

Fynn - Lark News

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AURORA BOREALIS

Recently many of us have been extremely fortunate to have witnessed the beautiful sight of the Aurora in the skyline in recent days. Thankfully it is a sight of nature which can be appreciated by all, not just those of us who are fortunate to live in Suffolk, well known for the magnificent wide-open skies.

With my farmer's hat on, despite all the technical expertise which we have at our disposal to grow food for the nation, there are so many variables that we have no control of, which make decision making so challenging. It is well documented that a farmer is never at one with the weather, which is vital for food production, they in general accept the weather pattern as part of nature and adapt accordingly. Unfortunately, many of the variables that

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

have an influence on their businesses are politically motivated in many ways. The war in Ukraine has impacted all of the nation with food prices rising due to their farmers not being able to plant their crops together with extreme difficulties in shipping goods. The UK sources much of its cooking oil from the Oilseed Rape crop grown in the Ukraine. For a period of time nitrogen fertiliser, (also produced in the Ukraine), a vital part of nutrition in plant production, tripled in price overnight, making it very difficult to budget for.

All political parties in the UK continue to overlook the fact that food production is a vital part of our nation's ability to be fed. Like myself, I suspect many of you moving around the countryside are aware of plants growing on a field scale which are difficult to identify. These crops are part of what is known as SFI. Sustainable Farming Incentive. This scheme agreed by all political parties is financed by the taxpayer to encourage and promote flora and fauna alongside wildlife in our countryside, it has no direct food production capabilities.

So why are farmers growing these crops? There are some positives apart from the general environment, they improve soil structure, increase organic matter and reduce nitrogen leaching. The overriding factor which is influencing the farmer to enter this scheme is that the money they receive is more per acre/hectare profit than many crops and it is guaranteed. This has a major impact on many businesses, where in some cases whole farms have moved over to this scheme resulting in the labour being made redundant. Although I have outlined the positives it is unclear in reality if the land that is within this scheme is suddenly required for food production what sort of yield of crops it will produce as the weed burden will be immense. One hopes that the overriding concern for the environment is not at the cost of the nation being unable to feed itself.

Richard Garnham

REMINDER

ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

Christmas is coming! may we remind all contributors that the next edition will be combined to cover December & January.

Deadline 19th November & publication 30th November

Advertisers are reminded that the December/January issue will be the final edition of the year. We are very grateful to our advertisers for their invaluable and continued support which enables us to deliver this magazine free to every household in our 4 villages.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

COSTS – ONE-OFF ADVERTS

We seem to be receiving lots of one-off, one-page adverts, promoting local events. If possible, please be sparing in asking for these – could your advert fit half-a-page, maybe? They are expensive, and we operate on very thin margins. If you really need a full-page advert, maybe make a small contribution to costs?

Tim Llewellyn, our designer, would also like to remind contributors that the correct sizes for full page and half page adverts are 18x12 and 9x12 - centimetres not inches!. He rather thinks that there may be a tendency for people to devise A4 or A5 Flyers and assume that it will naturally fit our format - It doesn't!

The numbers are shocking, and there has been no significant reduction for more than a decade, as stated by national safety charity Brake! Road casualties are not just statistics. Behind every number is a family in turmoil. SAVID member villages, Great and Little Bealings, Playford, Culpho with Grundisburgh will be encouraging everyone to consider Safer Village Driving and has received ESC Community Partnership funding to help promote the campaign. SAVID's AGM is being held on 14th November at Martlesham Parish Room, IP12 4PB 6.30pm. All welcome.

Tracy Herrington
Secretary to Suffolk SAVID

FOR SALE

Budgies for sale (greens and blues). Hens and cock birds. Two months old. £15 each.

Contact 07793 874358.

(We are happy to accept small ads such as the one above in exchange for a small donation. We will try to formalise a system, ready for 2025)

SAVID

- ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2024

Road Safety Week is taking place 17-23rd November, and this year is focused on the very real cost of road crashes - victims. Every year, more than 1,700 people die on UK roads. Another 30,000 receive serious, life-changing injuries.

HISTORY CORNER

- HARVEST FESTIVALS

Harvest Festivals used to be primarily about celebrating the harvesting and the garnering of the cereals: wheat for the miller, for the flour, for the bread we ate. *Give us this day our daily bread* – bread, the stable item in traditional diets in the western world. And barley – ready for the maltings, to brew beer, barley, the staple item for the village pub-goer. These were the crops to provide for the year to come - for food and drink - to be stored, kept dry, treasured, kept safe from the rodents. Once the crops were safely in, the corn harvested, the fruit and vegetables put by, then the community knew that it could survive in the future. That was well worth a celebration. And communities sang their hearts out and came joyfully together for harvest suppers.



