

Great Finborough

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EASTER MONDAY

Easter Monday has arrived once again. The Dancers and Dumplings will be holding their usual events as follows:

2.30pm Egg & Spoon Races (all classes; entry free)

3.15pm Egg Throwing (adults only; entry free)

4.00pm The Race of the Beggmen (Invited teams only)

8.30pm Ceilidh - The Beggmen Ceilidh Band (Tickets fl.50 -
bar applied for)

We are also pleased to announce that as in previous years teas will be served in the Pettiward Hall by the Hall Committee. While the teas are being served there will be an Easter Bonnet Parade and an Egg Decorating Contest. The decorated eggs should be taken to the Pettiward Hall and left on the stage with a card showing clearly the name, address and age of the entrant. There will be two age groups: 7 years and under; and, 8 years and upwards. At 4.15pm approximately the prizes will be given and the Easter Bonnet Parade judged.

Two reminders:

1. No eggs other than those which are unsuitable for the retail trade (infertile eggs) to be used.
2. Please respect the property of those living in Church Close and avoid walking on gardens.

We hope everyone will support us both during the afternoon and at the evening Ceilidh. Tickets for the Ceilidh are available from the Post Office & Stores, the Chestnut Horse and The Old Forge. To avoid disappointment please obtain tickets before the evening.

The Race of the Beggmen

An annual Harvest Supper was held by the Squire for the good folk of Great Finborough. During the celebrations the Squire noticed that Mr. Boggis, farmer of Boyton Hall, was displeased with the conduct of his employees. The Squire, knowing of the poor employment situation in the neighbouring village of Haughley, arranged that a group of men from that village work for Mr. Boggis. The farmer being a fair and honest man, gave each team a chance to win the contract. So at the appointed time and place on Easter Monday both teams met in a race which was run from Boyton Hall to the local public house with the winning team obtaining the contract for work that year. The race became an annual event and was watched by everyone. Mr. Waspe of Boyton Hall has revived this custom and the race will again take place this year. May the best team win!

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

Stage curtains

The new curtains have been hung and look most attractive. We shall have to consider replacing the glass panel near the stage withboard to exclude light and prevent damage by the horizontal support which can be raised and lowered if necessary. Please help us to look after these lovely curtains and the rest of the contents of the Hall. A lot of time, thought and money has gone into these improvements.

Heating

The running expenses of the Hall were more than the hire fees last year. As we know from our own bills the cost of heating has risen considerably and so the Committee has decided to increase the charge for heating as follows (in the Main Hall):

Morning and afternoon sessions £2

Evening sessions £4, and 50p for heat in the kitchen.

Donation

We are most grateful for the £15 donated by the Tuesday Club.

Easter Colouring Competition

There is to be a Children's Colouring Competition for the following age groups: Up to 4 years; 5 - 9 years; and over 9 years.

Entries to be handed in to Jackie Taylor at the Village Shop before Saturday, 21st April. An entry form is enclosed with this Newsletter and extra copies are available from the Village Shop. The competition will be judged by a panel of members of the RBL and WI. We look forward to lots of entries.

Easter Monday

The events are described on the first page of this issue. We ask for your support.

Pat Smith

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Ancient woodlands is perhaps not a topic we ladies converse in too often, but no doubt could manage a few words of wisdom of same after Mr. Milne-Redhead's informative talk last month. Apparently we are blessed in this area with woodlands, some hundreds of years old, that Mr. Milne-Redhead and his team are systematically preserving. Perhaps we weren't aware of their existence, or even now recognise them for what they are, so we must be even more thankful that nature conservationists work hard to keep that part of our heritage flourishing.

J. Banfield

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION



Name _____

Age _____

To be handed in before Sat. 21st April, 1984 at Village Shop

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church services

Sunday 8th April 9 am Holy Communion
(6.30 pm Deanery Evensong at Westhorpe)
Sunday 15th April 11 am Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)
Thurs. 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
Sunday 6th May 11 am Morning Prayer; 6.30 pm Holy Communion
Sunday 13th May 9 am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th May 11 am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th May 9 am Holy Communion then walk to Onehouse for
Rogationtide service at 10.30 am.

Weddings

Saturday 12th May at Combs 2 pm: Graham Wright to Deborah Gray
Saturday 26th May at Finborough 2 pm: Caroline Hopewell to Roland
Brooks

To all of them - best wishes for every happiness.

Ramblers meet at Finborough Church on Sunday 27th May at 2.15 pm.
Why not join them for a pleasant afternoon's exercise.

Vandalism

The windows in Finborough Church porch, and now a window on the north side of the nave, have been deliberately smashed by persons unknown but presumed to be young people from the village, several of whom have been seen in the porch lately. This must stop forthwith and I appeal to parents to make it clear to their children that severe action will be taken on anyone caught in what is essentially trespass and sacrilege. The church and churchyard are open at all times for those who wish to use them for lawful purposes; they are not a play area for irresponsible youngsters. A final request - if you must smoke or eat in the porch, please take your rubbish home and not leave it around.

H. Wake, Vicar

PRIMARY SCHOOL

You may remember that last December we held a fund-raising Christmas Fayre to help purchase some indoor P.E. apparatus for the children here. This has now been installed and has quickly become a firm favourite with the children.

Mark Goldsmith has made history by being the first child at the school to climb over the top! May we take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has helped to raise the money for this item of equipment.

Once again we are very pleased to have some of our craft work selected for display in the Western Area Schools' Art Exhibition. This makes the third year running that this has happened, proving that not only are the children very agile, thanks to the new apparatus, but also very observant and agile with their fingers as well.

P. C. Twitchett, Headmaster

PLAYGROUP

Wanted Paid, playgroup supervisor, two mornings per week after Easter. Interested persons please phone Sue Miller on Stowmarket 613675 for details.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was held in the Pettiward Hall, when guests from neighbouring clubs joined us for an evening of entertainment.

We are always pleased to see new Members and invite anyone who is eligible to come along to our next Meeting on Thursday, 3rd May at 7 pm at Buxhall Village Hall.

Hilary Smith

PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish Meeting in March was attended by 16 parishioners and the evening commenced with a short talk by Mr.R.Bailey on the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.

The various reports taken together show Great Finborough to be a socially active village with most ages and tastes catered for in one way or another.

Mr.Patton and Mr.Mitson gave their observations on County and District Council matters respectively.

There was a discussion on the subject of the play area next to the Chestnuts. It had been waterlogged in wet weather and equipment had been vandalised. Continuation of the licence to use the land for a play area is currently being sought by the Parish Council but further development is not at present envisaged. The Chairman emphasised that the Parish Council was willing to consider any constructive suggestions about the future of the play area.

It was decided to object to the Badgecastle Housing site at Stowmarket being named "Finborough Green" because the misleading name is bound to lead to a great deal of confusion especially as there is already a Green in Finborough.

It was confirmed that there had been little interest shown in the Self-Build Scheme on land next to the Chestnuts and Oak Close.

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