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PETTIWARD HALL

The AGM was held on 17th January. Mrs. P. Smith was elected Chairman with Mrs. M. Underwood as Vice-Chairman. The Committee would like to thank John Ravenscroft for his unstinting work as Chairman for the past four years.

Plans are well under way for the new toilets and it is hoped to start work before too long. We hope to make further improvements mainly to the stage and the kitchen. This will all cost more money and so we are once again having a Fund Raising Session. The first function, in the form of a Village get-together, will, we hope, be a happy social occasion. This takes place on SATURDAY, 15th MARCH at 8 pm in the Village Hall when you are invited to a PIE SUPPER. The cost of 75p includes both savory and sweet pies, assorted salads and coffee. A bar will be available for those who like something stronger! Tickets will be on sale from Anna Robinson at the Post Office. All profits from the evening will be spent on the improvements to the Pettiward Hall. A warm welcome is extended to everyone, old and young, we hope you will come and that the evening will be a great success.

The Hall hiring fees have been revised as follows:

Deposit A £50 deposit may be charged on booking the Hall and this will be refunded if the Hall left undamaged. The cost of any damage will be deducted from this deposit.

Hire: Parishioners £15
Others £20
Parish organisations £5 or 15 per cent of profits, whichever is greater.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sunday 17 Feb 11 am HC
Wednesday 20 Feb 7 pm EP & HC (Ash Wednesday)
Sunday 24 Feb 10 am Family Communion
Sunday 2nd March 11 am MP
Sunday 9th March 11 am HC
Sunday 16th March 9 am HC
3 pm Mothering Sunday Service

Discussion Groups Some of us have been meeting on alternate Mondays to study the Bible and the Creed and have found it rewarding. We meet on 18th Feb, 3rd March and 17th March; anyone else interested will be very welcome; see the Vicar for where to meet.

Younger members of the parish are invited to form a Wednesday Group (starting on 27th Feb at 7 pm at the Vicarage) open to all, of any church or none, who want to air their views on religion and put the Church to rights. Refreshments will be provided.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The infants have fun in the Winter Season

On Friday I went to London to see "Peter Pan" and I know how they flew; they had a wire up to the roof and they were acting in a dog and in a wolf and in a penguin and in a llama and lots of other animal costumes. (Andrew Dye, aged 6 years)

On Saturday I went to Thane's party and balanced an orange balloon on my nose and all the other children kicked balloons. (Adam Bennett, aged 6 years)

I went to the Sunday School party with Mummy and Samantha and Abigail. We played lots of games and we had a book and we had some sweets and then went home and went to bed. (Antonia Brand, aged 5 years)

On Saturday it was my party. Mummy and Daddy gave me a watch and Derek gave me a microscope; it has got some poisons and an injector and some specimen bottles and some cover-slips and I got a recorder and a cup. I invited Nicky and Zerelda and Katherine. I had a sewing buttons game and I have done some of them. (Sarah Steel, aged 6 years)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our January meeting we had a very interesting talk and demonstration on slate engraving by Mrs. Martin who brought many examples of her beautiful work to show us.

The programme for the next three months is as follows:

March 12th	A talk on landscaping the garden by Mr. Manser
April 9th	"A few chosen words" - a talk by Miss B. Shaw
May 14th	V.C.O. visit - Mrs. May; Agenda for NFWI AGM; Bring and Buy stall in aid of Stow Lodge

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Stowmarket RBL Club It has at last been agreed that paid-up Ordinary members of Legion Branches may join the Club in Stowmarket without also joining the Stowmarket Branch; this has been a bone of contention in the past; any members interested may apply direct or through me

The Social Evening on 17th January was a qualified success and we had an interesting talk on gardening from Mr. Dewhurst of the East Suffolk Horticultural Centre. Our next evening will be on March 20th.

The Branch Committee meets in the Club Room on 21st February when we shall be discussing the Fete and the Veterans' Evening.

Hugh Wake, Hon Secretary

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