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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council elections in May resulted in two new faces on the Council - Mr.M.Lloyd and Mr.T.Waspe - in place of Mr.A. Scrowston and Rev.H.Wake who did not seek re-election. We welcome them both and thank the retiring members for their work over a number of years.

The Chestnut Horse saw the retirement of Eric and Eve Smale on 1st June. Best Wishes to both of them for a happy retirement and I hope that Mr. and Mrs. Budd and family, who have taken over, will quickly and happily settle into the village.

You may have noticed changes at the Forge Caravan Site recently - I am informed that the building at the entrance is mobile as it arrived in sections on lorries. It now looks far from mobile. The Concise Oxford dictionary defines 'mobile' as "moveable, not fixed, free to move"! Your Parish Council tries hard on your behalf but I fear not always successfully.

It is sad to report that vandals have once again destroyed the seats on the swings in the Chestnuts - this time within three weeks of the new seats being provided.

Brian Smith, Chairman

Points from the Meeting (13th May)

Clearance of City Lane is to be carried out by the new Conservation Team based at Stowmarket.

Development at the unauthorised tip near Finborough Bridge was again reported to the County Councillor.

The District Council was seeking a quotation for two street lights to be placed in Oak Close.

The County Council, although having no objection to the erection of a safety barrier outside the front door of the Pettward Hall, had no funds for such work. Details of cost and layout were requested by the Parish Council.

Mr.Cass resigned as Community Emergency Adviser. It was agreed to consider a new appointment at the next meeting.

Onehouse Parish Council had written suggesting that the two Parish Councils join forces to try and combat the general encroachment in the Rattlesden river valley. The Planning Officer has been invited to the next meeting to discuss the various issues in conjunction with Councillors from Onehouse.

Motorists parking their vehicles under the chestnut tree on School Green were warned of the possibility of branches breaking from the trunk when weighed down with rainwater.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Saturday 25th June - 2.30pm - FINBOROUGH HALL - ANNUAL FETE.

Display by Drum Majorettes from Bacton
Return visit by Ipswich Sea Cadet Band
The usual stalls and competitions
Archery display by St.George's School

(All in aid of Branch Funds for Ex-service men and women)

National Conference

I attended this as Branch delegate at Portsmouth over the Bank Holiday weekend. It is good for any organisation (Church, W.I., Legion, M.U., etc.) to be reminded of the wider issues affecting their life and work and also to realise that their local difficulties and problems are not peculiar to themselves but are shared by their comrades all over the country. At this conference the emphasis was very much on the 3rd generation ex-service men and women (post-1945) taking over the leadership of the Legion from their predecessors, and on the need for ALL ex-service people to share the load of administration, fund-raising (especially the Poppy Appeal throughout the year) and recruitment of new members from those now serving in the Forces. The work of the Legion in relieving distress will never cease until long after war shall be no more; the casualties from the Falklands and Northern Ireland will need help well into the next century, for a start.

St.George's School

We are grateful for the invitation once again to hold our Fete in the School grounds and the staff and the boys who will be helping us. We also welcome the appointment of Mr.Geoffrey Robinson as Headmaster from September; among his many academic qualities he is also an ex-National Service R.N.V.R. officer so he will be a member of our branch.

County Rally

Saturday, 12th June at Bury St.Edmunds - 2.15pm in the Abbey Gardens to St.Mary's Church - All welcome.

Hugh Wake, Branch Hon.Secretary

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Club members and their friends enjoyed a mystery tour on May 31st and now look forward to their next Meeting at Buxhall Village Hall on July 7th, when the Buxhall Community Council kindly entertain us. New members are always welcome.

We are pleased to know that our President, Mrs.Thurlow, is making steady progress after her recent illness and hope she will very soon be back with us.

Hiliary Smith, Hon. Secretary

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

My Holiday

I would like a holiday in France, the lovely sea swishing along, the birds overhead diving down catching fish in their beaks - and me lying on the ground putting sun-tan lotion on. All the children splashing in the water, shouting and screaming, some making sand castles, dogs knocking them down. I am lying on the soft silver sand, my children burying me in the sand and splashing me in the water. All the children licking the ice-creams. But there is one problem - where would I get the money? I would have to work extra hard to do it. I wonder if I can think of a different way to get money. Oh well, I will wait and see!

Lisa Lockwood, aged 9 years

We have always had good relationships with our neighbours in Great Finborough village, but feel it would be advisable just to mention once again that the field behind The Chestnuts and Oak Close is the private property of Great Finborough School and that right of way and use by the children after school hours has been granted at our own discretion. Of late this privilege has been abused by people cutting through the playground, breaking gate padlocks and leaving school gates wide open, tipping grass cuttings and exercising dogs.

We would hate to withdraw this privilege, but would do so if this misuse continues.

P.C.Twitchett, Headmaster

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

Services

Sunday 12th June	9am & 6.30pm Holy Communion
Friday 17th June	7.30pm Confirmation for St.George's School
Sunday 19th June	11am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 26th June	9am & 6.30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 3rd July	11am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Holy Communion
Sunday 10th July	9am & 6.30pm Holy Communion

Hugh Wake, Vicar

THANKS

Eric & Eve Smale would like to thank all their customers and friends for the lovely presents and the farewell party.

PETTIWARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Please would Committee members note that the date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 16th June at 8 pm.

A number of amendments to the "Events at the Hall" schedule published in the supplement to the May Newsletter:

Tuesday Club - Mrs.Gray's phone number is
Stowmarket 674819

Youth Club - The 8 years to 13 years meet from
6.30 to 8 pm (not 6 to 8)

Over-Sixties - Mrs.Proctor is no longer the contact
for the Candlestick Club.

PET CARE

The RSPCA is supplying cards to pet owners which they can carry in their wallets to ensure that their pet is cared for in the event of an emergency befalling them. Cards are available from:

RSPCA,
Causeway,
Horsham, or the local
West Sussex RH12 1HG. inspector

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