

Great Finborough Newsletter



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Letter to the Editor.

Church Close
Gt Finborough
Stowmarket

Dear Editor,

It is a very sad day; when after much pleading with everyone in our village to help her run the youth club; Anne Squirrel has come up with zero. How do you think she must feel? How do you think the children will feel when their little club is no more? Most of you have selected Gt Finborough to be your home village. Yes it's wonderful isn't it! Just look what we have.....

A friendly atmosphere, good neighbours, an excellent village shop, superb pub, brilliant schools, we have two, how many have that? Children's clubs, playgroups, and a village hall to hold them in.

We have village events and happenings.

We have the 'krazy' bog race day.

We have a most magnificent church, which serves so many.

We also have that new feeling of security in our village now that neighbourhood watch is up and running.

There is the long established W.I., and there are those who organise events to raise much needed funds for those less fortunate than themselves.

Gt Finborough is made up of some really special people, willing, helpful and able to do more to keep these things going.

They run these events and clubs because they know how important it is to those who enjoy the events, they find the time and yet they are just as busy as any one of us in their evade lives.

They are the ones with those special qualities of which we should all be grateful.

Anyone can be like them and gain that sense of being.

Don't wait until tomorrow, take part today, tomorrow never comes. Just give it a go, please.

Yours faithfully

Graham Chaplin

The following is an addition to the article last month on feline leukaemia.

Unfortunately, last month, I neglected to stress that the immunisation jab is one of two that need to be taken with a two week gap between. Also an annual booster is required to ensure full protection against this highly infectious disease. My apologies for any misunderstanding on this matter.

Sue Green



Finborough School

The Hall, Great Finborough, Stowmarket,
Suffolk, IP14 3EF

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Rogation - A Note of Explanation

"Rogation days" are days when the crops and fields are blessed. They are the three days immediately before Ascension Day. What we do on Rogation Sunday is walk (or drive if you prefer!) to all five parishes in the benefice and sing a hymn in each stopping place as well as having a part of the service. This year we begin from two different points and meet in the middle! Please do join us for the picnic which last year was great fun. It's not a bad idea if you bring a folding chair!

25th May, Festival Family Eucharist for St. Augustine

Our celebrations begin in St. John the Baptist in Onchouse at 10.00 where Jack Shenton is being baptised. It would have been the first thing that Augustine and his fellow monks would have done for anyone who professed their belief in Christ. We then process with a cross to the church which bears St. Augustine's name in Harleston and we hope to arrive in time to start the service at 11.00. Assuming the weather is fine (it will be of course!) part of the service will be in the open air and then we shall all crowd into the church to share communion together. Incidentally, because the baptism begins our celebrations we have had to move the service at Finborough back an hour to 8.30.

St Andrew's Church



FROM THE RECTORY

(01449 - 614378)

May 1997

Nigel Hartley, Priest-in-charge

Dear friends,

I used to know lots of football statistics, mainly to do with Leicester City who appeared (I think I tell you accurately!) in the F.A. Cup Finals of 1949, 1961 and 1963 and lost them all. But now - oh, joy - old statistics give way to celebration as Leicester win the Coca-Cola Cup. What do you mean, you don't care?!

We all need to care passionately about something or we aren't really alive. And to care passionately about *someone* is to have a love worth celebrating. There's a lot of wisdom in, "The best way to compliment your wife is frequently." But then anon. said a lot of wise things.

When Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford were asked by a reporter on their golden wedding for the secret of the success of their marriage he replied, "It's the same formula I've always used in making cars - just stick to one model."

This month (leaving football aside for a moment), is a month worth celebrating. At the very beginning of the month we celebrate Deirdre Parmenter's arrival in the deanery. There are several baptisms, always special to the parents and families, as they celebrate the safe arrival of a precious gift of God to them. The first marriage of the year has already been celebrated but now there are three more for me in May. Every marriage is special and what makes it special is a love that is frequently so deep that words can hardly capture it. There are tears in the eyes at marriages (and sometimes they're mine!).

