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## CELEBRATIONS ON 29th JULY

Our village does not often let its hair down but when it does - Wow!! Thank you so much to so many but mainly to the Ravenscrofts and Millers, the Steel Band, the Firemen, Wally Fisher for directing traffic, Eric Smale and his staff at the pub, Steve Hammond for leading the children in games and dances, the children for their wonderful costumes, all who provided the food, ran the barbeque, rigged the lights and flags and everybody who came and helped each other to enjoy the Occasion.

Here's to the next time!

Rev. Hugh Wake

There were 130 commemorative crowns distributed to the children of the parish. The Council wish to record its Vote of Thanks to the organisers of the celebrations.

and finally.....

The folks who organised the Royal Wedding celebrations in the village would like to take a brief moment to thank all those who cooked, served, carried, climbed, drank, danced, cleaned, provided electricity, over-ate or otherwise contributed to making July 29th a day to remember in the long history of Great Finborough. Thanks.

Note: the band was paid for from the interest arising on the former Youth Club funds plus a £30 donation. The remaining cost of the celebrations was almost entirely met by takings on the night.

## MAMMOTH MARKET

The Church and Pettiward Hall are once again running a combined stall on the Camping Land, Stowmarket on Saturday, September, 19th. We would be most grateful for gifts of produce, plants and homemade cakes. We can make arrangements to collect your gifts if you are unable to take them to the Vicarage the day before.

Pat Smith

## What's on at the Pettiward Hall

Monday evenings (from Sept. 7th)	Bible Club (upstairs at rear): 5.30 pm 7 year olds and younger 6.30 pm 8 to 12 year olds 7.30 pm 13 year olds and over
Tuesday afternoons	After 2 Club (open to all) 2 to 3.15 pm
Tuesday evenings	Ladies Keep Fit 8pm
Thursday mornings	Playgroup 9.30am to noon (school term only)
2nd Thursday of month	Women's Institute 7.30 pm
Sept. 10th 4pm to 6pm	WI Produce & Craft Display in lower room at rear of Hall.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Primary School reopens after the holidays on Tuesday 8th September under the leadership of Mrs. Sottrell, assisted full-time by Mrs. Watcham and part-time by Mrs. Taylor.

As from January, 1982, the new Head Teacher will be Mr. Peter Twitchett who will be moving to this area from Croydon with his wife Jenny and 3 year old daughter, Jacqueline.

Mrs. Betterton was presented at the Sports Day with a farewell cake and a large card and three Royal Doulton vases subscribed for by the Governors, Parents and Children of the school.

Some of the photos taken at the Sports Day are on display in the Post Office; if anyone would like copies please put their names down by the end of August.

Hugh Wake, Chairman of Governors

(Rev. Wake has requested the following letter from Mrs. Betterton to be published)

"White Gates", Lavenham  
23rd July, 1981

" Dear Governors, Parents  
and Friends,

Just in case you were unable to be at Great Finborough Sports Day yesterday afternoon I am writing to say how delighted I am with the presents you have given me on my retirement. I realise from the value of the presents that you must all have been extremely generous, which is most kind of you.

I shall treasure my vases. They will be a constant reminder of you all and my five happy years at Great Finborough School,

Yours sincerely,  
Olive Betterton"

"A Cool Spot" by Michael Green, aged 8 years

Cool spot is a spot in our paddock. One tree has got Toby the red squirrel's teethmarks in it. A river flows by with kingcups and marsh-marigolds on its bank. Mum has a bonfire two yards away. This spot is loved by all the Greens and trespassers will be attacked by dogs".

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Garden Party was held at Bridge Farm by kind invitation of Mrs. Rolfe. After a delicious supper, members enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Ray on the art of pressing flowers. The next meeting will be held on 13th August when Mrs. Phoenix will demonstrate a microwave oven. Our Produce and Craft Competition on September 10th will be displayed at the rear of the Pettward Hall in the lower room from 4pm to 6pm and we welcome anyone interested in viewing our effort.

Berice Jordan

## BIBLE CLUB

PARENTS - are you concerned about your children? You say, of course we are! You provide for them in every way possible. Well you have the opportunity to encourage them to come for Bible instruction. How important this is. The fear of the Lord is still the beginning of wisdom and we have evidence before our eyes, in our nation, of what happens when God and his Commands are ignored.

The Bible Club began well and will continue each Monday from September 7th in the Pettward Hall; at 5.30 pm for the 7 year olds and younger; at 6.30 pm for the 8 to 12 year olds; anyone is welcome after 7.30 pm. Perhaps you don't send your children because you're not sure about Christian things yourself. Come and have a chat with us - we're at your disposal. Phone Bildeston 740236 if you want help with transport.

G. and S. Hawkins

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

### Services

Sunday 16th August	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd August	10am Family Communion
Sunday 30th August	9am Holy Communion
Sunday 6th September	11am Morning Prayer

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Services will be on Sunday 4th October, the evening service being followed by a Harvest Supper for Church members and their guests.

Hugh Wake, Vicar

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### Wednesday 19th August

Pensioners' Outing to Felixstowe. One coach picks up on the High Road, leaves the Green at 10.30 am for Buxhall Crown (10.40 via Brettenham Road) and Shepherd and Dog 10.45. Numbers are limited this year and all are asked to pay £1 per head.

### Saturday 26th September

4th Annual Show in Pettward Hall for Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables and Produce. Admission to the public 3 pm. Sale of produce 6.30 pm. Entry forms at the Post Office or from the Vicar.

Hugh Wake, Branch Hon. Sec.

POINTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING

The continued expansion of the gypsy caravan site in Combs Lane was discussed at length. Feeling was still running high amongst local residents following the refusal of planning permission for the site by the District Council. The extensive business use of the site was emphasised. Wholesale laying of hardcore had destroyed the ecological value of the site. Highway warning posts with reflectors had been erected incorrectly at the site entrance so as to be misleading to drivers using Combs Lane in fog conditions. Council was informed that a road accident had occurred involving a lorry using the site entrance and a motorcycle.

Council decided to bring these and other recent developments to the attention of the County and District Councils, the MP for Eye and local representatives and again urge action to stop the continuing development and expansion of the site.

The road markings at the junction of Valley Lane and Jacks Lane are to be corrected so that traffic from Jacks Lane has to give way to road users in Valley Lane.

The Council is still seeking an Old People's Welfare Representative for the village.

A letter from Onehouse Parish Council expressing concern over the low level of water in the Rattlesden river was discussed. The river had been transformed from a fish-bearing river to a sluggish stream without fish by the lowering of the weir at Burford Bridge and dredging upstream of the weir carried out by the Water Authority in 1970. Council decided to seek the views of those in the parish with land adjacent to the river. The Onehouse Council wished to see a good depth of water in the river for use in emergencies, e.g. fires.

Council was given a summary of the latest position concerning the already publicised improvements at the Pettward Hall. It approved in principle two additional schemes for the Hall: firstly the conversion of the toilet at the rear of the Hall into a toilet which could be used by the disabled (1981 being the Year of the Disabled) and, secondly, use of the Job Creation Scheme to extend the facilities by allowing access from the main hall to the kitchen via the old 'stoke hole'

Work on the play area site at the Chestnuts was due to commence on 1st August now that the distraction of the Royal Wedding celebrations were over.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday, 9th October, 1981 at 7.30 pm.

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