



Great Finborough Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the recent meeting the arrangements for the proposed litter collection in Great Finborough were discussed. It was agreed to advertise the post and obtain the necessary equipment in order to commence the collections of litter in the central part of the village in early April. This service will be funded by grants from the Mid Suffolk District Council.

The Area Road Safety Officer has been instructed to review the situation concerning traffic problems outside the Primary School and report to the County Road Safety Officer.

In response to a request for comments on the recent application for the renewal of the Public Entertainments Licence by the Pettiward Hall Committee, the Council suggested to the District Council that an 11pm finish for public events at the Pettiward Hall would be more suitable than the 11.30pm limit applied for in view of the loud music disturbing residents in the proximity.

A donation of £10 was made to the Mid Suffolk Citizens' Advice Bureau in Milton Road, Stowmarket. They will help with many problems you may have and their service is free of charge. Their telephone number is Stowmarket 676060.

The next Parish Council meeting - probably the final one before the next election - is to be held at 8pm on Thursday, 26th March 1987 following the Parish Meeting.

PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Thursday, 26th March 1987 at 7pm. As well as the usual reports of the past year from the parochial organisations, the County Councillor, Mr.G.Foss, and the District Councillor, Mr.H.A.Mitson, will give their views on the affairs of their respective Councils. In addition, there will be the opportunity for any elector of the parish to raise any matter concerning Great Finborough.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Council elections are due to be held on Thursday, 7th May 1987 along with those for the District Council. Enclosed with this Newsletter are copies of three leaflets issued by the National Association of Local Councils:

- "How to stand for election in 1987"
- "English village government"
- "What can Local Councils Do?"

Please do take part in these elections either by standing as a candidate or voting for candidates - an election stimulates a great deal of interest in local affairs.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Parish Council have a vacancy for a litter collector in Great Finborough commencing on Monday, 6th April 1987.

Duties will involve the collection of litter from the B1115 road and adjoining paths, verges and greens between the United Reformed Church and the Pettiward Hall as well as in Church Road. Complete collections throughout these areas must be made at least twice a week.

The wage for this job is £6 per week payable monthly in arrears. All equipment and protective clothing will be supplied by the Parish Council.

Further details of the post can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

Applications, in writing, should be made to the Clerk to the Council at 7 Kersey Close, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2BG by Monday, 16th March, 1987.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On a cold damp evening in February it was most welcoming to walk into Pettiward Hall to flickering candlelight and a colourful display of books and craft items for we were off to Sweden for the evening. Some beautiful slides of Sweden in July were presented by Trudi Gray. They showed a country of forests, lakes, sparsely populated and with paved traffic free shopping areas decorated with statues and flowers. Then together with Pat Smith she provided a tasty buffet supper of Swedish food served with a glass of hot punch.

Plans are well in hand for our entries to both the competition for the Spring Group Meeting and also the Suffolk Show. It makes you feel that Spring really is just around the corner.

Mary Underwood

GREAT FINBOROUGH FETE

The time is approaching when consideration should be given to the possibility of organising a fete this year. As I wrote sometime back, I do not wish (on behalf of the Royal British Legion) to be Chairman of a Fete Committee and I hope that some other village organisation will feel able to continue the event in conjunction with Mr.J.Sinclair. The RBL would still give support by hiring stall pitches as before.

There is a balance of £137.14 in the Fete Account for initial expenses and the lottery licence for 1987 has been paid for.

F.W.E.Smith

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church services for March

Sunday, 1st Sung Eucharist 11am
Wednesday, 4th (Ash Wednesday) Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday, 15th Mattins 11am
Sunday, 22nd Holy Communion (ASB) 9.45am
Sunday, 29th (Mothering Sunday) FAMILY SERVICE 10am
This is the only service in the benefice on that day and we can expect a large congregation.

OXFAM BREAD AND BREAKFAST SCHEME

Oxfam are looking for people who would like to be hosts for their Bread and Breakfast Scheme in the Stowmarket area.

Oxfam arranges the publicity: one third of the amount charged goes to them and two-thirds to the host.

For full details please contact Mrs. Jean Legg, telephone Coddensham 516.

PRIZE BINGO

As mentioned previously, monthly prize bingo sessions are getting under way, the first of which will be on Wednesday, 18th March in the Pettiward Hall, commencing at 7pm. Any profit will be donated on this occasion to the newly-formed Great Finborough and Buxhall Brownie Pack. So make a note of the date and do come along. All ages welcome.

Hilary Smith

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

The New Year's Eve Party organised by mine host Dave Budd raised just over £70 for the Hall's heating funds. Cheers, Dave!

Talking of heating, or present lack of it, the Hall fell victim to the big freeze and suffered a burst pipe in the ensuing thaw. The burst was in the rear of the building and water poured into the two lower rooms, ruining all the floor coverings. However, saviour of the hour was John Davey who repaired the damage gratis with the help of Graham Chaplin. Many thanks to both of them.

