

Finningham Newsletter

May to June 2017



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Police

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| Safer Neighbourhood Team | 01473 613500 |
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BOOK REVIEW

It is now evident that I did not pay enough attention during history lessons when at school as my knowledge of the subject is poor although it has improved with age. I read the novels of Jean Plaidy about 30 years ago which were based on historical events and that gave me an interest in our history. I believe the Tudor period (mainly Henry VIII and Elizabeth I) was very interesting and has been the source of many books.

Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel

This book covers the period 1500 to 1535 and is about Thomas Cromwell. Frankly I knew something about Oliver Cromwell (1599 to 1658) but nothing about Thomas (1485? to 1540).

Thomas Cromwell became Chief advisor to Henry VIII and the book follows him from early childhood. There is a lot of detail which comes from official papers of the time. Ambassadors from many countries attended Henry's Court and seemed to be in the company of Henry and his courtiers on a daily basis, picking up all the gossip. They reported back to their masters on, it seems, everything that went on in Court and it is from these communications that Hilary Mantel has put together this very interesting book.

I have to confess that, initially, I found it hard going until I got used to her style but overall I found it a very interesting read.

David Wadlow

FINNINGHAM WEBSITE

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

HELP NEEDED



Are you a qualified electrician living in the village?

Would you be prepared to give your professional advice and/or consider helping with the installation of our village defibrillator?

If you could help us with this very worthwhile project

Please contact Catherine Winter on 781372

email Catherine-winter@hotmail.co.uk

or any member of your Parish Council.

Thank you

EVENTS AND NOTICES

Finningham White Horse

Opening times

Monday to Friday 3.00pm - 11.00pm

Saturday 12 mid-day- 11.00pm

Sunday 12 mid-day - 10.30 pm

May 1st...Vintage Vehicles on the field

Live Music

June 3rd.....DEAD HORSE!!!

Find us online

Facebook search "Finningham White Horse"

Camping on the field...£3.00 per person per night

Last Sunday of the month

Cheese 'n stuff from 2.00pm

bring something, eat something

Pub Quiz from 8.00pm

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FROM THE CHAIR

Spring really does seem to be on its way now. Why is it that the weeds grow so much better than the plants that you want to grow?

FOF met early in March and have made some plans for events over the next year. The first of these is the fundraising Disco to support the village defibrillator fund. Please come and support this event it should be a fun way to raise some funds. We are planning to have a "Burns Night" event next January.

In September over the "Garage Sale" weekend we want to hold a Scarecrow trail. The theme will be "Celebrity". There will be prizes for adults and children's entries. More details in the next newsletter.

Colin Winter (Chair FOF)

FROM THE EDITORS

We would like to thank you for your continued contributions we are receiving, please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the newsletter keep them coming. **Richard & Lorraine**

FRIENDS OF FINNINGHAM EVENT

Friends of Finningham invite you to support our

DISCO AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

on Saturday 24th June 2017 7.30pm till 11pm.

With plenty of 60's 70's and 80's music, at the brand new, wonderful Westhorpe Village hall.

Tickets are **£10** to include supper (**£7.50 for under 16s**)

Bring your own drinks and glasses. Tea and coffee will be available.

Raffle (Donations of prizes very welcome)

ALL PROFIT TO SUPPORT VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

Come and join this great cause,

"dad" dancing positively encouraged, white stilettos and handbags optional! and have an entertaining evening with your friends and neighbours.

For tickets or more details please contact

Mary on 781628 email Mary.webb22@mypostoffice.co.uk or

Catherine on 781372 email Catherine-winter@hotmail.co.uk

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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 **23rd June 2017**

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GISLINGHAM WI

In March we had a coach trip to the National WI Craft Fair at Alexandra Palace. 21 of us set off from Gislingham Village Hall on a rather chilly morning and spent a very pleasant day looking at all the different crafts available and at the same time some of us a bit of retail therapy.

In April our speaker was a lady who worked in the costume department for TV and Films. Not surprisingly the talk was entitled "Frock Horror". I will report more on that in the next newsletter.

We are still eager to have new members join and a very warm welcome will be given to anyone who wishes to come along. We don't take ourselves too seriously and we are certainly not all jam and Jerusalem. We have members from Finningham, therefore transport should not be an issue if you wish to come along.

