

# Buxhall Broadcast



June 2026

## Combs and Finborough Benefice

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough,  
Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland

**Rector:** The Revd Sarah Jenkins | The Rectory, Poplar Hill, Stowmarket IP14 2AY | 01449 676065

**Associate Priest:** The Revd Canon Pauline Higham | The Rectory, Woodland Close, Onehouse IP14 3HL | 01449 771791

**Zoom services** Please use this link Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 Password: Benefice  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxv0IIXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1>

### Services in June 2026

#### 7 June: The First Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

#### 14 June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse

#### 21 June: The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

#### 28 June: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Revd Andy's First Eucharist	Great Finborough
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### Weekday Church Services

<b>Holy Communion</b>	9.30am Wednesdays	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	10.00am Saturdays	Zoom Meeting



## Buxhall WI

We meet at Buxhall village hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. We are a very friendly group of around 50 members enjoying a varied range of activities and interesting visiting speakers.

At our April meeting we welcomed Eric Punake who enthralled members on "The craft of comic verse". He is a very talented man who had previously been an English teacher and for many years had written amusing poetry, songs and many limericks. There was a lot of laughter, and we thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

### Forthcoming Speakers and Events

17 June 2026 – The Summer Garden Party

15 July 2026 - Michael Farley - 'I'm Henry the Eighth I am'

Christine Hagger [christinemhagger@gmail.com](mailto:christinemhagger@gmail.com)



### Buxhall and District 'Candlestick Club'



The June outing is fully booked but don't forget the Candlestick Club is hosting a Bingo and Raffle on Thursday 9 July 2026 at Buxhall Village Hall.

Join us between 2.00 – 4.00pm

A chance to meet up with friends, make new friends locally and win prizes.

**Everybody welcome!**



### Whist

Whist drives are held on the 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons at 2.00pm in the village hall. Only £1.50p for 3 hours social entertainment and you could go home a winner. Any beginners who would like to learn can contact Mim on 736598

## St Mary's Parish Church contacts

### Rector

The Revd Sarah Jenkins The Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Combs IP14 2AY  
[revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com) | 01449 676065

### Associate Priest

The Revd Canon Pauline Higham [paulinehigham@googlemail.com](mailto:paulinehigham@googlemail.com) 771791

### Churchwardens

Mr David Steed	01449 737991
Mr David King	01449 402172

### Lay Elder

Mrs Gill Ling	613523
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### Readers

Mr Ray Taylor	613343
Mr Rod Higham	771791

All of the ministry team of this benefice are available for pastoral care - to offer a space to talk informally, to offer support and prayer.

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### Deadline for the joint July AND August issue:

**15th June 2026**

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Please note that articles and advertisements are individual contributions and do not necessarily represent the views of Buxhall Parochial Church Council or Buxhall Parish Council. The Editor's decision is final.

## Letter from the Rector

The month of June, as well as hopefully bringing warmer weather, tennis and the end of the exam period, also brings some notable saints' festivals in the Christian calendar, in particular the shared festival of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June.

St Peter was also known as Peter the Apostle and Simon Peter. Originally a fisherman, he was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and one of the first leaders of the early Christian Church. Peter appears repeatedly and prominently in all four New Testament gospels as well as the book of the Acts of the Apostles. According to Christian tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero after which he was venerated by the church as a major saint and as the founder of the Church of Rome.

St Paul, who was previously called Saul of Tarsus and became commonly known as Paul the Apostle, was a Christian apostle who spread the teachings of Jesus in the first-century world. Generally regarded as one of the most important figures of the time, he founded several Christian communities in Asia Minor and Europe. Originally Paul was called Saul and lived as a Pharisee, participating in the persecution of the early disciples of Jesus. Whilst Paul was travelling on the road to Damascus to search out Christians, he had what is commonly called a conversion experience. After these events Paul was baptised, and he made three missionary journeys to spread the Christian message to non-Jewish communities throughout the countries of the western Mediterranean.

St Peter and St Paul are associated with the creation of new deacons and priests within the church so it is usual for services of ordination to take place on the weekend nearest to their feast day of 29 June. This year, these services will be taking place in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds on 27 June and our curate, the Revd Andy Little, will be ordained as a priest! Revd Andy will then celebrate Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 28 June at our service at St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough starting at 10.00am and to which all are welcome. A time for celebration indeed!

