

Fynn - Lark News

JULY - AUGUST 2024



BEALINGS SUMMER FETE

We proudly place this item on the front page, as it typifies what village life should be all about: bringing people together, having fun, and unobtrusively raising money for good and important causes. In this case almost £1,100 was raised as a contribution towards ensuring that our Village Hall has an effective roof. Well done to all concerned.

June 9th – the long-heralded date set for the Bealings Village Fete, finally arrived, bringing with it a decent day, if not glorious mid-summer heat.

A full programme was in place, beckoning, tempting visitors, offering all that was needed for lunch: barbecue, liquid refreshments, with the prospect of cakes and cream tea to follow, and a good range of entertainments and stalls, including craft and plants waiting and inviting participation or purchase.

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

On the playing field more action followed, more stalls, often to the accompaniment of colourfully-garbed Simon and Peter playing retro, nostalgic harmony songs from the 60s and 70s – The Everley Brothers, Those Were the Days, my Friends” sort of stuff. Games: boules, for instance. More stalls: Whack the Rat, Tombola, Teddy Bears, while the Bealings version of the Grand Ring hosted a charming dance display by children of various ages who train with the Dilys Dance School. Delightful, and perfect for a family event.



the trend and win, but, stirred by the prospect of looming defeat, Little Bealings collectively rose to the challenge, and won the next two pulls, to run out – if that’s the phrase to describe the ragged departure from the tugging area – winners by two to one.



Then the centre-ground was occupied by the Dog Show, with a wide assortment of breeds competitively promoting a range of different qualities. Below, you see the proud winner of the “Best Rescue Dog” class – Georgie.



Finally – the annual challenge – the Bealings Tug of War. After the first pull, it looked as if Great Bealings might buck

Warmest thanks to all who made this possible, particularly all the helpers and stall-runners, as to those who took part in the various entertainments. All brought together by the efforts of Sue Prentice, pictured helping with the barbecue, and her ad hoc committee. Months of unseen planning go into the staging of an event like this, and it is always good when those efforts are deservedly rewarded by a good and appreciative turn-out on the day.

More pictures on pg 17—Ed

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO FP BUTTS RD TO CHURCH RD, PLAYFORD

12-13 NOVEMBER 2024

In 2016 Playford Parish Council applied to have the footpath between Butts Road and Church Road reinstated.

In December 2022 the SCC Development and Regulation Committee considered the formal application and decided to accept it and a Modification Order was made. However, the landowner objected to the decision and the whole case was passed to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.

The Planning Inspectorate inquiry is scheduled to be held at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 12 November 2024, at the Elisabeth Frink Room, Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX. The appointed Inspector will also open the Inquiry as a virtual event on Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At the initial hearing at SCC a number of people submitted evidence of having used the said footpath, but we are hoping that other walkers, dog walkers or hikers who remember using the footpath might come forward to add strength to our numbers. Do you remember using the footpath to get home to Branson's or Culpho from Bealings school.

The footpath is a vital link when walking between our villages and giving as much evidence to the planning inspectorate as possible is really important.

If you do remember using the footpath and can either give evidence in person, via a link or just by email or letter, please contact me for further information.

Joan Metcalfe
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MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE FUND-RAISING EVENT

UFFORD TO CORNWALL VIA BEALINGS

This event was centred on Ufford, but involved Bealings families. The late Peter and Joy Rufford used to live in Lower Street, Great Bealings, while Barnaby and Jane Rufford live in Manor House, Little Bealings. Nick Apperley lives in Ufford, with Jill, his wife, who is very much part of the Rufford family.

Motor Neurone Disease has been very much in the news, partly owing to the efforts of high-profile sufferers such as rugby players, Doddie Weir and Rob Burrow. Nick was sadly diagnosed as having MND, but like the other more widely-known sufferers,



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decided to do something about raising awareness of the consequences of suffering from this progressive disease. The Motor Neurone Disease Association offers crucial support, and funds are being raised for this organisation through the biking challenge which Nick has taken on.



