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EDITORIAL

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE - The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride is on **Saturday 12th September** - sponsor forms and any additional information now available from Brian Smith. I can thoroughly recommend this event !

HELP NEEDED - The Fuscias festival on 12/13 th September may seem to be a long way away, but many plans have been made. As previously announced. there will be a photographic exhibition in the Pettiward Hall, the Church will be decorated with a mass of fuscias and there will be stalls, refreshments and a tombola stall. Plenty of help will be required - please contact Brian Smith.

Many thanks to Richard Brice for his help with this month's production.

John Grave.

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CHURCH ROAD - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Following Mr John Grave's report regarding the possible access onto the B1115 from the proposed development in Church Road, I would like to quote some important points sent to me recently from Mr B K Horsted of the Mid Suffolk District Council, relating to comments made about the restricted view when cars are parked along the grass during Church services or other village events, to drivers coming out of the new development. Quote " The land where the parking takes place is a registered village green which I believe is managed by the Parish Council. The fact that parking takes place here would not in itself be in my opinion and adequate reason to resist the residential development" Unquote.

I should point out that so far as I am aware no one is opposed to the development. It is the access from that development onto Church Road, and onto the main B1115 which is at issue, and secondly unless drivers have X Ray eyes when driving out from this site they will not by any stretch of the imagination have the ability to see through a rank of vehicles.

I have in my possession a letter from Mr J J Stansfield, County Surveyor of the highways department dated November 1991 which states, "In my opinion the main safety problem lies with the sub standard visibility where Church Road adjoins the B1115, Stowmarket Rd and this was reflected in my recommendations of refusal to Mid Suffolk District Council. As far as I am aware this application has not yet been determined by the District".

With regards to the tree preservation which is of interest to all, a letter from the Mid Suffolk District Council states, " The mature Oak, Chestnut, and Cherry on the frontage verge outside the walled area and in the Parish ownership, while worthy of preservation are not at risk from the proposed development".

Secondly, I have taken considerable time in locating the access to the site where no damage will occur to significant trees, and have reached an acceptable agreement with the owners over the pond and its unique population of rare crested newts. Thirdly a complete survey of the site was made prior to clearance work taking place and the significant trees required for retention identified to the owners representative, these are the trees remaining on the site. Any development taking place on the site will take account of these trees. Should this prove problematical, then a tree order may be served in order to ensure their retention".

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The remarks made about the unique population of newts comes only because of the enormous pressure brought to bear on the Council, by Nature Conservation and other important and influential bodies from much publicity. This pond is now protected by law.

If any resident of Gt Finborough would like to look through the gap in the wall perhaps they might be good enough to let Mid Suffolk Council know of the tree's they refer to "as remaining on the site?".

Readers will note that this campaign has received to date much publicity and backing from many important parties interested in Road Safety and preservation, it is your letters which will bring about a rethink on the safety aspect thus saving a life or lives of our fast moving children and slower moving elderly.

The powers-that-be do not appear to comprehend the future growth in population numbers and car owners with the subsequent deaths this will inevitably cause if the other option of a safer exit is not taken up.

Please write to your M.P., Parish Council or District Council, quoting ref number OL/283/90, with your views.

Do not delay - write today.

G H Chaplin.

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FRIENDS OF GT FINBOROUGH LITTLE ERNIE

Winners from the last two months are (Finborough unless stated) :-

22/5/92

£3.00 Mrs V Brice
£1.00 Mrs J Pearson

29/5/92

£3.00 Mr A Sykes SCHOOL
£1.00 Mrs A Skinner

5/6/92

£3.00 Jackie Taylor
£1.00 Mrs D Davey

12/6/92

£3.00 Mrs A Lucas
£1.00 Mrs E Bailey ONEHOUSE

19/6/92

£3.00 Mrs S Sinclair
£1.00 Mrs M Taylor SCHOOL

26/6/92

£3.00 Mrs B Blower
£1.00 Mr I Gray

3/7/92

£3.00 Mr J Padmore ONEHOUSE
£1.00 Mrs G Hall ONEHOUSE

10/7/92

£3.00 Mrs L Mason
£1.00 Mrs Love

17/7/92

£3.00 Mrs D Davey
£1.00 Mrs K Tomlinson BUXHALL

24/7/92

£3.00 Mrs S Manning
£1.00 Mrs S Penn

There will be no draw during the School summer holiday, we will recommence on Friday 11th September. Many thanks to all those who have given their support and if anybody is interested in joining please give me a ring on 740302.

Hilda Bull.

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ST ANDREWS MINI LOTTO

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

23rd June

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(107) E Flack, The Bungalows.	£4.90
(203) R Podmore, Middlefield Drive.	£3.15

30th June

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(144) Mr J Williams, Town Farm.	£4.90
(085) Mr R Allen, Newton Road, Stowmarket.	£3.15

7th July

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(163) Mrs B Wyer, The Green.	£4.90
(231) S Turner, The Bungalows.	£3.20

14th July

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(123) Mr G Armes, The Bungalows.	£4.90
(129) Mrs L Mason, The Chestnuts.	£3.20

Two sums of £8.05 and two sums of £8.10 have been added to church funds.

Hilary Smith.

Proceeds from this month's bingo session will go toward the local branch of the British legion. Starting at 7.00pm in the Petteward Hall on Wednesday 19th. Please come along.

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CHURCH SERVICES

AUG 2ND 11am Holy Communion

AUG 9TH - No Service Gt Finborough - (9.30 service Harlston / 11am Communion Onehouse)

AUG 16TH 11am Morning Prayer.

AUG 23RD Holy communion 9.45 am.

AUG 30TH 10.30 Benefice service at Onehouse (Rev Hugh Wake)

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50-50 AUCTION

Gt Finborough's annual 50-50 auction is to be held on Saturday 26th. We will be out and about door to door collecting things w/c 14th September. So if your garage or attic needs sorting out - now is the time. If you have anything which needs collecting please contact :-

Trevor Waspe on 613336.

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MEMORIAL

A memorial service for Mrs Hines will be held at the United Reform Church on Saturday Sept 5th at 1.00pm and the service will be conducted by the Rev Heywood.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Press Correspondent - A reminder to all organisations who wish items inserted in the District news section of the EADT, that Sue Green is our local press correspondent and snippets of news should be given to her. Sue can be contacted at 8 Oak Close Tel 770620.

Dog Fouling - Concern was expressed at the last Parish Council meeting regarding the amount of dog fouling on the grass areas of the parish and the footpaths. Please clear up after your dog to ensure that these areas are safe for the children to play and walk on.

Next meeting - Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm. Members of the public welcome.

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W.I. CREAM TEAS
SAT. 15th AUGUST from 2.30pm
AT WESTLEGATE

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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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