



Great Finborough Newsletter

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ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

From the Registers

May 16 Maud Miles, aged 83, R.I.P.
May 25 Fred Proctor, aged 83, Churchwarden 1929-1988, R.I.P.
June 5 Stacey Marie Davey and Keri Joanne Jameson, christened.
June 11 Richard Scoggins & Nicola Smith, married
June 18 John Lee & Sandy Gregory, married.

Diary for July

3 Sunday 11am Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism
16 Sat. 1.30pm Geoffrey Leggetter & Mary Oliver - wedding
17 Sunday 11am Morning Prayer. Anthem: Let thy merciful ears
(Thomas Weelkes - 1576)
24 Sunday 9.45am Holy Communion
31 Sunday 11am BENEFICE SERVICE (Mattins). Preacher: Canon
Denis Payne.

Though firmly liberal in almost all other respects, I can't help feeling the most apt treatment for football hooligans is a touch of the cane - 12 for the leaders, 6 for the led, and 3 for anyone else foolish enough to remain on camera. Administered by the nearest police station sergeant, it could be dispassionately and swiftly carried out, and provide the distinctly painful experience that all bullies hate, with just enough humiliation to prevent their becoming folk heroes, not too much to turn them against society. The trouble is that our society has become lily-livered (not at all the same as liberal) and we shrink from applying speedy, if sometimes rough, justice. Even if this were decided to be the right punishment, it would be only after a lengthy, expensive trial, groaning with psychiatrists' and social workers' reports. If convicted, there would be an immediate appeal and a petition to the Queen (copy to Lord Longford). Two years later, when punishment was finally approved, a specially-appointed public flogger would be produced, there would be not less than three dozen witnesses, medical examinations (before and after) by half of Harley Street and there would be special apparatus. Lord knows what it would look like, but sure as eggs there'd be Apparatus. The whole grisly peep show would be drawn out, cold-blooded and therefore really sadistic. As Bernard Shaw wisely said, tipping the old saying on its head: "never punish - except in anger".

Discussion of limited corporal punishment is neither here nor there. The point for us is that football hooligans are by no means the only group to have no regard for the communities they live among or wreak havoc in. So - what, if anything, are we doing to build community, to make this village more than just a loose association of 430 individuals? It doesn't just happen.

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ST.ANDREWS (CONTINUED)

All our young people seem dangerously close to turning their backs on society because it is so faceless. If we can do something to give our village a human face, we may not change that, but there is no other way. And all credit to those who feature regularly in these pages, who are obviously doing more than their bit.

Michael Skliros, Priest-in-Charge
Tel: Stow. 677663/672844

Commemoration

It has been suggested that it would be nice to have some kneelers or pew cushions dedicated in Fred Proctor's memory, long standing church warden, and that many other people might like to have the opportunity to donate some money in this way.

Please do not think this idea refers only to Fred. You may like to keep alive the memory of someone in your own family, or commemorate a wedding, a christening, or a specially precious birth.

You do not need to be good with a needle and if you are you do not need to be female. Many men enjoy the challenge of working in cross-stitch and it fills the long winter evenings by the fireside!

Some designs are only £7.00, others £11.00 and £16.00, with pew runners to sit on, to be designed (and priced) later.

Please contact me, Wendy Skliros, 19 Childer Road, Stowmarket (tel 672844) if you want to donate or do the work. We hope to have several on the go by September.

Wendy Skliros

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning with bring and buy sale and raffle will be held on Saturday, 9th July at Abbey Hall House, Buxhall Road - the home of John and Betty Wright. Proceeds in aid of Church maintenance.

Please come and bring your friends. Items for the bring and buy stall would be most appreciated.

Finborough churchyard

The grass in the churchyard is threatening to get out of hand. We have one rotary mower and shortly another self-propelled rotary. A complete cut apart from the "conservation areas" takes about 2½ hours every two weeks. I am trying to organise a rota using two volunteers each fortnight. PLEASE, PLEASE help. You do not need to be a regular churchgoer - just someone who cares about the appearance of the village. Volunteers please phone me (Brian Smith) on Stow. 612131.

ST.ANDREWS (CONTINUED)

Cyclists

The annual cycle ride for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and our own church is on Saturday 10th September from 10am to 6pm or such part of these hours as are convenient.

I need volunteers please to man the church and of course to cycle. I know it is some time away but preparations are under way.

Please let me know if you can help and/or cycle.

