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“A NEW DAWN OUT OF DARKNESS”

I still remember it well, so many years ago! I was invited whilst at theological college, training for the priesthood, to spend Holy Week and Easter here in Suffolk, at Hengrave Hall. It was in the early 1980s, an Ecumenical centre of some renown for lay and ordained of different traditions, living together ‘in community’.

What marked this out in my memory was our keeping of a whole week together and literally eating and sleeping, this special week of prayer, liturgy, and communion, each with the other. The highlight and new to me at the time, was the Saturday **‘Vigil’**, the night before Easter Sunday morning - involving a bonfire, an Easter Candle which was ritually blessed and ‘adorned’ with the five nails (wounds) of Christ – from which all our individual candles were lit for the ‘Vigil’ of readings from the Old Testament and the New. This candlelit ‘hearing’ of our ‘salvation history’ and the great biblical, redemptive stories of death and new life was only part 2 of this unfolding drama.

**Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little
Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

What is it that we were waiting for expectantly to hear and then welcome? Yes, you guessed it. The dawn of Resurrection joy, that first Easter Eucharist of thanksgiving (part 4 following the renewal of our baptismal vows) in which we made as much possible noise as we could muster with the 'Gloria' ending Lent – whether we sounded whistles, trumpets, gongs, you name it – anything that heralded the great news of Christ, Risen from the dead, triumphant, victorious as the Easter tomb was burst open – and the remnants of crucifixion laid bare.



You only have to see that amazing picture by Piero della Francesca, for example, with this majestic Christ figure literally leaning his left leg on the opened tomb holding the banner of victory held high, and the sleeping Roman soldiers below. It tells us something earth shattering and wonderful has happened.

It is this 'atmosphere' which we re-enact through our liturgy in our small country parishes, the night before Easter morn dawns. I warmly invite you to witness what our third century Christian forebears shared and celebrated as together; we move from darkness to

Resurrection light. And this year is so poignant when we reflect on today's 'Holy Land' where our Lord lived and died so cruelly. Easter is a truth and joy for every generation, culture and nationality to embrace and discover afresh, not least the gift of lasting peace and reconciliation.

At Hengrave Hall in an Easter past, I would say that I experienced something much bigger and greater than our individual 'histories', memories or, religious affiliations. Where this Season really touches the blue paper and takes off...is in the taking part.

So please come and join us for our first Easter Feast - at 7.30pm on this holy night – and hear the 'Alleluias' resound near you! Come and meet our new Director of Music too, James, who will be leading our choir, with Sarah accompanying on our fine Great Bealings organ. There will also be wine and cheese to enjoy afterwards!

With every Easter blessing,

*Reverend Nigel Prior
(Rector)*

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS AND THE FLN. OBITUARY

An annual report on the Magazine is delivered by the editor in person to Parish Council Annual meetings. If this serves to justify some payment by the Parish Council to the magazine so much the better. It is a useful public relations exercise. The Little Bealings Annual Parish Meeting was on Monday March 4th. The number of reports was testimony to the wide range of activities in the village. The Report will be similarly presented to Annual Meetings in Playford and Great Bealings, giving residents the opportunity to raise any matters of concern.

GEORGE BALL

Joanna, Jessica and Gemma, the daughters of George & Vicky Ball of Beacon Lane, Little Bealings, are sad to announce the death of their father aged 94.

There will be a small wake at Little Bealings Village Hall on the afternoon of Saturday the 13th of April. 2 - 4pm.

Everybody who knew him is welcome, to reminisce and say farewell.

There will be a collection for the St. Elizabeth Hospice.

George was born in Ipswich and gained a scholarship place at Northgate Grammar (although spoke of being sent to the 'remedial' class for misbehaviour). As a child he was a Sea Cadet which sparked a lifelong love of sailing. After the war, National Service in the RAF was followed by teacher training and George returned to Suffolk to take up a position teaching metalwork at Farlingaye. He initially lived in Woodbridge on "Polly Garter" the boat he built himself but in 1963 bought a plot of land on Beacon Lane and had the bungalow built.

He loved to be involved in amateur dramatics and was a member of the Kesgrave Masque Players. Here he met Victoria Harris. They married and had 3 daughters, Joanna, Jessica and Gemma. George served for many years on Bealings Parish Council. As a practical man, who was never happier than when making or mending something, even when stepping back from other parish duties he continued to look after both the public footpaths within the parish and maintain the village hall. Since the death of Vicky in 2018, George continued to live independently, (even expanding his cooking repertoire) with the support of his family, and much-appreciated friends and neighbours. He is survived by his 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.



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NATURE NOTES

- WOODPECKERS

Woodpeckers are found world-wide. There is nothing quite like hearing a woodpecker tap-tapping away in a tree close to home. The rapid, insistent sound is one which suggests that spring may be just round the corner, with the local woodpecker doing what nature tells it to do and drilling deep into the trunk of a nearby tree. Woodpeckers characteristically forage for insect prey on the trunks and branches of trees, and that drumming with their beaks, which produces a reverberatory sound that can be heard at a considerable distance, can be a means of communication with other woodpeckers – spring and breeding are just round the corner. Some species of woodpecker vary their diet with fruits, birds' eggs, small animals, tree sap, human scraps, and carrion. They usually nest and roost in holes which they excavate in tree trunks. Their abandoned holes are of importance to other cavity-nesting birds.



Woodpeckers can antagonise humans by making holes in buildings or feeding on fruit crops. Viewers of Spring Watch will have seen them predated the chicks of smaller, less aggressive birds. Disappointment at that aspect of their behaviour may be modified by any description of the extraordinary explanations as to how they have evolved anatomically, with an



extraordinary combination of neck muscles, to produce that powerful high-speed tapping mechanism.

