



# Great Finborough Newsletter

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## PETTIWARD HALL

Magnificent news on the heating front. The District Council has given specific approval for a 50% grant towards the installation of electric quartzray heating in the Hall. With the help of the Parish Council and by topping up from our own funds we are now pressing ahead. Work should start on 3rd August and take about a week. Use of the heaters will be via coin-operated meters so users will pay as they go, but this should work out cheaper than the existing standard heating charge - which will disappear. The big benefit however will be effective warmth because the heaters we are having heat people and surfaces, not space. It's almost worth looking forward to winter - I did say 'almost'.

And many thanks to Hilary Smith for organising the July Bingo evening on our behalf. An excellent £44 was raised for Hall funds.

Richard Brice

## FRIENDS OF GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

An excellent turnout at the Wild West Family Barbeque on 11th July made for a successful and enjoyable event with about £140 being raised.

The Association has already begun to materially assist the school with items that would not otherwise be available. £200 has been donated for the purchase of special art equipment and as a direct result of the barbeque, the friends are buying a set of recorders (musical) and associated tuition books and a 'concept' keyboard for use with the computer. A coffee morning was also held on 21st July to show off the new equipment and a further £40 was raised.

The Association's AGM has been fixed for Tuesday 22nd September at which the Steering Committee will be replaced by an elected Management Committee.

Hilary Smith is organising the August Bingo session on behalf of the Friends on Wednesday 19th August in the Pettward Hall. Please support Hilary's fine efforts and the Friends' Association.

Richard Brice

## ST. ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

From the Registers:

18th June Agnes Baker, aged 85 R.I.P.  
26th June Stanley Hayes, aged 82 years R.I.P.  
13th July Horace Youngman, aged 72 years R.I.P.

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## PARISH CHURCH (CONTINUED)

### Diary for August

Sunday 2nd 11am Sung Eucharist with choir  
Sunday 16th 11am Morning Prayer with choir  
Sunday 23rd 9.45am Holy Communion  
Sunday 30th 10am Open Air Service at the Caravan Meet (St. Georges Playing Fields)  
11am Benefice Service at Onehouse.

Church porch: immaculate this month (and there was a funeral). THANK YOU. Whoever said that teenagers were irresponsible, when matters are put to them properly? If you spot any visiting vandals, though, don't forget to ring me - with names.

Shiela Ravenscroft was elected church representative on the board of governors of the Primary School at a recent PCC meeting. Thank you, Rosie Easley, for last year. Thank you too, Alan Waters, for replacing tiles on the church roof, free of charge. As with most villages, we are fortunate in having 'friends of the church' who often have no wish to attend services but who render priceless help maintaining the fabric. If you have talents - and the inclination, please let us know. All we do is ask that before you paint all the pews 'a nice magnolia' you have a quick word with someone first.

CYCLISTS needed (of the sponsored variety) on 5th September. The itinerary is to visit as many churches as you are able (which is a lovely way of seeing Suffolk) and help raise money for churches much older and therefore in direr straits than ours. Sponsor forms from Pat Smith, The Old Forge.

We are HEATING the church! Rewiring has begun, and panel heaters are being fitted to the pew backs. The cost per pew is £75. Those who would like to donate this figure (or a multiple of it) either as an outright gift or in memory of someone, will have their names inscribed inside the pew(s). Please telephone Dr. Smith (612131).

To the same end we are starting a 10p per week Mini Lotto, cards available from Hilary Smith at the village shop, Tue/Thu mornings. Draws will normally take place in the Pettward Hall just before the Tuesday Keep Fit sessions, at 7.50pm. As these do not happen in August, the first four draws will take place at Hilmic House (Tuesdays at 7.50pm) starting on 4th August. All paid up members are entitled to attend.

In case anyone is fussed about the Church running a sweepstake send an s.a.e. to me at Childer Road, Stowmarket, and I will enclose a summary of the Church of England's policy on this. To say "the Church is against gambling" (or ought to be) is too simplistic and stems from the frame of mind that doesn't really like to see other people mildly enjoying themselves. Sadly, that is often thought to be a very 'religious' attitude. 'The Church and Gambling' will be the theme of the sermon on 16th July.

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## PARISH CHURCH (CONTINUED)

Please make an effort to come to the CARAVAN SERVICE on 30th July. Caravanners last year were a little cautious, fearing they were going to be heavily got at, but our choir loosened them up and the experiment proved very popular. When they booked again this year, apparently many asked "can we have another church service?" It's the way we sing 'em.

