

Great Finborough Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL

Points from Council Meeting

British Telecom are to replace the existing public telephone kiosk situated at the Post Office & Stores with a modern kiosk and place it on the green on the opposite side of the road near the new access to Oak Close.

The County Council is making arrangements for clearance work on Cagmans Lane between Cagmans Bridge and Combs parish. This right of way is shown as a footpath on the definitive map.

The Highways Committee of the County Council has approved a policy for the removal of illegal and unauthorised signs from within the limits of the highway, mainly on highway verges. This means that even signs advertising local and charitable events should in future be sited outside the highway on private land. Any signs removed by the County Council will be stored at their local depot for one month after which they will be destroyed. During the month they can be retrieved upon payment of £10.

Local police have asked to be informed of any vehicles parked outside the Pettiward Hall front door so that appropriate action could be taken against any offender impairing visibility at this point.

A donation of £10 was made to the Suffolk Association of Youth.

The Area Surveyor was requested to provide grit/sand heaps for use at the Valley Lane/B1115 junction and outside the St. Andrew's Church gates and also at the B1115/Combs Lane junction. He was also asked to arrange for the hedge on the stretch of the B1115 between Home Farm and the St. George's School playing field to be trimmed.

Also the Surveyor was asked for assistance to make drivers more aware of children using the River Rat in Wash Lane. It was pointed out that children were often hidden from view by the depth of the crossing and the footbridge.

The next Council meeting will be held on Friday 12th December.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Thursday, 6th November is the date for our annual bingo session at the Pettiward Hall, commencing at 7pm. There will be lots of prizes to be won, so do come along and join us. No age restriction! Open to all.

A warm welcome is also extended to anyone who would care to come along to a coffee afternoon and evening at Hilmic House on Wednesday, 19th November, 2pm to 9pm, all proceeds going to Club funds.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

GREAT FINBOROUGH UNITED CHARITY

The United Charity was formed in 1984 by an amalgamation of the older parochial charities with the objects of (1) assisting residents in need, hardship and distress and (2) in promoting the education of persons under 25 years of age who are in need of financial assistance. Anyone coming within the terms may apply for a grant. A relative, friend or neighbour may apply on behalf of someone else. Applications should be made to any of the trustees who are:

Mr.J.R.Williams of Town Farm
Mr. & Mrs.Grimaldi of Westlegate
Mr.J.Miller of El Tup, Valley Lane
Mr.R.Proctor of 18 Chestnuts

Mrs.S.Ravenscroft of Nan Trues Hole, Valley Lane
Rev.M.Skliros of 19 Childer Road, Stowmarket
Mrs.H.Smith of Hilmic House.

Each application will be considered by the trustees on its merits in the light of the amount of the funds available at the time. Funds are restricted so any donations or fund-raising will continue to be most welcome.

PLAYSCHOOL

The Playschool AGM will be held at 8pm on Monday 3rd November at 9 High Road. All are welcome. Nominations are invited for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Please let me know of any.

A Book and Toy Party has been arranged for the morning of Wednesday 12th November in the Pettiward Hall. All welcome.

And a change of date. Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 6th December and not November 29th as mentioned in the October Newsletter.

Vivian Brice, Hon.Secretary

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our October meeting we welcomed Mrs.Hutt from Debenham who brought a touch of the orient to Pettiward Hall with a beautiful selection of fans from all over the world. They were made in many different fabrics with exquisitely painted and carved designs and she had many amusing stories of how they were acquired. Also it was interesting to know that from the shape you could tell which century they came from. She also warned us that the language of the fan could be easily misunderstood.

November sees the Annual Meeting and members are needed to serve on the Committee for 1987. Please give some thought to this and if you feel you could help please contact Trudy Gray as soon as possible.

Mary Underwood, Press Correspondent

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Events in October

Sat.4th Tina Poulding and Nigel Fellingham - married

Friday 3rd was the occasion of a most enjoyable Harvest Supper which we are very grateful to the ladies for organising. £100 was raised towards church funds.

We are also extremely grateful to St.George's School for a most generous donation of £500 towards church heating and a personal donation from Mrs.ThurLOW for the same purpose. Preparations have already begun to provide infra red wall heaters. These are fairly costly to instal (about £200 per unit) but are extremely cheap and efficient to run, so we may have the gratitude of future generations. Any further donations, especially now, will of course be much appreciated.

Calendar for November

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| Sunday 2nd | 11am Sung Eucharist with choir |
| Sunday 9th | 10.45am Remembrance Sunday service with choir |
| Sunday 16th | 11am Morning Prayer with choir |
| Sunday 23rd | 9.45am Family Service |
| Sat.29th | 8pm Cheese and Wine Party at the Pettiward Hall |
| Sunday 30th | 11am Patronal Festival. Readings and Carols for Advent Sunday |

Please note the two extra services on the 9th and 30th. The two minutes' silence will be observed on Remembrance Sunday, and for that reason this service is not suitable for children under school age.