Their status in the bird world is made clear when they arrive at a bird table. The smaller birds tend to defer and scatter. That said, the sight of a greater spotted woodpecker at the bird table is an exhilarating one. It is a bird which dominates. Green woodpeckers are less likely to be seen at the bird table. Their diet of insects is usually to be found amongst expanses of grass. They are readily recognised by their low, swooping flight. There is also a lesser spotted woodpecker, but that is much smaller, and much rarer in these parts.

HISTORY CORNER

- SUFFOLK LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL

For ex-teachers the temptation to share enthusiasms with others, certainly the young, but with the old sometimes getting caught up in the slipstream, is something that never fades. Thank goodness! The late-in-life discovery of the fascination of local history which came through writing "Walking through History" has, for me, opened up paths leading in various unexpected directions. I was persuaded to become official "Recorder" for Great Bealings, and, having bought into that, found myself signed up as a member of the Suffolk Local History Council, a county-wide organization, which brings together people, both Local History Societies and individuals, who are interested in the historical roots of the places where they live.

Many fewer people now spend their whole lives in one locality. Those who do, are often those with the most fascinating stories to tell, sometimes unaware as to just how fascinating these stories can be for others. For the majority of us, nowadays, life is a more itinerant experience. That should not, however, exclude us from the very real process of engaging with the historical roots of the places where we live. Such engagement increases the sense of belonging, be it very local, or more broadly, within a county.

In early March I attended the SLHC's Societies Day. The programme included a series of fascinating talks, the subjects of which I will mention, trying to give a flavour of the scope of this thing called local history. In just a few hours we heard about the witches of Halesworth,

Doodlebugs and V1 Rockets, the pre-war beginnings of Television, the restored 18th century Worlingworth fire engine, the new Food Museum near Stowmarket, the fascinating range of brickwork designs, a largely forgotten WW1 airfield, and exemptions from being called up to serve in WW1. An extraordinary range of topics – and every speaker showing eloquence, knowledge and enthusiasm. It was a day of unexpected discoveries.



If you think that History might be something from which you could derive enjoyment, together with a deeper knowledge of the county in which we live, then this Suffolk Local History Council could be for you. There were over 100 people at the gathering. If, some time in the future you would like to join them just email membership@slhc.org.uk.



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IT'S COMING!

The Bealings Village Fete will be taking place on

Sunday 9th June between 12 and 4 at

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Can you Help?

If you have any suggestions for activities or would like to be
involved in any way please text or WhatsApp Sue on
07770454802 for a chat.

*The Fete is being hosted by Great and Little Bealings Parish Councils to raise
funds towards the Village Hall Roof and Door fund.*

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL EVENTS – APRIL 2024

Monday Pilates with Didi 1st,8th,15th,22nd,29th	19:30 – 20:30	Helen: 07889 907615
Tuesday Pilates 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th	09:30 – 10:30	Caroline Boggon: 07850 683196
Tuesday Ballroom Dancing 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th	19:30 – 21:00	Teresa Jay: 07929 310480
Wednesday Dance Class 17th,24th	09:30 – 12:30	Debbie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522
Wednesday Carpet Bowls 3rd,10th,17th,24th	14:00 – 16:00	Kathy Price: 01473 621419
Thursday Silver Swans 11th,18th,25th	10:00—11:00	Lily Turner 07872 436307
Friday Dance Class 19th,26th	09:30 - 12:15	Debbie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522
Friday Pilates 19th	12:30 - 15:15	Kelly Steventon: 07919 377855
Saturday Yoga 6th,13th,20th,27th	10:00 – 11:15	Caroline Boggon: 07850 683196

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The court has been cleaned for the 2024 Season

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More generous donations from Little Bealings residents has now brought the total pledged / donated so far to **£54,509** -

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GREAT BEALINGS

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PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Mrs Dee Knights, Dunure, 39 Avocet Lane, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SF Ips 624240

PCC SECRETARY

Mr Eric Barnett, Southernhay, Lodge Rd, Great Bealings Ips 738803

GREAT BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Bealings Village Hall

7.00 p.m. Tuesday 7th May 2024

All residents are welcome to attend and hear of the Council's work over the last year and discuss any issues. There will be a range of topics, including flooding; use of WhatsApp to provide information to residents, especially in relation to emergencies; Speedwatch; and the contribution of the village to the monitoring of the water quality of the River Deben and its tributaries.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

All community groups are also invited to attend and give a report on their activities. Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you would like to give a report.

Refreshments will be available immediately after the meeting and before the Annual Parish Council Meeting which will follow.

For further information please contact Dee Knights, Clerk

Tel: 01473 624240

greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2024.

UPDATES-FLOODING

Regan Scott (RS) reported that he had received a reply to his Freedom of Information request to SCC regarding the specifications for work relating to flooding prevention agreed in the new Highways contract with Milestone Infrastructure. He reported briefly on it, and will circulate a summary to Cllrs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

On behalf of Stuart Curtis, the applicant for DC/24/0191 – Cherry Tree Cottage, Martin Last handed Cllrs some explanatory drawings regarding the scheme and further explained the current proposals.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DC/24/0191/FUL – Cherry Tree Cottage, Seckford Hall Road – Demolition of existing garage and storage outbuildings and erection of new detached garage/store with games room over. It was resolved unanimously to support this application.

