

Finningham Newsletter March to Apríl 2020

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St Bartholomew's Church Finningham ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL 2020





Finningham Litter Pick 15th March 7th May 19th July 20th Sept

Usborn books at home Competition

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8th to 10th May Opening Times: 11am to 6pm



Plants — Produce — Raffle — Refreshment

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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EVENTS AND NOTICES



Coffee Caravan



Vepues and dates for the Winter months

first Tuesday of the month @ 10am - 12 noon

March - St Barts Church Finningham.

April - St Bart's Church, Finningham

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.

We have been rather successful with the attendance at these events but as winter draws close it is a good place for village get together as we start to hibernate for the winter.

WE DO NEED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN RATHER OVERSUBSCRIBED WITH BOOK DONATIONS AND FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WE WOULD REQUEST THAT NO MORE BOOKS ARE DONATED. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS IN THEIR DONATIONS. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE CAN START ACCEPTING

THEM AGAIN

EVERYBODY WELCOME 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 White Horse

Openíng tímes

Monday to Saturday 12.00 míd-day - 11.00 pm Sunday 12.00 míd-day - 10.00 pm

Walkers, cyclists and motorbikes, 'get together' or 'stop-off spot'

Informal camping and caravan pitches Functions and events can be accommodated My answer to a request is 'yes'...if I can do it, I will

Pub Quíz Last Sunday of the month Facebook page **"finninghamwhitehorse"**

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

24th April 2020

FROM THE CHAIR

With Christmas and New Year behind us and Spring on the way (I hope) we have started looking at this Year's events and activities. The Village aim to organise, deliver and support around 4 (but possibly more) events this year. The 3 definite events so far are:

Flower Festival: 8 - 10 May and the Church will be open 11am - 6 pm each day. The Theme is Peace to reflect VE day. Refreshments will be at the Strickland's. There will be a marquee outside the Church. Help is always welcome and if you can spare some time please speak to Marion. Please note due to VE Day the Bank Holiday has changed to Friday 8 May.

The Village Fete: Saturday 22 Aug on the Village Green. Initial thoughts on the theme will be 'Olympics'. If you can offer any activities or time please give me a call or email.

Christmas Dinner (A long way off I know!): Open to all residents of the Village. Initial date: Saturday 5 Dec - I will firm this up closer to the time.

There will be more events forthcoming, and we will keep you informed. And finally, the Committee secretary position is open at the moment, so if anyone would like to fulfil the role please let me or another member of the Committee know.

Greg

FROM THE EDITORS

I'm beginning to wonder if this is the year in Finningham for volunteers ... well I hope so. There are several spaces for some wonderful volunteers on the Mowing Rota, the litter pick, the Friend of Finningham council and the Parish council.

We would also like to thank those wonderful copy providers and those whom deliver the newsletter

Richard & Lorraine



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council February 2020

As you know, it will be soon time for that dreaded letter from Mid-Suffolk District Council to arrive, advising us of the increase (never decrease!) of this year's Council Tax. So, it is appropriate for this issue's report to explain where the portion of what you pay to MSDC is passed on to your Parish Council. This is called the precept and is forwarded to us twice a year.

In common with every other body, where public funds are concerned, transparency is the key word. Every penny received and every penny spent has to be documented. Expenditure is published on the Parish notice board and has to be approved by the Council and members of the public can disagree, either in writing or by attending a Council meeting and voicing their objections there.

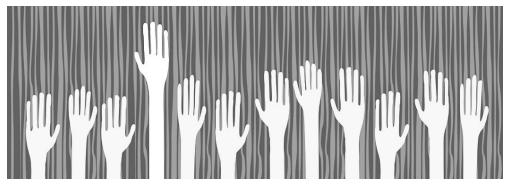
A major misconception is that the Councillors get paid for their work. This is not the case; the only remunerated position is the Parish Clerk's and she receives a salary based on a sliding scale relative to her experience and proficiency. All the Councillors give their time and energies for the benefit of the village and the community.

We are all only human and perhaps, take a particular path or make a decision which does not suit everyone. This is the way of the world but everyone has a chance to discuss it in person with the members of the Council by attending the monthly meetings.