With blessings  
Revd Sarah



## The Little Ernie Lottery Fundraising for Buxhall Village Hall

Dear Fellow Resident of Buxhall,

The Little Ernie Lottery has successfully raised much needed funds for the village hall for over 30 years. Profits have contributed to the overall running and maintenance costs of the building; they have helped to maintain a contingency fund should anything major happen to the structure and its contents; and finally, have assisted with new purchases for hall use.

Please continue to help the village by supporting the Little Ernie Lottery. It helps keep the village hall open for many village events such as the monthly Tea Room and Bell Bar, the new Book Nook, the Produce Show, Bangers, Beans and Bingo and fun quizzes.

*Q: How does it work? A: Very simply!* Annual subscriptions are available at £10 per entry with no limit imposed per household or per person - although all entrants must be over \*16. Each subscription received is allocated a number, and ten monthly draws (July to April) are held per year with three prizes, £30, £20 and £10 being awarded. If subscriptions reach 200 an additional £10 prize will be added to each monthly draw!

Winnings are doubled for the Grand Christmas draw in December, and if subscriptions are high enough these can be increased to £100, £50 and a third and fourth prize of £20 as they have in previous years. Winners are drawn monthly in public at a village event and \*\*announced in the Buxhall Broadcast. Prizes are paid by cheque and delivered directly to the winners.

*\*The law stipulates that children under 16 are not allowed to directly participate so all entries must be in an adult's name.*

*\*\*See our Privacy Policy available at <http://buxhall.onesuffolk.net/village-hall/>*

Entries must be received by 26 July 2026

**What are you waiting for? Subscribe today and you could be a lucky winner!**

## Little Ernie Application Form

Name of Each Person	Number of Entries

Full Address:

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Telephone: .....

Signed: .....

(I certify that all entrants are over 16 years old)

The annual payment for each subscription is **£10**.

Total payment enclosed **£**

**Payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer.**

By cheque made payable to 'Buxhall Village Hall' and return the form to;  
Emily Byam, Cleves Cottage, Buxhall, IP14 3DJ, or pop in the  
Village Hall post box located by the front door.

**Transfer to Bank:**      Barclays  
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Account:                  13666158

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Find a dragon  
Meet a vicar  
Sing in a choir

AUGUST

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SATURDAY


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10.00AM - 3.00PM

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### Upcoming Events:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Steak Night from 6pm  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Fathers Day from  
12pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Breakfast (8:30am-11am)  
*we recommend booking to avoid disappointment*

Call us on 01787247440 or email [reservations@thesixbellspreston.com](mailto:reservations@thesixbellspreston.com)



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The Six Bells, Preston St Mary

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# Messy Noah's Ark!!



With the  
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**Trinity Hall, Onehouse**  
**Saturday 13 June**  
**10.30am to 12.00pm**

Crafts, Stories and Food!

All ages welcome, primary age children and younger welcome with their parents/carers  
Places must be booked by emailing [revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com)

## Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's



We're looking forward to a lively and engaging few weeks at Great Finborough and Buxhall Under 5's, with a range of exciting themes including healthy eating, gardening, Father's Day, wildlife, recycling, and preparing for our transition to school. Children will explore where some of our healthy food comes from, even planting their own seeds and visiting the allotments to meet June and discover what's growing locally. We'll also learn about recycling, investigating what happens to our rubbish and why it's important to care for our planet. Wildlife week will be especially magical as we grow butterflies and watch them transform and take flight in the flower meadow.

If you join us on Facebook, you can follow our 'Butterfly TV', watching the caterpillars grow and sharing in the moment when they flutter away into the meadow. With sports day on the horizon in July, we'll be decorating T-shirts and practising our running and sporting skills to make the day memorable. For many, it's also time to get ready for the big step of starting school, so there's plenty to do and lots of excitement ahead.

We're delighted to share that thanks to our fundraising efforts and a generous donation from the gardening club, we now have a new fence around our outdoor area. We've also invested in a water play wall, complete with jugs and funnels, giving the children lots of opportunities for creative play. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has supported our fundraising events and to Simon Waspe for his kind donation from the quiz night—we're glad to hear Simon is on the mend.

If you have a child aged two to school age who would enjoy joining our lively and friendly group, we're now taking bookings for September. Please feel welcome to get in touch for a chat or to arrange a visit. All four-year-olds are grant funded, and three-year-olds qualify the term after their third birthday. Working parents may also be eligible for two-year-old funding or extra hours above the standard 15, so do check your eligibility on the government website.

Contact Delia and the team on 07513 140072 or email [gfbunderfive@gmail.com](mailto:gfbunderfive@gmail.com) for more information. We look forward to welcoming new faces and sharing our adventures with you!



**Buxhall Community Council**

# **BURGER, BUN & BINGO**

**with cheese slice, onions, lettuce, tomato, ketchup,  
mustard sauce and crisps**

**Buxhall Village Hall**

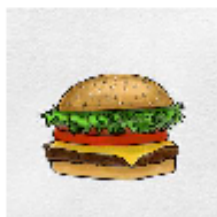
**Saturday 6 June 2026  
at 7.00pm**

**Entry: Adult £5    Child £2.50**

**(6 games of Bingo £10.00)**

**Includes Raffle**

**Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles**



**Book your place by contacting  
Mim and Keith Proctor: 01449 736598**



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- 26 October 2026

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## **BUXHALL BOOK NOOK**

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**Tuesday 2 June 2.00 to 3.00\***

**Monday 8 June 6.30 to 7.00\***

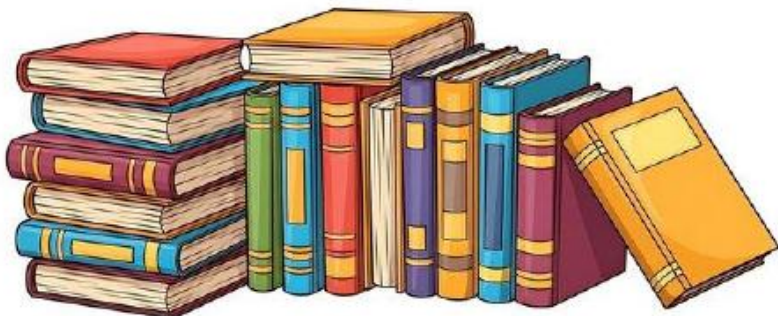
**Thursday 11 June 6.00 to 6.45\***

**Saturday 13 June – Tea Room**

**Friday 19 June – Bell Bar**

**\*Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied on these dates**

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## Buxhall and District 'Candlestick Club'



### 2026 Calendar of Events

Date	Location	Coach	Ticket	Total
4 June	River Stour boat trip with lunch at the Henny Swan	<b>FULLY BOOKED</b>		
9 July	Bingo Afternoon 2.00-4.00 pm Buxhall Village Hall			
13 August	Cromer End of Pier Show	£26	£28	£54
4 September	To be arranged			

\* Plus the cost of lunch

No deposit required. Payment can be made by:

- Cash
- Cheque made payable to: Buxhall and Finborough Over 60s Candlestick Club
- BACS paid to:
  - Bank Name: Virgin Money
  - Account Name: Buxhall and Finborough Over 60s Candlestick Club
  - Sort Code: 82-12-08
  - Account Number: 50135531

Please contact Emily on 07964 045373 or [emilybyam1@gmail.com](mailto:emilybyam1@gmail.com) or Mim at one of the other events or on 07414 004006 if you would like to put your name down for any of the trips.

**\*\*Prices are based on a minimum of 25 people attending, if numbers fall short trips may have to be cancelled\*\***

Saturday  
13<sup>th</sup> June



12pm to  
3pm



# TEA ROOM

Join us at our charming, community-run tea room for delicious food and connection for all ages with affordable prices!

Enjoy hot and cold drinks, cakes and a selection of lunches! It's the perfect chance to unwind and create memories with loved ones and friends yet to meet!

We look forward to seeing  
you!

Charity No. 304724



## Future opening dates 2026:

July - Closed for Fayre 8<sup>th</sup> August

Raising funds for the refurbishment of Buxhall Village Hall  
Supported by MSDC Living Well in Winter Grant

If you would like to help out, please contact Sally on  
[alpacasal63@msn.com](mailto:alpacasal63@msn.com)



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## Buxhall and District Community Council Chairperson's Annual Report 2026

**"To support recreational facilities, playing fields, playgrounds, community centres and other amenities of a similar character for the benefit of the community residing in Buxhall and the neighbourhood in the interest of social welfare...improving the conditions of life of the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended." *Community Council Constitution 2020.***

The reporting year 2025-26 has seen the Buxhall Community Council continue to hold routine meetings, planning and hosting a variety of village events quarterly, in line with the primary constitution aim of *"bringing benefit to and improving the conditions of life of the residents of Buxhall"*.

