

Welcome to Finningham

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Have you ever browsed in a book shop and looked for publications featuring this jewel in the Suffolk countryside? No? Well, I can tell you that you will be hard pushed to find more than a few lines in some obscure chapter. It is true that maybe, Finningham does not possess any major buildings or edifices of architectural or historical significance; however, hidden beneath its unpropitious exterior lies what could be considered as an example of the archetypal East Anglian Village. Let us start at the centre. What does every English Village need? Of course, a church. Finningham has St. Bartholomews. The Church was in existence when William I caused the Domesday Survey to be carried out in 1086. The current building does not date from quite as early as that (although there are sections of the Nave wall which could be over 900 years old). A considerable part of the existing building dates from the late 13th or early 14th centuries. For more details, please visit the History page. Even if history is not your "bag", you cannot fail to appreciate the simplistic beauty of St Bartholomews in its churchyard setting. Situated, as it does in the corner of the Village Green, it is surrounded by some of the oldest and most attractive dwellings in the village. Many of which have been carefully and lovingly restored. Visit the Photo Gallery to catch a glimpse of what is in store when you visit. As there are now only just over 400 people living in Finningham, there are no longer any shops or amenities left. With the notable exception of the White Horse Public House which is currently undergoing renovation work. The residents have to travel to neighbouring villages of Gislingham or Bacton for the nearest Post Office and other necessities of life. So, the next time you are travelling from Ipswich to Norwich or Bury St Edmunds or Bury to Diss, why not just take a turn off the A140 or A143 and spend a few moments in what we consider to be an unpolished "jewel in the Suffolk Countryside".