

Fynn - Lark News

SEPTEMBER 2024



We are delighted to include the following item, contributed by the recently retired Parish Clerk of Little Bealings, Carol Ramsden. Our Parish Clerks must count as being, maybe, amongst the most unsung heroes of parish life. Carol's post specifically involved Little Bealings, but the experiences and challenges could be replicated in so many other rural villages. Their's is so often the unseen finger on the village pulse. Parish councillors – again mostly unsung, but all-too-often criticized figures of village life – they come and go, with less or greater experience, and it is the Parish Clerk, so often a symbol of greater continuity and know-how, who guides them through all the intricate processes of Parish Council work, and helps them to do their job.

Carol's article looks back on the last 20 years, a reminder of just how much happens in the life of an ordinary village, and of just how much we owe to those volunteers, paid and unpaid, who offer their services for the benefit of the wider community.

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

Thank you, Carol – and, through you, thank you to all who give up their time to help to run our villages, to keep them safe, and good places to live.in.

20 YEARS OF CLERKING

When Sylvia Chenery retired as Little Bealings Parish Council Clerk in May 2004, she had completed 12 years in the role. On taking up the post as her successor, I was somewhat daunted to discover I had signed up for what was expected to be a long haul, albeit with a working week of 2 hours 15 minutes. Much of the time then was taken up with delivering post to the Chairman, Jim Ward, and then on to Councillors for them to consider before the next meeting. Although the Council set up an email address early in 2005, nearly all Council business arrived by post, including weighty envelopes of planning application submission documents and for many years the paperwork flowed and flowed...

I recall early concern at what had happened to the community policeman's bicycle on his retirement, the Council having helped to purchase it. A local policeman was a regular attendee at meetings then, though I would have guessed it was significantly more than 20 years since local policing involved patrolling villages by bicycle!

Over the last 20 years we seem to have been involved in some massive issues for a small rural village: travellers in Martlesham Road on the far side of the A12 bridge, the closure of the Admiral's Head in 2012 and proposed community purchase of the pub, ongoing problems at Sinks Pit and concern about the closed Landfill Site in Hall Road, the installation of the East Anglian Offshore Windfarm cabling, the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall, a proposed Ipswich Northern Bypass cutting through the parish, the local government reorganisation of Suffolk Coastal into East Suffolk Council and, now underway, the installation of a public sewer in The Street. No doubt there are plenty of other issues that could be added to the list. There have been numerous planning applications, some causing neighbours significant upset, and continued concern about the volume and speed of traffic in the village and the issue of School parking. The Council started to formalise its thinking for the future of the parish in 2009, publishing a Parish Plan and Parish Reviews following in 2013 and 2018. Now it is well on the way to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

While the Clerk work has expanded over the years, such that the role is now officially 6 hours a week, one constant has remained: all four Chairmen and all the Councillors I have worked with over the last 20 years have had the interests of Little Bealings firmly at heart, and all have worked together to that end. Ferial Rogers succeeded Jim Ward as Chairman, then Margaret Wilson and now Ian Ransome. Periodically parish councils make the news for the wrong reasons (remember that lock down meeting of Handforth Parish Council on zoom which made a star of Jackie Weaver?) or simply fail to understand what is required of them and how they should conduct business (and how to treat the Clerk!) Not so Little Bealings, which has followed the rules, consulted the residents and seen healthy competition to be a Councillor at the last two rounds of Parish Council elections.

I'm pleased that I did commit to the long haul and while the never-ending emails, and the annual cycle of reports to be written, responses to be drafted, accounts to be prepared, agendas to publish, minutes to write, etc etc, were demanding to juggle with other commitments at times, I can honestly say, Thank You Very Much Little Bealings, it has been a pleasure. I have met so many people in the parish and beyond who I would otherwise never have known and have gained so much from being so involved in village life.



Farewell to Carol – and Thank You



A final big thank you to the Council for arranging drinks on 22 June and for the flowers and gift, and especially to the Chairmen I have worked with - all of whom showed understanding and unfailing support for the Clerk role. And, very finally, my best wishes to Wendy Cook, as she starts on her journey as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Little Bealings Parish Council.

Carol Ramsden



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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE 2023 and 2024

2023. THE GOOD AND MOTIVATING NEWS FIRST – REPORT ON THE OVER-ALL OUTCOME OF 2023

SUFFOLK COMES TOP AT RIDE AND STRIDE'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

A Ride and Stride church fundraising day was held in 22 counties in England in September 2023, and we are delighted to announce that Suffolk raised the most money with a total of £200,312.70. The total raised nationally to help preserve and repair churches buildings was £1,208,115 with Suffolk contributing 16.5%. The national Ride and Stride event started in Suffolk as a sponsored bike ride and then spread across the country. Thank you to all our volunteers, riders, strider, drivers, and supporters... every pound raised helps to keep our wonderful church buildings going.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) Ride and Stride and Pedal & Drive car rally takes place each year and sees several thousand cyclists and walkers of all ages (and drivers of vintage and classic cars) taking part in the fundraising event.



2024. THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024.

We understand that all four churches will be open to cyclists from across the county. There will be different levels of cycling input across our four parishes, but if you are keen to have a go, and get yourself sponsored, then there will surely be someone from any one of these parishes to welcome your efforts. It is a fun day, you meet fellow cyclists en route, explore the Suffolk countryside, have a decent bit of exercise, enjoy the refreshments on offer – anything from Suffolk apples to gooey cakes and visit our wonderful Suffolk churches. In these days of cyclo-tourism what's not to like?

ALL SAINTS LITTLE BEALINGS have signed up. They have set up an online fundraising page too. They have also generated a QR code which can be used to scan and donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/all-saints-church-little-bealings-1722010261316?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fall-saints-church-little-bealings-1722010261316&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

See below for further details of associated walk.

PLAYFORD will be open, but unmanned, but refreshments will be available, as usual.

They have a JustGiving page, viz: www.justgiving.com/page/playfordchurch

CULPHO will be open, unmanned, but refreshments will be available in the porch.

The **GREAT BEALINGS** efforts are being organised and channelled by Jonathan Keer - jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk. He is organising a church-sitting roster and may still have one or two one-hours slots open. Cyclists, striders etc. do please approach him for sponsorship forms, details of churches open etc. Refreshments will be available.

FYNN VALLEY WALKS GROUP

SATURDAY WALK - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

To coincide with the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual Ride & Stride event on Saturday 14th September we have planned a 'Five Churches Walk', starting at **9.30 a.m.** from All Saints Church in Little Bealings and visiting the parish churches of Playford, Culpho, Grundisburgh and Great Bealings, before returning to Little Bealings. The walk is around 7 miles long and we anticipate it should take around 3 to 3½ hours. This will include a stop of around 10 minutes at each church en route.

All Saints Church Cafe will be open on the day, so refreshments and light lunches will be available at the end of the walk if you've worked up a good appetite! Our thanks go to all our volunteers for making this possible.

If you are walking to help raise funds towards the upkeep of our lovely old church buildings, we have a JustGiving page set up for those wishing to donate or raise sponsorship: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/all-saints-church-little-bealings-1722010261316>

We can provide paper sponsorship forms for those who prefer, and we are also happy to take donations at the start of the walk. The proceeds go directly to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust who in turn will donate 50% of the funds we raise from our walk to help maintain our own church, All Saints, Little Bealings.

Alternatively, you are of course welcome to simply come along and enjoy the walk in our beautiful Suffolk countryside.

We look forward to seeing you on the day

and thank you to all our supporters.

