

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

As I write this there has been no response to the appeal for an editor for the Newsletter. The Newsletter has been published by the Parish Council for 18 years and, as well as occasionally containing pieces of general interest, is a useful means of keeping everyone informed of village events. The amount of material available for publication varies and requires some chasing of potential contributors by the editor!

Despite the variable amount available for publication it has NEVER been policy to publish letters received anonymously. I received an unsigned letter in response to the letter published in the February Newsletter and, with no address or telephone number, was unable to contact the author to discuss publication. In certain rare circumstances it may be appropriate to withhold the name of the writer but unattributable letters will not be published.

In the continuing absence of an editor the future of the newsletter will be reviewed at the Parish Council meeting on 26th March. Anyone interested in editorship please contact me (Stow 674819) before then. I will continue to act as post-box for contributions for the April Newsletter until its future has been determined. Perhaps this would be an appropriate matter for discussion by interested parties at the Annual Parish Meeting which precedes the Parish Council Meeting (7pm at the Pettward Hall).

Trudy Gray - Acting Editor

BROWNIES

For the second year running Gt Finborough Brownies, on this occasion in a joint production with Onehouse Brownies, have won the Carrie Crissell Challenge Shield. They competed against Brownies from 9 other packs in the area at the competition held at Combs Middle School to perform a Five Minute Pantomime. They gave a very confident and enthusiastic performance and we were very proud of them. WELL DONE!

The 22nd February is a very special day for Guides and Brownies which we call Thinking Day. It was the Birthday of Lord and Lady

Baden-Powell and Guides and Brownies from all round the world hold special celebrations. This year our District held a service at Combs Ford and then paraded up to Stowmarket Community Centre for a 'World Tour'. Each Guide and Brownie was given a 'passport' and as she visited each country this was stamped and she was able to sample food and drink that Brownies in that country would eat. There were some very strange mixtures but I think everyone survived and had a good time!

Mary Williams, Brownie Guider

ST. ANDREW'S MINI LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:

15th January	
(169) Mrs S Loades,	£4.85
Sunnyside, Gt. Finborough	
(153) Miss N Bull,	£3.25
West End Farm, Gt. Finborough	
22nd January	
(057) Mrs M Welham,	£4.85
The Green, Gt. Finborough	
(203) Mrs D Podmore	£3.25
Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finborough	
29th January	
(181) Mrs B Wyer,	£4.85
The Green, Gt. Finborough	
(187) Mr A Smith	£3.25
Oak Close, Gt. Finborough	
5th February	
(156) Mrs C Preston	£4.85
Rattlesden	
(216) Mr C Wright	£3.25
The Chestnuts, Gt. Finborough	
12th February	
(201) Mr A Grimwood	£4.80
The Green, Gt. Finborough	
(184) Mrs L Dykes	£3.15
Boundary Cottages, Buxhall	

Four sums of £8.10 and one of £7.95 have been added to Church Funds.

Hilary Smith

ST ANDREW'S - SERVICES FOR MARCH

- 3rd Sung Eucharist 11am
10th **Mothering Sunday Family Service at Onehouse 11am.** (No service at Gt Finborough)
17th Morning Prayer 11am
24th PALM SUNDAY Family Service 9.45am
29th **Good Friday Service at Onehouse 10am**
31st **EASTER DAY Benefice Communion 10.30am**

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held on **Monday 8th April, 7.30pm** at the Old Forge. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. You will not necessarily be roped in for a job if you go!

Brian Smith

Might I echo Trudi's appeal for some potential newsletter editors to come out of their holes? We must be among the very few villages of 500 approx that still has its own (i) school, (ii) shop, (iii) pub, (iv) church and (v) monthly newsletter. Perhaps we need friends from less fortunate communities to urge us to fight like crazy not to let any single one of these slide into oblivion through apathy.

The editor-to-be need not have his/her own computer, though it helps. I have a spare one and can give all necessary instruction. More important is a couple of hours spare per month, the ability to learn a few new tricks and type without too many spelling mistakes. Though the post is honorary I do have occasional keying-in overload work in our typesetting business and would be glad to give 'the successful applicant' first refusal, at proper commercial rates.

Thought for the Times

I happened to be reading a bit of Genesis the other day as the latest Gulf update was pouring out of the radio, and reflected on how the Adam & Eve myth might benefit from a bit of an update itself. As I hope you are aware, only a very small minority of Christians believe that the Adam & Eve stories represent a historical account of what actually happened to the first actual man and woman. Unfortunately most people outside the Church think that's what we all believe - and therefore dismiss us, and the bible, as not worth bothering about. But that is a big mistake. The early chapters of Genesis were a brilliant attempt to put the causes of this world's miseries in order of importance, wrapping it all up in a

charming story about apples, fig leaves, talking snakes and what-have-you. Top of the list, with Adam's munch on the Golden Delicious, they put sheer egotistical self-will (echoes of Frank Sinatra's *My Way*, and of Saddam Hussein's megalomania, for that matter). The second worst cause of our ills, according to the Hebrews, was 'passing the buck', never admitting responsibility for anything we do wrong ("... the woman - *she* gave me to eat", and listen to any pair of motorists after a traffic accident). Then came naked aggression (Cain and Abel - man killing his [brother] man). Plenty of evidence around us to support that one, too, but listening to the radio especially recently, have you not noticed the depressing way how everyone involved in the Gulf War believes *simply what they want to believe* - no more, and no less. Dialogue is impossible in those circumstances. And now that I have drawn your attention to it, do you not see the same blinkered views all round you, day by day? The cheap crack is often made that religion has caused more wars than any other factor. I don't think that's wholly true - the N. Ireland Prot-Catholic battle is drawn up along tribal, not religious lines - but if there is truth in it, it is surely due to this factor, of people only believing what they *want* to believe, irrespective of the facts, and that is something we see equally outside the Church.