With the crucial help of his wife, Jill, Nick undertook to cycle from Ufford to Cornwall, not on an ordinary bike, but a trike which had extra powering, and allowed him to be in the recline, recumbent position.



Some hundred or more Ufford residents gathered at The Crown on the morning of Sunday June 9th, to see him and his

cycling, plus colourful MND van escort, begin the week-long journey, to be joined by various others en route, for part of it.

Your editor normally likes to remain a background figure, but, having lost his own father to Motor Neurone Disease some 30 years ago, and having known the family for some time, determined to make the effort to join in and show support. Hence this unusual picture of him in heavy disguise, having made it to Ufford and back on a little-used 80th birthday bike.



We all wish Nick and his family well and congratulate them all on the courage and sheer bloody-minded enterprise shown in the undertaking of this venture. If you would like to acknowledge and support them, donations to MNDA would be warmly welcomed. Just contact:

<https://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/1930/nicks-fundraising/>

CULPHO HOSTS RED TROUSER DAY - RAMBLERS' PIT STOP

Thursday 23 May on a lovely Suffolk afternoon, the First Suffolk Golf & Ramble Red Trousers Day event took place at the Seckford Hall Golf Club. Founders and Organisers, Paul and Julia Finch of Grundisburgh, arranged a highly successful international fundraising event

with participants from Canada, London and East Anglia. The event included: golf at the Seckford Hall Golf Club.

An eight-mile circular ramble from the golf club, along the Fynn Valley and on



attempts not only to conjure up the geographical area of its coverage, but also the natural beauty of the river valleys



through Bealings, Playford and Culpho. A tea-break was provided in Culpho; and a supper, speeches and entertainment at the Seckford Hall Golf Club concluded the event where £1,500 was raised for the bowel cancer unit at Ipswich Hospital.

For further information regarding the Charity please go to

<https://redtrouserday.com>

Paul is also the Founder and CEO of Grundisburgh's recently formed Community Tech Hub Community Interest Company. The aim of this start-up venture is keeping the over 65's safe from fraud and scams whilst improving their confidence and use of devices. Everyone welcome who seeks help and enablement, please contact paul@communitytechhub.org

NATURE NOTES

- THE LARK

50% of the title of this Magazine refers to The Lark – albeit the river – but what a carefree name for a river, even though, in recent times, we have known its darkest moods. The name of our Magazine

and banks which hold it together.

Then too, there are few in our midst who do not know *The Lark Ascending* by Ralph Vaughan-Williams - the nation's favourite piece of classical music. If there is one bird, whose song makes you stop in your tracks and look skywards, then it is the skylark.



The bird also gives its name to carefree, childlike behaviour – larking around, a phrase which resonates with light-heartedness. So – for that reason, perhaps thoughts about the lark are the ideal antidote to the conflicting background of noisy argument, weighty promises and dire foreboding which casts its tetchy shadow over us at the time of a General Election campaign. Provided that we continue to protect suitable habitat for our skylarks, they will continue to sing their hearts out, rising above it all, whatever the outcome of the election.

FOXGLOVES

This item would have dated badly if we had held it over until September, so we take this opportunity to show this great picture of foxgloves, supplied by Maureen Midwinter.



The picture was taken in her meadow which nicely straddles the border with Little Bealings, across the river from Great Bealings. This has been a good year for foxgloves. They seem to have liked the damp weather, and some have been growing really tall, above standard human height. Thank you, Maureen. The meadow is in good hands.

The plant is also known as *Digitalis*, deriving from the Latin word for “finger”. Foxgloves are biennials. They grow wild, but gardeners like to import them., and try to tame them. They are usually a purplish colour, but can be white. The term *digitalis* is also used for drug preparations. Foxgloves have medicinal uses but are also very toxic to humans and other animals. Consumption can even lead to death.

The German name for the plant is *Fingerhut*, literally ‘finger hat’, or ‘thimble’. A colourful thought, even if you’re not really into languages. Wikipedia suggests

that the English name may have suggested that foxes wore the flowers on their paws to silence their movements as they stealthily hunted their prey.

