

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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GREAT FINBOROUGH PLAYGROUP

Gt. Finborough Playgroup are holding a **JUMBLE SALE** on **Saturday 11th May** at Pettward Hall, 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. We will also be running a Cake Stall and serving refreshments.

We would be grateful for any Jumble and are willing to collect.

Please contact Louise 675432 or Gill 736555 and please come along and give us your support.

Louise Fiddaman.

GREAT FINBOROUGH W.I.

At the April meeting Mrs. Tinkler gave an excellent talk and demonstration of pressing flowers. Mrs. Cass gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8th at Pettward Hall when the visiting V.C.O. will discuss with members the resolutions for the first W.I. triennial meeting to be held in Birmingham where Mrs. Judy Rolfe will be Finborough's delegate.

B. Jordan.

GT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the next few weeks the children will be thinking about pattern and colour. Already some have been making dyes, creating paper butterflies and flowers and writing poems....

What is Colour ?

A blind man speaks

I don't know what colour is !

Is it dark ?

Is it light ?

Is it visible ?

Is it bright ?

I just don't know ?

Please let me think

Is this world of colour strange

Is colour pretty ? Is it nice ?

Aha !

The cataracts have gone

Now I know It's all of those !

It's pretty and nice
It's dark and light
It's everything I thought
Colour is FUN !

Tom Clark.

MY PAINTBOX

Blue is the sea roaring along and clashing against the rocks.

Red a fresh apple falling from a tree.

Green is the grass waving about like water in a bowl.

Orange is the skin peeling off an orange.

White is the snow falling from the sky.

Yellow are the daffodils laying a carpet of yellow.

Stacey Munday, age 9

MY PAINTBOX

Red is blood running out from a cut knee

Orange is a blazing fire roaring up and up

Green is grass as green as green can be

Pink is a perfumed rose

Blue is the sky with drifting clouds

White is the clouds drifting

Purple is a pencil scribbling

Black is night when children cannot see

Yellow is the glistening sun

Jessica Kent age 9

FRIENDS OF GT. FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

After a successful Spring Term the Management Committee are putting their thoughts towards the programme for the next few weeks. Some dates for your diary (all events at the school)

Friday 3rd May : QUIZ EVENING 7PM.

This will be very informal – part at least based on pencil and paper games (no black chairs!) and open to adults and children. Small teams of mixed age groups will be formed on the night (unless you already have a team in mind!) – so anyone can come along. Admission 50p. Refreshments available.

Friday 17th May : OUTDOOR GAMES EVENING. Starts 6.30 pm.

A variety of games (rounders, cricket, touch rugby bowls etc., will be on offer. Doubtless a wide range of techniques and skills will also be on display!

and for later in the summer:

Saturday 22nd June – Car Boot Sale start 10am. Pitches: £4 (pre-booked and paid); £5 on the day; further details from Ann Phoenix 674396 or Viv Brice 676249

Saturday 6th July – Barbeque (repeat of last year's popular late-afternoon-early-evening event.)

We do hope that you'll be able to support us at our events.

Trudy Gray, Committee member.

YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS' GROUP – Gt. Finborough School.

Many of the group spent some time over the Easter holidays making notebooks of their visit to Town Farm – maps, drawings and notes of what they saw. Congratulations to Jessica Kent, Chloe Mosesson, Florence Ravenscroft, Craig Porley, Fraser Manning and Robert Gray for their efforts.

At the April meetings of the group we have been talking about migration - looking at the map at the journeys of the Swallows from South Africa. At the time of writing (mid-April) the children are still looking out for the first sight of House Martins and Swallows in the village.

Trudy Gray, Y.O.C. Group Leader.

PLAY AREA NEEDED ?

All you Mums (and Dads) out there, where do your children play? In the fields or in the roads?

