

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

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## ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

### Church Services

Sunday 13th Dec	9 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th Dec	9 am Holy Communion 11 am Carol Service
Thursday, 24th Dec (Christmas Eve)	11.30 pm Holy Communion
Friday, 25th Dec	11.15 am Family Service followed by Holy Communion
Sunday, 27th Dec	10.30 am Family Communion
Sunday 3rd Jan	11 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th Jan	9 am Holy Communion

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Points from the Council Meeting

#### Gipsy Children at the Primary School

The Council's attention was drawn to the difficult situation which had developed at the Primary School now that children from the gipsy caravan site in Combs Lane attended. Teachers time and attention was being increasingly diverted to control of the children from itinerant families with the inevitable drop in educational standards. There was the prospect that these children could form such a large proportion of the school roll that the nature and stability of the school.

The Council has expressed to the County Education Officer its concern at the situation and urged him to enrol the gipsy children at a larger local school which would be more capable of coping with the numbers involved or provide appropriate aid to the current staff in order that the previous standards of education can return.

#### Parish rate 1982/83

The cash to be raised from parish rates in 1982/83 for use by the Parish Council is estimated at £2,200. This sum is equivalent to a 5p in the £ rate, the same as the current year. The estimates included continued assistance for the Pettward Hall improvements.

PARISH COUNCIL (Points from the Council Meeting)

Conservation

Council heard that the Community Council for Suffolk had formed a Conservation Team which was available to undertake work in connection with the environment. It was suggested that the team could clear the City Lane footpath once again. This was the path which had been worked on by the Gipping Valley Conservation team in 1980.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Autumn Bazaar on 20th November showed a clear profit of £186 - half from the Draw. Many thanks to all who helped.

The Annual Dinner for all members and their guests will be on Saturday 16th January in the Pettward Hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Hugh Wake, Hon.Sec.

TOWN ESTATE & WILLIAM HATTEN CHARITY

Receipts of these charities are invited to the Vicarage on Sunday 3rd January at 12.30 pm.

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