Rev.Michael Skliros

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PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1986

Saturday 1st Pre-Christmas Sale, Pettiward Hall 2.30pm
Sunday 2nd St.Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist
Monday 3rd Schools recommence after Half Term
 Playschool AGM 8pm at 9, High Road
Wednesday 5th Guy Fawkes Day
Thursday 6th Candlestick Club Annual Bingo, Pettiward Hall 7pm
Sunday 9th St.Andrews: 10.45am Remembrance Service
Wednesday 12th Meeting of trustees of Gt.Fin.United Charity
 Playschool Book & Toy Party, Pettiward Hall am.
Sunday 16th St.Andrews: 11am Morning Prayer
 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MATERIAL
Wednesday 19th Candlestick Club: Coffee Afternoon & Evening
 2 - 9pm at Hilmic House
Sunday 23rd St.Andrews: 9.45am Family Service
Saturday 29th Cheese & Wine Party, Pettiward Hall 8pm
Sunday 30th St.Andrews: 11am Patronal Festival

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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VILLAGE FETE 1986

The Fete was again a successful venture with about £200 being raised from hiring of pitches for stalls, the car boot sale and the Grand Draw. Disposal of this sum is still to be decided.

Although the number of stalls let was down on the previous year and the central attractions fewer, a large number attended on a very pleasant afternoon.

Personally I would have preferred to have had a full committee to discuss the organisation of the Fete and I feel it would be better for the village as a whole if more local organisations were to be involved and therefore, I, as RBL member do not wish to be chairman of any such committee of the future, assuming that the Fete will continue as a yearly event. The RBL will of course be pleased to hire stall pitches and give support in every way.

F.W.E.Smith

GT.FINBOROUGH & DISTRICT RBL

The 1986 Fete as mentioned above raised over £200 for funds. This will help to cover the cost of the annual outing for pensioners to Felixstowe and assist in the cost of the Christmas vouchers to pensioners and widows of the RBL. Our thanks to J.Sinclair for his permission for the use of the grounds of St.George's School.

F.W.E.Smith, Hon.Secretary

A Message from the Chairman

After more than 40 years of peace, some begin to wonder what their money is spent on when they buy a poppy.

Just to put you in the picture, even our little branch here in Great Finborough distributes to widows of men in the Forces: coal; pays some electricity bills, provides Christmas fare for children of widows; and holidays in the summer; provides an outing for old people in August, and Christmas vouchers, which in all amounts to £2,000.

Nationally £8 million is given annually to help those, or their relatives who were in the armed forces.

And do you know that the RBL homes, which are now fairly widely scattered throughout the length and breadth of Britain, sprang from an idea put forward in our branch here in Gt.Finborough? There are actually 11,646 self-contained sheltered flats, completed, with a further 1060 planned or under construction.

So please give generously for your poppy, knowing that every penny will be put to good use in helping those or their relatives of those who gave of their best, so that we have been able to enjoy over 40 years of peace.

Finally if you know of anyone, or relative of anyone with service connections who is finding things difficult please let us know.

Richard P.Green, Branch Chairman

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The week 13th - 20th October we called "Water Week"; using water as a basis in all our lessons, we obtained all the information we could to find out about water. The following are some of the pupils' thoughts and ideas -

Water keeps us alive
Animals drink water
Thirst happens when we do not get enough water
Elephants suck water
Rain is water.

Zoe Miller, aged 7 years.

Water is fun when you can splash in the puddles
A swimming pool has got water in it
Taps have got a lot of water in them
Elephants spray water
Rain gets your hair wet.

Carol Terry, aged 7 years.

Wet dew on the grass
And silvery lace with trees on the banks
Tiny patterns wet and cool
Even on the cobwebs and silvery dew
Rain to help the garden grow too.

Alexandra Cass, aged 8 years.

Water helps people in Ethiopia
At the airport they deliver water
And taps help people in England
Everybody needs water
Rain helps people everywhere.

Ross Corbyn, aged 7 years.

CARE & ATTENTION HOME AT PILGRIMS WAY

A Pre-Christmas Sale will be opened by Rev. & Mrs. Howson of Battisford at 2.30pm in the Pettiward Hall on Saturday, 1st November.

On December 18th the residents of Pilgrims Way cordially invite all to a Carol Service to be held in the Pettiward Hall at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served after the Service. Please do come along and join with us.

Chris Barnett, Warden

SUFFOLK RED CROSS CHILDREN'S CAMP

I would like to extend the thanks of Debbi and myself (Noddy and Bigears!) to all who supported us in the pram race at the Chestnut Horse. The money raised will be going towards next year's handicapped children's holiday. Special thanks to Dave and Jan Budd for organising this event.

Adrian Smith, Camp Entertainments Officer