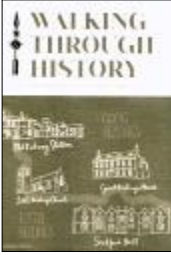
DC/23/4799/FUL – Pointers View, Boot Street – Single storey extension - Revised drawings had been submitted for this application, with the original proposed balcony now removed. It was unanimously resolved to support this application.

Decision Updates-The following are all still awaiting decision:

DC/23/2787/VOC – Barn C, Former Woodbarn Cottages,

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DC/23/0319/LBC and DC/23/0363/FUL – REPORT FROM ESPA CONFERENCE
Seckford Hall

REPORTS:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Dan Clery, District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH)

Reports have been circulated to Cllrs and full copies are attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally spoke about the Domestic Loft Insulation scheme which has been re-started by ESC, and the Waveney flood barrier scheme which has had to be halted due to the cost quadrupling. He commented that this would have led to benefits all the way down the coast. CH updated Cllrs on the recent Community Partnership Meeting at which money was allocated to a new SID for the SAVID group of Councils, and Martlesham Recreation Ground

Flooding - CH suggested that the PC invites the Flood Resilience officer from the SCC Joint Emergency Planning Unit to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on 7th May. He also said that planning approval has been given for a reservoir to be built at Culpho for Lord Cranworth's purposes and he expressed concern about the provisions in the event of a "failure" or a repetition of Storm Babet. He has reported his concerns to the ESC Planning Department. John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) suggested that a river gauge be purchased for the River Lark. This will be discussed at the APM.

ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

ENF/22/0069/USE – Lower Street - Following the recent flooding, concerns had been raised about contamination of the land. The ESC Enforcement Officer has made another site visit and concluded that the situation remains unchanged, and any leakage of harmful waste is outside the jurisdiction of ESC. Cllrs will continue to monitor the site and if deemed necessary, will contact the Environment Agency.

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Sue Prentice (SP) reported no further progress with this.

SP said that it is apparent that the new regulations regarding Planning and Environment are understood by a very small number of people. Consideration is being given to creating a fund in order to get further advice on the Environment Act 2023 and its effect on PCs.

ESC NEW PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER CALL-IN PROCESS

Details of the new scheme have been circulated and there were no comments on this.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Sally Johnson has resigned as a Parish Councillor. SP wished to place on record the Council's thanks to Sally for her long service as a Cllr for over 20 years. The Clerk confirmed that ESC has issued the vacancy notices which are on the Notice Boards with a closing date of 4th April.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION

Caroline Saunders (CS) explained the WhatsApp Broadcast Channel and suggested this would be a better way to communicate emergency matters such as flooding etc. on an "information only" basis. Trevor Harris is also familiar with this and will discuss it with CS and they will report to the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Speedwatch – CH reported that two people have recently withdrawn from this, leaving only two whereas four are required. They are needed one week a month for one hour every morning from Monday-Friday. A notice will be put in FLN, the Newsletter and on Facebook.

Laptop for SID – JCJ gave details of the laptop he is thinking of purchasing which would cost approx. £460. The remaining amount from the grant is £380 and it was agreed the PC would finance the balance.

Right-hand bend sign – It was agreed that JCJ could go ahead and purchase this at an approximate cost of £65.

Footpaths – the responsibility for the footpath in front of Cherry Tree Cottage was discussed.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Trees – JCJ reported that all the trees have now been collected and contributions promised to the Village Hall Fund. He still has a number of spare tree guards available to donate in return for contributions as before.

Water sampling equipment – SP said that sampling is still continuing and requested approval for the PC to finance the next set of necessary water sampling equipment at a cost of £156.26. This was agreed. RS had some comments on this matter and SP asked him to provide a concise report for the APM.

Village Fete 2024 - SP had circulated an email to all persons who have expressed their willingness to be involved in the Fete. This has included a draft timetable of activities. She confirmed that Great Bealings will host the event for insurance purposes and have allocated some funds to underwrite the initial costs. Little Bealings has also agreed to contribute. Some volunteers have been secured but more are needed.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Ten payments were authorised for office expenses, the Clerk's salary and PAYE, web hosting, Village Hall hire, laptop, water sampling equipment and a road sign. The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature.

Bank signatory – Trevor Harris was appointed to take this on to replace Sally Johnson.

BEE CAFE PLANTER

a letter has been received from a resident who is asking for a contribution for a Bee Café to be placed on the verge outside the Village Hall. It was decided to leave the Village Hall to take a decision on this, as insurance would be a problem.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS ON 7TH MAY

The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, followed by refreshments. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow afterwards.

DATE OF JULY MEETING

This will now take place on Tuesday 9th July instead of 23rd.

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the agenda in the Public Participation session. Full draft and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website. The agenda is published approx. a week in advance of a meeting.

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Website: www.greatbealings.co.uk*

HELP!

SPEEDWATCH NEEDS YOU

Two volunteers are urgently required to help run the successful SPEEDWATCH scheme which has been operating on the Great Bealings Parish roads for many years.

Sessions are held on one week each month for one hour

8.00 - 9.00 a.m.

each day Monday – Friday

If you can help with this, or would like further information, please contact Colin Hedgley on

01473 738468 or email:
colin.hedgley@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

If no volunteers come forward, then sadly for all residents, the scheme will have to be halted

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor due to the recent resignation of Sally Johnson.

What is a Parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community. It is the level government closest to the community, with the district authority above it in the hierarchy. As it is the authority closest to the people, it is a vital part of any community.

What does it do?

It represents the local community, for example, as a statutory consultee in responding to planning applications.

It strives to improve quality of life in the parish by promoting issues that residents tell us are important, such as negotiating with the County Council and the Police to achieve reduced speed limits through the village. It also works in partnership with neighbouring towns and parishes, contributing to collective decisions of benefit to the parish and the wider community. Notable in this regard was the introduction of Quiet Lanes. It also contributes to the work being done to improve water quality in the River Deben and its tributaries.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

By becoming a parish councillor, you become part of a team of people with a wide range of skills and interests who, collectively offer guidance and support to and make decisions for the benefit of the people we serve. It is not always easy, but is very worthwhile.

You do not need any previous experience but being a Parish Councillor requires some time and commitment and a willingness to undertake training courses. Expenses incurred in carrying out parish duties are covered.

How much time does it take up?

The Council meets bimonthly in the early evening, with occasional ad hoc planning meetings in the interim.

There is also an annual meeting which all parishioners are invited to attend.

Can I get more information?

If you would like more information about the work of the Council and/or the duties of its Councillors, please contact the Chairman Sue Prentice on 01473 738312 or email: chairman.gbpc@gmail.com

What next?

If any resident is interested in being considered for co-option to the Council now, please contact me as soon as possible.

Dee Knights, Parish Clerk

Tel: 01473 624240

email: greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk

FREE TREE GUARDS

Great Bealings Parish Council has a quantity of tree guards which are surplus to requirements.

We would like to offer these to any residents in any of the local parishes who can make use of them.

They were donated by the Woodland Trust and are offered free of charge, although a small donation would be appreciated which would be donated towards the repairs at the Bealings Village Hall.

Please contact John Carter-Jonas at: jcarterjonas400@yahoo.co.uk

Telephone 07703 472222

(Please ask for JJ if texting or phoning)

ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

LOOKING BACK

A quiet month. Given the greyness and dreariness of the weather it's been a time for lying low. We had our two regular

services – one a communion service, the other a service of Morning Prayer, taken not by our priest but by members of the congregation. These are services which deserve wider support, bringing, as they do, different perspectives to the idea of worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

A full programme of Easter services will coincide with the delivery into homes of this Magazine. After all the gloom and greyness of an extended winter, the injection of the light of spring and of the Easter message into our lives seems timely. The main Great Bealings Service is on the Saturday evening at 7.30. This month's front page item by our Rector provides all the necessary motivation to come along.

CHURCHYARD

Whatever the time of year, people still seem to find good reason for visiting the churchyard, and for wandering around, enjoying the peace of the place. All the signs of spring have been in place for some time, and the full vigour of early summer growth will soon be in evidence, so - as at any time of the year – take the opportunity to meander around the grassy paths, and take your thoughts on a ramble with you.

THE KEER GATE

Repairs to the wall and lantern are proving more costly than expected, and the Cranworth Estate is seeking to bring in some insurance money, rather than shoulder the entire cost.

BIRD FEEDERS



We get plenty of compliments in the church Visitors' Book, but one recent entry included a plea to fill up the bird feeders. This

is a perfectly valid point. Full feeders would certainly enhance visits to the cabin.

It would be a demanding and expensive task for just one person to take on responsibility for this all year round, so we wonder whether it might be something that individuals or families might be prepared to take on, just for a month a year. Probably just a couple of visits over that time would do it, and it would be a good way to be involved and to make a contribution. There are containers for peanuts, seed and fat balls.

Offers to nhp@rillcott.co.uk

SERVICES FOR EASTER & APRIL

Saturday 30th March

Easter Eve

7.30 p.m. Special Darkness into Light Service – bonfire occasion. 'Benefice Blessing of New Fire, Vigil Readings & first Eucharist of Easter, with wine & cheese.

Sunday April 1st

10.00 a.m. Easter Service in Woodbridge -followed by cake and prosecco.

Sunday April 7th

9-30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Sunday April 21st

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Do check up on the St Mary's, Woodbridge, website for other possible services.

RECTOR'S "SURGERY"

We offer people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes so as to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for this is Monday, either morning coffee or afternoon tea. If you would like to fix a future slot please contact churchwarden, Norman Porter (nhp@rillcott.co.uk), who is i/c the rota, and can offer possible future dates.

Norman Porter. Churchwarden
(nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

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PLANT SALE - 27TH APRIL

Our church receives half the proceeds of the Plant Sale being held on April 27th in the Village Hall, so do please support it in whichever ways you can: producing plants, buying plants, buying raffle tickets, making a cake, offering to help in some appropriate way, or just coming along on the day. Times are challenging and this is the most important fund-raiser in our year. Just contact Caroline Saunders at Grotto Farm if you would like to be part of it. Newcomers to the village are particularly welcome – it is a great way of feeling part of this community.

OPEN GARDENS -SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

The number of gardens on offer for being opened on Saturday June 22nd is slowly creeping up, but we still need a few more to justify making this a full-scale event. With a lovely venue for the final gathering already on offer, it would be a pity not to build on that. The main point about the occasion is to create a framework for socialising, rather than to show that your garden could win an award at Chelsea.

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MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY – SPECIAL CONCERT – SEPTEMBER 29TH - 4.00 PM.

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Belstead, are buried in St Mary's churchyard. The concert will be advertised well beyond local boundaries.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

Eric and Christine Barnett have given so much to this community over the years – not least by way of celebrating a range of family occasions in lights. The lights once again shone forth over the weekend of 15th/16th March. The Barnetts are still in the aftermath of the October floods, but slowly getting house and garden – and spirits - back to normal. They deserve their celebrations – and thanks for sharing them with the rest of us.

