

Great Finborough Newsletter

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Pettward Hall on Friday, 4th April at 7 PM. As well as the usual reports about the village organisations and from the County and District Councillors, a senior officer from the Suffolk Constabulary will attend to talk about aspects of the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes which can be used by the community towards the prevention of crime and disorder.

PLAYSCHOOL

You saw the hospital which ran superbly without any patients in "Yes Minister" - well we have a similar problem, a superb playschool without children. Well, we have some vacancies anyhow. Playschool has plenty of equipment and under the guidance of our new 'play teach' Wendy Porley and helpers really gives pre-school children (2½ onwards) a head start. We ask mums to stay with 2½ year olds but once they are three they can stay on their own. Playschool meets between 9.30am and noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The normal cost is 70p a day. Why not come along and test the water - All are welcome.

We would like to take the children out to see some animals, so if anyone has any baby lambs, chicks, rabbits etc. that we could bring them to see, we would be most grateful (we will make sure we have plenty of supervision). Please let me know on Stow.676249.

We would also like to thank St. George's School and the girls for their great help on Thursday mornings.

Uivian Brice

PETTIWARD HALL

Spring is in the air, and we all know what that means Spring cleaning. What a coincidence. The Second Great Finborough 50/50 Auction is on Saturday, 17th May.

Returned by popular request, the auction gives a golden opportunity to get rid of all those unwanted Christmas presents and all the odds and ends filling up the garage, shed, attic cellar, under the stairs and the back bedroom. And it really is a golden opportunity, well cupro-nickel, because we'll auction the goods for you and give you half the cash back. We keep the other half for Hall funds.

Let's make a mint - 50/50. And come along on the day, there are sure to be some goodies to bid for.

Richard Brice

GRAND SALE

A Grand Sale in aid of the Parish Church funds will be held in the Pettward Hall on Saturday, 26th April. Further enquiries contact P. Kemsley on Stowmarket 675456.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Following our AGM held in December when we were unable to elect a Chairman, Mr. R. Green of Buxhall was elected as Chairman at the Branch meeting held at Elmfield, Buxhall and hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Tomlinson. During the evening Mr. Green was presented with an inscribed "40 years on" Victory Medallion in appreciation for his services to the Branch as Service Secretary. It was announced at the meeting that the Branch had received a donation of £200 towards funds from the Great Finborough Fete Committee. The Branch expressed its appreciation to the Fete Committee and would like to state that during 1985, the Branch was able to distribute to Ex-Service widows and pensioners, in the Great Finborough and Buxhall areas as well as parts of Rattlesden vouchers for £650 coal; £100 for electricity; a £130 holiday grant to ex-service orph and children as well as a £50 Christmas grant. In addition, £120 of Christmas vouchers were distributed to ex-service widows and pensioners; a £300 outing to all pensioners in Buxhall and Great Finborough and emergency grants of £120 for repairs and £75 for fuel and light. Some of these grants came from the RBL HQ and some were from our own funds. We hope that we can continue to help in 1986.

F.W.E. Smith, Hon. Secretary

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It was very nice to see so many visitors and friends at our March meeting which proved how concerned people are in the subject of our speaker "Drug abuse".

We welcomed "Liz" from Surrey who was a member of "Families Anonymous" a support group for the families of drug users. She spoke very frankly how her own large family had experienced much heartache and sorrow due to the misuse of drugs and how, with the help of the group she had learned to come to terms with it. With drugs so readily available, not only in the large cities and towns, but much nearer home, it truly is a problem of our time.

At our meeting on April 10th the subject will be silk lampshades and there will be a bring and buy stall in aid of Stow Lodge Hospital. Please support the competition which is "something new from something old".

Mary Underwood, Hon. Secretary

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Our first meeting of the year will be on Thursday, 3rd April at 7pm in the Pettward Hall, when members and invited guests from neighbouring clubs will have entertainment and refreshments provided. Thereafter we meet alternately at Buxhall and St. Finborough on the first Thursday in the month 7 - 9pm and we welcome newcomers to any of these meetings.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We tergether this is the toime a the year were orl bin a waitin for int ut. The buds hev started tew bild there nests, speeshally them noisy owd crows, and yew can woch the robbin come a floyin down tew pick up them bu9s and creepw crawlews outer the ground wail wa a diggin. Tha hedges a wakin up and will soon tarn green and wot with the sun a gittin warma an orl that make wa fare good to be aloive dont ut.

