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Editor's letter

Welcome to the Summer issue of the OHSMag.

As mentioned in June, we are a few weeks later to print than usual which means that I am able to share some photo's from what was a very successful joint OHS fete on 5th July. The weather held fair and it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Whether you enjoyed a burger, cake or pint, produced a princess; caught an egg, or played a game, thank you for coming and taking part.

As a keen reader myself, I've given some suggestions for a novel or two that you might find the time to peruse on p.11—mobile library dates are shown below.

Whether you're off to the beach, or sitting in your garden, I hope that you find time to relax and enjoy your summer.

If there's anything you'd like to include in the September edition, please get in touch, the deadline for submissions is 17th August.

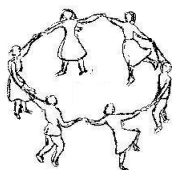
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Circle dancing

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Next Mobile Library Visit

Friday 11th July 2025

Friday 8th August 2025

9:30am-9:55am	Northfield Road
10am-10:20am	Onehouse Church Room
10:25am-10:45am	Harleston Postbox

Councillor Reports

Update from Cllr Penny Otton, Thedwastre South
07545 423 847—penny.otton@suffolk.gov.uk

Care Market Strategy

On Tuesday 13 May, Cabinet approved the council's new five-year Care Market Strategy. The strategy sets out how the council will work with care providers in the county and other voluntary and community organisations to ensure there is enough care accommodation and workforce to meet adult social care need. Demand is forecast to keep growing, and providing better support for unpaid carers.

You can read the new strategy here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/suffolk-care-market-strategy-2025-2030.pdf>

Council Objections to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The Cabinet meeting on 13 May also agreed that the council should object to the proposals for the Sea Link Grid Reinforcement. The council has also objected to the plans for Eco Power's new large solar farm in north Suffolk, based on several factors including the loss of good quality agricultural land, the impact on communities and the local landscape and damage from cable corridors. A statutory consultation on the plans is expected later in the year.

Consultation launched on Developer Contributions

Suffolk County Council has launched a consultation so Suffolk residents can give their views on the contributions which can be sought from developers proposing major planning applications. In 2011, the council published the "Developers Guide to Infrastructure Contributions to make developers aware of what they should consider, and the financial contributions they should make to account to mitigate for the impact of new developments such as housing estates. Developers need to provide

funding to the county council to absorb the impact of extra housing to enable it to provide council services, and the consultation asks for public feedback on how this should be calculated. The consultation is open until 9 June and you can find it here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/developers-guide-to-infrastructure-contributions-in-suffolk>

Council Annual General Meeting

On Thursday 22 May, all three motions tabled were passed by the council, these included a motion against the government's proposed changes to public consultation for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) like solar farm applications. The council also agreed motions proposing a ban on live animals being used as prizes on council land, and to support the campaign for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to be eligible for the 20 year long service medal which is currently for warranted police officers only.

Local Government Reorganisation – Engagement Meetings

Suffolk County Council is currently arranging meetings with town and parish councils (As the administration's position is that one council would be best for Suffolk, it is likely that they will be promoting this at the meetings.) The one in Woolpit is on 6th June 7.30. County councillors have not been invited to the meetings but as your representatives, we would very much like to be there – if you are attending one of these meetings, please make contact with your local county councillor to find out if they are coming.

Nominations sought for Suffolk Community Awards 2025

Nominations are now open for the Suffolk Community Awards 2025, which is organised by Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The awards ceremony will showcase the excellent work and achievements of individuals, groups and local councils across Suffolk with 18 awards, including a new one for a local council's efforts respond to climate change. Other award categories cover youth participation and young person of the year,

community building, contribution to volunteering, most active community and council, councillor, young councillor and clerk of the year. Nominations are now open and must be made by Sunday 13 July at www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk



Update from District Councillor John Matthissen Onehouse, Great & Little Finborough, Combs, Harleston and Shelland
01449 258894 / 07976 308128 / councillor@matthissen.net
or write to me at 2 Brick Kiln Cottages, Barretts Lane, Needham Market IP6 8RZ

Local Government Reorganisation - We are asking for your views on the future of local government in Suffolk. Mid Suffolk DC has organised a survey on behalf of all the Districts and the Borough of Ipswich, which allows residents across Suffolk to voice their opinions and concerns. Emails to me if you prefer. <https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say-suffolk>

River Ratt Catchment – nature recovery

With help I was able to remove the main remaining patch of Himalayan balsam from the council-owned land near Wash Lane, Great Finborough. Information about this invasive species anywhere upstream would be useful, especially from Buxhall or Rattlesden as well as Finborough, including tributary streams. Landowners are encouraged to pull it up when spotted, to benefit the environment and help others downstream.

