

Great Finborough Newsletter

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POINTS FROM THE PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Pettward Hall on Friday 4th April. It was attended by Dr.B.Smith (Chairman), Mr.G.Foss (County Councillor), Mr.H.A.Mitson (District Councillor), Inspector Booker of the Stowmarket Police and 12 parishioners. There were the usual reports from the parish organisations and Mr.Foss and Mr.Mitson gave observations on various aspects of their respective Councils work. Inspector showed two short video films about Neighbourhood Watch and the Property Marking Scheme after which there followed a discussion on aspects of crime and nuisance in the village. Finally there was a vote of thanks to the staff at the Great Finborough Primary School for their effort put in over the past year in teaching the young children of the village.

POINTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Metal posts have been acquired for placing on the edge of the village green to prevent vehicular access the Council accepted the County Council's offer to become their agents in collecting parochial charity accounts and special resolutions for charities having objects of relieving poverty. By this means the Parish Council will have an opportunity of seeing such accounts etc., a right taken from it by the Charities Act 1985 a donation of £20 was made to the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service whilst it was agreed not to become a subscriber to the Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation because claims from other organisations had higher priority for the limited funds available.

GREAT FINBOROUGH UNITED CHARITY

The 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 who are listed below:

Mr.J.R.Williams, of Town Farm, High Road
Mr.& Mrs Grimaldi, of Westgate, Church Road
Mr.J.Miller, of El Tur, 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

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UNITED CHARITY (CONTINUED)

Each application will be considered by the trustees on its merits in the light of the amount of funds available at the time. Funds are limited so the scope for significant assistance is restricted. Income for the year to 30th September 1985 was £96.49 and the only grant made since the inception of the Charity was £100 in November 1985 to the Primary School for the purchase of books for pupils.

Much reliance will continue to be made on donations and fund raising in order to carry out the functions of the Charity effectively. These have been most generous in the past.

PETTIWARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It must be dreadful for you all, having sorted out all those saleable items for the 50/50 Auction on Saturday 17th May and having them jamming up the house.

Well, never fear, salvation is at hand. A collector will call on you in the week prior to the auction to clear you out. If someone hasn't called by Friday 16th and you have something for the Sale, please let me know (Stow.676249) and I'll arrange collection.

On Auction day, proceedings will start at 2pm prompt (doors open at 1.30pm) under the capable hammer of Hubert Mitson, and the Hall will be open for viewing between 10.30am and 11.30am during the morning. Do come along - you may get something for a song - and who knows we're on Lovejoy's patch maybe he'll be there too! Let's make a mint 50/50.

Oh yes, the Management Committee has just had its Annual Meeting. Who are that lot? I hear you cry. Well the following (the organisation they represent is in parenthesis) who will be pleased to hear your suggestions - as long as they are decent - on the running of the Hall or events that you would like to see take place in it.

Hazel Terry - Chairman (Playgroup)
Rosie Armes (Youth Club)
Richard Brice - Secretary (Co-opted)
Vivian Brice (Tuesday Club)
Maurice Lloyd - Treasurer (Parish Council)
Ann Phoenix - Booking Secretary (Keep Fit Club)
Shiela Ravenscroft (Parish Council)
Andrew Searle (Parochial Church Council)
Hermon Sparkes (Royal British Legion)
Jan Sweetman (Women's Institute)

And now the commercialsthe Hall owns a disco deck which is available for hire to residents of Great Finborough at a cost of £10 a day. Booking or enquiries to Rosie Armes please. Of course, if any damage occurred to the equipment during a hiring the hirer would be responsible for making good see you at the 50/50 Auction

Richard Brice, Hon. Secretary

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The next meeting of the Candlestick Club will be at the Buxhall Village Hall on Thursday, 1st May at 7pm. New members will be very welcome.

LADIES' KEEP FIT

There are vacancies in the Ladies' Keep Fit Class which is held on Tuesday evenings at the Pettward Hall from 8 - 9pm. Anyone interested please come along.

PARISH DIARY FOR MAY 1986

1st Thursday	Candlestick Club: Buxhall Village Hall 7pm
4th Sunday	St. Andrews: Sung Eucharist 11am
5th Monday	May Day Bank Holiday
14th Wednesday	United Charity: meeting of trustees
17th Saturday	50/50 Auction at Pettward Hall: viewing 10.30am to 11.30am; auction 2pm sharp
18th Sunday	(Whit Sunday) St. Andrews: Morning Prayer 11am
23rd Friday	(Schools: half term) Great Finborough Parish Council Annual Meeting: Pettward Hall 7.30pm
25th Sunday	(Trinity Sunday) St. Andrews: Family Service 9.30am
26th Monday	Spring Bank Holiday

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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.

