and put him back. Why we had to do that I don't know. He was a huge animal with horns as big as my fist. One night my father said, 'I'll go and open the door to his box, you get him out and send him along.' He came out all right and started walking along the passageway but then my father shouted, 'Stop him! Stop him! He's coming back!' The bull was coming along the passageway at about 15 miles an hour with his head at daisy height. I got up against the wall and made myself as small as possible. Just then my father put his head round the corner and yelled, 'Why on earth didn't you stop him?' If I'd stood in his way he just wouldn't have seen me. He'd just got his head down.

We had a chap working at the farm called Landymore. He used to do the tractor driving but he had to give up because he injured his hand. I used to come home from school at night and used to take over the tractor driving because he wanted to get home. One day my father said, 'Do you think you could start the tractor up?' Of course I could start the tractor up. He said, 'Right. We're off to plough.' We started in the middle of the field, which was wrong. I was only about 13. He set off across the field. It was straight enough but when he got to the hedge he didn't turn soon enough. Instead of putting his foot on the clutch he said, 'Whoa.' I managed to reach over from the back plate on the Fordson and put my foot on the clutch and got the tractor out of gear and he got off and I got out of

TECH BUSTERS

Understanding Broadband Speed

A home broadband connection enables you and your family to access the internet on all kinds of devices - e.g. smartphones, tablets and games consoles - in different parts of your home.

You can browse web pages, send and receive emails, listen to music, play online games, even watch TV shows or films.

Downloading -

All these activities involve 'downloading' digital information - also called data - through your broadband connection ('downloading' means transferring a file from the internet to your computer).

Megabits or Mb -

Broadband speed is measured in megabits per second ('Mbps'), or 'Mb' for short. You might also hear megabits referred to as 'Meg' or 'Megs'. A 10Mb broadband connection is usually slower than a 50Mb connection.

Using multiple devices -

You could have a household where someone is playing an online game, another person is watching a TV show, and someone else is downloading a film or music.

In this case, a faster package would be needed as huge amounts of information will potentially need to be downloaded at once.

Download limits -

Apart from speed, the amount you can download per month is sometimes limited - according to the package you choose. This limit is measured in gigabytes per month, or 'GB' for short. You might also hear gigabytes referred to as 'Gig' or 'Gigs'.



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