This year the Buxhall Community Council has worked to deliver community events on a quarterly basis and to support the Village Hall Committee in delivering their activities, with some seamlessly blended but supporting different mandates but always for the benefit of Buxhall.

Bangers, Beans and Bingo and the summer version of Burgers, Bun and Bingo continue to sell out almost immediately and remain a firm favourite. Places are limited so booking early is the only way to guarantee places for Keith and Mim's legendary games.

The Village Show continues to grow year on year with the baking and produce entries seeing the biggest growth in 2025. The cookery judge making particular comment on the impressive quality of the entries. The show team continue to develop the entry programme to ensure it remains a fun and inclusive show, focused on encouraging and promoting practical hobbies, encouraging trying something different, whilst appreciating the efforts of others and learning something new. Photography remains a popular category with mobile phones enabling a captured moment to star in the show.

The show doesn't follow RHS rules but focuses on encouraging people to have-a-go, being proud of their achievements and having fun. As always, we thank Buxhall WI for their continued support and the gift they make to the VHMC from the funds raised through the refreshments.

The village website is live with a calendar of upcoming events across the whole village community and links to their respective sites and pages.

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With community support at the heart of the Community Council, we have donated £100 to the Great Finborough Church Primary School in support of Christmas celebrations and have promised a donation of £500 to the village hall modernisation plan.

Coordinating with other village organisations, the BCC hosted Level 2 Food Hygiene training, seeing 16 members of the community successfully qualify, enhancing our catered events and ensuring guest welfare is at the fore of planning and safe happy events.

Looking forward, we continue to investigate means to host a village bonfire with 2027 as our target.

I would like to personally like to extend a huge thank you to:

- The committee for their time, work and commitment towards achieving the BCC's aims and delivering the excellent events held.
- The show judges who give their time and expertise.
- Everyone within our community who supports us with their time and donations and all who attend our events.

Buxhall Community Council is *your* Community Council. If you have ideas or can offer your time to support events or to join the Community Council, please contact me via

[buxhallcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:buxhallcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

Ben Thomas

BCC Chairperson 2026

# The Buxhall Website is now online:

Scan the QR Code or visit:

[www.buxhallvillage.co.uk](http://www.buxhallvillage.co.uk)

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MEXICAN CHILLI BURGER

£7:50

100% Spicy Chilli Beef Brisket Patty, cheese, Lime Marmalade, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion & gherkin in a fresh white roll.

PORK, SAGE & STUFFING BURGER

£7:50

100% Pork, Sage & Stuffing Patty, cheese, homemade apple sauce, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion & gherkin in a fresh white roll

OLDE ENGLISH SAUSAGE DOG

£6.00

100% pork mince sausage, cheese, caramelised / crispy onion in a fresh white finger Bap

MAC 'N' CHEESE

£5.50

Macaroni pasta in a creamy cheesy sauce

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£7:00

Triple cooked chunky chips with grated cheddar cheese, chopped hot dog, mayo, ketchup & crispy onion

CHEESY TRIPLE COOKED CHUNKY CHIPS

£5.50

TRIPLE COOKED CHUNKY CHIPS

£4:00





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**FRIDAY,  
19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
6-9 PM**

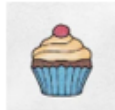
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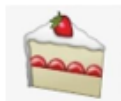
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**Belle's**  
KITCHEN



## Buxhall Summer Fayre 2026



Last year we sold over 250 slices of cake or buns.

**Would you like to support this event by donating a home-made cake or buns?**

**Or maybe you would like to help serve the cakes and drinks for an hour or so?**

**If so, do let Hilary or Sally know.**


**All cake donations can be dropped off at the Refreshment Marquee on the day.**

Hilary Hall

 01449 737671

 [hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk)

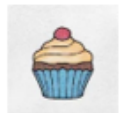
Sally Greenlaw

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**THANK YOU**





# BUXHALL SUMMER FAYRE & CAR SHOW

ON THE PLAYING FIELD

SATURDAY,  
**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

IP14 3DS  
12:00PM  
TIL  
16:00PM



## Event Highlights

CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS -  
KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT - FIND THE 'BUXHALL BADGER'  
- FACE PAINTING - PLANTS - CRAFTS - FOOD & DRINK  
VENDORS - RAFFLE - THATCHING & MANY MORE...

