

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

After last weekend's activities I went to work on Monday morning feeling particularly whole-some... The Historic Churches' Trust sponsored bicycle ride on Saturday, followed by the Harvest Lunch on Sunday!

I would personally like to thank all the friendly faces and welcome refreshments that greeted us at each church we arrived at during the cycle ride; what better way to see the Suffolk countryside and beautifully maintained churches all so easily taken for granted. As a "first-timer" to the event I would thoroughly recommend it to you all next year. Did you know that the event was actually started in Great Finborough 10 years ago?

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Harvest Lunch on Sunday a real success. £155.23 profit was made which will be divided between the Church and Pettiward hall.

Next BIG Hall event: the 50/50 auction. So if you have any items to sell please contact Linda Grave on 677803. The hall will be open on Friday 4th October between 7 and 8.30pm for items to be left.

Who's for PUDDING?

Tickets are also on sale for A PIG IN A POKE AUCTION & PUDDING PARTY on Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm in the Pettiward Hall. Tickets £3.50 including a glass of wine. All proceeds will go to the fund for the new church porch windows and gate.

AEROBICS

Come on, you know it makes sense, keeping fit is not only good for you but also very good fun. Unfortunately Amanda who is running the aerobics class in the hall on Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm is not getting enough support and will give it one more month before moving to another village. Due to unforeseen commitments, Ann Pheonix will not be able to take keep fit classes so, come on ladies, it is aerobics or nothing!

Last but certainly not least, if anyone feels strongly about preserving the wall and archway east of Church road, please write to:-

MRS HELEN POWELL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
ROOM C9/19 2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

Please quote the listed building and conservation act 1990.

Also, if you wish to preserve the trees each side of the wall, namely two mature Oaks, one mature bird Cherry, one mature horse Chestnut (pink blossom) and two Cherry trees (double blossom) for the benefit of all who live and walk through Church road, please write to:-

BERNARD K HORSTEAD

CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

NEEDHAM MARKET

SUFFOLK

The time to make your feelings know is NOW, so if you feel strongly about the proposed plans please don't miss the opportunity.

John Grave

"There are none so blind as those who
cannot see"

A deathly pall of smoke hangs ominously
over Church Road,
A sad and lonely little bird,
Sits on a lonely tree,
The "developers" have been.

The little bird does not sing,
Others flit around in bewildered panic,
Their homes have gone,
So has their food and their playground.

Now there is nothing but bare earth,
In its centre is a massive pile of smouldering
homes,

A giant machine stands waiting,
Mindless of the destruction it has already
caused.

The cold snap of Winter will soon be here,
Food mud and shelter become scarce,
Nowhere to hide from the bitter blasts,
Of freezing wind that kills.

Man shuts his doors and hibernates behind
double glazing,

Sits the Winter out beside a warm fire,
Sometimes dashing out to feed the poor
suffering birds,
Then dashing in again to keep warm.

The Spring...no bird song,
Only the sound of cars, mowers,
And hedge trimmers and strimmers,
The opening of doors now that Winter has
passed.

The little birds lay dead upon the bare earth,
Little Jenny Wren and family little Robin
redbreast and family,
Mr & Mrs blue tit and family,
The thrushes and blackbirds... **JUST DIED.**

Graham Chaplin.

Please save the wall and the Ivy. You have saved
the pond and newts and there is a very good
chance of saving all the rare trees still standing.
Please write to Department of the Environment
without delay (see above for address).

Graham Chaplin.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

"Food for the heart" is a healthy eating campaign which is part of the Health Education authority and Department of Health's "Look after your heart" programme. The main messages of the campaign are :-

- Eat less fat, especially saturated fat.
- Eat more fibre rich, starchy foods.
- Simple dietary changes can significantly reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Health Authority are organising a Health day on October 5th at Needham Market Middle school between 10.00am - 4.00 pm. There should be something of interest for everyone, including :-

- Health checks - blood pressure, carbon monoxide and fitness testing.

There will also be activities that people can participate in such as dance/fitness. A series of talks will take place throughout the day covering topics such as osteoporosis and the menopause, life-style and posture, stress and relaxation, healthy eating and colour co-ordination. For the children there should be a bouncy

castle, battery cars, a play area, balloons, as well as a giant penguin and mouse.

