

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Articles for the June Newsletter must be in before Wednesday 16th May.

I would also like to apologise for giving the wrong number for the Aerobics and Body Conditioning classes and Pettiward Hall, it is (Stow) 678432 and not (Stow) 678342.

PARISH COUNCIL

It was reported that wet rot was affecting some windows at the Pettiward Hall as well as there being widespread woodworm infestation.

Buxhall Parish Council had supported the suggestion of a site meeting to discuss solutions to the traffic hazards associated with the B115 road and School Green. The Headteacher at the Primary School is to approach parents again asking them to desist from indiscriminate parking outside the school.

Council comments to the District Council on the Mid Suffolk (South) Local Plan included a request for a new settlement boundary to be drawn around the hamlet centred on Borough Lane and, in addition, the main village settlement boundary to be redrawn to exclude the St. George's complex and the Broad Oak grounds.

A donation of £30 was made to the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.

At its next meeting on Tuesday 8th May 1990 (7.30pm) the Parish Council will give consideration to organising a survey of the condition of footpaths and the extent of signposting in the parish. Assistance is requested from interested parishioners. The objective of the survey is to create a record which can be used as a basis for improvement of the footpath network so that they can be utilised for recreation.

Malcolm Baker, Clerk to the Council

ST. ANDREW'S MINI LOTTO

Prize-winners are as follows:

20 March	
(097) Mr. R. Flack	
The Bungalows, Gt. Finborough	£4.85
(072) Mrs. S. Ravenscroft	
Valley Lane, Gt. Finborough.	£3.30
27 March	
(061) Mr. A. Smith	
Semer Close, Stowmarket.	£4.85
(075) Mr. D. Jeffery	
Oak Close, Gt. Finborough.	£3.30
3 April	
(215) Mrs. A. Baggaley	
White Horse Cottage, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
(129) Mrs. Mason	
The Chestnuts, Gt. Finborough.	£3.30
10 April	
(165) Mrs. W. Porley	
Appletree Cottage, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
(064) Mr. J. Wright	
Abbey House, Buxhall Road.	£3.30
17 April	
(195) Mr. A. Buckle	
The Chesnuts, Gt. Finborough.	£4.85
(171) Mr. M. Wyer	
The Green, Gt. Finborough.	£3.30

The sum of £8.15, £8.15, £8.00, £8.00 and £8.00 respectively have been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

PRIZE BINGO

The Finborough W.I. will be the recipients of the proceeds from the next Prize Bingo session. This is to be held at the Pettiward Hall on Wednesday 16 May, commencing at 7.00 pm. Adults and children welcome.

AEROBICS AND BODY CONDITIONING

Get in shape for summer with Liz's Aerobics and Body Conditioning classes held at the Pettward Hall.

A one hour workout including variable exercises to music combined with Floorwork, concentrating on those important areas, and stretching to finish.

Every Monday 7.30pm - 8.30pm and Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am.

£1.30 per session.

All are welcome to come along and join in - just turn up.

Instructor - Liz Ames - R.S.A. Qualified - Tel: 678432.

GIPPING VALLEY DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CLUB

I have received a letter from the above asking if any of our readers are interested in joining the Divorced and Separated Club.

After just four months in existence they have recently held their first general meeting, elected a forward looking, enthusiastic committee and are confident of a successful future.

They have a comprehensive programme of activities each month, including Discos, Country & Western Dances, Bottle Parties, Coffee Evenings and Snooker Nights as well as plans for Outings, Barbeques etc. They also have events for the children. They have formed a welfare fund to enable them to help those of limited means to enjoy the facilities and functions they provide. The club is non-profit making and all monies received are ploughed back.

All they require is proof of Divorce, Separation or Widowhood plus £5.00 per year membership fee, all age groups are welcome.

If any readers are interested in joining, they hold enrolment sessions every Sunday at The Family Centre, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket at 2.30pm. (Children are welcome) or contact Don (Stow. 721653), Diane (Stow. 677131) or Alan (Stow. 678548).

CHESTNUT HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE

An impromptu raffle took place at the Chestnut Horse on Saturday 14 April and raised £47 for Leukaemia - Well Done.

EASTER MONDAY

Eggs were flying all over the place on Monday, although I haven't had anyone write in about who won what, which is a bit disappointing. There were some good egg and spoon races with everybody willing to take part and generally having a good time. It was a pity that the weather couldn't have been better though, but I guess it was a Bank Holiday after all.