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE VILLAGE HALL

THE PARISH COUNCIL DO NOT ALLOW DOGS  
ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

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## Buxhall Community Council

### Marquee for Hire

The BCC marquee is available for hire by Buxhall residents for use within the geographical boundary of Buxhall Parish, as defined by the municipal boundary / electoral register.

**For hire from April – October.**

**Dimensions: 20ft x 40ft**



#### Hire charges

Type of hire	Total charge payable prior to the event	This includes	
		Hire fee	Refundable 'no damage' deposit
Charity	£250	£0	£250
Private hire for charity	£375	£125	£250
Private	£500	£250	£250

The 'damage deposit' of £250 covers the insurance excess and is refundable following an inspection of the marquee prior to dismantling.

#### For conditions of hire and booking contact

Keith Proctor: 01449 736598

or Hilary Hall:  [hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk)  01449 737671

## **Great Finborough and District Garden Club**

After what felt like a return to winter over the last few weeks hopefully, we are in real spring now and get out and enjoy our gardens.

Our May meeting was an engaging talk by Mel from Mickfield Hostas. Mel gave us lots of helpful information about how to cultivate Hostas, how to divide them successfully and how to beat the scourge of the slugs and snails who happily eat the plant leaves.

She also took us through the development of the family nursery business and the early days of seed swapping with fellow enthusiasts in America, through their years of attending plant shows and building up to national collection status.

The evening ended with a popular plant sale and there should now be varieties of Hostas in many gardens all around the village.

Our next meeting will be the wildflower meadow event on Sunday 14 June between 1.00pm and 4.30pm. Entry is free and to celebrate his 100th anniversary there will be Winnie the Pooh-themed activities for the children. This will include our own village version of the Hundred Acre Wood.

There will be quizzes with prizes and traditional games to join in. Everyone can bring a picnic and there will be a BBQ as well as tea and coffee and cakes.

A reminder that subscriptions were due in September. They will remain at £20.00 per household and £5.00 for guests.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. For further information contact: Cath Walker on 07843191101 or [cathwalker85@gmail.com](mailto:cathwalker85@gmail.com).

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## Church Rotas

Week ending with a service on	Service	Cleaning for service	Flowers for service	Coffee
7 June	--	Lesley Steed and Sarah Clark	Berice Jordan	--
14 June	Holy Communion	Lesley Steed and Sarah Clark	Berice Jordan	Denise King
21 June	--	Sally Greenlaw and Emily Byam	Larry Etheridge	--
28 June	--	Sally Greenlaw and Emily Byam	Larry Etheridge	--

**If you wish to swap with someone, please arrange it with them directly.**

If you would like to join the rotas for cleaning, flower arranging or coffee—you would be very welcome! Please contact Denise King on 01449 402172.



## Diary Dates for June 2026

4 June	Candlestick Club outing	<b>**SOLD OUT!**</b>	
6 June	Burger, Bun and Bingo		p13
8 June	Parish Council meeting – Village Hall, 7.30pm		
13 June	Messy Noah's Ark!		p11
13 June	Buxhall Tea Room		p20
14 June	Garden Club Wildflower Meadow event		p29
<b>15 June</b>	<b>Buxhall Broadcast deadline for July/Aug</b>		<b>p4</b>
17 June	Buxhall WI		p3
19 June	'The Buxhall Bell' village bar		p25
20 June	Stowmarket Chorale concert		p16
22 June	Rural Coffee Caravan		p15

## Diary Dates for July 2026

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9 July	Candlestick Club		p3
13 July	Parish Council meeting – Village Hall, 7.30pm		
15 July	Buxhall WI		p3
26 July	Little Ernie deadline		p6-7

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8 August	Buxhall Tea Room		p20
9 August	Garden Club outing		
13 August	Candlestick Club		p19
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5 September	Buxhall Village Show		
12 September	Ride and Stride		
3 October	WI Harvest Supper		
17 October	Fun Quiz		
21 November	Bangers, Beans and Bingo		
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