

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER



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EDITORIAL

There are still plenty of tickets available for "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.

See you all on the Green - Easter Monday for egg throwing and the egg and spoon races !

John Grave.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It may seem rather early to announce the forthcoming Fuschia Festival to be held over the weekend of 12/13 September, but help will definitely be needed.

The sponsored cycle ride will also be 12th September. The Fuschia exhibition will be held at the church which will be open from 10am-5pm on both days. From past experience we can expect a magnificent display of all varieties of fuschias. In addition there will be other attractions on the Village Green and along Church Road. There will also be a photographic exhibition, and help will be needed in the following ways :-

Volunteers to man the stalls, the Church and to act as stewards in the village hall.
We will need prizes for the tombola stall, cakes for the cake stall and plants and crafts for sale.
Not forgetting the cycle ride, we need cyclists to ride and sponsors to sponsor them.

Further details will be given later, but if you can promise help, cakes, plants etc for that weekend please call me.

On the sponsored cycle ride - in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust - we have been told that the total raised last year was the highest figure in the Deanery. Let's try to keep a lead in 1992 - volunteer cyclists please set 12th September aside. Sponsorship forms will be available from me.

Brian Smith.

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SCATTERED MEMORIES OF GREAT FINBOROUGH 50 YEARS AGO

By Ada Proctor. Part 2....

Whole families would be placed in Stow Lodge when they came upon hard times and were turned out of their cottages for some reason. Often they would call at the cottage of one old lady we knew as Emma, who was blind deaf and dumb and she would always be nursing a doll. The old ladies would sit around an open fire with a fire guard. Miss Lucy Glover would visit and distribute Red Cross things such as books and toiletries and some of us would go over to help. After a time the WI was formed in Buxhall, and in the village a paupers graveyard was established, each grave bearing a wooden cross. The Rev Wake with the help of some young lads tidied it when he was there. Wounded soldiers in blue travelled to Stow in their "wheel chains". Women used to help with the work of the hospital.

In Great Finborough churchyard there are memorials to the Chaplin families, and the famous comedian Charlie Chaplin is reputed to be a descendant. There is also a memorial to Isabella Beaton, the wonderful cook from Gt Finborough who wrote a novel called "Household in Arrangement", the memorial stone is covered up, so my husband says, but I have seen it.

There used to be a woodyard where Mrs Grimaldi now lives, and the wood required on the estate would be sawn up there. Beyond is Spring Meadow, so called because of a spring there and a small cottage used the water for drinking and the cottage is known as Bath House with a sort of cellar water where it is reputed in years gone by by the ladies of the Hall bathed. To the right of the Bath House there is a clump of trees and a public path leading through the trees, this used to be the "fairyland" to our boys ! The path leads to the shop one way, and another to the Buxhall road.

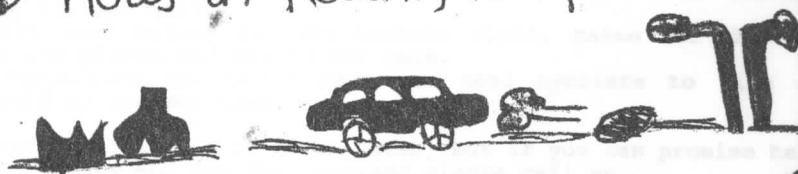
Part 3 next month.

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HAZARDS

AROUND MY VILLAGE

- Broken glass on Footpath, Road
- Children playing on Road
- Cars that go Fast
- Light's that don't work.
- Loose branches on roads
- Stray Animals
- holes in Roads, Footpath.



Emma Brice

Gt. Finborough Brownies

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BROWNIES

March has been a very busy month in the Brownies. We have decorated baskets and filled them with home-made sweets for Mothering Sunday, attended St Andrew's for the Mothering Day service, learnt more about the country code in practice at a farm, surveyed Gt Finborough for "hazards" and also made easter bunnies.

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Hilary Smith for all her hard work in running the prize bingo sessions. The March session raised record £95.00 for our pack funds. The hall was packed and everyone had a good time. Please do support her monthly sessions as different village organisations benefit each month.

We have to say goodbye to Emma Brice and Kelly Porley this month and we wish them a happy time in the guides. This means we have some spaces in the pack. If anyone aged 7 - 10 years would like to join us please phone me.