Francis Mutimer

THE NEW TECH HUB IN GRUNDISBURGH SUPPORTED BY EAST SUFFOLK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The technology revolution is scaring many especially the age groups who grew up used to the idea of speaking with people to get things done. Now, the banks are closing their branches and want you to use their phone apps whilst at the same time fraud is on the increase and rampant. With the new world of Artificial Intelligence being added to the mix, it is daunting for many.

A team of IT Professionals have come together to help keep people safe through briefing sessions, training and backed up with an "in the home" tech support service all being delivered at vastly reduced prices to the normal commercial rates. We have now created a "Club" to bring the community together in a trustworthy manner. Members become part of a highly trusted group of people who wish to create something for the benefit of all. It also gives us surety of demand as it takes a lot of time and effort to produce the materials required.

Our quarterly briefing events are held at the Grundisburgh Village Hall, 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. with tea break at 4.00 p.m:

A recent event in May covered BT/EE Merger, Cloud Storage & New Device Selection.

Forthcoming sessions after the summer



break have been booked as follows with some external guest speakers:

27th September

ID Fraud & Prevention, Romance Scams

22nd November

An introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)

To book: events@communitytechhub.org

The team have created a Community Interest Company CIC called the "Community Tech Hub" which has been registered with the Social Enterprise Regulator. The difference between a normal company and a CIC is that any profits are put back into the community not distributed as shareholder dividends. Should the company cease trading for any reason any assets are locked to another local charity/CIC which we have nominated as Community Action Suffolk.

The other key benefit is that it allows us to apply for grant funding from local councils and community funds. We trying to find that balance of providing a trustworthy & highly professional service at affordable rates for residents.

According to some statistics the over 65's lose the most money to scams, and too much shaming is going on. We at the Tech Hub are here to turn over those two issues and keep the community safe but also help reduce isolation caused by it all.

We are pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded a grant from East Suffolk Council to help us get this programme up and running. This includes a pot of money to subsidise anyone who is unable to afford the fees. If you know of anyone who could benefit, please let us know.

We are also in need of some help: Marketing PR - Admin & Events Management - IT Trainers / Presenters. All the roles are part time. if you are interested, please make contact; paul@communitytechhub.org, from whom the names of the full team are available. They all *hold DBS and Safeguarding Certificates*

For more information, please contact Lyn Chapman, lyn@communitytechhub.org

FREE MINDFULNESS COURSE

The Mindful Life Group is offering an online mindfulness course that is fully funded to support older adults (over 65) and carers or former carers in Suffolk. The course is designed by a clinical psychologist who is also a mindfulness teacher.

The course is based on the mindfulness-based stress reduction course developed by John Kabat Zin but has been adapted for these populations. We have had really good feedback from participants, and we have found that it improves peoples' attention and memory, as well as reducing loneliness, low mood, stress, anxiety, and chronic pain.

We currently have courses starting in October. All courses are fully online and are six weeks long. Places are free but limited to around 15 per course. More information can be found on our website: <https://the-mindful-life.com/>

HISTORY CORNER

- JOHN (Lord Belstead) GANZONI and HON JILL GANZONI

The Hon Jill Ganzoni and Lord (John) Belstead were the two children of former Conservative Ipswich MP, Francis Ganzoni, 1st Baron Belstead (1882 – 1958). He was MP in the immediate pre-war years until 1938. Both Jill and John spent most of their lives in the County of Suffolk. Both finished up living in these parts, Jill, in Playford, John in Great Bealings. They were both major benefactors, particularly within the county which was closest to their hearts – Suffolk.

The ashes of brother and sister are now buried in Great Bealings Churchyard, so we thought it appropriate to pay some kind of tribute, on this occasion, particularly, to Jill, most recently deceased.

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Our tribute, at **4.00 p.m. on September 29th in St Mary's Church, Great Bealings**, will take the form of a concert, performed by a former beneficiary of Jill's generosity of spirit, Rose Hinton. Rose grew up in Little Bealings and is now playing violin with the BBC Symphony orchestra. Her career was given a kick-start by Jill's generosity. Rose will be performing with her husband, Jonathan. In between musical items, verbal tributes will be paid by representatives of local organisations which have reason to be grateful to Jill.

We warmly invite all to join in a tribute to someone whose generosity spread far across the county, discreetly, and unobtrusively. It was generosity on a scale which deserves public recognition, particularly here, on home territory. Jill and her brother, to whom the History of Bealings is dedicated, do indeed deserve a place in History.

Please see advert for details. Page 22

NATURE NOTES

- HELPING INJURED WILD ANIMALS

Living in the country as we do, most of us will have come across injured or dying wild animals, and we will have had to confront the issue as to how we should most helpfully react to the animal's predicament. We have done a bit of research, and offer the following article as a reference, should you find yourself facing any such dilemma. The following information may be helpful as guide:

If in immediate danger i.e., a hedgehog

has fallen down a drain and is at risk of drowning, or a bird is being attacked by a pet cat, it is sensible to help them immediately if you can. Do not interfere with a natural predator attacking their prey.



If it is not in immediate danger: observe from a distance and take some time to research the most appropriate way to help before getting involved. Some useful species-specific advice can be found at these websites:

- <https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/wildlife/injured>
- <https://www.helpwildlife.co.uk/advice/>



If you cannot find the information you need, then contact a professional directly for advice:

- ◆ A veterinary practice, ideally local to where you are with the animal
- ◆ The RSPCA: 0300 1234 999
- ◆ The Strandings hotline for marine mammals: 0800 652 0333

- ◆ A wildlife rescue or rehabilitation centre: You can find a directory at these websites: <https://www.bwrc.org.uk/rehabilitators/>
- ◆ <https://directory.helpwildlife.co.uk/>

By taking some time to prepare, it allows you to help in the safest and least stressful manner for the animal. Sometimes well-meaning people intervene when it is not actually required. For instance, fledglings may end up on the ground when learning to fly, but often just need some time, safety from predators, and encouragement from their parent birds to take flight – interfering can scare the other birds away and reduce their chances of survival. Another common example would be mistaking a lone fawn as orphaned or abandoned, when in fact it is normal behavior for a doe to leave her fawn alone, even when young.

In some circumstances, providing care for the animal at home in the first instance might be appropriate – for example with stunned birds after flying into a window. In other situations, the best course of action may be to take them directly to a veterinary clinic or wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre.

When handling or transporting wildlife, take care to follow advice on how it is safest to do so. Some species can carry infectious disease that poses a risk for humans, livestock, or pets, so additional precautions may be advised – for example bats can carry rabies, and rodents and foxes can carry leptospirosis. Occasionally, there may be legal requirements on how to handle sick or deceased wildlife, such as during an avian influenza outbreak. Whilst most small animals can be transported by members of the public, some wildlife can be surprisingly dangerous to handle. Deer, foxes, birds of prey, large waterfowl, seals, and badgers can all cause significant injury to people – in these cases it is not expected that members of the public handle or transport the animal themselves.

Veterinary clinics will always provide first aid and immediate veterinary care to wildlife that is presented to them (this is a legal requirement). This will be without cost to the member of the public bringing the wildlife in. After initial care, they may release the patient if it is ready, ideally near to where it was found so it can return to the same habitat. If ongoing care is required, arrangements may be made to transport them to a rehabilitation centre. Wherever possible, the patient will be rehabilitated to be released back to the wild. In some cases, they may need to be held in permanent captivity. For some species, such as the non-native deer species and grey squirrels, it is illegal to re-release them without special authorisation being granted from the government (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Schedule 9), which may not be achievable.

The ethics of administering veterinary care and rehabilitating wildlife patients are complex, and veterinary and rehabilitation professionals consider them carefully on an individual case-by-case basis. When it is not deemed ethical to pursue treatment for the patient, and excessive suffering is apparent, humane euthanasia is performed without delay, but always following all due consideration. (If you wish to read further about the ethics of treating wildlife, a thorough outline can be found here: <https://www.bwrc.org.uk/ethics>).