If you would like the lights to shine forth for personal celebrations/ commemorations please drop a note in to Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kin Lane with payment, explaining why you would like the church floodlit, so that it can be recorded in the FLN, for posterity's benefit. If urgent, a holding email (nhp@rillcott.co.uk) will do the trick, with payment to follow.

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PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 4 March in Bealings Village Hall, attended by Councillors and twenty seven residents and visitors. The Chairman presented a report on the Parish Council's year and other reports were presented by Bealings School, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, on behalf of Anglian Water in respect of the first time sewerage scheme for The Street, District Councillor Colin Hedgley, on behalf of County Councillor Elaine Bryce, the Parish Council Footpath Wardens, Bealings Village Hall Trust, ROPETH (the Angela Cobbold Hall), the Rev Gary Jones for the Parochial Church Council, the Editor of the Fynn Lark News and the Sinks Valley Environment Protection Group.

The minutes will be published here in due course:

[https://
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meetings/apm-records-since-1896/years-
2020-2029/](https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/annual-parish-meetings/apm-records-since-1896/years-2020-2029/)

NOTES OF MATTERS CONSIDERED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2024

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following Agenda item was raised:

Planning Application: Re-consultation on DC/23/2095/VOC: Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage - Change approved drawings to reflect amendments to design | Woodside Martlesham Road.

HIGHWAYS

County Councillor Elaine Bryce had sent apologies that she was unable to attend the meeting, but advised that she had instructed the reinstatement of the white line from the corner of Holly Lane to the Church entrance, the white SLOW roundels on the road and the white hatchings on Martlesham Road and would meet the cost from her Locality Highways Budget.

Mr Garnham reported that the rusted pole in The Street had also been replaced and the SID would be displayed there for the second half of March. It was displayed in Playford Road for the first half of March.

SUFFOLK LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION

It was agreed to respond to the online survey and circulate details for residents to respond via enews. Details are here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/suffolks-local-transport-plan>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/24/0469/TPO | T1 & T2 - Pine trees - fell. The trees are very tall and are too close to Ascalon and restrict light to the property. T-

1 the larger tree has an old wound halfway up due to a limb failure which could make it dangerous. There are plans to replant 2 x 2m tall Silver Birch trees as close as possible to the stumps. | Elmhurst Playford Road

It was resolved not to comment on the application.

Re-consultation on DC/23/2095/VOC: Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage - Change approved drawings to reflect amendments to design | Woodside Martlesham Road

It was resolved to maintain strong objection to the development as carried out, on the grounds of its impact and to request enforcement of Condition 8 of the approved application which required approval by SCC of details showing the means to prevent the discharge of surface water from the development onto the highway and the implementation of the approved scheme before the access is first used. SCC would also be asked to address the flooding and ESC asked to consider the apparent change of use of part of the site.

DC/24/0689/OUT | Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - New single-family dwelling with associated amenity space and car parking space | Grove Cottage The Street

It was resolved to object to the development as breaching SCLP5.7 in view of the size, scale, style and materials for the proposed dwelling and its impact on the street scene.

DC/23/2887/FUL: Single Storey Extension - Little Oaks Lower Street Great Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6NL

ESC had approved this application.

DC/21/3851/FUL Conversion of existing

barn to create 4 x 2-bedroom dwellings Beacon House Playford Road Little Bealings

ESC had confirmed that the application had been closed as requested information had not been submitted.

SCC/0059/23SC - Land off The Street, Little Bealings Construction of a Sewage Pumping Station, footpath, fencing, and associated apparatus (Anglian Water)

The applicant had been chased again for an update on the flooding risk assessment and progress on the application given the archaeology work being carried out.

DC/22/5004/FUL | Retention and completion of construction of 1 No building and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising officer, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, paint, machinery and equipment following enforcement case ref: ENF/21/0552 in relation to previous consent DC/19/2666/FUL | Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

An update about the application was expected at the next SPCLG meeting on 7 March.

DC/23/4637/FUL | Demolition of Barn E and adjacent buildings, and the erection of 2no. new-build dwellings (Plots 1 and 2) with garages, and associated driveways/gardens | Barn E Grove Farm The Street

DC/23/4638/FUL | Demolition of Barn A and adjacent buildings, and the erection of 1no. new-build dwelling (Plot 3) with garage, and associated driveway/gardens | Barn A Grove Farm The Street

DC/23/4639/FUL | Demolition of Barn C and adjacent buildings, and the erection of 2no. new-build dwellings (Plots 4 and 5) with garages, and associated driveways/gardens | Barn C Grove Farm The Street

Information from ESC on the potential for the payment of CIL for these developments had been circulated to Councillors.

SIZEWELL C TRANSPORT FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

The Council should be invited to join this Forum, in view of the impact on the railway line, and the Chairman would attend an event on 9 April.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Ms Saagi advised that the Group had liaised with the Design Guide author and had met with the Landscape Architect. The Group was considering the content of the survey to be sent to residents and would consider if the survey could be sent out before the summer.

UPDATES FROM CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

Community Partnership Meetings

Mr Carr reported on a workshop on 26 February which discussed flood resilience and conservation issues. He would attend a meeting on 8 March and the Chairman would attend the Forum on 22 March.

Village Hall Management Committee

Ms Saagi reported that hand driers were being installed. Pop up pubs were continuing.

East Suffolk Town and Parish Planning Forum

Mr Carr and the Clerk had attended this on 28 January and notes had been circulated to Councillors.

East Suffolk Planning Alliance Conference

The Chairman had attended this on 17 February and notes had been circulated to Councillors.

East Anglian Offshore Windfarm Information Day

Mrs Wilson had attended this on 13 February and notes had been circulated to Councillors. It was not expected that work to pull additional cables through the existing ducts over the next 18 months would impact on traffic in the parish.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

A request had been responded to and another request had been responded to as a Subject Access Request.

