

# Finningham Newsletter

November 2020  
to February 2021

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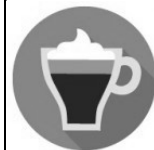
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NHS Non Emergency	111



## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### Coffee Caravan



Venues and dates for the Winter months

first Tuesday of the month @ 10am - 12 noon

Nov / Dec - St Barts Church Finningham.

Jan / Feb - 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

**19th February 2020**

## FROM THE CHAIR

I hope everyone is well as we move towards the Winter period. In my last piece for the Newsletter I said that the Friends of Finningham would aim to secure a location for the Village Christmas Lunch, but unfortunately we have had to take the decision to cancel the event as the restrictions look as though they are tightening and the local establishments could not be certain of being able to provide given the size of the booking.

I can report that the Committee has reconvened virtually with the aim of planning some events for next year. Post Christmas we will assess the situation and hopefully be able to put some dates in the calendar. Initial thoughts are music and refreshments (bar) on the Green as it can be organised at relatively short notice.

I would like to welcome Kaye Latham to the committee in the role of Secretary – thank you - which takes us up to a full compliment. However, Beryl, the current Treasurer is looking to handover so if anyone would like to fulfil that role please let me or another member of the Committee know.

Finally, there will be no Jan/Feb issue of the Newsletter due to these months being historically light on news and events. We will look to use the Facebook page to cover 'the gap'.

Greg

## FROM THE EDITORS



As we write this note on a rainy Saturday night in October, We would normally be reflecting on the past years events in our little village. Alas 2020 has thrown a curve-ball and as it started with so much promise upon entry to a new decade it has unfortunately failed to deliver. To that end, there are still a couple of months left of 2020 that may throw a surprise or two. We wish and hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and new year As per usual this year please follow the government guidelines and check any events are taking place. Please continue to send content for the next issue and in the mean time Don't forget that your old newsletter copies are available on our village website <http://www.finningham.com/newsletter/> along with much more, a not forgetting our village facebook "friends of finningham" page for the latest information

Last but not least a big thank you to the contributors and distributors of the newsletter in 2020 for all of your efforts ... much appreciated.

Take care Richard & Lorraine



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Oct 2020

The Council took the decision to revert to having its meetings on Zoom, after only one back in the Church. In spite of following the Covid rules, it was felt that participants were not comfortable in that environment. Therefore, future meetings will be held on Zoom until further notice. Members of the public are very welcome to participate in these Zoom meetings, just let our Clerk, Natalie know and she will send you the link.

You may remember that a suggestion was made some time ago that there should be a proper path between the crossroads and the entrance to the Green. At the moment, users take their lives in their hands by walking along the verge. Unfortunately, the Suffolk County Council Highways Department have to be involved in this project and you know what that means; long delays and unsatisfactory answers when we get them! However, undaunted, we are currently pursuing the project and hopefully, we can get a good outcome.

After the heavy rains we have been having lately, one of our Councillors had correspondence with Suffolk County Council regarding the resultant flooding (see on another page of

this issue) and you will see another example of frustration in dealing with local government!

An order has been placed with the manufacturers for our very own Vehicle Activate Sign (VAS) which, we hope will curb the speed of vehicles through the village. It will be quite a while (SCC will not tell us when) before the mounting poles will be installed but, in the meantime, we will try a temporary method of using them.

Our Footpath Warden Doug, Aiken, is currently engaged in an exciting project. In the Spring of next year, we hope to have a permanent map of the footpaths around the village. This will be mounted somewhere in the centre of the village so residents and visitors alike can see the number of footpaths in and around our village for all to enjoy.

It is a bit early but, as this is the last edition of the Newsletter before Christmas and the New Year, I would like to wish you all every happiness with the hope that 2021 will bring respite to the stress and strain in our lives that has marked 2020.

Keep safe.

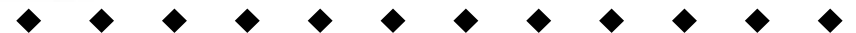
Tony Kilbee

## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Poppy Appeal

There will be no door to door collection for the Poppy Appeal this year. However a collection box & box of poppies will be in Finningham church porch for anyone who would like to donate to this worthy cause.

