

Great Finborough

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Church services

Sunday, 11th December	9 am Holy Communion
Sunday, 18th December	11 am Carol Service (8 am Communion at Harleston) (Christmas Eve)
Saturday, 24th Dec.	11.30 pm Holy Communion (All communicant members of all churches welcome) (Christmas Day)
Sunday, 25th December	8 am Communion at Onehouse 10 am Family Communion at Harleston 11.15 am Family Service at Finborough followed by Communion
Sunday, 1st January	9 am Holy Communion
Sunday, 8th January	11 am Holy Communion (see below)
Sunday, 15th January	9 am Holy Communion

On Sunday 8th January the special ceramic Chalice & Paten, made for our Diocese's 70th anniversary celebrations later in 1984, will be brought to our parish church on its way around the Deanery and will be used in our communion service. A very strong invitation is issued to ALL communicant members of the parish to join in this service and to stay for refreshments after it.

Christmas & New Year

Our usual carol service on the Sunday before Christmas and the celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas Eve remind us of the true meaning of this annual festival. Christmas is, above all, a Family Festival - our own personal family, the local Christian Family gathered to celebrate the birth of the Son of God to Mary, and in his name to remember the larger human family world-wide for whom he came to live on earth and for whom he died.

May Christmas be for you and yours a holy, happy time and the New Year bring to you all that you pray for in his name.

Wine & Cheese Party

The Party on 19th November showed a net profit of about £135 for church funds. Thank you to all who worked hard for this, gave food or prizes and supported us.

H. Wake, Vicar

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The services during December, January and February will be held at 2.45 pm instead of 6.30 pm.

On December, 11th the service will be taken by Mr. K. Turner of Ipswich.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The Club activities ended for the year with a sing-a-long session at Buxhall, attended by members and friends.

My thanks go to all who have helped in any way during the year and am pleased to report that over 600 cans have been collected to date for recycling; collections will continue, so please save your cans for us.

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For all of us at the last meeting, there is no excuse for our homes not complimenting the festive atmosphere this year. Our speaker, Mrs. Polley of Grundisburgh made some lovely arrangements with holly, ivy, twigs, feathers, lace 'snow flakes' and egg shells, very pretty and imaginative, too. Cute little egg shell faces peeping out from beneath felt pointed hats, swinging on their rustic branches. Super for the children if hung 6 feet from ground level, they are enticingly pinchable! So gather in the holly and get cracking. After all, it took Mrs. Polley only an hour to do six!

May we please take this moment to wish all our friends and fellow neighbours a Happy Christmas and thank them for their friendship, with the hope that 1984 will bring for them and us, and everyone everywhere, the peace, security and well being of close community life which we have been fortunate to have in 1983.

J. Banfield

PETTIWARD HALL

The Hall is looking attractively festive thanks to the ladies who decorated it in time for the various Christmas activities.

Community Service Organisation

The young men on Community Service are now coming every other Sunday alternating with the work they are doing at the Evelyn Fison Home in Stowmarket.

They are making a good job of decorating the old "Stoke Hole" and kitchen and have finished laying the floor tiles in the mens toilet. The 'ladies' should be finished next time they come.

What a pity we didn't take "before" and "after" photographs of these projects!

The Pantry has been professionally plastered by Ken Brown's firm who are also going to instal the small electric water heaters we are obliged to have in the toilets.

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PETTIWARD HALL (Continued)

December 31st

We were a little unsure about the response to a New Year's Eve party in the Hall, but if enough people think it is a good idea and promise to come we may try it another year.

February 17th and 18th, 1984

Don't forget the Clodhoppers Pantomime!

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL,

Pettiward Hall Committee

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Membership

The membership of the Branch from Finborough, Buxhall, Rattlesden, Onehouse and other places totals 92 for the coming year of whom one-third are pensioners and eight are Associate members. This shows a slight drop from 1982/83 but we hope to get at least 3 new members.

Dinner

The Dinner on 3rd December was a pleasant social occasion with about 50 members and their guests enjoying a buffet meal and entertainment by Mr. Peter Twitchett.

H. Wake, Branch Secretary

CHESTNUT HORSE

Janet and David Budd wish all their customers and friends a very enjoyable Christmas and prosperous and Happy New Year.

December's diary

Sat. 10th	Musical duo: "Nutty Slack"
Mon. 12th	Crib team (home) v. Duke's Head
Thurs. 15th	Mens darts team (away) v. Buxhall Crown Ladies darts team (home) practice for Sat. match v. Men
Sat. 17th	Darts match: Ladies v. Men
Tues. 20th	Crib: In house Club competition and Christmas Buffet
Weds. 21st	Grand Christmas Draw: 10p a go; lots of prizes - call in any time before then and select yourself a lucky no.
Thurs. 22nd	Darts: 1st leg of In house competition and Christmas Buffet.
Sat. 24th	Christmas Carols led by Mike Bexon and friends
Sun. 25th	Join us at lunchtime between 12 and 2 pm
Sat. 31st	New Year's Eve Celebration.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had a visit from Peter Neale of the Children's Society last month. He came to receive our collection of used postage stamps that we collect for the work of the Society. He was astonished at the large amount of stamps that we had collected (over 10,000). We are still collecting used stamps for the Society and if you would like to help us then we would be very grateful. No amount of stamps too small.

Our Christmas service will be held in the school on the afternoon of 14th December, at 1.30 pm. We extend a warm invitation to you all.

"Cold nights in Winter" by James Doe, aged 8 years

Winter's here; Jack Frost's about;
He's thin, he's cold, he's got a long frosty nose.
He goes through cracks in the door.
Don't open the door - he will come in.
He'll bite you cold.
You'll shiver, you'll shake when he does.
Crunch goes the frost!
Frosty cold nights are here; you know Jack Frost is here.
People wrap up so he can't get in.
Dare you go out while he's about?
The damp, cold windows.
If you go out you will get red, red noses,
Colds and coughs, cold finger tips.
The night is cold and damp as can be.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent Council meeting it was decided to set the Parish Rate in 1984/85 at the same level as the current year. Correspondence with the District Council had continued over the gipsy site in Combs Lane including the new warden's residence. Further activity at the unauthorised tip near Finborough Bridge was noted. The question of an additional set of warning lights for the school crossing patrol is to be taken up with the local police.

PARISH CHARITIES

The Great Finborough Charities are to be combined into a new United Charity. Grants will be made on an individual basis in cases of need or hardship rather than the existing annual distribution of numerous small gifts. It is considered that with the larger fund worthwhile assistance can be given to individual cases and the original purposes of the charities fulfilled.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

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