SCHOOL REPORT

What a year! If you know anything about primary schools, you will know that they are busy places and, when things are busy, time rattles past very quickly. Suddenly, here we are in August and it is time for me to bid the school farewell after a vibrant, challenging but very wonderful year at the helm.

We have achieved so much - in great part due to the fantastic support of the wider community, not to mention our brilliant staff and all the fabulous children. We have maintained our innovative

curriculum approach, we have provided a tapestry of opportunities for every child, we have managed to improve the buildings and grounds, *and* we have got through an Ofsted inspection - something that has been hanging over the school for a significant number of years. The future feels very bright and I'm so pleased that we have cleared the way for the new permanent headteacher who begins at the school this autumn.

It is difficult to pick out a highlight from the year but one of the things I am most proud of is the Peaceful Schools Award that we found out that we had achieved in the last week of term. We had undertaken a number of discussions, projects and activities in order to nominate ourselves for the award, and you can see some of this work now in evidence around the school. Each classroom has its own Peace Pledge created by the children, and we were rather fittingly chosen as a home by some nesting doves in the summer term - our very own symbol of peace. We thought about how important

calm environments can be and how peace and quiet helps us thrive. In particular, we wanted to work as a community on how to resolve conflict. I think we can all agree that working through differences of opinion and seeking compromise is an essential skill for modern times. It has been a powerful project.

Finally, I cannot sign off without commenting on all the fabulous music making we have woven into the everyday life of the school. Friday singing - often in two or three parts - has been an absolute joy, and the two pianos have been very busy indeed, especially with the introduction of our new piano teacher. We wrote our own songs for the Christmas play this year and Year 3 and 4 have, in particular, benefited from regular small group instrumental teaching. In July, I think it might have been the icing on the cake when I received an email from a neighbour, congratulating the children on their singing that had carried through into their garden on a summer afternoon.



I wish the school the very best of luck as it starts its new chapter. It has been a privilege to play a small part in its very rich history - as I said at an end of year event, there's no place like Bealings. Peace out.

Rebecca Leek

PLAYFORD ART CLUB

After a summer break the Club resumes it's activities for the final term this year, from the 12th September until the 28th November. Our meeting place is on a Thursday morning at Playford Village Hall from 09.30 until midday. We are a very small club catering for all levels of accomplishment in various painting mediums, most of us having started as beginners. Our subscription remains at £35 a term. We were established in 1972 by Suffolk Education Department, and after several years the members took over, and that remains how the club continues to be run.

We are a very friendly group and always have tea, coffee and biscuits on the go for passing visitors, so please feel free to drop in sometime. If you are inquisitive to view some our past work, it can be seen on our Facebook page under the title "Playford Art". At this stage we don't know the theme our tutor will have planned for us this term. Last term it was to first sketch, and then paint, a scene under the Rialto bridge in Venice, after John Singer Sargent, in any medium of our choice. It was amazing the variety of individual paintings this exercise eventually produced. If you feel you would like to join us, please contact our Chairman, Barry Fox: foxb963@gmail.com, we look forward to meeting you.

BEALINGS CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Would you like to play carpet bowls?

We meet on Wednesday afternoons @ 2pm in the village hall.

All equipment is supplied. You do not need special clothing but we recommend that you wear closed toe footwear.

We mainly play against each other but sometimes play matches against other clubs.

We charge an annual subscription which is currently £10, and a £2.00 fee each

time you play. This includes a drink and a biscuit. During December we have a meal after playing a competition.

Most of our members are now over 80 years of age and we need to lower the average age so that the club can continue to exist. You do not have to live in Great or Little Bealings to become a member.

Please contact the Secretary, Kathy Price (01473 621419) if you would like any more information. You would be very welcome.

CROQUET BUILDS FOR THE FUTURE

As part of an extensive development programme Ipswich Croquet Club is putting the finishing touches to 2 additional full sized lawns at Bucklesham Road, IP10 0AA which will double the club's playing capacity in April next year.

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Or Email:
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www.ipswichcroquetclub.com

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD NEWS

VILLAGE HALL



ROOF & DOORS PROJECT

As I write this on the 20th of August, The Roof & Doors Project has started!

The lighting and solar panels have been removed and the new roof panels delivered. Hopefully, we'll see the old roof coming off in the coming week and maybe have the new panels on by the time you read this. The solar panels will be reinstalled the first week of September and the new LED lighting and new uPVC doors also start getting installed that week. The new entrance is scheduled to start installation the week of the 16th September and hopefully finish that week.

We hope to have a "soft opening" the week of the 23rd September.

Look out for updated information on the Bealings & Playford Newsgroup and village noticeboards for details, and also of

Bealings Village Hall Grand Opening Celebration with Pop Up Pub,

11th October, 4 - 10:30

everyone welcome .

THE SUFFOLK MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Due to the road closure associated with the installation of a new sewer in Little Bealings,

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*Keith Beaumont,
Trustee, Bealings Village Hall*

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STAY SAFE

NEW EMERGENCY DETAIL CARDS FOR CARLFORD AND FYNN VALLEY!

East Suffolk Council's Community Partnership is thrilled to announce a new initiative to keep our community safe and prepared for emergencies, especially flooding. If your property is at risk of flooding, you should have received an important tool to help you stay safe and informed.

Introducing the Emergency Information Card—a simple, magnetic fold-out card that sticks right on your fridge for easy access. Developed in partnership with the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit, these cards are designed to help you prepare for emergencies. They provide crucial information and steps to take before, during, and after an event, helping you stay calm and prepared.

Why is this so important? Flooding for example can happen quickly and with little warning. By having these cards readily available, you can ensure that vital information is always at hand. Whether it's knowing the best way to protect your home, understanding evacuation routes, or having emergency contact numbers readily accessible, these cards could make all the difference in an emergency.

In addition to distributing these cards, we are also providing training for our parish councils in emergency planning. Volunteers in several parishes have also kindly distributed these on behalf of the Community Partnership.

We urge everyone to take a few minutes to read through the card when it arrives. If you are not in a property at risk of flooding but would like a Card for your property, they can be collected from village shops and other sites around the villages.

Andy Jolliffe

Communities Officer East Suffolk Council



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Leah also offers adult classes on Tuesday evenings.



All classes are all back to normal and if you would like to join, just contact Leah for more details.on 01473 735880.

GREAT BEALINGS

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2024

FOI REQUEST TO SCC

Regan Scott (RS) summarised the reply he had received from SCC which outlined some details of the Highway Maintenance Operational Plan. All issues which cannot be reported via the online reporting tool should be referred via the County Councillor. Elaine Bryce confirmed she does have a dedicated Highways Engineer that she can contact and can invite him to attend a future meeting. A list is needed of all outstanding problems and at the next meeting it will be discussed how best to collate this information.

REPORTS BY:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce (EB) - a report was received shortly before the meeting and will be circulated to Cllrs and attached to the minutes on the website. EB thanked Cllrs for their patience and kindness while she has been away. She verbally reported on a successful Trading Standards prosecution, a recent breach of Fire Safety legislation and recent incidents of cold callers. She emphasised the benefit of the Trusted Traders website. She advised that she has her new Locality Budget for this year, but this has been reduced. It includes a small amount for road signs and JCJ said that the 30mph signs on Lodge Road are completely faded. The Clerk will write to EB about this.

