

Great Finborough Newsletter

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GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am proud to report that the school has been awarded the prestigious RSA/"INDUSTRY MATTERS" certificate in recognition of our achievements in collaborating with local business and industry. This is a recognition that we have been involved in developing an appreciation of the role of industry in society and an understanding of how industry and business functions.

Our school is one of only 12 schools in the Eastern region (which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire) and one of only three schools in Suffolk, to be awarded this certificate. A small group have been asked to attend the presentation ceremony which is to be held at the East of England Show at Peterborough. This award embraces our links with Atco, the Bury Free Press and Watson's Bakery, in addition to our work on Felixstowe Docks. You will have read snippets of reports on these visits in previous Newsletters.

We wish our leavers success in their new schools and hope all parents and children will enjoy a happy holiday.

P. Twitchett, Headmaster

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The W.I. Garden Party was an enjoyable evening, despite the miserable "summer" weather. Brains were teased trying to identify leaves from trees and plants in the garden - surprisingly difficult when isolated on a piece of paper. We also had household materials wrapped and ready for smelling to see how accurately we can recall familiar smells. Again, surprisingly difficult! Then came the pleasure of the good food supplied by members, and the delicious strawberries provided from Wasps Farm.

Our next event is the W.I. cream teas at Brenda & John Grimaldi's home, "Westlegate", near the church. We will be there from 2.30pm on Saturday 20th August. Stalls include books, plants, jams and cakes. Let's hope we get the hot month of August that has been quietly prophesied!

Our meeting in September will be an open evening as we are privileged to have Mr Raymond Loch talking to us about the 'Mary Rose' Trust, and illustrating his talk with slides. This will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th September, so keep that date free.

Judy Rolfe - Press Correspondent

PRIZE BINGO

The next Prize Bingo session will be held in the Pettward Hall on 17th August at 7pm. Proceeds will be for the local W.I. on this occasion. All welcome.

Hilary Smith

ST.ANDREWS MINI-LOTTO

Winners are as follows:

21st June	(191) Mrs.S.Thurlow, "Newholme"	£4.40
	(196) Mrs.D.Buckle, The Chestnuts	£2.95
28th June	(198) Mr.C.Chaplin, The Bungalows	£4.40
	(075) Mr.D.Jeffery, Oak Close	£2.95
5th July	(079) Mr.J.Grimaldi, Westlegate	£4.40
	(088) Mr.T.Speakman, Badwell Ash, B.S.E.	£2.95
12th July	(189) Mrs.M.Chaplin, Church Close	£4.40
	(197) Mrs.R.Hart, Valley Farm Bungalow	£2.95

The sum of £7.35 has been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The United Reformed Church is holding the Church Anniversary Service on Sunday 21st August at 2.30pm. The service is being conducted by the Rev.George Hogg, a man of wide experience, retired and now living in the village. The soloist on this occasion will be Mrs.Betty Wright also one of our villagers.

It will be a great pleasure to welcome as many as can come and make it a village family service.

Sesca W.Ballard

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The August meeting will be our annual Bring and Buy in the Pettward Hall on the first Thursday in the month starting at 7pm. Please make an effort to attend this as it is one of our few fund-raising events.

Hilary Smith, Hon.Secretary

COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning held at the home of John and Betty Wright on 9th July raised £86.20 for the church. We are grateful to all who contributed to this very successful event and particularly to John and Betty for their hospitality.

Brian Smith

THE LATE MR.FRED PROCTOR

Mrs.Ada Proctor and family wish to say thank you to everyone who donated a total of £341 to St.Andrews Church in memory of her husband, Frederick Proctor.

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

Yes, our timeship is off again -this time off on a foray to the relatively near past. On Saturday 24th September - no, you're not on holiday then - we slip back two decades in the timeless company of Steve Hammond and friend for our 'Sixties' Evening!

Can you still remember what you did in the sities? (I spent most of them in short trousers, playing football, eating sweets and fancying Jane Maidment something rotten, although eventually I grew out of all three, well I think I did.) Anyway, in keeping with much acclaimed previous 'thence' evenings, viz: the Mediaeval Banquet and the Forties 'do' we will be turning the clock back to twist again with knights in white satin in the house of the rising sun, or something like that. Watch this space for more info. Tickets available shortly, but book the date now - 24th September - O.K.?

