

JUNE 2024



In 2011, while viewing our building site in Culpho, Bridget said "Let's do something different; how about creating a wildflower garden so that the view flows into the landscape?". Hearing this, I pictured the dairy advert on TV showing people wafting through Alpine flower meadows under blue skies and not a nettle, thistle, horsefly or biting insect to be seen. However, our starting point was an abandoned farmyard with a pole barn next to a concrete hardstanding covering ground where for 400 years, farmers had casually buried stuff.

With naive enthusiasm, we researched wildflower meadows, viewed Websites on how to create your perfect meadow and assembled a ring binder of (conflicting) instructions. In early 2012, we landscaped (a fancy word for scraping the topsoil into low mounds) the area, laid out the design and sowed the wildflowers and the grass paths. Following the Alpine meadow theme, I bought an Austrian scythe complete with sharpening stones and blade planishing kit (any excuse for buying more tools). Then we sat back and waited for the Alpine meadow to emerge.

Two plant species sprang into action: mayweed and fiddleneck. They blanketed everything, taking full advantage of the opportunity. It looked

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more like a weedy bit of overgrazed pasture than a meadow. Never mind, we thought, next year will be better. Yes, the next year was tremendous. We stopped cutting in late February and the wild carrot, yarrow and knapweed went for it and looked very dramatic, chest high with stalks like miniature tree trunks. In late Summer, I scythed into action and then we surveyed the vast mounds of cut plant material that seemed to be mainly very thick, prickly stalks. All of this had to be removed but a bonfire was out of the question. After many runs to Foxhall green waste recycling, the site supervisor demanded to know if I was a commercial landscape gardener. The final straw(!) was finding that my estate car had become a refuge for homeless grasshoppers, spiders, beetles (various) and other creatures.

Today, after 12 years, there is a delightful, manageable wildflower garden where the view, as Bridget planned, runs out into the landscape with Culpho Wood in the background. Plants that are happy on clay soil have flourished and over the years, we identified 44 species, not including grasses. Some appear for a single season and others come and go, depending on the weather in that year. I mow until late Spring which reduces the size of the plants but clearing up in August/September is still a major task. We increased the size of the paths to make the garden more accessible and in July, I leave some of these areas to become miniature flower meadows.



In the UK there are naturally occurring wildflower meadows (e.q. the machair in the Hebrides) but in the past. managed grazing of pastures encouraged the creation and maintenance of meadows. The pasture would be grazed until Spring and left to grow before being cut for hay in mid-Summer. After haymaking, the cattle and sheep would return. This allowed wildflowers to flourish to and set seed annually. We copied this

seasonal process which has worked well, allowing the less vigorous plants to flourish. A bonus is that the changing environment attracts birds, insects, and other creatures (including fieldmice!).

To develop a self-sustaining meadow that thrives year after year takes a lot of hard work and patience, but the rewards are significant. It is not a quick process, and it took 5 to 6 years for our garden to settle down into a sustainable cycle.

If any readers would like to know more about our gardening journey, please get in touch.

John Lapsley johnlapsley@hotmail.com

Reference: fiddleneck has long been considered to be an invasive weed that requires a rigorous removal, not a plant that one would ever intentionally grow, even in a wildflower garden.

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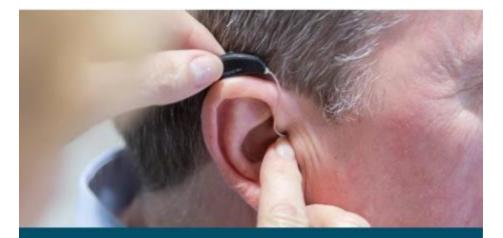


BEALINGS PLANT SALE

Saturday 27th April dawned uncertainly, a bit arev and damp. sub-springlike temperatures, but the Bealings Plant Sale got under way and the weather ceased to matter.

Lots of healthy green plants and seedlings, all home-produced harbingers of a lovely summer-to-come. The Plant Sale is back where it was, pre-Covid. Not only did we have a wonderful array of plants, but the event also attracted large crowds, eager to buy them. Suffolk Wildlife Trust not only had a presence at the Sale but also took the leftovers. The pickings were scant, but engagement with the event enjoyable.





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Better hearing starts here. Book your appointment today! Call 01473 946444 or book online at: allabouthearing.co.uk The Hall seemed packed, with plenty of **NATURE NOTES - BOOK REVIEW** people from miles around seeking to pick up some of the many healthy-looking bargains which were on offer. Our thanks to all our wonderful plant producers - the Village Hall positively resounded with the visual reverberations of wide-spread greenery. And the all-important outcome: £3,321 - very close to our record precovid figure. Almost £1.000 of this came from the Raffle, so huge thanks to all who offered prizes, or who supported the event by buying tickets. The cake table groaned, for a short while, under the weight of the range of delicious-looking cakey donations, but quickly stopped groaning, as those cakes flew off the table into bags and baskets. It was good that Bealings School had a table too. The Plant Sale is back in business, with all the momentum and enthusiasm needed to build an even better event next year. already scheduled for April 26th.



On behalf of our whole community, thanks to everyone who helped, in whatever way - with refreshments, carparking, setting up, taking down, raffle so many jobs to sort out. Thanks, above all to Caroline for bringing everyone together in a successful collective enterprise, one that reflected well on the healthiness of village life in these parts. Just a few comments to whet your We seem to be surfing the eco-wave together!

ONE MIDSUMMER'S DAY "An M'Ant COCKER. ISBN 978-1-787-33279-9

The title of this book places it firmly in the middle of the scale of relevance to this month's issue. It also coincides with the arrival, of, sadly, ever fewer swifts in these parts, and across the country. For many, the arrival of the swifts (together with the swallows and the martins), signifies the arrival of summer, just as their departure heralds its end.

This is a book about swifts, ves, a book about a species (in fact, it consists of around 100 sub-species) which crisscrosses our planet, following complex migration patterns, flying thousands of miles non-stop, swooping briefly around the rooftops before heading back to warmer climes to over-winter.

But this book is about so much more than that. It is about the inter-connectivity of all species, of all life, the entire biosphere, including the billions of small insects and bugs which make up the diet of our summer visitors. The front cover notes how "these birds without borders are a perfect symbol to express the unity of the living planet."



appetite to read this book:

1. Swifts are birds of near perpetual motion. The average daily distance ascribed to a common swift is 800 km.

2. Swifts harvest insects continuously... binding them with their super-sticky saliva...and store them in a sub-lingual pouch. By the time they arrive back at their nest it contains 300-1000 insects and can weigh 2.5 grams.

3. The ringing and tracking of these birds can reveal extraordinary data: it was estimated that one swift, having lived for around 18 years, had covered over 5 million kilometres in its lifetime.