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Now, the sheaves have gone, together with the stooks, the haystacks, the gleaners. The ears of grain vanish, swallowed briefly up into the sleek metal bellies of the combine harvesters, to emerge a few seconds later in a stream of threshed grain, gushing into the back of a truck, poised to depart as soon as fully loaded. The whole lot is whisked off, and deposited, all ready to be sold in bulk at the best price available. The efficiency of the process is astonishing.



Barns, those wonderful storehouses, once an integral part of every farm - so many have become redundant. Many have been converted into lovely semi-traditional weather-boarded houses. The old maltings have been mostly converted - into concert halls, art galleries, wedding venues and so on - wonderful adaptations for the modern world. The harvesting process has moved on. We seem to have come to take it for granted that all will be safely gathered in, come what may, in a farmer's world with which many have ceased to identify.

So nowadays: No sheaves. No stooks. No haystacks. Merely scattered bales of compacted straw. It's such an efficient process, one which screens from us the wonderful complexity of it all. It's such a far cry from the days when the whole village would be engaged in the harvest, scything away, and putting the grain into bundles, to be put together in the stack, awaiting threshing. So, there are no longer sheaves to be brought to our harvest festivals, to be shown off at the foot of the altar, for the harvest mouse to nibble at. We now almost take harvests for granted.

What we have instead, for display in our churches at Harvest Festival time is tinned stuff, packeted durable stuff, which can be used for the food banks, which have proliferated. It's still food, food which is desperately needed, by so many people, in so many places, but it is a far cry from the days of the traditional harvest. It is more difficult and less uplifting to set up a church service to celebrate our supermarkets, great providers of food that they are. That's why there is still something romantic and nostalgic about an old-fashioned Harvest Festival, when everyone sings, with great gusto, *We plough the seeds and scatter the good seed on the land* - and fully understand the process that follows, that process which leads to food on our plates. The modern equivalent is a trip to the supermarket, and, when they run short, trying to understand why supermarket supply chains are so complex and so vulnerable, and lead so quickly to empty shelves. Maybe that's a useful reminder that the unpredictability of traditional harvests has its modern equivalent in the panic which strikes the population when our supermarkets run short. Long may we enjoy our daily bread; however, it may reach us.

NATURE NOTES

- BUDDLEIA – BUTTERFLY BUFFET, OR BUSH OF BURDEN?

Now that the summer blooming is over, we are moving into the time when we can think about pruning back buddleia to its lowest green shoots, getting it back under control. Buddleia is a Jekyll and Hide of a plant. A neighbour who used to be responsible for railway tracks scornfully dismisses it as a weed. Not without reason. But even if a weed can be the right plant growing in the wrong place, there is some justification for this hostile view of buddleia. Anyone who has seen the stuff growing out of the embankment walls as you approach Liverpool Street will have seen the evidence for the prosecution. Buddleia feeds on mortar and cracks in the brickwork. It can do immense structural damage. It seeds readily and can be invasive. Buddleia roots can colonise masonry walls, making them somewhat unstable and a potential danger, as well as blocking gutters and causing rainwater to penetrate walls.



Wikipedia suggests that in one particular year it cost close to a million pounds in reparations for damage it caused

The Dr Jekyll side of buddleia's character is that it is beloved of butterflies and bees. It is popularly known as the "butterfly bush". As we have come to learn to love butterflies and bees, maybe we need to come to love the plants which

help them to survive, including the often maligned, humble buddleia. We just need to make sure it grows in the right places. Its roots are quite shallow, so easy to move or dig up. Yes, it can be invasive but is not poisonous. It is harmless to pets and animals, and a buddleia bush in full bloom can be attractive, if well pruned at the right time.

So – on balance – when subject to horticultural discipline, buddleia should probably be welcomed. The more dependent we become on the bees, the more we need buddleia. The rarer our lovely butterflies become, the more we need to encourage them with those long slender purple flowers, full of nectar.

Etymological footnote: *the plant was named in honour of the English botanist Adam Buddle (died 1715), by Linnaeus, at the suggestion of Sir William Houston, who introduced the plant to Europe from South America.*

What's Happened to our Seasons? Or are Things NATURE - a

We all know - what we know - about climate change. It would appear that certain plants and their flowers are also accommodating the irregular heat patterns and weather differences. Or perhaps not?

Around the beginning of October when we had a spate of warm sunny days, I noticed in the garden that roses were not only happily blooming away but also the bushes were sprouting fresh, spring-like growth with tight buds. No, I thought, this isn't right – this is early-year behaviour.

Same with our lawn. Having not received water during the dry part of the summer and now enjoying the recent rains, the grass has been growing and growing; like there's no tomorrow.

Then a few days later into October, I was walking in Playford and to my amazement I spotted out-landish clumps of

poppies. But surely poppies were summer, not Armistice, bloomers?



