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EDITORIAL

Articles for the December Newsletter must be in before Wednesday 21st November.

Mrs. Procter has found a pair of red secateurs by the shed in the Village Churchyard. Please phone (Stow) 672149, if you recognise them.

GT. FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

School Green and Car Parking

The Parish Council has met representatives of the Suffolk Council on site (plus the Buxhall Parish Council Chairman) and the outcome of the discussions were:

(a) it is safer for the cars to use the green for parking rather than the adjoining roads;

(b) placing of stones or bollards along the edge of the green immediately opposite the school would exacerbate the situation concerning parking;

(c) the school staff/governors would continue to seek the co-operation of parents to park their cars away from the green and adjacent roads;

(d) efforts by the school governors to provide a direct pedestrian access to Middlefield Drive (where cars could be parked) from the school grounds will continue;

(e) residents living in the vicinity and who use school green are requested to park their cars on the green out of the visibility of drivers emerging onto the B1115 from the Buxhall direction;

(f) provision of flashing speed limit signs was not applicable, according to the County road Safety Officer.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 28th November, at 7.30 pm in the Pettward Hall.

M.J. Baker

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Betty Whitefield was the speaker at our October meeting. Her subject was 'Painting With Pastels'. Mrs Whitefield is a well known local artist and is very talented. She showed us

some of her pictures both portraits and landscapes, which were quite beautiful. She talked about the use of pastels and then demonstrated the art. It was absolute magic as we watched The River Scene appear on the paper - and she said she was only scribbling! I wish my scribble looked liked that.

Our November meeting will be on **Thursday 8th** at 7.30 pm and will be our Annual Meeting. The speaker for the evening is Mrs. M. Baxter and her subject will be 'Margaret Rutherford', which promises to be interesting. We always welcome new members and would be delighted to see any new faces at our monthly meetings.

Brenda Grimaldi

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP (TUESDAY CLUB)

The Mother and Toddler Group are holding a wooden toy and book party on **Tuesday 20th November**, between 10.30 am and 11.30 am at Pettward Hall. Homemade cakes, knitted dolls, clothes and raffle (1st prize, portrait photograph of winner's child). Refreshments available.

Chris Nettleton

GT. FINBOROUGH PLAYGROUP

COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTOGRAPHER

Once again the photographer is coming to our Coffee Morning, being held on **Thursday 15th November**. We shall be open at 8.30 am for school children and 9.30 am for everybody else.

Stalls will include: Cake, Lucky Dip, Sweet and Punch Board. Refreshments will be served during the morning.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Christmas Bazaar is being held on **Saturday 24th November**, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Stalls will include: Cake and Refreshments, Home Made Sweets, Knitted Toys and Crafts, Clothes and Toys, Small Gifts, Lucky Dip, Father Christmas, Tombola and Christmas Raffle. We still have a

few stalls vacant if you are interested (at a small charge). Any enquiries please contact Louise on (Stow) 675432. Please come along to our Christmas Events and give us your support! Thank You.

ST. ANDREW'S MINI-LOTTO

Prize-winners are as follows:

25th September

(076) Mr. J. Smith
Edmunds Road, Stowmarket £4.85

(087) Mr. T. Jackson
Northfield Road, Onehouse £3.25

2nd October

(054) Mrs. J. Fisher
Boundary Cottages, Buxhall £4.85

(132) Mrs. P. Snell
Boundary Cottages, Buxhall £3.25

9th October

(205) Mrs. D. Podmore
Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finborough £4.85

(193) Mr. D. Clements
The Chestnuts, Gt. Finborough £3.25

16th October

(097) Mr. R. Flack
The Bungalows, Gt. Finborough £4.85

(163) Mrs. B. Wyer
The Green, Gt. Finborough 3.25

The sum of £8.10 has been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

PRIZE BINGO

Prize Bingo in November is on Wednesday 21st, commencing at 7.00 pm in the Pettward Hall. Money raised on this occasion will be for bingo funds, so please come along as this will help towards next year's prizes. All ages welcome.

Hilary Smith

HISTORICAL STOWMARKET

An illustrated study presented by Ron Pattle on Wednesday 21st November, at 2.30 pm at the Youth and Resources Centre, Childer Road,

Stowmarket. For further details please contact (Stow) 612252.