Michael Skliros, Priest-in-Charge  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### A River Cruise

As we walked down the long footpath towards the river I saw a big ferry that had steam coming out of the funnel. As we got nearer to the river a little boat came round the corner. It had a cover going over part of it, then there was the cabin, and the rest of it was open. It was the boat that we were going on.

When it stopped a bridge was put to the steps that we went down. We crossed the bridge, went across a big wooden board, up some steps into the boat. We went round the corner and saw a little village. From the middle of the village was a tall white mast. Jenny said the little cadets used to climb it and the cadet that was the best at climbing it had to stand at the very top. I saw another village that had a church, (the other village had a church as well). We saw two light ships. We saw a lot of ships. One of them was the St.Nicholas and the captain came out and waved his hat at us. (I have been on the St.Nicholas). We saw some other ships. Some of the names were strange like Boekenburg, Kriti Platinum and Stoyko Peev. We saw lots of different colours and different kinds of buoys.

When we went down some small steps in the boat there was a small room, and if you looked through the porthole you would see you were at water level and that you were going very fast. Every ship that we went past we waved to all the people, and most of them waved back. As I got off the boat I said to myself "That was great!"

Zoe Miller, aged 8 years.

As we walked down the long footpath to the river I went down some steps and climbed into the boat. It was great and I saw  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

lots of things. I felt ill until I relaxed and enjoyed it. We were passing lots of ferry boats, and I saw the St.Nicholas. I saw life-boats and lots of other little boats. There were lots of buoys and lightships. There were seagulls flying about around the ships. The captain of the St.Nicholas waved his hat to us as we went past. As I got off the boat I said to myself "That was great!"

Abigail Kent, aged 8 years.

As we walked down the long footpath towards the river I wondered what it would be like because I had never been on a boat in England before. The only time that I had ever been on a boat was in Canada and I don't think I ever saw a ferry, let alone been on one. When we saw the container ships, I said "Cor!", but after that I said "If one of those ships were to topple over" and Chay said "Yikes". The anchors were really big and there were lots of lightships and fishing boats. There were speed boats and then we went over to two ferries. One was called the St.Nicholas; its company was Sealink and the other one was DFD and there were tugs and tankers.

On the way back a lifeboat went past and when it had passed a big wave rocked us about. Then we got back to where we started. We got off the boat and went up the steps. We started down the long path and when we got to the end we waited for Mr.Twitchett. When Mr.Twitchett came we crossed the road to the coach. We hopped onto the coach and went to the beach to eat our lunch. After this we had a paddle and we built a trench; we made a pool behind the trench and made a gangway. Then we went back to school. As I got off the boat I said to myself "That was excellent!"

Thomas Slade, aged 8 years.

As you will gather from these stories, Class One enjoyed their trip aboard the "Brightlingsea" on 13th July and learned a great deal about the coastline.

We wish this year's school leavers well and hope that all pupils and parents will have a happy Summer holiday.

P.C.Twitchett, Headmaster.

## CANDLESTICK CLUB

Members please note that the August meeting will be held in the main room at the Pettward Hall on Thursday 6th starting at 7pm and not in the lower room as previously. This will be the usual bring and buy evening to help our funds along.

Hilary Smith, Hon.Secretary

## PRIZE BINGO

The next prize bingo session will be held in the Pettward Hall on Wednesday 19th August at 7pm. Proceeds for the "Friends of Great Finborough Primary School". All welcome.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The sincere thanks of the Branch go to Mrs. Hilary Smith for the donation of £53 for Branch funds raised by her at the Prize Bingo night on 17th June. Thanks also to all who helped and supported her.

By the time you read this, a cheese and wine party will have been held in Pettiward Hall in honour of some of the ladies from Buxhall, Rattlesden and Great Finborough who collect for the Poppy Appeal in November. They will have been presented with certificates of appreciation from the HQ of the Poppy Appeal, for which they must have completed 10 years of service. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to them all. The presentations will have been followed by drawing for prizes in the Branch grand draw.

F.W.E. Smith

#### PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST 1987

Sunday 2nd	St. Andrews 11am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 6th	Candlestick Club - Pettiward Hall 7pm
SATURDAY 8th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER MATERIAL (early due to holidays)
Thursday 13th	Pettiward Hall: WI Craft and Produce Show
Sunday 16th	St. Andrews 11am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19th	Prize Bingo - Pettiward Hall 7pm
Sunday 23rd	St. Andrews 9.45am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	St. Andrews 10am Open Air Service (St. Georges) 11am Benefice Service at Onehouse
Monday 31st	Late Summer Bank Holiday

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.