Finborough won the Bog Race for the 2nd time in a row, well done.

COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning is being held on 23 May, at Brenda Wyer's house, the address of which is The Cottage, on the Green from 10am to 12-30pm, their will be a bring and buy and raffle. All monies are to go to Axis for the Disabled.

FAMINE APPEAL

A lot of money was raised for the World Vision of Britain 24hr famine within Great Finborough. It would be interesting if we could find out how much, so if anyone has that information we could include it in the next newsletter. Well done everybody who took part.

STRAWBERRY FAYRE

Anyone wishing to have a stall for the Strawberry Fayre, which will be held on 23rd June from 11.00am to 5.00pm, should contact Brenda Wyer on (Stow) 674353.

The Fayre will be followed by a bar-b-que in Mrs Wyer's gardens and there will also be a dance with 'Slightly Soiled' in the evening. Information on tickets will be in next month's newsletter.

All monies raised will go to Axis for the Disabled, so let us all pray for fine weather.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Calendar

April

29 10.30am BENEFICE FAMILY SERVICE

May

6 11.00am Sung Eucharist

20 11.00am Morning Prayer

27 9.45am A.S.B. Communion

You are warmly invited to the Benefice Service on the last Sunday of this month. On fifth Sundays all three congregations (in theory) come to one church, which hosts its own choice of service. Being termtime, and with a healthy contingent of Guides & Brownies, Finborough (whose turn come this month) are opting for a Family Service. It usually works very well.

I draw your attention to this as there are suddenly larger numbers of small children now at the church end of the village. We discussed this at the church AGM last night and decided that (a) we very much want to help parents bring up their children in a sane and safe environment and (b) that our contribution probably lies in providing flourishing family services rather than a Sunday School. There is a lot more that could be said, but if you feel this way whether a parent or not then do come along. At present even the family services are far too much a one man band. Full encouragement will be given to letting the youngsters have their say, within a structured act of worship.

One of the first side effects of this would be to bring some village children into our choir. Those who heard the choir on Easter Day pick the correct note out of thin air, sing *This Joyful Eastertide* unaccompanied and begin the hymn, still dead in tune, will have no doubt that we have a much better than average singing tradition at Finborough. Sight-reading modern music takes all the wits you've got; it's an excellent discipline for children, and I have no time for the awful English prejudice that thinks singing is a wimpish activity. The Scots and the Welsh, who are arguably more rugged than the English, have no such silly notions.

There was an 'Ancient v. Modern' discussion on the Today programme the other morning

between Bishop ('call me Bill') Westwood and a member of the Prayer Book Society. With respect, both missed the point, but because it is an issue that is relevant to our village life, not just church life, it may be worth a couple of remarks. The argument is not the beautiful language of Cranmer's Prayer Book versus the friendliness of the new services. It's surely a tension between the two things we are all searching for in life: depth and immediacy. We all want to feel involved in whatever we're doing, no longer content to do things just for duty's sake, want our experiences to be immediately interesting and enjoyable (hence the appeal of the new services, where everyone's jumping up and down like kangaroos). But enjoyability isn't everything: when you've finished feeding your face and having a good time, what's left? (This is my conception of hell - not the idea that a trail of unforgiveable offences lands you in the Great Sin Bin under our feet, but that when you subtract from a person his job, his Friday pint at the local and his holiday slides of Benidorm, *there's nothing left*. He has so soaked himself in triviality that there's nothing there to save. Many an intelligent mother has confided to me that since surrounding herself with nappies and carrycots she has become a mindless nobody. That's unjust, though. Bringing up a child is the most meaningful act there is.) But hence anyway the appeal of the Prayer Book services, where there is at least the feeling that something's going on which is bigger than ourselves. Leaving religion out of it, only you can judge whether your life, week by week, is becoming richer or more trivial.

I felt it was a bit sad that Serena (your editor) had to go charging round the village trying to drum up copy for this month's newsletter. It's not my place to solicit material, but to fill up the back page, I am reprinting an old Ordnance Survey map of 150 years ago, in the hope that it may prompt a few reminiscences of how things were in the past. Not as long ago as that, of course, not even Bob Proctor can go back that far!

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