

# Great Finborough Newsletter

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## WANTED – EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

As you know, our long-serving editor Malcolm Baker retired in November having maintained 15 years of publication. Now a new editor is needed. The newsletter is a valuable way of keeping all residents up to date with events in the village. However as Christmas is probably not the best time to volunteer (and no-one did!) I have taken it on on a temporary basis to keep the continuity of publication going. Anyone who feels able to do this job please contact me at The Old Police House (Stow. 674819).

Trudy Gray, Acting Editor



## POINTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 29TH NOVEMBER 1989

### Proposed development of Recreation Facilities

Brian Nicholls, Recreation Officer with Mid Suffolk District Council, attended the meeting to provide some guidance on the management of the proposed recreation facilities in the village. The following points were made:

- (a) 'All weather' facilities tended to generate demand and were becoming more widely used throughout Suffolk by both adults and children. A suitable surface would be 'wetpour' or interlocking tile. A low wall around the surface would increase the versatility of the area – fencing to the ground was not recommended because of the problem of maintenance.
- (b) Councillors were concerned that the management of the facilities should not become a burden for the village, with limited management resources available. Mr Nicholls favoured some form of booking arrangement for the hard surface to ensure that proper use was made of it.
- (c) Floodlighting was discussed, as this had been opposed at the meeting when facilities were discussed. Mr Nicholls felt that the absence of floodlighting would limit the use of the surface.
- (d) The District Council could assist in promoting sporting activity in the village by providing teachers who could organise activities to get them started off and also by loaning equipment.
- (e) Mr Nicholls would forward an information pack on equipment and the organisation of children's play areas.
- (f) The Parish Council emphasised its interest in the 'conservation area' to be included in the package. It was felt that local schools should be encouraged to participate in any planting and management of this.

The scheme had not been considered by the District Council in November as first anticipated so a planning application and more detailed costings would not be made until February 1990 at the earliest.

### Combs Lane

The Parish Council had written earlier in the year to the County Surveyor expressing concern over the condition of Combs Lane and the numerous accidents that occurred. A reply was received stating that substantial highway improvements were not envisaged in the foreseeable future. However he was arranging for the site of the S-bend to be re-examined and if minor remedial measures were appropriate (e.g. reflector posts) they would be carried out in the current financial year. Otherwise consideration would be given for inclusion in next year's accident remedial programme.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 24th January 1990, 7.30 pm at the Pettiward Hall.

Chairman of the Council

## CANDLESTICK CLUB

Members enjoyed an excellent meal at the Pettiward Hall in December and were entertained by pupils from St. George's School.

Our thanks go to Mary Underwood who has acted as our Secretary during the year and has now relinquished this position.

Please keep the cans coming in as they are a valuable source of income for the Club. Mrs Ada Proctor has kindly agreed to store them until collected.

The first meeting of the year will be in April at the Pettiward Hall, as usual. New members are always most welcome.

We wish a Happy New Year to all readers.

Hilary Smith, President.

## TUESDAY CLUB (PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP)

The Health Visitor, Mrs Dot Myhill, will be at the Pettiward Hall at 10.30 am on Tuesday 9th January. If you have a young child you are welcome to come and consult the Health Visitor even if you don't normally attend the Tuesday Club.

## New Year Bazaar

A New Year Bazaar will take place on Tuesday, 23rd January from 10.30 am until 12 noon in the Pettiward Hall. There will be:

Refreshments	Raffle
Bring and Buy	Cakes
New children's clothes	Osborne Books
China (including M. and S. seconds)	

Any proceeds will go to the Tuesday Club toy fund. There will be plenty of toys available to occupy any children who attend the bazaar.

Angela Skinner

## GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### The Christmas Story

In the olden days there were two people called Mary and Joseph. They had to go to Bethlehem to pay their taxes so they travelled a long, long way and Bethlehem definitely was a long, long way.

When they got to Bethlehem they knocked at every door and nearly all of the people said "I'm not letting you in my house". Then they tried one more house and the man said "Although our rooms are full, you can have your baby in our stable". In the night Baby Jesus was born and Mary and Joseph put Jesus in a manger.

On the hillside there were poor shepherds. An angel appeared in the sky and they started to sing and one said "Don't fear, we bring great news of joy. Go to Bethlehem. In a stable there is a baby named Jesus, so go to Bethlehem".

Ryan Corbyn, aged 6 years

Once upon a time there were Mary and Joseph and they had to go to Bethlehem to pay their taxes because the Romans said so. It was such a long journey on a donkey and when they eventually got there they found a place. The baby was born in a stable and God invited the shepherds first because no-one liked them and He felt sorry for them because no-one liked them. Then the kings came second and the Wise Men brought three presents; they were gold, frankincense and myrrh. They followed the star to the stable and finally they got there and saw the baby king lying there.

Ben Friend, aged 6 years

## Friends of Great Finborough Primary School

The 'Friends' were first started in March 1987 to support the school in a number of ways: organising social and informative events and fund-raising. There is no formal membership and anyone who is interested in the school is welcome to come to the events.