4. It has been suggested that as many as 54 billion birds, over-all, are involved in migration, a half of the world's 10,000 species.

5. Birds seem to use celestial bodies and magnetism to calculate and calibrate their bearings when on the wing.

Wilfred Owen, better known for his WW1 poems, also wrote a poem about swifts. This verse describes how they swoop around the skies, seeking insects to feed their young, and to prepare them for the wonders of near-perpetual flight:

Dazzlingly swooping and plunging Into the nest to peep.

Dangerously leaping and lunging ---Hark! how the youngling's cheep!

O Swift! If thou art master of the air

Who taught thee! Not the joy of flying,

But of thy brood: their throttles' crying

Stung thee to skill whereof men yet despair!

"Green" MP. Caroline Lucas The describes the book as "a profoundly important story about life on earth: that Here is a selection of local trees. Most of

we are all inextricably interlinked and mutually dependent.

So - if you are looking for a good midsummer read, one which sets you at one with our environment, and which affirms that special sense of thrill that we feel as the swifts pass screaming above the rooftops, then try this book. Norman Porter

HISTORY CORNER

Our trees

We can easily take our trees for granted. We shouldn't. The recent furore over the felled sycamore in the gap in Hadrian's wall shows how often we only take notice of trees when they have gone, or are threatened. Trees are an integral part of our local landscape. sometimes collectively, as part of a wood, sometimes individually - trees with their own particular shape, and, almost, personality. Trees are the largest organisms upon earth. A visit to an arboretum, such as the national Arboretum in Westonbirt, can leave one with a feeling of awe at the size, variety and organic complexity of them. Trees are habitats for hundreds of other species. Trees, with their carbonconsuming capabilities are in the first line of defence against climate change. Trees are beautiful. so often an unacknowledged but integral part of a landscape. Many of them have been around for longer than any of us. They have witnessed the passing of generations of our species. They are an integral part of the history of the landscape. Conversely, we have recently come to realise that trees need a helping hand, and major efforts have been made to plant new trees. That is admirable.

the pictures are taken from the Bealings History book. There could be many more. Let's not take them for granted.







SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING' (SAVID)

- FUTURE MEETING

The next SAVID meeting will be held on 20th June 2024 at Playford Village Hall, IP6 9DU at 6.30 p.m. All welcome to attend. Great & Little Bealings, Playford, Grundisburgh & Culpho parish councils are all members of this community group; in a total 9 neighbouring villages work together to raise awareness of road safety. A recent local study concluded 50% of cars slowed down when reminded of their speed in 30mph areas. Funding for an extra SID ('Speed Indicator Device') has just been received from ESC's Carlford & Fynn Valley Community Partnership. For more details contact: *suffolksavid@gmail.com*





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There will be folk songs from the British Isles reworked by Ralph Vaughan Williams. the poetry of Yeats and Dylan set by Skempton, Corigliano and Dylan himself, spiritual music from the Greek Orthodox tradition and much more. For contrast there will be music from Spain for flugel horn and piano and all this presented in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere by accomplished performers as befits the lovely setting of All Saints on a June afternoon.

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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL EVENTS – JUNE 2024

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Tuesday Ballroom Dancing 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	17:30 – 21:00 T	eresa Jay: 07929 310480
Wednesday Dance Class 5th, 12 th ,19 th ,26th,	09:30 – 12:30 Debb	ie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522
Wednesday Carpet Bowls 5th, 12 th ,19 th ,26th,	14:00 - 16:00	Kathy Price: 01473 621419
Thursday Silver Swans 6 th ,13 th ,20 th ,27 th	10:00—11:00	Lily Turner 07872 436307
Friday Dance Class 7 th ,14 th ,21 st ,28 th ,	09:30 - 12:15 Debb	vie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522
Friday Pilates 7 th ,14 th ,21 st ,28 th ,	12:30 - 15:15	Kelly Steventon: 07919 377855

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GREAT BEALINGS

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PCC SECRETARY	
Mr Eric Barnett, Southernhay, Lodge Rd, Great Bealings	lps 738803
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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7TH MAY 2024 FLOODING – UPDATE BY ROB MUNN (RM)

RM commenced by explaining the set-up of the Bealings Community Interest Co. for which funding has been approved. The directors are Rob Munn and Paul Ward, and the funds will be managed by the Parish Council. He explained the cause and effects of Storm Babet and illustrated his talk with a slide show. He showed a list of what has been achieved so far to mitigate a repeat, and some costings were explained. Photos of this work were shown, all of which took place after consultation and advice from the Environment Agency (EA) and Suffolk County Council. He stressed that the EA have been verv supportive and expressed thanks to Paul Ward for the use of his tractor and digger.

RM showed a list of the plans for going forward and explained how these will be achieved. He placed on record his thanks to all the people who have helped and supported the efforts, in particular the volunteer labour force. In answer to a question, he said that the EA are not in favour of dredging.

EMERGENCY PLANNING – COURTNEY WALSH (CW), EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER, SCC

CW explained the role for his team – the Joint Emergency Planning Unit (JEPU),

and its organisation. He talked about the role of the Local Authority, done under the umbrella of the Suffolk Resilience Forum mentioned He Community Emergency Planning Groups and how they can be more effective and efficient. He said that all work done under the plans are covered by ESC's insurance. Sue Prentice asked if there was a single point of contact at ESC for this type of emergency. CW confirmed that there is. and he handed out some magnetic 'Z' cards which contain all the relevant contact numbers

NB. These have been left on the table in the entrance of the Village Hall for residents to take one

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reports have been received by the Leader of ESC, Cllr Colin Hedgley (CH) and Cllr Dan Clery. All have been Parish Cllrs circulated to and are attached to the minutes on the website.CH verbally reported on fly tipping - he urged residents to report this promptly and take a photo. He reminded everyone that any tradespeople who remove rubbish must have a licence to do so. The price of an annual long stay car parking ticket has been reduced, there is new planning guidance for rural development, nominations are open for Quality of Place awards and free growing kits are being offered to encourage people to grow their own food. A funding gap has forced ESC to halt the Lowestoft flood barrier scheme. CH detailed some been distributed to private landowners. amounts awarded by Government to ESC and he concluded by stating that his River Lark is continuing. Community Enabling Budget remains at vacancies on the Speedwatch team which £7.500 for the year 2024/25.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - REVIEW OF YEAR

