

Great Finborough

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PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

The Clodhoppers

The new stage curtains have been ordered from Mr.M.Dye of Buxhall but as they may not be in place by February, 17th the Clodhoppers have reluctantly decided to put their Pantomime "on ice" until next winter. However, they have very kindly offered to give us a Country and Western Evening on Saturday, 18th February at 8.30 pm. Children under 14 welcomed if accompanied by an adult. A bar has been applied for. Tickets £1.50; children 75p.

Heating

The old calor gas heaters have been removed as they are no longer approved by the Environmental Health Department. We are using two of an approved design and in the meantime looking into alternative forms of heating.

Community Service

The young men and their supervisor are coming each Sunday until the decorating is completed. They are taking a great pride in their work and doing it well.

Bookings

A very big thank-you to Hilary Smith for looking after our bookings these past ten years. She deserves a well-earned rest. Thank you Jan Budd for offering to take on this task: telephone 612298.

Pat Smith

GREAT FINBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YOUTH CLUB)

We had a rather poor attendance at the AGM. However, all the Committee were re-elected and we were pleased to have a speaker from the Suffolk Association of Youth, Miss Sheila Dobey.

We are planning more fun for the Members, with a possible holiday and there will be competitions to enter. We also hope to hold a number of evenings throughout the year when the younger members, parents and all parishioners can participate in events. We are also hoping to buy new equipment for the Club shortly.

Adrian Smith, Hon.Secretary

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Church services

Sun 12th February 9 am Holy Communion
Sun 19th February 11 am Holy Communion
Sun 26th February 9 am Holy Communion
Sun 4th March 11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Holy Communion
Weds 7th March (Ash Wednesday)
Sun 11th March 9 am Holy Communion

Church Electoral Roll

This year a NEW ROLL has to be prepared of all those over 16 years of age, baptised and members of the Church of England. Everyone wishing to be included must sign an enrolment form, including those who have been on the Roll before. The new Roll must be completed by 14th March, ready for the ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING on THURSDAY 29th MARCH, at which all those on the Roll will attend to vote for the Church Officers & Council for 1984/85; only those on the Roll may be so elected. Enrolment forms are available from the church, the vicarage and through PCC members who will be actively recruiting in the parish. More about the Annual Meeting in the next Newsletter but make sure now that your name is on the Roll and be prepared to work for your Church.

Rev.H.Wake, Vicar

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January Meeting

Blistering heat, 100 degrees plus, fancy a dip? The nearest pool is a couple of hundred miles away - and that's the next door neighbour. Fresh fruit and veg. once a fortnight. One day off once in a blue moon. Natives knocking on the door at 4 a.m. What sort of union would allow those conditions of employ? Out there in the Australian desert it was the grit, dedication and determination of nursing which was the aim for Miss Howard and Miss Stiff of Great Finborough in serving the Aborigines - which was just what they did. I just hope that the Aborigines were as thankful to them as we are for the time they gave us in showing their slides and giving their commentary, in doing so making us appreciative, I'm sure, of the fact that perhaps good ol' England is after all 'Home Sweet Home'.

The Speaker's topic for the meeting on the 9th February will be 'Antiques' when Mr. Peter Crichton will probably send us home wondering whether our bits and pieces are pure sentiment - or - who knows - objet d'art, perhaps.

J. Banfield

Editors PS: The WI are in for a treat on 29th February:
see Royal British Legion notes.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Frosty Day by James Williams, aged 8 years

One day I got up and went to the window. I looked out and saw the frost; it sparkled like diamonds. The sun was a golden colour. Then it was time to go down for breakfast. It was Saturday, so I thought I would go for a walk down the fields, so I got my coat and gloves on and went outside. It was cold outside, I went down Valley Lane. It was very slippery and I fell over. I looked at some grass; it was covered with little crystals; it looked feathery. Then I went across a field that led back to my house. I saw some frozen footsteps in the mud. When I got back I took my coat and gloves off and my hands started to glow.

A Frosty Morning by Virginia Bond, aged 7 years

On one cold, cold morning I woke up to find that everything was white. I thought it was snow at first, but Mum told me it was frost. It seemed as if they were jewels from the Queen. Mum said "You are silly". "But they do sparkle" I said. "Yes, they do" said Mum. "Come on you will be late for school". When I got outside everything looked so beautiful. Then we were at school. When we got to school I went inside to keep warm.

A Windy Day by Melanie Howe, aged 6 years

Wind whistles sometimes. I like listening to it in bed when it is windy. Sometimes it nearly blows me over, but I can just about save myself. It would be a good day to fly a kite. When I came to school today I could hardly get in the gate because it was so windy.

A Day in the Snow by Laura Hart, aged 6 years

If I had a day off school I would go out in the snow and make a huge snowball. I would go on the farm and follow Daddy's footprints; I would throw the snow at him and then have a snowball fight, make a snowman and then go in to dinner. Then I would ask Mummy if Jessica can come down and play.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Wednesday, 29th February - 7.30 pm Buxhall Village Hall - Social Evening: On Leap Year Day in 1924 the Men's Club of Great Finborough entertained the Women's Institute; history does not record the outcome (if any) and there are few around now to remember it. Our Legion Branch is the nearest thing to a Men's Club nowadays so we have invited WI members from Finborough and Buxhall (since we cover both parishes) for an anniversary party. We hope for anything up to 90 all told so come along and join us. The Branch is bearing the cost but there will be a Raffle, the Area Grand National Draw tickets will be on sale, and there will be a licensed Bar and light refreshments.

Branch Committee meetings: Thurs. 16th February at Finborough
Thurs. 15th March at Buxhall

H.Wake, Hon. Secretary

INTER VILLAGE SPORTS COMPETITION 1984

The Mid Suffolk Inter Village Sports Tournament for 1984 will be held at the Mid Suffolk Sports Centre, Stowmarket on the weekend 14th/15th April. Closing date for entries is 29th February.

Each village can enter a team consisting of adult and junior (under 16) sections and separate team members to participate in the 5 main sports:

- badminton (adult and junior teams each of 1 male and 1 female)
- darts (adult team of 4 including **at least** 1 female)
- netball (adult and junior squad each consisting of up to nine females)
- table tennis (as for badminton)
- 5-a-side football

Team members also come together in a relay final.

A new rule this year allows small adjoining villages to enter a combined team. In the past Great Finborough has not entered a team because of insufficient team members or an organiser. A suggestion has been made that Great Finborough combine with the Buxhall team for the mutual benefit of both parishes. This was accepted by the Great Finborough Parish Council and accordingly anyone wishing to take part should contact Mrs. Janice Proctor of Brookmead, Kiln Lane, Buxhall (tel: Rattlesden 598). Don't be shy!

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Pettiward Hall on Friday, 30th March, 1984 at 7 pm. There will be a talk at the start of the meeting given by Mr. R. Bailey, Secretary of the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, on the work of the Rescue Organisation. The usual reports will follow and then parishioners have opportunity to raise matters affecting the parish.

Mr. Brian Cooper of White Horse House has agreed to become the Community Emergency Adviser for Great Finborough.

The Clerk summarised the contents of the Stowmarket Local Plan - Revised Consultation Draft in a short talk.

The Council re-affirmed its desire to continue the licence covering the children's play area next to the Chestnuts.

The County Surveyor has decided not to erect any further school crossing warning lights.

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