

# *Fynn - Lark News*

OCTOBER 2024



## **THE EVOLUTION OF THE ENGLISH GARDEN**

**– A SLIGHT RURAL RANT**

My early years were the war years and the immediate post-war years. Supermarkets were unknown. In our Suffolk villages most houses and cottages, however modest, had sizeable gardens, often the front garden, with flowers, showing passers-by that you took pride in your home, and the kitchen or back garden, where you grew vegetables. Good standard crops like potatoes, leeks, carrots, parsnips, cabbages, and maybe a fruit tree or two. Plus, currant and gooseberry bushes, to be supplemented by the autumn blackberries. All seasonal, but with the possibilities of bottling, preserving etc. This was well short of self-sufficiency, but that generation tried to feed themselves, for some of the time, from their own resources. They had to.

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

How things have changed! Patios, garden furniture, barbecues, decking, pots galore, garden lighting - so many gardens have become glorified summer centres of home entertainment. All too often the small front garden in our towns has had to be concreted over to make space for the car. As that sad Dillon song would have it: "Where have all the flowers gone?" So many of



the houses in our new mushrooming estates are packed so close together, that there is not much scope for anything much beyond a few pots and paved-over areas. Clusters of new houses seem to be built on the premise that there is a superstore within five miles, so there is no need, encouragement, or indeed space to indulge in those old-fashioned ideas like growing some of your own food. We all know the panic which ensues when, for some reason, supermarkets run short. Shelves are emptied within a couple of days. Would it not be reassuring to know that we are not entirely dependent on outside sources for sustenance? Are we heading towards, or indeed actually IN, a situation when the will, the know-how, and the space to grow at least some of our own food has disappeared?



That is not to say that we no longer have lovely gardens. Open Gardens in these parts during the summer enable us to share the delights of many a wonderful country garden. Our great houses have magnificent gardens, some of which are open to the public. They are wonderful to behold, and joyous places for wandering around. But they don't feed us. Many

now take great pride in their lovely lawns. Visually pleasing, great for games. But they don't feed us. The slightly old fashioned idea of allotments to make up for inadequate garden space at home is a good one, a sociable way of gardening productively together – a viable alternative, and one to be encouraged. They do feed us.

In this troubled world of ours, might it not be prudent, in case of future emergencies, to encourage more and people to hold on to, to acquire, even, those food-producing skills, in their gardens, on their allotments, and, where so many new houses are being built, give them the space to do it?

*Norman Porter*

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## ***NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST***

### **DID YOU KNOW....?**

Did you know that it is NOW possible to access golf, as a helpful therapy for those with dementia. This is a local initiative, set up at Seckford Golf Club. The golf group was started by Wendy Chard from Great Bealings, together with Tony Pennock from the Golf Club, in 2022. They felt that there was a need for the sport to be inclusive to those with dementia. Tony was able to provide the space and golf expertise and Wendy the dementia experience/ knowledge and the administration ability. The sessions started in October 2022. The website is: <https://www.foregetmenotgolf.co.uk>.

See also the entry under Churchwarden's notes for Great Bealings. The church was lit up in purple on September 21<sup>st</sup> to remind us all of the impact of dementia on so many people and families.

### **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST. RIDE AND STRIDE 2024**

This event duly took place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Riders and striders were in evidence across the local scene, and all our churches were open. It is too early to know the financial outcome, but it was

a sunny day, and your editor, for one of many, thoroughly enjoyed getting around the local lanes, highways and byways, including the rare experience of finding his way along Kesgrave cycle lanes and underpasses. Taking part can be a way of getting a different perspective on a familiar world. Thanks to all who contributed, in whatever way, and who, by doing so, supported this centuries-old aspect of our national culture.

### **HISTORY CORNER**

– **ANNA AIRY (1882-1964): the UK's first officially commissioned war artist.**

This summer two of Anna Airy's five stunning large-scale paintings depicting various aspects of the heavy industry pivotal to victory in the First World War, and a study for a third, have been on view at Tate Britain and the Imperial War Museum. It thus feels timely to remember this great artist who had a lifetime association with the village of Playford. Although born and brought up in Greenwich, throughout her childhood and early adult life, Airy spent several months each year in what has become known as Airy's cottage. It was bought by her grandfather the Astronomer Royal George Biddell Airy in 1846, the cottage then passed on through the family to Anna Airy, who with her artist husband



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Geoffrey Buckingham Pocock, moved to live permanently at the property in 1933.

