

# GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

Hi Everyone,

Unlike Serena and Trudy, I am not very good at editing a Newsletter, in fact I've never done it before! However, bear with me for a while and I'll be taking up office in FLEET STREET! (if only because everyone else has moved out) I'd be very grateful if you'd give me a hand by letting me have articles, jokes, comments or personnel experiences to pad out this pathetically small contribution to the inmates - oops, sorry - residents of Great Finborough. Come on you lot, get your pens out and write something interesting, even if it's only what's on your neighbour's washing line. As a 'New Kid On The Block' - we've only been here two years - I'd like to hear from anyone with any memories of the old village and its history. There are a number of new families moving in and I think that they may be interested in what went on in days gone by. Right, that's enough from me, let's have the input (an Americanism, I'm sorry) from you.

*Dorrie Podmore*

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We are looking forward to a visit from the Salvation Army Songsters, who are giving a recital (which will include children) on Wednesday April 24th at 7.45.

I would be joyful to see some of the villagers and people from the church on this occasion.

*Sesca Ballard*

## GT FINBOROUGH MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

We meet every Monday during termtime, at Pettiward Hall, 10.30-11.30am.

We have a monthly raffle and craft session for the children. The health visitor visits once a month to weigh the babies and toddlers and to discuss any problems or queries the parents may have.

There is a weekly charge of 75p which includes refreshments.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, toddlers and babies are welcome.

*C. Nettleton & L. Fiddaman  
for Mothers and Toddlers Group.*

## BROWNIES

Some of our older Brownies enjoyed a Sixer day in Stowmarket recently. They had great fun making things for Mothering Sunday and Easter. At our next meeting they proudly modelled their Easter bonnets and showed us items they had made, including 3-D pictures, pot pourri sachets, gift buys and decorated eggs.

Two Tweenies (new girls) joined us after half-term: Sarah Lloyd and Anna Gordon Brown. We welcome them to our pack. They made their Brownie Promise at a special meeting on March 18th which was held at Town Farm. Time was divided between cooking in the farmhouse and visiting the lambs. The lamb pens made an unusual setting for the Promise Ceremony.

During their 3 years as a Brownie the girls work for 'Journey' badges at our weekly meetings. These are called the Footpath, Roadway and Highway badges. Stella Shorland-Ball has gained her Footpath badge this month and Ruth Collings has gained her Roadway. Well done to you both.

Thank you to all who supported us at the Prize Bingo session on 20th March. £58.00 was made for Pack funds. Thanks to Hilary Smith for organising this for us - we are very grateful.

*Mary Williams, Brownie Guider.*

## A FAIR CHOICE

We have received notice of a new venture opening at Christ Church, Tacket St., Ipswich, which will be selling goods by Traidcraft plc, whose aims are to show that the quality of people's lives in the third world are best improved by trade rather than charitable aid. *This is not an endorsement.* Please let us know if you visit and get a favourable impression.

*Editor*

## Y.O.C. GROUP VISIT TO TOWN FARM

The visit planned for the end of February was postponed because of the snow. However a group of 17 children, accompanied by Mr Sykes, Mrs Gray and Mrs Ravenscroft, visited the farm on March 21st. The first day of spring was unexpectedly warm and the sun shone for our hour's walk.

Quite a variety of birds were seen, including rooks, chaffinches, blackbirds, pheasants and partridges. A very noisy Wren was heard in a hedgerow and a few overwintering fieldfares and redwings were seen in the treetops.

Apart from the birds there were several other signs of spring – pussy-willow laden with yellow pollen-covered catkins, clumps of primrose leaves and violets, and dog's mercy in bloom. The visit finished with a quick look at the newly arrived lambs. Many thanks to John and Mary Williams for the visit.

After the Easter holidays the group will be thinking about migration – watching for the first sights of the swallows and house-martins. The latter frequently nest in the school cycle shed! We hope also to have a visit to Combs wood where some of the woodland summer migrants should be heard (if not seen!).

