

# Finningham Newsletter

*July to August 2020*

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### Parish Footpath Wardens

Doug Aiken	01449 781599
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### Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

### Police

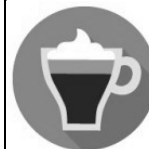
Safer Neighbourhood Team	01473 613500
Crime Reduction Officer	01473 613500
Emergency	999
Non Emergency	101
Crime stoppers	0800 555111

### 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

first Tuesday of the month @ 10am - 12 noon

July - St Barts Church Finningham.

June - 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 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.

## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### *The White Horse*

*Station Road, Finningham*

*IP14 4TL, Tel : 01449 780243*

### *Opening times*

*Monday to Saturday 12.00 mid-day - 11.00 pm*

*Sunday 12.00 mid-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 Quiz 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](mailto:newsletter@finningham.com)

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the

**21st August 2020**

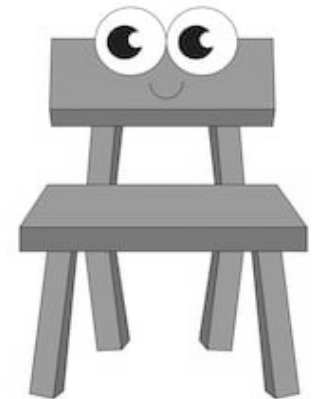
## FROM THE CHAIR

I hope this finds you all well. As we move towards the Summer months and the new normal, it looks like there will be opportunity to get out more and visit family and friends.

Although larger social gatherings are still off the table, I am looking to secure a location for the Village Christmas Lunch in December – I tried the White Horse in Stoke Ash on the back of the Prime Ministers' announcement but they are not taking bookings this far out! A phone call a little closer to the event maybe...the date I am aiming for is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Continue to stay safe and see you all soon.

Greg



## FROM THE EDITORS

Hello all fellow lock-downer's, what great weather we have had. We hope you are all keeping well and getting all of those jobs done .. As it wont be long before we will be emerging from our lockdown and things will slowly return to the new normal.

We would just like to say thank you so much for the continued support from all of the people that provide copy to the newsletter

Again we have left in the newsletter dates of activities in the coming months, but please ensure you follow appropriate guidance

Does anyone fancy having a go at producing the next village news letter ?  
If so drop us an email at

[newsletter@finningham.com](mailto:newsletter@finningham.com)

Take care **Richard & Lorraine**



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

So, it is good to see that the restrictions which have been ruling our lives are gradually being lifted. I am sure that it will be a great relief to all when we can get back to "normal" (as they say, whatever "normal" will be). In the meantime, your Parish Council still has monthly meetings (albeit, virtual on Zoom) and the public are still invited, as usual.

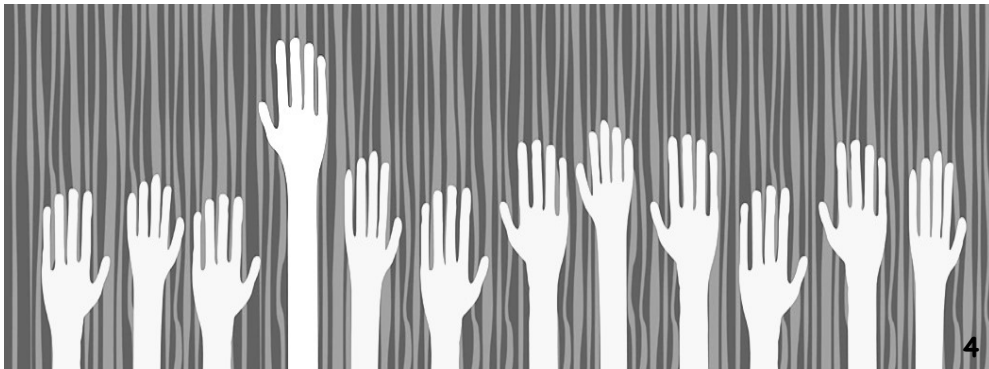
Those of you who wander through the Green will have noticed that the long-awaited additional recreation equipment has been installed and is ready for use, when the restrictions have been lifted. We hope that young and old alike will enjoy the new facilities. The Friends of Finningham have kindly donated a Basketball to be used with the new hoop.

