

Great Finborough

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time you will read this, school will be almost over for the year of 1982. It is a sobering thought that this will complete 108 years in the recorded history of the school, and a fascinating history it is judging by the old log books. We are given glimpses of the days when children were given paper to write on only on special occasions, days when the squire or vicar organised film shows and lectures in the village hall, and the time parents asked that the children could go home early because they were worried about their children's safety walking home through muddy lanes and over single plank bridges after it was dark.

So often, I feel, people can forget that the village school belongs to the whole village, not just to the children and their parents during the five years of their stay with us. Please feel free to join us in any of our activities, or come and have a look round after school hours. We will always be pleased to see you, and so that the history of our village is not forgotten, if you have any anecdotes or memories of school in Great Finborough, then we would love to share them with you.

From all of us, to all of you, a very Merry Christmas.

P.C. Twitchett, Headmaster.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Remembrance Sunday

The church was full for our Parade Service with 32 members of the Legion, cadets & other boys from St. George's School and parishioners from all three parishes; the Salvation Army Band from Stowmarket led the parade and played in the church. The collection in church gave £50 to the Poppy Appeal. Details of the Finborough area collections have been posted - the total was £34 up on last year.

Branch Dinner

The Branch Dinner on 19th November was attended by 56 members and their guests; entertainment was by Mr. Colin Edgar & Mr. Arthur Runeckles and a small profit was made for Branch funds.

Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be at Finborough on Thursday 16th December, 1982 at 8 pm.

Hugh Wake, Hon. Secretary

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

The young men on Community Service have almost finished decorating the Hall - it looks so much cleaner and brighter. In the New Year we will be making a start on the Stoke Hole extension and this will give much needed room for a bar and refreshment area.

A date for your new diaries - Saturday, 12th February we will be having a Family Disco for St.Valentine's Day. We hope to have an interval for entertainment but more details next month. Keep the date free.

What's on at the Hall

Mondays	5.30 - 8.30pm	Bible Class (upstairs at rear)
Tuesdays	10 - 11.30am	Tuesday Club
Thursdays	9 - 12 noon	Playgroup
	8 - 9pm	Ladies Keep Fit
2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Women's Institute
Fridays	9 - 12 noon	the Hall is cleaned

The Booking Secretary is Mrs.Hilary Smith, tel: Stowmarket 615492.

Brenda Crimaldi, Hon.Secretary

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

There will be a service on Sunday, 26th December at 6.30pm when the preacher will be Rev.L.Haywood.

During January and February the Sunday services will be at 2.45pm instead of 6.30pm.

The Women's Fellowship on 14th December is at 2.45pm. There will be no Women's Fellowship during January.

PINBOROUGH CHARITIES

Trustees of the Roger Pettiward, Town Estate and William Hatten Charities met on 30th November and allocated payments to the usual recipients who are being invited to the Vicarage on Sunday 2nd January at 12.30pm.

The Trustees will meet again on 11th January to consider proposals for reconstituting these Charities into one Charity for the more effective help of those of all ages really in need.

Hugh Wake, Chairman.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Members of the Candlestick Club wish all readers a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

By the time this goes to print, our Meetings will have closed for the usual three months. We resume in April, when we look forward to seeing our many friends and any new Members who care to join us.

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

Church Services

Sunday 12th December	9am Holy Communion (11am Onehouse)
Sunday 19th December	11am Carol Service (9am HC Harleston)
Friday 24th December	11.30pm Holy Communion on Christmas Eve
SATURDAY 25th CHRISTMAS DAY:	
	8am Holy Communion - Harleston
	10am Family Communion - Onehouse
	11.15am Family Service at Pinborough
	11.45am Holy Communion at Pinborough
Sunday 26th December	10.30am Family Communion
Sunday 2nd January	11am Morning Prayer
Thursday 6th January (Epiphany)	9am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th January	9am Holy Communion (11am Onehouse)

The Church Newsletter

The Church Newsletter is being discontinued for a trial period but will be reviewed at the Annual Church Meeting in March. The Diocesan leaflet 'Church in Suffolk' and 'The Sign' inset will be available in the church or, if desired regularly, on request to the Vicar. This Parish Newsletter will be used more fully.

The Wine & Cheese Party

Held on 27th November, this showed a net profit of about £245 for church funds. Thank you all who worked for it, bought draw tickets (the first prize of £15 was drawn for herself by Charlotte Young on her birthday!), and supported it.

Hugh Wake, Vicar.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO

ALL OUR READERS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Points from the Council Meeting (26th November)

The Council has expressed its growing concern to the District Council over the situation at the gypsy caravan site in Combs Lane following the newspaper report that the land had been sold.

It was agreed to bring the attention of the District Council to the change of use of land situated next to the B1115 road opposite Home Farm which had been turned into a waste tip.

The Council decided to raise the sum of £2,240 by way of parish rates during 1983/84. A rate of 4.7p in the £ will be levied. Included in the sum is an allocation for the continuing Pettward Hall improvement work equivalent to a 2p in the £ rate.

Application was made for the provision of 6 footpath signposts available free from the County Council. These will be erected signposting paths which meet the metalled carriageway of roads in the parish.

The damaged play equipment on the Chestnuts play area is to be repaired.

Provision of telephone directories in adjacent areas

The National Association of Local Councils wrote to British Telecom following their decision to stop issuing free directories of neighbouring areas to subscribers. In reply, British Telecom set out their general policy on the matter and state that as one answer to the problem they sometimes print directory entries in more than one directory. Directories are also provided free of the basic charge to customers living within 10 miles of the boundary of the adjacent area; they can be collected free of charge from the Telephone Area Office, or delivered subject to a handling charge. British Telecom stress they are always prepared to be flexible and General Managers will interpret the rules sympathetically in the light of each customer's circumstances.

M.J.Paker, Clerk to the Council

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