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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

There are only six candidates for the seven vacancies on the Parish Council. Presumably the remaining vacancy will be filled with a bye-election. Candidates which will be declared as elected: Grimaldi B., Grimaldi J.W.H., Miller J.M., Ravenscroft S.M., Smith B.A., Wake H.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

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| Sun 20 May | 11 am HC |
| Thur 24 May | 8 am HC, 2.30 pm School Service (Ascension Day) |
| Sun 27 May | 10 am Family Service |
| Sun 3 June | 11 am MP, 11 am HC at Harleston |
| Sun 10 June | 9 am HC |
| Sun 17 June | 11 am HC |

Bicycle Church Chase Saturday 23 June

There are 22 churches in our Deanery. We are organising a Sponsored Bicycle Ride starting at 10 am and covering as many churches as possible. All ages can compete and proceeds will go to Finborough Church Funds. Sponsors are asked for on a basis of so much per church visited and a look at the map will show that the total circuit from here to Finningham and all churches between is about 50 miles. Riders are responsible for planning their own route and for their safety on the road. Entry forms are available from the Vicar and at the Post Office. Come and have an enjoyable and useful day out with benefit to body, mind and spirit!

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

(From Ross Hallett, aged 7 years)

When we were in Newcastle our friends Diane and Mike took us to see the Byker Wall. The Byker Wall is a lot of houses in a funny shape. Next we went to see the biggest shopping centre in Europe; it is very big. We went to Esmond Dene, which is a waterfall, then we went to Whitley Bay to the seaside. On Sunday we went to the market. Over the market was a bridge called the Tyne Bridge and we went over it. On Monday we went to Otterburn Mill, where there were lots of small figures made, then we had a long drive. We were going to Scotland. We went to a small town in Scotland and when we were there we saw Mary Queen of Scots' house. Then it was time to go. We went to a pottery. Dad said to Mum "Would you like a pot?". Mum said "No". On the way home we saw a hang-glider. On Tuesday we went to Durham Cathedral; it was big. Then we went to the River Wear, where the boats are. On Wednesday we came home to Great Finborough.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This year's theme for the W.I. Competition at the Suffolk Show is 'Celebration'. Work on our entry is going ahead; the Show sub-committee have had several meetings to decide on the general layout of the exhibit and the making of the five compulsory items.

Our outing this year is a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show.

Marigold Wake

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Fete is on Saturday 16th June at Finborough Hall.

Draw tickets for good prizes are now on sale through members; we will welcome any further prizes. There will be the usual stalls and competitions and the main attraction will be Morris Dancing. This is our main money-raising event of the year in aid of our service work to all ex-service men and women so we ask for your full support.

'B' Group Rally is at Stowmarket the following day, Sunday 17th June at 6.30 pm and we hope that the Branch will parade in strength. The County Rally is at Beccles on Sunday, 8th July.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The County Council has requested the Parish Council to arrange a detailed description of all the footpaths in Great Finborough currently shown on the Definitive Map and to note other paths which ought to be. This work is to be carried out during the summer so that by September you will be asked to attend a Parish Meeting to give your views on the records and anything else connected with footpaths. Your comments will then be passed to the County Council for action.

The main task will be the recording of the information relating to the 35 footpaths currently shown on the Definitive Map and I appeal for volunteers to assist in this. The job can be arranged to suit volunteers' other commitments. If you care to help please contact me on Stowmarket 76457.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Audit of the 1978-79 Parish Council accounts will soon take place. Please see the Oak Close noticeboard for details if you are interested.

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