

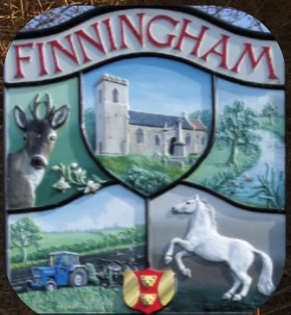
Finningham Newsletter

September to October 2017

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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.



COFFE 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

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the **20th October 2017**

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

Every Friday - Free Pool

Last Sunday of the month - Pub Quiz from 8.00pm

Facebook search "Finningham White Horse"

Rural Coffee Caravan

**Drop in for a drink and a piece of cake between
2.00pm and 4.00pm on Friday September 15th at
Westhorpe Village Hall**

- The Rural Coffee Caravan will be visiting
- Suffolk Sport will be running a gentle exercise activity and gathering information about possible future classes
- The Village Hall committee members will be there to collect some general feedback on your thoughts about the hall so far. What's good? What could be improved? What would you like to see happening?
- We plan to run some IT workshops soon – how can we help you? word processing, online shopping, email, skype ... you tell us!

If you have any comments or suggestions but can't make this event, please contact Sue on
01449 781996/suehull50@hotmail.com or Alison on 01449
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FROM THE CHAIR

Summer in Finningham is now coming to a close. Hopefully the annual garage sales will have been a useful way of getting rid of unwanted items that can be useful to someone else.

At our last committee meeting we agreed to donate £1000 towards the replacement of the slide in the children's play area on the green. Unfortunately since that time the swings have suffered some damage from a falling tree branch so the Parish Council is likely to have some challenges ahead.

We have agreed to work more closely with Westhorpe village regarding social events and will forge a formal link between Friends of Finningham and the Westhorpe hall committee. Hopefully this will be a mutually beneficial arrangement for both villages. The first event that we are planning will be a Burns Night Supper on Saturday January 27th. Please keep the date free. This will be in Westhorpe Village Hall.

The older residents Christmas meal will no longer be restricted to just the older residents so will become the Finningham Village Christmas meal. Venue and date have not yet been fixed but will be announced in the next newsletter.

We are planning to plant daffodil bulbs on the village triangles and around the edge of the green. The planting day will be 30th September. If you are willing to help on the day we will meet on the village green at 10.00 in the morning. There will be in the region of 900 bulbs to plant so a good turnout will help to make the task easier.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 19th September in the Church at 19.30. Please feel free to come along and contribute to the meeting. We would really appreciate your ideas and contributions. If you are willing to help man (or women) a stall at the village Fete planned for Sunday 19th August we would love to hear from you.

Colin

FROM THE EDITORS

This is our 1st year anniversary, the year has flown by and this is now our 7th issue. We hope that you enjoy reading the village newsletter, we are always looking at new ways to improve the look and feel of it and look forward to receiving your feedback and comments on any improvements you think would make it even better. Let's continue to make the Finningham Newsletter a fun and informative communication engine of our village!!

On a sad note we have lost a valued friend and contributor to Finningham's newsletter in David Bell. His interesting articles, perspectives and anecdotes were always a pleasure to read. His passion for our village will be greatly missed.

Richard & Lorraine

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Disaster Strikes!

As many of you will have already seen, a large branch from one of our oak trees on the Green recently parted company with its trunk and landed on our swings.

Although the Parish Council is in discussions with the manufacturers, it seems unlikely, due to their age, that the swings are repairable. Currently, the seats are wired up to prevent their use.

What with the recent loss of the slide due to rotting, we now have very little to offer our younger residents and visitors by way of recreational facilities.

This could be considered as a Heaven-sent opportunity to re-assess our play area and rebuild it to meet the modern trend.

Although our immediate action was to have the trees made safe, the Tree Surgeon stated that, due to the age of the oaks, it is impossible to guarantee that a similar occurrence would not happen in the future. Perhaps time to move the equipment out of the "danger zone"!

Of course, rebuilding will cost money and anything to do with public recreation costs a lot of money! However, there are various Grants available and we shall be exploring every avenue.