On this point, I stand to be corrected and the 'Papaver Rhoëas' or Field Poppy, sporting four bright red petals with a black spot in the middle, does flower from May – October. Whereas, the Common Poppy, Long-headed Poppy and others, bloom from June to August.

So here we are, with a watery sun, seasonal temperatures and bouts of rain – we look forward to the coming months.

Contributed by a local resident.

ALL ABOUT HEARING'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT OVER £2,200 RAISED IN SUPPORT OF DEAF CHILDREN!

A fantastic evening of trivia and fun took place on Sunday, October 13th, as local hearing specialists All About Hearing hosted their highly successful Charity Quiz Night at the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre.

All About Hearing, which is run by mother and son duo Karen Finch and Matthew Coward managed to raise a staggering £2,275 for the National Deaf Children's Society.

The event, which saw strong local support, had 24 teams battling it out across a range of challenging questions, all vying to be crowned the ultimate quiz champions. 'Lyn-Less', led by local resident Peter Knight, took home the winning prize of £100.

The funds raised from the event will go towards providing support, information and advice for deaf children and young people in the UK, their families and professionals working with them.



CLOTHES FOR HMP HOLLESLEY BAY

If any gentlemen would like to de-clutter their wardrobes, Lightwave Emerge would like to take clothing to HMP Hollesley Bay to give out to men who are struggling. Some arrive at prison with very little and have no money to spare. Please deliver clothes (in a plastic carrier bag) to 5 Brook Lane, Playford, IP6 9DY and leave on the doorstep.

Thank you! *Ben Wale*



U3A EAST SUFFOLK

FUN AND INTEREST FILLED DAYS FOR U3A MEMBERS

Longer nights, but shorter days full of activity, learning and friendships, thanks to East Suffolk u3a, which provides talks, interest groups more for the older members of the community.

Members of this lively local group enjoy walks, quizzes, dining out, visiting gardens or churches, discussing architecture, the arts, current affairs and much more.

More than 2,200 people in East Suffolk u3a are finding new interests and challenges and enjoying a range of social activities.

Alongside approximately 150 different interest groups, there is a varied programme of talks held at different venues in East Suffolk. At the end of November, for instance, there is a talk

about the History of Fish & Chips at Kesgrave.

After a break over the festive season, there are talks at Kesgrave about Smuggling in East Anglia, a Virtual tour of Bury St Edmunds at Woodbridge, Enemy Raids over Lowestoft at Saxmundham, and in Felixstowe a talk from a woman, who midlife, changed career to writer, tutor and actor.

Full up to date information is available on the u3a website:

www.u3aeastsuffolk.org.uk.

New members are welcome, with the expectation that they will contribute to the success of the group. Membership is on an annual basis and gives members access to all the u3a's many activities, subject to availability at a very modest cost.

For more information, please see the website or call the secretary on 0300 123 3913.

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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL



NEW ROOF & DOORS PROJECT UPDATE

As of 19th October, I'm glad to say that the New Roof & Doors Project at the Village Hall is finally nearing completion, just the guttering, electrics and new entrance doors to install. I do apologise to all regular Hall users for the extended delays and hope to welcome you and many new hirers in the near future to the newly improved Hall.

We hope to have a "Soft Opening" on 5th November..... no firework jokes please, to test everything out and make sure the Hall is looking good for the Grand Opening (details below)

THE GRAND OPENING

of the

Bealings Village Hall Trust Roof & Doors Project

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16:00 hrs, 13th December

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*Keith Beaumont,
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If you are the recipient of such a package, first check with Friends and Family to see if it's a genuine gift, otherwise **DO NOT SCAN THE QR CODE**.

By the way, if you receive such a package like this there is no obligation to return it.

BE ALERT

If a deal looks too good to be true it usually is

REMINDER

We are privileged to welcome Paul Excell from Melton who is our November Briefing Session speaker at Grundisburgh Village Hall at 3.00 p.m. on **Friday 22 November**.

The title of this lecture is:

Artificial Intelligence Debunked

Entry:	Members	Free
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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

RECTOR

Father Nigel Prior, St Mary's Rectory, 11 Church Street, Woodbridge. 01394 610424

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

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

PCC SECRETARY

Bridget Tanno, 2 Rosery Cottages, Lower Street, Great Bealings 0797025778

ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

I really cannot remember how many times these notes have carried worries and concerns about the future of our church, both financial and functional. Readers must be thinking that there is an element of crying "Wolf" about it all, as we seem to continue to get by, the bills keep getting paid, and our declining, if loyal, congregations keep the religious flame alive. It is not as if there is actual hostility towards the building and what it represents, but there it sits, at the heart of the village, amidst meadows, midway between the two residential halves of our village and people somehow assume that it will be there, alive and functioning, forever. It won't, not unless we remain pro-active.