Lorna at The White Horse Finningham has kindly offered to have poppies & a collection box on the bar from Saturday 24th October for anyone to donate while enjoying a drink.



### WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

Given the ongoing situation the Committee have decided to cancel the rest of this year's meetings and hope that things will have settled by next year.

We are trying to put together the same list of speakers as we had lined up for this year so you will know what to expect. Paid up membership will be carried over to 2021.

All being well we hope we can start again next February but, obviously, that will depend on the rules at the time so I will write to you again in the new year.

Stay safe and keep your pecker up!!

Rosie Bassett 01449 765908



## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Be part of the biggest voluntary movement in the UK

Anyone can become a member of Neighbourhood Watch. All we ask is that you are committed to working alongside your neighbours to help make the place where you live safer, friendlier and vibrant. We would like all members to support us in the spirit of our values: **neighbourly, community-focused, inclusive, proactive, trusted and collaborative.**



By becoming a member you take the first step to making your area a stronger and safer place to be. All members will receive access to crime prevention information and campaigns, support to run your local scheme, monthly national newsletters, and be more equipped to tackle important issues affecting your community.

If you are interested you can start here - <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/join>

## WESTHORPE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

### Westhorpe Village Hall is a Covid Secure venue available for hire

A few of the regular activities have resumed -  
please check the village website at

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

Finningham and Westhorpe residents £8.00 per hour

Non-residents £9.00 per hour

## GARDNER'S CORNER

After the wonderful weather we had during spring and summer, October has certainly let us know that wind and rain is never very far away. It therefore goes without saying that my late flowering perennials have certainly taken a beating and the garden is looking a bit bogged down at the moment. I have already planted some bulbs and renewed my pots but as my garden is bounded

by trees I expect I shall be kept very busy for the foreseeable future picking up leaves etc. The garden will also be put to bed and will just tick over for the winter. All the interest in the garden will be happening in the roots underground. So it is now time to sit back and wait for spring again.

Stay safe and keep well. Until the Spring. Aileen

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Your Finningham Parish Councillors are:

**Chairman:** Tony Kilbee, 01449 781075

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

**Vice-Chair:** Vacant

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

Nige Arthur, 01449 259117

Southwood House, Wickham Road, Finningham, IP14 4HT

**Clerk:** Natalie Hill, 07802 492495

Elmer Farm, Walsham Road, Finningham, IP14 4JN

### Parish Council Meetings are held at

St Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, or via Zoom as a virtual meeting (please see agenda) starting at 7.30pm.

### Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 10th November 2020

Tuesday 8th December 2020

Tuesday 12th January 2021

No meeting in February

Tuesday 9th March 2021

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 13th April 2021, 7pm start

Annual Parish COUNCIL Meeting Tuesday 11th May 2021



## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

### A TIME TO REMEMBER

November is very much a time to remember, whether we regard ourselves as people of faith or otherwise. The month begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> with a celebration of 'All Saints,' and continues upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> with a time to remember those who have been known to us and whom we see no more; 'All Souls Day.'

St Mary's Church Walsham will be holding a short service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm when we take time to remember all those we have loved and lost, and if you are not attending but would appreciate a candle lit and a name(s) read out, please do forward onto me.

All Souls allows us a moment of reflection as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died who we love but see no more. It reminds us too that we have a Saviour in Jesus who has overcome the sting of death and fulfilled for us the promise of eternal life.

This year there will be no Services of Remembrance within our churches across the Benefice, but will be restricted to short Acts of Remembrance around the respective War Memorials; here in Finningham at 10.50am on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day – there will be a shortened communion service in Walsham church at 10.30am which will end with the two minute silence around the War Memorial outside at 11.00am, when it is hoped that pu-

pils from the Walsham school will be able to attend.

Sadly we are still unable to sing in our churches, and as such the traditional carol service here in Finningham, as across the Benefice, will not be able to take place. However, St Bartholomew's will not let the Season of Christmas go unnoticed and there will be a short 'Said' service of Christmas Lessons being read, on the evening of Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.00pm. Social distancing and the wearing of masks will of course be the rule.

Christmas Day there will be a short Said Communion in St Bartholomew's commencing at 10.30am.

