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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Rev.H.Wake was re-elected Chairman and Mrs.B.Grimaldi re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Mr.Brooks from the Mid Suffolk District Planning Department discussed at length the recent grant of planning permission for a Care and Attention Home for the Elderly on land south of the Chestnuts estate, and the latest situation concerning the application for a gypsy caravan site in Combs Lane.

The Council was told that the proposed Care and Attention Home was residential and within the scope of the Village Plan. If it were built there would still be sufficient remaining land to house another 200 or so in new domestic residential units.

The proposed Home's close proximity to the Chestnuts Estate was expected to bring social benefits to both existing residents and those in the Home; it was claimed that the volume of traffic through the Chestnuts would be less than that generated by domestic residential development on the site; and because of the land sloping away from the adjoining Chestnuts houses, the proposed hospital block would not be as obtrusive as envisaged by the Parish Council.

The Council again expressed its opposition to the gypsy caravan site in Combs Lane. Mr.Brooks described national and local policy on gypsies and their sites. He reported that the Water Authority had objected to the proposed septic tank.

Local newspapers have subsequently reported that the District Council has rejected the application. The applicant now has a right of appeal against the decision.

It was reported that the play area site at the Chestnuts had been waterlogged for a considerable time due to the wet weather.

The Council will in future pay for the Pettward Hall building insurance thus relieving the Hall Committee of a rather heavy annual burden.

Council was told of a promise of a grant from the District Council towards the Hall improvements.

The Council intend to distribute crowns commemorating the forthcoming wedding of HRH The Prince of Wales to all children in the parish.

A protest was made about the new road markings at the junction of Valley Lane and Jacks Lane. They created a danger by giving priority to traffic emerging from Jacks Lane.

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Visit to Easton Farm Park by Robert Pamment, aged 8 years

On Friday, 17th April, Mummy, Martine and I went to Easton Farm Park. At Easton Farm Park there was a field where there were donkeys and a billy goat and some sheep. The goat began to chase me, so I ran and then it ran and then I jumped over the fence and then the goat stopped and a lot of people began to laugh. Mum took a picture of Martine and me near the brown and white donkey. Mum got me a white bull with a ring through its nose and Mum got Martine a white horse and two brown and grey donkeys for our toy farm.

Notes from School Governors by Hugh Wake, Chairman

Mrs.Betterton, Head Teacher, is leaving us at the end of this term after 5 years in charge. We are very sorry to see her go and thank her for all she has done for our children.

The School Governors have their routine meeting on 22nd July but it is not known when they will be asked to consider the appointment of a new Head Teacher; we may have a temporary one next term.

School Sports Day will be Thursday 23rd July.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May meeting was well attended when we welcomed Mrs.Williams the Federation Chairman, to discuss the resolutions for the ACM at the Royal Albert Hall.

Members spent a most interesting evening at the ICI factory when we saw the various stages involved in the manufacturing of paints and lacquers.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th June; the Police will be speaking on "Security in the home". Anyone wishing to join us at our monthly meetings will be made welcome.

Berice Jordan

BUXHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL - GARDEN SECTION

The September Show and village fete at Buxhall is being held this year on Saturday, 19th September. Schedules and entry forms are available from Mrs.T.Gray, The Old Police House (Tel: Stow. 4819) and there is still time to coax your flowers and vegetables to perfection and to plan entries for the preserves and baking classes.

Other dates for the diary:

- July 8th Gardeners' Quiz evening 7.30 pm Buxhall V.H.
- August 1st small show at Buxhall Church Fete, details from Mrs.Gray.
- September 9th "Flower Arrangements" talk and demonstration 7.30 pm Buxhall Village Hall.
- September 19th Horticultural & Produce Show, Buxhall.

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

Church services

Sunday 14th June	10am and 6.30pm HC
Sunday 21st June	10.30am Gift Day Service 6.30pm HC
Monday 22nd June	7.30pm Confirmation for St.George's School
Sunday 28th June	10am Family Service 6.30pm HC
Sunday 5th July	11am MP
Sunday 12th July	10am Family Service

Church Gift Day

Letters and gift envelopes have been distributed to all houses in the parish in an appeal for funds for the Parish Church from those who do not normally or regularly attend our worship. We are faced with a 45 per cent increase in our share of the Diocesan budget this year and also need to repair the guttering on the church. I know that many of you are already fully committed to your own church and its activities but we hope that this appeal will be answered by most of you to whom the Parish Church and all it stands for is worth preserving.

I will be glad to receive your envelopes at the Vicarage on the morning of Saturday 20th June or through any Church member or in the church on the following day when we have a special service at 10.30 am to which, as always, all are welcome. There will be refreshments at the church after the service.

Morning Market Saturday, 11th July on the Village Green in aid of Church Funds. Produce, gifts of all sorts, coffee. Bring and buy.

Hugh Wake, Vicar

WHAT'S ON AT THE PETTIWARD HALL

Monday evenings	Bible Club (upstairs ar rear) 5.30 pm 7 year olds and younger 6.30 pm 8 to 12 year olds 7.30 pm teenagers
Tuesday afternoons	After 2 Club (open to all) 2 to 3.15pm
Tuesday evenings	Ladies Keep Fit 8 pm (in school term only)
Thursday mornings	Playgroup 9.30 am to noon (in school term only)
2nd Thursday each month:	Women's Institute 7.30 pm

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

County Rally Euston Park - Saturday 4th July. Parade and service in the morning and a Fete in the afternoon. Something for everyone.  
Branch Meetings: Thursday 18th June at Buxhall; 16th July at Finborough

Hugh Wake, Hon Sec.

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