Mary Webb, a long-standing Councillor has decided to retire soon, leaving us with another vacancy to fill. You may think that it is a thankless task but the rewards can be very satisfying when things run smoothly.

If you feel that you would like to contribute your time, skills and energy in joining us on the Council, please contact one of us. No experience is necessary, as training is available.

Tony Kilbee



EVENTS AND NOTICES



The "bric a brac" tent at the flower festival

As usual we will be having our sales tent outside the church on the three days of the flower festival to be held over the new bank holiday which this year starts on Friday 8th May, and continues through Sunday 9th and Monday 10th. Opening hours will be 11-6 on each day.

We would appreciate your donations of items to sell(it would save you a charity shop run) and all leftover goods will be donated to a range of charity shops anyway. Items can be left in the church behind the curtains on the left at any time from now on as it is open every day.

If you would like to offer a couple of hours manning the tent one day please ring 781729 and leave your details and you can be included in the rota nearer the time.

Thanking you in advance.

EVENTS AND NOTICES

WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE



TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2020 7:30PM

The return of a popular speaker – Ann Tweddle from Suffolk Plant Heritage will tell us about their Daffodil Collection. Members $\pounds 1$ /Non-members $\pounds 3$.

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2020 7:30PM

John Hewson will be speaking about one of our favourite plants, the Sweet Pea. Members $\pounds 1$ /Non-members $\pounds 3$.

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Drive away any lingering winter blues and celebrate the arrival of Spring! Join us at Westhorpe Village Hall for an evening of feel-good music.

Nutz and Boltz in Concert

with support Rob Shave on Saturday, 4th April, 2020 at 8.00 pm Village Hall, Westhorpe

Tickets: £8.00 from Rosemary Mees: email: <u>clive@waitrose.com</u>

Tel: 01449 780394 or Mobile: 07539 711614 Bring your own drinks.

Proceeds towards the upkeep of the village hall. 21

PARISH COUNCIL

Your Finningham Parish Councillors are:

Chairman: Tony Kilbee, 01449 781075

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

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Clerk :Natalie Hill, 07802 492495

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

Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Tuesday 14th April 2020

Parish Meeting 7pm start

Annual Parish COUNCIL Meeting



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

year and it seems we are fast mov- birth as 1823. ing towards the Season of Easter; 'There is a Green Hill' was written passing through Lent during March and on into Easter in early April with the poignancy of Holy Week and the joy of Easter Sunday. Just as we have carols at Christmas so too do we have the well known and familiar hymns for the Easter Season. One of the most well known hymns of Easter has to be 'There is a Green Hill Far Awav.'

hymn whilst sitting at the bedside of lived 1774-1858. her sick child. At the time she lived not far from the walled city of Londonderry, where her husband was the Bishop. It is thought that the sight of the massive town walls and the green hills behind might have inspired the very visual images her words produce.

Cecil Alexander was born in Redcross, County Wicklow; the second daughter of a British Army Major. She was a devout Christian and from a young age showed an aptitude for writing. In 1848, at the age of just 25, she published 'Hymns for Little Children,' and dedicated it to her 'little Godsons.'

In 1850 she married the Reverend William Alexander. He was six years her junior and the marriage caused quite a stir. It is said that her father, for the sake of propriety, had her

Hardly have we packed away the date of birth altered in the Registers. Christmas decorations for another Indeed some old hymn books list her

specifically to paint a picture that captures the imagination. The original hymn has the words 'without a city wall,' but later versions changed it to 'outside a city wall.' Although the hymn was written for children it has become a classic Easter hymn for all ages. It sets the scene for the Lord's passion and celebrates the mystery, purpose, necessity and A hymn that was written by Mrs Cec- challenge of the cross. A hymn that il Frances Alexander, 1818-1895. It is sung to the tune 'Horsley,' is said that Mrs Alexander wrote this adapted by William Horsley who

> Cecil Alexander devoted her life to Christian education and to the care of the young and the poor. All the profits from the sale of her writings were donated to a home for deaf children. She was buried at her request in Londonderry; outside the City Walls.

You are warmly invited to all the services around the Season of Easter. both at Finningham, at where there will be an Easter Day service at 10.00am, and across the Benefice. Further details will be in the forthcoming Hexagon and upon the church notice-board.

Easter Blessings from the Rectory.