Sue Prentice reported that Sally Johnson had resigned as a parish councillor in March after over 20 years' service and the PC is now carrying a vacancy. During the financial year 2023/24, 8 new and 4 revised Planning Applications were received and considered, 4 are still awaiting a decision by ESC and one is subject to an appeal by the applicant. A number of complaints have been made to ESC regarding the perceived continuing inappropriate use of the water meadow in Lower Street. ESC is monitoring the situation but have declined to take any enforcement action. The revised Neighbourhood Plan is being considered by ESC and is currently in a queue. SP reported that she attended the first annual conference of the East Suffolk Planning Alliance. There was a general consensus that developers should speak to villages about their plans and local councillors and politicians should listen more than they do and speak to ESC about the concerns raised. She said that flooding has become an important issue for the village as a result of Storm Babet when 12 homes had some degree of flooding and 3 householders have not yet been able to return to their properties, and emergency planning needs to be reviewed. These items have been addressed earlier in this meeting. The storm also highlighted the condition of our roads and drains, and Cllr Regan Scott (RS) has made an FOI request to SCC about the new roads FYNN-LARK NEWS REPORT - A report contract. He will be writing to SCC with some proposals. The spare trees have

and the testing of the water quality in the There are may have to cease. local volunteers have cleared some footpaths, and a Village Fete will take place on Sunday 9th June. In answer to а question about differentiating between e-coli caused by human or animal waste. RS provided some facts and figures. The full report is on the PC's website

COMMUNITY

REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL Peter Prentice presented a report for the Bealings Village Hall Trust. This was another busy vear during which new mat storage racks for Pilates were installed and the snooker table was re-felted. Appreciation was expressed for the donations from the two Parish Councils and to all those who have donated directly, or by supporting the various events, for the funds for the replacement roof and doors. He itemised the financial situation so far - the total raised is over half what is needed. The Coronation celebration was a major event, and Pop-Up Pubs and guizzes are popular. Numerous verv volunteers assisted at working parties at which drains. footpaths and leaves were cleared, sleepers replaced on the boules court, rabbit holes repaired, and two tons of topsoil was spread. Also, "in-house" repairs were made to the children's swings, climber net, tennis net, circular bench and see-saw. The sports court was prepared for the new season and new football nets are planned. Some tree work was done at a cost of £1500. The full report is on the PC's website.

was presented by Norman Porter. The Magazine itself is thriving with regularly over 40 pages, many in colour. However, the financial situation is on a knife-edge as the cost is now £4,000 p.a. Consideration may have to be given to fewer issues or reduced page count, but it is hoped that will be avoided. Grateful thanks were expressed to the large team of helpers. 40 of whom attended a thank you tea party in the summer. Singled out for thanks were Jason, the printer, Tim Llewellvn and Peter and Vicki Carr. A meeting of all major interested parties will be held this year to discuss the way forward. The full report is on the PC's website

PCC - A report was presented by Norman Porter. He commenced by thanking Sue and Peter Prentice for their work on the upkeep of the churchyard. He highlighted 10 bullet points about the history of the church and the financial situation currently a loss of £4,000 is being incurred. Some possible activities have been identified which would help but would involve re-ordering the space at the back, for which funding will be sought. PP expressed concern that funds within the church organisation as a whole, are unequally distributed. The full report is on the PC's website.

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH ΜΔΥ

Election of Officers

Chairman	Sue Prentice
Vice Chairman	John Carter-Jonas
Footpaths	Regan Scott
Tree Warden	John Carter-Jonas
Village Hall Rep	Trevor Harris

RIVER GAUGE

Road

VILLAGE FETE

volunteers have come forward, more are received today. The Clerk will study these still welcome. A judge is needed for the and circulate them in due course. dog-show

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

No applications have been received **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Speedwatch - There has been no response to the request for more volunteers. CH may have to return the equipment to the police. TH suggested that the format for the rota be changed to make it less onerous - he will speak with CH.

SAVID/SID - Savid have raised enough money for another SID which will probably be offered to Playford. There will then be a permanent SID in all 3 parishes - Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford. JCJ has purchased the laptop for our SID but is experiencing difficulty in linking them, he may need to call on outside help

Other Highwavs matters - JCJ has in hand the purchase of the right-hand bend sign.

Footpaths - RS reported that "Beware of the Bull" notices have been put up on some footpaths

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

The following documents have all been reviewed and approved were and by Cllrs: Model Code accepted of Conduct - amended 2022, Freedom of Information – Model Publication Scheme - amended 2021, 2018 Model Standing Orders – amended 2021.

The Risk Assessment was deferred to be It was agreed to purchase this for Lodge amended in conjunction with that for the SCC Emergency procedures. The Financial Regulations have just been The publicity is going well, some new revised and updated and were only

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Authorisation of payments - Nine payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and Working from Home Allowance, Annual Donations, Office Expenses and SALC Subscription.

Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24– This was accepted

Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 - This was approved for signature

Accounting Statements 2023/24 and Certificate of Exemption - These were approved by Councillors. The hard copies of the AGAR forms were signed.

SP placed on record her thanks to Eric Barnett for auditing the accounts and to the Clerk for their clear presentation.

Precept – The complete annual precept of £8,000 has been received

Annual Bank Reconciliation – This was approved and signed

CORRESPONDENCE

Fynn Lark News – It is the turn of Great Bealings to produce the lead item for the July magazine. SP will draft an article about the Village Fete.

Break-in – this had occurred at Rosery Farm and the presence of CCTV resulted in a person being arrested. Residents are reminded to securely lock up their tools and equipment.

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. Dee Knights – Clerk 01473 624240 Email: greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.greatbealings.co.uk

ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

Re-elected! No competition. Being churchwarden, responsible for a building as beautiful and soaked in history as St Mary's, Great Bealings, is a privilege, but not one that many people seem to regard as such. So why carry on, taking on those responsibilities. dealing with the bureaucratic aspects of the job? That is probably a question only one person asks. So, he is probably best placed to answer it.

Our church has been where it is for hundreds of years. It is the work of our ancestors, many of whom lie at peace in the churchyard, some of whom were once friends. We owe it to them to maintain their legacy, a beautiful building, in a peaceful setting, once the centre of so much community life.

In this busy world of ours every community needs a focal point for those deeper needs which are removed from the daily hurly-burly of the busy world around us. Most of have a part of ourselves which could be described as "spiritual." The spiritual element finds outlets in different ways. For some it may be nature itself. For others it can be more formal, within the context of church services. Your church and churchyard offer both. But they do not look after themselves. If the community turns its collective back on our church, if it ceases to play a role in village affairs, then the outcome might not be dissimilar to the picture below - once a bishop's palace, now a grassy area, surrounded by bleak stone ruins, loved by the jackdaws which from Woodbridge was a great benefit to nest in the crannies, but largely ignored the parish. He regretted that the sense of by human beings. Is that what we want? a united Benefice, in other respects, For many people, the answer is probably remained weak. There was scope for subliminally "No." but our church still more bridge-building. We were not alone needs people to take responsibility for it, in facing problems: small congregations, and those who do, need your support, few services per month - there were however much as you may be prepared challenges across the Deanery, and, to offer



LOOKING BACK

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 30TH APRIL 2024

The main points emerging from this meeting were:

 Eric Barnett is retiring as Secretary. He was presented with book- and gardentokens as thanks for his many years' commitment. He remains a member of the PCC. Bridget Tanno has agreed to take over as Secretary.