In the meantime, the Parish Council will be conducting a survey of the village to determine what facilities you would like to see on the Green.

When the time comes, please give this venture your full support so that we can end up with a Play area which will be most suited to our young people's needs.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Doggie-Doo

Just take a look at this picture, taken just in front of the Church a few days ago.

Luckily, it was spotted before it was trodden on by some un-suspecting pedestrian. Let's be generous and say that the deposit was made by some feral animal without the restraining influence of an owner.

On the other hand, it could be that the owner was there and did not bother to pick up the mess!

You be the Judge.



EVENTS AND NOTICES



WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD

IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL

UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 – 7:30PM

We now return to the village hall for a variety of interesting and informative topics from guest speakers over the next few months.

Seonaid Forrester will be telling us about Healing Plants this month, a subject that will inform and intrigue. Be sure not to miss this! Members £1/Non-members £3.

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017 – 7:30PM

A talk on Fuchsias, those delicate little flowers that dance in the breeze in a myriad of colours. Kristopher Harper will be telling us how best to care for them as well as informing us of all the different varieties. Members £1/Non-members £3.

TEA @ BART'S

2.30 – 4.30pm

Held in St Bartholomew's Church on the
3rd 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

On the sunny afternoon of 16th August the group walked around Eye, climbing the Castle motte for the panoramic view of the town. On to the church and ending up at the town hall.



- Wed 20th 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.
Why not 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 to Bob on 07841068619 or Robert.b.storey@gmail.com

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

- Tues Sept 19th The first railway to Ipswich & beyond.
Mervyn Russell brings us the story of this line, the navvies & engineers who built it.
- Tues Oct 17th The Tudor Housing revolution
In the 16c the way of building houses changes – glazed windows, flooring, fireplaces and chimneystacks were introduced. John Walker, former chairman of the Essex historical building trust will tell us of these changes

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

- Wed 20th Sep – Kevin Knights “The Hoxne Stone Age Dig”
- Wed 18th Oct – Chris Turland “Road Transport in Suffolk Through the Ages”
- Wed 15th Nov – Mike Levy “From Hitler to Hi-de-hi: the Dovercourt Holiday Camp and Jewish refugee children from Nazi Germany”

Heritage Open Days Weekend 7 – 10 September

For free visits / guided tours of many properties normally closed to the public go to <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting> and select town or area of interest

PARISH COUNCIL

Your Finningham Parish Councillors are:

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Parish Council Meetings are held at

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

Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 12th September 2017	Tuesday 10th October 2017
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



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH



Greetings from the White Horse and many thanks to all those who helped or attended "Finn Fest 2017", it was a great success.

Looking forward the news here is mainly the introduction of a food option. We will be offering a range of pizzas with effect from mid August, if you bring your copy of the village magazine in with you we are offering a 25% discount off your food bill as a promotion.

We have a family fun day planned for 17th September, the first annual Pub Olympics. This will start at noon, please come along to enjoy what promises to be a great day.

The pub is hosting a charity walk in aid of Macmillan nurses and Guide Dogs for the blind, it's a long way off but if you'd like to help support these worthy causes please call in and more details are available. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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EVENTS AND NOTICES

Friends of Finningham Fundraising Disco.

A big THANK YOU to all who attended on a lovely evening in June at Westhorpe Village Hall. Things did not get off to a very good start as the alarm went off as we were trying to set up and was only silenced as the first guests appeared! The hall is truly "all singing and dancing" where the electrics are concerned so it defeated us, but it was a great way to meet some of the "locals" who came to help.

This inauspicious start did not detract from a lovely evening. Particular thanks must go to Mary and Marion who went door to door selling tickets. We had a wonderful array of raffle prizes donated, especially the intriguing and beautiful bird box handcrafted by the Simonds family. Special mention also to the Mendlesham Fish and Chip Shop who kindly arranged a good deal for our lovely supper with some extra portions thrown in.

