

# Great Finborough Newsletter

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## PLAYSCHOOL

Our Tombola stall at the Finborough Fete made a handsome profit of approx. £65. Thanks to all who donated prizes and to those who helped and supported us on the day.

The photographer will be at the Pettward Hall on Tuesday 30th September from 11.30am. Come along and get those pictures taken ready for Granny's Christmas present and have a cup of coffee.

We have recently bought 12 small tables for use at playschool and they are also available to parents who would like to use them (in the Hall) for birthday parties etc. Enquiries to me or Wendy Porley.

Another date for your diaries is Saturday 29th November when we shall be holding our Christmas (yes it will soon be here) Bazaar. Details will be given later but in the meantime, if anyone has any toys, books etc. we will be very pleased to take them off your hands.

Vivian Brice (Hon. Secretary)

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A number of members enjoyed the September meeting where the speaker was Miss Steward who spoke of the work of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. She was accompanied by one of her breeding bitches. It provided a most entertaining and informative evening. The next meeting is on Thursday 9th October when the speaker will be Mrs. Hutt of Debenham on the subject of "Fans". She will be bringing with her her very large collection of fans.

Preparations are also underway for the Autumn Social on Saturday 18th October. This will be a buffet supper with entertainment provided by George Munger and the harpists from the Rural Life Museum. Tickets are £3.50 (children £1.75) and the evening commences in the Pettward Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

T. Gray

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

On Wednesday 8th October the Stowmarket Salvation Army Songsters will be coming to give an Evening of Song. This will commence at 7.30pm. Come and hear them and enjoy their singing. A welcome to all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sar,

Larst week oi got took down tew Stowmarket fer the day. That hint harf chenged hint it. Their gon and mooved the cattle market and put up a gratt owd shop instead.

Oi tell yew, oi hev never sin change loik ut. Oi hardly rekognoize the place, that fair tew me the only things yew can dew there now is change yer munny at the bank or boi a house. There dont fair tew be the shops wot there yused ta be, there int no vareation. Oi spose they no wot there all a dewun.

Oi remember torikin tew some farmers wunce, rair marsters they wuz, hed gratt owd filds. Anyway, wun he say that a sitty gent he come up from London tew complane abowt the proice of farm produce. So the marster he say, tell yew wot sar, he say, thas loike this here, when the farmer het tew no the bottanikal names a the crops he grow, the lattin names a the weeds that choke em tew dead, the zoological names a the inseks wot eat em, the kemikal names a the insektisides that kill em, then sumbody het tew pay. Cherio fer now,

P.Muckle

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

September

Friday 5th      Mercy Harmer, aged 91 years, RIP  
Saturday 6th    Jenny Mallion & Dennis Green - married  
Sunday 14th    At Deanery Evensong, 117 souls heard a fine address by David Hennessey, the Diocesan Secretary. The choir sang and a peal of bells was rung. It was a stirring evening.

Calendar for October

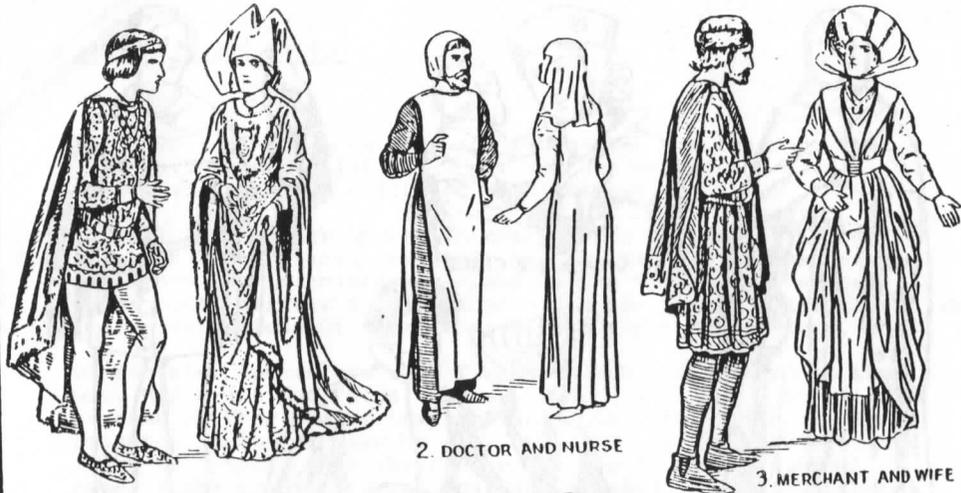
Saturday 4th    3pm Tina Poulding and Nigel Fellingham - wedding  
Sunday 5th     11am Sung Eucharist with choir  
Sunday 19th    11am Morning Prayer with choir  
Sunday 26th    9.45am Family Service

