

# Great Finborough Newsletter



THE  
SMALLEST ANGEL



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## Editorial

After another year, hidden from sight and working tirelessly to produce enough toys and presents for all the children of the world, Father Christmas is again out and about !

In the next few weeks he is visiting the Gt. Finborough Playgroup, The Chestnut Horse, Gt. Finborough Primary School and goodness knows how many other places in the village and surrounding area. How will he have time for the rest of the World ?

I understand that he is so busy this year that he has arranged some extra means of transportation. Those trusty reindeer are being given a day or two off ! Rumour has it that at 2.43 pm precisely on Friday, 9th December, he will be seen hovering in the sky above the village .....in a helicopter !

Keep a look out !



From everyone at Gt. Finborough Primary School

**A Very Happy Christmas !**

## Candlestick Club

The Over 60s Club has had another year of interesting meetings and outings, ending with an enjoyable meal at Buxhall Village Hall for the final gathering of 1994.

Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome to come along to our meetings on the first Thursday in the month, commencing in April.

My thanks go to our Secretary, Mr H. Sparkes, and members of the Committee for their help and support during the year.

Hilary Smith  
President

## Father Christmas is coming to the 'Chestnut Horse'

Once again Father Christmas is paying a flying visit to the 'Chestnut Horse' All children living in the village are welcome to come and see him free of charge, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

He will be here on **Sunday, 18th December, from 10.30 - 11.30am**. Tea, coffee and soft drinks only will be available during this time.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Jean and Stan Young  
The Chestnut Horse



## The Smallest Angel

### A Celebration of Christmas at Gt. Finborough Primary School



The story ..... seven angels are asked to spread themselves across the corners of the Earth to find a special place for God's Son to be born.

But, one small angel is left behind. The older angels go off to all different countries..... to America, amongst the Red Indians, to Hawaii, to Spain, to Scotland, to Switzerland and to China.....

The smallest angel goes off by herself to find the best place .....

The angels see lots of beautiful and exciting places while the smallest goes to Earth and falls asleep in a stable.

When the angels return to Heaven they tell God of the places they have visited. The smallest angel tells God that she has been asleep in a stable.

God says, 'If a stable is good enough for my smallest angel, it's good enough for my Son'

And that is how Jesus was born in a stable .....

The Children of Year 3/4

We may not have had a speaker after our November A.G.M., but several talented members filled the time, which seemed to pass all too quickly. We now have a Committee of eight, led by Brenda Grimaldi as our new President and thanks were expressed to the retiring Committee, so ably headed by Barbara Seddon. The closing of Onehouse W.I. may have been their loss, but it is definitely Gt. Finborough's gain as many of their former members are on our new Committee !

After the business part of the November A.G.M. was over, various members showed us their crafts which ranged from home-made wrapping paper and Christmas decorations to hand-stitched patchwork quilts - surely future heirlooms. So much interest was aroused that a day session was arranged, thus even those of us with somewhat less talented with our hands can by the end of the day have something to show for our labours !

The climax of the year will be our 75th Birthday Party on 14th December. How our village must have changed since the W.I. was formed in 1919, when there were few outside interests for women. However, the W.I. has moved with the times and expanded far beyond its original 'Jam and Jerusalem' image. It is up to all of us to support an important part of village life, so if you would like to see what goes on come and visit us in 1995 ! Meanwhile, Gerry Beskin has kindly invited members to Onehouse Lodge again for our party - the warmth of the welcome and the spacious surroundings make it an ideal venue, so we hope for a full house !

Elizabeth Pyke  
W.I. Correspondent

## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

May I, as Honorary Organiser for Gt. Finborough area of the Poppy Appeal, thank the volunteer collectors for their work in making the House-to-House collecting and to all the people who gave so generously to the Appeal.

The collection raised the sum of £248.46 which was equal to last year. St Andrew's Church donated £50 from the Remembrance Day Service collection and, with donations for wreaths, enabled me to bank £350 for the fund.

Thank you all.

