



Great Finborough Newsletter

No 156 November 1987 Editor: M.J. Baker, 7 Kersey Close, Stowmarket. ☎ 676457

ST.ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH

Diary for November

Sunday 1st Holy Communion (All Saints Day) 11am
Sunday 15th Morning Prayer with choir 11am
Sunday 22nd Family Service 9.45am
Sunday 29th HYMNS, CAROLS & READINGS FOR ADVENT (Patronal Festival) 10am

The Family Service on 27th September was, I am told, a great success in terms of numbers attending (75) and participation by the young ones. But that was relatively easy to organise. What is impossible to order, but would be marvellous to see, is the younger generation causing a real dent in the way we do things in church, and making us oldies move over a bit (....it doesn't HAVE to involve guitars!).

The storm took a terrible toll of the trees in the churchyard and it was virtually impossible to get down the path to the church. Yet without anything being said, or any frantic telephoning, people just appeared, as soon as they had secured their own houses, to do what was necessary. The path, War Memorial and private graves were cleared and the whole churchyard left (almost) as if nothing had happened. After many years in the RAF (where one would simply have phoned DOE and asked them to clear up) I must confess it was an unexpectedly moving experience. Perhaps it helps explain how tiny villages up and down the land have produced and maintained beautiful churches seemingly way beyond their means, buildings that stand for all that is decent and best about the English way of life. It is a similar story in other christian countries. What agnostic group or political party ever produced a tenth such devotion? The rationalists are wrong - buildings ARE important; so are the evangelistic churches in a way, the ones who count heads and worry about believing correct things. Of course there is merit in that, but so there is in the dear old chaotic, muddled C of E's defence of 'Englishness', which runs alongside the proclaiming of the gospel. Which is why a wise Anglican Parish Priest doesn't worry unduly about the batty things his flock sometimes believe (nor they about his) or their reluctance to attend church. The C of E is bigger than mere churchgoing.

The good news is that the heating is now installed (partly helped by generous assistance from two individual donors who equipped three pews between them - any more donations of £75 per pew to Dr.Smith, please). The not so good news is that the Electricity Board still hasn't connected up the wiring. And with other things on their mind it might be a day or two yet. But we're nearly there.

Michael Skliros, Priest-in-Charge,
Tel: Stowmarket 677663/672844

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH (CONTINUED)

Bellringing

At St.Andrews Church on Tuesday 29th September 1260 Changes of Plain Bob Doubles were rung. Team:

Treble: Ted Cracknell; 2nd: Win Ivings
3rd: Josephine Beever (L); 4th David Webb; 5th: Maurice Rose;
Tenor: Henry Ivings

This was rung during Suffolk Guild Quarter Peal Week.

Harvest Supper

The Church Harvest Supper on Saturday 26th September was a very successful event. A hot meal was enjoyed by over 40 people, followed by a very good accordian band entertainment. £140 was paid into church funds.

Deanery Cycle Ride

Four young people (Brian Waters, Gary and Stephen Chaplin and Matthew Davey) went on this sponsored ride. Though the weather was wet they seem to have enjoyed themselves. The final sum sponsored is approx. £70 and we are very grateful to them for their efforts.

Wine and Cheese Party

The Wine and Cheese Party will be held at the Pettward Hall on Saturday 28th November at 8pm. Tickets are available, price £3 (children £2) from the Old Forge and church members. There will be a raffle and tombola. Please join us, there are several new faces in the village and we hope this will be an opportunity to meet them.

Brian Smith

St.Andrews Mini-Lotto

Prize-winners are as follows:

22nd Sept.	No. 059 Mr.R.Proctor, 18 The Chestnuts (£3.70)
	No. 163 Mrs.B.Wyer, The Green (£2.55)
29th Sept.	No. 092 Mr.R.Scoggins, Wattisham (£3.90)
	No. 152 Mrs.Williams, Town Farm (£2.65)
6th Oct.	No. 094 Mrs.J.Fisher, 6 Boundary Cottages (£3.95)
	No. 086 Mrs.B.Wright, Abbey House (£2.65)
13th Oct.	No. 143 Mrs.M.Williams, Town Farm (£4.00)
	No. 077 Mr.P.Twitchett, Woolpit (£2.70)

Sums of £6.25, £6.55, £6.60 and £6.70 respectively added to Church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

PLAYGROUP

On Thursday 19th November a photographer will be coming to the playgroup to take the children's photos. Anyone is welcome to come along with their child. She will be there at 8.30am to photograph the school children. We will also be having an open morning and cake stall on this day too.

The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, 5th December 2pm - 4pm. Father Christmas will be visiting. We will have a cake stall, tombola, white elephant, teas and many other exciting stalls.

K.Stewart, Secretary

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The next Meeting will be an 'Open' bingo evening at the Pettiward Hall on WEDNESDAY 4th November commencing at 7pm. This is a fund-raising event for the Club and we look forward to seeing many of our friends.

Hilary Smith, Hon.Secretary

PRIZE BINGO

The next Prize Bingo session is on November 18th commencing at 7pm. This will be the final session for the year and is for bingo funds, so please make an effort to come along.

