

Great Finborough Newsletter

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COMMUNITY QUIZ

The next round of the Inter Community Quiz will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Monday, 3rd February, 1986 when teams from Great Ashfield, Offton & Willisham, and Stowlangtoft will join Gt. Finborough in the District Finals starting at 7.30 pm. The winning team on the night will compete in the County Finals later this year. Please come along and support your team - it will be a most enjoyable evening. SUPPORT YOUR TEAM.

PARISH RATE 1986/87

At a special meeting of the Council in December, it was agreed that the amount to be raised by the Parish Council in 1986/87 would be £2,054. As a result, the District Council has now confirmed that the parish rate next year will be 4.9p in the £ - the same as the current year.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The first meeting of 1986 was held in an extremely cold Pettiward Hall on 9th January. Mrs. Judy Jones from Stowmarket gave a very colourful demonstration on collage. She created some beautiful pictures using such varied materials as pasta and string to fabric and seashells. The competition for the February meeting is an item of collage to see if we were paying attention.

Our meetings are held in the Pettiward Hall on the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome to come along at 7.30 pm. The February speaker will be Mr. P. Davy, the Gipping Valley Warden for Suffolk County Council who will give a talk and show slides of the Valley.

Mary Underwood

PRIMARY SCHOOL

My Favourite Food

I like candyfloss because it melts in my mouth and it makes me all sticky and I like spaghetti bolognese too because it's got a nice saucy taste. I like jelly because it's soft and wobbly and I like chips soaked in vinegar.

Zoe Miller, aged 7 years

I like leek and potato soup and I like some ice-cream - it makes me shivery.

Christopher Cracknell, aged 6 years

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Branch has had a very busy period over the last few months with the Annual Flower Show run by Mr.C.Powley, followed by the Remembrance Sunday Parade which was attended by over 30 members of the Branch (well done) and supported, as ever, by the Salvation Army Band. Then followed the Annual Dinner in Pettward Hall attended by 84 members and guests, the principal guest being the Chairman of the Suffolk County RBL, Mr.J.Swain. During the evening it was announced that County Certificates of Appreciation had been awarded to two members: Mr.Alan Hollocks and Mr.John Scott. These were duly presented to them by the National President of the RBL, General Sir Howard-Dobson.

On the 12th December the AGM was held in Buxhall Village Hall where, regretablely, our Chairman, Mr.W.Jackaman, stated that he did not wish to be considered for re-election as he was unable to fulfil all of his duties due to commitment of standby duty at work and his involvement with other organisations. He thanked everyone for their assistance during his term of office and assured the Branch of his continued help.

The Branch this year is in a better financial position than previously with great help coming from the sponsored "fish-in" organised by Alan Hollocks and his friends, and the Fete held in August for which the Branch expressed its thanks to John Sinclair for allowing the event to be held in the grounds of St.George's School and for his co-operation with the Fete Committee. Vouchers were distributed at Christmas and the Branch would like to wish all readers a happy and prosperous 1986.

E.W.E.Smith, Hon.Secretary

N.B. Anyone wishing to join the Branch please contact me on 615492.

POPPY APPEAL

May I, as Appeals Organiser, give thanks to the collectors for the Great Finborough area for their efforts, and to all who gave so generously. This year the grand total was £164.09 and represents an increase of 7 per cent over the previous year. I would point out that of all money collected for the Poppy Appeal, only 7 per cent is taken for administration and expenses. The remaining 93 per cent is used for all the charitable purposes of the RBL.

E.W.E.Smith

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well hallo agin tergeither,

Oi hoop ya orl a dewin orlroit now that crismus is orl over and dun with, thus rum owd coud wether were a hevin int ut, thas almost coud enuff fer tew walkun stiks, and that hooly ut suffin okud tew git abowt oi must admit oi fair tew stay insoid, thas warmer by the owd fire, oi set and red the paper instid a goin outsoid, there was a bit in there about that there tunnel wot they erkon there a goin tew bild acros the chanel tew franse. Well oi gotta say oi hev never red such a lotta owd squit in moi loif.

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LETTER TO EDITOR (CONTINUED)

Orl them experts rekon thay no wot there a dewun, they hint thort that out very well hev they, can yew imagin wot will happen wen they hav a hoi owd toid in franse and we git a low wun over here orl that water will come a rushin yon ind and gush owt a this ind an flud orl tha bottom a england, that ont harf be a mess ont ut wot with orl them onions and peeple on boiks a hollerun an showton corse they ont be able tew git back til the toid go down.

Corse they reckon that england is a movun away from franse orl tha toim, sort a slowly, oi rekon they will hev ta fit a rubber bit in ut somewhere so that will stretch wen that hev tew, praps somebody ort tew tell them blokes wot there a dewin rong afore they make themsellvs look duddy fewls, roit in front a tha hole world, thatll make em orl think that us english peeple are orl a bit darft.

Oi spose that ont be long afore them french peeple will want us tew tork and roit loik they dew, wen oi hatterw, take yers tew larn how tew dew ut proper oi dont want tew start agin now. Oi carnt see wos rong a lettin orl the owd peeple die orf afore they bring in orl these c hanges dew yew.

Well orl the best tergeither, boi fer now,

P.Muckle.

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Christmas 1985

A full church for the Carol Service and 'the Midnight' must have been gratifying to those who worked so hard to decorate the church and light it so attractively with 100 candlepower.

There were many new faces at the Christmas services and we are gathering quite a number of 'occasionals' at St.Andrews Church now - those who like to pop in every few months or so. It is a welcome sight. The best traditions of the Church of England have never been to divide people into either 'regulars' or 'non-churchgoers'. A great number of people like to go to church every now and then. They can be assured that they will be very welcome and not harried into coming more often.

Choir

Meanwhile the choir grows apace, in skill as well as numbers. We haven't outnumbered the congregation yet but it has been touch and go once or twice! We need some men, tenors especially, and we could now take on some youngsters. They will have to work hard and will be taught to read music, as most of the choir do. Practices are the Tuesdays before the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month, 8 - 9pm.

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ST. ANDREWS CHURCH (CONTINUED)

Services for February

The pattern for services for February is in the melting pot, due to increased demand gratifyingly, and some give times only. This is because we are conscious we are not doing a lot for the younger generation (a children's talk in an otherwise heavy-weight mattins service is not the answer, in my view, nor is 'Family Communion' all that attractive to the young.) So we are discussing whether to introduce a proper Family Service once a month. St. Georges are keen. Watch the noticeboard outside The Old Forge.

Sunday, 2nd February	11 am
Wednesday, 12th February	Ash Wednesday 9.15am HC
Sunday, 16th February	11am Mattins (Choir lead singing of Tallis' Litany)
Sunday, 23rd February	9.30am

R.I.P.

Wally Fisher, 5th November, aged 61 years.

Rev. M. Skliros

PARISH DIARY FOR FEBRUARY, 1986

(Church services shown above)

Monday, 3rd	Community Quiz - Pettward Hall 7.30pm
Thursday, 13th	Women's Institute - Pettward Hall 7.30pm
Saturday, 15th	DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER

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If you have anything for future Parish Diaries please let the Editor know by the deadline date. Events mentioned in material for publication will automatically be included.