Back to November, which is a month that lends itself to a period of reflection, of memories and of thanksgiving, like the season of autumn it can feel full of melancholy, but also joy and celebration. Sometimes we need to stop and reflect that in our Covid dominated world, there is more to life than this present moment, that things will change and we will see a new creation. Until then we simply need to share with each other the joys and tears of our common humanity and remember with thankfulness those who have gone before us in faith and have ensured that we can take forward the message of hope for our world.

Philip  
Rector

## 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**

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## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

BENEFICE of BADWELL and WALSHAM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WESTHORPE

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.00pm REMEMBERING the DEPARTED

WALSHAM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

10.50am ACT of REMEMBRANCE

BADWELL ASH, FINNINGHAM, WALSHAM,  
WATTISFIELD, WESTHORPE

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

10.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

10.50am ACT of REMEMBRANCE

WALSHAM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

FINNINGHAM

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

BADWELL ASH

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.00pm COMPLINE

WALSHAM

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WESTHORPE

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm COMPLINE

FINNINGHAM

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

9.30am CHRISTMAS LESSONS

BADWELL ASH

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

11.00am CHRISTMAS LESSONS

WATTISFIELD

3.00pm CHRISTMAS LESSONS

WALSHAM

6.00pm CHRISTMAS LESSONS

WESTHORPE

### MONDAY DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

6.00pm CHRISTMAS LESSONS

FINNINGHAM

### CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

### CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

BADWELL ASH

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

10.30am SAID COMMUNION

FINNINGHAM

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

8.00am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

### SUNDAY JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am SAID COMMUNION

WALSHAM

3.00pm EVENSONG

WESTHORPE



## THANK YOU

Some of my family took part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust ride which took place on Saturday 12th September. We raised £308.00p. We would like to thank all who sponsored us.



## NOTICE

### Heavy rain and flooding

If any of you have ventured up Westhorpe Road after heavy rain, you will have encountered the flood which seems to have become rather a permanent feature. At its worst it will cover a vast expanse of the road and encroach over all the available pavement, creating a traffic hazard and making it very uncomfortable as a pedestrian.

This has been reported many times by different villagers and I recently received a statement regarding this issue from Suffolk County Council which you may find interesting. It appears that the site had been sub-

ject to some routine maintenance early this year, but it is unlikely that anymore will be done in the near future. The criteria for immediate attention would be that 5 or more properties have suffered major flooding, and for the road to be a significant carriageway. The budget for these situations apparently will only stretch to 80 sites a year, and there are in excess of 584 other cases awaiting a solution. I think we will not hold our breath! If anyone would like to see the full response, I am happy to forward. In the meantime, take extra care especially as the evenings are now so dark.

## 49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

### Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Date drawn</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1st August	22	Aileen Kilbee
8th August	41	Pete Jones
15th August	21	Beryl Allen
22nd August	12	Bob Storey
27th August	16	David Wadlow
5th September	32	Pat Allen
12th September	14	Graham Smith
19th September	56	Catherine Winter
26th September	45	John Lloyd

Vacant balls : **36,49,52 & 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.

### !! Wanted bonus ball organizer !!

FoF needs a replacement for Bob who will soon be leaving Finningham. The tasks are simply keeping records, giving folk their prize money and occasionally collecting cash.

If you are able to help please call Greg on 780458

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## GREY MATTER MOVERS

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WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2020						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Coffee Caravan	4 Holy Communion @ St. Bart's	5	6	7	8 ACT of RE-MEMBRANCE @ST Barts
9	10 Parish Council meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Tea @ Bart's	18 Compline @ St. Bart's	19	20	21	22 SAID COM-MUNION @ St Barts
23	24	25	26	27	28 Coffee Morning & Book sale @ St. Bart's	29 Pub Quiz @ WH
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WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER 2020						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Coffee Caravan	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Parish Council meeting	9 COMPLINE @ St Barts	10	11	12	13
14	15 Tea @ Bart's	16	17	18	19	20
21 CHRISTMAS LESSONS@ St Barts	22	23	24	25 SAID COM-MUNION @St Barts	26	27 Pub Quiz @ WH
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