

Finningham Newsletter

September to October 2020



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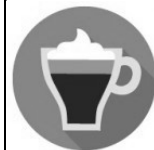
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NHS Non Emergency	111



EVENTS AND NOTICES



Coffee Caravan



Venues and dates for the Winter months

first Tuesday of the month @ 10am - 12 noon

September - St Barts Church Finningham.

October - 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.

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

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the

23rd October 2020

FROM THE CHAIR

I hope this finds everyone well as we move towards the Autumn period. As the restrictions continue to be eased (hopefully!!), the Friends of Finningham will aim to secure a location for the Village Christmas Lunch – we will have to make it a big one to make up for the cancelled events earlier this Year!! The intent is still to book the White Horse in Stoke Ash for Luncheon on Saturday 5th December. I should be able to confirm the booking in the next Newsletter. This year has essentially been put on hold, but hopefully the Committee can reconvene shortly and get back to planning some events for next year.

Speaking of which, there are still some vacancies on the Friends of Finningham Committee, specifically

the secretary position and Beryl, the current Treasurer is looking to hand-over so if anyone would like to fulfil either role please let me or another member of the Committee know. The roles are not too arduous – I promise.

Finally, I would like to thank those members of the community that continue to pick up the litter on the Green (daily) and around the Village; repair and replace the damage to sporting equipment provided for the benefit of all; and those who continue to dedicate their time and effort to creating objects that add to the fabric of Village life which have unfortunately been vandalised – thank you.

Regards, Greg

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FROM THE EDITORS



Good morning, afternoon and evening fellow Finningham dwellers.

old newsletter copies available on our village website <http://www.finningham.com/newsletter/>

This is our 4th year after picking up the newsletter editorship from

If there are any website guru's out there that could help with a couple of technical compliance checks for our village website, please could you contact

Dilys and John. Looking back over the newsletter issues, our little gem of a village has had lots of wonderful things going on, which I'm sure you have enjoyed over the years. if you want a little reminder we have the

webmaster@finningham.com or newsletter@finningham.com

Last but not least Thank you to all the contributors and distributors

Take care **Richard & Lorraine**

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

In my previous piece for this News-letter, I mentioned that a new Councillor has been recruited, or at least lined up to join us. I am very happy to announce that Nigel Arthur will be formally accepted into the Council at our next meeting in September. Nigel has had years of experience as a Parish Councillor where he was before coming to Finningham so, I am sure that he will be of great benefit to the Village in his new role.

After many years of loyal service to the Village, Mary Webb has decided to retire. It is most unfortunate that her last meeting was a virtual one but it did not detract from the sadness of the occasion. Mary is a fund of knowledge and was always able to refer to matters discussed at previous meetings by virtue of her prodigious memory and complete collection of Meeting Minutes. She took on the task of Risk Assessment Officer and kept a close eye on the condition of the Green and the play equipment there. She was my very reliable Vice Chairman and always ready to step into my shoes as and when required.

We shall miss her at our meetings (although she has assured us that she will attend as a member of the public) and wish her well in her retirement.

I see that our resident Traffic guru has been very busy recruiting new members for his Traffic watch; we look forward to seeing them in action again. It is interesting to note that a

new 30mph sign has appeared on Station road. Quite unauthorised, but who cares, if it has an impact? We are still waiting for Suffolk County Council Highways Department to erect the poles for our own Vehicle Activated Sign which, when up and running, should help in reducing the speed of traffic through the village. I have written to SCC regarding the lack of a speed limit along Walsham Road. I have tried this before, with no result but I think that it is about time to take up the issue again, considering the density and speed of the traffic along the B1113. I intend to make a nuisance of myself on this until something is done, if anyone would like to join me, please let me know.

I am afraid to say that the incidence of Vandalism has reared its ugly head again. This is a small and peaceful village and there is no place for this type of behaviour. Destroying items which have an emotional significance to many people just cannot be tolerated.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council have no powers of sanction against the perpetrators but the Police have!