How about pressing for a play area for toddlers to teenagers in the village? This is something that we lack and we really could do with somewhere safe for them to play. If you live in Middlefield Drive, you may have heard that there was to be a play area behind the pub, adjacent to Valley Lane. This is now to be a much-needed car park for Pettiward Hall. What about the land opposite the Post Office being fenced off and swings etc., put in there? It would need minimum maintenance and need not cost

much; rubber flooring could be put around the equipment and a couple of seats for supervising parents, make it a dog-free zone and we have our play area. Anyone else got any ideas?

Sue Green.

St. Andrew's Mini -Lotto

Prize-winners are as follows:-

19th March (086) Mrs. W. Wright,
Abbey House, Buxhall Road. £4.80

(060) Dr. B. Smith,
The Old Forge, Gt. Finb. £3.15

26th March

(122) Mrs. R. Armes,
The Bungalows, Gt. Finb. £4.85

(178) Mrs. S. Cooper,
Poy Street Green, Rattlesden £3.20

2nd April

(207) Mr. J. Miles,
Stable Cottage, Gt. Finb. £4.85

(211) Mrs. J. Gibbons,
High Road, Gt. Finb. £3.20

9th April

(199) Mrs. C. Chaplin,
The Bungalows, Gt. Finb. £4.85

(226) Mrs. D. Goldsmith,
The Chestnuts, Gt. Finb. £3.20

16th April

(165) Mrs. W. Porley,
Appletree Cottage, Gt. Finb. £4.85

(158) Mrs. C. Armstrong,
Boundary Cottages, Buxhall. £3.20

The sums of 7.95, £8.05, £8.05, £8.05 and £8.05 respectively have been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

PRIZE BINGO

Wednesday May 15th is the date of the next prize bingo session.

Eyes down at 7.00p.m. at the Pettiward Hall; proceeds given to the local W.I. all welcome.

Hilary Smith.

HARFINHOUSE FESTIVAL 25th – 27th May.

During the late May bank holiday the three churches in the benefice are combining to raise funds. As well as a flower festival in St. Andrew's Church there will be an art exhibition in the Pettiward Hall, stalls, refreshments and other entertainments.

The **Kerry Singers** are putting on a concert in the Church on Saturday evening and they are first class performers.

This is a weekend well worth your attention and there will be something of interest to everyone.

An appeal for help of various kinds has already been sent out and quite a good response has been received. We shall be most grateful for donations of cakes, jams etc., to sell, and if anyone can give a little time to man a stall it would be a very great help, offers of help, cakes etc., can be made to the Old Forge.

Brian Smith.

St. Andrew's Church.

Now that the roof is well and truly repaired, our attention has turned to the windows in the spire, work is almost complete on replacing the broken ones. The next job, having evicted the pigeons, is to clean the bells, bell frame and floor of a thick layer of droppings, then perhaps we can paint the bell frame. Offers of help, please, to me.

Brian Smith.

Calendar for May

5 **Rogation Sunday Traditional Ceremony of Beating the Bounds** (Finborough style). We start at Harleston Church at 10am for a hymn and a prayer, then walk to Onehouse Church Room for coffee (1030 approx), the gospel reading and address, finally tramp to Finborough Church (dodging the golf balls) for the last part of a Sung Eucharist at about 11.15am. After which we share a picnic lunch on the gravestones: byog – liquid refreshment provided. Very popular with St Georges.

9 **Ascension Day service at 9.30am. Primary School assembly** will be held in the Parish Church on this day. All are welcome, especially primary school parents who I hope will make a special effort to start the day right, with their children Lasts about 20 minutes.

19 Morning Prayer for Pentecost: 11am.

25 **FLOWER FESTIVAL and EXHIBITION**
-27 **OF CRAFT & SCULPTURE** in church over the Bank Holiday weekend. Do please pay a visit.

25 **KERRY SINGERS CONCERT** in Church at 7.30. Tickets on sale now.

26 **BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT 10.30.**
Preacher & Celebrant: The Bishop of Dunwich. Evening **Songs of Praise**, with the *Rev. Daphne Lloyd*, at 6pm. The church will be open throughout the weekend and short organ recitals by a number of visiting organists will be given at intervals. Times and details of the music to be played will be posted nearer the time.

