

# Great Finborough Newsletter

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## PROPOSALS FOR CAR PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN GREAT FINBOROUGH

At its meeting on 27th September, the Parish Council gave consideration to the response of parishioners to the proposals for development of a car park and recreational facilities, in particular the views expressed at the public meeting held on 13th September.

It decided to request Mid Suffolk District Council to proceed on the basis of the general concept of the proposals as already published but with the following specific elements:

- (a) a car park next to Valley Lane to be provided primarily for users of the Pettiward Hall. The idea of vehicular access from Valley Lane although not supported by the Parish Council, was requested to be included in the detailed consideration of the car park by the District Council.
- (b) all the land adjoining Valley Lane together with the conservation area to be acquired by the Parish Council for the purpose of recreation.
- (c) a hard surface area consisting of tarmac large enough for a tennis court with either a wall and wire surround or simply a wire fence.
- (d) provision of equipment for the children's play area.
- (e) grading of the land next to Valley Lane described as "football pitch" together with proper drainage of the entire site apart from the conservation area. There was no support for a football pitch so that only smoothing of the surface would be carried out.
- (f) planting of the conservation area.

It also requested the District Council to explore ways in which local housing could be injected into the proposed Mews Court development.

Brian Nicholls will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 29th November 1989 at 7.30pm to discuss the details of the recreation facilities.

Clerk to the Council

## TUESDAY CLUB (PARENT & TODDLER GROUP)

We meet every Tuesday in the Pettiward Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon. New faces will be made most welcome. The Health Visitor, Mrs. Dot Myhill (along with her scales!) will be at the Hall on alternate Tuesdays (i.e. 14th and 28th November). Anyone who wishes to consult Mrs. Myhill or to have their child weighed is very welcome to attend.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(From Mr. & Mrs Gibson)

"Au revoir",

May Chris and I say a very sad farewell to all our friends in Great Finborough. Having been welcomed to the village almost six years ago now it really seems very strange to be leaving. You have all been so caring and shown such interest in Oliver, Jamie and Ben that I feel we are leaving part of our family behind. This is a beautiful place to live and I know that the boys have had a marvellous start to their lives, but with sadness we must say goodbye. We wish you all continued health and happy days ahead,

Jenny & Chris Gibson

## PRIZE BINGO

Wednesday 15th November is the date for prize bingo for bingo funds. The more money raised during that evening will enable me to offer bigger and better prizes when we resume next year, so please come along with your friends, relatives, neighbours, anyone and everyone and let's make it a bumper evening. Eyes down at 7pm - refreshments - a draw - lucky entrance ticket - sweets for the children. DO COME.

I have been asked to run a special prize bingo evening for the Stowmarket Opportunity Group, who are aiming to raise funds for much-needed accommodation. This will be on Wednesday, 6th December in the Pettiward Hall, commencing at 7pm, so please come along and give them your support. Christmas goodies will be on offer as prizes!

Hilary Smith

## ST. ANDREWS MINI-LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:

19th Sept	(136)	Mr. J. Rolfe, Bridge Farm	£4.75
	(211)	Mrs. J. Gibbons, High Road	£3.15
26th Sept	(098)	Mrs. D. Jeffrey, Oak Close	£4.75
	(085)	Mr. R. Allen, The Bungalows	£3.15
3rd Oct	(094)	Mrs. J. Fisher, Boundary Cottages	£4.80
	(172)	Miss P. Wyer, c/o The Green	£3.25
10th Oct	(091)	Mr. M. Jones, School Meadow, Stowmarket	£4.80
	(216)	Mr. C. Wright, The Chestnuts	£3.25

The sums of £7.90, £7.90, £8.05 and £8.05 respectively have been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

## SUPPLEMENT TO GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1989

### AGED PILGRIMS

A Christmas Fayre in connection with Pilgrim Homes is due to be held in the Pettiward Hall on Saturday 4th November at 2.30pm. Proceeds are towards the 'Care & Attention Wing', the erection of which may commence in the foreseeable future.

A Carol Service will be held on Wednesday, 13th December 1989 at 7.30pm in the Aged Pilgrims Home - do come along and join in the glad Advent songs.

### PLAYGROUP

An Open Morning and photographic session will be held on Thursday, 16th November from 8.30 to 10.30am. Come along and see what goes on and have the children's photograph taken.

On Saturday 25th November, the Playgroup are holding their Christmas Bazaar from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Pettiward Hall. Please come along and support us.

Rosemarie Green, Hon. Secretary

### PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1989

Sat 4th	Christmas Fayre	Pettiward Hall - Aged Pilgrims 2.30pm
Tues 14th	Tuesday Club,	Pettiward Hall - District Nurse
Weds 15th	Prize Bingo,	Pettiward Hall 7pm
Thur 16th	Playgroup,	Pettiward Hall Open Morning/Photographer 8.30 to 10.30am
Thur 16th	Gt. Finborough United	Charity 8pm
Sat 25th	Playgroup,	Pettiward Hall: Xmas Bazaar 2 - 4pm
Tues 28th	Tuesday Club,	Pettiward Hall: District Nurse
Weds 29th	Gt. Finborough Parish Council,	Pettiward Hall 7.30pm

### Choir

I am happy to say that the choir will soon be in full song again. From being one of the best in the county, outside the cathedral and a few of the larger town churches, the lack of a regular organist and choir practices in the last year has taken its toll. Now two of the organists have agreed to provide unbroken coverage and the choir will also be boosted on at least one Sunday in the month by a dozen or more from St Georges School.