GT FINBOROUGH BROWNIES

On Saturday 21st September the District Brownie Meet took place at West End Farm, Gt Finborough. About 100 Brownies had a great time trying new sports, making kites, pitching tents and learning about their environment with the help of Ian Dunnott the Gipping Valley Countryside Project Officer. If anyone would like to know more about the Pack please contact Mary Williams 612822.

The Pack is now in full swing after the summer break. A few of the older girls have left us and three new ones have taken their place. During the summer we held two "pack holidays" and here are some of the comments from the Brownies....

Felixstowe Ferry Pack holiday

"I really liked the place we stayed in. It was an old school like Gt Finborough school but with bedrooms so that we could sleep there. Every time we made toast the fire alarm went off, and we were very close to the beach and each time we ventured there we got wet (which was not the idea!). We had good fun and made things. I very much enjoyed the bracelet making. We were Pirates and made hats and had a great party".

Kelly, Juliet, Helen. Emma & Sara.

Hallowtree Nacton

"We had a really enjoyable time, especially the muddy walk (despite the long distance involved), in fact we all got so muddy on the walk we had a shower when we got back. Brown Owl had to clean 18 pairs of training shoes! The tie-dyeing was really good fun. We all joined our squares together and made a "Rainbow Serpent". We had a real camp fire with some cubs. It was good fun and nice and warm, we also learnt some new songs from the cubs.

Stella & Juliet.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Calendar for October

- 6 11: Sung Eucharist
- 20 11: Morning Prayer; 6: **BENEFICE EVENSONG** at Onehouse, where we will be joined by the congregation of Campsea Ashe.

26 7.30: PUDDING EVENING

27 9.45: Family Service

MINI LOTTO

20th AUG

(155) Mrs C Preston, Rattlesden. £4.90
(121) Mrs J Flack, The Bungalows £3.20

27th AUG

(142) Mrs V Brice, The Bungalows £4.90
(163) Mrs B Wyer, The Green £3.20

3rd SEPT

(198) Mr C Chaplin, The Bungalows £4.90
(220) Mrs P Whelan, Kent £3.20

10th SEPT

(190) Mrs A Squirrell, Gale Cottage £4.90
(140) Mrs D Marshall, RAF Wyton £3.20

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

PRIZE BINGO

Wednesday 15th October is the date for the next prize bingo session commencing at 7.00pm in the Pettward Hall. Proceeds will be for the hall committee. This is your hall and we like to see it used, so please do come along.

Hilary Smith.

GREAT FINBOROUGH W.I.

Mrs Meryl Docker's talk "life in an Orchestra" gave members an insight into the hectic life-style of musicians as they travel from one performance to another, often in different Countries with hotel accommodation sometimes leaving a lot to be desired. The October meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th when Mrs Denny will be speaking about "overcoming deafness".

B. Jordan.

PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 3rd September 1991. Points raised:-

- 1). New clerk, Wendy Diaper, also clerk to Onehouse P.C. starts 1st October 1991. Replaces Malcolm Baker who has been clerk since 1974.
- 2). The village sign on the green to be re-painted black with, if possible, the letters and chestnut leaves painted in gold.
- 3). Delivery arrangements for the Newsletter were reviewed so that recent problems are hopefully overcome.

4). A proposal to divert the footpath running from the golf course to Combs lane has been made to the principal landowner involved. The proposal would mean the path being routed next to the river so avoiding current problems with growing crops and other obstacles.

5). Next meeting 6th November 7.30pm.

The retiring clerk would like to thank the Councillors for their gift and kind thoughts, they were most appreciated.

Malcolm Baker.

GREAT FINBOROUGH CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new school year has started with a celebration! It was 21 years ago, in September 1970, that Mrs Hilary Smith commenced her duties as school secretary. During the last 21 years the duties and responsibilities of the "clerk", "secretary" or "clerical assistant", as she has been known, have increased dramatically. The last few years in particular have seen rapid changes in educational administration and finance.

To mark the occasion, the children, parents and staff presented Hilary with a bouquet, cake, watch and cards during the first Friday afternoon assembly of the term. We were delighted that several members of Hilary's family and her friends from the village were able to join us.

Thank you, Hilary, for 21 years of service.

The children, staff and governors would again like to extend a warm invitation to members of the community to join us during the school year. We always endeavour to publicise forthcoming events, whether they be educational or social. Visitors are always welcome to our regular Friday afternoon assembly.