And on the 25th May, Trinity Sunday, as well as a baptism which takes place that day we have a real cause for celebration as a Christian community because it's the fourteen hundredth anniversary of St. Augustine's arrival in Britain. And that means that Harleston, whose patron saint he is, will be pulling out the stops. In the morning the three villages of Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland are joining together to celebrate as one. In the evening there is a Festival evensong.

And in a sense the celebration flows on into the following day as I take Harleston with me to a special service marking the anniversary in Canterbury Cathedral.

There, I have no doubt, the music will be stirring and moving. The chant of the football fan and the praise of God in music may seem miles apart, but joy is often expressed in song.

Franz Joseph Haydn put it like this, "When I think upon my God, my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap from my pen; and since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be pardoned me that I serve Him with a cheerful spirit." Amen, to that.

With best wishes,

Church Services for May

4 May	Rogation Sunday	<u>Hosea 6.1-6; 1Cor 15.21-28; John 15.16-end</u>	Easter 5
	<i>Rogation Walk and Service of Communion begins</i>		
9.45	Rogation Praise begins		Harleston
10.15	part 1 - Preparation	Roger	Shelland
10.45	part 2 - Ministry of the Word	Ray	Onehouse
10.45	Alternative part 1 & 2	Chris	Finborough
11.30	part 3 - Prayers	Anne, Gloria	Finborough Park
12.00	part 4 - Consecration	Nigel	Buxhall
<i>You are welcome to join the walk at any point but please bring a picnic for after the service. There are two main starting points for the service - either at Harleston or Finborough - and we then meet up in Finborough Park before walking together to Buxhall for the climax of the service and the picnic.</i>			
Thursday 8 May		<u>Acts 1.1-11; Matt 28.16-end</u>	Ascension Day
7.30 pm	Ascension Eucharist (ASB)	Chris, Nigel	Harleston
11 May		<u>Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.45-end</u>	Sunday after Ascension
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nigel	Shelland
9.30	Holy Communion (ASB)	Gloria, Nigel	Onehouse
10.00	Sunday School		Buxhall
11.00	Morning Worship (BCP)	Pat Smith	Buxhall
11.00	Holy Communion (ASB)	Nigel	Finborough
6.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation and Deanery Admission of Churchwardens		Buxhall
18 May		<u>Gen 11.1-9; Acts 2.1-11; John 20.19-23</u>	Pentecost
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nigel	Buxhall
9.30	Holy Communion (ASB)	Ray, Nigel	Harleston
11.00	Family Service	Anne, Nigel	Finborough
11.00	Morning Worship (BCP)	Roger	Shelland
25 May	1400 years since arrival of St. Augustine	<u>Ephesians 1.3-14; John 14.8-17</u>	Trinity
8.30	Holy Communion (ASB)	Nigel	Finborough
10.00	Family Service	Chris	Buxhall
10.00	Baptism at Onehouse followed by procession to:		
11.00	Festival Family Eucharist	Nigel	Harleston
	combined service for Harleston, Shelland and Onehouse		
6.00 pm	Festival Evensong	Roger	Harleston
and next month:			
1 June		<u>1 Peter 2.1-10; John 15.1-5</u>	Pentecost 2
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nigel, Ray	Harleston
9.30	Sung Eucharist (BCP)	Nigel	Buxhall
11.00	Shorter Family Communion (creche)	Nigel, Anne	Onehouse
11.00	Morning Worship (ASB)	Ray, Chris	Finborough

The First Great Finborough Scout Group **Graham Burchell Chairman - Executive Committee**

The First Great Finborough Scout Group (which at present consists of a Beaver Colony for 6-8 year old boys), will be holding a Cheese & Wine Evening on Monday, 12 May at 8.00 pm at Pettward Hall to present and discuss progress to date and plans for the forthcoming year. A brief inaugural AGM will also be held to formally elect the officers of the Executive Committee however, the emphasis of the evening will be the plans for the forthcoming year including the addition of a Cub Pack.

All are welcome to attend, especially parents, prospective parents, helpers etc.

The First Great Finborough Cub Pack

Will be starting on Thursday 8 May between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm at Pettward Hall. Any boys between the ages of 8-10 are welcome.