The *Pride in Heritage* Event on November 3rd is one final attempt to engage as many people as possible in taking some, however slight, form of ownership of the place, to see the church not only as the symbol of a centuries-old village heritage, but also as a place which can continue to play a role, albeit an evolving one, in the years to come. Your support at this event will give us a clear indication as to whether our village has the will and the means to sustain the one and only public building which gives our village an individual identity. Please support us, hopefully by coming along on November 3rd, or in other ways, if you can't make it on that occasion.

LOOKING BACK

It was wonderful to see a full church at the Jill Ganzoni tribute concert. It may not have been an actual church service, but Jill's contribution to various religion-focused organisations was such that a

church was a very appropriate venue for such a celebration of her lifetime generosity. It was all the more poignant in that her ashes are interred close to the south wall, alongside those of her brother, Lord Belstead.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

We field many inquiries about family history, and about people buried in our churchyard. We recently much enjoyed a visit from two young researchers, neither of them of English origin, but one of them somehow a descendant of our very own Canon Moor, Rector extraordinaire of the 19th century. The two were Anthony Romanowski and Maria Koch, one Polish, the other German by birth. We enjoyed a wonderful couple of hours looking around the church, finding the Moor tomb, and checking out the memorial to Vernon Allen, the actual ancestor of Anthony.



Having been churchwarden so some time, it is rare that I find out something new – but there was the memorial, and it turned out that Vernon Allen, great great grandfather of Anthony, had been married to Charlotte, one of the

daughters of Canon Moor, and that he had donated our wonderful Binns organ in her memory. So, another piece of the heritage jigsaw was put proudly into

place. Anthony's family is also linked with the some-time very influential Lynn family of Woodbridge. We very much hope that Anthony will be able to get back for our Pride in Heritage evening, as he currently intends.

MEETING WITH ARCHITECT

Your PCC met up with our architect on the afternoon of Friday 18th October to consider further plans for re-ordering the church, with a view to making it more suitable for a wider range of purposes in these modern times. These plans are evolving.

PURPLE FLOODLIGHTS

The church was, as reported, floodlit on September 21st to remind people of the terrible toll taken by Alzheimers. Unfortunately, the purple colouring of the lights failed us: the purple plastic covers simply melted, rather than changing the colour of the lights. But the lights hopefully conveyed a suitable message anyway.

LOOKING AHEAD

Imminently: our Pride in Heritage Event at 4.00 on Sunday 3rd November – see below.

Remembrance ceremony. November 10th at 10.50. With our Rector fully occupied with the Woodbridge Commemoration, your Churchwarden will lead the short ceremony of Remembrance by the village war memorial in Hasketon Road. We may feel ever further removed from the events of the two world wars, but current events in the Middle East and Ukraine should remind us that the barbarism of war is never far below the fragile surface of civilisation. Remembrance Sunday is a time to reflect on the preciousness of peace, and to be grateful for those of our own who gave their lives in the cause of peace and freedom, in our own times, in our own country. We have so many reasons for remembering and being grateful.

CHURCHYARD

Our annual clear-up took place, with customary speed and efficiency, on Saturday 28th September. Including those kind people who had done their bit during the course of the week, some two-dozen people contributed in their various ways to the clearing up of the churchyard and preparing it for winter. A veritable army of strimmers set about demolishing the long dense grass, interspersed with knapweed, which, duly raked up, created a huge pile of vegetative detritus. This would have turned into a bonfire in a normal year, but with the damp, and the possibility of smoking out the church before the following day's concert, it was left intact, awaiting future burning. Meanwhile – inside – other helpers were cleaning away the dust and cobwebs. All tasks of equal value.

The reward came not only in the shape of the usual ploughman's-type lunch, but also in much camaraderie, and pleasure in the collective completion of a worthwhile job.



Our warmest thanks to all who participated. Some of the helpers are pictured above.

We are also delighted to announce that our new gates, off the Boot Street footpath, leading from what must once have been the main entrance – are now proudly and smartly in place. This is thanks almost entirely to the wonderful efforts and craftsman skills of Peter Prentice, preparing the gates in his workshop, and on site. It has been a complex business, and Peter has shown

extraordinary ingenuity in getting us to this long-desired position.



The gates remain to be dedicated to Commander Michael Kersey, a major benefactor of the church in times gone by. There will be an official dedication of the gates when all interested parties can be brought together.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd November: 9.30 a.m.
Holy Communion

Sunday 10th November at 10.50 a.m.

Joint Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial with members of our Parish Council. Refreshments will be served in the church afterwards.

