

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL

The following notes cover points arising at the recent Parish Council meeting:-

- * a precept of £3,700 has been agreed for 1990/91. This includes a sum of £1,000 towards the proposed car park for the Pettiward Hall but no amount for any improvement work on the Hall building. The District Council has advised that this will result in a Community Charge (for Parish Council spending) of £8.86 per charge-payer for 1990/91. This compares with approximately £8.60 for the current year.
- * It was suggested that a request be made for the surface of Combs Lane to be roughened. Such action was also called for following the recent accident at Fen Farm Cottages.
- * It was reported that the Pettiward Hall needed treatment to combat the attacks by woodworm. Quotes are being obtained and a recommendation of contractor being made by the Pettiward Hall Committee.
- * A petition was received from the residents of Middlefield Drive concerning the proposed development of land next to Valley Lane. A copy was forwarded to the District Council.
- * Letters concerning the triangular green in front of the Primary School and its associated traffic problems were received from the local branch of the Social & Liberal Democrats and Mr. Dubery of Buxhall Lodge.
- * A special meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 14th March, 1990 at 7.30 pm in the Pettiward Hall to discuss:
 - (1) the petition from residents of Middlefield Drive
 - (2) the letters concerning the green next to the Primary School
 - (3) the Mid Suffolk South Local Plan
- * The next ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 28th March, 1990 at 8pm following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our guest speakers, Wendy and Beatrice Garton of 'Exotic Foods', created an informal atmosphere by inviting us into the kitchen to see Ghanaian dishes prepared using chicken, creamed peanut butter, spices and rice with vegetables. Then we had the pleasure of sampling the food.

Plans were made for outings of various sorts. Wolsey Theatre on 2 March, a walk with the Gipping Valley Countryside Warden, Helen Pemberton, on 15 May and to the theatre in June for Calamity Jane. We also hope to go to Rufford Park, Nottinghamshire to see the Art and Craft Exhibition, which is on from 10 April to 13 May.

Our meeting on 8 March, 7.30pm at the Pettiward Hall, has physiotherapist Mrs K Madge as our speaker to talk about Reflexology, therapy-through the fee. Should be interesting. Do come along.

Judy Rolfe, Press Correspondent

THE FRIENDS OF GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

About 60 people enjoyed the Beetle Drive held at the school on 9th February. This is the second one that the Friends have organised and we hope to have another later in the year. All welcome - both children and adults.

The following events are planned for March:-

Saturday 3rd March JUMBLE SALE 2-4pm at the School.

If you have any jumble that you would like to get rid of please contact Viv Brice (676249) or Trudy Gray (674819) and we will arrange to collect it.

Monday 5th - Thursday 8th March CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

3.30 - 4.00 pm each day at School.

Wednesday 7th March SIGHT AND SOUND SHOW 7.00 - 8.30 pm at School

A presentation by members of Stowmarket Camera Club. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Everyone welcome to what promises to be an impressive show.

Tuesday 27th March COMPUTER EVENING 6.30 - 8.30 pm at School

The children will be demonstrating the computer equipment used in the school - including the new computer funded partly by the Friends. An informal evening - if you would like to see what goes on you are welcome to drop in for half an hour or so.

Friday 30 March EASTER BRING AND BUY 3.15 - 4.15 pm at School

This is a slightly more ambitious version of the monthly Bring and Buys held at the school gate (or more accurately in case of inclement weather the school hall!). Anyone welcome - cups of tea will be on sale and the children will be running a few sideshows.

Hope that one or more of the events will appeal and that you can join us at the school.