Aileen Kilbee, President, Gislingham



NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Gislingham have finished with the equipment until next month so we shall be back on the prowl trying to slow down the speeding motorists. We still need more members for speed watch. You don't need to put lots of time in or any set dates / times just when you are free. Anyone interested PLEASE get in touch. Its actually enjoyable when you get into it.

Apart from speed watch, there have been some issues lately on the village green. The bin was broken from its stand and kicked across the green. At the bench where it stood, I found evidence of marijuana use (torn up Rizla packs, empty re-sealable bags, etc.) I also found empty aerosol cans with a paper bag (possible solvent abuse) and small piles of burnt materials where fires have been lit. This is a worrying thing so if anyone sees anything or groups hanging round that may be responsible, then ring the police on 101 (non emergency line)

The slide is going to be removed and taken to Diss auctions to be sold and the money put back into the Parish coffers. If anyone can lend a hand dismantling this and loading it up to go to Diss then please let me know on 07795 078125
Thanks. Andy

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FINNINGHAM HISTORY GROUP

Events for May / June 2017

Wednesday 14th June - Village evening walk

Peter Everall will once again lead us on a summer evening walk – this time through meadows, along lanes & footpaths.

Meet 7.00pm at Finningham White Horse. Expected duration 1 ½ hours

Wednesday 12th July - Afternoon Guided walk around Eye

Jan Perry will take us on a tour of Eye including the Castle, Old Grammar School and Church

Meet 2.00pm at Buckshorn lane car park. Cost £2.00 each.

Expected duration about 1 ½ hours, limited to 15 people max

Names to Bob Storey on 01449 781651 or robert.b.storey@gmail.com

Wednesday 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 ½ hrs.

Perhaps you would like to 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 Storey on 01449 781651 or robert.b.storey@gmail.com

Events deferred to next year include walk/talk on Haughley and/or Westhorpe and visit to Landguard fort, Felixstowe.

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

May 16th - Film Night.

Paul Readman of Kings College, London will screen films of historical pageants staged in Bury's Abbey Gardens in 1907, 1955 & 1970 St Edmunds, providing an informative talk on each of them

June 20th The Domesday Book

When William I called on his Council to plan defences for England, he learned that the country's coffers were empty. He proposed an audit of his subject's assets so that taxes could be levied to sustain a permanent military force. This resulted in the Domesday Book and as our speaker Tom Doig describes not an ox, cow or pig were left out!

Wickham Skeith History Group

No meetings for June or July

EVENTS AND NOTICES



WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD

IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL

UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

MAY MEETING – BATTLEYS GARDEN TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017

This is an evening visit to Battleys Garden at Wortham. £5 members/£7 non-members payable on the night. **Arrival time at Battleys is 6pm prompt**, please advise if you need a lift - Rosie 01449 765908 or Eddie 01379 788504.

JUNE MEETING – SOMERLEYTON HALL TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017

A full day visit to Somerleyton Hall. Members £22/non-members £25 - £5 deposit to secure place with balance payable by end of May to Jerry Bassett 01449 765908 or Eddie Prior 01379 788504.

Coach will leave Wickham Skeith at 9:30am and leave Somerleyton at 3pm.

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.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

Babysitter
needed tonight!

Anyone missing
a dog?

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our party!

Stolen parcel!
See anything?



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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Events at St Bartholomew's Church

Come and join us

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 7th May, 9.30am

Morning Prayer with Andrew

Sunday 21st May, 10.00am

Holy Communion with Canon Barbara Bilston,
followed by refreshments

Sunday 4th June, 9.30am

Morning Prayer with Andrew

Sunday 11th June, 3.00pm

Outdoor Pet Service in the Church Yard
Followed by afternoon tea, sausage barbecue and
activities for the children

Sunday 18th June, 10am

Holy Communion with Rev. Pam Robson,
followed by refreshments

GIVE AWAY

Free sealed glass units for recycling

Pair of surplus glass units available (from old sliding doors) approximately 70x30 inches each. May suit use in cold frame.

Contact Martin on 01449 782073.



HRH QEII



The Queen celebrates two birthdays each year: her actual birthday on 21 April and her official birthday on (usually) the second Saturday in June.

Official celebrations to mark Sovereigns' birthday have often been held on a day other than the actual birthday, particularly when the actual birthday has not been in the summer. King Edward VII, for example, was born on 9 November, but his official birthday was marked throughout his reign in May or June when there was a greater likelihood of good weather for the Birthday Parade, also known as Trooping the Colour.