Whatever the etymology of the name, these flowers have a special beauty, and they are growing with particular vigour this rather damp year.

HISTORY CORNER

- THE GREAT BRITISH SUMMER HOLIDAY

The great British Summer holiday has evolved. The arrival of the railways in Victorian times, while primarily facilitating the transportation of heavy goods, also opened up the best of our seaside resorts to holiday travellers, with piers, such as those at Felixstowe, Aldeburgh and Clacton, with their newly built grand hotels. It was not until 1938 that statutory paid holiday leave became an entitlement for British workers. That is something we now take for granted. By statute we are now entitled to 5.6 weeks paid leave a year. Holidaying has become a mass industry.



Our pictures show the sometime Felix Hotel, Felixstowe, later to become the Headquarters of fertiliser producers, Fisons, now converted into apartments, together with a picture of local WI

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members, sporting the fashionable hats of the time, setting off for a day's visit to Clacton in the 1950s. Two ends of the holidaying scale.



Those early days of mass holidays, made possible by the new legislation, were the boom days of British seaside resorts, with their array of seaside hotels and guest houses. Those times also saw the setting up of mass holiday camps like Butlins and Pontins. Hi-de-hi, the 1980s TV comedy series evokes those days of redcoats, camp comics and jolly family fun.

For those who did not wish to, or could not afford to take the full holiday allocation, there was always the option of day coach trips to local resorts, such as Yarmouth or Clacton.

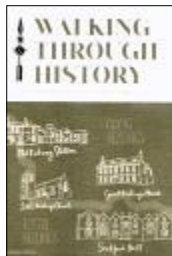
The introduction of cheap package trips to guaranteed sun-drenched Mediterranean resorts changed all that. The attractions of cheap sunshine outweighed the unpredictable charms of British resorts, despite the dodgems, seaside rock, candy floss, cheeky post cards, pier attractions, and the bracingly cooling waters of the North Sea or the

Atlantic. With the increasing popularity of skiing, and the availability of sunshine somewhere throughout the year, holidays are no longer the exclusive focus of the summer months.

Staycations, holidays in this country, enjoyed a minor revival during the time of Covid, but now all seems to be back to the modern normal. British holidays have indeed evolved, offering an extraordinary range of possibilities and destinations to today's holidaymakers. Wherever and however, you may be holidaying this year, we wish you all that you would wish for yourselves from the holiday you have chosen.

WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

320 fully illustrated pages of the History of Little and Great Bealings. 500 copies sold. Not available in book shops. Some copies still available from the author @ £20. Local delivery available.



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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD NEWS

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Look out for the reminder posters around the Villages and updates on the Bealings & Playford Newsgroup.

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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL EVENTS – JULY 2024

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| Monday Pilates with Didi 1st 8th | 19:30 – 20:30 | Helen: 07889 907615 |
| Wednesday Dance Class 3rd 10th | 09:30 – 12:30 | Debbie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522 |
| Wednesday Carpet Bowls 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st | 14:00 – 16:00 | Kathy Price: 01473 621419 |
| Thursday Silver Swans 4th 11th 18th 25th | 10:00—11:00 | Lily Turner 07872 436307 |
| Friday Dance Class 5th 12th | 09:30 - 12:15 | Debbie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522 |
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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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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

I wish we could report on a wider range of positive news items, but, sadly, we can't. There is good news on the Digital Donation-collecting apparatus – it has been acquired, thanks to the sustained efforts of new PCC Secretary, Bridget Tanno, but it has yet to be installed - skilled operative needed.

Similarly, our lovely new wooden gate for the North wall is still awaiting the assembling of a small able-bodied workforce to put it in place. Please answer the call if it comes your way. With a decent team, it should not take too long to install. It will make a significant difference to the appearance of the North side of the church – the one which visitors first see.

In the meantime, cattle made their way into the churchyard – not through the rotting wooden gate, but straight down from the road, via the path, through the Keer gate. They did leave behind traces of cow pats, now mostly dried up, but be aware.