Summers passed by Airy in the Suffolk countryside nurtured a deep bond with both the village's inhabitants and the surrounding landscape. Playford villagers feature in many of the major oil compositions that Airy exhibited each year at the Royal Academy summer exhibition, for example in 'Kitchen Queen' her housekeeper is sitting in the kitchen of Airy's cottage plucking a goose. A group of village children returning home across the fields appear in 'Blackberry Harvest', and local farmers and labourers survey the fields in 'Earth Minster'.



Anna Airy –  
*War Artist – shell-manufacturing*  
*Rural artist – children blackberrying*



Airy's passion for Suffolk's nature found expression in her exquisitely executed etchings of apple and blackthorn blossom, often with pollinating bees. In pen and water colour she would portray the resulting apples and plums. The critical acclaim which these Nature studies received attracted eager purchasers to any exhibition where they were shown. One Californian purchaser even constructed a special room in her home to exhibit the botanical works that she bought from Airy's 1915 London exhibition!

As an artist, Airy was ambitious, prolific, and versatile in her use of media and chosen subject matter. She was noted for her exceptional draughtsmanship developed between 1899 and 1903 at the Slade School, London, where she gained all the top prizes. Within two years of leaving Airy had her first painting selected for the Royal Academy summer exhibition to which she continued to contribute for the next fifty years as she did at many other national and international venues. Airy held twenty-two solo exhibitions during her lifetime. Early in her career she was elected to prestigious national societies of artists in pastel, etching, oils, water colour and portraiture. She wrote two practical 'how-to-guides' and had a major impact on Suffolk's art scene through her 'brilliant and inspirational' teaching and her nineteen-year presidency of the Ipswich Art Society.

*Dr Alison Thomas is currently writing Anna Airy's biography and would be delighted to hear from anyone who owns work by the artist or have personal recollections of her.*

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## NATURE NOTES

### - SLUGS

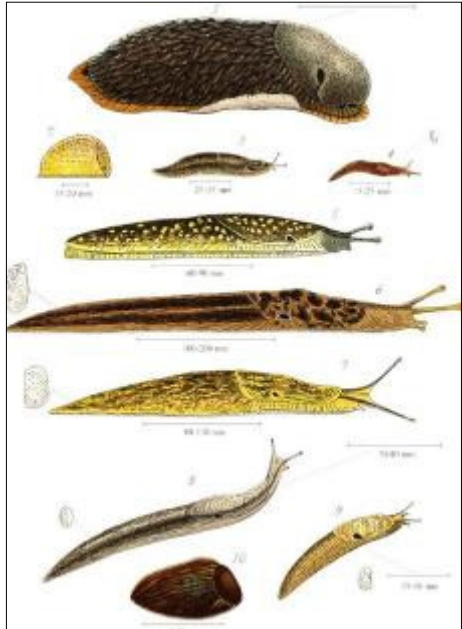
It's been a good year for slugs, with all that wet weather earlier on creating perfect slug-friendly conditions. Conversely, it's been a challenging year for gardeners, trying to keep these voracious gastropods off their tender plants. Have you noticed that there seems to have been a surge in the numbers of brownish slugs, as compared with the usual black ones? Yes, slugs have definitely impacted on those who love their gardens.



Not many people like slugs. Their squelchy, squidgy progress, marked by slimy trails of sticky mucus, brings out the aggressive side of gardeners. Whole crops can be destroyed at the tender stage, or vegetables rendered inedible by the presence of smaller versions of this quietly destructive creature, burrowing deep inside the hearts of leafy veg – the slugs seem always to get there first.

Let's try to be objective about these creatures. They are gastropods – i.e. they move around on their tummies rather than on actual feet, and, unlike snails, they have no shell to protect them. They have two pairs of tentacles at the front – one pair to detect light, the other to detect smell. They move along in a series of rhythmic contractions of the undercarriage, secreting a silvery trail as

they progress. You always know when they've been around. They love damp conditions, and thrive when it is wet. They are hermaphrodites, with not much more than a one-year life span. That's some consolation.