Sadly, we are shortly losing our organist, Joyce Herbert, and we are first appealing for a local replacement. Duties are not onerous - 2 main services a month - and the post is also paid, albeit modestly. Our choir is now reckoned to be in the top 15 in the diocese, so the position is far from unattractive. The closing date for applications is 3rd October, after which we will be approaching known organists outside the parish. Organ and choir training experience is not essential. A young workman-like pianist would be fine. Telephone Stow.677663/672844 if interested.

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**COSTUME.** The Dress of the period was characterized by rich materials and furs, extreme styles and profuse ornament. Head-dresses especially were fantastic. Fashions and materials varied considerably as dress was indicative of rank or profession.



1 NOBLE AND LADY

2. DOCTOR AND NURSE

3. MERCHANT AND WIFE



4 SHOPKEEPER



5 SCRIBE AND CLERK.



6 PILGRIM



7 CRAFTSMAN



8 CHILDREN



9 LABOURERS

**ANGEVIN COSTUME.** Garments were serviceable, simple in style, rich in colour and varied in material. Both sexes were fond of embroidery and were lavish in their use of jewellery and ornament. The characteristic head-dress of women was the "wimple," a piece of linen passing under the chin with the ends gathered overhead.

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH (Continued)

Tickets are now available for the Golden Draw. The winning ticket to be drawn at the Harvest Supper, will receive a pair of 24 carat GOLD EARRINGS, specially made by John Grimaldi. The Harvest Supper is on Friday, 3rd October at the Pettward Hall. Light entertainment afterwards. Tickets £3 adults, £2 juniors. The evening commences at 7.30pm.

Rev. Michael Skliros

PETTIWARD HALL

Goodly villagers - apologies. Mechanical problems with our time machine caused braking difficulties and instead of stopping on 13th September for the Medieval Party it shot forward to 25th October before we could bring it to a halt (Last time we buy a timeship at a 50/50 Auction). This means that the Party is sitting in a time warp waiting for us to enjoy it. However, I can reveal that to check everything will be O.K. I have taken one of those Concorde trips where you arrive before you left (as advertised in Time Out) and everyone at the Party had a fine time - medieval, of course. It was so good that it will be repeated on Saturday 25th October - gosh I must be timelagged! Yes the clock really will be turned back six hundred years so make a date now. Tickets are now on sale at £4 each from Committee members. Price includes entertainment - jester Steve Hammond will be there, music, dancing and authentic medieval fare. This is an opportunity to indulge in your fantasies - well some of them perhaps - turn up as Robin Hood, Joan of Arc, Maid Marion, Henry V, or peasants, priests or nobles. Of course period costume isn't compulsory but there will be a prize for the best dressed gentleman and lady. There will also be a licensed bar. All very welcome, do come along and support your Hall.

And now the news .....

We have applied to Mid Suffolk District Council for a grant towards the cost of installing a heating system in the Hall. We await the result of their deliberations with interest.

Vivian and I have taken over as keyholders from Pat Smith. Mr. & Mrs. F. Proctor at White Horse Cottages remain as keyholders as well. Many thanks to Pat for all the work she has done in the past.

Richard Brice, Hon. Secretary

P.S. Enclosed in this Newsletter are some ideas for your costume for the Medieval Party.....hope to see you.....

PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Friday 3rd	St. Andrews Harvest Supper (P.Hall 7.30pm)
Saturday 4th	Wedding at St. Andrews 3pm
Sunday 5th	St. Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 8th	Evening of Song (URC 7.30pm)
Thursday 9th	WI - Talk on "Fans" 7.30pm
Friday 10th	Great Finborough Parish Council Meeting (P.Hall 7.30pm)
Thursday 16th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for November
Saturday 18th	Autumn Social Evening (P.Hall 7.30pm)
Sunday 19th	St. Andrews: 11am Morning Prayer
Friday 24th	School Half Term commences
Saturday 25th	Medieval Party (P.Hall)
Sunday 26th	(Summertime! ends) St. Andrews: 9.45am Family Service

**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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