Trudy Gray, Friends Management Committee

ST. ANDREW'S MINI-LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:-

23rd January	(101)	Mrs. M. Mason, The Bungalows, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
	(157)	Mrs. B. Southgate, Spring Row, Stowmarket.	3.30
30th January	(198)	Mr. C. Chaplin, The Bungalows, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
	(213)	Mr. F. Fordham, Westward Ho., Gt. Finborough.	3.30
6th February	(102)	Mrs. J. Flack, The Bungalows, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
	(134)	Mr. A. Snell, Boundary Cottages, Buxhall.	3.30
13th February	(188)	Mrs. A. Skinner, Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
	(204)	Mrs. D. Podmore, Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finborough.	3.30

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

Hilary Smith

PRIZE BINGO

Prize bingo sessions restart in March, the first being held in the Pettiward Hall on Wednesday 21st, commencing at 7.00pm. Proceeds will be for the local Brownie pack. Please come along and support them. There will be the usual draw and refreshments. Looking forward to seeing friends old and new...

Hilary Smith

WELL DONE BROWNIES!!

On 2nd February, 12 Brownie Packs met at Combs Middle School to compete for the Carrie Cussell Challenge Shield. Carrie was a well loved and respected Guide from Stowmarket, who sadly died last year. Her family have given the District a Shield to be competed for annually.

The first challenge was to make up a dance to the tune of the "Sailors Hornpipe".

We have never attempted dancing as a pack before so this was a very daunting challenge to be given! However, the girls were full of good ideas, and after weeks of hard work we produced our music, dance and costumes and were ready to show our dance to the District.

The hall was full to overflowing and everyone had a really enjoyable evening. We were delighted when, at the end, the judges totted up their marks and declared 1st Gt. Finborough & Buxhall Pack the winners.

The Brownies themselves were thrilled and we feel very proud of them because they not only put in so much effort and enthusiasm but also they had learned to work as a team and help each other.

We are very grateful to Shelia Ravenscroft and Nicky Williams for all their help - without their guidance and ideas we couldn't have done it. Also thank you to all the parents who put up with the extra practises, sometimes at very short notice.

Mary Williams

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

After the recent storms.....

STORMY NIGHTS

The wind knocked over walls
Like a ball scatters skittles.

It whistles like a train
Racing through a station.

It knocked tiles off roofs
Like paper.

It bends trees
So they look like old people.

Even the power of electricity
Can't stand the wind.

Candle and torch light
Our comfort from the storm.

STORM

It blows a bus off the road
Like someone rolling up a carpet.

It pushed an ancient tree over
Like it was a matchstick.

It blows greenhouses apart
Like feathers.

It kills people
Like they were plastic.

So I went inside
And curled up in my bed.

John Gilhooly, 7 yrs

Daniel Macro, 8yrs

RAIN STORMS

The rain came down
Carrying water from the sky.

The water rose in the ditches
Making floods.

People ran with umbrellas.

Cars flashed by.
Puddles went up in the air
And covered people with water.

Umbrellas dripped with water.

People went home to get warm.

Jessica Kent, 8 yrs

THE STORM

The wind came
Like one hundred planes going by.
I was scared but I didn't cry.
The tiles flew off
Like drawing pins
Falling from an open box.
The trees fell down
On our barns and houses.
The rain poured down -
You should have heard it.
The storm was powerful.
Dangerous too.
The wind was strong
And bitterly cold.
I'm glad it ended -
Aren't you?

Kelly Porley, 8 yrs

WINDY STORMS

The wind blew me over like a pin.

The wind is like a train
Whistling through the station.

The wind pulls up trees like acorns.

The wind takes tiles off roofs.

People have power cuts.

Pylons down on fields.

Cars rolling over
On the road like toys.

Rupert Tabley, 8 yrs

THE WINDY STORM

The wind came like a bullet
Through the sky.
I was really scared.
Our chicken hut fell back
Like a man being shot!
The rain came down
Like pins and needles.
The wind is so very strong
Like balls being kicked
The tiles fell off the roofs
Like paper.
The trees fell on houses and barns.
The power went off
In the middle of the night.
We had to light candles.
I was worried.
All I could do was wait
For the storm to go.

Emma Brice, 8 yrs

Articles for next newsletter in before March 15th.

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