



Great Finborough Newsletter

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WELL DONE BROWNIES!

The 1st Great Finborough & Buxhall Brownie Pack have won the District Challenge Cup for 1988, beating 11 other packs in the area.

The Challenge was in two sections, the first being held in February, when each pack had to represent a different country and find out as much as possible about it. The information had to be presented as a display and a five minute entertainment. Our unit represented Denmark and we gained full marks in the entertainment and won first place.

The second section of the Challenge was held on Thursday, 12th May when six Brownies represented us at the Challenge evening. They took part in a variety of activities including First Aid, cooking, Flags, designing and making a room for a dolls house and a quiz. They were marked on how they organised themselves and carried out the tasks, as well as on the end result. The girls all did very well and were a credit to their pack and their village. They were placed 2nd out of 12 units giving us enough points to be this year's overall Challenge Cup winners. Congratulations.

On Monday 16th May, 3 girls, Rebecca Gant, Claire Doyle and Kelly Porley made their Brownie Promises and became the newest members of the Pack. We still have one spare place if any girl in the village between the ages of 7 to 10 years would like to join us. We meet at the Primary School every Monday 6 to 7.15pm. If anyone is interested please phone me (tel 612822) for further details.

Mary Williams, Brownie Guider

PRIZE BINGO

The next Prize Bingo session will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Wednesday 15th June commencing at 7pm. Proceeds will be for the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Do come along and support them.

Hilary Smith

CANDLESTICK CLUB

On Thursday 2nd June, there will be a mystery tour, the coach picking up at Buxhall at 6pm and Finborough Primary School shortly afterwards. The cost is as follows:

Members	£1.50
Non-members	£2.00
Children	£1.00

Richard Green, our Treasurer, will be in charge on this occasion and I hope you will all have a very pleasant evening.

Hilary Smith, Hon. Secretary

PETTIWARD HALL

Scene: The Pettiward Hall, a Saturday afternoon in June.

Auctioneer: 'Going, going, gone!'

Bang! (sound of hammer)

Auctioneer: (points left vaguely) 'Sold to the gentleman with the old bag.'

Man at left: (angrily) 'How dare you refer to my wife like that!'

Auctioneer: (looking for door) 'No, not you sir, the gentleman with the string bag behind you.' (Auctioneer exit right quickly!).

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The second-hand ones are always the best and there'll be plenty of them for sale in the Hall on Saturday 11th June at 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm, also viewing 10am to 12 noon day of sale). We have already collected some super items - a BMX bike, set of cast-iron saucepans, stereo systems, double bed, lean-to greenhouse, cuddly toy - to name but a few, which will fall under the expert hammer of Hubert Mitson on the day.

The drill is the same as usual, and members of the Management Committee will be calling during the week before the auction to see if you have anything you would like us to sell. We then sell it and give you 50% of the proceeds - we keep the other 50% for Hall funds. A super duper, effortless way to get rid of all those things you'll never really use - and the chance to make a bob or two at the same time. If for any reason no-one calls and you have items to sell, please let me know on Stow. 676249 and I'll arrange collection.

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SCENE ONE: The Pettiward Hall, a Saturday afternoon in another June.

Auctioneer: 'Sold to the delightful young lady, standing with her grandfather'
(embarrassing silence, followed by sniggers and loud whispers)

Auctioneer: (red-faced) 'I'm sorry, madam, I didn't realise that was your husband!'

SCENE TWO: A Doctor's surgery, half an hour later.

(Enter auctioneer, nursing swollen eye)

Richard Brice

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ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

The church and village have suffered a great loss by Fred Proctor's death. His span of office at St.Andrews - churchwarden since 1929, without a break - must be nearly a record, but he found time actively to support Buxhall church, in their choir and on their PCC, over a period that even predates his involvement at Finborough. His interests were far from merely churchy; he was not that sort of person at all. In the best traditions of the Church of England, he cast his net wide, as will be seen for example by the representatives at his funeral of the Foresters, of which he was an active president until his death.

It seems impossible to replace him at the Parish Church, except perhaps by three or four people doing - less well - all that he did. Without doubt someone will fill the breach. An example like his always inspires others to follow, even though it is daunting at first. But his place will always be missed, and his memory hallowed. May he rest from his labours.

