



Great Finborough Newsletter

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GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER - NOW IN ITS 15th YEAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

PETTIWARD HALL

Last month's prediction (see November Newsletter) was spot-on with a fine time being had by those that braved the spirits - or was it punch? - to join in the Hallowe'en Party. We were honoured to have a few unmentionables from the Scotland Yard Black Museum as well as a round of Hallowe'en Mastermind in which Anders Mossesson and Rosie Macrow were the unwilling and nervous, but very sporting, dupes who were splattered in the face with custard pies by their respective unremitting offspring for each wrong answer - and of course the questions were impossible. Thanks are due to Andy Poley for culinary support and to Sweeney Todd for the food ideas! We made about £50 for Hall funds - which was great.

The Fashion Show the following week was also most successful with over £140 being raised. Thanks to Hilary Smith for the idea. Support for the evening was so good that we will try and get a return fixture for 1989.

And talking of 1989, the Management Committee is presently reviewing hire charges for the Hall. Inevitably there will be increases, the first in basic rates since 1983. These are necessary so that we can continue to maintain the fabric of the building and the facilities it offers and to ensure that we are able to continue to develop the Hall to best meet the requirements of users. Revised rates are likely to be effective from 1st January 1989 - full details next month. Meantime, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from all on the Management Committee.

Richard Brice

PRIZE BINGO

I would like to thank all those who have supported the Prize Bingo sessions during the year. A total of £404.97 has been raised for the various organisations within the village, an increase on last year, and I greatly appreciate all the help I have received. Hopefully, I'll be back in March and hope to see friends old and new then.

Hilary Smith

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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Women's Fellowship are looking forward to a Christmas programme presented by the children of the Primary School on Tuesday, 13th December at 2pm. We would be pleased to welcome the parents on this occasion.

After many years a Sunday School has been started on Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming the children from the village for a pleasant and happy hour.

A Carol service will be held on Sunday 18th December at 2.30pm - come and join us for traditional and some new carols.

Sesca Ballard

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our November meeting was our AGM. Mrs. Stella Fraser has been our President for two years, encouraging the Book Club and theatre visits to widen our activities as WI members. She now stands down and we welcome Pat Smith as our new President. Mrs. Trudy Gray has been our Secretary for five years and we are most grateful for all her hard work on our behalf, and welcome Mrs. Elizabeth Pyke as our new Secretary.

Our speaker, Diana Williamson, amazed us with her skill in making a wide range of jewellery. Exquisitely dainty earrings, pendants and brooches with the tiniest pressed flowers and delicate brooches of flowers and butterflies from fabric, beads and wire. All that and a full time job obviously requires a high level of skill and determination. A most interesting evening for us.

The Book Club reading this month is Tom Sharpe's 'The Great Pursuit'. We meet on Monday 12th December at 8.15pm at the Old Police House.

Seats have been booked for 5th January to see 'Fiddler on the Roof' at the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich, so the New Year will get off to a good start for those that attend that production.

Our December meeting will be the 69th birthday of our WI and members will be providing refreshments for a buffet supper. The meeting is in the Pettward Hall on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm.

Judy Rolfe, Press Secretary

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The Candlestick Club meetings have closed now for the Winter months. We shall hold our usual evening of entertainment at the Pettward Hall on the first Thursday in April 1989. We wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bonfire Night

I went to Stowmarket bonfire and my dog did not like it. I liked the whistlers best. Someone got hurt because they were messing about with sparklers and the ambulance came and took him away to hospital.

Fraser Manning, aged 6 years

On Saturday I went to Buxhall bonfire. They had very good fireworks. When I was playing, a firework went off and made me jump out of my skin and I fell. I got up and went to play. I went to find my mum, got warmed up and then went off to play with my friend on the climbing frame.

John Gilhooly, aged 6 years

When I was watching TV I heard a sudden bang. My dog woke up and started barking. I got the dog vitamins, the dog bowl, a fork and spoon, then I put the dog food and vitamins into the bowl.

Bryn Blower, aged 6 years.

Harvest Thanksgiving

This year, the Primary School returned to the traditional style of harvest celebration. In other years we have explored the theme of giving thanks for all God's gifts in many different ways so, for many of the children, this was their first opportunity to take part in this way.

The response from the parents and children was wonderful and there were sufficient donations of fruit, vegetables and groceries to not only distribute to members of the Pilgrim's community and the Candlestick Club, but also other needy members of the communities of Buxhall and Finborough. Harvest is always an important lesson for our children. Even living in the countryside there are many who appear ignorant of country life. This year, thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to add the lesson that giving is the most important thing. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community around the school.