District Councillors Dan Clery and Colin Hedgley (CH)

Two reports have been circulated to Cllrs and full copies are attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally spoke about a recent case of Council Tax fraud, free school holiday activities, Operation Camouflage for children and the plans to regenerate the River Deben. There are 50 testing points along the river which have confirmed that the e-coli problem is related to sewage works and not agriculture.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Decision Updates:

The following are still awaiting decision:

DC/23/2787/VOC – Barn C, Former Woodbarn Cottages and DC/24/0191 – Cherry Tree Cottage. The applications **DC/23/0319/LBC and DC/23/0363/FUL for Seckford Hall** are currently under discussion by ESC with the Lead Local Flood Authority re surface water drainage. The appeal in respect of **DC/23/2127 – Land north of Lavender Cottage** – has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector – this was welcomed by the PC.

VILLAGE FETE REVIEW

It was agreed that this was very successful, generating approx. £1200 profit. Cllrs discussed possible dates for next year and will investigate creating some large banners for the roadside, as comments had been received about lack of publicity. Thanks were expressed to Ipswich Mencap for the loan of the barbecue. A working party meeting will be arranged in the Spring.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

An application for the vacancy of Parish Councillor has been received from Rachel Lamb and has been considered by Cllrs. It was resolved that Rachel Lamb be co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor for Great Bealings Parish Council

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- **Speedwatch** – CH reported that as no volunteers have come forward to assist with this scheme, he would be returning the equipment to Suffolk Constabulary.

- **SAVID/SID** – John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) is still experiencing problems downloading the information to the new laptop. CH will speak with his contact on SAVID.

- **Other Highways matters** - the right-hand bend sign has been ordered and delivery is imminent.

- **Footpaths:**

- **Letter from SCC re Claimed Public Footpath** – JCJ explained the history of this footpath. SP will draft a reply to SCC.

- **Other matters** – RS reported that the stile has been repaired on FP15b on Hall Farm Road and the barbed wire has been removed.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Trees –JCJ has got a dozen oak trees surplus to requirements which are available to anyone who would like them.

Other matters – The depth gauge has been ordered and RS will supply the necessary metal scaffold pole. The gauge will be sited at the Lodge Road bridge on the Little Bealings side.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Authorisation of payments – Seven payments were authorised for office expenses, Clerk's salary and PAYE for July and August, bend sign and river depth gauge.

The **Bank Reconciliation** was approved for signature.

Other matters – The Clerk confirmed she had finished editing the new Financial Regulations and will circulate them for approval shortly. She mentioned that there has been a proposal by the LGA that all Town and Parish Councils move to a gov.uk domain. She will circulate some details and costings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

This will now take place on Wednesday 4th September (instead of the 3rd) and will be in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 6.30pm. The November meeting will be on Monday 11th November (instead of the 12th) at 6.30pm, hopefully back in the Village Hall.

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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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

We remain in uncertain times. We know that the future of our church is dependent on its evolving, but evolving in a way which maximises the possibility of wide and ongoing use. We are not alone. Many country churches which once stood at the very heart of their communities, and were the centres of community activity, are looking like increasingly lonely anachronisms.

As recent events have demonstrated,

much energy is being turned, overtly or covertly, on to cultures which have not traditionally been our own. Why can we not turn that energy on its head, and divert more of it into sustaining a culture which has been our own for hundreds of years? That culture, based on Christian values, is deeply rooted. Of course it is evolving, and must, but it still has, at its very core, something with which many people can still identify. This is not hostility to other cultures. Our country has always found ways of coming together, even after the bloody inter-Christian disputes which scarred our country for so many years. Re-connecting with that Christian culture, however energetic or superficial that reconnection could be a way of conferring, or maybe rediscovering a national identity which seems to all too many to be wearing thin.

Your church remains there, a symbol of what was, but also an invitation to find a creative role for it within our community in the years to come.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 8th September Patronal service with members of St Mary's, Woodbridge

It has become the custom for the two churches in our United Benefice to invite one another to their Patronal. These are services celebrating Mary, after whom our two churches are named. The Great Bealings Patronal Service takes place on the SECOND Sunday of September, the 8th.

The Choir Director, James Davy, will be bringing along the Woodbridge Choir, so it will be a special occasion. The service will be followed by a Bring-and-Share finger buffet lunch. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, but you can also see a copy of this sheet, together with a list of the kind of food offerings which would be welcome, if you email nhp@rillcott.co.uk. Drinks will be available in exchange for donations. Do

please come and join us.

Please note that the service begins at 11.00 a.m., to be finished at an appropriate time for lunch. Please note also that there will be NO service on the first Sunday of September.

SPECIAL EVENSONG

Such services are very rare in our church, but some people find them special, coming as they do at the end of the day, and with music that is all too rarely heard and sung. Do join us, together with the Jubilate Singers on **22nd September at 6.00 p.m.** if this is something you think you would enjoy.

CHURCHYARD

North Gate

This is now well on its way to being fixed thanks to the complex DIY skills of Peter Prentice, who has taken on the job almost single-handedly. He may summon help for the heavy stuff! In the meantime, thank you Peter.

WORKING PARTY

Saturday September 28th

8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

The churchyard is now looking very dry, and ready to be trimmed up for the winter. Most of the flowers have flowered. All is set for our autumn clear-up, as follows:

We are organising a special Working Party on the morning on **Saturday 29th September 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.** to clear everything up for the winter, and to make sure everything looks good for the special concert on the following day. Bring whatever you have that works: strimmers, secateurs, shears, rakes, bonfire skills and we will provide half-time refreshments, plus Ploughman's lunch at 12.30, all to be concluded in time to get away for the afternoon's football match at Portman Road. We have 8 volunteers signed up already, but the more the merrier, and please bring along extra people, anyone prepared to work a while,

contribute to churchyard upkeep, and enjoy a sociable morning.

Thank you in advance. If you are intending to join us, please email nhp@rillcott.co.uk, to make sure we have enough to eat and drink.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

♦ **Sunday 1st September** – no service, despite this being the first Sunday of the month.

♦ **Sunday 8th September at 11.00 a.m.:** St Mary's patronal service, celebrating the name of our church. This will be a joint Benefice service with members of the congregation of St Mary's, Woodbridge.

♦ **Sunday 15th August** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Tony Waller)

♦ **Sunday 22nd September.** 6.00 p.m. EVENSONG with the Jubilate Singers. Evensongs have become increasingly rare in village churches, but for some, the choral element can make them a favourite service. Here is an opportunity to enjoy such a service, one which we offer way beyond Great Bealings.

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 to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for this is Wednesday, 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*

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 14th September

Looking for a purpose for a walk or bike ride? Want an enjoyable challenge, perhaps with the family?

Join those villagers taking part in the sponsored Ride and Stride. There are lots of lovely churches nearby both in villages or Woodbridge so simply find a route that suites all abilities.

Refreshments are available at all churches.

If you are interested in taking part for Great Bealings, please contact me and I can provide further information and sponsorship forms.

Jonathan Keer

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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

(in partnership with Friends of St Mary's Church, Woodbridge)

SATURDAY 14th September SHCT Ride and Stride.

See Information as set out in News, for all four parishes. Jonathan Keer is the contact.

SATURDAY 28th September 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Churchyard clean-up

As you will see from the Churchwarden's notes, this is the time of year when we try to persuade people from across the village, churchgoers or not, to join in a sociable morning, clearing up the churchyard for the winter. The churchyard belongs to the village, and many generations of our ancestors are buried

there, so we do our best to keep the churchyard in a condition which respects those who have gone before us. The morning ends with a Ploughman's lunch for all concerned. If you would like to join us, even if you have never been along before, do come and be part of what usually turns out to be a productive and friendly morning's work.

SPECIAL CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 29TH – 4.00 P.M.

