

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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**EDITORIAL**

Church Bells - On Saturday 13th April 1912 a peal was rung on the Church bells and took two hours and forty minutes. The 80th anniversary of this event falls on **Monday 13th April 1992** and an identical peal will be rung from 6 - 9 pm.

Call it coincidence call it what you will, the above date is also very pertinent as it marks the first time for many years that a theatre group is putting on a production in the hall - "**Peculiar People**" by Robert Rigby and performed by The Eastern Angles Theatre Company. Tickets available from Linda 677803 OR The Post Office. Prices :- **£4.00 adults £3.00 OAP's.**

Please support this event, the success of which will depend on whether we can have more. The production company comes with the highest recommendations.

John Grave.

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**WELL DONE BROWNIES**

Gt Finborough Brownies were placed 3rd in the District challenge at the beginning of February. Nine Brownie packs from Stowmarket, Needham Market and the surrounding villages took part in a mime competition for the Carrie Crissell Trophy. The girls put alot of hard work into the preparation of their mime and did very well on the night. We were very proud of them.

On Sunday 11th February we attended a District Thinking Day celebration and spent the afternoon finding out about Japan. We had Japanese food to try (thanks to Andy Porley), Japanese music and games to play, and Japanese dolls and origami to make. Last meeting we held our own Thinking Day celebration and Carrie Pheonix made her Brownie Promise. We are very pleased to welcome her to our Pack. We do have a few places in the Pack if any girls would like to join us. Please contact me.

Bingo - Hilary Smith will be holding her first Bingo night of the year in aid of the Brownies on **Wednesday 18th March**. So please do attend and support us.

Mary Williams.

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**CHURCH SERVICES**

- March 1st 11am Holy Communion
- March 4th Ash Wednesday 10am at Harleston
- March 8th - No service Gt Finborough -
- March 15th 11am Matins
- March 22nd 9.45am Holy communion
- March 29th Mothering Sunday 10.30am Service Gt Finborough

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**GREAT FINBOROUGH PLAYGROUP**

We are looking into the possibility of renovating the back rooms of the village hall for playgroup use and we need to ascertain the support from residents of the village.

We will be holding a meeting on **Saturday 14th March at 12.00** in the back rooms for you to come and see the potential and also help us to evaluate what can be done and the likely costs involved.

Please do come along and show your support. Any offers can be given to Jo Forgan on **670676**

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**ST ANDREWS MINI LOTTO**

Prize winners are as follows (Great Finborough unless stated):-

28th Jan

- (223) Mrs R Macro, Middlefield Drive. £4.70
- (188) Mrs A Skinner, Middlefield Drive. £3.10

4th Feb

- (128) Mrs L Mason, The Chestnuts. £4.70
- (055) Mrs B Grimaldi, Westlegate. £3.10

11th Feb

- (201) Mr A Grimwood, The Green. £4.70
- (110) Mr P Kemp, West View, Stowmarket. £3.10

The sum of £7.80 has been added each week to church funds.

Hilary Smith.

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### SCATTERED MEMORIES OF GREAT FINBOROUGH 50 YEARS AGO

By Ada Proctor. Part 1....

Finborough Hall was a focal point in village life. There was a butler and a footman and I had a cousin who was a footman who sadly got killed at the beginning of the First World War. There were also maids and gardeners.

Mrs Petteward had two daughters, Miss Cynthia and Miss Stella, and two sons, Mr Roger and Mr Daniel. Mrs Petteward was a founder member of this WI and Miss Stella was secretary. Mr Roger was a Commando, one of the first to take steps onto Normandy soil in France, sadly he was killed leaving a young wife and three children.

The Esquire Petteward died in 1935, and all the tenants were conveyed to the Crematorium at Ipswich by coach. Mrs Petteward died some time later and their ashes were sprinkled on the graves just outside the west door of the church. There are memorials to the Petteward family in the Lady Chapel. Mrs Petteward was a very gracious lady and would visit the aged and infirm in the village, one family the other end of the village suffered from very bad chilblains and Mrs Petteward would go up and dress their hands. In those days, dressings, bandages and even bed pans had to be borrowed as there was no such thing as social welfare. We had a District nurse who would cycle round the villages and she later got a small car and indeed helped me with my family.

Lady Petteward would also visit Stow Lodge and once invited two of us WI members to go with her and we had to get to the front door of the Hall where we would be picked up in a chauffeur driven car. She would sing to all the old ladies and stroke their hair.

Stow Lodge was then known as a "Poor Law Institution" and old people, vagrants or tramps, as we knew them would walk from similar institutions in Sudbury to Stow Lodge in a day, where they would be provided with a nights lodging, food, and a bed, and before setting off again the next morning were expected to chop some wood.

Part 2 next month.

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WHATS ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
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MONDAYS	Toddler Group*	10.30 to 11.30
TUESDAYS	Hall is cleaned	AM only
WEDNESDAYS	Playgroup*	9.15 to 11.45
THURSDAYS	Playgroup*	9.15 to 11.45
FRIDAYS	Playgroup*	9.15 to 11.45

\* During Term Times.

WI The Second Wednesday of each month.  
Candlestick Club April 2nd & November 5th.  
Bingo Starting Wednesday March 18th 1992 - 3rd Wednesday each month.

WHY NOT HIRE THE HALL FOR A FUNCTION. CALL LINDA GRAVE 677803.

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USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS  
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Parish Council - Mrs W Diaper 677103

WI Press Officer - ~~Wendy~~ <sup>Teddy</sup> Gray 674819

Hall Booking Secretary - Linda Grave 677803

Playgroup - Laura Howell 770976

Brownies Leader - Mary Williams 612822

Bingo / Church Warden / Candlestick Club - Hilary Smith 615492

Royal British Legion - Mick Smith 615492

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