

Great Finborough

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GREAT FINBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Our three-month trial run has come to an end, with a good attendance by most Members. We would like to say a big "thank-you" to the Hall Committee for the use of the premises and Sheila Ravenscroft for all her help with the supply of 'tuck' and the use of her lights.

Changes in the next month will be a 3-month trial for any 8 year olds wishing to attend; they are welcome to come along on May 18th at 6.30 pm, but may I stress not before that date.

Any parishioner who would be interested in the running of the Club, or acting as a Steward or chauffeur on odd occasions - could they contact me at the Youth Club Room on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 10.30pm.

Adrian Smith, Hon. Secretary

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church Services

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| Sunday, 15th May | 11am & 6.30pm Holy Communion |
| Sunday, 22nd May | 9am Holy Communion; 6.30pm Evening Prayer |
| Sunday, 29th May | 9am Holy Communion |
| Sunday, 5th June | 11am Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 12th June | 9am & 6.30pm Holy Communion |

Gift Day (Saturday, 11th June)

Gift envelopes and a supporting letter will be sent to all the parish in the fortnight before and, it is hoped, collected, returned to me at the Vicarage on the 11th, or brought to church on the 12th, or returned some time to any church member. The Gift Day is in aid of your parish church, exclusively for essential repairs to the guttering and downpipes, minor repairs to roof and windows, and to help pay for the work already done on the churchyard trees. Please support it generously.

Please support Harleston's Flower Festival over the Whitsun weekend and Stow Lodge Hospital Fete on 28th May.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. F. Proctor on their Golden Wedding anniversary on 29th April and thank you to them for all that they both do for their church. Thank you too, to those who contributed so generously to the church as a token of affection for them.

Hugh Wake, Vicar

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GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring is coming

When I go outside to play I say to myself "Spring is coming". I can tell because there are flowers coming up, but not quite. Lambs skip about with joy, with their tails wiggling about with glee; they are so pleased that Spring is on its way. Flowers are beginning to open because it is getting warm. Mummy always says that the bees are so clever, because it takes a lot of work to make honey.

Zerelda Crascall, aged 9 years.

Spring is coming. Snow is going. The wind comes. Snowdrops are budding; daffodils, primroses and tulips are coming. The lambs are skipping in the fields so green; farmers come with their dogs to see the lambs; lambs are furry, with deep blue eyes. The dog runs about in the green grass. The flowers are coming on the banks of rivers and streams; the water runs through twigs and patchy grass; in the river fish swim in and out of reeds and rocks.

James Williams, aged 8 years.

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April 29th was one of those happy-sad occasions for us all. It was the day we said "Goodbye" to 'our' Mrs. Wells, after 21 years of faithful service to the school. She was one of our 'dinner ladies' and we all owe her a great debt of gratitude for all her hard work on our behalf.

Mrs Wellswe all wish you every happiness.

P.C. Twitchett, Headmaster

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

County Rally

Will be held at Bury St. Edmunds 2.30pm on Sunday, 12th June. Parade from Abbey Gardens to St. Mary's Church.

Annual Fete

On Saturday 25th June at Finborough Hall by invitation and with the active support of St. George's School. The usual stalls and competitions plus an Archery Display by the School, parade of about 30 Drum Majorettes and, it is hoped, a return visit by the Ipswich Sea Cadet Band.

H. Wake, Branch Secretary

BUXHALL CHAPEL

On Whit Sunday, 22nd May at 2.30pm we shall be having a return visit from the Battisford Free Church Band. It will also be our Chapel anniversary the same day and the service at 10.45am will be conducted by Mr. Codard. All welcome.

Hermon Sparkes

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PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

Events at the Hall

Weekly sessions & who to contact

Monday Playgroup in Main Hall 9 to 12 noon (also Thursdays)
Tel: Mrs. Miller on Stow. 613675

Bible Club (upstairs at rear)
5.30pm 7 years and younger Mrs. Hawkins
6.30pm 8 to 12 years Tel: Bildeston
7.30pm 13 years and older 740236

Tuesday Tuesday Club 10am to 12 noon (all welcome)
Tel: Mrs. Gray on Stow. 674319

Ladies Keep Fit 8 to 9.30pm
Tel: Mrs. H. Smith on Stow. 615492

Wednesday Youth Club in Upper and Lower Rooms
6 to 8pm - 8 years to 13 years
8 to 10pm - 14 years to 18 years
Tel: Adrian Smith on Stow. 615492

Thursday Playgroup in Main Hall 9 to 12 noon (also Mondays)

Friday 9 to 12 noon - the Hall is cleaned

Monthly

2nd
Thursday Women's Institute 7.30pm New members always welcome

Alternate months

Thursday Over-Sixties: Lower Room.
Tel: Mrs. Proctor on Stow. 612149

Hall

Bookings: Mrs. H. Smith, Hilmic House, High Road. Tel: Stow 615492

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ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

We need more help with cleaning our beautiful church. At present we have 6 helpers once every six weeks. Would you add your name to our list? - We would be most grateful. If you are interested please contact Mrs. F. Proctor.

