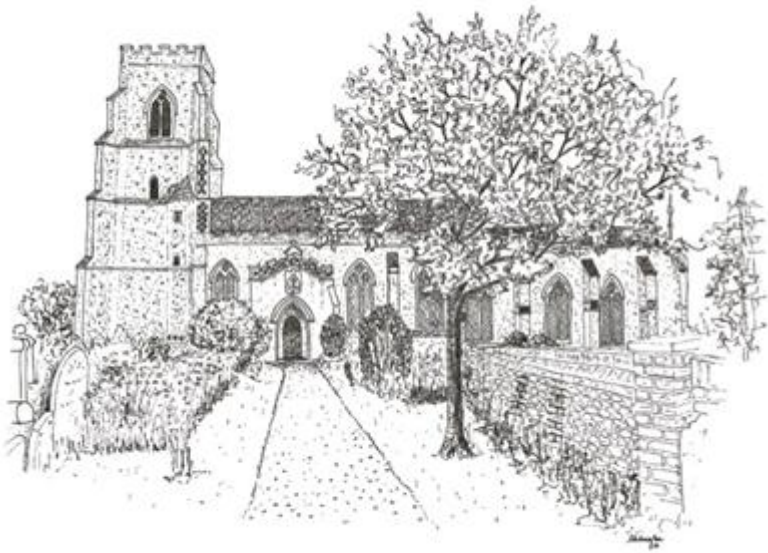


Buxhall Broadcast



October 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

Sunday Services: Please use this link for all services held on Zoom - Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 - Password: Benefice

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxv0IIXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1>

Services in October 2026

4 October: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

11 October: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

18 October: Luke the Evangelist

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

25 October: The Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Weekday Church Services

Holy Communion	9.30am Wednesdays	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
Morning Prayer	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 55 members enjoying a varied range of activities and interesting visiting speakers.

At our August meeting we welcomed Bernie Harrison who demonstrated to us the benefits of Face Yoga. We were shown how, with the use of face cream, we could massage our facial muscles which in turn would help reduce our wrinkles and sagging cheeks! It was very interesting and quite amusing to watch each other pulling very strange faces.

Forthcoming Speakers and Events

3 October 2026

Harvest Supper see p13 for details

21 October 2026

We will be celebrating our 78th birthday and also hearing about **Walks in the slow lane of Suffolk** from Angie Jones.

Christine Hagger christinemhagger@gmail.com



Buxhall and District 'Candlestick Club'



The Candlestick Club is hosting
Bingo and Raffle

at

Buxhall Village Hall

on

Thursday 8 October and

Thursday 12 November

Join us between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

Everybody welcome!

Save the date - Thursday 10 December Candlestick Club

Christmas Lunch - location to be confirmed

St Mary's Parish Church contacts

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Associate Priest

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Churchwardens

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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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15th October 2026

Editor: Lesley Steed **Telephone:** 01449 737991

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Letter from the Rector

The month of October in the life of the church is an opportunity to draw breath after the busyness of the summer months with weddings, the Strawberry Fayre at Combs, a Hymns and Pimm's service at Great Finborough, our annual pet blessing service at Harleston, the first Open Day at Buxhall church and our benefice Quiet Day on pilgrimage amongst many other events and services that took place at the seven churches in our benefice. And of course the harvest festivals held in our churches during the month of September which, as I write this letter, are still ongoing.

We are of course preparing for services for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday in November, our annual Advent course in December and services and events for Christmas. But October brings a moment of quietness and stillness in our churches when we are able to focus on our worship, spend time tidying our churchyards before the winter and remind ourselves of the importance of maintaining a Christian presence in our communities.

And just a reminder that we have a group of people from across the Benefice who pray individually and privately for anyone who asks for prayerful support, whatever the situation may be. All information given is kept totally confidential. Our only request is that the person receiving prayer gives their consent. If you or someone you know would welcome prayer, please contact Elizabeth Mooney at emooney6@sky.com.

With blessings

Revd Sarah

Fun Quiz

Saturday 17 October is the date to put in your diaries for the next Buxhall Fun Quiz, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. £5.00 per person, teams of up to six people. Please bring own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

To avoid disappointment, do book by 16 October by ringing Mim or Keith on 736598.

Offers of draw prizes will be greatly appreciated. In aid of the hall refurbishment.



Saturday
10th
October



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!

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you!

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Future opening dates 2026:

14th November (Christmas Fayre) 12th December

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**



2026 Buxhall Village Show

Buxhall Community Council would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this annual quintessential event.

- The entrants, for continuing to surprise us with their range of talents across the whole programme.
- The judges who, thanks to the exhibitors, always have challenging decisions to make.
- Buxhall WI providing the refreshments and donating the takings to the Village Hall funds
- Volunteers running the raffle and those donating raffle prizes,
- Sally Gooch for her pop-up composting exhibition and sharing her expertise
- Our visitors during the afternoon, particularly those who contributed along with Mim to making the auction such a cheerful end to the afternoon.

The long, hot, dry summer inevitably impacted on the number of produce entries but didn't stop our stalwart gardeners and allotment holders exhibiting some quality produce, particularly in the 'specimen produce' classes such as grapes and pumpkin.

We had 35 entries and 135 exhibits across all sections of the programme with Sally Gooch from Great Finborough awarded the overall winner for a second year and Keith Proctor from Buxhall overall runner-up.

The children's challenge cup was awarded to Leila-Mae Mitchell for her combined successes across the whole programme. It is a delight to see several children entering a range of sections outside of the children's classes and also providing strong competition for the adults.

Hilary Hall

(BCC and Buxhall Show Secretary)

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Steve Grix	(5)	Third Prize	£10



The draw was made at the Buxhall Tea Room on Saturday
12 September 2026

Thank you for supporting the Little Ernie Prize

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Raffle tickets on sale during the evening.

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Venison terrine with green salad & sourdough toast

Salmon mousse with green salad & brown bread

Parsnip & apple soup & roll

Mains

Beef Bourguignon, dauphinoise potatoes & veg.

Tarragon & mushroom chicken, dauphinoise potatoes & veg

Vegetarian lasagne & green salad

Desserts

Lime cheesecake

Chocolate brownies & ice cream

Fruit salad

Cheese board

Tickets available from Peter Turner p.turner125@btinternet.com.

Please give your menu selections with your bookings

Payments can be made via BACS to St Andrew's Church Great
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THE DEMENTIA EVENT

*Live well with dementia
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Join us at

The Dementia Event at Stowmarket Golf Club



Lower Road, Onehouse,
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Friday, 9th October



11:00am – 3:30pm

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Live well with dementia with the right support.

The Dementia Event is coming to Stowmarket Golf Club on Friday, 9th October, from 11am to 3:30pm, offering an opportunity for local people to learn more about dementia, discover sources of support and connect with organisations that can make a real difference.

With the message "Live well with dementia with the right support," the event is aimed at anyone who is worried about dementia, supporting someone living with dementia, or simply wants to understand more about the condition and the help available locally.

Visitors will have the opportunity to experience what it's like for someone living with dementia on the Dementia Virtual Tour Bus. This interactive experience offers valuable insight into the challenges people with dementia can face in everyday life and encourages greater understanding and empathy.

The Dementia Event has been kindly sponsored by Frantec and Stowmarket Golf Club, with support from local partners helping to bring this important community event together.

Whether you are personally affected by dementia, caring for a loved one, or simply want to learn more, come along, ask questions, meet local organisations and discover how the right support can help people live well with dementia.



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Stowmarket Golf Club
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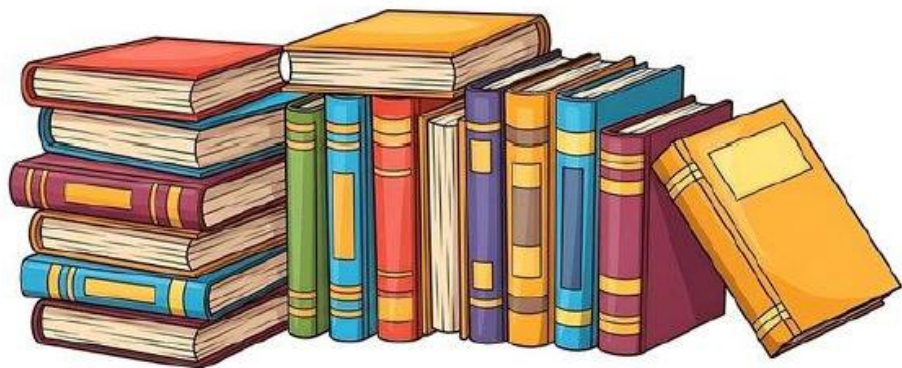
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**MONDAY 12 OCTOBER
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**TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER
2.00PM TO 3.00PM**

**THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER
6.00PM TO 6.45PM**



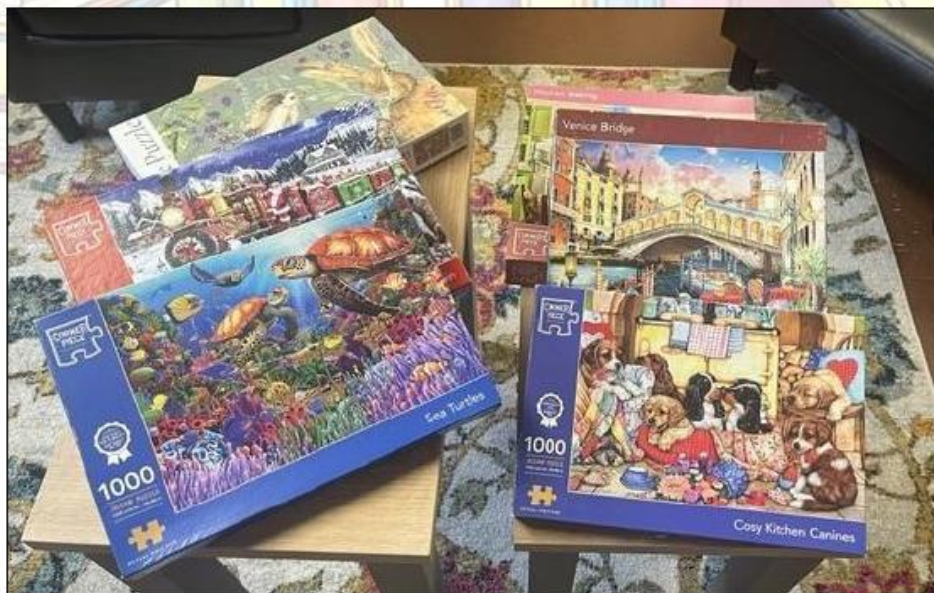
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NAME..... Tel no.