 Otherwise the PCC retains the same personnel. Norman Porter was re-elected as Churchwarden.

 The Rector, in his Chairman's report, regretted the impact of bad weather, and, more widely, climate change, on residents through flooding, and on farmers generally. He expressed thanks to all who contributed in their various ways, noting

indeed, the Diocese, Plans for a reordering of the space at the back of the church. had encountered obstacles because of apparent difficulties with reorganizing the heating system. Potential costs remained challenging.

 Bridget Tanno was thanked for her efforts to procure a digital donating machine, which was duly produced for inspection. The siting of the machine, somewhere near the main door, was still to be decided

♦ Will Self, Treasurer, said that the financial situation remained precarious. A high proportion of income came from a handful of individuals. Before the future status and direction of the church could be decided, there had to be a clear understanding of the implications of the various courses of action, particularly with regard to the impact on Parish Share, currently by far the most significant annual expense. The current and ongoing pattern of annual deficits was unsustainable. A meeting would be arranged with the Treasurer of St Mary's, Woodbridge, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

A working party would shortly be set up to install the new gate on the north side, adjacent to the footpath leading up from Boot Street.

Peter and Susan Prentice were that musical and secretarial provision warmly thanked for their huge contribution towards the regular upkeep of the occasions, flower-arranging, fetes, Plant remained well maintained.

BURIAL OF ASHES - JANET FATON



Janet's ashes were laid to rest alongside those of her husband, Robert, in a short service held on May 2nd.



far to be there. Bob, who had pre- Rector into their homes so as to get to deceased Janet by over 20 years, had know him better, and vice versa. The been involved with the church. He, it was, regular day for this is Wednesday, either who was responsible for the installation of morning coffee or afternoon tea. If vou our floodlights. Janet had been fully would like to fix a future slot please involved in the life of the church, its social contact churchwarden, Norman Porter

churchyard. It was noted with gratitude Sales etc., before she moved down to the that both sections of the car park area West country to be closer to her family in her latter years. Those final years were darkly clouded by dementia. The ashes of the two of them are now at rest in a place that they loved.

CHURCHYARD

Spring has sprung, and the recent rains have led to a spurt in growth. The cutting of the grass paths is very much back on the Agenda. Do take a detour, and take a stroll around your now very much living churchvard

BIRD FEEDERS

There has been a very thin response to the invitation to keep the birdfeeders stocked up. The expense of permanently filling up the feeders is considerable, but we will do our best to make sure that they are not left permanently empty, fulfilling no function at all. Occasional help and contributions still invited!

SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday 2nd June

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

Sunday 16th June

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer. Norman and Virginia Porter

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

RECTOR'S "SURGERY"

Members of Janet's family had travelled We offer people the chance to invite our

nhp@rillcott.co.uk, who is i/c the rota, and If you would like the lights to shine forth can offer possible future dates.

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

MARY'S CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE)

PLANT SALE - 27TH April

Our Plant Sale is now fully back on track. As mentioned in the over-all News item. significant sums of money were raised, crucial to the running of the two Bealings churches Warmest thanks to all who contributed in whatever way.

OPEN GARDENS _ PLANNED FOR SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

We are very sorry, but this event has had to be cancelled for this year, hopefully merely postponed until next year. The unfortunate timing of a couple of elective operations, plus the aftermath of the floods, has reduced the event to a point at which it ceases to become viable.

SPECIAL CONCERT – SEPTEMBER 29TH – 4.00 P.M.

If you haven't yet made a note in your diary. please put down Sunday September 29th at 4.00. This is when we are planning for the concert to be given by Rose Hinton, violinist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and her husband Jonathan. This will be a tribute to the late Hon Jill Ganzoni. Details to follow in due course. We need to get through all the iovs of summer first!

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

for celebrations/ personal Norman Porter. Churchwarden commemorations please drop a note in to nhp@rillcott.co.uk Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln 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 (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF ST nhp@rillcott.co.uk will do the trick, with payment to follow.

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CLERK NEW FOR LITTLE PARISH COUNCIL BEALINGS

Little Bealings Parish Council are pleased to welcome Wendy Cook as their newly appointed Parish Clerk and Responsible DECLARATION OF INTEREST Financial Officer.



Although Wendy does not live in the village, she is only five minutes away. Plus, she does know Little Bealings well, especially the footpaths as she is an avid runner and also enjoys walking in the Fynn Valley.

Wendy is a successful local business owner and has lots of experience and transferable skills that will be very useful in her new role.

Wendy took over from Carol Ramsden at the beginning of May, after Carol had served two decades as the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Wendy Said, "I've always found Little Bealings to be a very welcoming, friendly village and I'm very much looking forward to taking on the role as the new Clerk.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Carol for all of her help during our handover period."

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 29 April 2024

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No member of the public wished to speak.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group was thanked for its work producing drafts of the Design Guide and the Adult and Youth Surveys, to be used for consultation with residents, so speedily, The documents were approved.

NFW CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The resignation of Carol Ramsden, after 20 years' service, was accepted and it was resolved to appoint Wendy Cook as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council, both with effect from 1 May. It was resolved to continue to employ Mrs Ramsden as a Consultant to the Council for a 'handover' period until 31 May.

NOTES OF MATTERS CONSIDERED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2024

The Chairman started the meeting by welcoming Wendy Cook who is new in post of Clerk. And, thanking outgoing Clerk Carol Ramsden, on behalf of the Councillors, for all of the hard work she has done over the last 20 years.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN CHAIRMAN

Ian Ransome was elected Chairman of Chris Cheeseman was the Council. elected Vice Chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made declarations of interest in various items on the Agenda in accordance with the Council's adopted LGA Code of Conduct and left the meeting accordingly.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No member of the public wished to speak.

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, DELEGATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

above.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application: DC/24/1252/FUL | Erection of 1no. self build dwelling and garage | Land Opposite Former Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane

It was RESOLVED: The parish Council agreed that there was no objection in principle to the development but there is objection to the design. The Council considers that the proposed design is in breach of SCLP 5.7. The design and the proposed materials are at odds with the street scene in this part of the village where red brick and pantile roofs are dominant. The Council also notes that a mains sewer connection is proposed but understands that this is not included on current Anglian Water plans for the installation of a new sewer in this part of the village. In addition there is an existing cess pit on the site which used to serve the Admirals Head and is understood to still be connected to and in use by an adjacent property.

Update on Applications dealt with under **Delegated Authority, Previous Applications,** Appeals and Enforcement Matters

DC/24/1032/FUL Demolition of existing rear

VICE porch, and erection of new single storev rear extension. | 4 Holly Cottages Holly Close Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6PN

> The Council had responded to the consultation using established delegated authority and had no objection to the development. which had now been approved by ESC.

DC/23/3657/VOC | Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/21/2505/FUL - Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access -Change Condition 2 to remove and replace drawings: 4867 : PA 04D (Proposed Block PA 04 E and Landscape Plan) with (Proposed Block and Landscape Plan), PA 05D (Proposed Site Plan) with PA 05 E The Council reviewed and adopted the (Proposed Site Plan), PA 06H (Proposed Plans) with PA 06 I (Proposed Plans), PA 07F (Proposed Elevations) with PA 07 G (Proposed Elevations), PA 08B (Proposed Section Elevations) with PA 08 C (Proposed Section Elevations). PA_09F (Proposed Context Elevation) can be omitted, PA_10A (Proposed Gateway) PA 10 B (Proposed Gateway) with Discharge of Conditions no. 5 - Detailed scheme of landscaping - as per drawings PA 05 E (Site Plan). PA 04 E and PA_10_B, no. 12 - Details of area for refuse/ recycling bins - as per drawings PA 04 E and PA 05 E, no. 13 - Details of discharge of surface water from development onto highway - as per drawing PA 10 B (Proposed Gateway), no. 18 - Details of filtered package sewage treatment plant as listed on PA 04 E i.e. Klargester Biotec BTA2 Gravity Discharge (unit is serving 6 bedrooms/8 persons discharging to ground, less than the requirement needed for a permit) | Former High Rigg Martlesham Road

ESC had approved this application.

DC/24/0498/CLP: Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) - Erection of new detached cart lodge style garage for 2no. cars within residential garden, to be accessed from drivewav. with existina associated permeable gravel surfacing and alteration to join new surfacing to existing driveway

(see proposed site plan submitted). Grove UPDATES Cottage The Street

This application had been withdrawn.

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

A site meeting had been arranged by Enforcement FSC but had been postponed.

DC/22/0566/OUT Outline Planning application (all matters reserved) proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard Holly Lane

The appeal had been allowed.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

These are available on the Council's website: https://

littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-

council/district-and-county-councillorreports/

District Councillor Colin Hedgley also spoke about his report at the meeting. He referred to various items in it, including flytipping and the annual Community Partnership meeting.

HIGHWAYS

The Parish is still waiting the replacement of the white lines between Holly lane and the Church, County Councillor Elaine Brvce has been contacted.

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Carol Ramsden was appointed as a volunteer to continue work on proposed works to improve the surface of Footpath The No1A at the Church.

SAVID/SPEED INDICATIOR DEVICE

It was noted that Playford Parish Council would be using SAVID funds to purchase its own SID, so that the Council's could be displayed continually in Little Bealings at the SCC approved locations.

FROM CLERK AND COUNCILLORS

Mr Ransome attended the Annual FSC Community Partnership meeting at Trinity Park including two workshops. Mr Garnham has attended a Community Partnership meeting on behalf of the Council

Mr Ransome had attended the Sizewell C Community Forum and would attend the next Sizewell C Transport South It was unclear if the Forum meeting. parish could join the Forum and if sound proofing would be available to residents near to the railway line.

APPOINTMENTS

The following were appointed: Jenny Shaw Webmaster

Footpath Wardens

Francis Mutimer and John Wittgreffe Footpath Volunteer Workers

Jane Mardell, Anthony Meehan, Liz Mutimer, Keith Beaumont, Anna Beaumont and Carl Cornish

VHMC representative		Helen Saagi
SALC representative		lan Ransome
ESC Community		Partnership
Representative		

Peter Carr, and Mike Garnham for **Road Safety Workshops**

Mike Garnham SAVID representative Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group Representatives

Ian Ransome and a local resident **Anglian Water Sewer Installation Liaison** Mike Garnham

FINANCE

Council reviewed the internal auditor's report for 2023/24 and its internal financial control system. It approved the accounting statement for 2023/24 and the Annual Governance Statement. The Council reviewed the effectiveness of its internal financial control in accordance with the requirements of the Annual Governance

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Statement. It was noted that due to the **ANGELA COBBOLD HALL** level of income received During 2023/24 the Council could no longer certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review and an external audit would be reauired.

Income of £6.500 (precept), £4177.19 (CIL) Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for April, May and June, the annual allowance and office expenses were approved. Payments were also approved for annual membership of SALC.

DONATIONS

It was resolved to increase the donations for 2024/24 to the Bealings Village Hall Trust and John Belstead Playing Field from £1000 to £1100 and to ROPETH from £250 to £500. It was agreed to donate £300 to the Fynn Lark News.

CLERK TRAINING

It was resolved that Miss W Cook would attend Clerk training arranged by SALC.

INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM REVIEW

It was resolved that Mr Cheeseman continue as reviewer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 1 July 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 3 June if required by business to be transacted.

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

https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parishcouncil/

Wendy Cook – Clerk to the Council

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NFWS

On Wednesday 17th April more than 20 people gathered to hear Francis Mutimer share his thoughts and experiences of "Everything working together in the Garden", illustrated with pictures of his garden on the big screen, illustrating the need to recognise that each plant will only grow well in a place that suits its needs. Planting to promote bio diversity and providing habitats for a wide variety of life, including bats, birds, hedgehogs, bees and other insects. Companion planting, using one type of plant to protect another, especially in the vegetable garden. Tracy Herrington also brought some examples of bee friendly plants that are available from Katie's Garden.

On the evening of Friday, the 26th April there was а event entitled 'The Thingamijig'.

The following appreciation was sent by a visitor to Little Bealings who attended the event.

Imagine a room filled with objects of yesteryear, where copper ale warmers sit alongside sugar nips, and Stilton spoons share space with military turbot kettles. This was the scene at. the Thingamajig evening, held at the Angela Cobbold Hall on the evening of Friday, 26th. April.

hosts for the evening. Gerry Our Dunlavey and Peter Carr, led us on a fascinating journey into the past. They presented a unique quiz that challenged us to quess the name of and purpose of various oddities and antiques. The event was a hit, drawing a crowd of over 35 enthusiastic participants. The guiz was a mix of intrigue and fun, with 27 objects waiting to reveal their secrets. Some were easy to identify, while others kept us guessing. The collection was as diverse as it was fascinating, featuring Victorian

skirt lifting attachments designed to aid recognition! ladies in cycling, silver tracheotomy pipes, everyone w and even a monometer from a Zeppelin! clearing and



The hall buzzed with discussion and laughter. The grand reveal was the highlight of the evening. Gerry and Peter not only unveiled the true purpose of each item but also regaled us with interesting titbits about their history and use.

The 'Thingamajig' evening left us all a little more knowledgeable and a lot more entertained.

COMMUNITY LUNCH Tuesday 7th May saw the tables dressed with blue and



white flowers in iars bearing the "Tractor lpswich Boys" logo to celebrate the team's promotion to the Premier League. Thanks to Tracy Herrington for this splash of and colour

recognition! As always- thanks to everyone who helped with serving, clearing and washing up.

The next Lunch will be on Tuesday 24th June at 12.30 pm .

'Boiled' Bacon & Pease Pudding New Potatoes and Veg.

Bealings Tart with Cream/Ice Cream

Tea/ Coffee

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Friday May 17th. Roger & Margaret Roseboom presented a **John Betjeman Evening** celebrating the poet's much loved works and life. Coincidentally 40 years after his death in May 1984. Opening with audience participation in singing his famous work "The Church's Restoration" the evening included both biography, videos and poems read by members of the audience.



In the video about his childhood the man himself shared his memories and introduced his beloved teddv bear. Archibald, named after his best friend, Archibald Ormsbv Gore. Both his academic career and personal life were related and we were left with a vivid picture of this highly gifted and complex character...a national treasure indeed. A I will show you an example. Take a pillow display of books and items related to the case It is seamless, you cannot see the theme added to our understanding of this join, yet from my previous employment in particular theme.

WORD FROM THE STUDY

One wedding I attended a few years ago had the hymn Dear Lord and Father of Mankind I was slightly nervous, because two minutes after making your wedding vows is not the time to start having regrets, so to start singing "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, forgive our foolish ways" is not the best start to married life. The hymn goes on Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire.

As I write this, we have just celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the word Pentecost comes from the Greek word which means fifty, and of course, it is 50 days after the resurrection of Christ and now his Holv Spirit comes to the Church, It is a lot more than the birthday of the Church: the first day of Pentecost was the final act in the saving ministry of Jesus. The parcel delivery company UPS has got a slogan on the side of its vans which says this "A promise is not a promise until it is delivered "The promise from our Lord I am with you till the end of time; promised delivered. The holy Spirit moves us in different ways allow ourselves to be changed. What is it in our lives and society that needs to be changed? Any change begins with us.

I'll tell you a story. A couple of years ago, a football club sold their best striker, "Not to worry" said the manager, "I have found someone else who is a striker". The truth, of course, he should have been playing for a pub team on a Sunday morning. The spirit that God sent was not a substitute.it is God dwelling among us Jesus said "To have seen me, is to have seen the father".

case It is seamless, you cannot see the join, yet from my previous employment in the textile industry. I know there are joins. But such is the way that the varn is woven together you would never find a join. Just as that pillowcase is seamless, so is the relationship between God the Father and Jesus. The work the spirit can do is greater than ever because of what our lord achieved, that bond between child and parent is the same as what God wants for his people, for such is His love for us. When we talk of the work of the spirit, the work is two-fold, he is a guide and teacher of truth, to be a witness to the truth, he is the comforter, counsellor and enabler. The word in the Greek is Paraclete. The relationship is seamless between the three. Pentecost is a call for the church to live in the full power of the Spirit. Not in the power of budgets, programs, important as they are. Rather, it is a call to act upon our inward and outward selves together, as the prophet Micah reminds us: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Pentecost calls us to recognize the Spirit alive and active not just on that day but every and YES even now. Where do we see the Spirit at work in our community? Back in the 1970's, a group called themselves Earth, Wind and Fire. The title of the group came from the fact that they were a different style and a different type of music to that which had been around in the past.

Pentecost is a renewal of earth, wind and fire, with a spirit of fire, to bring about change.

Every blessing

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Thursday 6th	2.15 - 2.45 p.m.	LIBRARY VAN in Village Hall car park
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Friday 14th	7.00 - 10.00 p.m.	Social Friday Licensed Bar Darts, Snooker, Table Tennis, Chess, Board Games, etc
Sunday 16th	3.00 - 5.00 p.m.	TIME FOR TEA
Friday 21st	6.30 p.m.	MIDSUMMER MERRIMENT with the 'Shingle Street Folk Band' Smoked Salmon, Strawberries, Champagne and Pimms.& Celebrate 'Suffolk Day' with the 'Suffolk Boys' Entry Tickets £5 - Book on 01473 735153 or margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday 26th	ר 7.30 p.m.	GARDENING CLUB TBA
Friday 28th from	10.00 a.m.	Foot CLINIC & Coffee Morning (please book your appointment with Charlotte on 07712 448775)
Friday 28th	7.00 - 10.00 p.m.	Social Friday Licensed Bar Darts, Snooker, Table Tennis, Chess, Board Games, etc
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A MESSAGE FROM PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

REGISTER TO VOTE BY 28[™] MAY 2024

Referendum on 13TH June 2024

As a village, we have been working on producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Playford over the last few years.

A Neighbourhood Plan gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and to shape the development and growth of their local area.

Playford's Neighbourhood Plan has now been accepted for consideration and we need to hold a village referendum where you will get the opportunity to vote as to whether you wish this plan to be used to help guide our District and County Councils when it comes to Planning, Highways, the Environment and particularly development pertaining to Playford.

You must be on the electoral role in order to vote in this referendum. If you are not, and would like to register, you can find the details of how to do this are overleaf. *The deadline to register is Tuesday 28th May*.

The referendum will be held on the 13th June 2024, with Playford Village Hall as the Polling Station. Voting will be from 7am to 10pm.

The neighbourhood plan can be found on: http://playford.onesuffolk.net/

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID WITH YOU!

Thank you Marian Hedgley Clerk to Playford Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL

THESE ARE CONDENSED NOTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF PLAYFORD'S **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** HELD 8TH MAY 2024. A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES APPEARS ON THE WEBSITE: *www.playford.org.uk*

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Playford Parish Hall and attended by councillors and residents.

Ben Evans was unanimously voted in as Chairman, his annual report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and Ben read it out to the attending public. He started by thanking the councillors and the clerk for their work throughout the preceding year and to Tracy Herrington for her work with SAVID. The Precept has been raised by £500.00 to cover rising costs. The Neighbourhood Plan has at last reached the Referendum stage and parishioners will be invited to vote on this at Playford Village Hall on 13th It has been decided to June. produce an Emergency Plan for Playford and this is being worked on. Scheduled work on drainage and traffic priority issues on the C324 was put back last vear because effects of the storms last October delayed Highway's schedule but it is hoped that this will be carried out soon. New warning signs to deter heavy traffic from using Church Lane and other minor roads have now been installed this was funded by Co Cllr Elaine Bryce's Highway's budget. The bottle bank area has been greatly improved thanks to the efforts of Sam Webber and his team and funded by District Cllr Colin Hedaley's Enabling Communities Budget. A new date for the appeal against reinstalling FP26 (from Butts Road to Church Lane) has been set for 12th Nov 2024 and this will be held at Endeavour House in planning lpswich. Seven new applications reviewed and were recommended by the parish council during the year but one (on a Grade 2 listed building) was refused by the District planners.