Unfortunately, on a less pleasant note, we have a problem with dogs fouling on the school playground/grass area adjacent to school. Almost daily, staff are having to remove excrement from the playground. I cannot believe that anyone would intentionally allow their dog to use school grounds as a toilet! If anyone sees the offending dog(s) perhaps you would be kind enough to provide a description so that appropriate action can be taken.

Mr Andrew Sykes. Headmaster.

FRIENDS OF GT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the beginning of a new school year the friends are again putting their minds to a programme of activities to delight and entertain (and fund raise!). Here are two dates for your diary:-

Friday 11th October Beetle drive at the school 7.00pm. Admission 50p, all ages welcome.

Saturday 9th November Jumble sale at the school. 2.00pm. If you have any jumble you would like collected please contact Ann Phoenix 674396 or Viv Brice 676249.

To end, a thanks to all who supported our efforts last year. During the term over £1600.00 has been given to the school for the purchase of equipment, including a work-bench, video camera and books for the improved library.

Trudy Grey. Friends management committee.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL LITTLE ERNIE

Prize winners are as follows:-

19th July

(193) Mr Neill. c/o The Police House	£3.30
(125) Mrs E Barker. 5 Wades Wood Woolpit.	£2.15
(145) Mr S Tabley. The Hall	£1.10

26th July

(161) Mrs S Ravenscroft. Valley Lane	£3.30
(108) Mrs S Sinclair. The Hall	£2.15
(181) Mrs G Farrell. The Old Mill. Buxhall	£1.10

2nd Aug

(197) Mrs K Tomlinson. Hall Orchard. Buxhall	£2.90
(129) Miss G Gilhooley. High Road	£1.50
(143) Mr S Farrell. The Old Mill. Buxhall	£1.00

9th Aug

(218) Mr PH Taylor. The Post Office	£2.90
(186) Mrs B Blower. Middlefield Drive	£1.50
(204) Mr M Peart. Middlefield Drive	£1.00

16th Aug

(188) Mr R Tomlinson. Hall Orchard Buxhall	£2.90
(186) Mrs B Blower. Middlefield Drive	£1.50
(212) Mr S Catchpole. Middlefield Drive	£1.00

23rd Aug

(184) Mrs L Peart. Middlefield Drive	£2.85
(181) Mrs G Farrell. The Old Mill Buxhall	£1.40
(90) Mr S Young. Chestnut Horse	£1.00

30th Aug

(220) Mrs M Withey. c/o The Post Office	£2.85
(182) Mr R Tabley. The Hall	£1.40
(164) Mr A Sykes. c/o The School	£1.00

6th Sept

(182) Mr R Tabley. The Hall	£2.85
(200) Mrs A Skinner. Middlefield Drive	£1.40
(206) Mrs V Wright. Champion Cres. Stow.	£1.00

13th Sept

(217) Mr T Taylor. The Post Office	£2.85
(130) Mrs A Tomlinson. Amfield Buxhall	£1.40
(99) Mrs L Peart. Middlefield drive	£1.00

Two sums of £6.55 and three sums of £5.40 and four sums of £5.25 have been added to the school funds.

Julie Smith.

A VALID COMPLAINT: THE BUS SERVICE

Two days into the new school term, the bus service for children to the High school in Stowmarket that live under a three mile limit has been stopped. No prior notice was given. Now 17 children will have to make their own way to school, with winter just round the corner.

The road to the High school has many dangers, no street lighting or pavements. Many children have no lockers at school and have to carry all their books, P.E. gear, packed lunch and sometimes musical instruments with them. Most of us feel that we do not want our children to cycle to school.

We are willing to pay for a bus service into town, but as yet we have not been able to find anyone to help. If you have any ideas please contact **RUTH HART** on 612787 or any of the families affected by the loss of the service.

TODDLER GROUP

Many thanks to Hilary for organising the bingo held on 18th September which raised £54.70. We are planning to spend half the money on new activity toys for the group and the remainder will be used for the Christmas party.

Toddler group is held every Monday during term time at Pettward Hall from 10.30-11.30am. The cost is 75p per family which includes tea/coffee squash and biscuits. Dot Myhill the Health visitor will be coming on **21st October** to weigh the babies and toddlers and will also be able to answer any queries.

We were very pleased to see some new members at the beginning of this term and hope the group continues to expand.

C Nettleton/KSmith/L Fiddaman.