Product	Weight	Price	Quantity	Cost
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£15.00		
W.B.M. Premium	20 kg	£17.50		
W.B.M No Wheat	20 kg	£20.00		
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£18.00		
W.B.M. No Mess	12.75 kg	£18.50		
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£18.00		
Finch Mix	20 kg	£18.00		
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£12.50		
SUPER Poultry Mix	20 kg	£14.00		
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Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£31.00		
Sunflower Kernels	10 kg approx.	£17.00		
Nyjer Seed	20 kg	£44.00		
Nyjer Seed	10 kg approx.	£23.00		
Suet Pellets	12.75 kg	£23.00		
Suet Balls (Superior)	Price each	15p		
Suet Balls (Superior)	Box of 150	£22.50		
			TOTAL	

Great Finborough and District Garden Club

The Garden Club year 2026/27 began with our Annual General Meeting held on 10 September. The Chairman's report gave us an overview of how busy we had been throughout the previous year with talks, willow weaving and Christmas wreath workshops, car share trips, celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh in the meadow and our Christmas party and summer bbq.

We have a new programme now for another exciting year with talks and events as well as Open Gardens in the summer.

Bex Harvey was confirmed as a new committee member at the meeting. The other committee members will continue in their roles with Peter Turner re-elected as chair.

After the formal proceedings we had a quiz based on gardening knowledge and then an opportunity to taste some cider and apple wine along with enjoying a slice of cake

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8 October at 7.30pm at Pettiward Hall and is a talk from Kate Elliott who is head gardener at Columbine Hall. Kate's talk "A Garden Love Affair" chronicles her 29-year journey transforming the grounds, creation of the estate's landscape from scratch and the ongoing evolution of the historic moated property.

A reminder that subscriptions are now due in. They 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.



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		Hire fee	Refundable 'no damage' deposit
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Private hire for charity	£375	£125	£250
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For conditions of hire and booking contact

Keith Proctor: 01449 736598

or Hilary Hall:  hilary-hall@hotmail.co.uk  01449 737671

Church Rotas

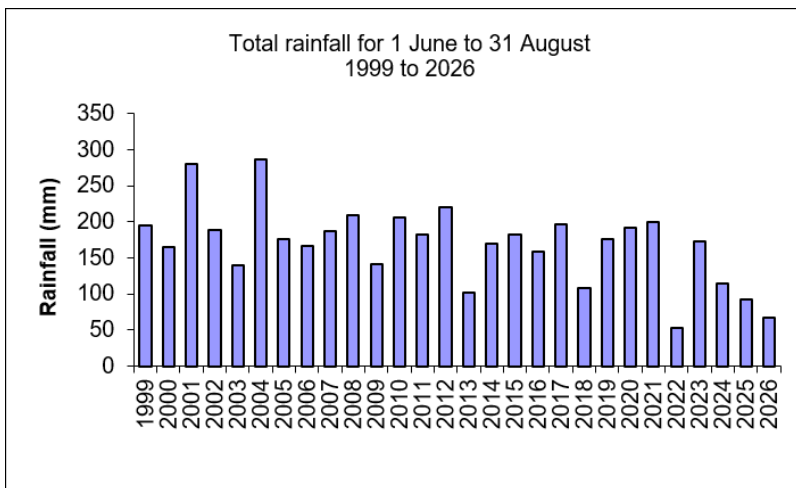
Week ending with a service on	Church cleaning	Flowers	Coffee
4/10/26 – no service	Hilary Hall & Sally Tomlinson	Sally Tomlinson	--
11/10/26 – Holy Communion	Judith Hickman & Linda Hicks	Judith Hickman	Denise King
18/10/26 – no service	Judith Hickman & Linda Hicks	Judith Hickman	--
25/10/26 – Morning Worship	Lesley Steed & Sarah Clark	Berice Jordan	Ruth Langridge

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.

Buxhall summer rainfall

Although this summer wasn't the driest we've recorded (that was 2022), it was probably the hottest! Let's see what 2027 brings...





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