Locality budget 2025/26

Several awards have been paid out and others are in progress. There is still plenty left from the increased budget, and I will be pleased to hear from organisations with project ideas to benefit the communities. Full details available <https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards>

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Onehouse Parish Council

June Meeting Summary

The Council reviewed two planning applications with no objections raised.

The Annual Governance Statement and Return for 2024–25 was approved and signed, with a note on the General Reserve.

Payments of £2,265.58 were approved, and total funds stand at £32,787.53.

Two outstanding OHSMag invoices are being followed up.

A £109.35 grant surplus be put towards funding bases for new benches and picnic table.

Updated financial policies were adopted.

A £600 grant was awarded to the Community Centre Committee for building works to finish off the new storage unit area.

Cllr Crissell was elected as representative to SALC. Appointments were also made to the OHSMag working group, and a meeting is planned with a potential new Councillor.

The Council agreed not to pursue further action regarding the Church Walk/Church Way sign complaint. The original Church Walk sign will be removed and preserved due to its connection to a local resident.

Additional dog waste bins have been ordered and are pending delivery. These will be positioned in problem areas for discarded dog waste.

Neighbourhood Plan enquiries are progressing, with £2,000 earmarked for initial costs, information on available grants is pending.

Cllr Copping will meet with Dawn Wnukoski to discuss a Community Emergency Plan.

No comments were made on consultations regarding Licensing Policy, CIL Charging Schedules, or Listed Buildings.

Preparations for the 5th July village fete are well underway and requests for helpers made.

The Paupers Graves area continues to be maintained fortnightly, and paving has been added for the newest bench. A resident has offered a sapling for planting in the area.

The Forest Road to Chilton Leys footpath is progressing with the latest design information promised soon.

Cllr Boulter will contact the Community Policing Team regarding recent issues in Northfield Woods and speeding vehicles through the village.

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Summer reads

Whether you're sprawled on a picnic rug or tucked into an armchair with a cuppa, here are twelve stories to enjoy this summer—from timeless treasures to fresh-off-the-press gems.

Junior Schoolers

Classic: **The Wind in the Willows** – Join Mole, Ratty and the mischievous Toad for riverside adventures.

Contemporary: **The Boy Who Grew Dragons** by Andy Shepherd – What happens when a dragon sprouts from a mango in your garden?

New Release: **The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee** by Deborah Abela – A warm-hearted tale of a shy girl's journey to find her voice.

Young Adults

Classic: **Anne of Green Gables** – Spirited, red-haired Anne Shirley turns life in Avonlea delightfully upside down.

Contemporary: **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas – A powerful and gripping look at identity, justice, and finding your voice.

New Release: **Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell – Magic and myth collide in a exciting new fantasy adventure.

Adults

Classic: **Rebecca** by Daphne du Maurier – A haunting gothic mystery with secrets swirling through Manderley's corridors.

Contemporary: **Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman – Unforgettable, quirky and quietly moving.

New Release: **The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club** by Helen Simonson – A charming, post-war romp of female friendship and flying machines.

Older Readers

Classic: **Cider with Rosie** by Laurie Lee – A lyrical ode to English country life.

Contemporary: **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman – Witty retirees turn amateur sleuths in this irresistible village whodunit.

New Release: **The Gardener's Almanac** by Alan Titchmarsh – A gentle, wise, and seasonal stroll through nature and life.

Stowmarket Eco Futures Group

Plastic is not fantastic! Talking to some of our younger supporters recently, their big concern is plastic pollution. Traces of plastic are everywhere, in soil, up mountains, in our seas, in our bodies. It lasts a very long time - your coffee pod, plastic bottle, man-made textiles and plastic toothbrush may well be around 500 years from now when it will have broken down into pieces too small to see, but causing widespread pollution.

