



Fincham Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2022

We can help!

- Report pot holes or damage to roads, footpaths or verges
- Streetlight problems or outages
- Planning issues
- Local government or democracy issues
- Put your name down for an allotment
- Suggest practical solutions to village problems
- Rights of Way issues
- Village events

These are just some of the things the Parish Council deal with every day but if you have any issues affecting life in the village, get in touch, we might be able to help!

ONLINE VERSION OF NEWSLETTER

If you would rather view the newsletter online please let us know by e-mailing the Clerk on:-

finchampc@gmail.com

You will be removed from the paper copy distribution list & advised how to view the newsletter online.

PLEASE HELP OUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Fincham Community Speed Watch are still carrying out checks and reported at the last Parish Council meeting that they had referred 12 offenders during their 7 sessions since the January Parish Council meeting. This service is proving to be very effective with the number of offenders decreasing over time.

The team is still in ur-

gent need of additional volunteers, as they currently only have 6 members, which is the minimum number needed to run the service. This means that if anyone else leaves the service could have to stop.

Please contact the Clerk, on the details overleaf, if you would like to know more or wish to become a volunteer.

SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING SIGN (SAM2)

At the last Parish Council meeting it was reported that 109,663 vehicles had been logged for the latest period from 10 February to 17 March. Increased volumes were due to night time diversions on the A47.

17% of vehicles were above 45mph & 10 vehicles were recorded at speeds above 85mph.

RECYCLING AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

There is now a clothing recycling bank at the Hall. The Hall benefits from recycling credits of £65 per tonne, for clothing collected so please make use of the bank. We are also hoping to install a box for recycling printer ink cartridges but this is still being looked into, so more news on this when we have it.

NATURE RESERVE & NEW ROAD SIGNS

The Nature Reserve has had some spring cutting work undertaken.

Also thanks to the efforts of Cllr Abigail Desborough some new stiles, gates & signs have recently been installed along footpaths at the Nature Reserve.

She has also been instrumental in the arrival of new road signs on Fincham Road & Boughton Road

THANKS HARRY!

Special thanks go to local resident Harry Bennett for removing a fallen tree after the high winds earlier in the year.

It is not the first time Harry has done things for the village without charge & we would like him to know it is appreciated.

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Mr James Bagge, Deputy Lieutenant for The Norfolk Lieutenancy recently presented a specially commissioned commemorative plaque, in recognition of the contribution made by residents during the pandemic, to John Delderfield, Chairman of the Parish Council, who accepted it on behalf of Fincham residents.

A suitable location for it to be mounted will be discussed & agreed at a later date.

VILLAGE FETE & JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Fincham Memorial Hall and Playing Fields are holding the Fincham Village Fete to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June 11am-4pm. There will be stalls, BBQ, raffles, cakes, tea and coffees, licensed bar and car boot. If anyone wants to hold a stall please contact Anne Saxelby on 07931 534625 or asaxelby@sky.com for more details. Also, car boot holders at £5 per car, limited spaces only so must be booked with Anne Saxelby. All proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the hall so please come along. All your help will be much appreciated.

In the evening, commencing at 7.30pm The Fincham Chorus will be performing a concert to reflect the life of the Queen over the 70 years of her reign. The proposed list of songs & themes is as follows:-

History, lineage & duty | The four countries of the UK | The Queen's lifelong interests | An Empire becoming a Commonwealth | The Norfolk connection | The long relationship with the Duke | Finale.

Any profit from the concert will go to the Hall's funds to improve the toilets.



MEETING DATES

All Parish Council meetings are now taking place in the Fincham Memorial Hall from 7.30pm. The Press and Public are invited to attend any meeting. The agenda for each meeting is placed on the notice board and published on the website about 7 days before the meeting. Residents can address the Council near the start of the meeting but may only speak thereafter with the permission of the Chairman.

The next two meetings are on:

Wednesday 25th May 2022 (Annual meeting)

Wednesday 27th July 2022 (Ordinary meeting)

Please come along and see how your Council helps to make Fincham a better place to live.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:

John Delderfield 01366 348136

Councillors:

Shaun Blackmur 01366 347345

Abigail Desborough 07957 965623

Andy Hudson-Smith 01366 348302

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Geoffrey Hipperson 01366 348277

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Your County Councillor is:

Brian Long 01945 430169

Clerk (Locum):

Kate Walker

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REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES

We would like to encourage residents to report issues affecting the roads and footpaths to the Highways Department by telephone on: 0344 800 8020; via Email: highways@norfolk.gov.uk or on the website: www.norfolk.gov.uk

If possible please provide a photo of the issue as this will help the Highways Department to locate it and also give them an idea of the scale of the problem.

BUS TIMETABLE

Fincham Church Mondays to Thursdays, & Saturdays:

Leaves at 10:31am returns from Downham Market Morrisons Car Park 1:15pm bus station area, back to Fincham.

CHURCH NEWS

The bell ringers have resumed short practises and intend to alternate between a Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening practise for the time being please contact Pam Wakeling on 01366 500429

The service rota is: 2nd Sunday 11am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Thursday 10 am Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coffee morning 2nd Wednesday 10am-12pm

The church is open daily 9.30am - 4pm and has a selection of books and puzzles available.

MOBILE POST OFFICE

Situated in the lay-by opposite Fincham Memorial Hall on:

Monday and Thursday 11:30 to 11:55

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:15 to 9:45

MOBILE LIBRARY

We understand that the service is currently running. Route number EDE208 calls in the village on Tuesdays, normally every four weeks. Visits are scheduled for **19th April, 17th May, 14th June & 12th July** and will be in the following places for the times indicated:

- Lay-by opposite the Memorial Hall - between 16.45 and 17.00

- Churchill Crescent - between 17.05 and 17.15.

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303.

MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall is open and available for bookings.

For details about hiring the Memorial Hall please contact Barbara Ponder on 01366 348021.

The Parish Council has a website, which can be found at:
finchampparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk