

Great Finborough Newsletter

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TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club is open once again at the Pettward Hall on Tuesday mornings 10.30 am to 12 noon. Young, old, mothers and toddlers are all welcome. Come along, have a chat and a cup of coffee: 50p per session.

There will be a photographer at the meeting on 29th October (half-term week). Come along and have your child photographed for £5.50 (one large, 2 medium and 4 small prints). Further details from Ann Phoenix on Stow. 674396.

PLAYSCHOOL

The photographer will be at the Playschool on Thursday, 21st November from 9.15 to 10 am. We will also be holding a coffee morning and childrens' book sale on the same morning from 9.15 to 12 noon. Books ordered need to be paid for on the day and will be delivered in time for Christmas. Do come along and have a coffee and buy some of your Christmas presents.

Another date to remember is Saturday, 30th November when we will be holding our Christmas Bazaar.

Vivian Brice, Hon. Secretary

CANDLESTICK CLUB

On Thursday, 7th November commencing at 7 pm. we have an OPEN EVENING, when Prize Bingo will be held at the Pettward Hall. Please make a note of the date and come along for an evening out costing just under 50p! Admission for adults and children will be 10p. Members free. We look forward to repeating the successful Bingo session we held last year.

Hilary Smith

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church services

Sunday, 3rd November	11 am Holy Communion
Sunday, 10th November	Remembrance Sunday: RBL Service 10.45 am
Sunday, 17th November	11 am Mattins
Sunday, 24th November	9.30 am Holy Communion

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Members enjoyed 'A Norwegian Evening' with Mrs. M. Frazer who showed slides of Norway and demonstrated how to make smorbrod which members were then invited to make and taste for themselves. The Autumn Supper was a great success with members and friends joining in Country dancing afterwards.

B. Jordan

PETTIWARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A fine evening was enjoyed by the small but select band who came to hear Peggy Cole's talk on the making of Akenfield. We'll try not to clash with a WI beano next time. (Alas the event also coincided with mud in the water supply - and you thought it was tea we were giving away!)

Anyway, winter draw(er)s on, nights getting longer, soon be Christmas, fog, snow, ice Brrrr..... so we have been thinking about some warm entertainment to interrupt your hibernation. We don't want you to get too excited so just a couple of clues for now. The first is magic, the second a mid-January pick me up or I suppose you could call both, magic pick me ups! - No I don't mean supernatural alka-seltzer. Details next month (weather permitting).

Richard Brice, Hon.Secretary

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Today we went to Buxhall to see Mr.Tomlinson's bees. We saw the combs the wax was in and honey. We saw a little kitten; it was showing off in the hot Autumn sun. We liked the refreshments and the little kitten, Marmaduke. We saw some eggs and Mr. Tomlinson had some honey. Mr.Twitchett said "Before we" and I said "Buzz Off" before Mr.Twitchett said "go". We said "Thank-you" to Mr.Tomlinson. If you did not know, if you do not have bees, you would not have any apples. Bees do not sting unless you annoy them because they can die, but don't go too close to a wasp.

Tommy Easlea, aged 8 years.

On Tuesday, 8th October, we went to see Mr.Tomlinson and his bees. He lives in Buxhall. I went in my Mum's car. Mr.Tomlinson has about 20 hives in his kitchen and there were about 1,000 bees in each hive, we saw them all squeezing in through a little hole. Where they live is called a hive. There are about 15 honeycombs in each hive, there is a wooden edge and a wax middle and that is what the honeycomb looks like. I thought a bee would sting me, but they only sting you when you annoy them. Mr Tomlinson got out a comb that had no bees in it. There was honey inside and I saw a bow; it was 4 spans long. You put a veil on your head and it comes half way down your chest and has little holes so that the bees will not sting you while you are getting the honey. Then we had refreshments and I had a drink of orange and a biscuit. Then we went, but some were left to wait for the next car, and Mr.Tomlinson showed us some of the honey that the bees had made.