Class I visit a Working Woodland

On October 19th Class I visited the Thornham Field Centre, a part of the Thornham Estate belonging to Lord Henniker. They were there to study the work of a woodland and discover a little more about the uses that various trees and their timber have.

We saw many trees that had been coppiced. Coppicing trees means cutting to the ground and letting them sprout up again and turn into twigs. In this way it grows back into a bush and can be cut again. The wood is used for fences, rake handles and bean poles.

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WORKING WOODLAND (CONTINUED)

We saw trees that had been pollarded. Pollarding means cutting the wood from the trees above the height that cows can reach. This stops the cows eating the fresh green shoots as the tree re-grows. This wood is used for house frames and planks, partitions and boats. My house is made from wood.

We saw the sawmill. It was very big and had a notice saying "Mind your heads".

When you saw a tree down in a wood you have to put a helmet with a visor on to stop the sawdust getting in your eyes, and ear defenders so you do not go deaf, and you have to wear leather mittens so if the chain saw slips the leather stops the chainsaw and you do not cut your hand off. You have to wear trousers that have leather to stop the chainsaw from cutting you and you have to put spats on your feet to stop the chainsaw from cutting yourself.

We found a frog and it was very camouflaged in the wood. A frog's skin is smooth and cool. A frog has long hind legs that help it jump. A frog can swim; it has webbed feet. A frog can make its eyes go in and out. Frogs have ears; their ears are just behind their eyes.

(Work from Carl Chubb, William Bond, Richard Mawson, Duncan Self and Stephen Orr).

CHESTNUT HORSE

It's all been happening at the Chestnut Horse. On 29th October an Hallowe'en Night was held, several people dressed up and during the evening a raffle was held and as a result "Crossroads" was £22.50 better off.

On the 18th November, two big fund-raising events were held. At 8pm half a dozen customers donned blindfolds and spent an hour groping their way around the bar carrying out several tasks one of which was eating baked beans with a cocktail stick. Each customer was sponsored and approx. £250 was raised for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Then from 9pm onwards it was fund-raising time for the 'Children in Need' appeal. A raffle which had been running for two weeks raised £200 and the bottle on the bar and sale of refreshments brought another £70.27. Greene King Brewery added a further £10 making a grand total of £280.27.

Stan and Jean would like to thank all those who donated prizes and helped make the evening both successful and enjoyable.

Jean Young, The Chestnut Horse

ST.ANDREW'S MINI-LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:

25th Oct	(080) Mrs.A.Proctor, White Horse Cottage	£4.40
	(192) Mrs.D.Riseborough, The Green	£2.90
1st Nov	(157) Mrs.B.Southgate, Spring Row, Stow.	£4.40
	(196) Mrs.D.Buckle, The Chestnuts	£2.90
8th Nov	(161) Mrs.W.Skliros, Childer Road, Stow.	£4.40
	(085) Mr.R.Allen, The Bungalows	£2.90
15th Nov	(062) Mrs.T.Jones, School Meadow, Combs	£4.40
	(170) Mr.A.Waters, Sunnyside	£2.95

The sums of £7.30, £7.30, £7.30 and £7.35 respectively have been added to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has decided to make all efforts to secure the land (approx. 3 acres) between Middlefield Drive and Valley Lane for recreation for the village. It is eventually intended that a car park be provided at the northern end of the field which could also serve the Pettiward Hall users. As a result of this decision, an additional sum of £1,000 will be raised by way of rates in 1989-90 to assist with the acquisition cost.

Negotiations with the District Council who own the land are underway and the assistance of the newly-elected Ward Councillor, Mrs.Jean How has been enlisted. Parishioners will recall that this piece of land was first designated for recreation in the 1978 Village Plan.

The next Council meeting has been set for Friday 27th January 1989.

PARISH DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1988

Sat 3rd St.Andrews Church Cheese & Wine - 8pm Pettiward Hall
Thu 8th WI - 69th Birthday - meeting - 7.30pm
Mon 12th WI Book Club - 8.15pm Old Police House
Tue 13th URC - Christmas Presentation - 2pm

Sun 18th URC - Carol Service 2.30pm
Wed 21st end of school term
Sun 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
Mon 26th BOXING DAY
Tue 27th BANK HOLIDAY

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