PIIP: Spending on Improvement Works for Footpath 1A

The Clerk and Footpath Wardens had met with SCC and considered the potential extent of the works. SCC had supplied details of contractors to approach for quotes.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

These are published on the Council's website: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-council-reports/>

FINANCE

Income and Expenditure

Income had been received for interest for 2023 on the NS&I account (£84.61) and the VAT refund for 2023 (£158.70). Expenditure was approved for the Clerk's salary, PAYE, the Information Commissioner's Annual Data Protection Fee, Bealings Hall Village Trust and ROPETH for the hire of the hall for Council and Neighbourhood Planning meetings, for the servicing of the strimmer, and for the consultant and landscape architect for work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

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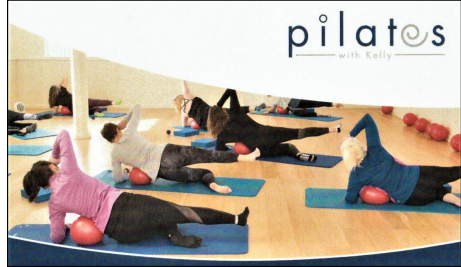
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 13 May 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 15 April if required by business to be transacted.

Please visit our website for further information, including reports, draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings:

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ACH NEWS

Friday Social Evenings have included a fascinating, informative illustrated talk on Bealings Sky a Night by Carl Cornish, with an opportunity to see his own star gazing telescope. An early celebration for St. Patrick Day, was greatly enjoyed with jacket potatoes, quiz, jokes, and songs presented by Roger and Margaret Roseboom. Irish Potato Cakes were served at Time for Tea on 17th March as a further celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

At the Community Lunch on 5th March, we celebrated Fay's birthday with cake and chocolates to share. Thanks to everyone who set up and cleared away after these events.

The next Lunch on 2nd. April will be a celebration for Easter, a birthday, and the 5th Anniversary of the Angela Cobbold Hall being bought for the community. Roast chicken and Easter treats etc.!

On Monday 18th March Jennifer Cook's birthday was celebrated at the Knit and Natter with a very special cake made by Sandra Banham, reflecting Jenny's love of gardening. The Knit and Natter



group meet every Monday afternoon with tea and treats as well as good company.

The next Coffee Morning and Foot Clinic will be on Friday 5th. April. Appointments for Foot Clinic contact Charlotte on 07712448775.

The refurbishment of the toilets is nearing completion. Grateful thanks to all concerned in this very important project.

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APRIL

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Thursday 11th 2.15 - 2.45 p.m. **LIBRARY VAN**

Wednesday 17th 7.30 p.m. **GARDENING CLUB**
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Friday 19th 6.30 p.m. **SOCIAL FRIDAY**
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Friday 26th 7.30 p.m. **'THE THINGAMAJIG'**
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WORD FROM THE STUDY

A happy and peaceful Easter to you all from all our Churches. People look forward to this time of year as a sign of better weather, or at least dryer weather after the winter we have had or even longer days. Talking of time, one of my favourite passages from the Old Testament is from the Book of Ecclesiastes, it talks about a time for everything. A time to plant; a time to uproot; a time to weep and a time to laugh. It was made into a song by a group in the sixties called The Byrds.

God offers much wisdom in this passage. There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under Heaven. The season of Easter is one of God breaking into our time; and is the fulfilment of that. A hero on Palm Sunday, to zero on Good Friday. Mocked, crucified and on Easter Sunday reconciled with and his people. No longer has death a hold over us, it has been defeated, and a new life In Christ for those who believe in him. Imagine the joy on that Sunday, a woman called Mary Magdalene and some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb, only to find the boulder pushed to one side and the inside completely empty - joy beyond comprehension. He has risen!

Easter is all about God's time. A time when God's plan for creation came to fruition. I believe that we should accept every day as a gift from God and Easter is a time that promotes that message.

God has a reason and a time for all things; we may not know God's timing, but are called to enjoy life in the present and trust our Lord in his timing.

Within a couple of months, the debate for the General Election will start in earnest; parties from all sides of the spectrum will be gearing up to present their manifestos; each one trying to convince us to vote for them. Which will be the right choice? Which will be the wrong choice? That will be up to the individual to choose when they go into the voting booth and place their cross against the one they want. The cross that we have is the one that has dealt with the past, made us fit for purpose and secured our future hope in Christ.

Easter, God's time for our time, that's good news for you, for me and for all humankind.

Easter blessings to you all.

Reverend Gary Jones

APRIL SERVICES

All Services at 10.00 a.m.

Services at All Saints, Little Bealings and St Mary's, Playford

7th April Morning prayer St Mary's, Playford

14th April Morning prayer All Saints Little Bealings

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 6th March 2024. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Co. Cllr's written report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website.

Co Cllr Elaine Bryce further stated there's been an 82% increase in reported potholes and problems with local roads and to contact her if anything urgent was needed which she could help with. Vast number of floods this year has resulted in Highways crews being increased by 70% to cope with this. A "Dragon Patcher" which runs on bio-fuel is being trialled on road repairs. County Council's budget has been approved, 77% of which is taken up by housing, education, children, elderly and vulnerable adults and social care, leaving very little for other concerns.