Tony Kilbee



EVENTS AND NOTICES

Finningham's Parish Council Litter Pick 2020 dates for the year 20th Sept



WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD
IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL
UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

BACK SOON (HOPEFULLY)

AFTER CORONAVIRUS HAS BEEN

CONSIGNED TO THE HISTORY BOOKS!

Gardening Club contacts –

Rosie 01449 765908/Eddie 01379 788504



BAKE A TREAT

The lockdown has affected us all but in different ways. There will be some of you who have decided to pass your time by taking on a more active role in the garden and grown your own vegetables. The fruits of your labours will have resulted in an over-supply of courgettes (as well as other fruit and veg) and you might try the following recipe, particularly if you are wanting the children to eat more veg. (It will not do much if you are trying to cut back on their sugar intake!!)

COURGETTE AND GINGER JAM

Ingredients

2 lemons

125ml water

1.2kg courgettes

1kg jam sugar

30g fresh ginger

You will need jam or preserving sugar because there is insufficient pectin in the courgettes for the jam to set. Surprisingly, Tesco's does not stock it in Stowmarket but Londis at Bacton has had a supply whenever I have wanted it.

Place a couple of saucers or small plates in the freezer. You will need these to test for the setting point. To test put a spoonful of the jam on a frozen saucer and push the jam with your finger. If it wrinkles you have reached the setting point.

Step 1 The night before. Juice the lemons and slice the peel into thin strips. Place the juice, peel and the water into a small, lidded saucepan and leave to soak overnight.

Step 2 Next day. Bring the lemon mix to a boil and cook on a gentle heat for about one hour until tender. Leave the lid on.

Step 3 Peel the diced courgette in a large pan with 2tbsp of the lemon liquid and cook on a low to medium heat till it is translucent. It should take 20 to 30 minutes.

Step 4 Turn the heat down to a low setting and add the sugar. Stir until the sugar has dissolved completely.

Step 5 Add the lemon mix, grated ginger and stir.

Step 6 Bring up the heat to a full boil then boil rapidly until setting point reached. See above.

When setting point reached, take it off the heat and let it rest for a few minutes before putting it in jam jars that you have sterilised by washing and rinsing. Put the jars and lids in the oven on a low heat whilst the jam is cooking. Put the lids on as soon as possible. The jam should keep for 12 months.

Enjoy.

David Wadlow

PARISH COUNCIL

Retirement from Finningham

Parish Council

After serving on the Parish Council for over 20 years my final meeting was on Tuesday 14th July, 2020. I was elected to the Parish Council back in 1999 when the Council had its last contested election.

Following my departure, The Parish Council will have 3 vacancies, there being now only 4 Councillors, 3 men and one woman. Now could not be a better time to join. The Parish Council has just received over £10,000 in CIL money to spend on village projects.

During the pandemic the Parish Mary Webb



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

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James Black, 01449 782965

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

Catherine Winter, 01449 781372

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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: Tuesday 8th September 2020
Tuesday 13th October 2020

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

For well over 100 years the Christian Church has set aside one day in the year when it celebrates all that is good about Education. Down the centuries our churches and monasteries have been influential in the field of education, often financing schools, as well as colleges to train and equip teachers.

This year Education Sunday falls upon the 13th September, and for many it will be celebrated with mixed feelings; but for all it will be an opportunity to reflect upon these past months, and the challenges those in education face in the immediate future.

As places of learning re-open for a new academic year, many young people will return with a degree of apprehension, as like my own grandchildren they will not have attended for the best part of 6 months. For the education leaders there will be the added difficulties of organising social-distancing and all the strategic implications which that throws up.

Many students who have received exam results during August may well feel a sense of grievance at the grades which they have been awarded; leading to a sense of uncertainty for the future.

All in all 2020 will have been a bit of a roller-coaster for our children and young people. Many may well have enjoyed the period of lockdown and the opportunities which were enabled. But for some there may well have been dark moments. Statistics

about the mental health of children through lockdown and the impact upon safeguarding services are now beginning to emerge. Some children will even have experienced bereavement. Nor are our young people immune from the economic fall-out from the present pandemic; the surge in demand at our local foodbank in Stowmarket bears witness to that.