The enthronement of Archbishop George Carey was a fine spectacle, as well as being a moving occasion, in the style that apparently the English do best of all. The fears about modern music striking a jarring note on such a solemn occasion surely melted when people saw the context in which it was played: namely church leaders of all shapes, sizes, hues and shades of belief greeting each other joyfully and spontaneously, quite clearly glad to be there and glad to identify with the goings-on. What a long, long way we have travelled in the last 20 years.

Michael Skliros, P-i-C, Tel: 677663/672844

AXIS CLUB FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE

Strawberry Fayre: 29th June 1991

Once again our annual event is upon us. We do hope that all in the Parish will support us again to make this a special day. If you would like to have a stall to raise funds for your own charity or come please contact Ann Squirrell on 676154 to book. If you know anyone else willing to have a stall please let them know the contact. We will be having some events for the children in the hall as usual and have this year booked a dry day, we hope!

Do come and swell the crowds and make your charity some money.

Annual Parish Meeting.

Held in the Pettiward Hall on Tuesday, 26 March 1991.

Present: County Councillor, District Councillor and 9 parishioners

Reports were received from:
Parish Council Chairman
Pettward Hall Committee
School Governors
County Councillor
District Councillor

Mrs. Gray outlined P.C. survey of paths – about 30 in Parish – which are being prioritized as follows:

- 1st priority: resources, e.g. maintenance, signs directed to these.
- 2nd priority: these continued to be public paths; production of leaflet describing circular walks in parish, also where paths link with those in Buxhall – perhaps a joint production.

Fred Cass proposed and the meeting fully supported a letter of congratulations be sent to the Gt. Finborough Primary School expressing the appreciation of the parish for the superb standard of education provided.

Great Finborough Parish Council Meeting

Held immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

- Intention to seek provision of a street light in Oak Close.
- Would seek kerbing and paving of visibility splay in front of main Pettward Hall door.

Annual meeting of Parish Council: 14 May 1991 at 7.30pm, when newly elected committee have first meeting.

Malcolm Baker, Parish Clerk

BROWNIES

The pack is setting in to the summer term looking forward to lots of outdoor activities (weather permitting of course!) We welcome two more girls to the Pack – Helen Pearson and Marylee Jones. We have also had to say some goodbyes: Claire Doyle and Deborah Davison have gone to Guides and we wish them well. Sue Miller, who has been Assistant Guider (Tawny Owl) since we started, has also had to leave. We thank her very much for all her help and enthusiasm in

starting and helping to run the Pack. She was presented with a china Tawny Owl (well, what else!)

We have won another District Challenge for designing a Christmas or Thank you card. The winning card was designed by Emma Wood and was highly praised by the judges; she was presented with a trophy and her winning design goes forward to an Anglia Guiding Competition, the winning design will be printed. Well done Emma – we're proud of you.!

Old Finborough

The remark about the history of Great Finborough by the new editor prompts me to write about the dispersal sale of the Gt. Finborough Hall Estate owned by the Squire, the late Charles Pettward.

This consisted of eleven farms totalling 1,711 acres, eighty one cottages, Gt. Finborough and Onehouse schools.

The sale took place in July 1936. The top price paid was £4800 for Onehouse Hall, comprising the Hall, cottages, farm buildings, and 257 acres of land. Residential properties included the Broad Oak with a cottage and six and a half acres of grounds for £1,550. Cottages sold for between £100 and £300 each. e.g. a flint and tiled cottage with one and a quarter acres of land (now called Westlegate Church Road) sold for £105.

A cottage and smithy (now called the Old Forge) sold for £200. A semi detached cottage in Combs Lane (Finborough end), now being renovated, sold for £120.

These figures were taken from a newspaper cutting dated 3rd July 1936 that I have, listing all the lots sold.

T.B. Waspe.

Mr thanks to Mr Waspe for supplying the fascinating information on the division of the Pettward Estate. How prices have changed! Anyone else with memories? I must confess the response to my urgings in last month's newsletter wasn't exactly overwhelming, but I suppose it's because you're all thinking very hard about your chosen subject. keep up the good work.

Editor