The Queen usually spends her actual birthday privately, but the occasion is marked publicly by gun salutes in central London at midday: a 41 gun salute in Hyde Park, a 21 gun salute in Windsor Great Park and a 62 gun salute at the Tower of London. In 2006, Her Majesty celebrated her 80th Birthday in 2006 with a walkabout in the streets outside of Windsor Castle to meet well-wishers.

On her official birthday, Her Majesty is joined by other members of the Royal Family at the spectacular Trooping the Colour parade which moves between Buckingham Palace, The Mall and Horseguards' Parade as well as a public appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR OUTDOOR PET SERVICE

In the Church Yard at St Bartholomew's Church,
Finningham, Sunday 11th June at 3.00pm

A family service with blessings for your beloved pets
Followed by afternoon tea in the church

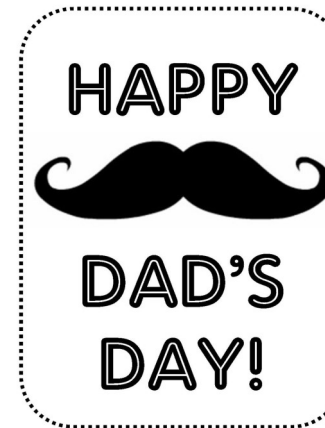
Outdoors there will be a sausage barbecue,
a sale of bric-a-brac, provisions,
preserves and many fun activities for all

DON'T MISS IT!
YOUR PETS WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!

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FATHERS DAY

Father's Day festival is considered extremely important as it helps acknowledge the contribution of fathers to individual families and to societies as large. Besides observance of Father's Day provide children an opportunity to express love and respect for their fathers. The sentiment goes a long way in strengthening father-child relationship and consequently in the emotional development of a child.



The idea of celebrating Father's Day Festival was given by **Ms Sonora Dodd**, a loving daughter from Spokane. Her father Henry Jackson Smart single-handedly raised Sonora and five of her siblings after the death of her mother during childbirth. When Sonora attended a Mother's Day Sermon in 1909, she thought that if there is the day to honor mothers then there should also be a corresponding day to honor fathers. Sonora worked relentlessly for years to ensure that the idea of Father's Day becomes a reality. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge first recognized Father's Day. In view of the massive popularity of the festival, in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Over the years, the concept of celebrating Father's Day spread beyond geographical boundaries. Today, millions of children across the world express gratitude for their dads as they celebrate Father's Day festival.

Significance of Father in our Lives

Many people laughed at Sonora Dodd when she gave the concept of having a Father's Day, as traditionally, only mother is regarded as the sole nurturer of a child. The role of father is often relegated to a secondary status as compared to a mother. But all of us know that father is just as important for a child as the mother is. If mothers are the heroes of child rearing, significance of father in the development and emotional well being of a child is no less. Children depend on their father for their spiritual, emotional, physical, financial and social well being. For daughters, father is the ideal man in the world and also the first man they adore, while for sons, father is an idol and the strongest man they aspire to emulate.

Though traditionally father is seen more as a provider and guide for children, the scenario appears significantly changed in nuclear family culture of today. With most husband and wife working, fathers in present times are as involved in child rearing job as the mothers are. Today, most fathers do not shy away from changing nappy or taking the difficult task for putting the baby to sleep. This cultural change is helping in strengthening father-child relationship and consequently in emotional development of a child and building of stronger family bonds.

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MARQUEE & TABLE HIRE

Friends of Finningham have the following for loan.

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| 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.

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| 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

THE TROWEL AND HAMMER



OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SUNDAY

12PM – 11PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

12PM – 12AM

FOOD SERVICE

TUESDAY – SATURDAY

LUNCH 12PM – 3PM

EVENING 6PM – 9PM

SUNDAY

12PM – 3PM



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TUESDAY IN JUNE**

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

After many years of vandal-free activities in the village, I'm sorry to say that that blight has visited us again. The focus of their attention was some litter bins on the Green and trees. They were chased off by some brave residents who received abuse for their pains. If you happen to see them at it again, please call the Police.

Our County Council elections are being held shortly and I would encourage you to vote. Our incumbent Councillor, Jane Storey is standing again and I would urge you to consider her worthy of your support. She has taken a great interest in Finningham in the past and has assisted us financially with a number of projects.