Two other dates while the old diary is out, previously put in there but worth a check:

Saturday 29th October - Hallowe'en Party for all the family

Tuesday 8th November - Fashion Show and chance to snap up pre-Xmas bargains.

Thanks to Hilary Smith for all her efforts on our behalf at the Prize Bingo session on 20th July.

And turning to more serious vein, there have, with justification, been complaints about cars being parked outside the front door to the Hall. Please avoid parking outside the front door because it really does make exit from Valley Lane even more difficult and hazardous than usual and we really do not want to see an accident there before the message gets around. Thanks.

Richard Brice

FOOTPATHS

The Ramblers Association has drawn our attention to the many public footpaths which have not been properly reinstated after ploughing and those paths inaccessible during summer where the land is planted with crops. A leaflet 'Ploughing and Rights of Way' has been sent to all farmers. Paths in a walkable condition are a valuable amenity and the Ramblers Association offer any assistance they can give to sort out any queries or problems concerning the paths. Their local contact is Mr.D.Brett of 21 Campion Cresnet, Stowmarket (tel: 676314).

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PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST 1988

Thursday 4th Candlestick Club - Bring & Buy 7pm Pett.Hall
Saturday 13th STRICT DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE
Wednesday 17th Prize Bingo 7pm Pettiward Hall
Saturday 20th Cream teas at Westlegate 2.30pm onwards
Sunday 21st United Reformed Church 2.30 Anniversary Service
Monday 29th (Bank Holiday)

Items for inclusion in the Diary should be advised to the Editor by the deadline date shown. Dates in material submitted for publication will be automatically included.

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St Andrew's Church

From the Registers

3 Jul Donna Marie Smith and Sarah Jean Leedham — christened.
10 Jul Emma Louise Shaw and Rebecca Louise Granger — christened.
16 Jul Geoffrey Leggetter and Mary Oliver — married.

Diary for August

7 11: Sung Eucharist + Holy Baptism
20 2.30: Richard Dickinson and Carol Poulding — Wedding.
21 11: Morning Prayer
28 11: **Harleston Patronal Festival.** Prayer Book Communion. (no service at Finborough)
Preacher: Canon Hebblethwaite, Queens College, Cambridge.

When the 'Vicar's bit' appears in this rather posher format, it doesn't mean it's at all important. Perish the thought. It just means that I was late with my copy again and had to put it through our own laser printer. If it is not too late, though, I would like to commend Canon Payne, our visiting preacher this Sunday (31 Jul at 11am). He is going to open up the thorny subject of law, retribution, punishment, correction and forgiveness, as it applies to Christians and, for that matter, anyone who lives in this supposedly Christian country. He will, I believe, question just how far 'they' (the government, magistrates, police, schoolteachers — you name it) can enforce the law and good behaviour. My guess is: not very far at all. More's the pity, but it would save a lot of unnecessary anguish if people realised just how much law and order is determined by nothing stronger than public opinion. If you and I are too timid to reprove someone who litters the streets (and we are, though they aren't in Germany, for example), there's not a lot 'they' can do about it. Extending the principle, if we nod and wink at those who fiddle their tax returns and don't firmly remove car keys from those who've drunk too much — things like that — then really any lamentations we make about the sorry state of our society are hypocritical.

I was brought up to be proud to be English, and still refuse to bow to those who would try and make me ashamed of that, but there seems to be an unpleasantly selfish streak running through our country, impelling people to do their own thing, and hang the wider community. The compulsory wearing of seat belts was strongly resisted, as was a ban on smoking in public areas, and as now is the introduction of random breath tests, identity cards and possible compulsory screening for AIDS. Newlyweds *must* have a house of their own — no question of three or four generations under one roof, all pulling together, as in other European countries. Worst of all are the stories of women being assaulted in full view of other people, children being battered next door — and no one says a word, for fear of being accused of interfering. Little wonder that the only appeal the Christian faith seems to have today is the possibility of *getting* individual comfort, not the attraction of joining a caring group with whom one can *share* one's talents and troubles.

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