Plastic Free July started as an Australian project and has spread globally – last year 174 million people in more than 190 countries got involved in making small changes that made an overall big difference—you could too:

<https://plasticfreefoundation.net/>

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/>

Take a thoughtful look around your home, school, workplace, or shops and you'll see just how much plastic is around. What changes could you make to cut plastic? For example:

- Say no to plastic brushes in the kitchen and bathroom
- Say no thanks to plastic bags and packaging
- Refill products in plastic bottles instead of buying new
- Consider using plastic nappies only for travel, not for everyday
- Think of alternatives to plastic freebies and giveaways, toys, lanyards, corporate gifts etc.
- Aim to use natural products – wood, metal, glass, wool, linen, cotton
- Recycle where you can, but know it is better not to have it in the first place

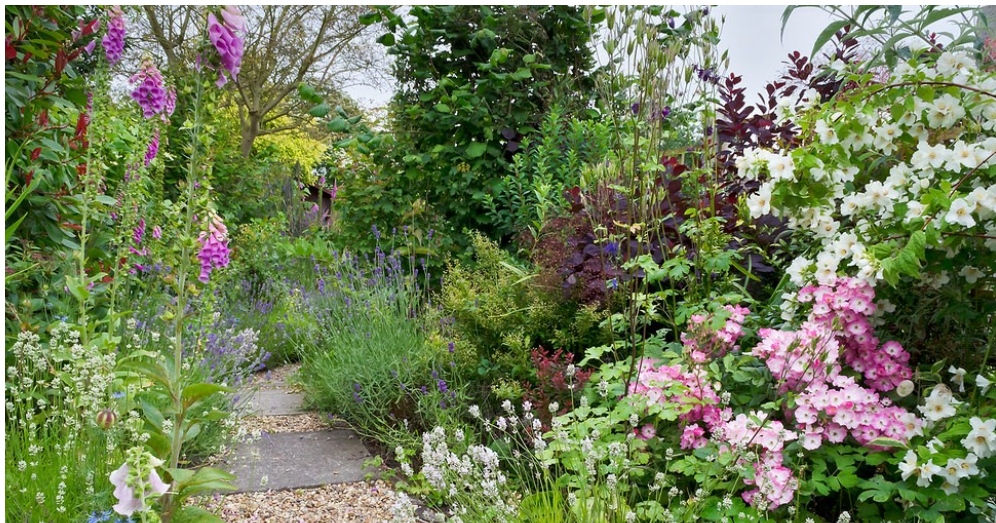
Eco Cafe: 7 -9pm, second Wednesday of the month: 9th July & 13th August at John Peel Centre Café, 11 Market Place
Please come along if you care about the environment and local activities.

Repair Café: 2 - 4pm, 13th July & 10th August at Red Gables.
stowrepaircafe@gmail.com

Collection of hard to recycle items: 9:30 - 11.30am, 24th July & 28th August at Market Place, Stowmarket.

Hard to recycle items collected:

Coffee pods, Pet food pouches (empty, clean & dry), Plastic toothbrushes, floss containers, Tetra packs (empty, clean & flattened), spectacles and cases, empty make-up containers, laptops and tablets with their charger (for parts), batteries, pens, mechanical pencils, eraser pens, highlighters. Small bags of medicine blister packs. Please now take your soft plastics to Supermarket recycling points, thanks.