We know that not all young people have been able, or willing to learn away from the resources and discipline of the classroom. The social and relational aspects of education have been largely missing. Many will have struggled to have been away and many will struggle to go back.

Education Sunday offers us an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in education; to give thanks for teachers and learners, educational leaders and support staff. A time to rejoice with those who succeed and provide reassurance to those who struggle.

As we are educated, we discover who we are, our unique gifts and skills, and our role within our community, our country and our world. We give thanks this Education Sunday for all our places of learning, for their growth, change and flexibility; and our churches will pray that all who study and work in our schools, colleges and universities will flourish in all areas of their educational formation.

Philip

WESTHORPE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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YOGA



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MONDAY (Weekly)
11:00 - 12:30 pm

ART CLUB



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

LINE DANCING



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

CARPET BOWLS



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MONDAY (Weekly)
7:30 - 9:00 pm

IT CLINIC



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

CRAFT CLUB



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Rosemary Mees
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TUESDAY (Fortnightly)
10:00 - 12:00 PM

STOTT PILATES



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THURSDAY (Weekly)
11:00 - 12:00 pm

WINTERS ACADEMY



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

BOOK CLUB



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

GARDENING CLUB



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

WESTHORPE FILM NIGHT



Philip Aldous
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FRIDAY (4th of every month)
7:30 - 10:30 pm

FREESTYLE FITNESS YOGA



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

GAMES NIGHT



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

Westhorpe Village Hall Hire

Finningham and Westhorpe residents

£8.00 per hour

Non-residents

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Church
6th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe

9th Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
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13th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
	3.00pm	Evensong	Langham

20th Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
	3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe

23rd Sept	7.00pm	Compline	Finningham
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27th Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash

GISLINGHAM WI

When lockdown came the W.I. came to an abrupt halt. We had so many things planned which had to be cancelled. We had organised a mosaic workshop and for later in the year a flower workshop. In June we were having an outing to Bletchley Park and we were organising trips to Euston Estate for a tour of the house and the gardens.

Most of the speakers we had booked had to be cancelled but most have been booked for next year.

So far as monthly meetings are concerned it seems that we will be unable to resume these as the restrictions for the use of the Hall are so great that we are not expected to meet again this year.

On a happier note we were due to have a Strawberry Tea during the summer and as lockdown had eased Committee members decided to hold teas in their gardens on the 18th of August. These were most successful and enabled some of the members to meet one another.

The Committee have been busy behind the scenes monitoring the situation and have held regular committee meetings in gardens to make sure our newsletter was sent with up to date information.

Who knows what the future will hold but we strive to get back to normal meetings as soon as it is SAFELY possible to do so.

Aileen Kilbee, President
Gislingham W.I.

4 SEASONS

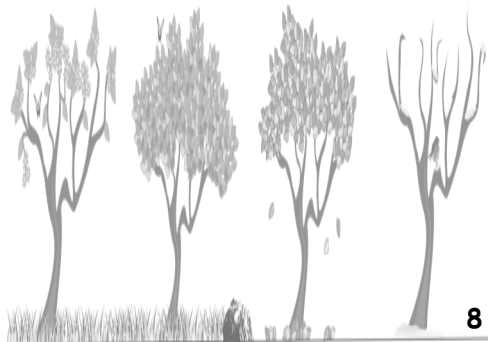
For a couple of weeks it was way too hot for most of us and getting away for a holiday by the sea was far from straightforward. I got lucky and spent a few days in the Netherlands before travel restrictions tightened. It's a good place for a short break, close and easy to get to yet different enough to make a real change. Soon after rolling off the ferry at Hook of Holland you are struck by how smooth the roads are and how tidy and well cared-for everything is. If there is a pothole somewhere I didn't see it, clearly this is a country with a competent government and a strong economy. Each day I went for random circular bike rides, the network of cycle paths makes this safe and easy. There are many bridges, tunnels and ferries just for cyclists. After getting lost in Rotterdam I found myself on the wrong side of the river. Signs led to a building which housed the top of a long elevator - there were lifts too - which took me down to a tunnel over 1km long that went under the river to another elevator. This is the Maastunnel, and a look at Wikipedia reveals that in the same tube as the bike tunnel there is a pedestrian tunnel and two roads for regular traffic. It was completed during the time of occupation in WW2. As the Allied armies advanced Germans laid explosives in the tunnel but they never exploded, perhaps due to sabotage of the detonators by resistance fighters.

