

Great Finborough Newsletter

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GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER - NOW IN ITS 14th YEAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the past few weeks we have been thinking about bread and our work within this area led us to consider how lucky we are to have a plentiful supply of grain and flour.

We decided to make bread the basis of our harvest offering. The children made houses at home which they designed to have a slot to take coins and it was decided that for each slice of bread the child ate 2p should be put in the model house. We hoped in this way to make the children realise how lucky they were and also, by taxing their bread consumption, help them to help those less fortunate than themselves. This idea was very successful and, not only was there a whole town full of excellent model houses, but also we raised the sum of £67.34 which we donated to T.E.A.R. Fund at a special assembly. The children were most impressed by the amount of money raised and also by the details that Mrs. Jelfs of T.E.A.R. Fund gave them, for example some families have to queue for four days to get their week's ration of flour in areas such as Mozambique.

We chose T.E.A.R. Fund for our donation as it specifically endeavours to meet the needs of all members of the community, irrespective of their philosophy or ideology.

P.C. Twitchett, Headmaster

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Fruits and flowers colourful and fresh although several centuries old, were shown at our meeting. They were worked on Samplers shown on slides as part of a talk given by Trudy Gray. Trudy also had a display of some of the samplers she has worked for her own family and commissioned work, and a lovely selection of books. This all combined to give our well attended A.G.M. a colourful and historical flavour.

The Annual report reminded members of the interesting programme they had enjoyed throughout the year and the visits made to The Maltings at Snape, theatres in Bury St. Edmunds and London and the pottery at Wattisfield. Our new Committee is Mrs. Chaplin, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Grimaldi, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pyke, Mrs. Sleiski, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Fraser was elected as President for a further year.

Our next meeting is on 10th December when we celebrate our 69th birthday as a W.I. We spoil ourselves a little with a buffet supper provided by members, topped up with the Season's Good Wishes.

Judy Rolfe, Press Secretary

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A Carol Service will be held at the Women's Fellowship meeting to be held in the United Reformed Church on Tuesday, 8th December 1987 at 2.30pm and an invitation is extended to other ladies in the village to join us. We are being joined by some of the elder Primary School children.

Mrs. Ballard

BROWNIES

On Monday, 7th December 1987 in the Pettward Hall the Brownies are holding a Tea Party for Senior Citizens which will include a short entertainment. All Senior Citizens are welcome to join us and if anyone requires a lift please contact me on Stowmarket 612822.

Mary Williams

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The URC will hold a Carol Service on Sunday 20th December 1987 commencing at 2.45pm. Guest organist is Evelyn Fisher from Buxhall. Visitors from the village will be most welcome.

Mrs. Ballard

BELL-RINGING

If anyone is interested in learning to ring church bells either in Great Finborough or the surrounding areas they should contact Miss Josephine Beever on Stowmarket 612756 for further details.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The final meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, 3rd December 1987 in Buxhall Village Hall commencing at 7pm. This will be a social evening and there will be a Christmas Draw.

Members join me in wishing all readers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

PRIZE BINGO

I would like to thank all those who have supported the prize bingo sessions during the last nine months, so helping to raise £351.38 for the various organisations within the village.

Hopefully I'll be back in March next year, with bigger and better prizes to be won.

Hilary Smith

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Nov. 28th 8pm CHEESE & WINE. Pettward Hall

Nov. 29th 10am HYMNS, CAROLS & READINGS FOR ADVENT (Patronal Festival). As the date is a fifth Sunday, this is a 'Benefice Service', that is, the only service in the three parishes for the day, when we shall be joined by the congregations from Onehouse and Harleston. Please come along - many people think the Advent hymns are the best in the book. At this service, a beautiful new pulpit fall specially made by Brenda Grimaldi will be gratefully received and dedicated.

Diary for December

6th 11am Sung Eucharist with Choir
12th 10am to 1.30pm Coffee Morning, Pettward Hall
19th 6.30pm ** CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** (come early!)
20th 11am Morning Prayer with Choir
24th 11.30pm **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**
25th The (only) service on Christmas Day is at 10.30am at Harleston, followed by shortened Holy Communion
27th 9.45am Holy Communion (ASB)

The Christmas message is bitter-sweet, not syrupy. I am not one to decry sentimentality, even in religion, but commercial pressures, for obvious reasons, combine to paint the Christmas holly as all berries and robins, no prickles. Which, incidentally makes lonely people doubly miserable at Christmas time, because they know life isn't like that. So candlelit carol services proclaim not just the beauty of candlelight, but light shining out of darkness. It's not just about an innocent baby, but a baby born into the midst of all the racketeering and price-hiking of a crowded Nazareth at census time. Not just about hope, but hope against all the odds, against all the self interest and sheer malice in the world, such as was shown at Enniskillen. Not just about 'goodness', whatever that is, but real unselfish goodness snatched out of misery and disaster all round, such as was shown by the rescue services in the Kings Cross underground tragedy.

This is why we have instituted the Advent Carol Service, not to paint a gloomy picture, but as a sobering start to the Christmas season, to balance it up, that we may greet the Christ child with all our wits about us. Happy Christmas.

Michael Skliros,
Priest-in-Charge,
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ST.ANDREWS MINI LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:

20th Oct. (091) Mr.M.Jones, Stowmarket £4.00
(067) Mr.K.Smith, Norton £2.70

27th Oct. (085) Mr.R.Allen, 15 The Bungalows £4.00
(074) Mrs.J.Flack, 10 The Bungalows £2.70

3rd Nov. (131) Mrs.P.Snell, 5 Boundary Cottages £4.00
(084) Mr.F.Smith, Hilmic House £2.70

10th Nov. (140) Mrs.D.Marshall, Huntingdon £4.00
(117) Mr.M.Turner, Oakham, Leics. £2.70

£6.70 has been added each week to the Church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

PARISH DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1987

Thursday, 3rd Candlestick Club 7pm (Buxhall Village Hall)
Saturday, 5th Playgroup Xmas Bazaar - Pettiward Hall 2 -4 pm
Sunday, 6th St.Andrews - Sung Eucharist 11am

Monday, 7th Senior Citizens Tea Party - Pettiward Hall 6pm
(Great Finborough Brownies)

Tuesday, 8th Women's Fellowship Carol Service URC 2.30pm
Thursday, 10th W.I. - 69th Birthday Party

Saturday, 12th St.Andrews - Coffee Morning, Pettiward Hall
10am to 1.30pm

Wednesday, 16th NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for January 1988

Friday, 18th End of School Term

Saturday, 19th St.Andrews - Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm

Sunday, 20th St.Andrews - Morning Prayer 11am

Sunday, 20th Carol Service at URC 2.45pm

Thursday, 24th St.Andrews - Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Friday, 25th CHRISTMAS DAY - Christmas Day Service at Harleston
at 10.30am followed by shortened Holy Communion

Saturday, 26th BOXING DAY

Sunday, 27th St.Andrews - Holy Communion 9.45am

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.