We remain in uncertain times, with the future of the church still under discussion, and the finances continuing to drain away. The more expressions of support we receive, the greater will be the motivation to keep fighting for a viable and living future for a church which has been at the centre of village life for hundreds of years. It's not hostility, but apathy which could kill us.

LOOKING BACK

SUNDAY 2ND MAY – PATRONAL

– ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE

It has become the custom for the two churches in our United Benefice to invite one another to their Patronals. We have normally been well supported at our own Patronal Service in September by members of the Woodbridge congregation – commemorating Mary, after whom our two churches are named – but sadly few people seem to sense the need for greater reciprocation. The Woodbridge Service was held on Sunday May 2nd, with a well-supported and very enjoyable “Bring and Share” lunch afterwards. We were represented, but sparsely so. The Woodbridge link does offer significant benefits in times when many churches are struggling, so it would be good to offer them more reciprocal support – please!

SERVICES FOR JULY/AUGUST

Sunday 7th July. 9.30 a.m.

Parish Communion

Sunday 21st July 10.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer Anthony Sheppard

Sunday 4th August. 9.30 a.m.

Parish Communion.

Sunday 18th August 9.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer

Please note that the St Mary's Patronal Celebration will be on Sunday September 8th at 11.00, a service to which members



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of the St Mary's, Woodbridge, congregation are warmly invited, and which is followed by some kind of collective lunch. Details in due course.

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We offer people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes so as to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for this is 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
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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

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SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER. SHCT RIDE AND STRIDE.

The second Saturday in September is the date set for the Suffolk Historic Churches

Ride and Stride Event. Participants, either as riders, striders or church-sitters are asked to make a note of the date. Jonathan Keer is kindly taking on the organisation on the day, so documentation will be available from him.

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 joys of summer first!

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.



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ALL SAINTS

– CHURCHWARDENS' UPDATE

CHURCH CAFÉ

We re-opened on 10 April and our lovely volunteers have welcomed customers each Wednesday for our full lunchtime service and on Saturday mornings for drinks and cake. We have received increasingly positive feedback as we have grown and expanded what we offer. We are becoming increasingly busy, and this is generating much needed income to cover the costs of running the church building as well as providing a service of value to the community. We are constrained as to how many sessions we can run given the need to operate a sustainable service with sufficient volunteers who are not overburdened, as well as by practical constraints associated with drainage limitations. Importantly we need to align opening with actual demand to be economically viable.

We are grateful to all those who support the cafe and also look forward to welcoming new customers.

EVENTS HELD IN OUR HUB SPACE

If you're looking for a flexible space to hire for an event, you might like to consider All Saints Church. The church opens up as a hub for multiple uses, kindly sponsored by multiple organisations and individuals through grants and donations. The interior is equipped with Wi-Fi, a large screen multi-media system with projector, central heating, very comfortable seating, and a cosy log stove. The large screen simply disappears when you don't need it, and appears at the touch of a button when you do! Our new kitchen installation was completed in 2023, the interior space has been fully repainted and looks fresh and

wonderful, and our new very-comfy chairs are in place.

On Saturday 8th June All Saint's church was hired by Syrinx Music. The church was filled with choristers, and accompanied by their pianist. Pieces performed were by Franz Schubert, John Corigliano, Bob Dylan and many other classical composers. The solo performances, both vocal and instrumental were captivating, and the harmonies mesmerising; the church acoustics enhanced the music filling the air with the pureness of the choir's voices. If you are interested in hiring the space, please contact *lbpcsecretary@gmail*.

OTHER UPDATES

A quinquennial Survey of the church fabric is planned for June which will clearly identify any areas not tackled since previous survey in 2017 and which no doubt will give the PCC additional concerns.

A recent burial was attended by over 80 mourners, which could all be comfortably accommodated thanks to loan of additional seating from the Angela Cobbold Hall.

We have become aware of the access problems caused by those attending large events at the church and parking in the street such that emergency vehicles could not easily pass. This is a matter that will require attention at future events.