SPRING SALE

A Spring Sale will be held in the Pettward Hall on Saturday, 26th April: the proceeds in aid of the Parish Church funds and local charity.

Door opens at 11.30am, entrance 5p, Ploughmans lunch £1. Many stalls and competitions, Jumble, white elephant stall. Enquiries tel: Stowmarket 675456. Jumble and white elephant can be brought to the Hall between 10am and 11am.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our April meeting we welcomed Mrs. Bradford who gave us a very detailed demonstration on how to make lampshades. This was something that required a great deal of time and patience but the finished result would grace any home and was completely washable. Although the attendance was low a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Stow Lodge Hospital resulted in £19.40 being sent to them as a contribution to the Open Day in May.

Next month we discuss the resolutions for the AGM, usually not a very well attended meeting but do come along and air your views so a true reflection of your ideas can be put forward by your delegate at the Albert Hall in June.

Mary Underwood, Press Correspondent

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Visit to Combs Middle School

On Tuesday afternoon I felt really excited because we were going on a coach trip to Combs to see a play called "James and the Giant Peach". I could not wait until we got on the coach. When we got on the coach I felt all jittery inside my tummy. When we went over the bridge I felt my tummy jump out of my skin and when we went round corners I fell onto Anna.

When we got to Combs I felt both excited and a bit frightened, because I have only been to Combs a couple of times. When we went past the office I felt scared because there were a lot of teachers I had not seen before. Then we went into a dark hall and I felt all small. When the play started I thought it was excellent. The part I liked best was when the news came on to say that James Henry brother's Mum and Dad got eaten up by a rhinoceros. Then we went back onto the coach and had a bumpy ride. On the way back I felt that I was glad that I went to see the play, but it did seem bumpy on the way back; I think that was because I was sleepy.

Gillian Duffy, aged 9 years.

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When we went to Combs on the bus I thought when I went over the hill I was so muched bumped up that I would never stop bumping up and down again. When we got off I was very shy at first as I knew only a few people, but when I got in the hall I felt a lot more comfortable. I felt like I knew everyone of them, but still was a bit shy of the teachers. The play we watched was good. I felt sad when the centipede fell in the water. I liked it when the news said that a huge rhinoceros was eating people up. When I got back I felt like I needed a stretch. I did not think it was very good. I do not like muppets doing shows.

Chay Budd, aged 8 years.

We went on a springy bus. I felt scared inside. What was going to happen? When I went over the bumps I flew into the air. We flew all over the place, but that did not make me feel any better. I was scared too when we finally got there. I slowly got out and walked round the corner, then I opened a door. It smelled funny. I was so scared now. I slowly took off my coat and put it on a table and a lady, whom I had never seen before - she may have been a teacher or maybe not - told me to go into the hall. I slowly walked across. I did not know where to sit. I finally made up my mind. I slowly sat down. I was even more scared now. What was going to happen? I slowly looked around. I felt people staring at me and I felt lonely in this big, hot hall. What was going to happen? I soon found out.

A man came out dressed in black. Was he going to talk? He did. The show started. I felt sorry for poor James; his aunts were horrid; one was plump with a purple face and another was thin with a green face and a long nose; she was called Spike and the plump one was called Spunge. I thought they were good names because Spunge was fat like a sponge cake and Spike looked like a spiky needle.

When the show was over I felt much better, as if I had been at the school longer than the third years. I felt like a fourth year pupil, until I saw the rest of the fourth year, then I felt like a first year pupil. I saw all the puppets and the puppet strings. The centipede made me want to scream; he was horrible. I felt free and jumped up to get my coat. I lined up at the door and opened it and walked outside to the bus. I climbed up and walked along the high bus to the back seat.

It was very bumpy on the way back as well. I was not scared, I had been to Combs, now I was on my way back. I bounced up and down happily and because I was happy I enjoyed the ride so much that I wanted to carry on and on and not stop at the school, but finally the ride came to an end. I stayed in my seat, hoping for it to start again, but it did not. I was a bit sad when the ride had come to the end, but quite happily got off and ran to the door, then walked to my class, put up my chair, got my coat and went home.

Alexandra Ravenscroft, aged 8 years.