We are still working on the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign for the village. A number of sites have been selected and it is now

just a matter of obtaining permission from the residents, outside whose properties the poles will be erected. Then the applications have to be agreed with Suffolk County Council Highways Department, the unit purchased and put to use. There are five sites proposed, so that every access road to the village will be covered at one time or another. Hopefully, this deterrent will have the required effect on the speeding motorists. It must be said that the relatively quiet roads seem to have encouraged road madness, particularly along Walsham Road.

I am happy to announce that we have a new Councillor lined up, who will be joining us shortly. However, we are still short of two more. If you feel that you would like to join us and help us in our work, please contact our Clerk, Natalie Hill, or a Councillor.

Tony Kilbee



## EVENTS AND NOTICES

# Finningham's Parish Council Litter Pick 2020 dates for the year

19<sup>th</sup> July  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept



## WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD  
IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL  
UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

**BACK SOON (HOPEFULLY)**



**AFTER CORONAVIRUS HAS BEEN**

**CONSIDERED TO THE HISTORY BOOKS!**

Gardening Club contacts –

Rosie 01449 765908/Eddie 01379 788504



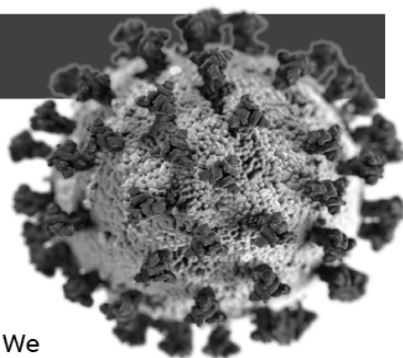
## Keeping buses moving

### The affect of coronavirus on bus services in Suffolk

Since March, bus operators across Suffolk have been changing their services to keep them running for passengers making essential journeys. We have been making sure the journey planner and live departure screens are updated along with our coronavirus bus timetable page. When bus services return to normal and don't need to change so regularly, timetables at bus and rail stations will begin to be updated along with the usual timetables and timetable updates pages.

### Coronavirus bus timetable changes:

[www.suffolkonboard.com/coronavirustimetables](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/coronavirustimetables)



## Concessionary travel passes

### Return to normal hours of usage.

From Monday 6 July 2020, concessionary travel passes will be reverting back to the hours of 9.30am and 11.00pm Monday to Friday, all day Saturday, Sunday and Bank holidays

This is to help bus companies adhere to Government guidelines and manage social distancing as the country moves out of lockdown and more people are returning to their workplaces and children are going back to school.

### More information:

[www.suffolkonboard.com/concessionarypassescoronavirus](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/concessionarypassescoronavirus)



## PARISH COUNCIL

### Your Finningham Parish Councillors are:

**Chairman:** Tony Kilbee, 01449 781075

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

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

Kimberley, Gislingham Road, Finningham, IP14 4HY

James Miller, 01449 781265/07860 382816

Rob Hall, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JL

James Black, 01449 782965

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

Catherine Winter, 01449 781372

Holly Howe, Westhorpe Road, Finningham, IP14 4TW

**Clerk :**Natalie Hill, 07802 492495

Elmer Farm, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JN

### Parish Council Meetings are held at

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

### Dates of future meetings:

TBC



## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

As I write this article towards the end of June, it is with having learnt in the last few hours that our churches can thankfully begin welcoming congregations back for Public Worship, from 4<sup>th</sup> July, albeit on a limited scale. Funerals and weddings will be required to keep to a maximum of 30 people, and although I am waiting to hear specific instructions for our churches, from the Government and Bishop's Office, I suspect the same maximum numbers will apply for the rest of our services; although I would be rather loath to go down the route of 'ticket only.'

The size and layout of our churches will dictate which can open and what manner of worship is applicable; adhering to strict social distancing. I am extremely pleased to already have a wedding booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> July, and another two weeks later. I envisage that Sunday and mid-week worship will be 'Said Services' only for the time being, with all manner of singing on hold a little longer; details of forthcoming services will be on the relevant notice-boards.

As I have mentioned before, it has been wonderful the many ways in which people across our community and beyond have responded to the lockdown. We've heard about people picking up prescriptions and food, having meaningful rather than rushed conversations on the phone, cooking meals, walking the dog, and co-ordinating the volunteers. At the same time I am extremely grateful to those who have contributed food and money via myself for the local foodbank.

Others have been involved in having story time with grandchildren on Skype and Zoom, and turning out on Thursday evenings to thank all our key workers.