Alexandra Ravenscroft, aged 7 years.

When we went to Mr.Tomlinson's we went to see the bee hives and I thought "How did Mr.Tomlinson get the bees?" but Mr.Tomlinson did not get them; he said "I got them from another farmer" and then he started to collect them. We went to have a drink and we had two biscuits. Tamara thought the bees would sting her

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PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

but they do not and we looked at some honey and we saw some eggs in an incubator. Then some of us saw a little kitten and Mr.Tomlinson's other cat. The bit I liked best was when I saw the little kitten. Mr Tomlinson's kitchen was nice and so was the house. Then we went back to school and we wrote about it and I had a nice time.

Lynette Snell, aged 7 years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sar,

Well, Hallo agin tergither, hint the weather bin a bit better lately, oi hatter tell ya that wos so noice wun day that oi got driv orl the way tew felickstow, oi went in moi owd mettys motor car,

Well, soon as we got tew coombs ford oi wos lorst, dew yew know the counsil have gon and chanjed everthing from there on,

They hev put gratt owd strat roods on wot look loik a aryplane cud land on em, theres a hell an orl a gratt owd lumps a congreet hulled acrors from them high banks on booth soids, moi metty he say, them are bridjes, Huh! oi olist rekon a bridge was a noice sort a curved shape wot wos bilt with skilled men a laying bricks. Moind yew weer told that this is progress or suffin loike ut,

Oi tell yew suffin else tergither oi hev nivver sin such a gratt lorry's there as big as a dozen huts put ind tew ind and sum on top, and tork about make a row, nere fair tew deffun ya wen they come parst, and theres hundruds on um an orl, wum arter the other,

Well tergither oi never saw Needham Street, nor Claydon nor yit Ipsidj, next oi new wus a drawin intew Felickstow and oi hev nevver sin so many gratt tin boxes in orl moi loif theres hundruds on em they stand on wot wos wuns marsh and must fair tew cover a tew hundred aker fild.

Moi metty he say tha's progress oi reckon his a torkin out a top a his hid, oi say tew him, wos happend tew orl the wunderfull animals, buds and plants? he say they hatter move out dint they, Oi say that whooly seem unfare tew me, he say thas orl tunned out orl roit in the ind, oi say dont tork sa much squit boy dont,

He say that orl them animals and buds now liv on them gratt slopin banks on the soides of them new roods here they can nivver be disturbed, the farmer, he dont spray down there, and peepel ont walk about on ut and trees and plants grow roight noice up there, - he hev a point oi sposs, he bring us back the owd way, Oi enjoy that better. Now dew yew watch how yew go tergither, dew yew look about wen yew crows the rood, speshly yew younguns on them new fangled boikes;

fair yew well tergither, Boi fer now,

P.Muckle

Dear Sir,

I have enjoyed reading those letters and anecdotes from Mr. P. Muckle in the monthly newsletter and it has prompted me to write, and also see if others who read it have similar thoughts.

Not many years ago, most people would be sitting around a warm log fire, burning in the grate and enjoying the fact that logs were almost free, provided one spent some time lugging them home and cutting into suitable lengths, provided the windows let in air through gaps etc., the fire would keep nicely warming and alight. But 'alas' along comes the 'Expert'.

First we are told our lovely fire is terribly inefficient and that only 15 per cent heats the room and 85 per cent shoots up the chimney (wasted). To combat this wastage, we are told it would be far more efficient to install central heating. We are then told that it would pay for itself in no time. Everyone it seems coughs up hard earned sums of money, and installs wonderful warmth all over the house. But now we have condensation problem on every window of the house (not just the one room). This in turn causes the paint to peel at an alarming rate and wooden frames decompose almost as fast. We are told to combat this problem to fit double glazing - this is a most efficient way of saving heat and window frames, more sums of money pass away. Problem solved?

