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FINBOROUGH VILLAGE FETE

On 20th January a meeting was held in the Pettward Hall to discuss the idea of a Finborough Village Fete. It was decided to hold a fete on Saturday, 24th August (Bank Holiday weekend) in the grounds of Finborough Hall.

Great interest and enthusiasm was expressed regarding the fete and already some entertainers and many stalls have been booked. The fete stalls and entertainments arena will be in front of St. George's School in the garden area, whilst on the hardstanding at the back of the building there will be a car boot sale. A 50/50 auction will be held in the school sports hall. It has been suggested to Rev. Skliros that we use the Church for a small flower festival and a History of Finborough exhibition - if you have any items of interest in this respect please let us know.

We hope that everyone in the village will do their bit to make this the best ever fete in Great Finborough. Profits, other than those raised by individuals, will go to the Royal British Legion.

Ideas, contributions and stall bookings will be gratefully received by Amanda Searle (tel: 674220), Janet Budd 612298 or Jackie Taylor at the Post Office.

The next meeting to discuss the progress of the fete will be held in the Lower Room of Pettward Hall, on Sunday, 17th February at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing many of you.

Janet Budd

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Youth Club re-opened in January with numbers attending remaining at a high level.

After two years of running the Club, which I have enjoyed very much, I shall be taking a back seat now and attending as a member. I would like to thank all the parents and helpers for their support and a big "thank-you" to all the Youth Club members for giving me their backing.

The new Club secretary is Mrs. Rosie Armes and the Treasurer is Phillip Mason. The position of Chairman remains open at present.

I wish the Club all success for the future and hope it will flourish under the new leadership.

Adrian Smith

TUESDAY CLUB

After the winter 'break' the Tuesday Club hopes to restart with new enthusiasm! The first meeting will be in the Pettward Hall on Tuesday, 26th February, 10.30 am to noon. If you are interested please try and come - the form of the Club has varied from Mother and Toddler to Spinning Class (with varying mixtures of both). Any suggestions as to what is wanted would be most welcome. If you would be interested but cannot come on the 26th please contact Trudy Gray (tel: 674819) or Ann Phoenix (tel: 674396).

Trudy Gray

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January craft meeting was well attended in spite of an extremely cold evening. Five members each demonstrated their different crafts which members were welcome to try for themselves. The March meeting will be a cookery demonstration entitled "Wicked Puddings" by Mrs. Edgar.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church services

Sunday 10th February	11 am Finborough
Sunday 17th February	11 am Harleston
Sunday 24th February	9 am Finborough; 10.30 am Family Service at Onehouse

After 1st March services will be held at St. Andrews Church as follows:

1st Sunday	Holy Communion at 11 am
2nd Sunday	No service
3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer at 11 am
4th Sunday	Holy Communion at 9.30 am
5th Sunday	To be announced

Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Lower Room of the Pettward Hall on Thursday 28th March at 7.30 pm. This is the meeting at which parishioners can air their views about Church affairs and has by law to be held in a public place. We have a new incumbent who wishes to hear your views. Please come.

Waste Paper

We still collect waste paper for the benefit of the Church. Though prices are still fairly low, substantial amounts can be earned and we appreciate any newspaper you may have. It can be left at either the home of Mr. and Mrs. Proctor at White Horse House or Mrs. Rolfe at Bridge Farm.

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From Michael Skliros.....

"We know about Rectors and we've heard about deaconesses, but what on earth is a part-time-Priest-in-Charge?" asked a bewildered 'Finburian' the other day. Not too sure myself, but it seemed a good idea when the Bishop suggested it. With stipends being harder to find, it is logical to turn for help to the strange tribe of 'SSM's' (Self Supporting Ministers), i.e. properly ordained priests like myself, but who are earning their living in the 'secular' world. That is why I went into business and it now seems to be paying off. The advantages are obvious: we are little or no burden to the Church financially; we are fully trained churchwise, yet also fully aware of bad debts, redundancies and other nasty realities of everyday life, because that's our life too; also - not often realised - we can perhaps run a small parish better than if we were full time, because we come to it with the same energy we use in running our businesses. My only regret is that Wendy and I do not live in the parish, but 19 Childer Road (by the JET garage) is on the way into Stowmarket and the door is always open (tel: 672844). Meanwhile I look forward very much to doing a bit of visiting. No, I don't 'push' religion, but if there is something on your mind, I don't make a dive for the door handle either.