WESTHORPE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

www.westhorpe.onesuffolk.net



Juliet Wright

Tel. 07503 212670

MONDAY (Weekly)

11:00 - 12:-30 pm

CRAFT CLUB

Lynda Cotgrove

Tel 01449 789142

Rosemary Mees

Tel 01449 780394

TUESDAY (Fortnightly)

10:00 - 12:00 PM

WINTERS ACADEMY





CARPET BOWLS





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

> > STOTT PILATES

Miranda Tuddenham mtwannadance@gmail.com

THURSDAY (Weekly)

11:00 - 12:00 pm

BOOK CLUB

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

Rosie Macro

Tel. 07748 563926

Tel. 01449 258501 MONDAY (Weekly) 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Diane Gladders

John Offord

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



Non-residents **£9.00** per hour

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

GARDENING CLUB



Martin Little martindavidlittle@gmail.com Tel. 01449 78031

FRIDAY (3rd of every Month) 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Judith Kennedy jkstreetfarm@gmail.com Tel. 01449 781249

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

WESTHORPE FILM NIGHT



Philip Aldous philip.aldous@live.co.uk

FRIDAY (4th of every month) 7:30—10:30 pm

FREESTYLE FITNESS YOGA GAMES NIGHT



Alan Coles alalancoles@aol.com Tel. 01449 781618

THURSDAY (FORTNIGHTLY) 7:30 - 9:30 pm





Jo Beales jo@johnnybeales.co.uk

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WEDNESDAY (Weekly)

6:15 - 7:15 pm



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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

St Bartholomew's Church Finningham **ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL**



8th to 10th May **Opening Times: 11am to 6pm**



Produce Stalls Plants — Produce — Raffle Tombola

Refreshments

MOWING ROTA

This year's rota for the volunteers who take it in turns to mow the Churchyard and Cemetery during the summer months is currently being prepared.

We have had a couple of people withdraw from the list so, we are looking for people to take their places.

The rota is such that you will be called on twice during the period. The weekly cut takes about 2 hours to complete but doesn't have to be done in one go; as long as it is completed within a week, that is fine.

We have a superb Honda self-propelled mower which only has to be steered in the right direction, as it is regularly serviced, so starting is very easy. Anyone one interested, please contact any Councillor.

4 SEASONS

Will we get through the winter without seeing a single snowflake? I think that would be a first for Finningham – but maybe the blizzard is still to come. January and February are tough for many people, well done to those who got through without resorting to murder or divorce.

A year ago I was enjoying the warm autumn sunshine in a perfect little bay on the East Cape of New Zealand. On the horizon, 30 miles out to sea, White Island was smoking. It is the visible tip of a 1000-foot submarine volcano. I supposed that if it exploded the tsunami would wipe out towns and villages along that coast. That night I stayed there in my rented camper, and woke to see a bright glow out to sea. I thought my luck might have run out – but there was no sound, and no change in the water - then a full moon rose behind the island. On December 19th luck did run out for tourists who were exploring out there when the volcano had a major burp, the death toll stands at 21. Adventure tourism depends on a calculated risk and I won't be surprised if tours restart – but I won't be going.

Ian Armstrong

THANK YOU

Margaret and David Curtis would like to thank everyone who sent messages of sympathy and donations for Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford in memory of their daughter-in-law Lisa who very sadly died on 2nd February.

Thank you Margaret Curtis

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

lan Armstrong - 01449 780215 or 07879 670949

We will deliver and collect the marquee and assist with erection and dismantling, but we need you to provide at least two helpers .

Terms and conditions apply.

GREY MATTER MOVERS

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SHED SECURITY

LOCK IT UP

Sheds and insecure outdoor buildings can be an Aladdin's Cave for burglars. Many sheds are of light-weight construction and can be easily forced open.

They often contain high value items which are valuable commodities to the thief such as outdoor equipment, pedal cycles, power tools, gardening equipment, sporting goods and camping & leisure equipment.

Improve the security of your shed or outbuilding to make life difficult for thieves.

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For additional Crime Prevention Advice please visit: http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z



Report any suspicious activity by calling the police on 101 Always dial 999 in an emergency

INSIGHTS

Fostering - Birth Children

Last edition we had a blog from a current carer here at FCA and her journey through fostering. This edition I would like to give you some information on how our Birth Children feel about fostering. And just in case it is unclear, when we refer to Birth Children we mean the children whose parents foster.