St. Andrew's Church Fete - June 14th at 2.30 p.m.

Please make a note of the above in your diaries, when we are holding our fete in the grounds of Finborough School
(by kind permission of Mr John Sinclair).

Please start stocking up your freezers with cakes now, as there was a brisk trade in these last year with parents and children queuing up for our goodies!

There will also be side-shows, stalls and teas so please come along with the family to support us.

ST ANDREW'S MINI-LOTTO

Prize-winners are as follows:

25th March:	(266) Mrs S Green, Oak Close, Gt Finborough	£5.25
	(163) Mrs B Wyer, The Green, Gt Finborough	£3.65
1st April:	(055) Mrs B Grimaldi, Westlegate, Gt. Finborough	£5.25
	(185) Mr H Sparkes, The Chestnuts, Gt. Finborough	£3.65
8th April:	(083) Mrs N Scoggins, Creeping St Mary	£5.25
	(138) Mrs O Durrant, Boundary Cottages, Buxhall	£3.65
15th April	(224) Mr B Macro, Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finborough	£5.25
	(237) Mr M Reeve, Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finborough	£3.65

The sum of £8.90 has been added each week to Church Funds

Hilary Smith

Gt Finborough Playgroup

Sarah Clark

We currently have vacancies for pre-school children. For Just £2 a session, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning, 9.15 am - 11.45 am, your child can enjoy a fun-filled morning. There's lot to do ie painting, playdough, craft table, dressing up, puzzles, books and much more!

If you're interested then please ring Carole Catchpole on 01449 615171 who will be happy to give you more details.

We raised the grand sum of £114.67 at our Jumble Sale in March. Thank you to ALL who gave jumble, cakes, draw prizes etc, to all who helped and to everyone who supported us on the day.

Finally, our secretary, Sue Wilkinson has resigned, as Jasmine her daughter started school this term. We would like to thank Sue very much indeed for all her hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.

GT. FINBOROUGH AND ONEHOUSE W I

Elizabeth Pyke

It made a nice change being able to welcome some male visitors to our Open Meeting in April, when Mr Moffat took us back to Tudor England with his fascinating slides of the Mary Rose. The Mary Rose was rebuilt in 1536 but when she sailed out of Portsmouth in 1545 she suddenly sank without trace, carrying as many as 700 men on board. Although the hulk was accidentally discovered in 1830, it is only recently that she has been brought to the surface and revealed amazing details of the life of that period. Double sided combs still had 16 nits on one side; pewter tankards, pens, lanterns and hats were found on board. 4000 arrows were brought up, some still with feathered flights and iron points, while plums were discovered with enough flesh on them to be able to identify what varieties they were and how much earlier they ripened.

At our next meeting on 14th May at 7.30 p.m. we shall be voting on members' resolutions for the Triennial General Meeting in Birmingham in June and afterwards we are asked to bring some of our hobbies along to make an interesting display for the social half of the evening.

PRIZE BINGO

Hilary Smith

The next Prize Bingo session is on Thursday 15th May, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Pettward Hall. All money raise will go to the Gt. Finborough and Buxhall Ex-Servicemen's Association, so please come along and give them your support.

Refreshments will be available and there will be the usual draw to help swell the funds.

Useful Numbers & Contacts

Chairman of the Parish Council - Mr Richard Brice - 676249

Clerk to the Parish Council - Mrs Wendy Diaper - 677103

District Councillor - Mr Cray - 676035

Priest-in-charge - Revd Nigel Hartley - 614378

Church Warden - Mrs Elizabeth Pyke - 612749

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Village Press Correspondent - Mrs Sue Green - 770620

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinator - Mr John Davey - 674401

Pettiward Hall Booking Officer - Mrs Hilary Smith - 615492

Playgroup - Mrs Suzanne Wilkinson - 737611

Toddler Group - Mrs Lindsey Barrell - 672859

Youth Club - Mrs Anne Squirrel - 676154

Brownie Leader - Mrs. Mary Williams - 612822

Bingo Candlestick Club - Mrs Hilary Smith - 615492

Royal British Legion - Mr Graham Clark - 736347

Gt Finborough Primary School - 613208

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