Our History Corner item explains why Hon Jill Ganzoni, during a lifetime of local generosity, made a very special contribution to life in these parts. One of the beneficiaries of her generosity of spirit was Rosemary Hinton, now a violinist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Rosemary, and her husband, Jonathan, are giving this concert as a tribute to Jill, but alongside their musical contribution there will be verbal tributes from local organisations which, in a variety of ways, enjoyed Jill's support. Together with the concert programme, a free booklet will be on offer, outlining many aspects of Jill's life and support for local individuals and organisations.

As you will see from the advert, tickets are just £10, bookable in advance, but payable on the day.

Reception drinks will be available from 3.15 p.m., rather than at the interval, so do join us in good time to make the most of the occasion.

ADVANCE NOTICE

**PRIDE IN HERITAGE EVENING.
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD AT 4.00 P.M.**

The occasion is designed to remind the people of Great Bealings of the rich heritage which their church represents, and to give them an opportunity to decide

what its future should look like.

The evening will be in two parts: Canon Roy Tricker, one of Suffolk's most eloquent church enthusiasts will first remind us of so much that is special about the building. In the second half, Churchwarden, Norman Porter will, with the help of illustrations, remind us of the many people who have lived in our village and who have helped to make both the village and its church what they are. The talk will span the centuries, up to and including some of the most recently departed, many of whom are now at rest in the churchyard.

There will be refreshments, but the evening will be free, and all who feel they have a stake in the village are warmly invited. Do make a note in your diary now, and the list of intending attenders is already open: nhp@rillcott.co.uk.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

If you would like the lights to shine forth for personal celebrations/ commemorations please drop a note in to 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 nhp@rillcott.co.uk will do the trick, with payment to follow.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
GREAT BEALINGS**

**SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER AT 4.00 p.m.
RECEPTION AT 3.15 p.m.**

***Special Tribute Concert
to the late Hon Jill Ganzoni***



**With local-born violinist, Rosemary Hinton, and her husband,
Jonathan Ayling (cello)**

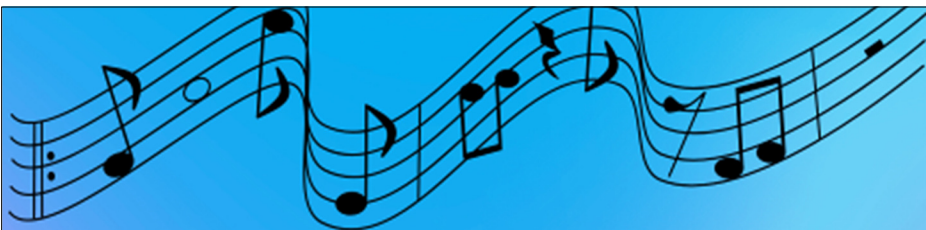
**Representatives will be present from some of the many organisations
which Jill supported.**

**There will be a raffle in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust,
which Jill supported.**

Free programme and Tribute booklet

**Tickets @ £10 each, to include refreshments.
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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 1 July 2024

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The applicant for planning permission spoke on the proposed balcony on the south elevation at Four Winds, The Street Little Bealings – DC/24/1639/FUL.

Residents spoke about other planning applications that were included on the agenda.

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING AND ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Mr M Garnham had no updates to report

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms Saagi reported that the AGM had been held. She gave a brief update and on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee wished to thank the Parish Council for their donation and, also thank other Little Bealings Residents who have also donated

SAVID

Mr M Garnham recently attended a meeting. Speed Watch will be reinforced during Road Safety Awareness Week in November. Playford are soon to receive their own SID, once it is in place Little Bealings will have a SID of its own.

CLERKS' FORUM

Miss W Cook has started to attend the Clerk's training courses. She is also looking into the possibility of the Parish

Council changing to internet banking.

SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Mr I Ransome and Mr D Thornborrow attended a meeting that District Councillor Hedgley chaired. It has been accepted that the Wash Plant is causing much of the noise and vibration. A new screen is to be fitted by the end of August which, it is hoped, will resolve some of the problem. The lighting causing problems for residents is partly down to a software malfunction and the lights are currently being operated manually. Retrospective application for new building is yet to be determined

CAS CONFERENCE

Mr P Carr attended and found the Conference useful.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/24/1694/Ful | Addition of entry porch and utility room to existing house, including new driveway | Rose Cottage Sandy Lane Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LW

It was RESOLVED: That there was no objection to the application

DC/24/1639/FUL | Proposed balcony on south elevation | Four Winds The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LJ

It was RESOLVED: That there was no objection to the application

DC/24/1252/FUL | Erection of 1no. self build dwelling and garage | Land Opposite Former Admirals Head Sandy Lane Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LW

It was RESOLVED: That there was no objection in principle to the development but there is still objection to the design. The Council still considers that the proposed design is in breach of SCLP 5.7. The design and the proposed

materials, i.e. the cream cladding and window frame colour 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 that the proposed use of hedging would restrict the view for motorist when using the junction with Sandy Lane and The Street and feels that a frontage laid to lawn would be more suitable.

The following applications have been approved:

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

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

ESC has refused the following applications:

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

The following application has been appealed:

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

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of East Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage

ENFORCEMENTS

DC/21/4162/FUL | Woodside Martlesham

Road

A site visit has been completed by ESC Enforcement regarding the potential use as a builder's yard. However, at this time there is insufficient evidence of an unauthorised use.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

These are available on the Council's website:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>.

Cllr Hedgley reported on the appointment of new director Michelle Burdett. A case of council Tax fraud in Felixstowe was prosecuted and reiterated that they take this very matter seriously. The Be Well Bus is coming to Woodbridge and Operation Camouflage is taking place for children this Summer

HIGHWAYS

SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

County Councillor Bryce is to chase Highways about the white lines and roundels. The PC **RESOLVED**: to continue to seek payment of the fine levied on National Rail's contractors for unauthorised closure of the level crossing in December 2022.

FOOTPATHS

Footpath 018 has again been reported to SCC as it is very overgrown. The PC has been informed that it is on the cutting schedule but has still not been maintained. It was **RESOLVED**: for the Clerk to chase this with SCC

Footpaths: Work For Footpath No1A

Mr I Ransome gave an update and then left the meeting. Ms H Saagi took over and chaired the meeting in his absence.

It was RESOLVED:

To replace the footpath with 'like for like' tarmac. This was deemed to be the best option as it would not require planning permission, and it is hoped to complete the works during the school summer holidays.

Mr I Ransome returned to the meeting.

As the Work For Footpath No1A will cost

more than the CIL money already received and that the PC are due a further payment in October it was **RESOLVED**: To apply for forward funding of CIL And following the receipt of three acceptable quotations for the work it was **RESOLVED**: To delegate to the clerk, after consultation with the Chairman, and if additional funding is secured the authority to accept the most expedient quote for the works.

Claimed Public Footpath at Great Bealings & Little Bealings

The footpath is used by residents on a regular basis. The Chairman allowed residents present to comment on the use of the footpath. It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to report this back to SCC and to publish details of the claimed public footpath on the e-news.

FINANCE

The period of public notice of the Accounts would run from 11 June to 22 July. All relevant paperwork and reports had been submitted to the external auditor.

No income had been received. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for July and August, expenses for the for the SALC Clerk Basic Training and attendance at the CAS course were approved. It was resolved to spend £100 for a gift for the outgoing clerk.

First Quarter Internal Control Review would be undertaken by Mr Cheeseman

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 2 September 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 5 August 20224, 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/parish-council/>

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KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL ON MONDAYS
BETWEEN 1.30 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M.