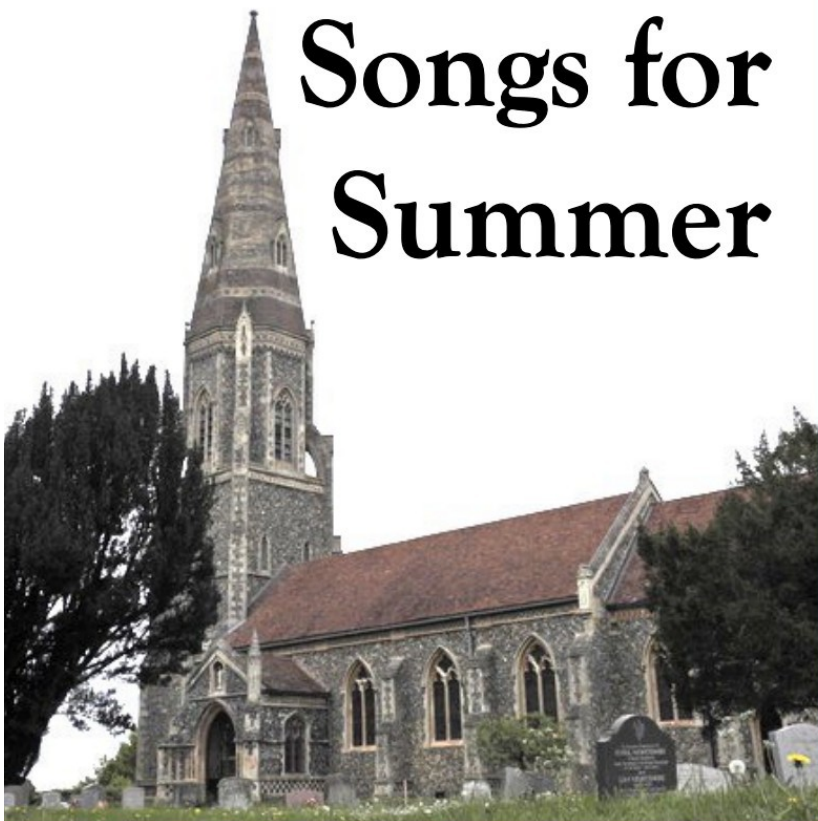


Preparing your garden for a week away?

Heading off on holiday? A bit of planning will help your garden thrive in your absence. Water everything thoroughly the evening before you go—deep watering encourages strong root growth. Move pots to a shady spot or group them to create a microclimate and help retain moisture. Standing them in trays with water-retaining gel or gravel can also reduce evaporation.

Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms and harvest anything ripe—courgettes left too long will turn into marrows! Mow the lawn with a moderate cut, leaving clippings if it's hot to help keep moisture in. An automatic timer or a helpful neighbour can make all the difference if it's dry.

A little prep now means you'll return to a garden that's still in great shape, ready to welcome you home.



Songs for Summer

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Website - Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group,
The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council (suffolkgli.wordpress.com)

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At our recent AGM, it was agreed unanimously that our chosen charity for the coming year would be the Trinity Hall project. It's looking great since the first phase of the renovations were completed, but there is still much work to be done. Where would we be without it!!

Unfortunately, speaker Bruce Martin, from 'Swallowtail Preserves', who was due to be with us for our meeting on June 5th, cancelled at the very last minute, so we hastily arranged an 'impromptu' social afternoon, with members enjoying a game of bingo followed by a quiz. Turned out to be good fun! On June 19th we welcomed Joseph from Tydemans, who gave us a talk on precious stones and we all got to try on some of his most expensive rings. To come, we have:

July 3rd - Local historian Pip Wright will talk on The Watery Places of Suffolk This will be a open meeting so all welcome. (There is a small fee for non-members).

July 17th - we close our current programme with our annual members afternoon tea at Alder Carr Farm, saying goodbye until we start our new programme in September.

To join or for any queries, contact **Margaret 737 602** or **Gill 736 331**

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On 5th July the three parishes gathered on Onehouse playing field to celebrate the summer. Over the next few pages, we'll share some photo highlights capturing the day's fun, laughter, and community spirit.

Although the sky was a little overcast, it didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm. Spirits were high and a really enjoyable afternoon was had by all who came along. Lots of people I chatted to said how pleased they were to see the fete brought back to life, and how lovely it was to catch up with friends, neighbours, and familiar faces from across the villages.

Stall holders reported a busy afternoon with plenty of visitors, and—with funds being raised for the OHS Community Centre and the three villages—the final total will be announced on the Onehouse Facebook page once everything's been counted.

Organiser Jackie Jones asked me to pass on a huge thank you to everyone on the organising committee, as well as all those who helped set up, ran stalls, supported on the day, or stayed behind to clear up. Your efforts made it a really special and much-enjoyed day for everyone.