And a date for diaries - Saturday 9th May 1987. The Third Great (sic) Great Finborough 50/50 Auction coming soon. Full details next month but don't get rid of anything in the meantime. We'll make a mint, 50/50.

Richard Brice

PRIMARY SCHOOL

School and Industry in Partnership

On Wednesday we went to Suffolk Lawnmowers. We were waiting for Mrs. Watsham and it was quite cold, so Mr. Rednall said "Come on in out of the cold", so we did. Just as we got in Mrs. Watsham arrived. Before we went round the factory Mr. Rednall showed us a big picture, then he showed us the guides - they were called Peter, Roger and Julian; our guide was Roger. We went out of the door we came in and walked to a green door. Roger told us that behind the green door was the heart of the factory and he told us that some of the factory used to be on the other side of the river but now there were only 13 acres. When we got through the green door it was very noisy. Most of the people we saw had kind of ear muffs on. We saw a machine bending metal. I saw my Dad seven times; he drives a forklift. The engine looked like a robot's face before it has all the bits added on. My Mum used to work in the assembly part. Our group saw a part of a lawnmower being sprayed, then it was put into a big oven and the paint was kind of baked onto the metal. At Suffolk Lawnmowers they make little tractors; they only make 40 tractors a week because they are more difficult to make and expensive. After that we had some biscuits and cake with lemonade and then we went back to school.

Lynette Snell, aged 8 years.

When we got to the factory Mr. Rednall showed us in and then we got into groups and Roger showed us around. First we went into the noisy factory part and they were making the engine parts; they got a piece of metal and put it into a machine and it printed and made a hole, then it turned it into a different shape. Then we went to have a look at the machine; it had a piece of metal and it cut it up in pieces instead of cutting it with a pair of pliers. We went in another part of the factory; that part was quieter. We saw a lot of boxes and we saw tractors; they make 40 a week. The factory used to be on the other side of the river; there was 28 acres a long time ago but now there are only 13 acres. I saw Lynette's dad; he was on a forklift. There was a man who was welding the cylinder - the cylinder is the bit that cuts the grass. Then we saw how they put the lawnmower together. When they had finished the lawnmowers they put them in boxes, but first they had to try the lawnmowers out in case they did not work.

Tamara Jordan, aged 8 years.

We went to the Suffolk Lawnmowers and the man who arranged it was Mr. Rednall. The man who showed us around was Roger. First we saw the presses and then we went to see a machine that made nuts and then we saw a machine that punches holes instead. Then we went to the new one and it made anything and then we saw people putting the engine together. Then we saw them paint and then they put it together; then they put it in boxes and then they put them into lorries.

Ross Corbyn, aged 7 years

PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

Today we went to Atco. Mr.Rednall organised it. It was very noisy in the factory. Julian showed us around. Some of the workers had ear muffs and masks. We saw a sort of cutting machine; a man took a piece of metal and put it through the cutter, then it came out the other side in long strips and there was a machine called a press that pressed metal into different shapes. Another man was putting grass boxes together and there were lots of forklift trucks. There are about 500 workers at Atco altogether.

Thomas Slade, aged 8 years.

PLAYGROUP

Great Finborough Playschool will have some vacancies in September for Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.30 - 12 noon. Transport is provided for some areas. If you are interested or know someone who might be give me a ring on Stowmarket 677105.

Don't forget our Jumble Sale on Saturday, 28th February at 2pm.
Jumble - White Elephant - Nearly New - Tea and Coffee.

Kim Allen, Hon.Secretary

PARISH DIARY FOR MARCH 1987

Sunday, 1st	St.Andrews: Sung Eucharist 11am United Reformed Church 2.45pm
Tuesday, 3rd	(Shrove Tuesday)
Wednesday, 4th	(Ash Wednesday) St.Andrews 9.30am H.C.
Friday 6th	Great Finborough & District Branch of Women's World Day of Prayer - 1st meeting URC 2.15pm
Sunday, 8th	United Reformed Church 2.45pm
Sunday, 15th	St.Andrews: Mattins 11am United Reformed Church 2.45pm
Monday 16th	Last day for applications: litter collector NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL MATERIAL
Wednesday 18th	Monthly Prize Bingo - Pettward Hall 7.30pm
Sunday, 22nd	St.Andrews; Holy Communion (ASB) 9.45am United Reformed Church 2.45pm
Thursday, 26th	Parish Meeting, Pettward Hall 7pm Parish Council Meeting 8pm
Friday, 27th	Last day for publication of notice of election
Sunday, 29th	(Mothering Sunday) St.Andrews: FAMILY SERVICE 10 am. United Reformed Church 2.45pm (Summer Time - clocks advance by one hour)

**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.**