If it is any further consolation to gardeners, they are a heavily predated species. They are readily eaten by the likes of foxes, reptiles, birds, hedgehogs, frogs. They do have a diet beyond your most delicate plants, and do actually help by munching their way through dead and decaying matter. There are said to be various repellents which we can put down: beer, eggshells, coffee-grindings or salt. These may or may not work.

Being a bit squeamish I find it difficult to squash them underfoot, but tend to pick them up – with a finger-tip lightness of touch – and fling them over the hedge into the nearby field. Undeterred by this

unexpected experience of being temporarily and violently airborne, they probably return to their previous feeding ground, my garden, but given their crawling rate of progress, it may take them a day or two, giving me a bit of a respite.

So – they can't help being slugs, any more than we can help being human. They do what slugs do, and it's not all bad. They, like everything else, are part of a very complex and intricate eco-system.

## **TIP OF THE MONTH**

### **– FROM THE PEOPLE'S WILDLIFE TRUST**

Though it may be tempting to trim your hedges in September or October, it's best to avoid cutting hedges and shrubs until January and February. Cutting earlier removes the majority of the rich food source hedges can provide, making the colder months harder for wildlife. And it's best not to cut every year. Cutting every two, or preferably, three years increases flower and berry abundance.



## **POPULAR QUIZ NIGHT RETURNS IN SUPPORT OF DEAF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

A local hearing care company is back with another one of its popular charity quiz nights, to help raise funds for children living with deafness.

All About Hearing, a family-run business with two hearing care clinics in Ipswich, is holding the event this October in aid of the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

The charity quiz night is organised for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, with a start time of 7.00pm. Teams can include between 4 – 6 members and entry is £6 per person.

On the night there will be a bar, big screen, and plenty of prizes to be won, thanks to the generous support from local businesses.

Karen Finch, Director for All About Hearing said "Our charity quiz night back in April was a sell out and raised over £1,200 for some very worth charities. I'd love us to go one better to see if we can beat the total from April.

Gather your team, whether it's your family, friends or work buddies and join us for a night of fun and make a difference!"

NDCS is a UK-based charity dedicated to supporting deaf children and young people. They provide advice, information, and emotional support to families. Their aim is to create a world without barriers for deaf children, ensuring they have the same opportunities as their hearing peers.

**Tickets for the quiz are expected to sell out fast. For details of how to book, please visit**

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## BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

### NEW ROOF & DOORS PROJECT UPDATE



As of 17th September, I'm sad to say that the New Roof & Doors Project at the

Village Hall has been delayed further by material supply and design hold ups. The internal doors have been installed, but the new entrance and new lighting will have to wait until the roof has been completed, hopefully by the end of October. I do apologise to all regular Hall users for the extended delays and hope to welcome you and many new users in the near future.

**This means that The Grand Opening and Pop Up Pub scheduled for 11th October has been postponed** look out for the new date to be announced soon.

*Keith Beaumont,  
Trustee, Bealings Village Hall*

A colorful advertisement for 'Petal Gardening Services'. The background is white and filled with various gardening tools like shovels, rakes, and pruners, along with green leaves and plants. The text is centered and reads: 'Petal Gardening Services' in a large, bold, black serif font. Below this, in a smaller, black, all-caps sans-serif font, are the services: 'GARDEN MAINTENANCE, WEEDING, PRUNING, PLANT CARE, MOWING, PROPAGATION &amp; TIDYING'. Underneath that, it says 'RHS QUALIFIED | INSURED' and 'CURRENTLY OPERATING IN PLAYFORD'. At the bottom, a green speech bubble contains the text 'PLEASE RING AMIE ON 07926 141859'. There is also a small image of a green apron and a packet of seeds.

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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.***

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# GREAT BEALINGS

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## PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.

### WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Rachel Lamb to the Council for her first meeting. The Declaration of Acceptance was signed and witnessed.

### REPORTS

**County Councillor Elaine Bryce** - a report has been received and circulated to Cllrs, and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website

**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 provided an update on the staffing changes in the Planning Dept at ESC. He mentioned that a survey has just been circulated to all PCs on pre-application advice for planning applications. Some details of this were further explained by Sue Prentice (SP) and it will be circulated to all Cllrs, who discussed the best way in which to respond.