Hopefully many of these positive things will last after the crisis is over; and some good things will have come out of the difficulties; - the realisation of how much community spirit there is, of how much people really do care for each other, even the reduction of traffic of all sorts and therefore in emission of 'greenhouse gasses.'

We know that we have had to isolate to protect others as well as ourselves, but it has felt rather counter intuitive to not shake someone's hand in greeting, or to hug a friend. Life won't be the same again for many; there will be the 'do you remember during lockdown....' stories. And of course, for many, many thousands who have lost loved ones, life will always be heartbreakingly different. There has of course been ample time reflecting on how we can actually manage with less, and that time spent with loved ones is not to be wasted.

I particularly like this recent quote by the Reverend Kristin Miles, Priest at Trinity Church, Wall Street, U.S.A;

'Every hand we don't shake must become a phone call we make. Every inch and every foot of distance we put between ourselves and another must become a thought about how we could help that other should the need arise.'

Every Blessing  
Philip Benefice Rector

## 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



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

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

### LINE DANCING



Rosie Macro  
[rosemmary.macro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemmary.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



Allison Weston  
[allisonweston25@hotmail.com](mailto:allisonweston25@hotmail.com)  
Tel: 01449 781490

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

### STOTT PILATES



Miranda Tuddenham  
[mtwannadance@gmail.com](mailto:mtwannadance@gmail.com)  
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THURSDAY (Weekly)  
11:00 - 12:00 pm

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THURSDAY (Weekly)  
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During Term Time

### BOOK CLUB



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

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

### 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  
[philip.aldous@live.co.uk](mailto:philip.aldous@live.co.uk)

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

### FREESTYLE FITNESS YOGA



Jo Beales  
[jo@johnnybeales.co.uk](mailto:jo@johnnybeales.co.uk)  
Tel 07912 649328

WEDNESDAY (Weekly)  
6:15 - 7:15 pm

### GAMES NIGHT



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

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## GISLINGHAM WI

We are once again in the position of being unable to hold a W.I. meeting in July and of course we have missed our Mosaic Workshop and our visit to Bletchley Park.

Until we are able to meet in the Village Hall we are obviously unable to resume our monthly meetings but be assured as soon as we are we will get going again, all guns blazing.

We have not forgotten our promise regarding workshops and outings As soon as we return to what will be our new normal we will certainly resurrect them and make up for lost time.

So as Vera Lynn sang, "we'll meet again".

Till then stay safe.

Aileen Kilbee,

President,

Gislingham WI,

01449 781075

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the helpers of this parish who volunteered to help us with our shopping, collections etc during this time of lockdown, especially Margaret Strickland (and Andrew) who have got some of my groceries every week which has been greatly appreciated.

It has been a period in our lives we will never forget and, reading the newspaper and watching the television, has made me realise that we have some wonderful and caring people in our midst such as nurses, doctors and carers - the NHS has never been greater. I hope that in time we will be able to venture out to have things slightly more normal and be able to get to the hairdressers, dentists and even a little coffee! .....

Lily

Thank You!

## 4 SEASONS

Whoever heard of a summer without holidays? Your great-grandparents probably, holidays as we know them are a recent invention – but today a summer break is important to most of us and vital to those who work in travel and tourism. The virus that has kept us at home and ended so many lives is now being released from lockdown to take its place among the perils we have to live with and die of – and the government's response to it is coming under scrutiny. I don't blame our leaders for making mistakes, they were groping in a blizzard of conflicting advice - and still are. I do blame them for treating us like the proverbial mushrooms. When dealing with bad news they work within time-honoured rules, i.e. 1. Don't answer the question asked. 2. Use honesty sparingly - and only as a last resort. 3. Find a positive slant to put on any announcement.

This works because not enough of us question what we hear. The truth is out there and, thanks to journalists who seek it out, it is often easy to find. I recommend the BBC's More or Less, it digs through the facts behind dodgy statistics. Al Jazeera fearlessly covers the tough stories and doesn't waste hours on trivia, it is an outstanding source of news.

Ian Armstrong



## 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](http://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](mailto:webmaster@finningham.com)

## 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 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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## MOWING ROTA

Many thanks for this year's rota of volunteers who take it in turns to mow the Churchyard and Cemetery during the summer months.

