



Great Finborough Newsletter

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PETTIWARD HALL

The membership of the Management Committee for the year 1988/89 is as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organisation represented</u>
Richard Brice (Chairman)	co-opted
Trudie Gray (Minute Secretary)	Women's Institute
Jane Johnson (Correspondence Sec)	co-opted
Maurice Lloyd (Treasurer)	Parish Council
Ada Proctor	P.C.C. & Candlestick Club
Nick Skinner	Tuesday Club
Hermon Sparkes	Royal British Legion
Kate Stervant	Playgroup
Trevor Waspe	Parish Council
Brenda Wyer (Booking Secretary)	Ladies Keep Fit

Please note that Brenda is our new Booking Secretary. She can be contacted on Stow. 674353 for all Hall bookings.

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The Herculean task of renovating the floor in the Main hall has been completed under the supervision of Nick Skinner, who must be singled out for his devotion beyond the call of duty - the best part of a week's work! Supported by volunteers, Robert Pike, Hermon Sparkes, Trudie Gray, Brian Smith, Ann Phoenix, 'her indoors' and yours truly, the floor was sanded three times - rough, medium and fine papers, handsealed, wire-wooled and hand-sealed twice more. The result is a transformation and at marginal cost compared to the cost of having it 'done' professionally. Take a look in the Hall - you will be floored! Thanks very much to all concerned. The challenge is for us to keep the floor looking good so if all Hall users could take particular care with the floor we would be most grateful.

Thanks also to Trevor Waspe for cutting the verge around the Hall which has greatly improved the outside appearance. Trevor's task was made rather unpleasant by various deposits left on the verge: 'youcky poo!' as my son would say. If dog owners could keep their pets from fouling the verge it would make grass cutting there more acceptable and conceivably with less fertiliser the grass would grow more slowly in any case!

And we have a vacancy - wanted: a window cleaner. The Management Committee would like the Main Hall windows cleaned on a regular basis, say every three months and we're willing to pay to have it done. Interested? Please let me know (676249).

And now diary dates:

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Coming soon - 11th June - Fourth Great (sic) Great Finborough 50/50 Auction under the expert hammer of Hubert Mitson. Full details next month but hang on to all those goodies and we'll make a mint.

24th September - 60's Evening - the time machine is off again.

29th October - Hallowe'en Party - returning by popular demand.

Richard Brice

LETTER TO EDITOR

From Brenda Wyer, The Cottage, The Green, Great Finborough:

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who volunteered to do the floor in the village hall - it really looks fantastic. Thank you again."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meeting for April was held in the home of Dr. & Mrs. Smith and we would like to thank them for making us so welcome.

Some lovely slides and the knowledgeable enthusiasm and sense of humour of Mike Marshall, a Suffolk Coastal Warden, gave us a delightful insight into the 35 miles of our coastal border and 12 miles of the Orwell estuary. Such variety of habitat makes our coast rich in wildlife and vegetation. Did you know that all our beaches are privately owned, although we all have access to them? The County Council now own the beach at Dunwich which is suddenly a bit larger because of the storms of last October took a 20 foot bite out of the cliffs. The car park there has been enlarged and is free parking. If you want information on the coastal walks or if you feel like volunteering your help contact the County Council or go to the Information Centres at Walberswick or Thorpeness. The windmill is the Information Centre at Thorpeness.

Our next meeting will be at the Pettiward Hall on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm. Mrs Helen Huish, County Vice-Chairman, will be there to lead our discussion of the Resolutions for the A.G.M. The four Resolutions and a bit of background information can be found in the Home and Country Magazine for April. Over our tea and coffee we will discuss ideas for next year's programme so put your thinking caps on now and have some good ideas ready. The competition is 'A short verse or Limerick on the Resolutions'. Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Cass, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Buckle and Flowers, Mrs. Schieske. Look forward to seeing you there.

Judy Rolfe

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Bury Male Voice Choir is coming to the Church on Monday 23rd May at 7pm to give us a service of song. We would be delighted to welcome folk from the village to hear the interesting programme they will present.

A cleaner is required for the Church - anyone interested please apply to Mrs.H.Arbon on Stowmarket 615439.

Where are you now? The Women's Fellowship is 50 years old and we are combining a celebration with our Rally on Tuesday 28th June at 2.30pm. We would like as many old members to join us as possible and give thanks to God for his wonderful sustaining power and help over the years. I can be contacted on Stowmarket 675261.

