

# Great Finborough Newsletter

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## PETTIWARD HALL

The installation of quartzray electric heating in the Hall is now complete. There are six large heaters in the main hall and four small ones, two on the stage and two in the bar area. The large heaters have separate elements which can be individually switched by users. This means that there will be several permutations of heating available - it won't be just all or nothing. All the controls are centralised in the bar area together with three 50p meters which govern the heaters. In future users will be responsible for putting on their own heating and the beauty of quartzray is that because it heats surfaces and bodies, not space, it doesn't have to be switched on hours before it is needed.

We have just heard the results of our entry in this year's village hall competition. Not among the prizes unfortunately, but we did achieve 89.2%, which isn't too bad considering the havoc caused last winter by the burst pipe and the preparation for the heating system. The judges remarked that "the playgroup facilities must be among the best we have seen" and given that they visited 37 halls this year that's a pretty good commendation for the Playgroup.

Now to dates. The family Hallowe'en Party is on Saturday 31st October, when else?, between 6pm and 8.30pm. Tickets will be £1.50 for adults, 75p for children aged 4 and over (under 4's free) and will cover food and fun. Soft drinks will be on sale. If you want to drink something stronger, bring your own. Should be very creepy - come suitably attired.

Richard Brice

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

First of all a very big thank you to all members and friends who came along and supported our Craft and Produce Show on 13th August in spite of heavy rain. We hope that several ladies of the village will come along and join us now we have proved we are a little more than Jam and Jerusalem. A cheque for £83 has been sent to Denman College - our educational college in Oxfordshire that is undergoing a modernisation plan costing £1 million - every little helps.

Our speaker for September was Mr. W.J. Neill who transported us with the help of some beautiful slides to the vast country of China. A country that has seen many changes during this century full of contrasts but a culture so very different from our own. Although basically still a poor country where home telephones are a rarity and the bicycle is the main method of transport, they remain a very happy people.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (CONTINUED)

All are invited to join us at our Autumn Supper and Barn Dance on Saturday 3rd October. Tickets available £3.25 for adults and £1.75 for children.

Children in Hospital

"Young mums" will be particularly welcome at our W.I. open meeting on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Pettward Hall. Mrs. Fraser who is in charge of the children's department at Ipswich Hospital will be the speaker.

Mary Underwood

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

On Saturday 17th October the Bury Male Voice Choir will be visiting us, to give an evening of song at 7pm. We hope many friends will come along to hear them. A welcome is extended to all.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported the Open Day at Hilmic House which realised £34.99 for Club funds.

The next meeting will be on 1st October at Buxhall Village Hall at the usual time of 7pm.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

FRIENDS OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Many thanks to Hilary Smith for her efforts on the Friends' behalf at the August bingo session which raised nearly £40 for funds.

Richard Brice

ST. ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

From the records

Interment of Ashes

1st September Leslie Armstrong

Holy Baptism

16th August Jamie Lionel Gibson  
16th August Ben Christopher Gibson  
23rd August Steve Michael Beaumont  
5th September John Anthony Mahood  
6th September Marcus Paul Sutton

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OCTOBER 1987 SUPPLEMENT

DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1987

Thursday 1st	Candlestick Club 7pm Puxhall Village Hall
Saturday 3rd	W.I. Autumn Supper & Barn Dance, Pettward Hall
Sunday 4th	St. Andrews, Harvest Thanksgiving 11am
Thursday 8th	W.I. Open Meeting, Pettward Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 13th	St. Andrews Choir Practice, Music Room, St. Georges School, 8pm
Friday 16th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for November
Saturday 17th	URC - Bury Male Voice Choir 7pm
Sunday 18th	St. Andrews, Morning Prayer 11am
Wednesday 21st	Prize Bingo, Pettward Hall 7pm
Friday 23rd	Start of School half term (resume Monday 2nd November)
Sunday 25th	(End of Summer Time - change clocks 2am)
Sunday 25th	St. Andrews, Family Service 9.45am
Saturday 31st	Hallowe'en Party, Pettward Hall 6 to 8.30pm

**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 (CONTINUED)

Holy Matrimony

5th September Paul Amond and Teresa Craft  
5th September George Jolly and Gillian Sparkes (blessing of  
civil marriage)

Diary for October

Sunday 4th 11am HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
Sunday 18th 11am Morning Prayer with choir  
Sunday 25th 9.45am Family Service

People need little persuasion to come to Harvest Thanksgivings. Like Mothering Sunday, Remembrance Sunday and the like, these 'folk religion' festivals, as they are sometimes called, make more immediate sense than any other type of service, because they appeal to something very deep in our makeup. So, without further ado, come and join us on the 1st Sunday at 11am. All plain and simple. No fancy hymns or strange tunes.

Our Family Service on the 4th Sunday has built up over the past few months, especially in participation by the younger generation. Now for a new development: at St. Georges, forms take it in turns to stage the Wednesday morning Assembly, choosing a reading and hymns, and working up a playlet. The Headmaster has kindly agreed to let a form repeat their assembly as part of the Family Service on 4th Sundays. The village Brownie pack have also started coming to Family Service. So join us for the first new style Family Service on 27th SEPTEMBER. Cast of thousands. Next one, in October, hopefully the Brownies will take the leading part.

Like all groups, our choir has lost a member or two during the summer (owing to marriage and childbirth, I am glad to say, not the grim reaper) and is keen to recruit new members. There is a voice test, because we keep standards high, but all that is required is an ability to sing clearly and in tune. We'll teach the rest. Ring me or appear at the next choir practice - 29th September or 13th October, both in St. Georges Music Room at 8pm. (Are there really ZERO tenors in Pinborough Magna?)

Michael Skliros, Priest in Charge  
Tel: Stowmarket 677663/672844

St. Andrews Mini Lotto

Prize winners to date in the St. Andrews Mini Lotto are as follows:

1st Sept. No.142 Mrs.V.Erice, Rookery Nook £3.10  
No.064 Mr.J.Wright, Abbey House £2.05  
8th Sept. No.061 Adrian Smith, Hilmic House £3.40  
No.147 Mrs.J.Snell, 5 Oak Close £2.30

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ST. ANDREWS CHURCH (CONTINUED)

Mini Lotto

15th Sept. No.133 Mrs. Phillips, Coney Acre £3.60  
No.124 Mrs. Armes, 9 High Road £2.50

During these three weeks the sums of £5.15, £5.70 and £6.10 respectively were added to the Church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

Our thanks to Hilary Smith who now has the Mini Lotto in full swing. We are very grateful for her efforts which are resulting in valuable additions to Church funds.

Brian Smith,  
The Old Forge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Kim Allen,

I am writing to thank everybody who made my daughter's 6th birthday such a memorable occasion. Several weeks ago I booked the village hall in the sound knowledge that when I went to set the party up there would be no problems. Silly me, I should have known booking well ahead would not guarantee that the keys would be there. So, once again, I thank everybody for the smooth running of things, and soundly advise anybody hiring the hall to get the keys the day before as it is no good arriving half an hour before things should start, as I found out.

From someone who forgot to sign their name,

Would you please print in the Great Finborough Newsletter, about people who take their dogs in the churchyard, let them romp around, and foul on the graves and around them. It's not very nice when you are cutting them and not knowing what you are kneeling in.

(NOTE: In future, I shall only include signed correspondence in the Newsletter under Letters to the Editor. If you wish your name not to be published I would respect such a request.)

PRIZE BINGO

The next Prize Bingo session will be on Wednesday 21st October commencing at 7pm. Proceeds will be for the local Mother and Toddler Group. All welcome.

Hilary Smith