4th July	Clive Hart	1st August	Tony Kilbee
11th July	Bob Storey	8th August	Richard Webb
18th July	Gordon Hale	15th August	Doug Aiken
25th July	Nige Arthur	22nd August	Chris Hooper
		29th August	Archie Coote

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## FRIENDS OF FINNINGHAM

Your friendly neighbours are

# HERE TO HELP

If you are self-isolating and need help with things like shopping, collections, dog walking or just want someone to talk too, please call or text:

**Andrew Brownlie: 07795 078125**

**Clare Negus: 07525 182057**

**Ali Parkyns: 07976 530415**

**Jessika Gidney: 07885 833492**

**Catherine Winter: 07709 904757**

**Alison Guy: 07901 827307**

If one number is not answered (they may be driving!), just try another number on the list.

There are a number of local pubs, restaurants and shops offering takeaways/deliveries, so you could contact them too if you have the need. It will also help them weather this difficult time.

**Please continue to follow the latest government advice and kindly note that we can only help if our circumstances, health and the law permits.**

 **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR** 

## GARDENER'S CORNER

Well here we are into July and we we're still not quite sure what the future holds for us.

The sun has continued shining and apart from a few miserable rainy days and some rather high winds my garden has survived.

The lawn however has not done so well. As I write this it is covered with patches where I have sown seed. Unfortunately while using some White Hammerite paint my other half let the tin fall on the grass You can imagine my reaction. Let it dry for a few days and dug it out. Now waiting for the seed to grow.

The summerhouse is now a startling blue thanks to B&Q opening and our son standing in the queue. It certainly has brightened the garden.

The pergola has not materialised yet due to the lack of wood supplies but hopefully it will be done by the end of summer.

Once the bulbs were finished flowering it was time to concentrate on the summer flowering plants. My Siberian iris's looked magnificent and the budding Wygelia opened up into the most stunning red. The Peonies this year have been outstanding and all the ones I have came from one plant in the garden. I was told "you can't split them" how wrong was that.

Some time ago Mary Webb had some little Sweet William plants and I had some and nurtured them. Last year no flowers but this year I have spread them around the garden and they have popped fabulous colour into the beds. We should share our excess plants more often. From seed I have grown Marigolds, Dahlias, and Nigella (love in the mist) and they are now planted out. Will wait and see how well they do.

As I write this we are almost in July and I am still sitting in the sun in my favourite place 'My Garden'.

When the lockdown is totally over will I want to leave it? Who knows.

Aileen

## 49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

**Congratulations to the following winners:**

<u>Date drawn</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
April 4th	25	Lucy Owen
April 25th	50	Peter Allen
April 18th	26	Margaret Miller
April 25th	36	Judith Starr
May 2nd	47	Pauline Argles
May 9th	59	Julian Shawki
May 16th	34	Greg Atkins
May 23rd	54	Vacant
May 30th	45	John Lloyd

Vacant balls : **49 & 54**  
to take up one, call or email Bob Storey

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

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.

### Coronavirus

To minimize person to person contact, whilst restrictions are in place:

Weekly prizes will be paid by cheque,

For payments it is hoped that whenever possible these are paid by online bank transfer or preferably by 4 weekly standing order rather than cash

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## FINNINGHAM'S BOTTLE BANK

### Bottle Bank (update)

A few Newsletter issues ago, you were encouraged to use the White Horse's bottle bank, as the revenue went to help the Parish Council with the upkeep of the Village.

This has now changed and the proceeds go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

So, please continue to deposit your bottles, so that this worthy charity can benefit from the income.

## FINNINGHAM'S LITTER PICK

In spite of the current Covid 19 restrictions, your Parish Council feels that it is safe to encourage Finningham Residents to take part in the Village Litter Pick, scheduled for **19<sup>th</sup> July**.

Although we call it a litter pick, other activities can be undertaken; such as cleaning road signs and generally tidying up.

Naturally, whatever Social Distancing requirements are in vogue at the time, will have to be followed.

As usual, meet at the **Churchyard at 10:30am** and you will be able to collect the plastic bags, pickers and HiViz jackets.

We hope that you will join us to help keep our village spick and span.  
The Parish Council



# WHAT'S ON - JULY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Coffee Caravan	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Litter Pick
20	21 Tea @ Bart's	22	23	24	25 Coffee Morning & Book sale @ St. Bart's'	26 Pub Quiz @ WH
27	28	29	30	31		
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# WHAT'S ON - AUGUST 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4 Coffee Caravan	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Tea @ Bart's	19	20	21 Newsletter Copy Deadline	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Coffee Morning & Book sale @ St. Bart's'	30 Pub Quiz @ WH
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