

Great Finborough

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Church services

Sunday 11th March 9 am Holy Communion
Sunday 18th March 11 am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th March 9 am Holy Communion
Sunday 1st April 11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Holy Communion
Sunday 8th April 9 am Holy Communion
(6.30 pm Deanery Evensong at Westhorpe)
Sunday 15th April 11 am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)
Thursday 19th April 7 pm Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday)
Friday 20th April 7 pm Evening Prayer (Good Friday)
Sunday 22nd April 11.15 am Family Communion
Sunday 29th April 9 am Holy Communion

Annual meeting

Thursday 29th March at 7.30 pm in the Pettward Hall Lower Room.

Agenda:

Reports for past year
Approval of audited accounts
Election of officers & church council for 84/5
Planning ahead.

The Church Tower

We will not know until midsummer whether we are eligible for a grant from the Department of the Environment for repairs to the buttresses and work cannot commence until we get the grant. Meanwhile - keep clear of the base of the tower.

Rev.H.Wake, Vicar

PARISH CHARITIES

The creation of a new United Charity for Great Finborough was mentioned in the December, 1983 edition of the Newsletter. A draft scheme for the charity has been prepared by the Charity Commission following consultation with trustees of the existing Charities in the parish. A copy of the draft scheme is available for public inspection at the Vicarage until 19th March, 1984. The draft scheme sets out the constitution of the proposed United Charity including the extent to which help can be given to the community.

M.J.Baker, Clerk to the Trustees

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PETTIWARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Hall is now completely decorated throughout downstairs and we are indebted to the Community Service Organiser, Mr. R. Burlinson and his supervisor for seeing that the young men did a worthwhile job. Without this help we should certainly be daunted and probably disheartened.

Regular Events & Who to contact

Playgroup Mondays & Thursdays 9.30 - 12 noon
 Sue Miller (tel: 613675)

Tuesday Club Tuesdays 10 - 12 noon
 Trudy Gray (tel: 674319)

WI Spinning Class Tuesdays 10 - 12 noon
 Judy Rolfe (tel: 612976)

Youth Club Wednesdays 6 - 10 pm
 Adrian Smith (tel: 615492)

Women's Institute 2nd Thursday 7.30 pm
 Trudy Gray (tel: 674319)

St. George's School use the main hall on Thursday afternoons and on Friday mornings it is cleaned by Mrs. Cotton.

Hall Bookings

Mrs. Jan Budd, The Chestnut Horse (tel: 612298)

Future Event

Easter Monday - organised by the Dancers & Dumplings:

Egg Throwing
Race of Bogmen
Evening Ceildh

There are also Afternoon Teas in the Hall.

Pat Smith

In appreciation

It is good to look across the Green and see the seat back in place. It has been completely reconstructed by the S.A.C.R.O. workshop in Ipswich.

Thank you Andrew of Chestnut View Cottage for repairing our metal litter basket and staking it back in place.

Both these items of village property had been vandalised.

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PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Pettward Hall on Friday, 30th March, 1984 commencing at 7 pm. A Parish Council meeting will follow afterwards.

At the Parish Meeting there will be the usual reports from the Parish Council, parish charities, the Pettward Hall Committee and other parish organisations. To commence the Meeting there will be a short talk on the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service given by Mr. R. Bailey.

There will also be the opportunity for electors to raise and have discussed by the Meeting any matter connected with the parish.

Invitation

All parish organisations are invited to give a report to the Parish Meeting about their activities over the past year. There is no need for prior notice, just come along and you will be advised at the appropriate time during the meeting.

Clerk to Parish Council

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CHESTNUT HORSE

We now offer a selection of the following services: Outside Bars, Disco Shows, Video Filming and Photography and Finborough's own Private Car Hire, specially formed for the convenience of villagers to travel cheaply. Tel: 612298.

On 10th March we are holding a 1970-75 Family Dance, everyone welcome, tickets available at the Pub and the Post Office. On January, 14th we held a 1960's Dance which proved a great success and profits of £80 went to the International Airport.

On 21st December the Haughley Gentlemen Cyclists in the guise of bell ringers visited the pub, they left very noisely and quickly with the ancient contract which they removed from its place of honour on the bar wall (next to the toilet door). Since the dastardly deed we have received a communication from the Right Rev. Vicar of the Haughley Gentlemen Cyclists stating that the contract had been lodged with him and will be returned on the day of the Bog Race if the Finborough Bogmen win it back "fairly and squarely".

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve proved to be two terrific nights in the Chestnut. The pub was crowded and buzzed with life and both evenings ended in a good old fashioned sing-song.

Our Crib team is still commanding a high position in the league. They play in the Chestnut alternate Monday's. On alternate Thursday's the pub comes to life when the Darts team plays at home and despite their devil-may-care attitude and the recent loss of their gallant captain, Andrew Pettit alias 'Tippo' (due to a foreign poshing) they still hold 3rd place in the 'C' section of the Stow. & District League.

Cricket team

Since taking over the Chestnut Horse in June last year we have had numerous enquiries with regard to a cricket team. We are pleased to announce that on 15th February a team was formed to be known as The Great Finborough & District Cricket Club, and that Mr. John Sinclair of St. George's School has kindly offered the use of the School pitch for home matches. Several weekend fixtures have already been offered by neighbouring clubs and it was decided that a General Meeting would be held on 21st March at 8 pm in the Day-Staff Room at St. George's School. All those interested in playing are welcome to attend.

Janet Budd

PS. We sincerely thank all those many people who have offered their help and support during David's sudden hospitalisation. We have been completely overwhelmed by the many concerned callers. Thank you very much.

TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club will hold an Open Coffee Morning on 3rd April from 10.30 to 12 noon. The WI Spinning Class will be in attendance. All welcome.

Trudy Gray

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

You just don't know what you missed. Judging by the competition I'm very glad to say not many missed out on a special evening. Almost everybody brought a precious 'something' for our Speaker, Mr. Peter Crichton, a specialist in silver antiques, to chat about. We now know all about Hallmarking, what it represents, where the Assay Offices are, and along with a host of other information we have learnt to remember relevant dates - I think!! It really must be said that Mr. Crichton, with his professionalism and humour, gave us a very good evening indeed, which was undoubtedly enhanced by the efforts of our Members to bring along so many 'goodies' for us to see and participate in the competition. How many, since the last meeting, have had a rummage through the loft to find any further likely candidates, and to see if the lion's crown is on or off!!! Chance would be a fine thing - candidates in my loft are cardboard boxes and cobwebs.

J. Banfield

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Change of Officers (As from 1st April)

Branch Secretary: Frank Smith of Hilmic House vice Hugh Wake
Branch Treasurer: John Haydon of 24 Lockington Road, Stowmarket
vice Frank Smith.

Leap Year Party

The Branch entertained Finborough & Buxhall WI members in Buxhall Village Hall on 29th February. About 40 of us had an enjoyable evening with singing led by Mrs. Fisher on the piano. Thank you to the ladies who provided the very good buffet, Stan Knowles for the Bar and all who helped.

Royal Tournament

Saturday, 14th July is a special Legion night at Earls Court and we have provisionally booked a 45-seater coach and seats for the tournament. All Legion members and their families are welcome to come and the cost is expected to be about £10 a head for coach and ticket; the show starts at 7.30 pm so no young children please. We hope to get there in time for something to eat and to see round the exhibitions outside the arena. More details later.

H. Wake

BUXHALL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Gardening Club will hold the first meeting of the year on Thursday, 29th March at 7.30 pm in Buxhall Village Hall when there will be a Quiz Evening. All welcome.

Trudy Gray

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