There was something for everyone, and the buzz on the field was a real reminder of how much these community get-togethers mean to people.

Here's hoping it becomes a regular fixture in the summer calendar once again!

Entertainment was provided by...

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With—among other things—a limbo competition, a football shoot-out, egg catching, gnome hunt, face painting, BBQ, ice-creams, sweets and tea tent on the field, the community centre bar open, and a performance from dance troupe 'Diamond Lites', there was lots to see and do.

Congratulations go to...



'Cutest Dog competition winner **Elvis** (pictured with judge PC Stephens)

Ladder competition winners **Gary** and **Arlo** (pictured with Martin).

Egg catching competition winners **Oliver** and **Tristan**.

The Raffle Grand Prize Draw winner was **Wolfgang Copping**
(if you were a winner and unable to attend, the organisers will be in touch).

OHS Fete Princess, Zara



Zara is pictured with our Panto Princess and erstwhile Dame

Some of the hard working team...



Special thanks must also go to the local businesses who donated extremely generous prizes to the raffle (look out for their details on the Onehouse Facebook page), to Fieldens for kindly providing the staging, and to everyone who donated cakes, bottles and prizes.

Run by the community, for everyone!



The fete will be back in 2026.

If you'd like to help the committee with future fundraising plans, please come forward—it's only through the efforts of a great many people that events like this successfully take place—and many hands make light work!

Jackie would be delighted to hear from you on 07825 432 985.

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Nature notes... the Emperor butterfly

As my main interest is in butterflies I will continue that theme from June, outlining some summer stunners.

The star of the show is the Purple Emperor (as seen on the cover), our second largest butterfly.

His Majesty will sit for hours in the top of a prominent oak tree ('King tree') in a deciduous wood only occasionally gliding down to the ground to feed on salts from animal droppings or rotting fruit. You might see males defending their favoured tree top territory or searching for females.

The females are brownish and slightly larger than the males who have a splendid purple iridescence. The purple colouration is the effect of diffracted light rather than a pigment, so a Purple Emperor is in fact black.

A good place to see Emperors is SWT Bradfield Wood or our very own Northfield Wood. You will need a sunny day, a lot of patience and a need to survive a lot of looking upwards, a real pain in the neck! The eggs are laid on Sallow (willow) trees and the hatched caterpillars will hibernate through the winter, then start feeding again the following year, pupating amongst the leaves using their exceptional camouflage.

In July the male butterflies will congregate in their King tree to look out for a mate. If their chosen female has already mated she will perform a 'rejection drop', slowly floating to the ground to show she isn't interested!

by Trevor Goodfellow

**For help identifying any wildlife email a photo to :
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Mission Direct trip to Narok, Kenya 2025

As many of you know, I self-funded a trip to 'Mission with a Vision', via Mission Direct, in Narok, Kenya, last year to help build facilities at a sanctuary for girls at risk of FGM and child marriage. I am going again this year to, hopefully, complete the dining hall we started last year. We desperately need funds for building materials to complete the project. If anyone feels able I would greatly appreciate donations to my JustGiving page, just google '**Liz Beale is fundraising for Mission Direct**'



'Mission with a Vision' is a non-religious Kenyan charity set up by Bishop Patrick Ngigi and his wife Josephine twenty-seven years ago to offer a safe-house for girls at risk of FGM and child marriage. They have given sanctuary to more than 1,500 girls in that time allowing them to continue with their educations and marry at their own choosing. Their aim is to ensure that girls leave them with the ability and skills to be independent, and they now have civil rights lawyers, civil servants, teachers, amongst other professionals, who have passed through their doors. They also offer hair and beauty training, as well as tailoring, to girls so that they will have skills to enable them to earn a living.

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The Pickerel Project

Conceived as an initiative for the new millennium, the Pickerel Project recently enjoyed its 25th anniversary. Its stated aims include improvement of the Stowmarket river corridor, and enhancement of the natural landscape where wildlife can flourish and people can spend their leisure time. Liaising with other local groups, the Pickerel Project helps to promote the 17-mile Gipping Valley River Path.