At long last, after literally years of effort, we have managed to access a modest sum of money from MSDC to improve the sports facilities in the Village. Unfortunately, the amount was not enough to allow us to embark on a grand scheme but we have purchased an all-weather table tennis table for the Green. We hope that this will be the source of amusement for young and old.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th May in the Church at 7:00pm. I hope that you will be able to attend. This is your opportunity to give us your views on the work of your Council.

Hopefully, you will all have received a flyer through your letterboxes in time for the Village Spring Clean. It will all be over by the time this issue of the Newsletter goes to press so, let's hope that it was a success.

4 SEASONS

Fake News?

Walking beside our little river in the spring sunshine I could pretend all is right with the world – provided that I never read, watched or listened to the news. It ranges from bad through Brexit to unspeakable, almost unthinkable.

How much should we believe?

It isn't just Donald Trump who is concerned about fake news, and it isn't only those who get their news from social media who can be deceived. Even you and I (with our finely-honed scepticism) are susceptible, and if you watched "British History's Biggest Fibs" you will know that there's nothing new about this. I was impressed to hear the Bishop of Norwich musing on this subject (on Thought for the Day) and wondering whether he might be a victim. It seems there isn't much we can do about it, so I will take my cue from the bishop - meaning I'll choose the truth that suits me and never be too sure about it,

Ian Armstrong

GREY MATTER MOVERS

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49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

February to April

Congratulations to the following winners:

| <u>Date drawn</u> | <u>Ball number</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 4 th February | 22 | Aileen Kilbee |
| 11 th February | 28 | Vacant |
| 18 th February | 4 | Cynthia Cattermole |
| 25 th February | 26 | Margaret Miller |
| 4 th March | 21 | Beryl Allen |
| 11 th March | 46 | Catherine Irvine |
| 18 th March | 43 | Andy Brownlie |
| 25 th March | 28 | Vacant |
| 1 st April | 14 | Graham Smith |
| 8 th April | 21 | Beryl Allen |
| 15 th April | 48 | Carol Birch |

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.

There are 6 vacant numbers available and they keep on winning

The available numbers are : **28, 42, 51, 54, 58 & 59**
to take up one, call or email Bob Storey

Telephone 01449 781651 or

Email robert.b.storey@gmail.com



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 Downie

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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:

On every 2nd Tuesday of the month except for December and August, when there are no meetings

Annual Parish Meeting which is held in May on the same evening as the Parish Council meeting



MAY DAY

A public holiday celebrated on May 1. It is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival. It is also a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes.

In the late 19th century, May Day was chosen as the date for International Workers' Day by the Socialists and Communists of the Second International to commemorate the Haymarket affair in Chicago. International Workers' Day may also be referred to as "May Day", but it is a different celebration from the traditional May Day.

May day for Christians

During medieval times, May Day festivities took off in England. At the crack of dawn everyone would "go a-maying," gathering flowers and greenery and choosing a Maypole. Women would also wash their faces in fresh spring dew to improve their complexions - and men would try to seduce them. (Many poems about May Day festivities have made it into the scholarly canon of English Lit, and thus college classrooms - and almost all of them are not-so-subtle efforts to seduce a virgin.) Children hung flower baskets from door-handles, whether to fend off evil spirits or spread joy. And there were games, contests, dressed-up cows, sports, jesters, and wild costumes. A Queen of May was appointed to preside over festivities, and this practice has been connected with ancient worship of Maia. But by the middle ages, Maia was well-blended with Maid Marian. Robin Hood and his forest-dwelling bandits would also show up to bolster the merriment.

The Maypole was at the center of all this - and it was against that prominent shaft that many Puritans directed their righteous ire. They hated May Day with fist-shaking passion. They loathed the fleshy indulgence of it: what could irk a Puritan more than this celebration of "the birds and the bees"? (This is the basis of the 1973 cult hit *The Wicker Man*.) In 1644, the English Puritans in power were able to outlaw May Day for a little while. But that didn't hold.



