

GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Many thanks for the support given to the Eastern Angles production of "Peculiar People", not only was it a tremendously enjoyable evening but it was also a profitable one. Special thanks to Linda for organising the event. We hope that the Company will return in the near future - and will keep you posted.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Wimpey Homes Ltd

There is a proposed development form Wimpey homes in Onehouse and Stowmarket. Involved in this proposal are changes to the road system which could effect the village. The Parish Council have had their interest in these proposals noted by Wimpey Homes.

Casual Vacancy

Mr Lloyd who had been a councillor for the last nine years had resigned following his move to Bury St Edmunds. The Councillors thanked Mr Lloyd for all the work he had done and his commitment to the village over the last nine years.

Parish meeting

This will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 7th May in the hall. All local organisations are invited to attend and give a brief report of last years events.

School bus transport

It was agreed to set up a sub-committee to meet with the parents concerned to see what further action could be taken.

Village Correspondent

Sue Green has agreed to be liason with the press, passing on reports concerning the village to them. The Parish Council are grateful to Sue for taking on this role and hope that organisations will contact her to place brief reports of events in the press. Sue can be contacted on Stowmarket 770620.

Next meeting

Approx 7.30pm after the Annual Parish meeting in the Hall.

Wendy Diaper. Clerk to the Council.

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SCATTERED MEMORIES OF GREAT FINBOROUGH 50 YEARS AGO

By Ada Proctor. Part 3....

There used to be a house opposite the White horse endways to the road probably used as a slaughterhouse. The pigs which were slaughtered here were conveyed to the Pork butchers shop on the left down the lane, in later years fish and chips were sold there.

I used to go down the Diary farm to buy skimmed milk for baking day and I always remember a Mrs Kerrige, the farmers wife as she had beautiful hands. Another attraction down valley lane was a sweet shop where our John Peel now lives, young men used to congregate there on a Sunday afternoon and would buy aniseed balls, which the farmers wife would count out meticulously - so many for a penny. Going further up the village there used to be a small brick building which served as a repair shop.

When my husband, Fred went to school they used to have hot cocoa at lunchtimes, and had open fires opposite our United Reform Church. In the 1930's there was quite a good Sunday school at the Chapel with a small orchestra. Miss Greengrass, the helper used to come down from the high road on crutches, twice a day on Sunday's. At the "Poplars" there was a knitting factory employing several young people, they mainly made socks. 50 years ago the factory was run by the Chaplin family. A very popular mens club was held in the upper room where there was a billiards table, and the holding of whist drives were very popular. There was a Carpenters shop and Wheelrights shop in the lower room. The men's club would have a Christmas party and invite the WI, likewise the ladies would invite the men's club and that's where I met my husband - I cycled to the party on a very cold and frosty night in 1929.

The Chestnut Horse then only had a six day licence and young men of the village used to congregate just outside here on the corner. I always remember us all being entertained by a young man who used to ride his bicycle up and down - backwards !

Great interest was shown in 1931, Mrs Pettiward was very interested in amateur dramatics and she collected suitable characters from Buxhall, Stowmarket and Finborough and a producer from London was invited to produce the "Rose and the ring", which was performed in an amphitheatre in the park. I remember the play formed part of a competition between different WI's, and members went up to London to perform the play.

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CANDLESTICK CLUB

Our first meeting of 1992 took place on the first Thursday of April in the village hall. We invited members from four other clubs and a total of 50 were present. Light refreshment and entertainment was provided in the form of the "Tyrrel Tones", a company of hand bell ringers and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our next meeting will be at Buxhall village hall at 7.00PM on Thursday 7th May. Entertainment will be by Sue Jacques & Angela Jewers.

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H Sparkes.

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At the April meeting we welcomed visitors from Needham Market and Ringshall and Barking institutes to take part in the discussion of the resolutions which will be debated at the Annual meeting later in the year. These covered a range of subjects - the need for adequate provision for the disposal of fallen stock from farms (animals which die on the farm from old age or disease, in case you're wondering as we were!); whether products derived from genetic engineering should be patented as is advocated by the EEC and moves to press government for additional resources for research and the treatment of endometriosis (which I leave you to look up in the dictionary). Thanks are due to our visiting organiser, Babs Ramsey, who guided our discussions.

A Bring and Buy stall was run at the meeting raising approximately £26.00 for the Suffolk Accident Rescue service. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 13th, when the speaker will be Mr P R Neale, talking on the work of the Children's society. Visitors will, as usual, be welcome.

Trudy Gray.

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A BRIEF THANKS

In case the editor feels constrained in offering thanks to his wife, I would like to record thanks to Linda Grave for master-minding the visit of the Eastern Angles to the Pettiward Hall last month. This was an extremely enjoyable, and very polished performance - and it was very pleasing to see the hall so full. Thanks to the Hall Committee for organising the event, we hope a repeat can be organised for the future.

Trudy Gray.

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ST ANDREWS MINI LOTTO

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

24th Mar

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(208) Mrs K Cape, High Green Farm. £4.70
(184) Mrs L Dykes, Boundary Cott Buxhall. £3.10

31st Mar

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(171) Mr M Wyer, The Green. £4.70
(153) Miss N Bull, West End Farm. £3.10

7th April

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(223) Mrs R Macro, Middlefield Drive. £4.70
(177) Mr B Cooper, Poy St Green, Rattlesden. £3.10

14th April

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(149) Mrs M Mussett, Holst Mead. £4.70
(058) Mrs B Buckle, Oak Close. £3.10

The sum of £7.80 has been added each week to church funds.
If anyone is interested in joining the lottery (only 10p per week) please ring me on 615492

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Wednesday 20th is the date for the May prize bingo session.
Commencing at 7.00pm in the Pettward Hall, proceeds will be for Church funds. Please join us.

Hilary Smith.

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CHURCH SERVICES

May 3rd 11am Holy Communion

May 10th - No Service Gt Finborough -

May 17th 11am Morning Prayer

May 24th Rogation Sunday - we start at Harleston at 9.30 with the first part of the communion service. The second part is at Onehouse at about 10.10am and finally at Finborough at 11.15am. If you prefer not to join the walk between the churches, join us where convenient. Please bring a picnic lunch to be eaten at Finborough.

May 31st Benefice service Harleston at 10.30 with Archdeacon Tony Wilson.

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WHATS ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL
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MONDAYS	Toddler Group*	10.30 to 11.30
TUESDAYS	Hall is cleaned	AM only
WEDNESDAYS	Playgroup*	9.15 to 11.45
THURSDAYS	Playgroup*	9.15 to 11.45
FRIDAYS	Playgroup*	9.15 to 11.45

* During Term Times.

WI The Second Wednesday of each month.

Candlestick Club April 2nd & November 5th.

Bingo Starting Wednesday March 18th 1992 - 3rd Wednesday each month.

WHY NOT HIRE THE HALL FOR A FUNCTION. CALL LINDA GRAVE 677803.

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USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS
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Parish Council - Mrs W Diaper 677103

WI Press Officer - Trudy Gray 674819

Hall Booking Secretary - Linda Grave 677803

Playgroup - Laura Howell 770976

Brownie Leader - Mary Williams 612822

Bingo / Church Warden / Candlestick Club - Hilary Smith 615492

Royal British Legion - Mick Smith 615492

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