

Great Finborough Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Community Quiz

In the first round of the County Community Quiz your Great Finborough team travelled to Haughley and overcame the local opposition by about 130 points to 70 points. I write "about" because no-one seems to know the exact score!

The team consisted of Richard Brice, Brenda Grimaldi, John Miller, Trevor Waspe and travelling reserve/scorer, John Grimaldi. It seems that the team blend of age and interests did the trick particularly in mopping up the bonus points on questions Haughley were unable to answer.

Our congratulations to the team for this fine win and we look forward to the next round early in the New Year.

Chestnuts Play Area

The Council has been concerned for some time at the derelict state of the children's play area constructed on land adjoining the Chestnuts Estate. You may recall that this play area was initiated by a petition signed by many residents of the village.

On approaching the Council's insurers they had indicated that they would wish to see obsolete or dangerous equipment removed from site without delay. At its recent meeting the Council agreed in view of the poor state of the equipment, the lack of use, the continuing vandalism and the requirements of the Council's insurers to remove all equipment from the Chestnuts play area site as soon as possible.

Noticeboard

The noticeboard at Oak Close has been repaired following the vandalism of both doors.

School House

Council received a copy of a planning application by the Suffolk County Council proposing a new vehicular access from the access drive off the end of Oak Close to the rear of the VCP school house utilising a piece of the existing school playing field.

Self Build site

The Council had no objection to the name suggested by the Self Build Group for the access to the new development next to Oak Close - "Middlefield Drive". This had been based on historical research involving tithe maps of the area.

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Village Green

It has been agreed by the Council to erect a series of tubular steel posts on the village green next to Church Road to prevent vehicular access to the green. This action follows a recent at the Pettward Hall when motorists attending used the green as a park for their vehicles. The Council was most concerned that the surface of this pleasant green should not be permanently damaged and so took these steps to prevent such practice.

Precept

At the recent meeting lengthy consideration was given to the estimated Council spending in 1986/7 and the sum to be raised by way of rates. It was generally felt that the parish rate (for parish council purposes) should be kept at the current level of 4.9p in the £. In order to do this requires a combination of utilising balances in hand and possible reductions in spending. Consideration of these matters is continuing.

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Jesus is Born

Mary and Joseph had to go in a barn to have baby Jesus. I think it must have been cold in the barn. I think baby Jesus must have been cold too. The shepherds brought him presents a little while after Christmas. They brought presents to baby Jesus.

Carol Terry, aged 6 years

When Jesus was born in a manger with Mary and Joseph by his side the three wise men and some shepherds saw a light in the sky. At first they were frightened and then they heard some angels singing and one flew down and said baby Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem and they were surprised that there was a new King. The three wise men saw a star in the sky and they followed the star and they had gone a long way. It was day and they had to wait until night.

David Page, aged 7 years.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church services

Sunday, 5th January	Christingle Service (Family Service) 11 am
Sunday, 12th January	no service
Sunday, 19th January	Morning Prayer 11 am
Sunday, 26th January	Holy Communion 9.30 am

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sar,

Well now tergither oi expect your orl still a gittin over orl that Christmas puddin and terky wot yew et, thas a rummin how we fair ta eat sa much, and yit tha's allist a heck an all left over at the ind,

tha's loike ut nowadays anyhow, now the wun thing wos so noice about Christmas is the way everywun is sa good tew each other, everybody speak well a others and dont fair tew keep a back baitin theres folks go round ta see the naybers un wish em a happy Christmas un see if tha's ennything wot they want, everyone fair tew hev tha toime for a little owd trok un offer em a drink a suffin stronger un tea, yew no wot a mean dont ya.

Cors the wuns wot hev the best toime is the yunguns, wot with orl them patys wot they go tew un all, oi spek the toime still fair tew drag afore Christmas day come that allust yewst tew anyhow, so oi speck that still dew now, then orl of a sudden tha's orl over int ut, apart from foidun a few nut shells under the fern-icher or a few bits a that shoiny stuff wot get draped over tha tree, then orl yew people wot hatter go tew work, start orl over agin til next year,

now tergither wunt that be suffin noice if everywun cud be as noice tew each other orl throo tha year loike wot they are at Christmas, that wunt harf make a lot a people suffin happy,

well oid jest loike tew wish yew orl a very happy new year tergither, and remoid yew that there's allust someone wuss orf than wot yew are,

Oi hoop yew had a merry Christmas an dint get tew much a that owd brew insoid ya,

Cherio fer now,

P.Muckle.

PLAYSCHOOL

Our Playschool Bazaar was a great success - £117 being raised - and we thank all those who helped and supported us.

The total raised by our sponsored mini-obstacle course, which I mentioned last month was a fine £113, thanks again.

The money raised is being used to meet our regular running expenses and also helped towards the Playschool Christmas Party on 16th December which the children enjoyed very much.

Playschool starts again on Wednesday, 8th January, 1986 and please note that in future Wednesdays and Thursdays are our normal days (not Mondays). Wendy Porley is our new leader.

Vivian Brice

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

'You tak tha High Road and I'll tak tha Buxhall Road and I'll be in the village hall afore ye' - so goes the popular refrain - well almost - and usefully directs our winter-weary steps towards the Burns' Night Celebrations on 25th January. Come in from roamin' in tha gloomin' and you will soon have a spring in your step. No, not compulsory sword-dancing, its the Mid-January Party which coinciding with Burns' Night will set the village hall alight - not literally, nor for that matter, literary! - from 8 pm to 11.30 pm.

Tickets at £2 a head are now on sale from members of the Management Committee, and the cost includes haggis, neeps and tatties (alternatives available for those with delicate palates). John Barclaycorn and heavy will be on sale to the initiated - and the over 18's - from the licensed bar. But do be quick, tickets are in demand and the numbers are limited.

And an offer you can't refuse. A free nip for anyone wearing a kilt (The nip is of the liquid kind).

Richard Brice

PARISH DIARY FOR JANUARY, 1986

Wednesday, 1st	New Year's Day Bank Holiday
Sunday, 5th	St.Andrews: Christingle Service 11 am
Monday, 6th	First day of Spring School Term
Wednesday, 8th	Playschool re-opens
Sunday, 19th	St.Andrews: Morning Prayer 11 am
Friday, 24th	Gt.Finborough Parish Council (P.H. 7.30 pm)
Saturday, 25th	Mid January Party: Pettiward Hall 8 - 11.30 pm
Sunday, 26th	St.Andrews: Holy Communion 9.30 am

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If you have anything for future Parish Diaries please let the Editor know by the deadline date: for the February 1986 edition this will be THURSDAY, 16th January. Events mentioned in material for publication will automatically be included.

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