We are looking with our local minister, Gary Jones, at options that could enable the church to open for additional church related activities in the week, for example relevant for pupils attending the school, but for this we will need to find volunteers and gauge demand. The unfortunate resignation of our incumbent Sarah

Quantrill led to the benefice holding an 'away day' on Saturday 15th June to consider how best to move forward in order to provide the ministry required by our villages alongside the township of Kesgrave. All Saints has benefitted from having the resources of this benefice and has continued to maintain two services per month along with Wednesday morning prayers.

We hope the growing diverse uses of the church building continue and we look forward to continuing to move forward in a harmonious way with all in our beautiful village enjoying and growing the limited facilities that we have available.

The Churchwardens

ACH NEWS

At the Community Lunch on 4th June, D-Day was remembered. Yvette and Alan Robinson brought a banner and Tracy Herrington's flowers reflected the red, white, and blue theme. The fact that the Hall was used, during the war, as a social base for service personnel billeted in the village, made the remembrance particularly memorable.



Thanks again, as always, to everyone who helped in any way to make this lunch a happy occasion.

The next Community Lunch will be a Summer Celebration Buffet Lunch on Tuesday 2nd July at 12.30 p.m.

Bookings 01472 620213.
pandvcarr55@gmail.com

There will NOT be a Community Lunch in August... the next lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd September at 12.30 p.m.

Menu to be decided.

The next 'Time for Tea' will be on Sunday 21st July 3.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

Cream Teas and sale of DVDs, Books, and puzzles for all ages. All proceeds to Village Hall Roof Fund.

There will NOT be a 'Time for Tea' in August, the next 'Time for Tea' will be on 22nd September 3.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

SNUGGLE UP WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL SEASONAL QUILT

Jo Whight from Boot Street has donated this beautiful seasonal quilt to the Angela Cobbold Hall for fundraising purposes.

The quilt was acquired in 2003, when Jo was on a nursing placement at Acorn Village in Manningtree.

Acorn Village is a unique learning disabilities community. Residents have the opportunity to work in the varied craft workshops creating unique one-off handcrafted items that they sell to raise funds. Specialising in woodwork, quilting and weaving. Items can usually be purchased from their on-site coffee shop or, from their open days.

This quilt was in the creation stage when Jo was on placement and she asked to buy the piece on completion, as a memento of the time spent there. Life being what life is the quilt was put away in storage and has only just been rediscovered.

It was originally thought that we could display it within the hall, but found it was just too big. It would however make a lovely nursery decoration or a super display cover on a large bed.



Alternatively, it would make a lovely snuggle blanket for your sofa.

Look out for our fundraising activity in the coming months

EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

JULY

- Monday 1st *from* 1.30 p.m.
(*& every Monday*) **KNIT & NATTER**
- Tuesday 2nd 12.30 p.m. **COMMUNITY LUNCH**
(pandvcarr55@gmail.com or
tel: 01473 620213 to book)
- Thursday 4th 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. **TAP DANCING**
(*& every Thursday*)
- Thursday 4th 2.15 - 2.45 p.m. **LIBRARY VAN** in Village Hall car park
- Wed. 10th
Gardening Club
Film: 'Wilding'
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**Church Services at All Saints
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10am start

Sunday 14th July - Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th July - Family Communion
Sunday 11th August - Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th August - Family Communion
Sunday 8th September - Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd September - Family Communion

In addition to these services, every Wednesday at 10am we are open for morning prayer (about 20mins), Fynn Valley Walks 10:30am (leisurely walks ~4 miles). Cafe opens at 10.45am - 1.30pm

Every Saturday: 10:00am - 12.30pm the church is open for visitors, coffee, chat, or private prayer by the sanctuary.



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WORD FROM THE STUDY

As I write this, I have just booked a retreat for late autumn for a few days. So, what goes on at a retreat? Well, anyone can book a retreat, the Church organises these throughout the year. This one is specifically for Clergy, for me it will be a time for reflection and for the vows and commitment I made at the time of my ordination; a chance to reflect on what God is calling me to do now, and a reminder of our oneness with our creator and the part in which we all play, sharing and reflecting on our lives, how we seek to fulfil God's will for us. Prayer will play an important part of course, but, equally, the spiritual rest and reflection will play their part too, as well as fellowship with other people.