The great news is that we raised a remarkable £790.60 which will be used to purchase training equipment for use by the village, so all who want to can attend sessions to familiarise themselves with using the defibrillator.

I can't close this without thanking Colin for once again dusting off our very ancient disco equipment, (some of which he was using in the late 70's!) to help make this a great evening. Each time he says it will be the last..... Catherine Winter.



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

By the time this magazine is read we will have entered September and be heading towards the start of autumn later this month. But to cast our mind back to August is to reflect that on the 24th of that month the Church Worldwide celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Bartholomew, to whom our beautiful church here in Finningham is dedicated.

Saint Bartholomew was one of the original twelve disciples of Jesus, and it is thought that after the death of His Saviour he toured India as a missionary and then moved on to Armenia where he was finally put to death, possibly by crucifixion, as one of the early Christian martyrs. Saint Bartholomew is the Patron Saint of Armenia, as well as butchers and leather workers, is often associated with medicine, and his symbols in art include knives and more gruesomely flayed skin; which are indicative of his tortured body before he was finally put to death.

To remember our Saints is to immerse ourselves in quiet reflection, and autumn lends itself so well to such contemplation. Autumn is a season of transition, reminding us that our lives are constantly in flux. Of course change is always with us, but autumn brings us to a deeper awareness that we live in a continual cycle of dying and rising. Poets and artists have reflected with a degree of melancholy on autumn as the season that naturally turns our thoughts to transitions and transformations in our human journey. In agricultural terms, autumn invites us to gather in the harvest, to celebrate the fruit of the seeds of dreams we planted months ago. In many ways autumn is also a time of new beginnings; nowhere more so than in the education sector. School starts, and while we may no longer be students, we may well be teachers, parents or indeed grandparents connected to the academic year.

The great agricultural heritage is still strong and living in rural England, and we very much appreciate the hard work and dedication of farmers and their employees who bring the harvest home. From the Rectory window we witness the many and varied farm machinery passing along the Causeway in Walsham from early morning until late into the evening, ever eager to take advantage of those days which offer farming friendly weather. Livelihoods are volatile and fragile in a global market, whilst weather, disease and subsidies for competitors put our farming communities in jeopardy. At the same time we can never be complacent about the constant provision of food, and for our brothers and sisters in poorer countries; where the success or failure of the harvest is still the difference between life and death.

Since Biblical times communities the world over have come together to give thanks for a successful harvest, even if officially recognised Harvest Thanksgivings in our English churches only began relatively recently; during the middle of the 19th century. As a Christian Priest I welcome the opportunity to give Praise to God for the produce of our fields, orchards and hedgerows, not forgetting of course the harvest of the Seas. As such I do invite you all, whether you consider yourselves to be of faith or not at all, to the Finningham Church Harvest Festival Service at 11.00am on Sunday 17th September, when it is intended that the service will be one of informal Family Thanksgiving; followed by refreshments, all will be warmly welcomed.

To return to thoughts of reflection in our coming autumn season; the late Bill Keane, 20th century American cartoonist, once said; 'Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift – that's why it's called the present.'

Every Blessing, Philip

GISLINGHAM WI

In July, the ladies of the WI met for a Garden Party held at the President's home in Finningham.

We met earlier than our usual starting time, and each member brought along a plate of sweet or savoury treats. The ladies were welcomed with Bucks Fizz and we were fortunate with the weather which allowed us to sit outside in the garden under a marquee. There was certainly a lot of chatter going on and everyone appreciated the refreshments.

I would say, apart from a little chill in the air towards the end of our evening, a very enjoyable time was had by all.

In August our meeting will have been held on the 16th of the month and Pip Wright, a very well known personality in Suffolk will have given his talk on the true story of Notorious Poachers from Rickinghall. There will be feedback in the next edition.

The WI in Gislingham is steadily growing and we have welcomed a number of new members since the beginning of the year.

Do come along and give us a try. £4 for a visitor is not a big investment and who knows, you may like it.