### EMERGENCY PLANNING

**ESC Emergency Planning Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July** – CH provided a brief report on this

**The Way Forward** – SP said that there is still an emphasis on paper plans and she recommended that our current plan should remain in place. She proposed setting up a residents WhatsApp phone group for local notifications. Cllrs decided that in order for the Clerk to be the

Administrator for this, she will need a dedicated mobile phone for PC use only. Dee Knights (DPK) will investigate this further and report to the next meeting.

### RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllrs decided that no changes were necessary and the current Risk Assessment was approved for 2024/25.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

SP attended the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The main point of discussion was volunteering and how to promote it within the community. She will circulate some notes about some identified ways to proceed and will prepare an article for a future issue of Fynn Lark News.

### REPORT ON ESC PLANNING FORUM 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Clerk attended this at which the organisation of the ESC Development Management teams was explained. It was confirmed that ESC has no areas officially classified as green or grey belt. A Developers Charter is being prepared but it will not be compulsory for developers to sign up to it. The Enforcement Team has been expanded and the call-in process was explained.

### REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk had raised this outstanding matter at the Forum and an update was promised, but nothing has been received.

### HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

**List of problem areas to refer to County Councillor**-The Clerk has already referred the matter of the blank 30mph sign in Lodge Road, but has not

received any response, despite chasing. White lines outside Annesley House have been outstanding since 2022. It was recommended that white lines be painted along where the roadside has been eroded – exact locations must be identified.

**Footpaths**-The Claimed Footpath case is currently being investigated by SCC and a draft committee report will be issued to interested parties including Parish Councils. There was a general discussion on permissive footpaths and SP mentioned that a resident has reported to SCC an issue with the footpath which runs south-east from Park Farm.

**Trees** – John Carter-Jonas still has some oak trees surplus to requirements which are available to anyone who would like them.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

**Insurance Premium Renewal** – The insurer has confirmed that the SID is covered under our current policy, therefore it was agreed to accept the renewal quotation of £264

**Authorisation of payments** – eight payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary and PAYE for September and October, office expenses, data protection fee, village sign insurance and fixings for the depth gauge.

**Financial Regulations** - The Clerk has amended the new Financial Regulations to suit our needs, and this had been circulated together with suggestions for the variable values that need to be set by the PC. These were all approved and it was resolved that these Regulations be formally adopted.

**Gov.uk Domain** - The Clerk had circulated a report setting out the pros and cons of proceeding with a.gov.uk domain, (as recommended by the LGA and strongly endorsed by NALC and SALC) together with some provisional

costings. Cllrs agreed that this is the correct way forward. It is necessary to purchase a domain from a list of Approved Registrars and it was agreed to proceed with Suffolk Cloud. The suggested domain name will be: greatbealingspc.gov.uk.

**The Bank Reconciliation** was approved and signed

**Village website**- The Clerk and the Chairman have been looking at the data on the village website, which is very out-of-date. Phil Holmes is the website administrator and posts all the information submitted, but it seems that no-one has overall responsibility for the actual content. It was unanimously agreed that this should be the responsibility of the PC and the Clerk has offered to take this on.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will now take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November (instead of the 12<sup>th</sup>) and will (hopefully) be 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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## **SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE**

A cool but sunny morning greeted all those riders, striders and helpers for the 9am start on 14th September.

A huge thank you to all those who welcomed visitors to our church. I hope all enjoyed it and were able to take in the

tranquillity of the building and vista of our churchyard. It is very encouraging to have full rota of helpers, many other places that we visited didn't manage this.

We had 17 visitors including a good number from the villages' walking group.

Out on the road we saw lots of riders and met up with Norman Porter a couple of times on our route. Emily and I successfully visited eleven churches both in our surrounding villages and in Woodbridge.

Thank you to those who kindly sponsored myself and Emily, hopefully we have raised around £270 which will be added to Norman Porter's collection. These funds are divided between St Mary's Great Bealings and other churches in Suffolk via the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Again, I would say this is a highly satisfying and enjoyable way to travel around parts of our beautiful county and I would recommend participation in 2025 to all.