If I were appointed to update Genesis, I think I'd slip that one in at about number three, with Adam, Eve and all their offspring being issued with monovision spectacles, each able to see one thing only.

Michael Skliros

PRIZE BINGO

Bingo sessions recommence in March and on Wednesday 20th proceeds will be for the local Brownies. Eyes down at 7 pm! Good prizes to be won, refreshments available and a draw also. Please come along and give the Brownies your support.

Hilary Smith

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Due to the adverse weather conditions the February meeting was held at the Old Forge by kind invitation of Dr and Mrs Smith. An excellent cookery demonstration was given by Sarah

Bond after which members tasted samples of the delicious dishes which included Savoury Vegetable Pancakes and Blackcurrant Mousse with a hot Blackcurrant Sauce. The dishes were raffled at the end of the meeting, including an enormous chocolate and cream covered Valentine cake won by Josie Gibbons.

The next meeting will be held at Pettward Hall on **Wednesday March 13th** when Mr E Adamson will be giving a talk 'My Life in Advertising'.

The Book Circle continues to meet regularly, a small group but nonetheless enthusiastic and with a fairly varied literary diet. The last book discussed was Alan Moorehead's *The Blue Nile*; our present one is a biography of Angela Burdett-Coutts (perhaps appropriately titled *Lady Unknown*) and this will be followed by *Oranges are not the Only Fruit*. The next meeting of the group is **Tuesday 19th March, 8.15pm** at The Old Police House.

Berice Jordan, Press Correspondant.

GT FINBOROUGH PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup are holding an Easter Bazaar on **Saturday 23rd March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** at the Pettward Hall. Stalls will include an Easter Draw, Cakes and Sweets, Refreshments, White Elephant, Adult and Children's Tombola, Treasure Hunt, Punch Board, Face Painting, Coins in a Bath and an Easter Bunny's Grotto!

Come along and have a fun-filled afternoon - we look forward to seeing you!

Louise Fiddaman

PETTIWARD HALL

The new Pettward Hall Committee met on 23rd January when Tony Morland was co-opted onto the Committee and elected Chairman. Other newly co-opted members are Sue Green (Secretary) and Fred Cass.

The other members of the Committee and the organisations they represent are: Mrs Ada Proctor (Candlestick Club and PCC), Trevor Waspe and Maurice Lloyd (Parish Council), Nick Skinner (Toddler Group), Herman Sparkes (British Legion), Trudy Gray (W.I.), Lorraine Peart and Jill Farrell (Playgroup), Linda Graves (Booking Secretary) and Brenda Wyer (co-opted).

Fred Cass and Trevor Waspe will be carrying

out an informal survey of the building to determine which areas of the Hall need attention before a programme of future work is drawn up. A list of volunteers who are prepared to carry out minor repairs and maintenance would be useful. Any volunteers to contact one of the committee. If any problems are noticed by hirers please let Linda know so that they can be sorted out as soon as possible.

Future fund-raising ideas are being discussed and comments and suggestions are requested. If anyone has any ideas for fund-raising or how we could make more use of the hall please contact one of the Committee.

Sue Green, Secretary

GREAT FINBOROUGH MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet every Monday during term-time at the Pettward Hall, 10.30am to 11.30am. We have a monthly raffle and craft session for the children. The Health Visitor visits once a month to weigh the babies and toddlers and to discuss any problems or queries parents may have. There is a weekly charge of 75p which includes refreshments.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Toddlers and Babies are welcome.

C. Nettleton and L. Fiddaman

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Some thoughts about the snow

Snow is cold.
In the snow I make a snowman.
It tingles on my hands.
It has snowflakes floating from one side to another.
It is fun.
When I think about snow I love to see it floating about outside all the time.

Leighann Munday, aged 6 years.

The snow raining down.
The frost like a white, cold day.
All the snow coming down.
It's snowing.

George Buckmaster, aged 6 years.

The Snowdrop

The snowdrop tingles on my hand.
Beginning to melt, it feels wet.
Then I say "If I try I might make a snowman
But I will need some help." Now I need another
snowdrop.
But look, it's going to melt like the other one did!
I wish a snowdrop would stay like a snowdrop.
I wish. I wish that.

Electra Peart, aged 6 years.

The Snow Fell Down

Floating * * * * *

* Drifting *

Gliding * * * * *

* * * Flickering *

* * * Pure White *

Soft * * * * *

* * * Sparkling * *

Landing gently and laying still.

Craig Porley, aged 7 years.

The Snow

The snow flickered
Through the sky
Like gliders
Gliding through
The swift wind
Blowing by.
The bitter wind
Nips your face
Like crab claws.

Fields of snow lay down like fresh clean
blankets.

Snow ploughs ploughing through the roads,
scraping
through the roads like a lion clawing his prey.
Cars skidding on the roads like skaters skating
on a frozen pond.

Ryan Corbyn, aged 7 years.

The Snow and Rain Argue.

One day the snow and the rain were blowing
along. They stopped and both said to each other
boastfully "I am much stronger than you." Then
the snow said "Let's see about that then. Let's
see who can make that man go inside first."

The snow tried, but however much he tried he
could not make the man go inside. The man
wanted to play and build a snowman and have
snowball fights and the man slid around. Then
the rain tried. The man got soaked. At last he
went in. "I won," shouted the rain. "Yes, but I'm
more fun," said the snow!

Fraser Manning, aged 8 years.

FRIENDS OF GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Beetle Drive planned for 8th February fell
victim to the snow. However Keen Beetlers need
not despair as it has been re-programmed for
Friday 8th March. 7pm at the School, all are
welcome.

Trudy Gray