

# Great Finborough

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## ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church services - in the absence of a vicar there will not always be a service in Finborough. You will be very welcome at Onehouse or Harleston and if you need a lift please contact a regular worshipper with a car.

Sunday 19th August 11 am Communion at Finborough  
(Rev. M. Skliros)

Sunday 26th August 9 am Communion at Onehouse  
11 am Morning Prayer at Harleston  
(Both with the Archdeacon)

## Sponsored Cycle Ride

The annual sponsored cycle ride is on 15th September from 10 am to 6 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity both to see the countryside in company with other cyclists and to see and help the churches and chapels in the county. Money raised is shared between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church of your choice. Arrangements are as in previous years. Soft drinks will be available at all churches visited.

Please join us and bring your friends. You may start and finish wherever you like and at whatever time between 10 am and 6 pm that suits you. Sponsorship forms are available from:

The Chestnut Horse

Andrew & Amanda Searle at Chestnut View Cottage

The Old Forge.

If we are out when you call, leave a note and a sponsorship form will be brought to you. GET YOUR SPONSORS NOW.

## The Rev. H. Wake

On Thursday 19th July a farewell party was held for Rev. Hugh Wake. John and Brenda Crimaldi kindly allowed us to use their home for what turned out to be a very pleasant evening. Many of those who had contributed to a retiring gift were able to be present and Mr. F. Proctor, the churchwarden, presented a leather briefcase and some wine to Hugh and garden tokens to Mari Gold. Thank you to all who contributed to this event. We wish the Wakes every happiness in their new home.

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

On Saturday, 18th August at 7.30 pm the Salvation Army Songsters will be giving an evening of song. Come and hear them and enjoy their singing. A welcome to all.

### PLAYSCHOOL

A coffee morning will be held on Monday, 20th August in the Petteward Hall between 10 pm and 12 noon. There will be refreshments and a cake and produce stall.

### CANDLESTICK CLUB

Our "Bring and Buy" evening proved quite successful and we now look forward to our annual outing to Felixstowe on TUESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER. The coach departs from the Chesnut Estate at 1 pm, tea will be served at 5 pm at the Regal Restaurant and we set off on the homeward journey at 6.15 pm. There will be a few spare seats, so if anyone would care to join us please let me know by 29th August.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

### LADIES KEEP FIT

Anyone interested in joining our Keep Fit Group is welcome to come along to the Petteward Hall on Tuesday, 4th September at 8 pm - fee 75p per session. Come and join us, do some stretching and laughing. Further details please contact Anne Phoenix on Stowmarket 674396.

### PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

It's time to paint the outside of the Hall again. We are indebted to I.C.I. for the gift of 30 litres of paint and we have been promised help once more from the Probation Service. You will remember what a good job the young men on Community Service made of painting the outside in 1980. We shall however need help with painting the eaves so if you can spare some time and have a head for heights we should be so pleased to hear from you.

Brian Smith has laid the floor tiles in the pantry and Mary Williams made the covers to protect the bottom halves of our new stage curtains when not in use. Hermon Sparkes has been quietly getting on with some maintenance jobs. Cheerful volunteers are a great asset in a community.

### Mammoth Market

We gave this a miss last year but we have booked a pitch for SATURDAY, 15th September. If you can spare items from your larder - garden or deep freeze we shall be most grateful and the proceeds we shall share with the Parish Church.

### The New Carpet

It was most disheartening to find cigarettes had been stubbed out on our new carpet. Stains we can cope with but not holes. Please when you use the Hall will you all help us to watch out for these potential arsonists.

Pat Smith, Committee Chairman

### GREAT FINTBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Youth Club is now into its summer holidays. Recently some members have re-painted the lower room at the Petteward Hall. For the first time the centre of the village was used for an activity when an "It's a Knockout" barbecue was held; this was very enjoyable and we would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Wright for their tolerance and great co-operation in this event. Many thanks, too, to John and Sue Sinclair and staff for the use of their grounds, including the playground, for our other barbecue. Food on this occasion was provided by Trevor and Jackie at the Shop, for which we are very grateful. The final night proved great fun, with all members in fancy dress.

We would like to thank Ken Brand, who now steps down as Treasurer after one and a half years; he has done a grand job and we are very grateful to him.

To enable the Club to continue, we need some parents on a rota basis to supervise for an evening now and then. All names, please to Gerry Squirrell or myself by 8th September.

Finally, I would request that any complaints regarding the Youth Club come direct to the Chairman or myself. Thank you.

Adrian Smith.

### WOMENS INSTITUTE

Party time again, held at Mrs. Grimaldi's home. Unfortunately the weather wasn't on its best behaviour, but we braved the elements and stayed outside for the business part of the evening. I'm not sure whether the enthusiasm for the games, or our supper, attributed to our keenness to get indoors - or was it the chill night air! No matter what it was we had a good time. After a couple of games - good thing we listened intently to Trudy Gray the previous month wasn't it - we tucked into our usual five: star cuisine. A cup of coffee rounded off a very nice evening. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Grimaldi for letting us have our 'rave up' in her home.

I feel I would like to mention that since our Garden Party we, as a W.I. visited the Priory at Lavenham. Ever wanted to knock down a few walls, tear up a few floors, all in the name of improvement, and lacked the necessary ingredient - courage. Then go take a look at Alan and Cwenneth Casey's Priory at Lavenham - here lies courage, guts and determination in abundance. Their home dates back to the 11th century, the 'newest' addition being built in the 16th century. From a derelict nightmare, uninhabited for almost a quarter of a century, nettles neck high, weeds waist high, they transformed it in a mere five years to a dream of a home. It really is a monument to dedication to the restoration of our lovely old homes. Do spare the time and go and see for yourselves, it is well worth the visit.

J. Banfield

# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

## Points from the July meeting

Council supported efforts to divert the Oak Close - Chestnuts path so that it would run around the school playing field rather than across it as now.

The Village Sign on the village green opposite the Chestnut Horse is to be repainted.

Concern was expressed over the danger to road users emerging from Oak Close onto the M115 because visibility is impaired by the overgrown hedges either side of the entrance. The situation has been reported to the Area Surveyor for remedial action.

The Parish Council is to press for the District Council to notify neighbours of planning applications which affect adjoining property as a matter of course rather than, as now, at the discretion of the District Council.

Following the meeting a discussion about the Chestnuts play area took place. The Youth Club plans for development of the site were presented and considered by those present. The District Council is to be sounded out as to whether any assistance would be forthcoming for any development work.

Council agreed to re-publish the conclusions of the Parish Meeting held in 1979 which put forward suggested amendments to the Definitive Map of Rights of Way so that interest of parishioners can be judged whether to pursue the matter further now that the amendment procedure has changed. The suggested amendments were:

- (a) That City Lane be a by way for its entire length
- (b) That Cammans Lane be a byway for its entire length
- (c) That the metalled roads running around Finborough Hall and North Drive to Onehouse be bridleways
- (d) That a footpath runs alongside the iron railings north of Finborough Hall on the Golf Course
- (e) That a footpath runs from Pear Tree House, High Road to Valley Lane and across to the footbridge over the stream.

If you have any comments please let the Clerk or any Councillor know so that the Parish Council may decide what, if any, steps to take to pursue the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Friday, 28th September, 1984.

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