

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Well I'm pleased to report I have received no bad comments regarding the new style of newsletter, in fact I have received no comments at all! This is hardly surprising since the June edition is only just off the press and July is in mid construction already.

Many apologies for the delay last month... alas at the eleventh hour editor and printer of the Great Finborough "high tech newsletter" discovered there was a severe hitch in compatibility (one computer taking an immediate dislike to another), a problem only overcome by Michael Skliros making a quick dash to Essex, courtesy of his ecclesiastical speeding unit. So next time you see a newsletter lying on your doormat, spare a thought...

Unless you haven't guessed, the theme this month is GREEN. In fact in view of the continued rain I would suggest we make AUGUST a GREEN issue too - so if you have any GREEN thoughts for August please drop them in.

Well here's one to start the ball rolling:-

RECYCLING

Every year over 22,000 tonnes of refuse is collected from houses within Mid Suffolk and is transported to landfill sites where it is tipped and buried. On average this means 1 TONNE per household.

The typical composition, by weight, of refuse collected from a family of four is:-

Kitchen waste (food/organic matter)	25%
Paper/Card	35%
Glass	10%
Textiles	4%
Metal	10%
Plastics	9%
Misc	18%

Did you know that 50% of this refuse could be recycled. And we know that recycling helps conserve natural resources, but do we all appreciate HOW MUCH?

Did you know?

- Every tonne of glass recycled saves 30 gallons of oil.

- The recycling of aluminium saves 95% of the energy need to make new aluminium from natural resources.
- Only half the energy is needed to recycle paper compared to making paper from wood pulp.

The number of landfill sites available and suitable for landfill are rapidly being used up and therefore the disposal of refuse is becoming increasingly more expensive, an expense which is paid for BY YOU. If the amount of refuse is reduced, the life expectancy of landfill sites will be extended and result in financial savings for everybody.

On the GREEN issue I leave you with a sobering thought, imagine the stink caused if Great Finborough were proposed as a potential landfill site as has happened to numerous other villages in Suffolk?

Finally, on behalf of everyone who has noticed the Church looking so well kept at the moment, I would like to thank Mr Les Waters of Valley Lane cottages for all his (voluntary) hard work.

John Grave.

RECYCLING IN MID SUFFOLK

The Mid Suffolk Council are continuing to facilitate and develop new recycling initiatives and at the present time are able to collect the following materials:-

Glass

It is estimated over 2500 tonnes of glass is disposed of each year in Mid Suffolk. The Council first installed glass banks 7 years ago and this year received a certificate from the British Glass Manufacturers Federation, having collected 1000 tonnes.

There is obviously a great potential to increase the amount of glass recycled.

Advice :-

- Save all bottles and jars
- Separate out returnable bottles e.g milk

bottles and deposit bottles and return them to the milkman or shop where purchased.

- Take all other bottles and jars to a bottle bank, after removing the lids and rinse to remove any residues.
- Make sure the correct coloured glass is put in the right bottle bank.
- Do not leave cardboard boxes and bags next to the bottle banks.
- Be as quiet as possible to avoid disturbance.

Location of Local Bottle Banks

HAUGHLEY	- Hillcroft School
BACTON	- The Scout Hut
RATTLEDON	- The bus shelter
ONEHOUSE	- Community centre
STOWMARKET	- The Cedars Hotel
	- Household Waste site, Bury Street
	- Iliffe Way
	- Milton Road Car park
NEEDHAM MKT	- Hurstlea road car park
	- Station yard car park

Cans

Communal can banks, introduced during Environment week '90 have enjoyed good use and the trial scheme has been extended indefinitely on the following three sites:-

Location of Local Can Banks:-

EYE	- Buckshorn Lane car park
NEEDHAM MARKET	- Hurstlea Road
	- Council car park
STOWMARKET	- Iliffe Way car park

HAMELIN TOWN

A very competent first performance was given by St Georges Junior School, under the direction of Mrs Jean Basden, Head of Music, on Wednesday last (dress rehearsal at the Family Service last Sunday). Full use was made of the space in the church; rats scuttled in the aisles and the Mayor and Corporation lounged importantly in the pulpit! Jo Sinclair was Piper, with a red and yellow attire made by Mrs Land. Mark Hunt was the crippled boy, who sang a duet with Kirsty Hopkins. Fine intonation and enunciation by all the singers and readers made the hard work and effort of Miss F Box and Mr D. Cook, junior teachers, well rewarded.

