



Great Finborough Newsletter

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PETTIWARD HALL

Here we go again. Our time machine - superb 50/50 auction bargain - is off again. Following last year's much acclaimed visit to the Middle Ages we are now off on a nostalgic trip for the middle aged.

Yes, there really will be bluebirds over the Pettiward Hall on Saturday 25th July at 7.45pm when we slip back through time over 40 years for our 1940's spectacular. Dark days you may shudder but fear not, the only blitzkreig will come from Steve Hammond and the Dangers and Dumplings. In the mood? (Yeah, I know we used that last month but its a good line, isn't it?) Well we hope so because in addition to the Dangers magnificent live entertainment, we should have a ten-piece brass band - Glen Miller style. Wow! Supper is also included so bring your ration books.

'But how much will all this cost?' I hear you cry astonished. Well the price is 1940's as well - only £3-15s-0d (£3.75) - superb unbeatable value for a great night out of good, clean, old-fashioned fun. This is a 'do' for all the family, it is not a disco and should be an evening for all to remember. 1940's costumes though not compulsory are welcomed and there will be prizes for the best-dressed male and female. So out with the eye brow pencil, girls - there won't be a shortage of volunteers to make sure the lines are straight, I'm sure, and on with the Brylcreem chaps. Tickets from Committee members, but hurry, they're bound to go quickly.

We'll meet again, I know where, I know when, I know we'll meet again on Saturday 25th July at 7.45pm. (Sorry, Vera!)

Richard Brice

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our June meeting was held at Westlegate Church Road by kind invitation of Mrs.Grimaldi. We welcomed as our speaker, Mr. Dudley Mason with some fascinating slides on shoes through the ages. The style and materials used over the centuries has been greatly influenced by Royalty and world events. In the War period all materials were pressed into use when the industry was forbidden to use leather, chain webbing, wood and tartan cloth. At the meeting the stall for Stow Lodge Hospital realised £21.33.

Please keep in mind our Craft and Produce Show on 13th August. Entry forms are now available from me and if anyone has items ready to exhibit but will be away in August please let me know on Stowmarket 674389.

Mary Underwood

FRIENDS OF GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tickets for the 'Wild West' theme family barbeque which will be held in the playground on Saturday 11th July between 5pm and 8pm are now on sale either from the school or from members of the Steering Committee (see April Newsletter). The cost is £1.50 for adults and 75 pence for children (under 3 years free) and includes food and soft drinks (you may bring your own along if you wish). There will be games and other activities for children and adults and prizes for the best Wild West dress. Of course, a good barbeque is dependent on good weather and if 11th July is a washout we will probably postpone rather than damply soldier on. If it looks doubtful details of what to do are on tickets. All welcome - see you there.

Richard Brice - Secretary

PLAYGROUP

There will be an Open Morning on Thursday, 16th July - Cotton kiddies clothes party and cake stall. All welcome.

Kim Allen, Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL

At the annual meeting in May Dr.Smith was re-elected Chairman and Mr.M.Lloyd as Vice-Chairman.

Assistance is being sought from the Suffolk Association of Youth in getting a new Youth Club formed.

The noticeboard in Oak Close has been removed after being wrecked by vandals. It is not intended to replace it.

The next meeting will be in the Pettiward Hall on Friday 31st July at 7.30pm

M.J.Baker, Clerk to the Council

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Your new District Councillor is Mr.Richard Townsley of Pikeman's Rest, Top Road, Rattlesden (Tel: Rattlesden 7622). If you have any problems or comments concerning District Council matters please get in touch with Mr.Townsley.

PRIZE BINGO

The next prize bingo session will be held at the Pettiward Hall on Wednesday 15th July commencing at 7pm. Proceeds will go towards the Pettiward Hall funds.

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Bill's death was a most awful shock. Perfectly fit one day- prime of life, Next day a massive stroke, out of the blue; some signs of recovery but then another one, a week later, which proved fatal. His widow was distraught. She was not a churchgoer really at all, but she turned to the Church to conduct dignified rites of farewell and a decent burial. Her pain was cruelly sharpened when the coffin was carried through a porch littered with dog ends and spittle, the windows smashed and the glass picked out and used for scrawling pointless slogans on the limewash walls. Entering the church, Cranmer's great Burial Sentences, reminding us of our Creator to whom we must all, some day return, were not enough to divert attention from the 9 panes of the north window opposite that in recent weeks had been casually shot out by catapults. The family, already low in spirits, were almost destroyed. The Church had let them down horribly.

No, it didn't quite happen. The description of Finborough church was correct and the death, but the burial was at Harleston, where the church is as welcoming and beautifully kept as anyone could ever wish. Next funeral, or wedding, at Finborough, no doubt the porch will be swept but the sheer mindless damage that has been done to Finborough's most distinctive building is now impossible to disguise. The reaction of most good living folk reading this, churchgoers or not, will probably be pretty vindictive. Lock 'em up!

