

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The result of the recent election for the Parish Council was as follows:

R.Brice	109 votes*	J.Miller	100 votes*
F.Cass	73 votes	J.Rolfe	109 votes*
Mrs.T.Gray	91 votes*	T.Waspe	137 votes*
M.Lloyd	82 votes*	B.Smith	145 votes*

(*) = elected.

The first meeting of the new Council took place on 22nd May.

GARDEN OPEN DAY

The garden of 'Westlegate' will be open to all on Saturday, 6th June. Coffee and tea will be available from 10.30am to 5 pm. All proceeds will go to St.Andrews Church. There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall. I hope as many people as possible will come and have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy walking round the garden.

Brenda Grimaldi

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meeting was held in the Pettward Hall on 14th May when the topic for discussion were the resolutions for the A.G.M. Not a very popular meeting which reflected in the poor attendance. The resolutions for the Albert Hall this year are matters that can affect us all, namely, consumer credit - the hazards of borrowing money, irradiation of food and earnings in relation to supplementary benefits. Subjects as you will see are far removed from Jam and Jerusalem.

Due to the General Election on 11th June our meeting will be held at Brenda Grimaldi's home 'Westlegate', Church Road, Great Finborough when we welcome Mr.D.Mason - Shoe Fashion through the Ages. Please don't forget the Bring and Buy stall for Stow Lodge Hospital.

Mary Underwood

CANDLESTICK CLUB

At the May meeting members were given the opportunity of sampling snacks produced by the BEED food mixer demonstrated that evening. They now look forward to visiting the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich on 8th June to see a production of "South Pacific".

Hilary Smith, Hon.Secretary

UNITED CHARITY

At the recent meeting Mr.J.Williams and Mrs.S.Ravenscroft were re-appointed as trustees. Mr.Williams will continue as Chairman.

M.J.Baker, Clerk to the Trustees

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Weddings

Saturday 6th June 3pm Stephen Rogers and Jane Edrupt
Saturday 20th June 2.30pm Anna Wright and Scott Marshall

Services

Sunday 7th (Whit Sunday) 11am Sung Eucharist with choir
Sunday 21st 11am Morning Prayer with choir
Sunday 28th 9.45am Family Service

THE FRIENDS OF GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A date for your diaries. Saturday 11th July, the Friends will be holding a Wild West theme family barbeque in the school grounds between 5pm and 8.30pm. Watch out for further details!

Richard Brice, Secretary

PRIZE BINGO

The next Prize Bingo session will be held on Wednesday, 17th June in the Pettiward Hall commencing at 7pm. Proceeds will go towards the local branch of the Royal British Legion. All welcome.

PETTIWARD HALL

The third Great Great Finborough 50/50 Auction was a tremendous success. The total amount taken was £430 - leaving the proceeds after deductions an amazing £250 for Hall funds. Now for all the 'thank you's'.

First of all thank you to all those who contributed such a wide and interesting range of items, and of course thank you to all those who came and supported the auction on the day!

A big thank you must go to Trevor, who kindly let us have the use of his van - for an indefinite period! And, finally thanks to all of you who helped on the day particularly to our very effective Auctioneer, Hubert Mitson.

And now for the next great event which is a 1940's evening on Saturday, 25th July.

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PETTIWARD HALL (CONTINUED)

Live entertainment will be provided by Steve Hammond and the Danglers and Dumplins and we hope to have a brass band as well - in the mood? Well, we hope you will be - tickets at £3.75 will also include food. All welcome, tickets will be on sale soon.

Jane Johnson, Correspondence Secretary

PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Sunday 26th April a stalwart band of footballers from Great Finborough school took part in a tournament to decide who would win the Doe trophy. The matches were held at the Community Centre in Needham Market. When the footballers arrived at the stadium they found that they had been drawn to play four matches and, despite the fact that the weather did not enter into the spirit of things, our team acquitted themselves well. We are all especially proud of them as many a team would have been daunted by the expertise of their opponents. Luckily our team had trained hard and, although at times it was a little like Stowmarket Town meeting Everton, they never gave up and fought hard, giving the opposition something to think about and remember Great Finborough for. Well done!

Just a reminder that if you see anyone on our school playing field after school hours they are there without permission and we would love to know about them!!!

Class I visited the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow on 15th May and were taken back in time to take part in everyday village life 1,000 years ago. Here follow stories that were inspired by this occasion:

The Saxon Entertainer

"He's coming! Hurry everyone". I was hanging washing on the branches of a tree. The other womenfolk came pouring out of the houses. Some had been baking and others washing. It was a busy season, for it was early Autumn. The fruit and grain must be harvested before the frost giants arrived. Thor, the mighty rain god was around so the harvest must be early because of the rain damage. The menfolk got fed-up in the evenings. "Was haet?" said the storyteller. "What is the reason? I thought that only one or two would greet me!" Just then a shower of rain started. "Mighty Thor is the reason, I see" he said. "One cold wind and the frost giants will be here". When the menfolk arrived the women were preparing a great feast. The men went to the great hall, the women came in with the great feast and the merrymaking began. The scouts of war came home and reported on any strange sightings of invaders. The storyteller told tales from faraway lands. More wonders he knew of than five thousand men! The next morning he left to lift more heavy hearts, but he would not be seen in the village again for six weeks.

Athelswif (Alexandra Cass, aged 8 years)

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Music of the Wood

One day Chubert went to the middle of his Saxon village and saw a storyteller telling a story about a little boy who lived in the wood near the Saxon village. He was called the 'music of the wood' for he played on pan-pipes. Many travellers went to find him but all they heard was the music. They travelled where the music went, but came back without finding anyone. Many tried and some did not come back. Then (the storyteller said) one day a boy called Chubert went into the wood and went to find the boy who played the music of the wood. He went deeper and deeper into the wood but the funny thing was that he did not hear the music of the wood. He walked until night fell on the village. He sat down and fell asleep. When he woke he saw a wild animal! He ran for his life! The wild beast got lost and so did Chubert. Then he saw the boy with his pan-pipes who said "I have been lost in this forest for years". Chubert somehow knew this boy and the boy told him that he knew the village where Chubert lived but he did not know where he himself came from. Suddenly he did know who he was and where he came from, because Chubert had broken the spell by finding him.

From that day no-one heard the 'music of the wood'.

Chay Budd, aged 9 years.

(Further stories from Anglo-Saxon times next month.....)

PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE 1987

Saturday 6th St.Andrews: Wedding 3pm Stephen Rogers/Jane Edrupt
Westlegate, Church Road - Garden Open from 10.30am

Sunday 7th St.Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist (Whit Sunday)

Monday 8th Candlestick Club: Trip to 'South Pacific'

Thursday 11th (General Election Day)
WI: meeting at Westlegate

Tuesday, 16th NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY MATERIAL

Wednesday 17th Prize Bingo: Pettiward Hall 7pm

Saturday 20th St.Andrews: Wedding 2.30pm Anna Wright and Scott
Marshall

Sunday 21st (Longest Day, Fathers Day) St.Andrews: 11am MP.

Sunday 28th St.Andrews: 9.45am Family Service

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