*Trudy Gray, Y.O.C. Group leader.*

## PETTIWARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Advance notice of an event not to be missed!

**Saturday 15th June:** Ploughman's lunch at Pettiward Hall 12-3pm.

Why not take the opportunity to spend all morning in the garden (or shopping, or whatever!) and then come along for a lunch prepared by someone else?

It is also helped to run another 50/50 Auction in the autumn. A good chance for clearing out some odd corners (and then refilling them with bargains snapped up at the sale).

*Sue Green,*

*Secretary Pettiward Hall Management Committee.*

## FRIENDS OF GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Beetle Drive on March 8th again proved popular and raised approximately £50 towards

our next project, the purchase of fiction books. With the completion of the building work a "Working Weekend" was held on 23rd-24th of March to have a final cleanup and put the last touches to the painting. It is wonderful to have the school looking straight again and the new space will be of enormous benefit.

The Easter Bazaar at the end of term was a success – the decidedly un-springlike weather forced the stalls and sideshows indoors but the showers stayed away long enough to enable the children to parade outside in their fancy dress.

This was on the theme of favourite story characters and proved entertaining with some very imaginative costumes. Congratulations to the winners:

### 5 - 6 years

Joanna Tomlinson	Minnie Mouse
Tom Williams	The Tin Man

### 6 - 7 years

Fallon Stock	Queen of Hearts
Matthew Smith	Funny Bones

### 7 - 8 years

Marie Smith	Chinese Princess
Craig Poley	An Ugly Sister

### 8 - 9 years

Tom Clark	Willy Wonka
Rebekah Hart	Old Mother Hubbard

Thanks to Jackie Taylor for judging and congratulations to all the others on parade.

The bazaar raised just over £100 – thanks to all for their support.

*Trudy Gray - Friends Management Committee.*

## GREAT FINBOROUGH SCHOOL

As a contribution to Comic Relief the children and staff compiled the **Great Great Finborough Joke Book** . . . here are a few extracts.

A man took his dog for a walk in the park. He hadn't gone far when a crowd gathered to admire the dog, which was rather unusual. "What's it called?" asked one man.

"It's a long nosed, long tailed terrier and what's more it's the fiercest dog in the world"

"Nonsense", said another man, "my alsatian could make mincemeat out of him."

Hearing this the long nosed, long tailed, terrier swallowed the alsatian whole.

"Wow" said another man "what did you say it was called?"

"It's a long nosed, long tailed, terrier. Mind you, some people call them alligators".

*Tom Clark*

What do you call a man with a jelly in one ear and a sponge cake and custard in the other?  
A trifle deaf!

*Mrs Kembe*

What sort of ties to pigs wear?  
Pigsties.

*Danny Macro*

What do you call two thieves?  
A pair of nickers.

*Ben Pryke*

What do you call a polar bear in the jungle?  
Lost!

*Sarah Lloyd*

## PRIZE BINGO

**Wednesday, 17th. April** is the date for the next prize bingo session. Eyes down at 7.00p.m. at the Pettiward Hall. Proceeds are for the local play-group. Do come along and join us.

*Hilary Smith*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Reader,

I would like to make further reference to the proposed development on land east of Church Rosd, along with constructive suggestions to overcome future development problems elsewhere in Gt. Finborough, should they arise.

Like many in our village (that is evident from the letters sent to the County Council), I am against the destruction of wildlife habits in general, let alone unnecessary demolition of good quality buildings and walls, especially when a good visual impact will be lost.

Having been instrumental in the saving of many trees over the past years, and in obtaining new agreements by developers to avoid damage, and having also planted some 300 trees since 1987, replacing those storm-damaged in designated areas within some 40 mile radius of

Gt. Finborough, I feel I should at least continue my campaign in my own village.

Actions will always speak louder than words.

The steamrolling of public opinion by the powers-that-be will continue throughout the country unless those who wish to object make their views publicly known by writing to the local newsletter, Council, County Council, M.P.'s and newspapers etc., thereby giving rise to debate.

It does seem to me however, that rethinking the use of arable land would be an advantage, especially when fields are being set aside by farmers.

