

Great Finborough Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

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CONGRATULATIONS GREAT FINBOROUGH - WINNERS OF THE KENYON TROPHY.....

Well, we won ... After being adjudged second to Hesselton in the Novices Class of the Best Kept Village Competition, the judges found that Hesselton had taken part in the competition before and so Great Finborough has been awarded the Kenyon Trophy for 1975.

Self-congratulations are due to all the parishioners who have helped in creating the Best Kept Village in Suffolk this year, among all those villages who entered for the first time.

Particular congratulations to the Reverend Hugh Wake for his part in co-ordinating efforts to produce the necessary result.

The trophy will be erected in the village during the coming weeks and will remind and encourage parishioners to preserve the tidiness of Great Finborough and instil a sense of pride in living in the parish.

The Editor.

Your Parish Council

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING :-

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Pettward Hall on Thursday, 18th. September commencing at 7.30 P.M.

Items on the Agenda (To date)

1. Minutes (published in the August Newsletter).
2. Matters arising from the Minutes.
3. To deal with planning applications.
4. To pay accounts.
5. To review the August and September Newsletter.
6. To consider warning signs for Valley Lane/ B1115 junction.
7. To consider action over grease on Valley Lane surface.
8. To discuss Gipping Valley Countryside and Recreation Plan.
9. To arrange for the ceremony for the presentation of the Kenyon Trophy.

NOTICE OF AUDIT :-

1. The Accounts and related documents of the Parish Council for the year ending 31st. March 1975 will be available for inspection by the public, at 9 Edmunds Road, Buxhall, Stowmarket, Suffolk. from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on weekdays from Thursday 18th. September to Friday, 26th. September 1975 inclusive.
2. Any person interested, has a right to inspect the above accounts and related documents and make copies.

3. The auditor has appointed Monday, 6th. October 1975 at 10.00 a.m. at Stowmarket Town Council Offices, 3 Milton Road, Stowmarket, as the date on which local government electors or their representatives may question him about or make objections to the accounts.
4. The auditor conducting the audit is Mr. P.T. Camp, Assistant District Auditor, Horse Fair House, St. Faith's Lane, Norwich.

M.J. Baker.

Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Kenyon Trophy

JUDGES COMMENTS RE GREAT FINBOROUGH AND THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE NOVICES' COMPETITION - JUDGED 9/10 JULY 1975.

GT. FINBOROUGH. For first attempt a very good example of co-operative effort. Too many old advertisements here and there on telegraph poles; paper and litter on playing field; three cornered green opposite school uncult; road verges not so good in places.

Marks: 75/100.

Editor's Comment :

Whilst the presence of the out-dated notices and the state of the playing field must be regretted, verges and greens now come within the ambit of the County Council as Highway Authority.

The Editor.

St. Andrew's Church

CHURCH SERVICES :-

Sunday	14th. September	10.00 a.m.	Family Service (All Sunday School children, old and new, over 4 years- and parents welcome)
..	..	6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
..	21st. September	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
..	28th. September	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer. (Harleston Harvest Services at 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. child- ren, and 6.30 p.m.)
..	5th. October	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanks- giving. Gifts of fruit, flowers vegetables, produce of all sorts are welcome at the church a.m. Saturday 4th. October)
..	12th. October	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.

Hugh Wake.
Vicar.

The Women's Institute

Now for the news you have all been waiting for ... the details of our Harvest Supper ...

The Date	...	Friday, 10th. October,
The Place	...	Pettward Hall,
The Time	...	7.30 p.m.

Of course you're all asking what are we going to have. We

hope to fill you up with cold ham and turkey, salad with all the trimmings, pickles and chutney, homemade bread rolls, hot baked potatoes followed by fruit pie and cream and coffee or a glass of beer should you prefer it.

And how much is all this going to cost? Only 60p. for adults and 40p. for children. Now in these days of inflation and rising costs, isn't that cheap? We hope to have some stalls and a draw with super prizes and, after the meal, someone to entertain you. So why not have a good evening out and enjoy yourselves. Everyone welcome.

Due to certain restrictions of the village hall, numbers will be limited. It's a case of .. first come, first served. Get your tickets early and don't be disappointed. Tickets are available from Mrs. J. Loades, Miss J. Marlowe or myself. Please come and join us. We look forward to seeing you.

M. Underwood.
President.

The Royal British Legion

As stated in the July issue, a most successful fete was held and the proceeds to the funds were further increased by £40, the result of the Clay Pigeon Shoot run by Legion members John Williams and George Fosker. Our thanks to them and to Messrs. B. & R. Dunning who kindly allowed the use of one of their fields.

On the 9th. August, pensioners from Great Finborough, Buxhall and Harleston were conveyed to Colchester for the Tattoo and thereafter to a restaurant for tea and then home. From reports received to date, all enjoyed the show, though a few found the walking a bit much. My personal thanks to those of the Legion who helped the more infirm to their seats.

On the 21st. September, the Annual County Rally will be held at Felixstowe in the afternoon. Anyone wishing to attend, will they please contact me and I will endeavour to obtain transport for them. The County Standard will be carried at the Rally by the Great Finborough Branch Standard Bearer, Mr. A. Hollocks.

Annual subscriptions for the year ending 30th. September are now due and I shall be on to members during the month.

F.W.E.Smith.

Honorary Secretary.

The Youth Club

With a rare and heady display of true blue fortitude, courage and British phlegm, the Great Finborough Youth Club survived two weeks beneath the broiling European sun, two weeks that brought them brake failure in the Austrian Alps, a wretched -ly bad Yugoslavian group which played 'Viva L'Espana' with notable inaccuracy every twenty minutes or so, savage attacks by untamed Communist sea-urchins, sub-tropical thunderstorms in Trieste, alarmingly high food prices just about everywhere, the importunings of over-stimulated waiters - also just about everywhere, and over 2300 miles of mainly sweaty motoring.

We started poorly, leaving the village minus a vital roof rack and with equipment piled high on the laps of those travellers fortunate enough to have found a seat. We obtained the missing rack in colourful, old-world Ipswich, fixing it to the mini-bus with just enough time to make the dash to Harwich in time for the numbingly dull boat trip to the Hook of Holland.

After staying overnight at the Hook and giving the awe-struck natives an exhibition of East Anglian and Scouse football -ing might, we set off across Holland and thus into Germany. As the caravan journeyed south the temperature and the prices increased. It took us three days to cross Germany via the Black Forest and we reached Switzerland without misadventure. We traversed the Alps via the magnificent St. Gotthard Pass, reaching heights that enabled us to have snowball fights, and spent that night on a camp-site that afforded us the opportunity of bathing in a very grubby Lake Lucerne and of sleeping as best we could at an angle of about thirty degrees on a site amusingly located on the edge of a main road and with a busy railway line immediately behind it. This was the dreariest site we used - and the most expensive - and we were pleased to move on the next day into Italy.

Our glorious leader and janitor was still entertaining notions of dragging the party round Rome, Florence, Pisa and Venice, but it was brought rather forcibly to his notice that the travellers were less interested in the historical wonders of the Romans and of Renaissance man, than in the prospects of hurling their bodies into the Adriatic and of turning an attractive bronze in the Mediterranean sun. Sulking slightly, he guided the party across Northern Italy, stopping briefly at a camp-site located on the fringes of a swamp, the local speciality being mosquitoes the size of ravens, and we crossed into Yugoslavia. On the advice of another British traveller we drove straight to Novigrad and camped in the grounds of the Hotel Laguna. Here we spent five marvellous days.

Novigrad has a sizeable tourist industry but still retains most of the characteristics of a small and predominantly peasant community. It was possible to wander through the undeniably narrow streets during the day, pausing briefly but frequently to sample the excellent local beer - the Yugoslavians are fortunate that they, along with the rest of Europe, have nothing even remotely similar to our treasured British drinking laws - and the equally fine local ice creams, and in the evenings to dance to the band mentioned earlier; to swim in the pool or in the sea, to hire canoes, bicycles, mo-peds, to play miniature golf, or just to lie in the sun and contemplate the passing of the hours. Your correspondent cannot readily remember a more pleasant five days and he was genuinely grateful for having the chance to spend his time with such fine company. By the end of the holiday it was less a youth club, more an association of friends that was lumbering about Europe. It seems certain that next year, providing we can raise the money, we will make a similar trip to Yugoslavia, taking with us this time those who were unable to come this year.

We left Novigrad with reluctance and crossed back into Italy and thence into Austria before stopping for the night in the excellent town of Leinz - or was it Lienz? - at the foot of the Grossglockner Pass. The following day was to bring us our most hair-raising adventure to date, an adventure that was, in fact, reported in the Daily Mirror on our return. The newspaper made the occurrence more dramatic than it actually was - it was pretty much of a Man Almost Bites Dog story anyway - but there is no denying that the end result could have been quite horrifying. In brief, the brakes on the mini-bus failed on the descent of the pass, having been under almost constant pressure on the very steep roadway for ten or twelve miles, and the only way the driver could stop it and thus save his twelve passengers, was by running into the rear of the other vehicle carrying members of the Great Finborough party.. This accident, and the time taken to repair the brakes, cost us an

eagerly-anticipated night in Munich and forced on us a horrific 420 mile all-day drive along the Autobahn to Cologne the following day. The next day we had a chance to visit Cologne's famous cathedral before driving on to the Hook for the return boat to Harwich.

After a truly memorable two weeks we were all saddened when one of our party, Valerie, was taken to hospital gravely ill. Medical opinion is that her complaint had nothing to do with the holiday, but we are pleased that she is making steady, if slow, recovery in a Bury St. Edmunds hospital. I hope that by the date of our next newsletter she will be back in our midst.

So now we turn our attention to planning the second Youth Club bonfire and fire-work display

Pettiward Hall Committee

Work is going ahead well to give improved facilities at the hall. The Committee Room has been redecorated and is to be equipped as a kitchen. Two full-size cookers and a double sink unit have been purchased recently and cupboards are in the process of being made. There will be an ample supply of hot water available for functions. To comply with fire regulations, two exit doors have been turned to open outwards, panic bolts having been fitted. Fire extinguishers are in position and emergency exit signs erected.

To replenish our funds, we are holding a 50-50 Sale at the Hall on September 27th., commencing at 2.30 p.m. Any item for which you have no further use can be offered for sale, half the amount being for the person selling, half for Hall funds; you set the price and any unsold item will be returned; collection of items will be during the week prior to the sale.

This is your village hall and the Committee would like to see it in use much more often, so please support us in our efforts to give improved conditions.

We look forward to your company on September 27th. Teas will be available at a moderate charge.

Hilary Smith,
Secretary.