Driving inland I began to see storks



circling high over the motorway. Others were standing in fields or on the high nesting platforms that have been built for them. The birds nearly disappeared from the Netherlands but a re-introduction scheme that began in 1969 has been very successful. However you no longer have to cross the water to see storks, this year they nested not far from Brighton and the chicks have fledged. It hasn't happened in Britain for about 6 centuries. By the way, who brings stork babies?

Ian Armstrong



MARQUEE & TABLE HIRE

Friends of Finningham have the following for loan.

Marquee	- 40ft x 13ft (12m x 4m)
Festival Tent	- 22ft x 16ft (6.8m x 5m)
Party Marquee	- 20ft x 10ft (6m x 3m)
Folding tables	- 6ft x 2½ft (1.8m x 0.8m)

Below are suggested donations - Held at last years level again.

Marquee	£60	Village residents	£70	non residents
Festival Tent	£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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NOTICES

Scam Green Grant Calls

Within hours of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, announcing this month about Green Grants available for homeowners, there were reports of scam telephone calls from bogus companies advising that the recipient is eligible for the grant.

Please share so that should any member of your community receive a call, they know to HANG UP and not to give the caller any personal details.

The scheme is not due to start until September, and so any calls related to the Government announcement will be be a scam. The rollout of the scheme will be run locally and details of how to apply will be provided.

Please report all scams to Suffolk Trading Standards via 0808 223 1133,

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Compost, curly dock and a rogue cock partridge

At the last election the political parties tried to out do one another with the number of trees they claimed would be planted should they gain power. Labour arrived at a figure of so many billions that it looked likely Suffolk would have had to become a forest to accommodate them all. The Conservatives however won by a landslide and thus some of us are going to have to help fulfil their promise of planting 30 million trees each year! Personally I will be doing 0.01% of that! This winter Ed Nesling and I will be planting 3,500 trees on his farm "Flea Barn" near Winston as part of an exciting scheme to improve the biodiversity. In addition to the tree planting, over 70 acres will cease being arable land and become wildflower margins, lapwing plots, cover crops and wild bird seed mixes. 1.5 km of hedges will be laid, new hedgerows will be planted. It is a bold move by Ed, he understands his role as being not only a food producer but also a custodian of the land. This new habitat will benefit a wide range of wildlife on the farm and adds to the already existing old meadowland and wide floral rich margins. Flea Barn truly is a special place, but is not the only farm that is run in such a way. Suffolk should be very proud of our conservationist farmers.

Whilst the political posturing of who wanted to plant the most trees went

on, some of us had our hands in the air asking a question. When one plants trees or hedges, one has to guard the saplings from browsing by hares and deer. For years we have done this with a plastic spiral or tree guard. Therefore with 30 million new trees getting planted, it seemed that the government forgot that this also means 30 million pieces of single use plastic being introduced to the countryside too! This is why I am currently on the hunt for a supplier of environmentally friendly tree and hedge guards. There are some suppliers out there but the costs are higher than plastic and it is hard to make the finances stack up for planting on this scale! This is a constant problem in the countryside. Politicians and lobbyists of all creeds come up with some eye catching, ostensibly Green ideas, they launch these lofty aspirations at a swanky press function in a Westminster function room and think their job is done, with self congratulation all round. In the aftermath, those of us who actually work the land have to turn the soundbites into reality, usually at our cost!