Mary Williams.

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CHURCH SERVICES

April 5th 11am Holy Communion
 April 12th - No Service Gt Finborough -
 April 19th Easter Day. 11am Morning Prayer
 April 26th 9.45am Family Communion

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PARISH COUNCIL

Village Litter Collection - The Parish Council are pleased to advise that this position has been filled and would like to thank all who applied for this position.

Parish Meeting - This annual meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th May 1992** at 7.00pm in the Pettward Hall. It is a meeting open to all residents. All local organisations in the village are invited to attend and present a brief report to the meeting on their last years work and events. If you are able to attend, it would be helpful if you could supply the Clerk with a copy of your brief report to save my "write" hand.

Next Meeting - Thursday 7th April 1992 at 7.30pm after the annual Parish meeting, in the Pettward Hall.

Wendy Diaper. Clerk to the Council.

ST ANDREWS MINI LOTTO

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

18th Feb

===== £4.70
(122) Mrs R Armes, The Bungalows. £3.10
(106) Miss A Ravenscroft, Valley Lane.

25th Feb

===== £4.70
(207) Mr J Miles, Stable Cottage. £3.10
(099) Mr T Taylor, Lime tree Cottage.

3rd March

===== £4.70
(139) Mr F Durrant, Boundary Cottages, Buxhall £3.10
(188) Mrs A Skinner, Middlefield Drive.

10th March

===== £4.70
(074) Mrs J Flack, The Bungalows. £3.10
(114) Mrs J Vonberg, Bury St Stowmarket

17th March

===== £4.70
(227) Mr A Goldsmith, The Chestnuts. £3.10
(114) Mrs J Vonberg, Bury St Stowmarket

The sum of £7.80 has been added each week to church funds.
If anyone is interested in joining the lottery (only 10p per week) please ring me on 615492

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Wednesday 15th is the date for the April prize bingo session. Commencing at 7.00pm in the Pettward Hall, proceeds will be for the Gt Finborough playgroup. They will be pleased to have your support and we look forward to having a good crowd on this occasion.

Hilary Smith.

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YOUTH CLUB

After a successful exploratory meeting on Monday 30th March to form a youth club, a further meeting has been called. This is on Monday 6th April for all interested adults and/or parents. It is the wish of those present at the first meeting to form a rota system for adults and a working party and committee for the youngsters. The time will be 7pm in Pettward Hall. ALL WELCOME.

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LITTLE ERNIE WINNERS

7th Feb

===== £3.00 Stan Young
£1.00 Sue Sinclair

21st Feb

===== £3.00 Mrs Love
£1.00 Nick Hall

6th March

===== £3.00 Karen Tomlinson
£1.00 Viv Brice

14th Feb

===== £3.00 Stephen Cape
£1.00 Jane Pearson

28th Feb

===== £3.00 Maggie Tabley
£1.00 Jane Pearson

13th March

===== £3.00 Mrs Hayward
£1.00 Mr Sykes

A total of £32.78 has been credited to school funds for this period. Thanks to all members for their continuing support and anybody wishing to join can call me on 740302

Hilda Bull.

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GT FINBOROUGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The speaker at the March meeting was Mr Stewart who presented an illustrated talk on Kew Gardens. Members enjoyed a glimpse of the two to three hundreds acres of grounds in all their variety from formal rose gardens and medicinal herb gardens to wild flower areas. Some insight was provided in the vast research programmes which are based at Kew. It is hoped that a visit to the gardens can be arranged during the year and enquiries into costs are underway.

Already programmed for the year is a visit to Woolpit nurseries for a demonstration on hanging baskets and, later in April, a visit to Kings Lynn (including the market) and Caithness Glass. Following 1990's popular walk in the Gipping Valley a further walk is planned for June.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, however the April meeting on the 8th, centres on the proposed resolutions for the annual general meeting to be held in Bournemouth in June. Probably not the best meeting to choose for your first visit !

Finally a brief plea for help. The Institute is having a stall on the second day of the Buxhall Historic Fair, Sunday 6th September. Has anyone a caravan and awning they could load for the occasion ? Any offers to contact Barbara Seddon 678432.

Trudy Gray.

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WHATS ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Parish Council - Mrs W Diaper 677103

WI Press Officer - Trudy 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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