Services: After discussion we drew up a new pattern of church services in which Great Finborough will have Communion on the 1st Sunday and Mattins on the 3rd, both at 11 am and from the old Prayer Book, and the new Communion service at 9.30 am on the 4th Sunday. This all starts in March. All with hymns etc. which brings me to...

A Choir: We need one. And an organist, especially for the 11 o'clock services (so it's not as if it will be every Sunday). I want a good one, too, so there will be a very small voice test. Nothing to be terrified of - it's just to make sure you sing in tune. I've inherited too many wobblers and roaners in my time to be budged from this one!

Mothering Sunday (17th March): We shall be having a special service at 11 am instead of Mattins. More publicity later, but if you feel you want to start coming to church again, this could be the occasion.

Lent: Anne Moore at 37 Ash Road, Onehouse is arranging a series of house meetings where the Bishop's Lent Course will be followed. Please phone her if you would like to join in (tel: 676418).

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for all the stamps you have sent to school for the Blue Peter appeal. We have just sent 5 kilos of them. A rough calculation makes that approximately 20,800 stamps! We are still collecting stamps as there are many organisations that accept them. Once again, many thanks for your help.

P. Twitchett, Headmaster

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

From Alexandra Ravenscroft, aged 7 years

SNOW

One day there was a snowflake called Susan the snowflake. She looked like a crystal. She silently floated to the ground. She glittered in the sun. She was a beautiful snowflake. She was an important snowflake. She was still there in Summer, but one Summer she melted. She cried and cried until she was gone. Her brother had gone a long time ago and now she was gone.

From Heidi Jordan, aged 9 years

GIANTS

One morning I woke up and decided to go for a walk but I had to ask Mum first. She said "Yes" so off I went. On the way I heard a loud echoing voice coming from the distance, over the trees and fields. I began to shake. I said to myself "It couldn't be a giant, could it? No it can't be". So I walked over the fields. I began to hear the voice more clearly. Then after a long walk I saw an enormous giant. I shivered. I shook. I dare not run away in case he came after me. Then the giant said "What are you doing and what is your name?". I had to shout really loudly before the giant could hear me. He was a long way away. Anyway, I said I had come for a walk and my name was Heidi. "I was not expecting to see you, Heidi", said the giant in a roaring voice. Then I said "I was not expecting you either". The giant explained to me what they ate. They ate snozcumbers and when he said that I said "What are snozcumbers; don't you mean cucumbers?" "Ah", said the giant, "You call them cucumbers; we call them snozcumbers". Then the giant said "Would you like to come and see my brothers at my cave just up there?" I said "No thank you". The giant said "Come on you can have a meal with me" but I still said "No thank you", so then the giant bent down as far as he could and grabbed me by the arm. It really hurt. Then he dragged me to his cave. There I saw ten giants. They were a bit smaller than the one I had met. They were all sitting there gobbling up an enormous meal. I said it looked horrible, but they said it was scrumdiddliumptious. I said to one of the giants "Could I go?" and the enormous giant said "Alright, you don't want any of our scrumdiddliumptious meal". So I went home and told my mum about the adventures with the giants.

From Tommy Easlea, aged 8 years

THE WIND

It makes birds twirl and whirl and it makes trees bow and bend. It blows people in the sand. It causes storms. I woke up. Ross slept in my bedroom. The time was two o'clock. It rained and the wind blew.

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