F.W.E. Smith

**Friends of Gt.Finborough Primary School**

**invite you to their**

# Christmas Fayre

**on**

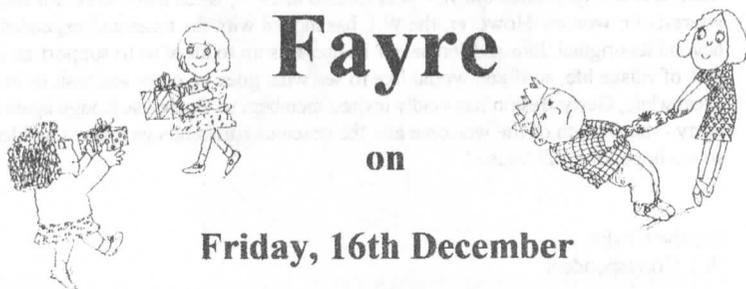
**Friday, 16th December**

**at 2.00 pm**

Stalls, Games, Cakes, Draws, etc..

and of course

***Father Christmas is coming !***



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We live on site, so do telephone at any time, or write for details of any of the above. You do not have to be a member of the school to join the Montessori afternoons which have no more than ten children each.

Frederick and Gwyneth Rapsey - Headmaster and Headmistress



## Star of Merit



## Helen Pearson

### Well done Helen !

Helen Pearson has been awarded the Guide Association, 'Star of Merit'. This is being presented to Helen by the County Commissioner on Monday, 5th December.

Only a few of these are awarded nationally each year. We are all feeling very proud of Helen.

A full report next month.

Mary Williams

## Gt Finborough Parish Council

### Litter Collection

The position of litter collector in the village is still vacant. The minimum age is 13 years old, but would also suit an active pensioner. Two or three hours per week are required and safety equipment is provided.

Please contact the Clerk: Mrs Wendy Diaper, 7 Highfield Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket. or telephone 0449 677103 for further details.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 12th January 1995 at 7.30pm in Petteward Hall.

Wendy Diaper

## Combs Middle School help at Gt.Finborough Primary School

A few weeks ago several pupils from Combs Middle School spent a morning at the Primary School helping to clear the pond ready for the Winter and covering it with a net. Another group helped to tidy the school flower bed. This was the final day of a 'Conservation' topic that Year 7 children had been working on.

'I enjoyed doing the pond work and it was a lot better than learning it out of books. It was a fun day' Charlene

'We had so much fun at the First School. It's a pity we didn't have longer because the time went so quickly. I'm so glad we had the opportunity to help the environment' Sarah

## St. Andrew's Church - Services in December

4th	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
18th	6.30 pm	Carol Service
24th	11.30 am	Midnight Service (Holy Communion)

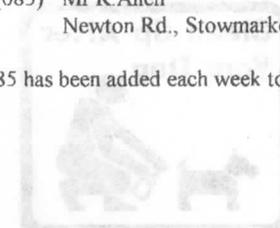
## St. Andrew's Mini Lotto

Prize-winners are as follows:-

25th Oct	(186)	Mrs J. Smith Oak Close, Gt.Finborough	£4.70
	(055)	Mrs B. Grimaldi Westlegate, Gt.Finborough	£3.15
1st Nov	(218)	Miss P Wright The Chestnuts, Gt.Finborough	£4.70
	(071)	Mr D. Phillips Coney Acres, Gt.Finborough	£3.15
8th Nov	(097)	Mr R. Flack The Bungalows, Gt.Finborough	£4.70
	(094)	Mrs J. Fisher Boundary Cottages, Buxhall	£3.15
15th Nov	(143)	Mrs M. Williams Boarded Barn Farm, Gt.Finborough	£4.70
	(085)	Mr R. Allen Newton Rd., Stowmarket	£3.15

The sum of £7.85 has been added each week to Church Funds.

Hilary Smith



**USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS**

Parish Council - Mrs Wendy Diaper - 677103

District Councillor - Mrs Jean How - 613730

W.I.Press Officer - Mrs Elizabeth Pyke - 612749

Pettiward Hall Booking Officer - Mrs Linda Grave - 677803

Playgroup - Mrs Joanne Forgan - 678676

Brownie Leader - Mrs Sandra Sykes - 675834

Bingo/Church Warden/Candlestick Club - Mrs Hilary Smith - 615492

Royal British Legion - Mr Mick Smith - 615492

Gt.Finborough CEVC Primary School - 613208

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