GT FINBOROUGH W.I.

The speaker at the June meeting was Mr R. Bailey, who gave a most interesting talk on the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. This is a voluntary organisation, training and equipping doctors to provide medical aid at emergencies, reducing suffering, and sometimes saving the lives of those seriously injured.

So far about **HALF A MILLION** cans have been collected. Cans are either tin plated or aluminium. Both types can be recycled.

Advice:-

- Save all your drink and food cans
- Rinse them to remove any remaining food
- Take them to one of the above can banks.

Mid Suffolk District Health Department

Watch this space during August for more recycling advice. In the meantime if you want more detailed information please contact:-

Tim Swain or Jean Hill

Cleansing dept, Council offices,
Ipswich Road, Stowmarket

REFUSE COLLECTION FOLLOWING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please note the general programme for refuse collection following Public holidays that fall on Mondays (i.e Easter Monday, May day, Spring Bank holiday and Late Summer Bank holiday) is that refuse from ALL households will be collected ONE day late during those weeks.

Cleansing Services Manager.

PLOUGHMANS LUNCHES

Again rearranged from the date stated in last month's edition, to **Sunday, 15th September**. See Church Diary.

The July meeting will be the garden meeting, which will be held at Westlegate on July 10th.

One of the first rounds of the county quiz was hosted at Pettward Hall on 27th June. Participating teams were Buxhall, Combs, Gt Finborough, Stowmarket, Stowupland and Creting

St Peter. Combs won with 88 points; we came second with 83

Bernice Jordan

FRIENDS OF LITTLE ERNIE

Julie Smith is pleased to announce the JUNE winners of "Little Ernie" as follows, all winners live in Great Finborough unless stated:-

Week 6 (24th May)

115 Mrs J Smith, Cowslip cottage.	£3.25
92 Mrs R Macro, Middlefield Drive.	£2.00
105 Mrs E Bailey, Keswick, Lower Road	
Onehouse.	£1.00

Week 7 (31st May)

PRIZE BINGO

Proceeds from the July Bingo session will be for the Primary School "friends" association. This will be at 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 17th** in the Pettward Hall. There will be the usual draw and refreshments and lots of bingo prizes to be won. **SO COME ON DOWN!**

Hilary Smith.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH HARFINHOUSE FESTIVAL

The final total from this weekend was £2700, £900 going to each parish. Thankyou for everyone who helped.

Brian Smith.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

14th September 1991 10.00am - 6pm

Once again the cycle ride draws near. As most of you will know, this was started 10 years ago in Great Finborough and is now an event enjoyed in 25 Counties.

The proceeds are split between the church of the choice of the cyclists and the Suffolk Historic Trustees who give grants for the upkeep and repair of churches in the Country. We ourselves have recently received £2000 towards church roof repairs.

It is always an enjoyable occasion and I can recommend it to anyone of any age who can ride a bike, you do not need to go far though some travel 75 miles!

Please join in. Sponsor forms can be obtained

113 Mrs A Pheonix, Thatched Cottage.	£3.25
168 Mrs L Fiddaman, Middlefield Drive.	£2.00
206 Mr V Wright, Lockington Crescent, Stowmarket.	£1.00

Week 8 (7th June)

188 Mr R Tomlinson, Hall Orchard, Buxhall.	£3.25
150 Mrs B Blower, Middlefield Drive.	£2.00
93 Miss M Allum, St Mary's Ave, Haughley.	£1.00

Week 9 (14th June)

114 Mrs J Pearson, Middlefield Drive.	£3.25
148 Mrs K Love, Homefarm.	£2.00
168 Mrs L Fidderman, Middlefield Drive.	£1.00

from me at the Old Forge or from John & Linda Grave at White Horse House.