Forthcoming diary

May 25th 1.45: Funeral - Fred Proctor
May 29th 10.30: BENEFICE SERVICE (Communion) at Onehouse
Jun 5th 11: Sung Eucharist (these now follow the modern form of service)
Jun 11th 2: Richard Scoggins & Nicola Smith - Wedding
Jun 18th 3: John Lee & Sandy Gregory - Wedding
Jun 19th 11: Morning Prayer with choir
Jun 26th 9.45: Family Service with Junior Choir
11: Patronal Festival at Onehouse. Preacher: Debbie Jones, RC Diocesan Education Officer.

Weddings

Why anyone gets married in a Registry Office is beyond my comprehension. The few I have attended have been about as sparkling as last year's soda water. If people have positive anti-religious feelings, then well and good. But if they are simply afraid of the fuss and cost of a church wedding (two commonly heard reasons) I would venture that it is the right kind of fuss that you get with a village church wedding, and the cost is very little more. Some brides are afraid that they will get the third degree from a vicar: "you don't come on Sundays, so you can't get married here". For one thing that's not legal; a C of E parson is duty bound to marry someone living within the parish boundaries. But apart from that, please rest assured that I will do so willingly. It's a big and tricky subject, but if your hesitation is because some vicar bored the pants off you in Sunday School, your grievance is probably quite justified. Give us a chance to make amends, if you'd rather like a church wedding. Things have changed quite a bit. Much the same applies to christenings.

Michael Skliros, Priest-in-Charge
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ST.ANDREW'S MINI- LOTTO

Winners are as follows:

19th April	(104) Mrs.M.Mason, 8 Bungalows	£4.25
	(058) Mrs.B.Buckle, 1 Oak Close	£2.85
26th April	(125) D.Armes, 9 Bungalows	£4.25
	(073) Mrs.M.Mason, 8 Bungalows	£2.85
3rd May	(188) Mrs.A.Skinner, 2 Middlefield Drive	£4.25
	(139) Mr.F.Durrant, 3 Boundary Cott's	£2.85
10th May	(114) Mrs.J.Vonberg, Spring Road, Ipswich	£4.25
	(087) Mr. T.Jackson, Northfield Rd, Onehouse	£2.85

The sum of £7.10 had been added each week to the Church heating fund.

Hilary Smith

NOTICE

Have a PLOUGHMANS' PLATTER (FATHERS' DAY TREAT) at THE LODGE, HARLESTON, on Sunday, 19th June. Swimming, wine bar, draw at 2pm. Admission by ticket only: adults £3, children under 12 £2. Tickets available from:

Mrs.J.Scarff - Rattlesden 7888
Mrs.K.Ellis - Rattlesden 430
Mrs.G.Robinson - Rattlesden 331.

Proceeds in aid of Harleston Church.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Any of you who have listened to the Archers on the radio will certainly know about one of our resolutions. Our discussion on the Resolutions for the AGM in London was very ably led by Mrs.Helen Huish from Debenham, a V.C.O. Mrs.Mary Schlieske, gave the Vote of Thanks. The competition for a short verse or limerick was well supported and won by Mrs.Pat Smith.

Ten members are going to the production in Stowmarket of 'The Importance of being Ernest' on 19th May. A river trip on the Deben is planned for 8th June. The next book for the Book Club is Paul Gallico's 'Jennie'.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Pettiward Hall. Mr.Goven will be coming to talk to us about 'Handwriting Analysis'. The competition will be 'An envelope addressed by Hand'. This to be in your usual handwriting not calligraphy, then Mr.Goven can analyse that for a bit of fun.

Judy Rolfe

EAST SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

A Coffee Morning will be held at Bridge Farm, Valley Lane, Great Finborough on Tuesday 7th June. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and many plants, including trailing geraniums, conifers, and a selection of shrubs. Please come and support us and bring your friends. This is our third year and it poured with rain on the previous two years so perhaps it will be 'third time lucky' and the sun will shine. We will be pleased to see you whatever the weather.

John and Judy Rolfe

PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE

Thurs 2nd	Candlestick Club - Mystery Tour 6pm
Sun 5th	St. Andrews: Sung Eucharist 11am
Mon 6th	(School Term resumes)

Tues 7th	Coffee Morning, Bridge Farm
Thurs 9th	WI Pettiward Hall 7.30pm
Sat 11th	50/50 Sale, Pettiward Hall 2pm
	St. Andrews: Wedding 2pm

Weds 15th	Prize Bingo, Pettiward Hall 7pm
Sat 18th	St. Andrews: Wedding 3pm
Sun 19th	St. Andrews: Morning Prayer 11am

Sun 26th	St. Andrews: Family Service 9.45am
Tues 28th	women's Fellowship Rally 2.30pm

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The address of the Editor is now:

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