Monthly and additional scheduled litter picks, regular invertebrate surveys, river path maintenance and water sampling all fall within the group's current remit. Working closely with Stowmarket Town Council, conservation-related tasks have included tree planting and the creation of backside refuges for small mammals and insects.

The group is part of both Rivercare & Beachcare and the Riverfly Partnership, and it supplies data to both — detailing litter collected to the former, and providing kick sample results to the latter.

In a recent 12-month period (157 volunteer-hours), group members cleared 1,128 cans, 374 plastic bottles, 297 glass bottles. They also

removed a total of 13 shopping trolleys from the town's watercourse, and the general rubbish cleared filled 91 large refuse sacks.



Mark Brewster and Dawn Roberts, both from Onehouse, are active members of the group.

All the cans collected — along with others recovered during interim, ad hoc picks — find their way to Michael Robinson in Harleston for his metal recycling collection which raises funds for Harleston Church.

The group meets on the river path beneath Navigation Approach at 10 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month.

All are welcome, and all equipment is provided,.

Words and photo's Mark Brewster

Happenings in Harleston

LOTTERY: Last months lucky winner was Vicky Scott. To all who give so generously every month, to support the church and haven't had a win yet, fingers crossed: it could be 'You' next month .

LOST: I have a Timpson key found on the concrete road a week or two ago. Please 'phone me or call round if it's yours.

ST AUGUSTINES: At our recent APCM Michael Robinson kindly agreed to take up the position of Church Warden for another year (his 59th!). The Church Wardens' duties are quite a challenge and take up a lot of time for one person, so Mark Armstrong agreed to take on the position of Deputy Church Warden. Michael recently attended the Archdeacons visitation at Hitcham Church in June, when he was once again formally admitted to the post of Church Warden.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday July 20th - Annual Church Service on the green at 9.30, followed by the village picnic in the afternoon, to which everyone, including relatives and friends will be welcome. Just bring your picnic (or BBQ if preferred) - usually the weather is kind to us, so fingers crossed!!

Sunday 17th August - Pet Service at 3pm.

Just come along with your pet. Large and small, fur and feathers, birds and animals, (never had a fish or a snake, but they would be welcome!) Rev Sarah or Rev Pauline will bless them all!!

Sunday 21st September - Harvest Festival at 9.30

RIDE AND STRIDE.....Just to let you all know well in advance - the date for this years 'Ride and Stride' is September 13th. This gives you all time to retrieve your bicycle from the back of the garage, dust it down, pump up the tyres, and get training for the 13th September.

That's all for this month. Don't forget, if you want anything included in Harleston Happenings, just give me a call

Ursula. 737845

News from St. Johns

During the Patronal Service on 22nd June, the new Onehouse Church Guide was officially launched. Copies were distributed to everyone attending and words of thanks were expressed to Roy Tricker who has researched and written the booklet for us and people who visit. The guide will be available in the Church and it will soon be published online on the Onehouse Church page www.onehouseparishcouncil.gov.uk.

St John the Baptist often has visitors from near and far. Whilst the Church, with its round tower and other special features attracts people with an interest in Church buildings and history, it also attracts those with family associations from across the years.

A new Noticeboard has recently been erected at the entrance to the Churchyard. Details of the Church, useful contacts and events can be found here and on the similar board at Trinity Hall.

As usual there are two Sunday Services in July and August, a Holy Communion and Morning Worship. Dates and times can always be found on the 'Benefice Service' list, published on p.33/34, at www.achurchnearyou.com and www.onehouseparishcouncil.gov.uk. Everyone is always welcome at any of our Services, we would love to see you there. Refreshments are served after the Service which gives us time to chat and welcome newcomers.

A date for the diary. This year's 'Suffolk Historic Churches Trust' bike ride is Saturday 13th September. Full details will be posted on noticeboards and in the September OHSMag, but save the date if you'd like to take part, cycling or walking!

We do hope our readers enjoy a lovely Summer, especially if you have holidays planned.

Best wishes from Onehouse Parochial Church Council.