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Annul Flower Festival **Glory of the Garden**



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| <i>Saturday 29th April</i> | 2.00 - 6.00 |
| <i>Sunday 30th April</i> | 11.00 - 6.00 |
| <i>Monday 1st May</i> | 11.00- 6.00 |

Produce Stalls

Plants - Cakes - Sweets - Jam

Refreshments

Tea - Coffee - Cream Teas

with home made cakes and scones

Songs of Praise - 30th April 6.00 pm

WANTED

Do you want or need something ...

let us know via our email address

newsletter@finningham.com

Or

Call us on 01449 781048

WESTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Westhorpe Village Hall Committee is proud to announce to the residents of Finningham that the newly-built village hall in Westhorpe will be available for hire from 27th March, 2017 for small groups, private functions, exercise classes etc.

The main hall is bright and airy and has black-out blinds if required. There are 80 comfortable chairs and two sizes of tables available for use. Private parties could be well catered for in the fully-equipped kitchen which also boasts a dishwasher, warming cupboard and continuous boiling water. The cupboards are well stocked with new china, glassware and cutlery.

Wifi connection and a state-of-the-art audio/visual system are on site. The building has modern cloakrooms with baby changing tables as well as a facility for disabled visitors.

Hire rates are £7.00 per hour for residents of Finningham. For bookings or further information, please visit our website www.westhorpe.onesuffolk.net or contact Alison Weston, Bookings Secretary on 01449 781490

There are many up coming events in May and June a couple of highlights are

Nutz & Boltz, 'Off the Cuff' :

19 May 2017 Time: 16:00 - 23:00

A spontaneous live music event with local band Nutz & Boltz. The audience is invited to take part in the selection of music, admission is free.

Donations to the village hall operation fund. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Finningham Fund Raising Event - Disco and Fish & Chip Supper :

24 June 2017 Time: 19:30 - 23:00

A fund raising event for the Finningham defibrillator. People are requested to bring their own drink. It will be a Disco with fish and chip supper



INSIGHTS

True Romanies once had their own religion and language. Not surprisingly, their religion was a form of pantheism or nature worship, although they did acknowledge a Superior Being or 'Spirit in the Sky'.

In this, their religious beliefs were curiously close to those of the North American Indians, a strange fact to contemplate.

As regards their language, almost all of the verbs and all of the tenses and verb endings have been forgotten, as the Romany tribes found it much easier to use the verbs of their host countries. Hence the Romany 'language' of this country now consists mostly of nouns, strung together by English verbs. Even many of the nouns have been forgotten, only those which are in most common use still exist today such as:

gry (pony), *giorgio* (house-dweller), *muskerio* (policeman), *peeameskie* (tea), *veshengro* (gamekeeper), *cosh* (stick), *bosh* (violin), *stardie* (hat).

Although the language was never written down, these common nouns were universally understood among the international Romany community. This is attested by Augustus John, the famous painter and sculptor, who lived for years amongst Romanies both here



'Encampment' by Christopher McEvoy, a British Romany, killed in WW2

and on the Continent and was always able to communicate freely with the different tribes in their own language, which he had learned in Britain.



COFFEE CARAVAN

Spring is here and the Coffee Caravan can once again be seen on the Green. 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!!!!

Come along - you won't be sorry.

WHAT'S ON - MAY 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 1 Annual Flower Festival @ St. Bart's Vintage Vehicles @ White Horse | 2 Coffee Caravan | 3 | 4 FOF meeting at St. Bart's From 1900 | 5 | 6 | 7 St. Bart's Morning Prayer |
| 8 | 9 Annual Parish meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Bacton & Cotton History Society Tea @ Bart's | 17 | 18 | 19 Westhorpe village hall Live Music | 20 | 21 St. Bart's Holy Communion |
| 22 | 23 Wickham Skeith Garden Club | 24 Gislingham WI | 25 | 26 | 27 Coffee Morning & Book Sale | 28 White Horse Cheese n' stuff & Quiz |
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WHAT'S ON - JUNE 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 White Horse Live Music | 4 St. Bart's Morning Prayer |
| 5 | 6 Coffee Caravan | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 St. Bart's Outdoor pet service |
| 12 | 13 Parish Council Mtg. | 14 Finningham History Group | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 St. Bart's Holy Communion |
| 19 | 20 Bacton & Cot- ton History So- ciety Tea @ Bart's | 21 Gislingham WI | 22 | 23 Newsletter copy deadline | 24 Disco & Fish & Chip supper Coffee Morning & Book Sale | 25 White Horse Cheese n' stuff & Quiz |
| 26 | 27 Wickham Skeith Garden Club | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
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