You are welcome to join for the whole afternoon or just drop in for half an hour. You will be made very welcome. The kettle is always ready to make a drink with a shortbread biscuit. Also, we have some excellent bakers who always bring in something very tasty for us to try. As for the "nattering" all I can say is that we all chat to the person next to us but mostly the conversation involves us all. In the last few weeks, we have travelled the world hearing about interesting places that have been visited. We have learnt about special events that have taken place and one or more of us have been involved in. I can also say that the variety of books that have been read and discussed is amazing. What a variety.

We also knit some awesome baby hats for the West Suffolk Hospital. There are folk that sew too. Beautiful work. But we do have folks that are here for 'nattering' only. So come and join us.

Yvette Robinson

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ANGELA COBBOLD NEWS AND SUMMER EVENTS

On Friday 21st. June both the Summer Solstice and Suffolk Day were celebrated in style.



The 'Shingle Street Band' shared songs with the audience who were provided with song sheets to help everyone join and enjoy themselves. Francis Mutimer and Carl Cornish, both Suffolk born and bred, marked Suffolk Day by sharing some of their knowledge of the Suffolk dialect. For those of us fortunate enough to settle and make our homes in Suffolk we were told we had been 'Suffolk- cated' !! Smoked Salmon, blinis, Prosecco and Pimms, were served and made this a perfect celebration. Thanks to everyone who



made this a memorable evening.

July's Community Lunch was a Summer Buffet.

Grateful thanks for the tasty quiches made by Helen Northover and delicious fruit

flans by Yvette Robinson. Summer fruit punch was enjoyed, and the tables were decorated with summer flowers and herbs thanks to Tracy Herrington. As always grateful thanks to all who helped set up and clear away and make this a happy social occasion.

The next Community Lunch will be on 3rd September at 12.30 p.m.

Menu includes

Cottage Pie

followed by Summer Pudding.

Bookings 01473 620213.

pandvcarr55@gmail.com

On Sunday 21st July 'Time for Tea' served Cream Teas together with a sale of books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles, with all profits going to the Village Hall repair and maintenance funds.

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported this occasion, especially to Margaret Wilson, who sorted out payments and donations and to Keith and Anna Beaumont for helping with the clearing up. Surplus books were donated to the Oxfam oak shop in Woodbridge, who were particularly grateful to have additional stock for the holiday season. Similarly, the DVDs and jigsaws that remained were taken to the Hospice Shop in Martlesham. Some books, including novels, reference and those for children remain in the Reading Room, together with some DVDs and jigsaws and can be borrowed.

On the evening of Friday 26th July there was a barbecue in the Car Park, serving delicious sausages, burgers, and fried onions. Thanks to everyone involved in making this happy social occasion. Events and social occasions for the Autumn will be advertised on social media.

Special thanks to Betty Slim for donating some bright new check tablecloths for the Hall, together with serving platters.

All of which will be put to good use.

GARDENING CLUB

Three great 'Away' trips were organised for all those interested in gardens and gardening. There was a trip to Garnett's Gardens and Cafe at Hacheston which was most successful in spite of the poor weather conditions. Grateful thanks to Clive and Angela Rowe for inviting the group to visit their beautiful garden.



The delphiniums, Clive's specialty, were magnificent and his wealth of experience with these splendid flowers was fascinating.

The visit to the Riverside Theatre to see the film 'Wilding,' gave everyone a new insight into the ecological and agricultural developments of our time. Special thanks to Margaret Roseboom for masterminding these events. It is hoped that the Gardening Club will meet again later in the Autumn.

Grateful thanks to the team working on the new sewer for their patience and support with the provision of access to the Angela Cobbold Hall.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE

N.B. The Hall will be closed for 4/5 days in the week beginning Monday 16th September for the installation of Fire Safety Equipment.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The PCC welcomes the appointment of Revd Canon Andrew Dotchin as interim priest in charge of Kesgrave. Little Bealings and Playford. His licensing service will take place at All Saints Kesgrave on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

All Saints Cafe hub continues to thrive with regular Wednesday openings supported by the walking group and local villagers. Opening hours 10.45 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. The church continues to open on a Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for those wishing to make use of the sanctuary of the church or share some time with a church member.

The Quinquennial Report has now been received and although there are a couple of items outstanding from the 2017 survey there are no 'major' issues to address. One of the H&S items identified has already been rectified, the other matter must be referred to UK Power Networks.

The PCC are most grateful to those who have throughout the year decorated the church most beautifully. It is much appreciated. Also, our groundskeeper and helpers for maintaining our churchyard.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Morning Prayer

Sunday 9th September 10.00 a.m.

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 14th September

The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride is

a national event, for cyclists and walkers. The Ride and Stride is the main source of income to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, to enable it to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs. All Saints Church Little Bealings have previously benefited from grants from the SHCT. Participants are sponsored for each place of worship visited between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Ride and Stride Day or with a donation, regardless of the number of churches visited. The money raised by each cyclist or walker is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant. Sponsorship forms can be collected from All Saints, or donations can be made by creating your own Just Giving Page or using our dedicated page. For further information please visit our website, call into the church or contact lbpcsecretary@gmail.com

The Fynn Valley Walks Group are organising a 'Five Churches' Walk, starting at 9.30am from All Saints Church Little Bealings. Please see their main article for further details.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 22nd September 2024.

There will be a family communion service at 10am followed by an 'open church' from 11am to 1pm. This will be an opportunity for all to visit the decorated church and have a cup of tea/coffee. Please feel free to bring some food to share and donations of tinned/dry goods which will go to FIND, the local food bank.

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP

Saturday 12th October 2024 at All Saints Little Bealings (followed by a light buffet lunch).

We will be working with St. Mary's Great Bealings to help them clear their churchyard on 28th September and they in turn will be helping us on 12th October (8.30am - 12.30pm). If you can help at either church (many hands make light work) it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring along tools (strimmers/hedge cutters/loppers/pruning saws/brooms/wheelbarrows etc). We will offer a light buffet lunch for all our helpers on the day.

ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

Friday 1st November at 7.00 p.m.

This is our patronal festival, a time when we remember All the Saints and a time when we also remember loved ones who died. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and have the name of a loved one read out. Please feel free to add names to the list, which will be available at the back of the church from Wednesday 26th October 2024.

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Saturday 7th December at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

Expressions of interest to lbpcsecretary@gmail.com. Further details to follow.

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WORD FROM THE STUDY

Welcome back after our summer break.

I would like to begin by announcing that we have a new incumbent joining our Benefice. So, a warm welcome to the Reverend Canon Andrew Dotchin and his wife Lesley-Anne, to our Benefice. Andrew will take up his new post on 3rd October and is currently Vicar of St John's Church Felixstowe, and will be with us for a two-year period. Andrew is excited and very much looking forward to joining us.

Just before the summer break, I had the pleasure along with Ben Wale to do an assembly in Little Bealings School. It is a lovely school with amazing people who work there. It was a wonderful thing to do, and the children all participated, so my heartfelt thanks to all who made this happen, and we look forward to doing it again soon.

One of the things that happens in July was the Clarkson Service, an event which we commemorate and give thanks for the life of Thomas Clarkson, who was an anti-slavery campaigner, along with several other of his contemporaries. We tend to think of people being used in slavery as something that happened a long time ago, but the reality is this, there are as many people, if not more now, being used as some form of slave. Recent government surveys like carwashes, etc get used to trafficking people for their own personal gain, rather than any compassion on their fellow human-beings. It does make you think when we see something so cheap, items of clothing, electrical etc. which are so cheap, how manufacturers can make costs so low. We know modern technology etc. has reduced costs, however, a lot of stuff that is made in the world are made in sweatshops, where people are not even paid the bare minimum. How can we help bring this to an end? There is no magic wand, but we can help by buying things like Fairtrade tea and coffee, and various other products that they make. Fairtrade ensure that people are paid a decent and fair wage for their work. It may only be a small thing, but for every pound we put into Fairtrade is a pound less we put into the funds of those who exploit others.