Sunday 17th November 10.30 a.m.
Morning Prayer

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

Rector's "Surgery". We offer people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes 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*

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 14th October 2024

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/24/3105/FUL – Aberfeldy, Grundisburgh Road – Proposed side extension. Cllrs noted that there were party wall issues with the neighbouring property which must be addressed, but subject to this it was resolved to support this application.

Colin Hedgley advised that application no. **DC/24/0191/FUL re Cherry Tree Cottage** has now been withdrawn.

SCC CONSULTATION ON A12 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The PC will comment as follows:

- Stress the need to retain trees
- Reject the suggestion that the shared path from Grundisburgh roundabout should go west to the garden centre entrance
- Reject the additional south bound entrance at the Woods Lane roundabout
- Suggest that all the additional traffic lights at the roundabouts should only be used at busy times

CLAIMED FOOTPATH – SCC REPORT

Cllrs agreed to accept the proposal that the formal application for the claimed footpath (linking FPs 8 and 11) be rejected.

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION FOR WATER TESTING

Authorisation was given for payment of

£18.35 in respect of Nitrate/Nitrite test strips

GRIT BINS

SCC have advised that the grit bins will shortly be replenished. A map incorporating reference numbers for the grit bins in the parish has been obtained from SCC. It was agreed to purchase an addition bin to be sited at the bottom of Lower Street near the junction with Lodge Road. This will replace the previous grit heap which SCC no longer replenish.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th November, hopefully back in the Bealings Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

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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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

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

SATURDAY 14th September. SHCT Ride and Stride.

We gather that Jonathan was able to send off a cheque for £837 – pretty good for a small village. Warmest thanks to all who sponsored our riders and helped them to reach such an impressive total.

JILL GANZONI TRIBUTE CONCERT

This took place on the afternoon of Sunday 29th September. The tributes, musical and verbal, were all the more poignant in that Jill's ashes lay, interred, just a few metres away, alongside those of her brother, Lord Belstead.

We were privileged to enjoy a musical

programme put together by two wonderful musicians, Rosemary Hinton and Jonathan Ayling, both with distinguished musical CVs and playing with leading national orchestras. We heard music by Kodaly, Cirri, Mozart, Haydn, played with exquisite technique and ranging from elegiac to intriguing and joyous.



The verbal tributes were interspersed amongst the musical items and included contributions from Marion Hedgley from Playford, talking knowledgeably about Jill's early years, Vivien Hinton, sharing both her gratitude at Jill's generosity, and also her pride in Rosemary's achievements, made possible by that very generosity. Geoffrey Probert, Chairman of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust spoke on behalf of the Trust, a Trust with which Jill had been closely involved, and which was the beneficiary of the evening's raffle. Roger Roseboom spoke movingly about Jill's support of the Bealings Playing Field and of the Angela Cobbold Hall.



In all some 80+ people attended, and a total of £700 was raised. More important perhaps, was the fact that those present felt that the occasion had done justice to the kindness of a lady whose interests covered the church across the county and beyond, the county itself, Girl Guides, Grove Court, Ipswich High School, our local villages, her on-going Trust, music, various individual beneficiaries of her kindness, and so much else, often unknown and uncelebrated.

The Raffle, with the central prize of colourful fresh fruit and vegetables kindly supplied by Grange Farm Shop, alongside 21 other prizes, attracted many customers. The result was that an impressive £300 was raised, for the benefit of SHCT.



Tracy Herrington took this unusual but wonderful early evening picture from outside, with the warm glow of colour within permeating the landscape without. A fitting end to a special evening. Thank you, Tracy.

Our thanks too, to the team who helped out with the organisation of it all in the afternoon, and to all those who, coming from near and far, supported us in paying this special tribute to what was something of a unique occasion.

**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.

Just as a reminder: 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.

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ACH News

Work has been completed on updating the Fire Alarm System. Thanks to AFS Fire Services Ltd. for their tidy and efficient workmanship.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

12.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month.

Thanks again to everyone who shared the September Community Lunch. Thanks to Tracy Herrington for the table decorations of pansy plants and to everyone who helped serve and clear away.

The next Lunch is on 5th November. To celebrate the season there will be a Spicy Sausage Casserole made to Ann Tate's recipe, followed by Pumpkin Pie.

On 3rd December the Lunch will be celebrating both Advent and Christmas.

Turkey and all the trimmings followed by Sandra Banham's Christmas Pudding and other seasonal treats!

The Hummingbirds led by Gill Peck will share Christmas Songs and Carols.

All profits from the Christmas Lunch will go to "Sense", the Charity supporting the deaf / blind.

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TIME FOR TEA

Sunday 17th November 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. Tea Time treats.

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Friday 15th November and Friday 20th December 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon

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7.00 - 10.00 p.m. every week. See Social Media for special events.

