

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Articles for May Newsletter must be in before Wednesday 18th April.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Reflexology proved a most relaxing and fascinating skill when demonstrated at our March meeting by Mrs Kathy Madge. Founded on the Chinese principle of the natural energy in the body being a positive force for good health, certain parts of the foot provide diagnostic information for particular parts of the body. The three W.I. members that took part in the demonstration found it remarkably soothing and relaxing.

The Book Club will be meeting at Trudy Gray's home, The Old Police House, Gt. Finborough at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11 April, when Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility' will be discussed. If you are interested, please join us.

Our next meeting on Thursday 12 April at 7.30pm in the Pettiward Hall will have Mr. P. Jennings talking to us about 'British Folk Traditions'. The Competition will be a decorated egg. Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Underwood will provide refreshments and Mrs. Underwood the flowers for the President's table. Do join us!

Judy Rolfe, Press Correspondent

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

I hope you have noticed the improved state of the churchyard. Marks are due to a small group of boys from St. Georges with supervision by church members.

The parish social was held at Onehouse Community Centre on 27 February. It was a most enjoyable evening for the parishes of Onehouse, Harleston and Gt. Finborough. Thanks to all who worked to make it a success.

The Church A.G.M. will be held at the Olde Forge at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 April. Anyone with an interest in the church, its building or its activities is very welcome.

Calendar

April

- 1 11.00am Sung Eucharist
- 12 7.30 Maundy Thursday House Communion at Highlands, Union Road, (next to Stow Lodge).
- 13 10.00am Good Friday service at Harleston
- 15 11.00am Easter Day Sung Eucharist
- 22 9.45am A.S.B. Communion
- 29 10.30am **Benefice Family Service**

May

- 1 11.00 am Sung Eucharist

The Parish Church was full for Mothering Sunday, as it should be in every church, though often isn't. The Guides performed a cautionary tale for modern times - none the less enjoyable for that; Brownies threw themselves all over the place in a re-enactment of their prizewinning Sailors' Hornpipe; the St Georges contingent sang lustily and there was the usual Family Service mixture (which is quite unplanned) of order and chaos, hilarity and genuine devotion.

We are told that children are an endangered species, but there seem plenty around at Finborough - enough to reach critical mass for someone to start a Sunday School, perhaps. That's sent you all back into your foxholes, but let's think about it. No one wants to volunteer to do hours and hours a week for evermore. It need only be a light and occasional load if shared sensibly. There is plenty of good material about nowadays. But the need is very urgent, not just for nurturing belief. Our young people are subject to greater and more insidious influences than ever these days. They need more backup than desperately busy parents can give them, to ensure they stick to a decent and christian path, and that this village remains a safe and pleasant

place to live. In theory any group can set about this task, but in practice it is a flourishing Sunday School, which extends its influence to teenagers, that provides the best 'infrastructure for good' in a village. Are there not three or four of you who will take this on? Come out of those foxholes.

Michael Skliros ☎677663

MINI LOTTO

Prize-winners are as follows:

20 February

(082) Mrs. P. Smith
The Forge, Gt. Finborough. £4.85

(057) Mrs. M. Welham
The Green, Gt. Finborough. £3.30

27 February

(182) Mrs. P. Barrell
The Bungallows, Gt. Finborough. £4.85

(220) Mrs. P. Whelan
Locksbottom, Gt. Finborough. £3.30

6 March

(169) Mrs. S. Loades
Sunnyside, Gt. Finborough. £4.85

(081) Mrs. K. Proctor
The Chestnuts, Gt. Finborough. £3.30

13 March

(190) Mrs. A. Squirrel
Gale Cottage, Gt. Finborough. £4.85

(208) Mrs. K. Cape
High Green Farm, Gt. Finborough. £3.30

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

Hilary Smith

PRIZE BINGO

The next Prize Bingo session will be held in the Pettward Hall on Wednesday, April 18,

commencing at 7.00pm. Proceeds on this occasion will be for the Gt. Finborough Playgroup. Do please come along and give the your support. Refreshments will be available and there will be the usual draw, plus lots of lovely bingo prizes to be won.

AEROBICS AND BODY CONDITIONING

Aerobic and body conditioning classes have started at Pettward Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am at £1.30 per session. All are welcome to come along and join in. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Liz Ames on 678342.

PLAYGROUP

We are always on the lookout for ideas for crafts and outings etc. which would be of interest to the children.

We are especially interested at the moment in baby animals. Anyone who would be willing to bring an animal/s to Playgroup for 1/2 hour or so on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning should contact Julie Stock 613639.

Any offers would be much appreciated.

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

What is a Church

People singing.
Praying.
Listening and speaking
Loving and caring.
Reading and learning.
Helping.
Greeting God.

A Church can be
happy or sad.
Exciting and joyful.
Peaceful, quiet and tranquil.
Restful.

Giving and taking.
A place to think.
Loving and caring.
A special place.

The church will be
Services and celebrations.
Christenings and Baptisms.
Weddings and Blessings.
Funerals and Burials.
Christmas and Easter.
Harvest and Saints' Days.
Sundays and Weekdays.

This is a Church.

By a group of 8 and 9 year old children.

The Invasion

The Church stands peaceful and still
In the old churchyard.

Smooth.

Silent.

Tranquil.

The birds are singing and the trees are blowing.
The leaves are rustling as the rabbits scurry away.

SUDDENLY THE GATE OPENS

The Church says 'Oh no ! it's that army again'*

It's the happy army
a friendly army

an army full of fun.

A busy army doing rubbings
sketching
writing.

Peering through binoculars
Camera flashing and clicking.

People chattering, laughing
Pointing out dates on the graves.

Eventually the gate closes and the Church says
"Peace at last"
But mumbles quietly,
"Thank you for coming
Please come again soon".

By a group of 6 and 7 year old children.

*Not quite our reaction! Vicar.