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you". That means treating everyone as equal regardless of creed, colour, religion, ethnic background, by following the commandments that Jesus taught us, will help to make the world a better and fairer place.

The memory of Thomas Clarkson needs to be kept alive and active, so it reminds us of the horrible price that some people paid and continue to pay today. The service at Playford Church was well attended and probably the best turn-out we have had for a number of years. So as a community and a nation, let us be proactive in bringing to an end, some of these unscrupulous ways in which people are treated.

As we begin the month of September, activities in the Church kick back into action. Our harvest service this year at **Little Bealings is on 22nd September at 10.00 a.m.**, when we will celebrate the harvest, followed by a bring and share lunch and the harvest service at **Playford is on the first Sunday of October which is the 6th**. Please do join us, it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Looking forward, we will be holding services in both Playford and Little Bealings to remember those we love who have died, an opportunity to light a candle, there will be lists at both our Churches so people can write down the names of their loved ones, there will be more about this in next month's edition.

Also, it would not be right to acknowledge the contribution that Bishop Mike has made to our Diocese and as he now prepares to leave, to take up his role as Bishop of Exeter; we wish him and his family well for the future. He has been an amazing servant and Bishop, and we will miss him greatly.

With love and prayers for you all. Gary

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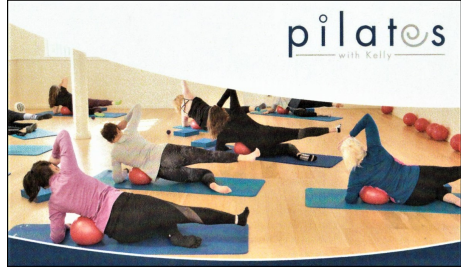
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Playford PC first discussed the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan, way back in 2015 and in January 2016 held their first meeting to introduce the idea to the residents. We have come a long way since then!

A Neighbourhood Plan is a series of general planning policies for the development and use of land in the neighbourhood and when properly “made” becomes part of the legal planning framework for the designated area. It is a community-led plan for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area and it enables local people to have a say

as to how their neighbourhood grows and develops. Neighbourhood Plans cannot contradict the main government planning policies or the strategic policies in the Local Plan for the area. They cannot propose less development than is planned for in the adopted Local Plan, but they can influence the style of that development.

Rather than concentrating on housing, Playford’s Neighbourhood Plan has more focus on conservation and protection, and it is hoped that it will be used to support the beauty of the Fynn Valley by protecting it. There are a number of Non-Designated Heritage Assets in Playford

which need protecting and a number of local footpaths which must be conserved for future generations to enjoy. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust's survey completed for Playford, demonstrates the rich variety of flora and fauna in the area and this needs careful consideration too.

Parish Cllr Keith Carson stepped forward as chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan and we were very grateful for his perseverance and dedication. A consultant firm was engaged as there were so few volunteers coming forward to help with the enormous amount of work involved but gradually, surveys were completed and boxes ticked. A final draft of the Plan was sent to the District Council in November 2019 for review and screening, and it was hoped that by Spring 2020 the plan would be "made". However, the pandemic struck and then nothing much happened for a while. Different expectations of progress made during the pandemic meant that the original firm of consultants decided to pull out and had to be replaced, but happily another consultant was engaged and progress resumed in 2022.

At last, the final draft of the Plan was presented to the village at a meeting in the village hall on 18th March 2023 and this marked the start of the six-week consultation period during which the villagers were invited to make their comments. Sadly, Cllr Keith Carson who

had spear headed the whole project became ill and was unable to continue with the last stage of the work. After a tremendous battle with cancer, he sadly died in April 2023 and was sorely missed. We were extremely grateful to him and very proud of the all the hard work he had done for Playford.

Eventually, after a few more alterations and additions, the final version of the Plan was sent to East Suffolk Council for their comments and then on to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner who gave a favourable report and recommended it should be put to the village for the referendum which was held as an official Poll at Playford Village Hall on 13th June 2024. With a 40% turnout, the result of the vote was 79% in favour (with no spoiled ballot papers!) and the Plan was home and dry. It then needed to be officially accepted at a full council meeting of East Suffolk Council. This took place on 24th July 2024 when it was proposed by cabinet member for planning, Cllr Kay Yule and wholeheartedly seconded by Cllr Colin Hedgley.

*Marian Hedgley
Clerk to Playford PC*



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PLEASE KEEP SMALL CHILDREN SAFE

It's been brought to our notice that small children have been playing on Butts Road in Playford near the junction with Brook Lane. In particular, two small boys were seen cycling on the main road very recently, apparently unaccompanied, and one was wobbling along on the wrong side of the road. This is a very dangerous place for young children to be and is not a play area – there is a large playing field very close by. There have apparently been three close calls recently involving traffic and small children in this vicinity.

Please be very careful if you are driving in the vicinity – we don't know who these children are or where they are from. We are making enquiries but, in the meantime, we are very concerned for their safety and the Police are being made aware. If anyone can throw any light on who they are, please contact me or one of our councillors as we need to make their parents aware of how unsafe it is to allow children to play on such a road.

Butts Road is not a country footpath, it's a highway and carries all types of vehicles from buses and lorries to large farm machinery. There's no footway and traffic can (and does) come down the hill very fast on occasions. It is no place for unaccompanied small children.

*Marian Hedgley, Parish Clerk for Playford
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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 3rd July 2024. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no County Council report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

These reports are appended to the full minutes on the PC website.

District Cllr Colin Hedgley further reported:

New director Michelle Burdett will take over from Andy Jarvis as Strategic Director with primary responsibility for Economic Development, Regeneration and Housing.

ESC councillors are backing the campaign to regenerate the River Deben.

The "Be Well" bus was coming to Woodbridge on 3rd and 4th July 2024

The new deputy leader of the council is

Cllr Paul Ashton.

Operation Camouflage is back for young people this summer at Sutton Heath organised by the Army Welfare service.

There is an Emergency Planning workshop symposium on 15th July 2024

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

PUBLIC FORUM

- comments

Sand bin at southern end of Butts Road needs replacing

Vegetation is partly covering Hill Farm Road road sign

30mph speed signs in Church Road are obscured by vegetation

Large linear potholes at the northern end of Butts Road were reported recently and should be dealt with by 9th July

ACTION POINT REVIEW

The date for the appeal of reinstating the unregistered footpath between Butts

Road and Church Road is 12th Nov 2024 – evidence is being prepared and we are awaiting Elaine Bryce’s input .

Delayed works on C324 (traffic priority and drainage) Elaine has been asked to chase up a new start date for this.

A quote for work on repairing the Boules Piste has been received and accepted – the Village Hall Committee has undertaken to pay half of the total price.

Still awaiting work to be done by ES Services clearing the drainage ditch beside Butts Road in front of the village hall – quote from ESC was accepted in March 2024 – clerk to chase again.

Many large linear potholes still causing concern in Butts Road – we are awaiting Elaine Bryce’s help in progressing this with Highways - they have been reported but no action seen yet. Also, large “crater”-type pothole in Church Lane is still awaiting attention.