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Christmas Fayre Saturday afternoon 23rd November

FIND

There will be an opportunity to donate provisions for FIND, the local food bank, daily from 1st - 20th December in the ACH porch 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

ACH NEWS - STOP PRESS

The Hall has just been approved for a Warm Welcome grant.

More details to follow on social media etc.

ALL SAINTS

The Churchwardens and PCC welcome Canon Andrew Dotchin as our incumbent. Andrew was licenced on 3rd October in All Saints Kesgrave by Archdeacon Rich Henderson at a well-attended communion service and he will be our priest-in-charge for two years.



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT

We welcomed 'riders and striders' and several four-legged friends to the Suffolk Historic Churches (SHCT) Ride and Stride event in September. This annual sponsored event raises money to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs. £100 was donated through our Just Giving page - 50% of the money raised goes to All Saints Church Little Bealings, and the other 50% to the SHCT for future grant giving. The Fynn Valley Walks Group walkers set off from All Saints Church during the morning. Seven miles were covered, and five village churches were visited. There was plenty of early autumn sunshine and lots of friendly chat on the way round. The church cafe opened that day and served homemade sausage rolls, quiches, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, double chocolate chip muffins, cheese scones, carrot cake, lemon and blueberry cake, and of course tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Thank you to everyone who played their part in meeting and greeting. Thank you to Francis and John from The Fynn Valley Walks Group for organising a 'Five Churches' Walk. Thank you to Liz, our lead cafe volunteer, and her team for serving such delicious food and providing such good hospitality, creating a space for our community to meet and socialise. Finally, thank you to everyone who sponsored and donated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival celebrations included a 'bring and share' lunch after the morning service where all could enjoy

the decorated church and convivial company. Many thanks to all the ladies for decorating the church so wonderfully. Anglia Water also donated a considerable amount of food to go with that collected from parishioners to go to FIND the local food bank that assists those in need.



All Saints welcomes the re-opening of The Street now that Anglian Water have completed their works to install a sewer for villagers along the chosen route. Hopefully, this will allow easier access to the church for those wishing to partake in the regular walks or meet socially in the Cafe Hub to share a light lunch or coffee and cake with friends. Opening hours Wednesday, 10.45am to 1.30pm. An autumn menu is being established so watch out for details.

It is regrettable that the PCC have had to decide to suspend the Saturday morning opening of the church for the months of December, January and February. The cost of heating the church has had to be taken into account in providing this sanctuary. However, if you have a need to make use of the church sanctuary on a particular Saturday morning, please contact either the PCC Secretary, vicar or churchwardens and arrangements will be made.

The PCC wishes to thank all those who attended on the 12th October to assist with the churchyard clear up. All can see what can be achieved by many.

FRUITS OF AUTUMN WALK

Walkers continue to enjoy their Wednesday walks, hosted by Francis Mutimer and John Wittgreffe - Fynn Valley Walks. Their most recent walk, 'Fruits of Autumn' was held on 16th October with 25 walkers attending. If you

would like to join Francis and John for future walks, they meet every Wednesday throughout the year at 10.30am outside All Saints Church. They follow a different route each week (around 3-4 miles long). All Saints Church Cafe is open, from 10-30am to 1-30pm on Wednesdays, where light lunches are available after the walk, served by our fantastic team of volunteers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All Saints / All Souls Service
Friday 1st November at 7.00 p.m.
Remembrance Service
Sunday 10th November at 10.15 a.m.
Family Communion Service
Sunday 24th November 10.00 a.m.
Wreath Workshop
Saturday 7th December at the Angela
Cobbold Hall. **SORRY NOW SOLD OUT**
Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th December 10.00 a.m.
Carol Service
Thursday 19th December 7.00 p.m.
Family Communion Service
Sunday 22nd December 10.00 a.m.
Crib Service
Tuesday 24th December 4.00 p.m.
Midnight Communion
Tuesday 24th December 11.00 p.m.

TEMPORARY HOME

The story is told of a young couple who were very deep in love but penniless and had to scrape the barrel to find a place to live. After much searching, they found a place that was described as 'A Renovator's Dream' into which they moved the day after their wedding, the Honeymoon budget having been spent on paint and wallpaper. Their new neighbours popped round to see how things were going, to which the couple said, 'Well, we've got a home now, we're trying to make a house out of it...'

This month Lesley-Anne and I move into our 10th Vicarage and my 32nd home (Dad was in the Navy) and sometimes it is difficult to find out where 'home' really

is. Every step of the journey, and some have been hedged about with danger and uncertainty, has been one of coming closer to home. In our journey as a vicarage family, we have been welcomed into the hearts and homes of some wonderful people and, having been in East Suffolk for the last 24 years, we know Kesgrave, Little Bealings and Playford will be just as welcoming. We hope we will be found worthy of your trust and welcome.