In short, *this is a good time to join* and it is not too late for the Christmas Carol Service on 17 December. There are 7 adults and 6 girls at present. We need more of both. (Sadly, all boys take the English view that singing is a wimpish activity - a view not shared by the Welsh and Scots, who are somewhat manlier anyway!)

Practices are normally in church, on Tuesdays, at 7pm. Please just come along next Tuesday, or ring me first in case the practice place is changed.

We would also be glad to hear of anyone who plays an instrument, that could be used to accompany our singing in church.

Michael Skiros, Priest-in-Charge Tel: 677663/672844

#### GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Before the recent half-term all the children have been enjoying a topic about 'Toys'. They have used their own toys and games as part of their maths, language, science, art work etc. They have been able to find out something about Mums' and Dads', Grannies' and Grandads' favourite toys.

Did you know that some toys come alive at night?

The Night my elephant Came to Life by John Gilhooly, aged 7

One night I climbed into my bed and cuddled up to my elephant and went to sleep. That night when it struck twelve o'clock I felt some thing wriggling in my bed. I woke up and turned round and there was 'Elle'; he went out of my bedroom door and out of the front door; he went on the main road and into the fields; he roared as he crept to the pub down the road and wet all the drinkers in the pub. I chased after him as he trampled down the road. I went home and a bigger one had come to life. He gave me a ride. We caught the first one and we all flew away back home. By the time we got home it was breakfast time and I quickly put them back; they turned back into toys and I had my breakfast and went to school.

The Night My Teddy Came To Life by Carl Chubb, aged 8

One cold winter night the clock struck midnight and suddenly there was a movement at the end of my bed. I said "What's that moving at the bottom of the bed?" and a voice said "It's only me, Baxter". "But you are only a toy". Baxter told me that at midnight every night he goes for a walk around the corner, so he magiced me small and took me into the cornfields. At 3 o'clock he goes back into a toy. I said "What's the time?" He said "Only 1 O'clock". I said "Great, we can have loads of fun". He said "Let's drive you van - you can drive". I said "I can't drive". He said "I can and I'll teach you to drive". I said "Thank you". He said "That's O.K.". We got in the van and drove. Soon I picked up driving and we had great fun driving around the countryside. We drove for miles and miles and suddenly we found a little river. We sat under the shade to cool ourselves down. We found some food left on the ground - and a drink. It was a very hot night. It was nearly sunrise and Baxter said "Quickly, I must get you back". I drove the van back home. I said Goodbye and put him back on the shelf and I went back to sleep.

The Night My Monkey Came To Life by Tom Clark, aged 7

On Friday night it was a magic night. When the clock struck 12, monkey came alive. He was jumping on my bed. He got off and explored my cupboard. He got lost among the toys. I went downstairs to get a midnight feast, when I noticed that Matt was missing, so I looked everywhere until I looked in my cupboard. I found him curled up in a corner with his leg caught in some handcuffs. I managed to get him free. It was morning. My Mum was still asleep so we made a rocket and shot off to the moon. When we got there we were met by ...



...aliens; they were so ugly; we zoomed home. Unfortunately, my Mum was awake. She yelled at me. She told me to go back to bed without breakfast. We were back with the aliens in no time. I was pleased that I could get away from home. I fell in a crater. The crater transported us back to earth. We landed in France. I staggered to the airport and flew home. I got a taxi back home. My Mum hugged me and kissed me.

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The children enjoyed traditional Harvest celebrations at the beginning of October. They were very pleased to be invited to take part in the URC festivals before having their own Harvest Service in school.

The children enjoyed the opportunity to visit the older residents of the villages with some harvest gifts.

This year we thought especially about the homeless in London and used all the gifts of vegetables to make soup for the London Salvation Army 'Soup Run', the children being able to present 75 litres of soup concentrate to two representatives of the Salvation Army who visited the school.

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DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 1989 ISSUE - Friday 17th November 1989  
- THIS ISSUE WILL MARK 15 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF PUBLICATION

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#### St Andrews Parish Church

##### *Calendar for November*

19 Morning Prayer at 11  
26 Family Service at 9.45

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2 Antiques Roadshow at 7pm, by Patrick Taylor, followed by Cheese & Wine, at the Pettward Hall. Tombola, Draw etc etc

3 Patronal Festival Eucharist at 11

The weekend following St Andrews Day (30 Nov) is the one we choose as our Patronal Festival. Please support our double bill on the Saturday, and the special Eucharist the following day.

A very good total (for a first attempt) of £130 was raised on Fireworks Night at St Georges School. A special word of thanks to Mr Sinclair for allowing the school fireworks display for promoting our fundraising event; also to the representatives of nearly all the village organisations who realised that this was not just another 'churchy do' and who pitched in willingly. The proceeds went to the Church Urban Fund, which is a disastrous name for an excellent scheme - namely relieving acute distress and deprivation in our inner cities: rehabilitating drug addicts, providing refuges for battered wives and teenage runaways and generally helping in a very practical way. Unfortunately our comfortable rural 'St Eds & Ips' diocese has so far come bottom of the league in fundraising, so each practising Anglican in this diocese has been tasked to raise £11 a head, over the next 3 years. Thank you all very much for making the job far easier than we expected.

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The Editor apologises for the lateness of this month's issue

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