



Great Finborough Newsletter

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A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

SUFFOLK COMMUNITY QUIZ

Great Finborough has entered the Community Quiz once again and will be hosting two matches in the Pettiward Hall on Monday, 25th January, 1988 commencing at 7.30pm.

The first match will involve the home team against the winners of a preliminary match between Hadleigh and Newton Green, whilst in the following tie Needham Market and Barclif Community Centre meet.

If anyone wishes to participate in the contest either to answer questions or act as scorer please let me know. Mr. Twitchett has agreed to be questionmaster.

Do please come along on the 25th and support your local team and have an enjoyable evening testing your knowledge along with the contestants.

M.J.Baker (tel: 676457)

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Confirmation

A small group is beginning to gather at Onehouse, of young adults who want to be confirmed. If you want to join them, with a view to being confirmed at about Easter time, please let me know. Teenagers also welcome, though the two groups would not be mixed.

January Calendar

2nd	Sat.	12 noon: Ian Hasler & Dianne Brand: wedding
3rd	Chr 2	11 am: Sung Eucharist (Merbecke)
(6th	Weds	9.30am Epiphany Communion at Onehouse)
17th	2 aft E	11am: Morning Prayer. Anthem: Three Kings from Persian Lands afar.
24th	3 aft E	9.45am: CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. Speaker: David Hennessey, Diocesan Secretary
31st	Septua	10.30am: BENEFICE SERVICE (Morning Prayer) at HARLESTON

Please set aside Shrove Tuesday in your diaries for a do in the Pettiward Hall. Church pancakes - and more!

May I also draw your attention to the services on the 24th and 31st.

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH (CONTINUED)

The Christingle Service is a very popular service with children, with symbolism (not to mention free oranges) that all can appreciate. As the proceeds go towards deprived children worldwide, adults find it easily understandable too.

Services on fifth Sundays are 'Benefice Services', in which the intention is that ALL regular worshippers (not just the keenites!) gather for a single service in each church in turn. Many Onehouse and Harleston worshippers were with us on the fifth Sunday in November, at our Patronal Festival. It is now our turn to 'play away' on January 31st.

Still no NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Try this one. By almost every post, along with firms trying to sell me million pound printing presses, I receive letters from charities and other worthy causes. It is awful to call these junk mail, but I'm afraid that because of the desperate financial plight of the three churches and my very limited time for organising special appeals, they suffer the same fate and hardly touch the breakfast table. Would you like to have one forwarded to you? They cover everything from campaigns to alleviate leprosy to helping save choir schools. Mostly they seem either to concentrate on helping cure specific illnesses like multiple sclerosis, or help particular groups in need, such as children or old people, or more general needs, like promoting christian literature, but I do emphasise that very few are narrowly religious.

Why not have one of these appeals diverted to you, so that you can send it back with a few bob inside? Better still, you might like to organise a coffee morning and send in the proceeds. Never mind if you've never organised one before. People like an excuse to go to someone's for a coffee, especially if it is in a good cause. You don't have to raise hundreds of pounds. You know that three or four pounds is better than the appeals going unanswered as they are now. We'll tell you how to organise a coffee morning, and as a service by the church would supply you with printed invitations to make it look more of a 'proper do'.

Please think about it. If you would like to have a go, send me (or leave at the church) a stamped addressed envelope, with the subject of your interest pencilled on the back. It may be specific, like 'cot deaths', or general, like 'anything with children' or, if you are a real hero and are willing to take pot luck, just write 'any cause'. You may not hear anything for months. I would be most grateful, though, as I hate rejecting genuine appeals, as most of them seem to be.

Michael Skliros, Priest-in-Charge
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ST.ANDREWS MINI-LOTTO

Winners this month are as follows:

		£
17th Nov.	(140) Mrs.D.Marshall, Wyton, Huntingdon	4.05
	(057) Mrs.M.Welham, The Green	2.70
24th Nov.	(094) Mrs.J.Fisher, 6 Boundary Cotts	4.05
	(112) Miss P.Smith, Needham Market	2.70
1st Dec.	(090) Mr.K.Sullivan, Cambridge	4.05
	(182) Mrs.P.Barrell, 6 High Road	2.70
8th Dec.	(130) Mrs.Mason, 8 The Chestnuts	4.10
	(081) Mrs.K.Proctor, 18 The Chestnuts	2.75
15th Dec.	(106) Mrs.S.Ravenscroft, Valley Lane	4.10
	(169) Mrs.S.Loades, Sunnyside	2.75

Sums of £6.75, £6.75, £6.75, £6.85 and £6.85 respectively have been added to the Church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By the time you read this Christmas will be behind us and the New Year just beginning. Hope you all had a good Christmas and will have a happy and healthy New Year.