Yet, though we look forward to living amongst you we know this is a stopping place on the way home. In our case literally just for two years. How do we, how does anyone, cope with the temporary nature of life? Even if we spend our whole life in the same house, we all know that it will not be our 'Forever Home'. Carrie Underwood has a wonderful song called 'Temporary Home' which reminds us that, regardless of the kind of journey we've travelled, we will be finally welcomed into our heavenly dwelling place.

As we move into yet another home, and each of you reading this continue to make a home where you are, may we all know the blessing and call of the One who was born in a stable yet waits to welcome us at the banquet in Paradise.

Rev Andrew Dotchin



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WORD FROM THE STUDY

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the seasons change, and yes, the clocks have gone back, it reminds us that as in life, situations change, but our focus on our daily lives should remain the same. The hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy" sums it up perfectly, though when we are facing things that are out of our control, we can turn to God; after all He created the world and will ultimately, through Christ, be its redeemer.

November, in the life of the Church becomes the Season of Remembrance. We begin the month with All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday, St Andrew's Day and then, of course, Christ the King. Each one of these festivals is important. The Remembrance Day is when we remember those who fell in war defending our freedom. There will be a joint service between both villages at All Saints Little Bealings at 10.15 a.m. to mark those who gave their life in the service of others.

This year's commemorations, as well as remembering past conflicts we will be conscious of the ongoing situation in the Middle East, The Ukraine and those who suffer the ongoing effects of war. As a community and as a nation, we can all play our part by just pausing for a moment either on the Remembrance Day itself, or on the Monday, to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man, than to lay down his life for his friends."

When we pause for a moment, in spite of the many difficulties we may encounter,

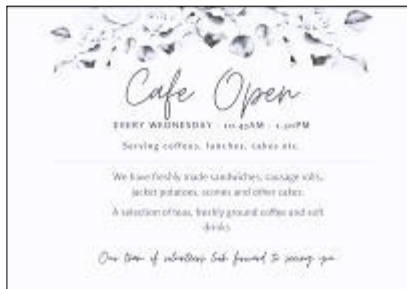
the blessings we receive at God's hand, far outnumber the negative ones in our lives.

If I look back on my ministry over the last year, I can look at it through two lenses. One will see stars, the other will see mud. You could say that the mud has been the energy crisis, cost of living, an increase in the use of foodbanks and so on that have been placed on us, or, do I look through the stars and see what a real privilege and a blessing it is to serve our Lord in three beautiful churches, and ultimately, serving the people in these communities. Yes, definitely the second one!

Through our services on a Sunday, it offers us the opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives, to come and spend some time of quiet, in a world we live is far too fast. Psalm 46 reminds us "Be still and know that I AM God". We have a service of prayer on the 2nd of November at 7.00 p.m. when we will remember those loved ones who have died. There is a list at the back of the Church for people to write the names of their loved ones which will be read out in the service. Everybody is most welcome to join us on that Friday evening. It will also be a chance to meet our new incumbent Andrew. Our services are at 10.00 a.m. every Sunday at either at St Mary's, Playford, or All Saints, Little Bealings.

As we go forward, we continue to offer a visit from a member of the clergy or the team who will be pleased to see you, and it doesn't have to be a Church matter. Tea, two sweeteners please!
God bless you all.

Reverend Gary Jones



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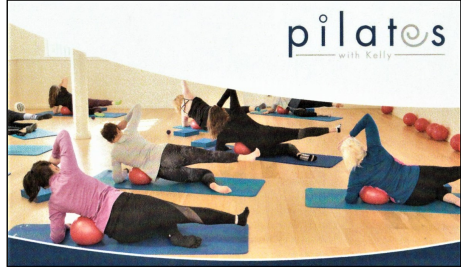
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PLAYFORD WI

101 years = 1,212 months = 36,865 days: we celebrated Playford WI's longevity at October's meeting! Members enjoyed looking back with a vintage photo of past members and forward with the growth of our centenary sapling, plus Biscoff 'birthday' cake and games including an entertaining edition of 'Room 101'.

Later in the month we were pleased to participate in the Playford litter-pick kindly organised by the Lightwave 'Emerge' group; some of us headed out with village neighbours to collect rubbish while other members manned the kitchen. Many hands make light work, and our homemade refreshments went down well afterwards!

Change of date: Our November meeting and AGM will now take place on Tuesday 12th in Playford Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Our Christmas meeting is on December 3rd. *playfordwi@gmail.com*

LITTER PICK, SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER



Playford WI and Lightwave Emerge were busy out in the sunshine, doing their bit for 'East Suffolk's Amazing' campaign, as we donned our Hi-Viz and grabbed our litter pickers and bin bags.