The WI Committee

For information: 01449 781075

FOUR SEASONS

It's been a good summer – well that's my opinion, you are welcome to your own. For the farmers it has been frustrating, once again they have watched as bumper crops blackened and fell as occasional showers kept the combines parked. Our climate is good for growing wheat but not great for harvesting it - however farmers are a resilient bunch, and most climate predictors think our summers will get hotter and drier, so perhaps our region can continue to be "Britain's breadbasket".

If you were to spy on me as I walk with Daisy (please don't) you might wonder why I have tears running down my cheeks, or perhaps I'm laughing out loud. It might be because I have just gone mad, but more likely that I am listening to a podcast from the BBC. These days it is most often a program from the Outlook series, a collection of personal stories some of which are so remarkable/awful/tragic/inspiring that they bring me to tears. (Here I have stumbled over a hole in the English language. We have no word for that feeling which has nothing to do with sadness or joy, but can suddenly make tears flow. Or do we?)

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	£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.



EVENTS AND NOTICES

Tour of Britain comes through Finningham

The 2017 Tour of Britain cycle stage race comes through Finningham on Friday 8th September. The stage starts at Newmarket and ends at Aldeburgh and will come through Finningham about 12 noon. It comes through Walsham, joins the B1113 at Rob Hall Corner and turns into Wickham Road at the White Horse.

The White Horse corner would be a good place to watch as they'll slow down a bit. This is a world class race and some of the top teams and riders in the world will be taking part. The race goes by in a flash and it has to be said that the dozens of high speed police and marshals' motorbikes that precede the race are the most fun but it's a memorable and exciting experience.

It's free! and you get to watch the highlights on ITV4 in the evening (or record the whole stage) to see if you can see yourself. You can Google the whole tour in advance and get details of where the race will be throughout the day.

Pete Everall



Available for hire for small groups, private functions, exercise classes etc.

Bright and airy main hall with blackout blinds.

Three sizes of tables, 80 comfortable chairs. Fully equipped kitchen.

Wifi connection and excellent audio visual system.

Hire rate - £8.00 per hour (£7.00 for residents of Westhorpe and Finningham)

For further information and bookings please visit the website

www.westhorpe.onesuffolk.net

or contact Alison Weston, Bookings Secretary on 01449 781490

New Year's Eve in Westhorpe

It might be the height of summer but have you thought about how you want to celebrate New Year's Eve in a few months' time? If shivering on the banks of the Thames to watch the fireworks doesn't appeal, then how about joining your local community for supper and dancing to Nutz & Boltz in Westhorpe's new village hall?

Further details will be announced in the autumn, but book the date and tell your friends.

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INSIGHTS

Quarter-life crisis real or fiction?

We have all heard of the mid-life crisis, now twenty somethings are now being diagnosed with Quarter-life crisis. They report high levels of stress & anxiety and are suffering from multiple breakdowns in their short lives.

Twenty somethings are lonely despite so many communications mediums that older folk didn't have at their age. They meet up with their friends and feel empty at the end of the night.

Is this real or just life? Another label to use to explain negative behaviours or seek acceptability? The truth is, I don't know if it is real. I think that every generation is facing different pressures than previous generations and that society still expects us to cope with life.

Thankfully mental health is more on the agenda than ever before and it is starting to shake the stigma it had. Even our Royal Family has come out to talk about mental health.

So for me personally you can feel low at any time of your life. What can you do to help if you feel low? seek professional help early, engage with a charity or voluntary organisation that provides you with support, be truthful with yourself and move your body, breathe deeply and listen to you soul.

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BOOK REVIEW

The publishers, Century (part of Penguin Random House) tells us that James Patterson's books have sold in excess of 325 million copies worldwide. The publishers have also listed the titles of his other books. I have counted 142 but only 26 are shown as a sole effort. All the others are shown as "with....." other individuals. The publishers do not explain what contribution the other names make to the books.

The Black Book by JAMES PATTERSON and David Ellis

The story is set in the Chicago Police Department and focuses on a detective, Billy Harney. Policing runs in the family as his father is the chief of detectives and Billy's twin sister, Patti, is also a detective.