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PETTIWARD HALL FINANCES

The Pettiward Hall is a valuable community asset and is well used by a number of village organisations and individuals who pay hiring fees according to a scale which is revised from time to time. The Pettiward Hall Management Committee at the time of setting the rates, always take into account the importance of supporting village activities. Consequently they attempt to select rates which will not cause financial embarrassment to the organisations or individuals. This policy means that the hiring fees collected during the year are about £200 less than the Hall's running expenses. The deficit must be made up from fund raising activities, and demonstrates the importance of supporting the efforts of a relatively small group of dedicated people who regularly organise events. Please recognise their efforts in keeping the Hall available to us by supporting them at future events.

The Committee has been pursuing a policy of improvements to the Hall to make it more attractive. These are funded by sources independent of the day-to-day finances. The money for the improvements comes from two grants. The first provided by the Parish Council who levy a parish rate specifically for this purpose. Part of this grant goes to repaying a loan negotiated with the National Association of Village Halls. The second was a 'one-off' grant from Mid Suffolk District Council.

Already two toilets have been provided and the Hall redecorated. Work is currently taking place on a bar and serving area and plans are in hand to provide curtains for the stage and access from the Main Hall to the lower room. Whilst the main items have been carried out professionally, we have been fortunate in receiving assistance from the Probation Service and individuals in the parish which has enabled us to stretch our limited resources.

Summary of Pettiward Hall Management Committee Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1982

| <u>Outgoings</u> | Gross cost £ | Receipts £ | Net cost £ |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Running of Hall | 837 | 658 | 179 |
| Improvement work | 4,018 | 2,362 | 1,656 |
| Loan repayment (1st. instalment) | 527 | 527 | - |
| Total Outgoings | 5,382 | 3,547 | 1,835 |
| <u>Met by</u> | | | |
| Fund raising (net of expenses of £99) | | | 557 |
| Grant for building insurance | | | 126 |
| Interest received | | | 131 |
| Donations | | | 32 |
| Transfer from balances (B/F £3,156; C/F £2,167) | | | 989 |
| Total amount provided | | | 1,835 |

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Long rustling skirts gliding over cobble stones, thatch roofed cottages, horse powered carts, literally, the scarcity of cars, the absence of television aerials on the horizon were the mile-stones in our tour of Stowmarket at the turn of the century, and before. In the driving seat was Mr. Harry Double, who, through his hobby, has written a book about the history of Stowmarket. His commentary was wonderful, very nostalgic for the 'natives' and thoroughly enjoyable and informative for the 'Newcomers' to the area. We were verbally taken all around the local sights, ancient monuments and buildings and brought home to realise and appreciate that our Stow' hasn't changed all that much, and are thankful it hasn't. It was a lovely evening and our grateful thanks go to Mr. Double for letting us take a peep into our own local history.

May we take the opportunity of thanking Mrs. Atkins, and her models for the Fashion Show, held on the 28th April in aid of Stow Lodge. As a result of theirs and everybody's hard work, donations and contributions, approximately £170 was raised. How nice to think that as we all face rising financial commitments there is still room for generosity, and who better to work for but those who, in their day, have doubtless worked for others. Our very much appreciated thanks to all.

Diary jigger - Our meeting on the 9th June promises to be entertaining: a talk on the productions and costumes of the Wolsey Theatre. Do join us.

J. Banfield - Hon. Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL

The result of the recent Parish Council election was as follows:

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| Waspé, T.B. | 132 votes | Elected |
| Smith, B.A. (R) | 127 " | " |
| Ravenscroft, S.M. (R) | 106 " | " |
| Crimaldi, J.W.H. (R) | 97 " | " |
| Miller, J.M. (R) | 97 " | " |
| Crimaldi, B. (R) | 87 " | " |
| Lloyd, M.J. | 81 " | " |
| Burr, P.M. | 63 " | Not Elected |
| Cass, F.J. | 42 " | " |

Note: (R) means retiring Parish Councillor.

It is intended to hold the initial meeting of the new Council on Friday, 13th May before publication of this issue.

The District Council elections held on the same day as the Parish Council elections resulted in Mr. Hubert Mitson again being elected for the Onehouse Ward which includes Great Finborough.

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