County Councillor Elaine Bryce was unable to attend the meeting.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley's report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended to the full minutes on the parish website. Colin stated there has been an increase in flytipping this year and any reports from people witnessing such events would be bv the District Council welcomed especially if thev contained the registration no. of offending vehicles. The price of an annual parking ticket in East Suffolk's council car parks has been reduced. The Quality of Place Award Scheme is open again this year. £2.7m has been awarded to East Suffolk from the government levelling up scheme.

Rev Gary Jones, vicar of Playford gave his report. He stated that numbers attending Church had remained steady over the last year and the bi-monthly coffee mornings open to all, have been operating successfully. The new priest in charge has sadly had to resign her post due to ill health. The Church is working successfully with the Lightwave Movement which aims to bring younger people into the Church. Gary thanked Colin Hedgley for all his hard work as Churchwarden over the last 12 years, as he is retiring from the post. Colin is being replaced by Jon Fieldsend who is looking forward to the task.

Norman Porter gave a report on the Fynn Lark News and explained the workings and economics of the magazine. The FLN is free to all households in the area but relies heavily on donations from the parish councils and individuals to keep going. The revenue from adverts is also crucial and Norman explained how difficult it was sometimes to offer the adverts at a reasonable price without putting people off. He thanked the fantastic team of helpers who put the magazine together and who organise the distribution.

Courtney Walsh, Emergency Planning Officer from East Suffolk Council, gave a talk on Emergency Planning and explained the role of the Emergency Team who are on call 24/7. Ideally all parishes should have an Emergency Plan Action Point Review in place so that villagers know quickly who to contact, should the need arise. Moves are afoot to push resilience out into the countryside for better coverage and to better understand specific needs of an area. Wider work is being done with the Police, Fire Service, Ambulance, NHS and the water boards to assess likely risks and scenarios

OPEN FORUM

Litter picking kits are available from East Suffolk's Community Service Partnership and it was agreed that Playford should take advantage of this offer. Kits could be stored in the Church porch to be readily available for use by individuals or organised groups. Rubbish bags should be taken home for disposal date for the clearance of the drainage unless there is an excess in which case East Suffolk Co. would need to be contacted for a drop-off point.

The Bee Café destined for Plavford has had to be relocated to a suitable site near Kesgrave Town Hall as a suitable location could not be found on the playing field.

Full copies of reports and the full minutes can be seen on the website. www.playford.org.uk

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THESE ARE CONDENSED NOTES OF THE PLAYFORD'S ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH MAY 2024. A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES APPEARS ON THE WEBSITE: www.playford.org.uk

ELECTION AND **APPOINTMENTS** 2024/25

Ben Evans was voted in as Chairman for the forthcoming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Joan Metcalfe was elected as Vice-Chairman for the parish council, Steve Hicks will continue as footpaths rep. Joan Metcalfe as Parish Hall rep and tree warden and Colin Grimwood is willing to continue as internal auditor.

A date of 12th November 2024 has been set for the landowner's appeal against the registration of the footpath running between C330 and C3311 - this will be held at Endeavour House in Ipswich and any further evidence of past use of this path would be welcomed please contact Joan Metcalfe.

We are still awaiting improvements to the traffic priority and drainage on C324 clerk will chase Elaine Bryce for an update on this when she returns to her office

New signage has been installed to deter heavy traffic from using Church Road, Church Lane and Hall Farm Road.

Clerk will chase ES Services for a ditch in Butts Road in front of the Village Hall as this should have been done in April.

Elaine Bryce will also be asked what is happening about repairs to the many linear potholes in Butts Road as she had offered to investigate this.

See Action log appended to the Minutes on the website for more details of these items.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's salary in March and April and for stationery and APM expenses. Payments were sanctioned for web hosting, and domain name and website charges for the Neighbourhood Plan website. Payments were also authorised for the annual subscription to SALC, annual insurance renewal with Zurich, annual donation to the FLN and to Colin Grimwood in respect FOR of the internal audit. Reclaimed VAT of £386.08 has been received from HMRC and the first instalment of the annual Precept was received from ESC.

> The Annual Accounts for 2023/24 which had been signed by the clerk, were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Accounts and the Certificate of Exemption (from

external audit), were all agreed sianed. The clerk will submit Certificate of Exemption electronically to volunteers will be required. A meeting will auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP. The pricing of assets was reviewed and agreed, and to advise parishioners of how this will it was agreed to continue the clerk's salary and expenses at the same rate for the coming year. The Internal Control Report was carried out and agreed by Steve Hicks, as a non-signatory to the bank account. The Annual Control Statement was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Anyone wishing to inspect last year's accounts may do so between 24th June – 2nd August by contacting the Clerk or the Chairman if the Clerk is unavailable.

HIGHWAYS

Improvements to the traffic priority and drainage on C324 are still awaited and the number of potholes in Butts Road is still an ongoing problem - see Action Points above. Tracy Herrington gave her report on highest speeds recorded by SIDs and 85th percentiles in the three locations monitored in Plavford. The SIDs device is currently in Lt Bealings but will be back in Playford in June. SAVID has obtained funding for an extra SIDs device which is being offered for Playford's use it was agreed by the parish council that this offer should be taken up. Playford will order the equipment and include it in their insurance when funds have been transferred from SAVID.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Plan has passed its independent examination and is ready for the Parish Referendum - the poll will take place on Thursday 13th June 2024. Polling cards will be sent out to parishioners on the Electoral Register – if you need to register to vote. please visit www.gov.uk/ registertovote before 28th May 2024.

EMERGENCY PLAN

An Emergency Plan is being drawn up for

and Plavford with help from the Emergency the Planning Team at East Suffolk Co. and be held in the Village Hall in due course work and what is required of volunteers.

OTHER MATTERS

We await a site visit to assess what is needed in way of repairs to the boules piste on the playing field.

Two vacancies still exist for new parish councillors - please contact the Clerk or Chairman for details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Marian Hedglev – Clerk 01473 738468 e-mail: plavfordpc@hotmail.co.uk website: www.playford.org.uk

PLAYFORD WI

M-A-Y the shortest named month in the year ... fortunately so since our activity was a creative session learning a calligraphy style for diary journaling! Some members were glad we weren't in a longer month...but overall, we each enjoyed the mindfulness that a task with coloured pencils and paper required. It was a good taster of the wide variety of classes and expert tutors available to us through the national WI portal. We were delighted to welcome a visitor to our evening and enjoyed delicious homemade refreshments too.