Brian Smith (tel 612131)

Mini-Lotto

Prize-winners are as follows:

17th May	(175) Mrs.B.Rahahn, West View, Stowmarket	£4.25
	(081) Mrs.K.Proctor, The Chestnuts	£2.85
24th May	(073) Mrs.M.Mason, The Bungalows	£4.35
	(179) Mrs.S.Cooper, Elmtree Close, Old Newton	£2.95
31st May	(167) Mrs.J.Gibson, South Lodge	£4.35
	(187) Mr.A.Smith, Oak Close	£2.95
7th June	(164) Mrs.M.Hopewell, Ashgrove	£4.30
	(176) Mrs.S.Cooper, Elmtree Close, Old Newton	£2.90
14th June	(163) Mrs.E.Wyer, The Green	£4.40
	(097) Mr.R.Flack, The Bungalows	£2.95

Sums of £7.10, £7.30, £7.30, £7.20 and £7.35 have been added to church funds.

Hilary Smith

EAST SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION for the BLIND

The Coffee Morning held at Bridge Farm raised £246.75 on the day and more plants have been sold since bringing the total to £272.30. Thank you for your support.

John and Judy Rolfe

CANDLESTICK CLUB

The July meeting will take the form of a coach trip organised by the Buxhall Community Council with draw proceeds going to the Buxhall Village Hall. Details have yet to be announced, but members will be informed in good time and it is hoped that all will be able to come along.

Hilary Smith, Hon.Secretary

PRIZE BINGO

The next prize bingo session will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Wednesday 20th July at 7pm in aid of Hall funds. All welcome.

Hilary Smith

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Mrs.Leslie Cass and Mrs. Brenda Grimaldi had restaged our exhibit that had been entered for the Suffolk Show and we all had a chance to admire it. We came 10th out of 75 entries, so we felt quite pleased with our achievement.

A glass engraver by profession, Mr.Alistair Govern gave an entertaining talk on Handwriting Analysis, and Mrs.Judy Jones won the Competition.

A walk has been arranged at Felsham Woods on Thursday 7th July. We meet at Trudy Gray's, The Old Police House at 6.30pm. Phone Trudy on 674819 for information and to arrange transport.

The Book Club is reading Charlotte Bronte's "The Professor" for this month and will meet at Brenda Grimaldi's to discuss it on Monday 18th July at 8pm.

Our meeting on Thursday 14th July is the Garden Party at Bridge Farm, Valley Lane. We start at 7.15pm. Members are reminded to bring a garden chair. Remember, after all the lovely food prepared by our members, keep space for the strawberries and cream.

Cream teas are being served in the garden of Mrs. Brenda Grimaldi on Saturday 20th August at 2.30pm. There will be a Produce and Preserves Stall. Everyone is welcome, so keep the date clear.

Judy Rolfe

PETTIWARD HALL

Our 50/50 Auction on 11th June was the best yet. Over £739 exchanged hands in 4 hours which after returns left a magnificent £460 profit for Hall funds.

Thanks very much to all who helped in any way, with particular thanks to Hubert Mitson, our superb auctioneers, and thanks as well to all who gave items for sale - and all who turned up to buy them!

Richard Brice

PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent Annual Meeting Mrs. Trudy Gray was elected Chairman in place of Dr. Brian Smith who decided not to continue in the post. Maurice Lloyd was re-appointed as Vice Chairman.

After hearing of the efforts of the District Council in the matter of the proposed car park for the Pettward Hall it was decided to give measured consideration to the subject at the next Council meeting.

A grant is to be obtained towards the cost of the tree surgery required on the chestnut tree on the village green which was damaged in the October 1987 gales.

The Area Surveyor has been requested to replace the village name sign near to South Lodge and to refurbish the Valley Lane directional sign standing in the garden of White Horse Cottages.

The District Council has been asked what use it may make of the open space in the front of Middlefield Drive. The Parish Council's preference is to make it a proper open space with grass and trees for use by parishioners.

The next meeting has been fixed for Friday 9th September.

PARISH DIARY FOR JULY 1988

3rd Sunday	St. Andrews: Sung Eucharist 11am
7th Thursday	WI - Walk in Felsham Woods
9th Saturday	Abbey Hall House: Coffee Morning
14th Thursday	WI Garden Party 7.15pm
16th Saturday	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE *****
	St. Andrews: Wedding 1.30pm
17th Sunday	St. Andrews: Morning Prayer 11am
18th Monday	WI Book Club: 8pm
20th Wednesday	Prize Bingo: 7pm
22nd Friday	End of Summer Term
24th Sunday	St. Andrews: Holy Communion 9.45am
31st Sunday	St. Andrews: Benefice Service 11am

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