On the same theme, the organisations that run shooting came together in February and declared that the use of lead shot and single use plastics in shotgun cartridges should be phased out, and be ultimately banned in five years. The companies who make cartridges in Britain poured cold water on the idea, saying that such technology was not yet

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COUNTRY DIARY

available to make an eco friendly cartridge. As is so often the case Suffolk had the answer! A friend of mine called Nick Levett- Scrivener owns a company called Shooting Star based in the wilds of East Suffolk. He has been working with two cartridge manufacturers in France and Spain for a number of years whilst they developed cartridges that are made from either recycled cardboard or a compostable plant polymer and use non toxic steel shot. They are now in the UK, I have shot some and they are brilliant! Nick is the sole importer of these innovative cartridges and Suffolk looks set to once again be leading the field in Green tech, this time helping the sports of Clay and Game shooting!

Finally, I had a run in with a cock grey partridge the other day. I have five pairs of the diminutive game birds in separate pens dotted around Flea Barn. The hens are sitting on eggs and we hope to release them as family groups if and when they succeed in rearing a brood.

The grey partridge is my favourite bird. Sadly all too rare, largely because every predator longs to eat them and their habitat requirements are quite particular. The cock bird knows his family are on the menu, thus they will bravely sacrifice themselves so that their hen and young might escape the talons or teeth of their foe. I knew grey cocks were brave, but when I went to change the water in one of the 10m x 10m pens the other day I was attacked by a ferociously indignant Partridge father. He went like a bantam at my face, then leaped onto my back scratching and pecking my neck in a do or die mission. I started to laugh at his paternal anger and then felt slightly humbled. I don't know if we have a "county bird", if not we should adopt the Grey Partridge, they are a perfect example of understated and rare beauty, who if roused has a formidable spirit! A perfect metaphor for Suffolk!

Richard N

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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 ... if you are a Web Guru please contact us !!!

49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Date drawn</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
6th June	33	Susan Rush
13th June	42	Chris Kerridge
20th June	13	Penny Downie
27th June	12	Bob Storey
4th July	13	Penny Downie
11th July	22 6	Aileen Kilbee
18th July	30	Pam Smith
25th July	15	Annabel Cotterill

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.

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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GARDNER'S CORNER

As I write this we are going in to September/October which in my garden means less colour and the prospect of having to start tidying and deciding what plants are past their sell by date. Those are the bedding plants which I have not had a lot of success with this year.

The extremes of very hot, then rain and wind confused many of the plants and even some of my perennials didn't do very well. I on the other hand have enjoyed being in my garden at every opportunity which made lockdown less tiresome.

My lawn continues to give me grief but as it is mainly a patch of grass and not a lawn I am not going to stress over it anymore.

By the time the next newsletter is due I will have planted spring bulbs and wallflower which I will look forward to seeing begin to get ready for the prettiest season of the year.

The most positive thing about this summer has been the painting of the summerhouse and finally the pergola is up and looking good. Hopefully we will have a late Autumn and that will give us another month at least to spend in the garden.

I hope everyone has had a good summer gardening or just enjoying being in your gardens.

Stay safe and keep well.

Aileen

BOOK REVIEW

THE ROSE OF SEBASTOPOL by Katharine McMahon

I have to admit the reviews that I have carried out for you in the past have been a bit 'blokey' but this one is more for the romantic,

It is set in the mid nineteenth century when the Crimean war is in full swing and Florence Nightingale and her pioneering nursing work is to the fore. (It just happens that I am penning this piece 110 years to the day that she died - 13 August 1910.)

The story is about two cousins: Rosa Barr and Mariella Lingwood. Rosa is headstrong and always ready for adventure whilst Mariella is more comfortable in her London sewing circle and the communications with her fiancé, a celebrated surgeon who has volunteered to work in the war zone.

This is not a war book but it is about the people on the periphery of the war. David Wadlow



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 **20th September**.

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 - SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Coffee Caravan	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Parish Council meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Tea @ Bart's	21	22	23 Newsletter Copy Deadline	24	25 Pub Quiz @ WH
26	27	28	29	30	31 Coffee Morning & Book sale @ St. Bart's	
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