Ah! but what about the heat escaping through the ceiling into the loft? Insulate we are told. Even more money changes hands. Loft is now so well wrapped up that no heat escapes up there, not likely! This now allows tiles to freeze right through and on thawing, small chunks of tiles flake off and each winter they get bigger. I wonder the cost of re-roofing?

Meanwhile downstairs we have sealed up all the nooks and crannies where fresh air slipped in to keep us alive and the fire burning. Take note that evening grogginess is now part of the social scene, also please do not smoke the smog hangs around forever, it cannot get out. Now we are told once again that it is no good blocking up all the holes this could be detrimental to our health. Alright! Don't tell me! Bash a huge hole in the wall to let it in? Yes, of course, they say! Spend more cash on a fan with a motor which costs more money to run and to fit it in. Now why didn't we think of that earlier? Unfortunately more money is now spent on fuel to combat the in-rushing freezing air. Not to worry, it must be O.K. because this is what the experts have been telling us to do.

Apart from the fact that: -

- 1) There is now twice as much glass to keep clean.
- 2) High maintenance costs of your heating system.
- 3) Nowhere in the loft to store anything because it gets covered in fibreglass.
- 4) People have actually died of fumes or been trapped in a fire because the double-glazing gets in the way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONTINUED)

- 5) Chimneys rot away through moisture forming on the soot and it leaks horrible black gunge through the bedroom walls unless it has been lined with stainless steel tube.
- 6) Extra lagging has to be fitted to loft tanks and pipes because the chimney is now cold.
- 7) Condensation can now form on inside walls because normal moisture cannot escape, resulting in spending more money in installing cavity wall insulation to combat it.

To summarise:

Work out the actual cost of all this and all the aggro: against the small cost of logs and coal, and you may find that if one had left things as they were, one would find enough money to buy logs for the next fifty years. And keep us fit and warm lugging them home and cutting them into suitable lengths, and keep warm for a second time sitting in front of a wonderful warm fire which draws in fresh air and keeps the chimney dry, all on its inefficient own.

Yours faithfully,

Graham Chaplin,
Church Close, Great Finborough.

UNITED CHARITY

The Great Finborough United Charity was formed in 1984 by an amalgamation of the older charities in the parish with the objects of (1) assisting residents in need, hardship and distress and (2) in promoting the education of persons under 25 years of age who are in need of financial assistance.

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

Mr. J. R. Williams	of Town Farm, High Road
Mr & Mrs. Grimaldi	of Westlegate, Church Road
Mr. J. Miller	of El Tup, Valley Lane
Mr. R. Proctor	of 18 Chestnuts

Mrs. S. Ravenscroft	of Nan Trues Hole, Valley Lane
Rev. M. Skliros	of 19 Childer Road, Stowmarket
Mrs. H. Smith	of Hilmic House, High Road

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 pounds so the scope for significant assistance is restricted. Currently income from investments is only £65 p.a. and 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.

PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 1985

Sunday,	3rd November	St.Andrews: 11 am Holy Communion
Tuesday,	5th November	Guy Fawkes
Thursday,	7th November	Candlestick Club 7pm Open Evening
Sunday,	10th November	Remembrance Sunday: St.Andrews - Royal British Legion Service
Wednesday,	13th November	Meeting of trustees of United Charity
Friday,	15th November	Deadline for December Newsletter
Sunday,	17th November	St.Andrews: 11 am Mattins
Thursday,	21st November	Playschool: Photographer, Coffee Morning and Book Sale - 9.15 am to 12 noon.
Sunday,	24th November	St.Andrews: 9.30 am Holy Communion
Friday,	29th November	Great Finborough Parish Council meeting in Pettward Hall 7.30 pm
Saturday,	30th November	Playschool Christmas Bazaar

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If you have anything for future Parish Diaries please let the Editor know by the deadline date. Events mentioned in material for publication will automatically be included.

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