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

FINANCE

Payments were made to reimburse BE for work on installing the road signs in Church Road and Church Lane, for the clerk’s May and June salary, stationery and annual meeting expenses of £43.99 and Q1 tax to HMRC. A donation of £50 was paid to Colin Grimwood for the annual internal audit, SALC subscription of £146.78, FLN donation of £200.00 and annual insurance renewal of £323.75 to Zurich. Invoice of £168.00 was paid to SALC for Cllr training (on planning matters) and payments of clerks’ stationery expenses of £51.90 and the £50.00 annual donation to SAVID were authorised. Credits received since last meeting were £50.00 for hire of playing field and quarterly interest of £33.46 on the Reserve account. The budget for 2024-25 is on track and the bank reconciliation was agreed.

HIGHWAYS

Update on drainage and traffic priority improvements on the C324 is detailed above, also update on potholes.

The SIDS report shows data for June, average recorded speeds on C324 were up by 30% mainly because of increased traffic due to The Street, Little Bealings being closed. 85th percentile figures for June were quoted for the railway bridge, village hall and C324 near Clematis Cottage and can be seen in the full minutes. SIDS device will be back in Playford in August. SAVID has successfully applied for another SIDS for use at Playford - funds will be transferred to Playford PC to enable this equipment to be ordered. SAVID’s next meeting is on 22nd August 2024.

PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/24/2618/FUL – Little Oaks, Butts Road. Erection of detached garden shelter with vertical flue (this was discussed at a separate meeting held 7.8.24 when the parish council conditionally approved these plans with reservations) – it is to be decided by East Suffolk planners soon.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Voting at the Referendum on 13th June showed 79% of parishioners were in favour of the Plan. It was officially “Made” on 24th July 2024 when it was voted in at the full meeting of East Suffolk Council – more details can be seen elsewhere in this edition.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Ursula Richards is awaiting an update from Courtney Walsh (ESC’s Emergency Plan officer) and will advise when the next stage is ready. A meeting will be arranged at the Village Hall to update residents.

OTHER MATTERS

The Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Annual Men’s Cycle Race 2024 is coming

through Playford on **Sunday 8th September**, travelling southwards along Butts Road. A banner will be displayed in the village.

Work on renovating the Boules Piste is likely to start in September.

Three vacancies still exist for new councillors – please contact the Clerk or Chairman if you are interested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

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PLAYFORD W.I.

A sudden downpour finished just in time and we enjoyed a lovely summer evening for our traditional August Boules tournament.. Teams from both Tuddenham and Rushmere WIs joined us as well as visitors from Playford, all enjoying lots of friendly chat, Pimms, homemade refreshments plus a raffle. Rushmere won the games (again!) and £35 was raised for the local Guide Dogs for the Blind following our recent visits from puppies-in-training Ruth and Nellie.

Our next meeting on September 3rd at 7.30 p.m. features a talk on 'Fashions and Fabrics from The Gambia', the speaker returning due to popular demand! Refreshments will be provided, visitors are welcome! Later in the month we'll be visiting Grundisburgh WI for afternoon tea and a lively talk entitled 'Did you jive in '55'? Just get in touch to find out more:

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*Sue Lister
Secretary*



Film Suffolk were at Playford Church all day on Sunday 11th Aug making a film of a ghost story involving children (name of film unknown as yet). They'd asked permission, having decided that Playford Church and churchyard formed the perfect backdrop for this and it was a gloriously hot sunny day. Hopefully the film will be shown some time in the new year. Sorry no more info but they promised to keep us posted.

Marian Hedgley

"Once Upon a Time in Suffolk" is an anthology feature film that explores nine stories of folklore and fairy tales in the county but with a modern twist.—Ed

BINKY AND CO

Binky felt really refreshed after his two-week holiday.

He had planned it well in advance, booking early and giving his car a thorough check, which consisted of filling it with petrol and kicking the tyres. He had chosen the only five-star hotel in Jaywick Sands, bed, breakfast and evening meal and had booked the bridal suite in the forlorn hope that it would rekindle the romantic side of his wonderful wife, Indigo. Rekindle is probably the incorrect word. But as vicars may read this article, I shall leave it there.

But a good time was had by all, except when a small boy pointed at Indigo and laughed uncontrollably as, wearing her favourite lacy bikini she wobbled down the beach and into the sea, the result of which by the way was recorded as a tsunami in Holland.

But all good things must come to an end and on the Saturday, they packed their

bags, loaded up the car and set off for home. It was an uneventful journey, in as much as Indigo gave her usual running commentary on the direction of travel and her opinion of Binky's driving and her foot going through the car floor on the imaginary brake pedal.

Once home Binky looked at his garden and was immediately depressed at the amount of catching up, he had to do. Plus, the front lawn was a mess. Which brought his mind back to an advert he had seen in a magazine whilst on the beach in Jaywick. A robot lawnmower. "That's just what I need," he thought. He then spent two hours of his precious life googling every type of robot lawnmower on the market which led him to even deeper depression as he surveyed the prices. Except one which was priced at £199.99 and advertised as "The best on the market for less than £200".

Made by a firm he had never heard of, "Seenoff Mowers of Zantania Ltd" he thought it a bargain and immediately

ordered one, delivery £100.

The big day came, and the machine arrived in a rather battered cardboard box with the wording "Made in the Socialist People's Republic of Zantania" and "Long Live the Great President."

This did not inspire Binky with much confidence, knowing that on the whole, involving politicians with anything more complicated than a propelling pencil was asking for trouble, but at £199.99 why worry? He took the machine out of its box and started to read the instructions, starting with "SAFETY."

1. 'Do not put your hand on the cutting blades whilst they are turning at full speed'.

Very wise advice thought Binky.

2. 'Do not put petrol into this machine as it is electrically driven'. Well thought Binky that will save me a bob or two, good advice.

3. 'If machine does not work- it's broken'.

"Well," thought Binky "let's give it a go." He pressed start and off it went up and down his front lawn. His pride was obvious, and he was yearning for a neighbour to say something as they passed. But no-one passed. He thought he would go indoors and have a cup of

tea and leave "Zan" as he had named the mower, to it.

Binky finished his tea and went back to his front lawn. Zan was no-where to be seen. He started calling him. "Zan, Zan here boy, come to daddy." Nothing. Binky then realised that he had left the front gate open so Zan must have escaped that way. He went out into the street and looked up and down. Nothing. This was serious. He knocked on the nearest neighbour's doors asking if they had seen his robot lawnmower, Zan. Again, the vicar may be reading this so I cannot print what was said but I know for a fact that a lawnmower would not fit there. Binky was distraught. He went up and down his street calling out Zan's name. Nothing. Of course, thought Binky he could have got locked in someone's garden shed or greenhouse. He raced home and started to produce A4 flyers that he could put though all the doors in his street and pin them on telegraph poles and Parish Council notice boards. This was the biggest disaster that Binky had ever faced. If Zan was locked in a shed, what would he do for food? If his battery ran low, he would surely die. Binky was beside himself. What would Indigo say? Binky trembled.

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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CULPHOMUSIC

At St Botolph's Church on 4th August, two of Culpho's newer residents, Bob and Rebeca Scott Smissen gave a wonderful concert of viola and violin music to a "full house" Bob expertly linked the music they had chosen to the love and lives of the composers. The event raised funds for St Botolph Church and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Enormous thanks go to Bob and Rebecca, and all the kind volunteers who make these events so successful. The next *CulphoMusic* event will be a "A Pocketful of Merriments" performed by Chanters *Jigge*, who return by popular demand on Friday October 4th at 7.00 p.m.

Seat reservations from: cmp0601@hotmail.com/07925251802/culphomusic.uk



Robert Chapman has kindly sent me this picture of hares taken in his garden.

Living in the countryside, we are so fortunate to capture an abundance of wildlife. Robert has also seen pheasants and a mother duck with her young earlier in the year.

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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

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 DIDI	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>

PLAYFORD

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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