Brian Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 7 11am Sung Eucharist
- 14 9.30 at Harleston, 11 at Onehouse (no service at Finborough)
- 21 11am Morning Prayer
- 28 9.45am Family Service

Future Happenings: Combined Harvest Lunch (with Pettward Hall Committee) on Sunday, 15th September; Pudding Evening on Saturday, 26th October; Cheese & Wine Party on Saturday, 30th November. License applied for.

ST ANDREWS MINI-LOTTO

Prize-winners are as follows (Great Finborough unless stated):-

21st May

(098) Mrs D Jeffery, Oak Close.	£4.90
(226) Mrs D Goldsmith, The Chestnuts.	£3.20

28th May

(142) Mrs V Brice, Rookery Nook. £4.90
 (222) Mrs C Whelen, Orpington-Kent. £3.20

4th June

(205) Miss R Podmore, Middlefield Drive £4.90
 (164) Mrs M Hopewell, Ashgrove. £3.20

11th June

(066) Mrs D Speakman Badwell Ash, Bury £4.90
 (228) Mrs S Cobbold, Bridge St
 Stowmarket £3.20

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

Practical Christianity(1)

The Methodist Church is reportedly discussing drink and gambling at the moment, with a view to relaxing its traditional ruling of total abstinence, and this has predictably caused wide debate. It's just not true that no one cares much what the churches say these days. That may be so with topics like heaven and hell, faith and salvation, which come over as purely abstract notions and therefore irrelevant to the average citizen, but when the christian faith impinges on real life there is keen debate, by no means always hostile.

What usually bedevils such discussions is the assumption that the most bleak and forbidding view possible must always be the most religious and any relaxation of extreme views simply shows loss of nerve. Not so at all. Use of alcohol is a good illustration. There may be some situations (Russia? France possibly?) where alcoholism is so rife that the best witness for a christian is to abstain totally. That is a long way from being a necessary general rule in this country, and even if it were it should not take the form of christians trying to ban other people from drinking. If our teetotal witness doesn't have the necessary effect, nothing else will. It is certainly not true that total abstinence is the most christian way. Jesus was called "a glutton and a winebibber" – a nickname

he presumably earned, and as I never tire of saying, trying to be more christian than Christ is a very silly game to play.

Nor is gambling inherently wicked in itself. One popular argument against it is that we should order our lives by logic, not by chance. What a dreary world that conjures up. The ability to go mad sometimes and do Really Silly Things is just part of the joy of being human and merely adds to the store of harmless amusement. There are safeguards, of course – five in fact:

1. We should not risk more than we can afford. That goes without saying. Many regular punters do not confine themselves to 10p's and dip heavily into the housekeeping, and worse, bringing a blight on their families.
2. We should not risk *winning* more than we can afford. Surprise, surprise? Couldn't we all do with a million? No. A thousand or two at most, maybe, to relieve the pressure, *but that should not be the reason for gambling anyway*. As for the big prizes, there is nothing more pathetic than the protestations: "this will never change my lifestyle . . ." It almost invariably ruins them irrevocably. This also answers the other charge against gambling, that it redistributes wealth by chance rather than by hard work and earnings.

As we're not talking about big sums, that doesn't apply. But then wealth is hardly distributed anyway by merit and hard work, so perhaps the anti-gamblers should widen their sights a little and tackle the Stock Exchange.

3. It follows from the above that a flutter should always be that – done for pure fun.

4. It must not take up too much of God's precious gift of *time*. Hours spent working out form, or developing the infallible system is surely not what we were put on this earth to waste large chunks of our time on.

5. Perhaps most insidious of all, a hardened gambler is so used to putting his fortunes into the hands of fate, luck and chance that he develops a kind of spineless fatalism. If he suffers a disaster, or is made redundant, or whatever, the only response is "something will turn up".

The Psalmist had it about right when it came to gambling: "Some put their trust in horses, but we shall remember the name of the Lord" (Ps 20:7)

Meanwhile we shall continue to run our church mini-lotto and I shall continue to pop into the Chestnut Horse from time to time, with a conscience as clear as crystal. That's an Abbotts, please, Stan.

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