In preparation for the Olympic Games, our June talk will be 'Growing for Gold', insights into the podium posies presented to victors in each event alongside their medals. Small but very symbolic gifts from all Summer and Winter Games host countries - bar one....

Tuesday 4th June 7.30 p.m. Playford Village Hall. playfordwi@gmail.com

BINKY & CO.

It was Friday evening, Binky's favourite time of the week because (roll of drums) it was darts night down the local pub The Ferret and Trouser. Binky had been in the pub team now for nearly ten years and although he wasn't very good, he at least turned up every time and always got his round in. Their number one plaver was 'Topsy' Vyron who earned his name from the fact that he could put a dart into double twenty to order. Mind you that was the only dart he could often get on the board, so he was, as he liked to call himself "a specialist player." Binkv thought of him a specialist pain in the backside, but Binky was biased simply because he disliked the man intensely. Nothing personal mind. Just that whenever Binky threw a dart, he imagined the dartboard was Topsy's face. Although to be fair to Binky's wife who was rather astute in sizing up Binky's ability, she did once tell him that "you are trying for a bull when you can't even hit a cows bottom with a coal miners shovel is a joke".

Also of course Topsy was the Captain of the Ferret's darts team, a position Binky coveted for himself. However, tonight was the night of Binky's life, because it was AGM night and all the positions on the darts team had to be filled and Binky was determined to go for the big one this time. Last year he was fobbed off with Deputy Vice Chairman, Liaison, (Middle East) although no one could remember ever playing six Arabs. Binky yearned to be captain. It was nothing to do with the fact that the landlord, Ducky Duckworth, always gave the darts captain a free double whisky at the end of the evening. No. this was about power and influence. Binky would choose the team. Choose where they went for a great day out (Topsy always chose Blackpool. Binky was set on Alberici.) Plus choose which night would be lady's night. Plus, as

captain vou were resident comedian. everyone had to laugh at the captain's joke, or you were dropped for the next game. As a test Binky asked Topsy last week "What do vou call a woman who is holding threes darts?..... Ma'am." Binky thought that was hugely funny but Topsy did not laugh. That was another reason Binky did not like Topsy. He never laughed at Binky's jokes but roared with laughter at anyone else's. The whole team then retired to the snug for the AGM. "Well firstly" said Topsy Vyron, "We've got to elect a team captain for the next year" he said confidently knowing no -one would have the temerity to stand against him. Binky put his hand up. "Well, you wish to nominate me, Binky?" asked Topsy. "No" said Binky nervously, "I wish to stand as team captain." The silence was almost audible. "Have you seconder?" asked Topsy. "Yes. Loftv Stackpole" replied Binky. Lofty was half drunk because he had got there early getting the time mixed up and having nothing better to do sat at the bar drinking for two hours. Topsy was furious. "But I want you all to listen to me" he said imperiously." I am an experienced darts player and have been doing this job for a long time." "That doesn't mean you are always right" said Shorty Yardstick.

"Well, if you will not listen to me, I am going to resign from this team and join another" He then flounced out. "Well," said Binky, "I think the best thing to do is let Vigens be Vigens."

They all laughed. "Get them in captain" they shouted in unison. And they all got on as well as ever.

SATURDAY JUNE 22ND

10.00 A.M. UNTIL 12.00 NOON

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Sunday June 2 nd	10.00 a.m.	Morning Service.
Sunday June 16 th	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion.

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(no one is really ugly but I thought I would put that in to make you sit up and take notice).

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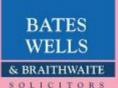
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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

It is with great sadness that a much-loved former resident of Culpho Peter Gornall has recently passed away, our sincere and heartfelt condolences reach out to his wife Margaret.

TRIBUTE TO PETER GORNALL

After a distinguished career with the Cheshire and Greater Manchester Police, Peter and his wife Margaret retired to live in Suffolk at Little Thatch Culpho. Peter and Margaret together soon became part of the community offering their time and skills unreservedly. A devout Catholic Peter was always keen to support St Botolph's church with his practical skills and knowledge and his workmanship within the building will be a lasting legacy. The projects that he completed are endless but one of the memorable ones was the cleaning and polishing of all the fifty plus chairs in the Nave during the covid pandemic.

Despite having moved to Wickham Market in 2004, Peter's willingness to help and support did not waver, he was always the first in the churchyard with his mower when there was a working party. A gifted golfer and staunch supporter of Manchester United Peter lived life to the full, he will long be remembered and respected.

SERVICES IN JUNE AT ST BOTOLPH'S

Sunday June 23rd	3.00pm	Evensong
Wednesday June 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion

Richard Garnham

Churchwarden

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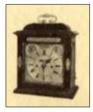
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Little Bealings:

Please see the parish website for information: *www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net* **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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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS VI	H: Villag	e Hall	AS: All Saints	ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall
BALLROOM DANCING	VH	Tue	7.30 p.m.	Teresa Jay 07929310480
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Wed	2.00 p.m.	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH VH	Wed Fri	9.30 a.m 9.30 a.m	Debbie Watkins-Jones 0711161522
FYNN VALLEY WALKS	AS	Wed	10.30 a.m. Walk	s 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 j	o.m. Info Contact 01473 623133
LIBRARY	ACH	Thu	2.15 - 2.45(eve	ry 4th Thu) 07809594685
PILATES with DIDI	VH	Mon	7.30 p.m.	Helen 07889 907615
PILATES	VH	Tue	9.30 a.m.	Caroline Boggon 07850683196
PILATES	VH	Fri	12.30 p.m.	Kelly Steventon 07919377855
READING ROOM	ACH	Book		y arrangement Info 01473 620213 saw puzzles, DVDs etc to borrow. ations.
SNOOKER	VH	Any c	lay <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
SOCIAL EVENING	ACH	Fri Licen	7.00 p.m. sed bar, pub gar	Info 01473 735153 nes etc. and other events
VILLAGE HALL BOOKII	NG	:		Margaret Wilson 07769195132 bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com
YOGA	VH	Sat	9.30 a.m.	Caroline Boggon 07850683196

PLAYFORD	PH: P	arish H	lall		
ART CLUB	PH	Thu	10.00 a.m.		Mary Spillett 01394 385295
LIBRARY		Thu	1.50 – 2.05	i (every 4 we	eks)
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TODDLERS	PH	Fri	9.30 a.m. te	oddler group	playfordtoddlers@gmail.com
WI	PH	Tue	7.30 p.m.(1	st in month)	Sue Bruce 738265
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JULY/AUGUST 2024 NEWS

Contributions for the June 2024 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 18th June

The news will be ready for distribution by Saturday, 29th June.

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