



# Great Finborough Newsletter

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Points from the recent meeting

At the Annual meeting in May concern was expressed about the untidy state of the entrance splay to Middlefield Drive. The District Councillor, Mr. R. Townsley, undertook to remedy the matter through the Mid Suffolk District Council and in due course the Chief Planning Officer wrote to the developer, Rother Self Build, asking for the site to be tidied up including cutting of the long grass and weeds. However ownership of the land is now in question and clarification of the legal position is being made.

Following an approach to the Youth & Resource Centre in Childer Road, Stowmarket, they replied to the Council's request for assistance concerning a leader for a Youth Club in Great Finborough by indicating they could not provide or pay for a leader at present. They suggested that the Parish Council might consider paying the salary of a leader (£404 to £608 p.a.) or ask the Stowmarket Youth Centre whether they would be prepared to assist in providing transport to their meetings for young people from Great Finborough. The County Council also referred to efforts by the Suffolk Association of Youth to stimulate interest in a Youth Club in Great Finborough being met by apathy.

The current Community Emergency Adviser for Great Finborough, Mr. B. Cooper of White Horse House, has resigned as he is leaving the parish. An invitation is extended to anyone who would be prepared to undertake the duties of Adviser to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. The time involved is not onerous involving the maintenance of a record of resources in the parish which could be used in the event of an emergency and the attendance at about a half dozen evening seminars during the winter and these are usually held at the Council Offices, Needham Market. Ideally, the Adviser should be a capable organiser.

The remnants of the Oak Close noticeboard posts are to be removed.

Council received a proposal from the Primary School Governors that Oak Close, with the approval of the residents, be used for parking of parents' cars when waiting for the children to come out of school. It was felt that Oak Close would not be suitable for further parking because of its narrowness and the fact that a greatly increased number of vehicles would need to emerge onto the B1115 at this difficult point. The Council considered that the Chestnuts would be more suitable being more spacious and linked with the proposed new footpath to School House would be no further away than Oak Close for parents to walk from their vehicles.

Council authorised payment for the new quartz ray heaters in the Pettiward Hall. The ten heaters, wiring and certain associated service alterations will amount in total to £3,477.31 including VAT. A grant for half the cost has been authorised by the Mid Suffolk District Council with the other half being met by the Parish Council out of funds set aside over the years for Hall improvements.

A donation of £10 was made to the Suffolk Association of Youth.

British Telecom is being requested to speed up the provision of a public call box to replace the kiosk removed last autumn.

The Area Surveyor has been asked to rectify drainage of surface water on Valley Lane at a point 100 yards north-east of Dairy Farm where the new drain has been installed. In wet weather deep puddles form as the road surface is lower than the surrounding banks.

The next Parish Council meeting was fixed for Friday 25th September at 7.30pm.

Clerk to the Council

## CANDLESTICK CLUB

On Wednesday 2nd September Hilmic House will be 'open' from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 - 6p.m. for coffee/tea, with bring and buy, draw etc., in aid of Candlestick Club funds. All welcome.

Thursday, 3rd September is the date of our annual outing to Felixstowe, leaving Finborough at 1pm. There will be spare seats on the coach (fare £1.00). Anyone wishing to join us please let me know by Monday, 31st August.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

## PRIZE BINGO

The next prize bingo session will be held at the Pettiward Hall on Wednesday, 16th September at 7pm, proceeds to W.I. funds. All welcome.

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

### Harvest services

The Harvest services will be held on Sunday 20th September and on Tuesday 22nd. On Sunday at 2.45pm we hope to have Rev. Daphne Lloyd with us. The evening service at 6.30pm will be taken by Rev. L. Haywood of Stowmarket. A welcome to all to gather with us for Thanksgiving. The service on Tuesday will be at 7.30pm.

## ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

### Diary for September

Saturday 5th 3pm Andrew Markell & Jacqueline Powley - wedding  
Sunday 6th 11am Sung Eucharist with choir  
Sunday 20th 11am Morning Prayer with choir  
Saturday 26th 8pm Harvest Supper in Pettiward Hall (tickets £3)  
Sunday 27th 9.45am Family Service

My son cannot understand why I regret the axeing of 'Crossroads'. I watch it (when I can) not just for personal pleasure but as a professional duty. The plots may be flimsy and many of the actors seemed to have bypassed drama school, but the simple truth is that we learn a good deal about human nature by watching the actions and reactions of the cast. And there is no better recreation for a clergyman than that. The same is true for Eastenders, Coronation Street and, at the other extreme, plays like The Singing Detective and Forsyte Saga. It is, sadly, not true of Dynasty, The Colbys and Agatha Christie plays, in all of which the devilishly clever/sordid/impressive plots are everything and the characters merely cardboard. By contrast, we've all met at least half of a Benny, or Mary, or Audrey, and we identify with them. Seeing their reactions adds to our knowledge of the human condition', as the pundits say. Pity about Crossroads.

I hope that Sunday worship at the Parish Church also adds to our knowledge of our own condition, and human nature in general. No axeing there.

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### PARISH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd Hilmic House Open Day for Candlestick Club  
10am to 12 noon; 2 - 6pm.  
Thursday 3rd Candlestick Club - Outing to Felixstowe 1pm  
Saturday 5th St.Andrews: 3pm Wedding  
Sunday 6th St.Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist  
Wednesday 9th New School Term commences  
Tuesday 15th NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for October  
Wednesday 16th Prize Bingo: 7pm Pettiward Hall  
Sunday 20th St.Andrews: 11am Morning Prayer  
URC: Harvest Thanksgiving 2.45 & 6.30pm  
Tuesday 22nd Friends of Primary School AGM  
URC: Harvest Thanksgiving 7.30pm  
Wednesday 23rd Autumnal equinox  
Friday 25th Gt.Finborough Parish Council: 7.30pm Pettiward Hall  
Saturday 26th St.Andrews: Harvest Supper 8pm Pettiward Hall  
Sunday 27th St.Andrews: 9.45am Family Service

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.