



Great Finborough Newsletter

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PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

As this report is PBN (Post Burns' Night), no doubt tales of the evening's revelries have already passed into local folklore. Needless to say, a fine time was had by the eighty or so who partook of the hoggins. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of the evening. We made £150 for improvements to your Hall, which leads on nicely to the next point of news.

The work on the new door in the kitchen should be starting shortly and finished in time for Easter.

Finally, dates for your diary - come on put them in now:

Monday, 31st March (afternoon)	Teas and childrens colouring competition
Tuesday, 1st April	Ladies Mud Wrestling
Saturday, 17th May	Second Great Great Finborough 50/50 Auction
Saturday, 21st June	Mid Summer Party

Further details to follow.

Richard Brice

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Those of us who braved the very wintry conditions for the February meeting were treated to an insight into the very pretty area in which we live and take for granted. Mr. P. Davey, the Gipping Valley Warden for the Suffolk County Council showed slides on the work of the conservationists and volunteers who had helped to open up the footpaths beside the River Gipping, clearing brambles and nettles so now it is possible to walk along the tow path from Stowmarket to Ipswich where once horses pulled barges when the river was used as a means of transportation. The footpaths are now well signposted and small bridges and stiles have been constructed. The message seems to be to leave the car behind and explore on foot to see water-mills, locks, flowers and wildlife abound on our doorstep.

The March meeting in the Pettward Hall on the 13th will be open to everyone when the subject will be "Drug abuse".

Mary Underwood

PLAYSCHOOL

The Playschool will be holding an Easter Bazaar on Saturday 22nd March from 2 to 4pm. There will be stalls for cakes, toys, tombola etc. and any contributions would be greatly appreciated. During the afternoon, the children (we hope) will be putting on a display on the stage. Please come along and support them - all are very welcome.

Vivian Brice

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Family Service

We have started a FAMILY SERVICE on the fourth Sunday of each month (23rd February, 23rd March etc.) at 9.30. Modern hymns, easy to follow order of service. About 40 minutes.

Services for March

March 2nd	Lent 3	Sung Eucharist at 11
(March 9th	Mothering Sunday	Family Service at Onehouse at 11)
March 16th	Passion Sunday	Sung Mattins at 11
March 23rd	Palm Sunday	Family Service at 9.30
(March 28th	Good Friday	Hymns and Devotions at Onehouse 2-3pm)
March 30th	EASTER DAY	Sung Mattins at 10.30 (N.B. the time) followed by shortened Holy Communion

The service on Easter Day is the only service in the benefice, so there will be numbers from Onehouse and Harleston joining us on that day. Strictly, the services should really have been Communion, but we were anxious not to put off those who have not been confirmed, which leads to

Confirmation

There are two adults for Confirmation, and a discussion group for them will form shortly. Any other enquirers please telephone me (677663/672844), even if not wanting to commit themselves to Confirmation. There are some teenagers also being prepared, but the two groups will be completely separate.

Sunday School

Parishioners are reminded that there is a flourishing Sunday School at Onehouse, which meets at 9.30 every Sunday in the Church Room (in church every 2nd Sunday in the month). We have one and a half teachers - another would be very welcome. There is not enough support to start a Sunday School at Finborough, so we will build on the strength at Onehouse, at least initially.

Request for EMPTY MATCHBOXES! To any church member, please.

Choir

We are now sixteen strong. Some more men please!

Michael Skliros

PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Pettward Hall on Friday, 4th April, 1986 commencing at 7pm. There will be the usual reports from the parish organisations and your local Councillors. Also this year, a representative of the local Police will give some details of the way in which the community can take steps to reduce crime in the neighbourhood.

INTER VILLAGE QUIZ

The Mid Suffolk Finals of the Inter Village Quiz were held in the Pettward Hall on Monday, 3rd February. In front of a large and appreciative audience, Great Finborough lost in the first semi-final to the eventual winners, Ashfield by 139 points to 109. The contest was quite even until about half way through the questions when the home team came unstuck on the subject of 'Space Travel' when Ashfield were able to amass 21 points without reply. It was later learned that Ashfield had a keen astronomer in their team.

The second semi-final saw the Offton/Willisham team defeat Stowlangtoft by the narrow margin of 137 points to 133. Had the Stowlangtoft team answered their final question correctly they would have won by a single point.

The final resulted in a comprehensive victory for Ashfield over Offton/Willisham by 152 points to 115. At no point did Ashfield look like being caught up. Our congratulations to them now that they represent Mid Suffolk in the County Finals.

Finally, our thanks to those involved in the catering for the event - a most enjoyable spread.

INTER VILLAGE SPORTS COMPETITION 1986

A joint Buxhall/Great Finborough team is to be entered again this year. As usual there is a need for an organiser/manager and of course participants for the events which are: table tennis, soccer, netball, darts, badminton and a relay race. The competition days are Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June at the Mid Suffolk Sports Centre at Stowmarket.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Mr.K.Proctor (Rattlesden 598) as soon as possible.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1986

Great Finborough are eligible to enter this year. This subject will be raised at the Parish Meeting in April. Please come along and give your views if you would like to be involved in a committee to organise an entry for this village.

PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH, 1986 (excluding Church services)

Thursday, 13th	Womens Institute 7.30pm
Saturday, 15th	DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER
Saturday, 22nd	Easter Bazaar for Playschool 2-4pm Pettward Hall
Monday, 31st	Pettward Hall (afternoon) Teas and colouring competition for children

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.

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