Surely to designate small areas for starter homes on such land, with a provision to surround a cluster of houses with a twenty foot band of evergreen and delicious trees, would serve as a good visual impact, also further the replacement of trees, let alone act as a wind-break.

I would expect most people would not object to the idea, if it could assist those wishing to buy their own homes at a low figure, especially in these times of ridiculously high prices.

Unless their own view were to be obscured by it, of course.

Yours faithfully,

G.H.Chaplin.

## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

### Calendar for March/April

#### March

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| 29 | <b>Good Friday</b> services at Onehouse (11am) and Harleston (2- 3pm)  |
| 31 | <b>Easter Day Benefice Eucharist at 10.30.</b><br>Introit: This joyful Eastertide;<br>Anthem: The Strife is O'er (Henry Ley). Interment of Bob & Lilian Proctor's ashes during the service and Blessing of the Churchyard.<br>Songs by Onehouse Sunday Club. |

#### April

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| 7 | 11am Sung Eucharist  |
| 8 | <b>AGM at The Old Forge.</b> Election of churchwardens and officeholders. All welcome. Light refreshments available. |



A Point of Order at last year's Parish Church AGM

- 14 9.30 Holy Communion at Harleston.
- 11am Family Service at Onehouse
- 21 11am Morning Prayer
- 28 9.45 Family Service

#### Coffee Evening

There will be a coffee evening in aid of church funds at Whitings Farm, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Arbon, on Friday April 26th at 7pm.

Bring & Buy, cake stalls and raffle. Please come, we still need your support.

The church roof is now finished and a great effort is being made to put the whole building in good order. Next to be done are the windows in the spire – a job for someone with a head for heights. We hope this will be done in April, then the porch windows and repairs to the path. So we still need all the help you can give to pay for this work.

Brian Smith

It always bothers me to hear people describe the Resurrection as an event where everything will be there in its right place, predictable and pretty much as expected. They will be reunited with their loved ones, which is right in a sense but surely not if it is to be a 'pipe & slippers' experience, ie if the risen life is thought of as a mere continuation of everything that is routine and

familiar. What is so often missed in the Easter story is that Mary failed to recognise her Lord at first, not just because it was dawn. The experience of the risen Christ is always totally, *shatteringly new*. True, Paul said that there is continuity: if you sow wheat, you don't get barley coming up, ie goodness will still be goodness, but nevertheless it will be wearing very different clothes and our christian life is extremely shallow unless it is constantly looking for Christ in the unexpected.

Chiefly, we are told, this means searching among things that seem to be dead or otherwise written off: a dead marriage, perhaps, or other relationship long since gone permanently sour, or in another branch of the christian faith, if we are believers, or if we are non-believers we may find truth – surprise, surprise – in organised religion.

One of the modern hymns that has caught on in our three churches is the Easter hymn "Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain", partly because of its charming French carol tune 'Noel Nouvelet' but more because of the words. It's easy enough to marvel how the "wheat... in dark earth... springeth green" – not so easy to apply it in practice, and look for resurrection in precisely those areas of life that we despair of, or rubbish, or write off.

Michael Skliros, Priest-in-Charge

#### St Andrews Mini-Lotto.

Prize winners are as follows:-

<b>19th. February</b> (132) Mrs. P. Snell,	
Boundary Cottages, Buxhall.	£4.80
(085) Mr. R. Allen, Stowmarket	£3.15
<b>26th. February</b> (174) Mrs. L Grave,	
White Horse Cotts, Gt. Finb.	£4.80
(161) Mrs. W. Skliros,	
Childer Road, Stowmarket	£3.15
<b>5th. March</b> (074) Mrs. J. Flack,	
The Bungalows, Gt. Finb.	£4.80
(192) Mrs. D. Riseborough,	
The Green, Gt. Finb.	£3.15
<b>12th. March</b> (188) Mrs. A. Skinner,	
Middlefield Drive, Gt. Finb.	£4.80
(055) Mrs. B. Grimaldi,	
Weslegate, Gt. Finb.	£3.15

The sum of £7.95 has been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith.