



Great Finborough

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 16th December	9 am Holy Communion - Onehouse
	3 pm Carol Service - Onehouse
Sunday, 23rd December	10.30 am Carol Service - Finborough
	6.30 pm Carol Service - Harleston
Tuesday, 25th December	10 am Holy Communion - Onehouse
Sunday, 30th December	9 am Holy Communion - Harleston
Sunday, 6th January	9 am Holy Communion - Finborough
Sunday, 13th January	11 am Holy Communion - Onehouse
Sunday, 20th January	9 am Holy Communion - Harleston
	10.30 am Family Service - Onehouse

(Rev. Michael Skliros will be taking all these services)

PARISH COUNCIL

At its recent meeting the Parish Council estimated that it would need to raise £2,371 by way of parish rates in 1985/86. This would mean a rate of 4.9p in the £ compared with a figure of 4.7p in the last two years. Full consideration was given to keeping to the current year's level of spending as sought by the District Council which was attempting to avoid rate penalties for excess spending (the Parish Council's expenditure is included in the District Council's target set by the Government). However, taking into account the parish rate has been fairly steady over recent years and that the Council did not to want to interrupt its programme of grants for improvement work at the Pettward Hall it agreed to a small increase over the current year.

The District Council had resisted the suggestion to re-number properties along the High Road. It felt that the problems had arisen by poor addressing of mail. However, it did offer to provide a name-board for Bulls Cottages and this suggestion will be taken up with the residents.

REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

We have been advised by the District Council of the following arrangements for refuse collection over Christmas and the New Year. There will be no refuse collections on Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th December nor Tuesday, 1st January.

The collection for Wednesday 26th December will take place on Thursday 3rd January. There will be a collection on Thursday, 27th December as normal. The collections for Wednesday and Thursday 2nd and 3rd January will take place one day later. Polythene sacks will be delivered to accommodate the extra refuse which would normally be collected on Wednesday, 26th.

GREAT FINBOROUGH UNITED CHARITY

What is the United Charity?

As described in the July Newsletter, the new Great Finborough United Charity was formed earlier this year by an amalgamation of the older charities in the parish. The income of the United Charity can be used as follows:

- for the relief of persons resident in Great Finborough who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress either in gifts in kind or grants of money.
- in promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who, or one of whose parents are, resident in Great Finborough, and, who are in need of financial assistance.

Who may apply?

Anyone coming within the terms shown above may apply for a grant. Alternatively, a relative, friend or neighbour may apply on behalf of someone else. Applications should be made to any of the trustees the names of whom are listed below.

When can grants be made?

Grants would cover instances where provision is not made by supplementary benefits or where other state entitlements are not available. Each application will be considered by the trustees on its merits in the light of the funds available at the time. Funds currently total only a few hundred £'s so the scope for significant assistance is restricted.

What type of grants are there?

Grants can be made in the following forms:

- money eg. cash grant
- gifts of consumables eg. fuel or loans of household items such as furniture.
- provision of facilities eg. tuition fees or travelling expenses.

Of course the terms of the Charity cover those who are old, sick disabled handicapped and infirm. Special assistance may be appropriate in these circumstances.

Where are the funds to come from?

Although this Charity is only a few months old it does take over from the long established charities which gave assistance to those in need in Great Finborough for over 100 years. Currently income from investments is only £65 p.a. - exactly the same as for the former charities. Accordingly much reliance will continue to be made on donations and fund-raising which has been so generous over recent years - please do carry on raising money for this Charity.

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Who are the trustees?

Appointed under the terms of the Scheme approved by the Charity Commission the names and addresses of the trustees are:

Mr. J. R. Williams	of Town Farm, High Road (Chairman)
Rev. E. Crouchman	of Combs Rectory (Priest-in-charge)
Mrs. B. Grimaldi & Mr. J. Grimaldi	of Westlegate
Mr. J. Miller	of ElTup, Valley Lane
Mr. R. Proctor	of 18 Chestnuts
Mrs. S. Ravenscroft	of Nan Trues Hole, Valley Lane
Mr. J. Sinclair	of The Coach House, Finborough Park

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our "Name a Scarecrow for Ethiopia" appeal resulted in £38.72 being raised and we are very grateful to all who supported us. The name of the scarecrow was "Muddy" and the nearest guess was "Muddly" by Virginia Bond, who won a book token. The scarecrow pictures judged to be the most effective were drawn by Rachel Flack (6), Jainie Armes (7), Vanessa Hill (5) and Rachel Allen (8), three winning felt pens and one a book.

We are currently collecting used postage stamps to help the Blue Peter Life Savers Appeal and all contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Term ends on 19th December and we wish everyone all the best for the festive season.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The Club closed for the Winter months following a Sing-a-long at Buxhall Village Hall. We re-open on the first Thursday in April with entertainment and refreshments at the Pettward Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped the Club in any way during the year and especially those who are collection cans to help our funds; the total stands at 4122.

The Committee members join with me in wishing all readers a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL OUR READERS

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