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT

ART APPRECIATION

The Art History Group has studied French 19th Century Painting and 20th Century European. More recently, British painting has been discussed beginning with Tudor portraiture and including foreign artists who stayed in this country: Holbein, Hilliard, Dobson, Van Dyck, Hogarth, Reynolds, Gainsborough; Seascapes: Scott, Canaletto; Landscapes: Wilson, Alexander and Robert Cozens, Thomas Girtin. The Public Library provides an extensive collection of books obtained from all over the County. A good selection of slides is also used. The main facts of the artist's life is given, researched, sometimes by different members of the group if they so wish. Paintings are discussed in quite a lot of detail and at other times members browse through the books which can be taken home to study further. The Group meets once a fortnight on Friday mornings, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. More members are needed to make the group viable. As from 5th October, 19th Century English painting will be studied including Constable, Turner, the Norwich School, Blake, Palmer and the Pre-Raphaelites. Anyone interested should contact Ann Hewlett on (Stow) 674955. Remember, no prior knowledge of Art History is required.

STUDY OF CHURCHES

Prior to the summer recess, a number of local churches were visited, including Stowmarket, Combs and Bury St. Edmunds. Norman Olney has compiled a suggested programme of visits for the months ahead. The next meeting on Monday, 8th October at 2.30 pm at the Youth and Resource Centre, Childer Road, Stowmarket, will be to discuss inviting an expert to assist the group in preparing for a visit and giving some guidelines on what to look for to help make the visit interesting and worthwhile.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

This group have so far been involved in a brief look at Stowmarket. During the coming weeks they will be looking into the broader aspects of East Anglia, gradually working around and returning to Stowmarket and the present day. The next meeting is 3rd October at 10 am at 9 Dane-

scourt Avenue, Stowmarket. The group meets fortnightly on Wednesdays.

GREEN ECONOMICS

David Chapman, who convened our Electoral Reform Group, has published his work and has been invited to lecture at a number of venues at home and abroad, thus causing a delay in the starting of the Green Economics Study Group. Topics for the group concern how our present economic system damages the environment; what can be done about it; eco-taxes versus legal controls; the present Government's Green Bill; rainforests; greenhouse effect; holes in the ozone layer, etc. The first meeting of this group is now planned for **Thursday, 15th November** at 2.30 pm at the Youth and Resource Centre, Children Road, Stowmarket. David is going to be very difficult to contact whilst he is on his travels so please just come along on the 15th.

LITERATURE

This group has been meeting throughout the summer and have studied single subjects, e.g., *The Sonnet*, East Anglian Writings' as continuity of attendance has been difficult during the holiday period. In the next few meetings we shall study *The Novel*, initially in general terms, then as an example William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, studying and discussing it in some depth. In future meetings short stories will be studied, the various forms of poetry, essays, plays, letters and diaries, covering works of various periods from 15th Century onwards. At each meeting, part of the time is devoted to readings which members choose themselves. These may be of prose or poetry, fiction or fact and often give rise to interesting discussions within the whole group. Meetings are held fortnightly on Tuesday mornings, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at 3 Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket. The next meeting will be 9th October and 23rd October.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION

An afternoon's enjoyment listening to the favourite records of the Group members and comparing different conductors interpretations of compositions as well as enriching our minds with musical tastes of others. The Group meets fortnightly on Mondays at 2.30 pm at 15 Birch Road, Onehouse. Next meeting: 15th October.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Always held on the third Wednesday of the month at Youth and Resources Centre, Childer Road, Stowmarket. Harry Miller has arranged an interesting selection of speakers, covering many topics. The meetings are advertised in the library at Stowmarket and Needham Market and on notice boards in villages and on local Radio. Part of the meeting time is given to receiving reports from the Study Groups and there is also time for socialising over a cup of tea.

The Meetings are open to anybody interested - just come along and find out what S.T.A.R. is doing and can do for you.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Some of the above are advertising meetings that have, unfortunately due to timing differences between S.T.A.R. and when our last newsletter went out, already passed, but I have contacted the Secretary of the Committee and she tells me that it is alright for anybody to join at any time. The yearly membership fee is £5.00. Below are some names and telephone numbers that may be of help to you.

COMMITTEE 1990/91

Chairman: Barry R. Reynolds

Organiser: Pamela Pullen, Youth and Resources Centre, Childer Road, Stowmarket. (Stow) 612252

Secretary: Miriam Cutts, 9 Danescourt Avenue, Stowmarket. (Stow) 676007

Treasurer: Olive Thomas, 5 Millfield Avenue, Stowmarket. (Stow) 675098

Membership Secretary: Betty Gathercole, 7 Shakespeare Road, Stowmarket. (Stow) 675603

Monthly Meeting Secretary: Harry F. Miller, 32 Temple Road, Stowmarket. (Stow) 613158

Committee Member: Coldagh Chapman, Coles Farm, Buxhall. Rattlesden 223

There are vacancies for three more Committee Members and we would particularly like to hear from members interested in being involved in the offices of Publicity Secretary and Social Secretary.