LADIES KEEP FIT

Held each Tuesday from 8pm to 9pm in the Pettiward Hall. There are vacancies and anyone interested please contact Ann Phoenix on Stowmarket 674396 or come along one Tuesday evening.

Ann Phoenix

WOMENS INSTITUTE

A very big thank you to Hilary Smith for all her hard work in organising the recent bingo evening on our behalf when £28 was added to our funds. It was a pity that more members did not come along and support it.

Our supper and barn dance was an enjoyable evening, again not very well supported but congratulations to the Pettiward Hall Committee for installing a heating system that is a big improvement and really does work.

At our October meeting we welcomed Miss C.Fraser who is in charge of the children's wards at Heath Road Hospital. She said how very important it is to prepare children for what will happen if they have to go into hospital and how much more relaxed the atmosphere is now with parents being able to stay with their children.

(Continued....)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (CONTINUED)

November is our AGM and members will be needed to serve on the 1988 Committee. Please think about this and if you feel you can help please contact the Secretary.

Mary Underwood

UNITED CHARITY

There will be a meeting of the trustees of the Great Finborough United Charity on Wednesday 11th November. Parishioners are reminded that the Charity is available to assist in cases of need or to help with education of those living in the parish under 25 years of age. Funds are somewhat limited but if you come across a situation where you think the Charity may be able to assist please contact any of the trustees listed:

Mr.J. and Mrs.B.Grimaldi, Mr.J.Miller, Mr.R.Proctor,
Mrs.S.Ravenscroft, Rev.M.Skliros, Mrs.H.Smith and
Mr.J.Williams.

M.J.Baker, Clerk to the Trustees

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

Phew, that was close! Just squeezed this bit into the November Newsletter to say don't forget the family Hallowe'en Party in the Hall on Saturday 31st October between 6pm and 8.30pm. Tickets, £1.50 for adults, 75p for children aged 4 and over (under 4's free) now on sale from Committee members. Tickets cover food and fun. Soft drinks will be on sale. Come in suitable attire and bring plenty of garlic and mirrors - there's sure to be a lot of funny people about. (If the cap fits wear it, I say!) Anyhow, it should be a scream, a blood curdling, spine chilling evening warmed only by the glow of the new heating. Can you stand the suspense and mystery? Will your skin creep home before the rest of you? Come and see - if you dare! Aha, ha, ha (wicked chuckle).

Changing the subject, we have a new facility in the Hall made possible by the bequest of £100 from the Will of the Late 'Nanny' Quinton. You may recall that the bequest was made some time ago, but the Management Committee were keen to spend the money on a tangible item that could be clearly identified as having been provided by it. After much thought, we have therefore purchased a full set of cutlery (100 places) for the Hall which in future will be available for use by hirers.

And two final items....we have found an engagement ring (damaged) in the Hall. If anyone has lost one and can describe it please contact me (676249). Finally does anyone know where the blue/red/white bunting is? It was locked in the cleaner's cupboard in the Hall and we think someone has borrowed it and not returned it. If you know where it is please let me know - guaranteed no recriminations - we'd just like it back. Ta.

Richard Brice

PARISH COUNCIL

Points from the September meeting

The District Council has been confirmed as owner of the entrance splay at Middlefield Drive.

In order to form a new Youth Club a group of those who would be interested in running the Club have to be found first of all. If you are interested in this please contact any Parish Councillor before the next meeting on 27th November.

Mr. John Graves of 1 White Horse House has volunteered to become the Community Emergency Adviser. Quite a baptism on 16th October!

Mrs. T. Gray is the new Parish Council representative on the Great Finborough VCP School Governors.

Prior to the Council meeting on 27th November, Mr. G. A. Kistner, Chief Financial Officer of Mid Suffolk District Council, will give a talk on District Council finances and the proposed Community Charge. Parishioners are welcome to come along at 7.30pm on that evening.

The problems of flooding in the vicinity of Bridge Farm were advised to the Water Authority.

Council was satisfied with the litter collecting arrangements and a claim for the full cost has been made to the District Council.

PARISH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1987

Sunday 1st	St. Andrews: 11am Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th	Candlestick Club: 7pm Pettiward Hall
Sunday 8th	(Remembrance Sunday)
Wednesday 11th	Great Finborough United Charity: Trustees meeting
Sunday 15th	St. Andrews: 11am Morning Prayer
Monday 16th	DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER MATERIAL
Wednesday 18th	Prize Bingo: 7pm Pettiward Hall
Thursday 19th	Playgroup: Photographer 8.30am onwards
Sunday 22nd	St. Andrews: 9.45am Family Service
Friday 27th	Parish Council: 7.30pm Talk on Finance and Community Charge; 8.45pm Council meeting
Saturday 28th	St. Andrews: Wine & Cheese Party 8pm Pettiward Hall
Sunday 29th	St. Andrews: 10am Hymns, Carols & Readings

The Newsletter is published by Great Finborough Parish Council and distributed free of charge to all houses in the parish