It was fantastic to see all ages playing their part to care for our environment, having fun, meeting new people and building up a real sense of community.

We saw the biggest turnout for a litter pick for some time and many hands made light

work as the village really got behind the event!

Thanks to Playford WI for the lovely cakes and refreshments afterwards and to East Suffolk Council for the loan of equipment.



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Ben Wale

Lightwave Emerge Hub Leader

CHURCHWARDEN UPDATE FROM PLAYFORD CHURCH

It's been a busy season at St. Mary's, and we have recently welcomed Rev. Andrew Dotchin to our Parish and look forward to his leadership and service across the Benefice. Over the summer we were delighted to host three weddings at the church. In October, we underwent our Quinquennial (sort of a Church building and churchyard MOT) and will be providing details of the results shortly. As you can imagine, there's always something to improve or repair when you have a building that is hundreds of years old, and we hope that the community can come together to help us preserve this peaceful and welcoming space for many years to come.

I'm very grateful to our Parochial Church Council Members for their collaboration and support as I have taken on the role of churchwarden and thank Colin Hedgley in particular for teaching me the ropes and staying on to make sure I handle the job properly and to help me out.

We have some special events taking place in the run up to Christmas in addition to our regular church services at 10am at Playford church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

And as always, if you would like to help us in any way, whether as a sidesperson

at services, flower arranger, grass cutter, or in any other capacity, my door, like the church, is always open!

Jonathan Fieldsend

PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES

Morning Service

November 3rd at 10.00 a.m.

Combined Remembrance Service

November 10th at 10.15 a.m.

At Little Bealings

Family Communion

November 17th at 10.00 a.m.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to our services.

No previous experience necessary

FUTURE DATES

Stir Up Sunday at Playford Village Hall
November 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Wreath Workshop at Playford Village Hall (see advert for details)

December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Candlelit Carol Service

December 22nd at 6.00 p.m.

IT'S THAT WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

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BINKY AND CO.

Binky was very proud of his football team Bealings and Playford Town. He had been following them for more years than he could remember. (In fact, it was five) and looked back fondly to those glory days (when they lost less than the usual six nil).

Last year they were promoted to division one. Ok it was division one of the Bealings and Playford over 35s Temperance League, but it was an advancement. Plus of course it was very difficult to find many people in the area who genuinely qualified for inclusion on first principles. Nevertheless, standing on the touchline on a cold rainy Saturday afternoon at Martlesham Marshes had a very romantic feel to it. Plus, Binky loved discussing football surrounded by the other supporters present. All two of them. It was at last Saturday's match that Binky had greatness thrust upon him when the team captain came across from the far side of the pitch during the pre-match kick-about and uttered the immortal words, "Binky, we are a man down, get some boots on, you're playing."

Binky's head was in a spin as he laced up the spare pair of boots the skipper had thrown at him, a size too small but Binky was determined to get into them. He ran onto the pitch, trousers tucked into his socks, where he immediately had a brainstorm and decided to give "the lads" a morale boosting chat. "Gather round chaps", he shouted gesticulating with his arms for them to hunker down. "Now" said Binky with faux authority. "I want you to play positive football and score goals" he said, "By the way just to cheer you up. What's the difference between our team and a tea bag? The tea bag stays in the cup for longer."

Binky roared with laughter. The captain, who just happened to be the vicar, told him to "?!.. ***."

Where do vicars learn these words? It must be at theological college during Spoken English lessons.

"What position do you want me to play in skipper" asked Binky. "As far forward as you can get but don't come back over the halfway line" shouted the skipper in what Binky thought was a most off-hand way. It wasn't long before Binky's team were pressing hard in the oppositions' goal mouth. The vicar took a shot, and it was destined for goal. At that moment Binky decided to run in front of the goal, the ball hit his legs, and it was diverted into the safe hands of the goalkeeper. A crescendo of Anglo-Saxon words descended onto Binky's head. Although the opposing goalkeeper was very nice and thanked him profusely. Typical! Thought Binky. No man is a hero to his own teammates or so the saying goes. The final score was Nil-Nil. Binky went into the changing room and then followed the others into the showers. Hot steam emanated from all ten shower heads except Binky's which was ice cold. Binky could not understand it, how could that happen? Binky thought he would tell another morale boosting joke. "My mate left two Town tickets on his car dashboard the other day. Someone smashed the window and left a couple more!" Binky found himself alone and with no towel.

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BEALINGS

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

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

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>
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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>
WI	PH	Tue	7.30 p.m.(1st in month)	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>

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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S CULPHO IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

HOLY COMMUNION November. 27th @ 9.30 a.m.

*There will be **no** Evensong Service in November.*

ADVENT SERVICE Sunday December 1st @ 3.00 p.m.

*Richard Garnham
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