As a part of our continual safeguarding efforts, we as a company like to ensure that we receive the views of all of those who are involved in fostering. As well as supporting children whose parents foster by being there for them, allowing them a friendly ear to listen and ensuring their views are taken into consideration when placing a young person in their household, holding quarterly meetings where they can all come together, socialise and discuss their concerns, we also hold a survey once a year to enable them to feedback anonymously.

This year's survey results have now been received and as they say on Britain's Got Talent, "the results have been counted and verified".

There were 6 questions asked:-

- Do you feel supported by your families' social worker?
- Can you think of anything you would like to know which would help you as a member of a fostering family?
- What are the best things about fostering?
- What are the worst things about fostering?
- If there is anything would change, what would it be?
- What sort of events would you like to come to with your fostering family?

The most popular answers to each questions were as follows:-

- 60% said they always feel supported, 30% said most of the time and 10% said sometimes.
- Training for adult birth children so they have the same access as their parents and support to ensure that the young people receive the support they need in a timely manner
- Meeting new people, helping children, meeting up at activities, making a difference to another child's life, providing a safe and happy home
- When young people leave, parents always being busy, Social workers not spending time with them so they can talk about how they are feeling
- The majority of responses were that they wanted more time with their parents
- Suggestions included Theme parks, outdoor activities, themed events and football to name a few

As you can see the response is overall positive and Birth Children are happy to assist their parents in making another child's fostering experience a happy and positive one. For anyone to accept someone into their home that they do not know and look after and nurture them is highly admirable, but to share your family, your parents and their love, that is something that is truly amazing.

To find out more about Fostering and The FCA follow this link <u>https://www.thefca.co.uk/regions/eastern/</u>

49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Date drawn</u>	Ball number	Winner
December 7th	39	Maggie Parry
December 14th	56	Catherine Winter
December 21st	26	22 Margaret Miller
December 28th	12 9	Nigel Arthur
January 4th	11	Marion Bell
January 11th	14.6	Graham Smith
January 18th	11	Marion Bell
January 25th	21	30 Beryl Allen
	6	2

Vacant balls : **49 & 54** 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.

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**

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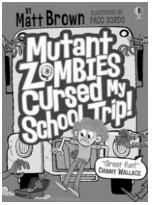




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COMPETITION

Unfortunately there were no entries for last editions colouring competition, so no winners to announce sadly.



I am guessing that colouring isn't everyone's cup of tea, so thought we would try something different.

I have a copy of Matt Brown's Mutant Zombies Cursed My School Trip (picture left) recommended for ages 9+ that I will give to a lucky reader in return for a review of the book to share on social media. All you have to do is ask your parents to email me at arianasreadingcorner@gmail.com with your full name and age and your name will go into a draw. If you are the lucky winner, once you have read the book simply ask your parents to send me your review again by email and the book is yours to keep. No names will be used when posting on social media

World Book Day is almost upon us and your little ones will be dressing up as their favourite character for a fun filled day at school. Did you know you can spend World Book Day Tokens at Usborne? All you have to do is order any book over £2.99 and you can have £1 off (Book token to be given to your Usborne organiser).



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WHAT'S ON - MARCH 2020					
Sunday	٢	ω	15 Litter Pick	22	29 Pub Quiz @ WH
Saturday		2	14	21	28 Coffee Morning & Book sale @ St. Bart's'
Friday		9	13	20	27
Thursday		2	12	19	26
Wednesday		4	11	18 Gislingham WI	25
Tuesday	31	3 Coffee Caravan	10 Parish Council mtg	17 Tea @ Bart's	24 Wickham Skeith Gardening Club
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WHAT'S ON - APRIL 2020 Pub Quiz @ WH Easter Day Ser-vice @ St. Barts Sunday ß Coffee Morning & Book sale @ St. Bart's' Nutz & Bolts Westhorpe vil-lage hall Saturday Newsletter Copy Deadline Friday З Thursday \sim ი Wednesday Gislingham WI ~ ω Wickham Skeith Gardening Club Coffee Caravan Parish Council Meeting Tea @ Bart's Tuesday Monday