A new Loft Insulation scheme is available on a first come, first served basis – see www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/grants/

Public views are being sought on SCC Devolution – see www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution and on travel schemes in Woodbridge – see <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a5255b1b7fa34d148a8caf75c3d78d7b>

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

These reports are appended to the full

minutes on the PC website. District Cllr Colin Hedgley further reported the Council Tax increase for this year was confirmed at 2.98%, that tourist industry support will continue for another 3 years, a model council meeting had been set up at the council chambers in Melton for school children to take part in, a funding gap of £124m has forced the flood barrier scheme to close in Lowestoft and results of the East Suffolk photo competition had now been published.

As always, Colin is happy to help constituents with any problems concerning council business.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

A date for the appeal of reinstating the unregistered footpath between Butts Road and Church Road is still awaited.

Works on C324 (traffic priority and drainage) has been delayed due to extra work after recent flooding etc – traffic priority works should be carried out this year, but drainage improvements may be delayed until 2025.

Road signs to deter large vehicles from using Church Lane will be fitted this Spring.

Clearing the drainage ditch beside Butts Road in front of the parish hall will be undertaken by ESS some time after April.

Loose netting on wooden bridge on Alder Carr is to be attended to soon.

The removal of large amounts of silt deposited in Church Lane by recent flood waters has been chased up – Highways has deferred this responsibility to Operations at East Suffolk – (later: this has now been attended to).

We await clearance of the drainage ditch in Butts Road near entrance to the village hall – ESS will carry this out soon.

Fallen ivy-clad trees on the side of Butts Road near the railway bridge are fouling telephone cables - OpenReach has been alerted but will not act unless the cable has parted.

Many large linear potholes are causing concern in Butts Road - the most recent one to be reported to Highways was found not to have reached their intervention criteria despite being 4m long x 150mm deep – Elaine Bryce will take this up with Highways as these potholes are a danger to traffic and pedestrians. See Action log appended to the Minutes on the website for more details of these items.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's January and February salary, stationery expenses of £63.28 and tax to HMRC. A donation of £100 was paid to the team renovating the bottle bank area. Invoice of £1117.19 for grass & hedge cutting services in Playford was paid to East Suffolk Services, £42.83 was paid to CAS for web hosting and £35.99 paid for domain name registration of the parish website. The budget for 2023-24 is on track and the bank reconciliation was agreed. Quarterly interest of £38.74 was received on the reserve account. Budget for 2024-25 was discussed. Risk Assessment, Financial Risks, Parish Standing Orders and Safe-guarding policies were reviewed.

HIGHWAYS

Work on the drainage and traffic priority improvements on the C324 has been put back by recent bad weather, (details above). New signage to deter heavy traffic in Church Lane should be installed soon. The SIDs report was circulated showing data for February, average recorded speeds were 32.5 mph, SIDs device will be back in Playford in April and SAVID is applying for another device at their next meeting on 18th April 2024.

PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/24/0503/FUL – Cherrybanks, Church Lane. Plans for a single storey rear extension with alterations to the roof, enlargement of windows and changing the building facade to timber and brick cladding.

The parish council approved these plans which will now be decided by East Suffolk planners.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft Neighbourhood Plan was finally submitted to the independent Examiner who has given his final report. Ian Poole, our consultant will make the recommended amendments before preparing the Plan for the Referendum which is scheduled to take place on 13th June this year.

OTHER MATTERS

Progress on Playford's Emergency Plan is ongoing and will be discussed further at the next PC meeting.

Boules Piste repairs are on hold until May.

The assembling and installation of Bee Cafés to promote pollination and to link up with others in nearby parishes to form a Bee corridor is planned - children are being asked to help with this project

on Good Friday (29th March) at a session in the Village Hall and a finished unit will be placed on the playing field at the rear of the car park.

Two vacancies still exist for new councillors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th May 2024 - Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 6.30 p.m. immediately followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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**PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

will be held in

Playford Village Hall

Wednesday 8th MAY 2024

commencing at 6.30 p.m.

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Light refreshments, wine and soft drinks will be served

ALL WELCOME

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PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday 7th April 10.00 a.m. Family Morning Service.

Sunday 21st April 10.00 a.m. Family Holy Communion.

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BINKY & CO

Binky decided it was time to put some fizz into his marriage. Forget the bad times (which in fact was twenty-seven of the past thirty years) and look to the future, which was as bright as, as, as. Well anyway, look to the future. To that end he thought that he and Indigo could go on one of those short week-end breaks to a smart hotel somewhere in the English countryside. There were plenty of articles in the newspapers about them and it seemed a really good idea. Now Indigo was not one of those people that liked surprises (their wedding night confirmed that) so Binky had to approach the whole plan with guile, cunning, good planning and intelligence. Success, therefore, was not going to be a description of the planned weekend. He broached the subject with his beloved over Sunday breakfast. "Binky are you totally insane?" was her immediate reaction. Binky took the route of quiet explanation, compassion and logic. Indigo raised her voice three octaves. "Binky! Will you answer my question?" Binky realised his idea and arguments required more thought and some fine honing.

The next morning Binky tried again. "Bertie Shorthouse tells me that he and his wife went on one of these weekends and she loved it. She was pampered beyond belief. Nails, hair, jacuzzi, massage, beautician, the works."

"What, Cynthia Smallhouse?" retorted Indigo. "She never told me, how strange." "Perhaps she didn't want to make you jealous." said Binky. "Right," said Indigo "that's it, arrange an away day weekend straight away." Binky was about to explain it wasn't an awayday but an away week-end but thought better of it. "OK" he said meekly.