Our Christmas Party was a happy event. Lovely food, a brightly decorated hall and a few party games. One was 'Give us a Clue'. Our team managed to make 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' 'The Good The Bad and The Ugly' so you can imagine what our acting was like. Plenty of laughs though!

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 14th January, 7.30pm in the Pettiward Hall. We would welcome new members and all our old friends. The speaker is Mrs.Ann Lower talking about The Citizens Advice Bureau. Should make an interesting start to the year.

Judy Rolfe, Press Correspondent

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

RBL Poppy Appeal

Sincere thanks and congratulations to the house-to-house collectors and to the people who gave so generously to the 1987 Appeal. The total collected in the village was £157.52, an increase of 20% on 1986.

F.W.E.Smith, Hon.Organiser

PETTIWARD HALL

A belated spot perhaps, but one that cannot be missed (despite Ed.'s gentle reminders and continuing patience, I singularly forgot last month's deadline) about the Hallowe'en Party. We made £85 for Hall funds, but most important it was, for the first time since the advent of TV, a sell-out event. Yes, we actually had a capacity crowd, pretty creepy most of them, delighting in apple bobbing, ghoulish groaning, Tutankhamen's mummy (it was a daddy actually) and Lord Nelson's eye (that was a squidgy tomato). Thanks for the support! (There's a joke there, but everyone's heard it, so I won't bother).

And now to 1988. On the building/improvement front, the Management Committee is considering what needs to be tackled now that the heating is up and running - or rather on and glowing. Turning to events in 1988, dates not yet fixed, but the following are planned: (others no doubt to follow)

The Fourth Great Great Finborough 50/50 Auction (so hang on to those saleable goodies - if storage is a problem, let us know)

Construction of the Orwell Bridge - a slide presentation which will chart the building of the bridge from foundations to concrete symmetry.

Antiques Roadshow

And one firm date, girls - so out with the new diaries. The world has heard of Paris, New York, London, Tokyo and on 8th November 1988 - Great Finborough. We bring for your delectation - fanfare of trumpets, etc. - a fashion show - with the opportunity to snap up top quality fashion at a fraction of store prices. Watch this space for further details.

And if anyone has any suggestions - proper, of course - either about improvements to the Hall or about events for 1988 please pass them on to one of the Committee. Have a nice year!

Richard Brice

P.S. To whom it may concern, thanks for returning the bunting.
P.P.S. The ring found in the Hall mentioned in the November Newsletter has still not been claimed.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Friday, 29th January at 7.30pm.

Points from the November meeting

The Parish rate for 1988-89 will be 4.9p in the £ - the fourth consecutive year at this level. This will raise the sum of £2,250 for Parish Council purposes including £600 for grant to the Hall Committee for any improvement work.

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PARISH COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

Discussions are to be held with the District Council concerning the work required to remedy the damage to trees on Council land caused by the October hurricane.

As regards the proposed Youth Club, there had been no response to the invitation in an earlier Newsletter for interested Club leaders to contact the Council.

Council agreed to adopt Mr. Townsley's suggestion that there be a public session at the commencement of each Council meeting so that parishioners can come and give their views and comments on matters to be considered by the Council.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Kistner, Chief Financial Officer of the Mid Suffolk District Council gave a talk on District Council finance and the proposed rates reforms.

Clerk to the Council

DIARY FOR JANUARY 1988

1st Friday	New Year's Day Holiday
2nd Sat.	St. Andrews: Wedding 12 noon
3rd Sunday	St. Andrews: 11am Sung Eucharist
5th Tuesday	New School Term commences
6th Wednesday	(Onehouse - Epiphany Communion 9.30am)
14th Thursday	WI 7.30pm in Pettward Hall
17th Sunday	St. Andrews: 11am Morning Prayer
18th Monday	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EDITION
24th Sunday	St. Andrews: 9.45am Christingle Service
25th Monday	Suffolk Community Quiz in Pettward Hall 7.30pm (Great Finborough v. Hadleigh Lions)
29th Friday	Great Finborough Parish Council 7.30pm in Pettward Hall
31st Sunday	(Harleston - Benefice Service 10.30am)

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If you have anything for future Parish Diaries, please let the Editor know by the deadline date.
Events mentioned in material for publication will automatically be included.