



Great Finborough Newsletter

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COMMUNITY QUIZ

Great Finborough lost their Quiz match against Newton Green by 65 points to 42 after having a clear lead early on. All square after 4 rounds of the 10 round match, the individual question 5th round was won by Newton Green 12 points to nil - certainly the turning point. Your team of Trudy Gray, Richard Brice, John Miller and John Grave put up a good show and helped to make the contest enjoyable to the end.

As the Needham Market team did not turn up, the second match of the evening consisted of a 'friendly' between Barclif (Barking, Ringshall etc. Community Centre) and a combined Newton Green/Great Finborough team. Barclif won this by 60 points to 44.

Mr. Peter Twitchett, Headmaster of the Primary School, again proved a very able quizmaster and our thanks go to him for helping the contests along in such an entertaining fashion. Our thanks also to the ladies who organised and served the tea and biscuits at the interval between the two matches.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Calendar

Jan. 31st	10.30am BENEFICE SERVICE (Morning Prayer) at HARLESTON Preacher: Bishop of Dunwich
Feb. 7th	11am Sung Eucharist. Kyries: Byrd 3-part Mass
Feb. 16th	(Shrove Tuesday) 7.30pm BENEFICE SOCIAL in Pettward Hall. Tickets from Church members
Feb. 21st	11am Morning Prayer. 1st Sunday in Lent. Tallis' Litany. Anthem: Wilt Thou forgive (Donne)
Feb. 28th	9.45am Holy Communion (ASB)

If lent means anything at all, it is usually thought of as the Church's attempt in the old days to enforce on the nation 6 weeks of solid gloom - no weddings, no flowers, no parties. Look miserable - and show them how religious you are! Since no one these days can sustain any mood for 6 weeks, especially an austere one, Lenten observance has all but disappeared. Since it often got distorted into self punishment for its own sake that may be no bad thing. But an annual time for self-examination, which is really what Lent always was about, is no bad thing:

Even schoolchildren know that a quick cashflow analysis can remove many a money headache and make the pocket money stretch further. Then occasionally one has to step back and ask "do I enjoy my work? Am I in the right job?" At a deeper level (when the moment is right), time spent in talking over the state of one's marriage is scarcely time wasted. At the deepest level of all, there is the shadowy area of one's whole personal lifestyle, hopes and expectancies. It's a painful matter, realising that

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH (CONTINUED)

one has perhaps been chasing rainbows all one's life, and it is a difficult business arriving at that realisation. But being ruthlessly honest with himself is no more than what Jesus was doing during his time in the wilderness. That is what Lent is all about, and it is what we shall be doing in church for the next few weeks. Being gloomy for the sake of it has nothing to do with christianity at all, actually.

Confirmation - class starting in Feb. Last call.

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St. Andrews Mini-Lotto

Winners in the Mini-Lotto are as follows:

22nd Dec.	(080) Mrs. A. Proctor, White Horse Cottages	£4.15
	(093) Mrs. S. Leedham, Blake Road, Stow.	£2.80
29th Dec.	(153) Miss N. Bull, West End Farm	£4.15
	(160) Mrs. Pyke, The Poplars	£2.80
5th Jan.	(159) Mrs. E. Pummell, Partridge Court, Stow.	£4.15
	(174) Mrs. L. Grave, White Horse Cottages	£2.80
12th Jan.	(083) Miss N. Smith, Hilmic House	£4.15
	(126) Mrs. R. Armes, 9 High Road	£2.80

£6.95 has been added each week to the Church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

And finally, a post script to Christmas.....

The Children's Society

On 23rd December Lisa Lockwood, Karl Dade and Thane Craft sang carols in the village. They raised £8.38 for the Children's Society. Many thanks to them for their efforts.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A good turnout of members welcomed Mrs. Ann Lower who talked about the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau. Should you need to find the office, it's in Milton Road, Stowmarket next to the Town Council offices and open every morning (except Sunday!) 9.30 to 12.30. All help is impartial and confidential and covering many subjects, even such unlikely events as how to get that telegram from the Queen for a 100th birthday!

The Competition kept the meeting silent for a long time as members made as many words as they could from 'Citizens Advice Bureau'. Someone made over 90 words. The Sales Table was full and did quite a brisk trade.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (CONTINUED)

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Pettiward Hall. The talk is titled 'Members Memories' and should be most enjoyable as Mrs Ada Proctor will be talking about her early memories of the village and Miss Shirley Mason of her childhood memories of Canada. Visitors welcome.

Judy Rolfe, Press Correspondent

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY, 1988

Sunday 7th St.Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 11th Women's Institute: 7.30pm Pettiward Hall
Tuesday 16th (Shrove Tuesday) St.Andrews: Benefice Social in
Pettiward Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 17th (Ash Wednesday)

Sunday 21st St.Andrews: 11 am Morning Prayer
Monday 22nd (Half term commences)
Sunday 28th St.Andrews: 9.45am Holy Communion.
Monday 29th (extra day - Leap Year!)

If you have anything for future Parish Diaries, please let the Editor know by the deadline date (for March 1988 it will be MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY). Events mentioned in material for publication will automatically be included.

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