After a brutal shooting, Billy is left for dead alongside his former partner and an ambitious district attorney. Somehow, Billy survives but remembers nothing about the events leading up to the shootout and is charged with double murder.

The publisher's blurb tells us that James Patterson is passionate about encouraging children to read. This book would not be suitable for children as, in my opinion, it is full of gratuitous foul language by both male and female characters. Perhaps I am just old fashioned.

David Wadlow

FINNINGHAM WEBSITE

If you want to see older copies of the newsletter we have the electronic versions on our website, these can be found at www.finningham.com/newsletter

If you have any information, article or photos that you think would be of interest for the site, please send your copy to webmaster@finningham.com

WANTED

Needed for St Bart's Church kitchen

A small table top oven (for heating sausage rolls etc.)
would be gratefully received!

If you can help, Please contact Val on 781729.

Do you want or need something ...

let us know and see if our village can help.

Email to newsletter@finningham.com Or Call us on 01449 781048

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LIVES REMEMBERED

John Fuller 6th November 1935 - 16th June 2017

John was born in High Halden, Kent, and attended school in Ashford. He has sadly passed away, unexpectedly on the June day his Dad, Ernest would have celebrated his 108th birthday.



His whole working life was linked to the Printing Trade, begun with a job, soon after leaving school, with Odhams Press. Later the trade took him from Kent to London, and finally to Watford before retirement in the 1990s.

It was in 1986 that John met Patricia at a dinner at the Waterend Barn in St Albans, beginning 31 very happy years together. They lived near Hemel Hempstead for 17 years, before moving to Finningham in 2002.

John was very active in his youth and loved his sport. He followed Kent County Cricket Club, and played in his younger days. He soon turned his attention to golf, especially as Ken Brown, British player turned broadcaster, lived two doors down from his home in Harpenden. He played two or three times a week until a knee replacement slowed him down and prevented him from playing. John joined the Bacton Bowls Club when he and Patricia moved to Suffolk, but after two hip replacements, found it easier to play indoors at Stowmarket Leisure Centre.

John loved his garden and was particularly fond of Fuchsias, and watching bird life, his favourites being Goldfinches and Robins. He also enjoyed pottering about his workshop, and a few years ago made a large rainbow for the Finningham Flower Festival. Thereafter he became known as "Rainbow John".

John and Patricia loved to travel, and over the years visited numerous countries. He loved his family and grandchildren. He was creative, warm hearted, neighbourly and fun loving, and will be greatly missed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Speed watch report - a commercial vehicle we caught at 61 recently was actioned on by police. He was sacked from his job and police are looking to take further action too. Not what we are looking for but it shows that speed watch is taken seriously by the police.



LIVES REMEMBERED

Tina Pizzey 6th June 1962 - 12th June 2017

Tina Pizzey has sadly passed away aged 55 at Ipswich Hospital after a four year battle with cancer. Born in Wickham Skeith to parents Sam and Jenny, she was raised in the village with her sister Mel, and attended Hartismere High School. Tina met and became friends with Laurie in that period, until he bought a motorbike and asked whether she would like a lift home one evening, and the rest was history. They married in 1982 at St Andrews Church, Wickham Skeith, and went on to have two loving sons, Chad and Aaron.



Having worked at Hartismere Hospital for some years, enjoying her role as a carer, Tina decided that she wished to train as a nurse. Once qualified, she worked as a Practice Nurse at Mendlesham and Bacton Health Centres, a profession that suited her greatly because she always cared deeply and put others first. Her love of her work, family, friends, and cat, Jade was insurmountable. Tina's many interests included cross-stitch, bee-keeping, rugby, motorbikes and cooking

(including homemade jams and bottled pears).

Tina's final resting place is at St Andrews at Wickham Skeith close to her beloved family. She was taken too early and will be greatly missed by family and friends, and all who knew her as a kind hearted nurse, with a big smile, and a "bless ya" on your way out of the surgery.

EVENTS AND NOTICES

COFFEE CARAVAN - Come along - you won't be sorry.

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!!!!