Catching the culprits, though, is virtually impossible for members of a small congregation. Furthermore, the church members have a lot of sympathy with the young people who collect, mostly quite innocently, in the porch. They are not telly addicts. They only want to be with their own kind, to chat, flirt a bit and put the world to rights. No harm in that at all.

So we see little point in wringing our hands or ringing the police. The only effective deterrent is public opinion - agreement among all age groups that whatever mood one is in, the church is to be left alone. Big sister's getting married in it next year and grandpa's in the churchyard.

There is some evidence that recent damage was not done by our youngsters (nor St.Georges) but by visitors from Stowmarket. Finborough teenagers, if you see and recognise them, please ring me. Meanwhile, mum, if you find a catapult anywhere in the house, please destroy it. At the very least, a few chaffinches will live a little longer.

From the Registers

7th June Michael Jameson - baptised

Diary for July

Sunday 5th 11am Sung Eucharist with choir
Saturday 11th 3 - 4.30pm Bell ringing, followed by Bellringers
Evensong. All welcome.
Sunday 19th 11am Morning Prayer with choir
Sunday 26th 9.45am Holy Communion

Michael Skliros, Priest in Charge (Tel: Stow.
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cuthrun and the Storyteller

One day in a farming village in Anglo-Saxon times the leader's daughter, Cuthrun, was very excited. A storyteller was coming, she hoped with a story and not bad news. The little princess ran through the village to her mucky friends. She slid down the mucky bank and fell into the river with a big SPLASH. She got up, laughing. Just then the farmer's wife walked past and saw Cuthrun and called Alfwinn to see if Cuthrun was alright. She herself picked up her skirts and ran to tell the king. The king was cross and said "Cuthrun, if you can't keep clean on the day the storyteller is coming then don't play with your mucky friends". Cuthrun ran to get changed and waited for the storyteller. Soon he came, so did the littleprincess's friend, Alfwinn. Everyone gathered round. The storyteller said "It's terrible news. There is a war with the Vikings. You send your best men to fight".

Cuthrun had a true love. His name was Aethelwulf. She had to fight for him with Agatha. Aethelwulf loved Cuthrun better, but anyway Aethelwulf had to fight. Cuthrun cried and cried and was sick about ten times. During the war the village was destroyed and Cuthrun was a peasant, but one day the war ended and Cuthrun sat on a log. Looking around her there were dead bodies and wasteland. Once this had been a happy, pretty village. Suddenly round the corner came the storyteller, who said, "Cheer up" and together they built the village all nice again, but nobody was there, just Cuthrun and the storyteller. But around the corner Aethelwulf came. Cuthrun ran into his open arms, they got married and lived happily till their death.

Alexandra Ravenscroft, aged 9 years

The Storyteller

One day Alfwinn and her Mum and Dad were doing farming on their farm. They gave the animals their food, then milked the cows. Then Alfwinn said "Mum, please can Cuthrun come to help me milk the cows?" Her Mum said "Yes, go and get her". Alfwinn went and said "Would Cuthrun like to come to the farm and play with me?" but her Mum said "The king is taking her to the village hall because the storyteller is coming. Would you like to come?". Alfwinn said "Oh, yes please". Then they all sat down to lunch and had tomato soup, then lamb and roast potatoes. Then it was time to go. When they got to the hall the storyteller looked very nice. Then the story begins and it goes like this:

One day there was a lady and a man and they had just got married. They wanted a child so badly but the lady could not have one. One day a fairy flew past and heard that the lady wanted a baby so badly so she stopped off and said "You can have one wish and I will make it come true". The lady told her husband all about it, so they both said together "I wish that we could have a little child and we don't care if it has prickles all over it as long as we can have one". The fairy replied "In a week you will have a child". So in a week this thing arrived and it was a

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little child with thorns all over it and they said "Oh we didn't mean it". Then just like magic, it turned into a really pretty baby and they all lived happily ever after! The crowd clapped. Then Alfwinn and Cuthrun went home and played on the farm together and had a good time.

Anna Tarsey, aged 9 years

NOTE: These two stories were held over from last month.

CANDLESTICK CLUB

Candlestick Club members are to visit the air base at Bentwaters (as guests of Buxhall Community Council) on Thursday 23rd July the coach leaving Finborough at 5pm.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

PARISH DIARY FOR JULY 1987

5 Sunday	St. Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist
11 Saturday	St. Andrews: 3 - 4.30pm Bell ringing
	Friends of Great Finborough Primary School 5 - 8pm
	Barbeque in school playground
15 Wednesday	Prize Bingo: Pettiward Hall 7pm
16 Thursday	Playgroup Open Morning
	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (AUGUST COPY)
19 Sunday	St. Andrews: 11am Morning Prayer
23 Thursday	Candlestick Club: Visit to Bentwaters 5pm
24 Friday	End of School Term
25 Saturday	1940's Evening: Pettiward Hall 7.45pm
26 Sunday	St. Andrews: 9.45am Holy Communion
31 Friday	Great Finborough Parish Council: Pettiward Hall 7.30pm

**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.**