Sesca W.Ballard

ST.ANDREWS MINI- LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:

22nd March	(082) Mrs.P.Smith, The Old Forge	£4.25
	(192) Mrs.D.Riseborough, The Green	£2.85
29th March	(173) Mr.J.Grave, White Horse Cottages	£4.25
	(084) Mr.F.Smith, Hilmic House	£2.85
5th April	(146) Mrs.E.Green, 3 High Road	£4.25
	(164) Mrs.M.Hopewell, Ashgrove	£2.85
12th April	(149) Mrs.M.Mussett, Winchester Cl. Stowmarket	£4.25
	(162) Mrs.P.Kemsley, Walnut Tree Walk Stowmarket	£2.85

The sum of £7.10 has been added each week to the church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

DRAW FOR EASTER EGG

The draw for the Easter Egg at the Post Office was won by Peggy Barrel. £54 was raised for the Parish Church. Many thanks.

Brian Smith

PRIZE BINGO

The next prize bingo session will be on Wednesday, 18th May at 7pm in the Pettward Hall. Proceeds are for the Parochial Church Council. All welcome.

Hilary Smith

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Services for May

- 1 11am Sung Eucharist (New Communion service)
- 3 7.30pm Deanery Service - Institution of Churchwardens
- 12 9.15am Primary School Assembly (Ascension Day)
- 15 11am Morning Prayer
- 22 9.45am Family Service
- 29 10.30am Benefice Service at Onehouse

It may be my imagination, but there seems to be a groundswell of complaint at present, in all levels of the media, of people calling on the Church of England to give a more positive lead in almost everything.

I must confess it has puzzled me. The C of E has never been a dogmatic Church, and those who need to be told what to believe will surely have long since gone elsewhere. It is paradoxically, perhaps, that the C of E is making the headlines more frequently and clearly now, and some are beginning to realise that the Church's views and their own do not run on quite such parallel tracks as they thought? We all like our Church to reinforce our prejudices and feel rather let down when it refuses to do that. Or am I being naive in thinking that people are now looking primarily to the Church of England to give practical guidance in these increasingly confused times? For all its faults, which are manifold, the main strength of the C of E has always been its practical approach to the real world (hence its reluctance to take a hard line in most things). Witness Archbishop Tutu, David Sheppard, Terry Waite, the Bishop of Durham and many others. Like them or not, one cannot deny that they are 'right in there', often at personal cost.

We also do our bit at St.Andrews, to combine truth with reality, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am, and the 4th Sunday at 9.45am. After all you can't complain if you never come to hear and see the local church in action. The Archbishop can't do all the talking.

As from this month we have also made a decision to replace the Prayer Book Communion service with the modern version. It won't pack the Church - in fact we know we shall lose one or two - but the P.C.C. felt it is a form of service more in keeping with the perpetual challenge of trying to follow the Christian path in the last decade of the 20th century.

Michael Skliros
Priest-in-Charge
Tel: 677663/672844

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CANDLESTICK CLUB

The May meeting will be held in the barn at Brook Farm, Buxhall, on Thursday, 5th, commencing at 7pm. Heating and tea-making facilities will be available. New members are always welcome to come along to our meetings on the first Thursday in the month.

Hilary Smith, Hon.Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Meeting held on 25th March heard reports from parish organisations covering the past year. They reflected a very busy time and the wide range of social activity in Great Finborough. Mr.Poss, the County Councillor stated that he would not be seeking re-election at the County Council elections on Thursday 5th May.

The Parish Council meeting which followed the Parish Meeting heard that the Post Office Area Delivery Manager would be looking into the late delivery at the Combs Lane end of the round. There was to be a review later in the year of the ways in which the heavy load on each delivery round could be reduced.

A further quotation in respect of remedial work to the tree on the Green is being obtained.

The Pettiward Hall hiring agreement required the cessation of music, singing and dancing at 11.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays and at 11pm on other days.

The current arrangements for litter collections in the village are to continue. This service is funded by the District Council.

It was agreed to accept an offer from the District Council that its Principal Development Control Officer attend a meeting of the Council to discuss the planning system. Mr.Brooks is scheduled to come to the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in the Pettiward Hall on Thursday, 26th May.

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MAY 1988

Mon 2	Bank Holiday
Thurs 5	County Council elections Candlestick Club - 7pm Brook Farm, Buxhall
Thurs 12	WI 7.30pm Pettiward Hall
Mon 16	(Newsletter deadline - June material)
Weds.18	Prize Bingo 7pm Pettiward Hall
Thurs 19	Meeting of trustees of Gt.Fin.United Charity
Mon 23	URC - Bury Male Voice Choir 7pm
Thurs 26	Pettiward Hall : 7pm Mr.Brooks on Planning System 8pm Annual Meeting of Parish Council
Fri 27	School half term
Mon 30	Bank Holiday

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