This term has been very successful with a range of events including Bring and Buy Stalls, an evening of Christmas crafts, a Beetle Drive, sponsored 'sports' and the Christmas Party held at the Pettiward Hall in December. Over £840 has been raised and money will be contributed towards library improvements and new computer equipment.

Many thanks to all in the village who have supported the school through the activities of the Friends. This is much appreciated. If you haven't yet tried one of our events do consider coming - details are usually posted in the Village Shop.

Trudy Gray (on behalf of Friends Management Committee)

## GT. FINBOROUGH W.I.

The hall was sparkling with Christmas decorations, tables welcoming with flowers and crackers, when we gathered to celebrate the 70th birthday of our W.I. Members and guests were warmly welcomed by our President, Mrs Pat Smith, and guests were presented with buttonholes of a pink rose and white gypsophilla. During the minutes mulled wine was served. Mrs Mary Underwood won the Competition Cup with Mrs Brenda Grimaldi a close second.

A delicious meal was prepared for us by Mrs Penny McSheehy and while the hot soup was being served crackers were pulled and the festivities began. We had planned party games, but conversation flowed and time quickly passed.

We were invited to look at the display of photographs, press cuttings, certificates and diplomas that are part of the records of our W.I. We had a Draw with prizes that included a framed watercolour painted by one of our members, Mrs Iris Ruffle. Money raised by the Draw, £33, will go to the Stowmarket Cancer Support Group.

The evening ended with singing, Mrs Fisher at the piano. A very happy evening and a lovely way to celebrate our 70th birthday.

The Book Club is reading 'The Shell Seekers' by Rosamund Pilcher. A date for a meeting has yet to be decided, but if you would like to join us telephone Mrs Trudy Gray (674819) and she will provide you with date and venue.

Our first meeting in 1990 is on Thursday 11th January, 7.30 pm in the Pettiward Hall, when John and Brenda Grimaldi will tell us about their six week holiday in Australia, illustrated with slides.

Starting a new decade seems particularly exciting. Here's hoping it will be a Happy and Healthy time for us all.

Judy Rolfe, Press Correspondent

Editor's Note: At 70 Gt. Finborough W.I. is one of the oldest in East Suffolk, congratulations and best wishes for the next 70 years!

## ST.ANDREW'S MINI-LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:-

21st. November		
(170) Mr A Waters	Sunnyside, Gt Finborough	£4.85
(112) Miss P Smith	The Forge, Gt Finborough	£3.30
28th. November		
(142) Mrs V Brice	Rookery Nook, Gt Finborough	£4.85
(158) Mrs C Armstrong	Boundary Cottages, Buxhall	£3.30
5th. December		
(087) Mr T Jackson	Northfield Road, Onehouse	£4.85
(073) Mrs M Mason	The Bungalows, Gt Finborough	£3.30
12th. December		
(110) Mr P Kemp	West View, Stowmarket	£4.85
(213) Mr F Fordham	Westward Ho, Gt Finborough	£3.30

The sum of £8.15 has been added each week to Church Funds.

Hilary Smith

## DIARY OF EVENTS – JANUARY 1990

Mon 1st	NEW YEAR'S DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 9th	First day of Spring Term Tuesday Club with Health Visitor – 10.30 am Pettiward Hall
Wed 10th	Playgroup Term starts
Thurs 11th	W.I. Talk on Australia – 7.30 pm Pettiward Hall
Tues 23rd	Tuesday Club, New Year Bazaar – 10.30 am to noon, Pettiward Hall
Wed 24th	Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm Pettiward Hall

Deadline for February 1990 issue **Wednesday 17th January**. Items for publication to the Acting Editor by then please. Thank you.

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

### *From the Registers*

Dec 15 Raymond Ivan Waspe, aged 57 years. R.I.P.

### *Calendar for January*

7	Sung Eucharist at 11 (Prayer Book)
21	Morning Prayer at 11
28	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at 9.45

Raymond Waspe's was the biggest funeral in living memory, according to Bob Proctor, our 86 year old churchwarden. What was remarkable about it was the total cross-section of the community that it drew, people of all ages and from all walks of life. The crowds there must have made the ordeal even more painful for Vera and her family, to whom we all extend our deepest sympathy at Raymond's untimely death, but there could have been no more moving memorial, and I am sure it is a memory they will come to treasure. For us, it is a salutary lesson, whenever we hear of a friend's death and are tempted not to go to the funeral ("I can pretend I hadn't heard", or "I'm sure I wouldn't be missed") to know that we really must make the journey. It matters.

Midnight Communion seems to be gaining steadily in popularity – standing room only this year, sorry we ran out of books – but curiously there was room for many more at the Carol Service, whereas Onehouse and Harleston are packed to the doors, as are most churches. Lack of publicity? Took it for granted that everyone knew? We'll do better next year.

Meanwhile, do take note of the **Christingle Service** on the last Sunday of the month. This too has become increasingly popular nationally, as well as in our three parishes. The symbolism of an orange representing this one world (McLuhan's "global village" concept) is easy to follow, as well as being more and more important for all of us to understand, if this planet is to survive. **9.45 on the 28th**. Happy New Year.

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