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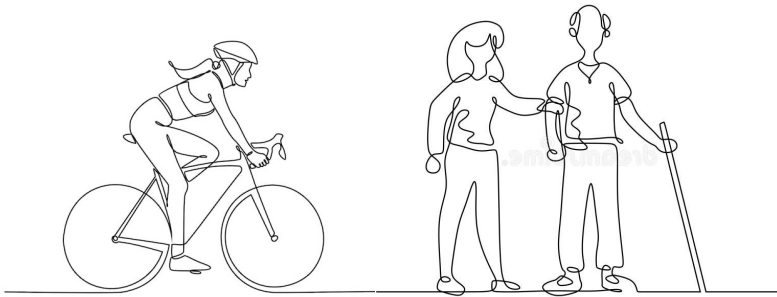
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Letter from Combs Rectory

It's hard to believe that we're half way through 2025. As I write this letter we've had a week of clear blue skies, sunshine and high temperatures, but the beginning of June was cold and grey. Across the world we're seeing more and more examples of global warming or climate change. As Christians, we're called to care for the environment and here in mid-Suffolk we're doing our best to preserve not only our church buildings but also the green spaces that surround them.

All seven churches in our benefice are surrounded by churchyards which we have the privilege of continuing to care for. To that end it's important to be aware of the detrimental effects of climate change and to do all we can to protect those environments. We have introduced a number of initiatives across the benefice such as a dedicated wild flower area at Harleston to encourage pollinators to visit, and a designated wildlife area at Onehouse which we always leave unmanaged and includes wood piles and areas of bracken to encourage the natural world.

At Shelland bird boxes have been installed and the hedges aren't cut until the birds have finished nesting, we've also planted trees in the church yard. And Little Finborough has been awarded the A Rocha Bronze Eco Church Award because of the progress it has made in becoming more environmentally aware and is now working towards a Silver award. These are just a few of the initiatives we've introduced.

Throughout the year we also have a number of services that celebrate the countryside from Plough Sunday when we celebrate the work of the farming community, to Harvest Festival when we give thanks for the safe gathering in of the harvest. We will continue to maintain our churchyards in the most environmentally friendly ways we can so that all can enjoy their natural beauty.

With blessings,
Rev'd Sarah



The Combs and Finborough Benefice

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland Services in July 2025

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Associate Priest: The Rev'd Canon Pauline Higham, The Rectory, Woodland Close, Onehouse IP14 3HL 01449 771791

Sunday Services

Please contact Rev Canon Pauline on paulinehigham@googlemail.com for details of how to join our Zoom services

6th July: The Third Sunday after Trinity

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

13th July: The Fourth 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

20th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
2.30 pm	Paupers' Graves Service	Paupers' Graves Site, Onehouse
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

27th July: The Sixth 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
3.00 pm	Healing & Wholeness Service	Combs

Weekday Services

9.30 am on Wednesday	Holy Communion	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
10.00 am on Saturday	Morning Prayer	Zoom Meeting

All Welcome! Whether you are a regular worshipper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday, you will find a warm welcome at any of our services

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3rd August: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

10th August: The Eighth 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
3.00 pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Little Finborough

17th August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Pet Blessing Service	Harleston Green (bring your own chair!)
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

24th August: The Tenth 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

31st August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Little Finborough
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Weekday Services

9.30 am on Wednesday	Holy Communion	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
10.00 am on Saturday	Morning Prayer	Zoom Meeting

Little owls baby & toddler group

Little Owls Baby and Toddler Group have finished for the summer term and what fun we've had!



We continue to have a really good turn out each week from tiny babies to older pre-school children and their grown ups.

Our biggest achievement has been opening the garden area with sand, ride of cars, water play and slide for the children, which has been a real success in the summer sunshine.

We've revamped our role play area to include a shop called 'Owldis', along with a new play cooker and afternoon tea set! The babies have enjoyed some baby sensory fun in a dark tent with sensory lights. This is something we want to explore and expand further next term. We finished off the term with a teddy's bear picnic in the garden for the children.

It's a real privilege to be able to run this group and see children and adults having a great time.

The Little Owls team wants to thank everyone in the village who comes each week and also those who come from further away.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank, Leanne, Helen, Andrew, Susan, Judy, Kay and Martina for all their help through the year... You help the show run smoothly! We make a great team!

We look forward to more Little Owls fun in September.

Thank you, Charlotte

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