And yit with orl this bewty orl round us there allust gotta be suffin wot spoil ut orl int tha, and thus them anti smokin peeple. They keep on a moning about them wot smoke sigarets and pipes and things, reckon they paloot tha atmosfere. Well oi rekon them are the wuns wot own gratt owd factry chimbleys wot chuck out orl a that rubbish orl the toim day and noit wot corz orl tha polooshun oi reckon a million people wot smoke dont corz harf wot jest wun a them chimbley hull out orl over the place.

And wot with that and the radioaktivty wot orl them boffins keep a makin and dont now wot tew dew with we will sewn fare tew be in a roit owd mess.

Tha's jest a good thing we dont know orl a was a goin on else weed orl sit fed up woodunt we. Hopefully nature will foind thas own way rownd in the ind so as we can sit in our gardens and enjoy the smells and the cullers wot come up every spring and listen tew them bees a buzzin on a quietest day gittin riddy tew feed orl a there wun9uns, jest loike us humans, allust hopin thas goin tew be better than last year and the rum owd thing about ut, that wusully is. Well cherio for now, moind yew plant wa bulbs in the roit way up, yew dont want them a comin up in the middle a winter dew wa.

P. Muckle

PARISH DIARY FOR APRIL, 1986

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| 3 Thursday | Candlestick Club: Pettward Hall 7pm |
| 4 Friday | Annual Parish Meeting: Pettward Hall 7pm Great Finborough Pastish Council: Pett. Hall 8pm |
| 6 Sunday | St. Andrews: Sung Eucharist 11am |
| 7 Monday | St. Andrews Church AGM: Pettward Hall 7.30pm |
| 10 Thursday | Womens Institute: Pettward Hall 7.30pm |
| 16 Wednesday | MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| 18 Friday | Fete Committee: Pettward Hall 7.30pm |
| 20 Sunday | St. Andrews: Mattins 11am |
| 23 Wednesday | St. Georges Day |
| 26 Saturday | Grand Sale: Pettward Hall 2pm |
| 27 Sunday | St. Andrews: Family Service 9.30am |

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.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Sunday 6th Easter 1 : Sung Eucharist 11am
Monday 7th Annual General Meeting: Pettiward Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 20th Easter 3: Mattins 11am
Saturday 26th Grand Sale: Pettiward Hall 2pm
Sunday 27th Easter 4: Family Service 9.30am

Choir Practices - 1st, 15th April at 8pm sharp in Church. Men still needed.

GREAT FINBOROUGH FETE COMMITTEE

At the meeting held on 26th January 1986 the Chairman stated that the central fund from the 1985 Fete stood at £332.29 and asked for instructions for disposal of same. After discussion, it was agreed that £200 be donated to the Royal British Legion as agreed at the initial meeting of the 1985 Fete Committee, and that the balance of £132.29 be held as a float for the 1986 Fete.

It was generally felt the Fete had been a considerable success with most organisations making a good profit for their funds. The Committee thanked Mr. J. Sinclair for his cooperation and help in providing the grounds of St. Georges School.

It was then agreed to try and hold a Fete in 1986 on the 23rd August in similar style to 1985. It was also agreed, subject to confirmation by a 1986 Fete Committee, that any surplus from the Central Fund be donated as follows: 50% to a local organisation; 25% to the RBL and 25% to some other deserving charity.

Following this meeting, a further meeting was fixed for 7th March but only 2 people turned up. It is now proposed that a meeting be held on the 18th April at 7.30 pm in the Lower Room of the Pettiward Hall. We urge representatives of the local organisations to support this meeting, as we need a considerable number of people to organise and run a Fete. Failing this, it will have to be seen if the Fete can take place, which will be a great pity and a loss to many organisations.

F.W.E. Smith, Chairman 1985 Fete Committee

BOOKING SECRETARY

Please note that as from 2nd April, the new Booking Secretary for the Pettiward Hall will be: -

Ann Phoenix, Thatched Cottage, High Road, Great Finborough
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The Committee records its thanks to Sue Cooper for her work over the past year.

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