49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Date drawn</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3rd June	48	Carol Birch
10th June	2	Richard Webb
17th June	42	Chris Kerridge
24th June	24	Joanne Allen
1st July	6	Val Rowell
8th July	25	Lucy Owen
15th July	23	Vacant
22nd July	23	Vacant
29th July	36	Judith Starr

Vacant balls : 23, 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.

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.

2nd Sept	Roy Leggett	30th Sept	Ian Armstrong
9th Sept	Archie Coote	7th Oct	Greg Atkins
16th Sept	Phil Pryke	14th Oct	David Papworth
23rd Sept	Richard Groundwell	21st Oct	Chris Goddard

Jam Jars Available

Plenty of 1lb and smaller Jam Jars and lids available

Contact Val Rowell Phone - 01449 781729 (Elmcroft, Gislingham Road)

GREY MATTER MOVERS

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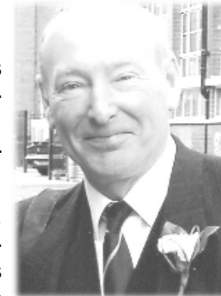
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LIVES REMEMBERED

David Bell 2nd October 1945 - 5th July 2017

A recent but well known resident of Finningham, David Bell was born in Jarrow and brought up in a lively household with five siblings. He attended the Jarrow Grammar School, his creative, imaginative talents already emerging to the entertainment of family and school pals.

The swinging 60s found him in London, working for British Rail, before returning to the North East to take up a career in the Merchant Navy, rising through the ranks to Master Mariner. He was mostly a "China Sea Man", but travelled throughout the world (as his store of amusing anecdotes revealed). In 1971 he met Marion in South Shields while studying for his "tickets" and in 1972 they wed. After a period together at sea, they started a family, James in 1975 and Jeffrey in 1979. It was time to come ashore as a family man, achieve a degree in Nautical Studies, and begin lecturing at the renowned Marine School in South Shields, where he became a popular teacher.



During the 70s and 80s, David had many interests, always encouraging in his boys a love of books and knowledge. He ran marathons and half marathons with no training but amazingly good times. He had a model railway phase much to the delight of the boys. His lovely singing voice blossomed on the North Eastern folk scene, adding dialect poetry writing to his talents. Family camping and walking holidays were enjoyed and recorded on his trusty video equipment brought back from travels to Japan. David also brought home several home computers which helped his sons gain a head start in the world of technology.

In the late 90s, he left the Marine School to take up a role as Local Historian and to study Renaissance Art with the Open University. He wrote many books on various North Eastern historical topics which developed further into giving talks and song recitals for the entertainment of History Groups, U3As and of course WIs. (These were becoming popular here in Suffolk with "Singing Sailors" and "Ireland in Song".)

In 2001, always seeking something new, David set off to Italy and bought a small mediaeval house in Northern Tuscany. Learning Italian was then essential, with Marion trying to keep up. They had happy times there, making many Italian friends.

In 2013, they decided what an adventure it would be to "Escape to the Country" after many years living in a seaside town. In January 2014, just as they moved to Finningham, their episode of the programme aired. Fame at last! They quickly settled into the community, David, after much persuasion, becoming Treasurer of our beautiful church.

It is so very sad that David's happy life here in Suffolk with Marion was cut short. He simply loved the countryside and became well known as a forager of fruits for jam-making, and precious wood for the fire. He will be much missed by his family and friends for his wit, forthrightness, love of life, companionship, and the twinkle in his eye.

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4	5 Coffee Caravan	6	7	8 Tour of Britain	9	10
11	12 Parish Council mtg	13	14	15 Rural coffee caravan Westhorpe VH	16	17 St. Bart's Har- vest Festival White Horse Family Fun Day
18	19 FOF AGM Tea @ Bart's Bacton Hist Society	20 Finningham History Group Wickham Skeith Hist Group WI	21	22	23	24 White Horse Quiz
25	26 Wickham Skeith Garden Club	27	28	29	30 Coffee Morning and book sale Planting Day	
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