I believe it is more important now than ever to take time out, as I have said before, we live in a hundred mile an hour world and expect everything done in an instant. But the truth is far from the myth. We walk with a three mile an hour God. We are told that God created the world in six days, and rested on the seventh. Rest is something we all need and often don't get enough of. For many people, rest seems a waste of time when you could be doing so much more. But, in fact, rest gives the body chance to heal and recover. We should not feel guilty about putting our feet up, it is essential as we go on life's day to day journey. And, I hope you can all find rest, even if it is just spending time with loved-ones and enjoying the beauty of the countryside.

This year, at our Churches, we have been blessed with quite a few weddings; and I would be delighted and to encourage, whether you come to Church or not, to plan your big day with us. We are very accommodating and would love to play a part in organising your big day. I know how important this is for many people, and we are here to help make that day even more special. So, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

May I wish you all a happy, joyful and relaxing summer.
Every blessing to you all.

Reverend Gary Jones

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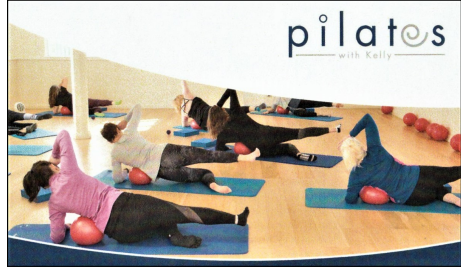
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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to announce that the residents of Playford voted conclusively to accept their NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN at the referendum held on Thursday 13th June 2024.

We would like to thank everyone concerned with getting the Neighbourhood Plan together and all the villagers who supported us with this project. We are especially grateful to the late Keith Carson who did a tremendous amount of work towards this but who sadly did not see the finished result.

Marian Hedgley

Clerk to Playford Parish Council

PLAYFORD WI

We prepped for the Olympics at our June meeting with a dive into the history and characteristics of the flower posies awarded to the 4,500 Olympic and Paralympic medallists. Each host country designs their own bouquet within strict IOC standards resulting in a different solution at each Olympic Games. We also got active ourselves.... learning to make our own spiralled posies fit for the podium!

One of our members was a delegate at this month's National WI meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. Speakers included Melanie B and Victoria Derbyshire on coercive control. An official WI resolution was passed to lobby for improved access to dental health services.

As the holidays approach we are looking forward to a summer outing joining other WIs for a Ukelele concert and Afternoon Tea. There's a change of date for our July

meeting - moving to Tuesday 9th - when we look forward to catching up with Ruth the Rushmere guide dog in training. August 6th will be our traditional Boules tournament with neighbouring WIs, starting at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. At our meeting on September 3rd the talk will be 'Fashions and Fabrics from The Gambia', a speaker returning due to popular demand!
playfordwi@gmail.com

PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Sunday 14th July at 10.00 a.m

Clarkson Service

Sunday 21st July at 10.00 a.m.

Family Communion.

THE ANNUAL CLARKSON SERVICE

PLAYFORD CHURCH
SUNDAY 14TH JULY AT 10.00 A.M.

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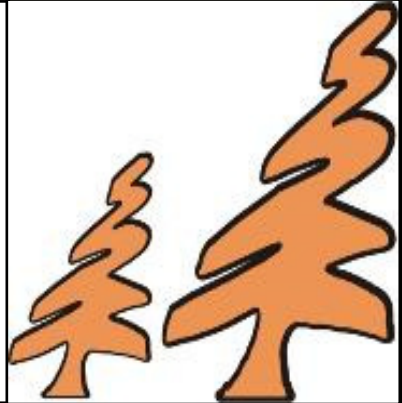
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Playford:

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

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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWS

Contributions for the September 2024 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 20th August.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 31st August.**

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