

SAINT GEORGE'S SCHOOL

(An introduction by the Headmaster, Mr. D.A. Slade, M.A. (Oxon.)

I write to introduce St. George's to the people of Great Finborough and the locality. As many will know we are in the process of moving into Finborough Hall, which we have purchased from the Electricity Board, and we feel it would be useful to give local people information about the school.

St. George's was founded in 1978, by myself, as a school for serving members of the armed forces, whose children needed a continuous education. Virtually all of our 270 boys are sons of servicemen, and all are boarders. The boys range in age from eight to sixteen (later eighteen). The school is traditional in outlook, and operates along conventional public school lines. There are nineteen teaching staff, many of whom are resident, though others will be looking to rent or buy accommodation in the area.

As I hope local residents will appreciate we will have to be more restrictive about the use of the grounds than was the Electricity Board. There are considerable dangers to small boys from 'strange men' if there is free access, and on a lesser scale there is a health hazard if dogs are permitted to roam in the grounds. But the most serious danger is presented by the risk of terrorism: as a service school, with many parents serving in Northern Ireland, we absolutely have to know who should and who should not be in the grounds. Given these considerations I do hope that people will be able to understand our attitude; our first duty is to provide the amenities for our pupils (that is after all why we bought the site), and to ensure their safety, which are not great things to ask when it is remembered that all their fathers are serving the country, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances.

We do hope that our presence in Great Finborough will improve the employment prospects in the area. We will have vacancies for quite a significant number of people on the domestic side, and anyone who might be interested in this sort of work should write to the Domestic Bursar at the school. I would also be very happy to hear from anyone who might be able to offer accommodation for teaching staff. On the trading side, we are naturally interested in hearing from people who can supply us with items ranging from cabbages to clothing.

I trust that we will have a long and co-operative association with the local community.

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

The Crazy Whist Drive will be held in the Hall on Friday, August 29th at 8 pm. It is just for fun and not to be taken too seriously. Tickets are 30p including tea and biscuits and are available from Mrs.H.Smith, Hilmic House and Mrs.P.Smith, The Old Forge. We hope you can come.

The upper room which is suitable for small meetings is now available for hire. Mrs.H.Smith is the booking secretary, tel. Stow. 5492.

Thank you very much indeed to the kind folk who came along on July 24th to sort out and clean the upper and lower rooms, your efforts were much appreciated.

Next month, on Sept 20th, we shall be sharing a stall with the Church at the Mammoth Market in Stowmarket.

Pat Smith (Chairman)

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services

Sunday 17th August	10.30 am	Family Service
" 24th "	No service	
" 31st "	8 am	HC
" 7th September	11 am	MP
" 14th "	10.30 am	Family Service
" 21st "	10 am	Marriage Thanksgiving
" 28th "	9 am	HC

Mammoth Market (20th Sept)

Please support the Church and the Pettiward Hall with anything sellable - see enclosed chit.

Marriage Thanksgiving Service (Sunday, 21st Sept)

This is a special service for all those who wish to thank God for their marriage and the joy of a Christian family. All are invited with their families but especially those who have been married in Finborough, Onehouse or Harleston churches. There will be refreshments afterwards in Pettiward Hall.

St.Georges School

I hope that the School will use our church for worship but details will have to wait until early September. Meanwhile we welcome them all and hope that they will enrich our life and we theirs.

Hugh Wake, Vicar

PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Darren Levett, aged 8 years:

On Saturday I went to Harleston Pete. I won a bottle of drink and a snap-together model kit and an air freshener. I won the model kit on the bowling and I won the air freshener on the tombola; I won the bottle of drink on the tombola too. Then I went on a donkey ride. We went through the wood. I watched the football. I went on the bowling. I went with Robert, Martine, Nanny and the people at Number Two and Mim.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I am very pleased to report that we did well at the Debenham Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Between us we were awarded 1 Gold and 3 Silver Stars.

I would like to remind members and friends that our September meeting on the 10th is an open meeting with a talk on Boots No 7. All are welcome.

A birthday party will be held at The Old Forge for Mrs.Quinton, our founder member, on Monday 25th August at 3.30 pm. All past and present members of Great Finborough W.I. are invited.

Marigold Wake, President

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

- Wednesday 20th August - Pensioners' Outing to Felixstowe
- Thursday 18th September - Branch Committee at Crown Inn, Buxhall
- Saturday 27th September - Open Flower Show, Pettiward Hall

Hugh Wake, Hon.Branch Sec.

PARISH COUNCIL

(A note from Hugh Wake, Chairman)

Finborough Hall

St.George's School now own the whole property formerly of Eastern Electricity and will be moving in in strength early in September. We welcome them and wish them well in their new home, and look forward to a long and happy relationship between 'Town and Cown'.

In the past few years we in Finborough have enjoyed almost unlimited access to the beautiful grounds and park of the Hall especially at weekends. From now on we must remember that it is private property and keep to the public footpaths. Dog owners particularly are asked to keep their dogs on the lead while passing through the School grounds.

Delivery of the Newsletter

New arrangements for the delivery of the Newsletter will commence this month. The parish has been divided into seven zones and the delivery of the Newsletter in each is now the responsibility of a Parish Councillor.

Your Newsletter should reach you by the 15th of each month. Please let any Councillor or myself know if you do not receive your Newsletter.

The thanks of the Council and myself, and, of course, our readers go to all who have undertaken delivery of the previous 68 editions and especially those few who have continued to the present time. Since the beginning, delivery of the Newsletter has been made free of charge.

Parish Council Meeting (18th July, 1980)

Mrs. Ravenscroft reported difficulty in obtaining wood poles (telegraph poles etc.) for use in the construction of equipment for the play area.

There is still a vacancy for the Community Emergency Adviser.

P.C. Elmer, one of the two local policemen who patrol the village, was in attendance. He introduced himself and discussed the role he wished to take to assist parishioners.

It was agreed to invite the management at Finborough Hall to include in the Newsletter information about the degree of access to the Hall grounds and the Park which St. George's School was prepared to allow. The possibility of waymarking the rights of way was discussed.

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