Binky went straight onto his computer and tapped in The Hollow Log Hotel, at Cliff Fall, Norfolk. He knew that's where Bert and his wife had stayed, and he wanted Indigo to have at least the same. He checked the prices and swallowed hard. What on earth does Bert do for a living to be able to afford that he thought. Last Binky had been told was that Bert was a bin man and not very good at that, except he had a good size clientele that paid him protection money in order that their bins weren't missed. Anyway, Binky went online and booked a twin room with ensuite and tea making facilities. He then realised that nails, jacuzzi et al were all extras to be paid for in advance. Oh well, he thought, in for a penny in for a pound and paid up.

On arrival at the Hollow Log the intrepid duo stood at the reception desk and rang the bell for "instant attention." It wasn't until after the third ring that a man carrying a bucket and mop appeared through the door marked office. Well, it actually read Managers Off. The last three letters of the second word were missing. The man with the bucket stood with a cigarette hanging from his lower lip whilst standing underneath a sign saying, 'Strictly No Smoking in this Hotel.'

"Yes mate?" the bucket man enquired. "I have a booking for this weekend" said Binky calmly and quietly. "Oh, you're the idiot, are you?" Said the man. Binky was horrified. "That's no way to speak to a guest" retorted Binky. "Which room are we in?" demanded Binky.

"I would have thought that was obvious" replied the bucket man. "You are in the reception lobby."

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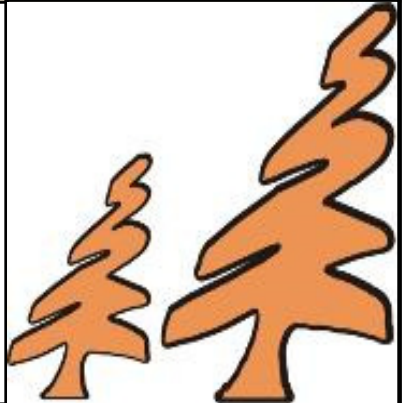
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Playford:

For Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME - Services for those with Mobility Problems

This local Scheme is now up and running. If you need help with things like:

- lifts especially to doctors' surgeries and hospital appointments
 - getting prescriptions
 - minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs
 - short term help with pets
- phone 01473 345400 and leave a message – someone will call you back.

For those who need regular transport, the Coastal Accessible Transport Service is a charity which provides lifts. Tel 01728 830516 for details.

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

To be added to the growing number of residents who receive regular emails about local news, events and services send your email address to: bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com

BUSES

Timetables for the 70 and 70A services serving the local area are available at: <https://www.suffolkonboard.com>

LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

The Police Direct scheme sends phone emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/police-connect-sign>
Report Anti-Social Behaviour call 111 (Police) or 03330162000 (ESC)

NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

Road repairs and Maintenance – potholes, overhanging vegetation, signs, flooding, verge cutting etc – problems should be reported on line at: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> or by email to: customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk. or phoning 0345 606 6171 In an emergency contact the police.

Public Rights of Way Footpath **problems** can be reported to Suffolk County Council www.suffolk.gov.uk

Fly Tipping and Litter: Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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CULPHO

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

John Ager, 8 Postmill Close, Grundisburgh IP13 6UU

01473 735541

CHURCHWARDEN

Richard Garnham, Cherry Box Cottage, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh IP13 6TT

01473 738139

CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Following the resignation of Rev. Katrina Dykes who has moved to a living in Somerset (which will allow her to be close to her family who have health issues) the diocese has moved quickly and appointed Mark Cresswell to become the new incumbent for the Carlford Benefice. Mark has lived in Grundisburgh for a number of years so is therefore well known. We wish him and his family well as they embark on their journey

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

24th April	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
28th April	3.00 p.m.	Sung Evensong

Richard Garnham
Churchwarden

Please keep this page for future reference, it will only appear if space permits

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall AS: All Saints ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

BALLROOM DANCING	VH	Tue	7.30 p.m.	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Wed	2.00 p.m.	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH	Wed	9.30 a.m. .	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 0711161522</i>
	VH	Fri	9.30 a.m. .	
FYNN VALLEY WALKS	AS	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Walks leave from the church
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT				
				Subscribers https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/ViewWeeklyDiary/6622
				Non-Subscribers http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk or Volunteer Administrator:07925 181390
KNIT & NATTER	ACH	Mon	1.30 p.m.4.00 p.m.	<i>Info Contact 01473 623133</i>
LIBRARY	ACH	Thu	2.15 - 2.45(every 4th Thu)	<i>07809594685</i>
PILATES with DID!	VH	Mon	7.30 p.m.	<i>Helen 07889 907615</i>
PILATES	VH	Tue	9.30 a.m.	<i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i>
PILATES	VH	Fri	12.30 p.m.	<i>Kelly Steventon 07919377855</i>
READING ROOM	ACH	Sat	10.30-12.30or by arrangement	<i>Info 01473 620213</i> Books for all ages, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs etc to borrow. Drop off for FIND donations.
SNOOKER	VH	Any day	<4 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
SOCIAL EVENING	ACH	Fri	7.00 p.m.	<i>Info 01473 735153</i> Licensed bar, pub games etc. and other events
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING				<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i> : <i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
YOGA	VH	Sat	9.30 a.m.	<i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i>

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PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu	10.00 a.m.	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
LIBRARY		Thu	1.50 – 2.05 (every 4 weeks)	<i>07809594685</i> mobile library at phone box
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat		<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS				<i>DC Patrick Newsagents 01986 874305</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING			Book on line:	<i>bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com</i> or contact via voicemail 01473 487215
PILATES	PH	Wed	7.30 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri	9.30 a.m.	toddler group <i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WI	PH	Tue	7.30 p.m.(1st in month)	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>

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MAY 2024 NEWS

Contributions for the May 2024 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 16th April

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 27th April**.

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