*Jonathan Keer*

## **ST MARY'S**

### **CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES –**

I recently went blackberrying along the church path. That may sound irrelevant, but in just half an hour three lots of visitors passed me. I chatted with each of them, prolonging the blackberry experience, but it was sunny, so what! Why did I engage those visitors in chat? To make them feel welcome. It was both instructive and motivational.

The first visitor, an elderly Suffolk gentleman armed with strimmer and shears, was visiting an ancestral grave. We chatted for about 15 minutes. He had come across from Kesgrave where he lived, but had spent his childhood in

Bealings, which to him, he insisted, was still HOME. He chatted happily about childhood memories, gangs of youngsters splashing around in the river etc. We were both on an octogenarian wavelength, but his deep affection for the village and churchyard shone through his every word.

Five minutes later a car came down the path. It stopped at a friendly gesture from the blackberry-picker and the driver's window came down. I asked if I could help. I could. It was a couple of church-crawlers all the way from Hintlesham. I did my usual bit of enthusing about what they might find, within and without. The driver was an ex-churchwarden, so again we were on the same wavelength, understanding and facing the same problems. But we were both reinforced by the encounter. They went away some time later, enthused and happy. So was the blackberry-picker.

Finally, a single youngish lady in a car drew up. The usual polite but inquisitively helpful expression greeted

her. "I've come to just walk around the churchyard. It's so lovely", she said. The fact that it was somewhat given over to nature at this time of year seemed to be an attraction rather than a deterrent. A further delay to the blackberry-picking, but another moment of reassurance for the churchwarden bit of me which likes to meet people enjoying their visits to that church of ours.

If we think our churchyard is of interest only to our village, we are wrong. Its appeal reaches out far and wide, and to know that people come from distance, just to see it, should be a real motivation to us all to keep it a place which remains well worth a visit.

## LOOKING BACK

### PATRONAL SERVICE WITH ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE ON SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

St Mary's, Woodbridge had no mid-morning service on this day, so this was a celebration of "Mary" by both churches. This was a joyful occasion, with a large congregation, supported by a full Woodbridge choir, under the direction of James Davy, providing uplifting musical backbone to the service.



*Main course, outside diners and dessert*

The service was followed by a fulsome finger-food lunch, main course and

dessert, contributed by those attending, and consumed in and around the church precincts as well as outside in the churchyard in what turned out to be kindly weather.

### 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. We are confident that the service with the Jubilate Singers on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will have attracted people from beyond the village.

### PCC MEETING

#### -Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

This was an important meeting, with the Archdeacon in attendance, helping us to consider the options for the future of our church. As ever, and as confirmed by our Treasurer, finances are on a knife-edge, and shrinking all the time.

Discussion revolved around:

What are the viable options regarding the future status of our church and its role within the local set-up and, not unrelated to the above: How might part or all of the church be re-organised internally, to provide for wider community use and better service provision.

Change does not happen lightly, nor can it come about quickly, because of the various external bodies whose requirements have to be satisfied. A range of options are under consideration. All will cost money, and further significant funding will have to be sourced. The level of local support could well be critical in determining whether we are deemed worthy of that financial input, or not. Key decisions have to be taken by the PCC concerning costings of the various options, and which of them could and should be constructively pursued.



It is reassuring to have the support of our Archdeacon in all this, as he represents the wider church, part of which we necessarily are.

### LOOKING AHEAD

### HARVEST FESTIVAL -SUNDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

The Great Bealings Harvest Festival Service will be at 9.30. This will be followed by the usual coffee and biscuits. Should anyone wish to join in with the Woodbridge Harvest lunch later in the morning at 12.30 they will be warmly welcomed. See Notice.

Please note also that donations for distribution by the Salvation Army will be welcomed at the service.

### 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. One of the ancient cast iron hinges is missing, so an identical one has had to be commissioned from a local blacksmith. This is taking "Suffolk time", but Peter assures us that all is in hand, that the temporary cattle barrier should hold, and that the promised new gate is ever closer. Thank you, Peter, for your commitment to the cause.

### SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30 a.m. Harvest Festival.**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Norman and Virginia Porter)**

**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](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk), who is i/c the rota, and can offer possible future dates.

*Norman Porter  
Churchwarden [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)*

### CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

#### REMEMBERING THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

At the request of Wendy Chard, acting on behalf of *Home Instead*, Great Bealings church was lit up in purple on the evening of September 21<sup>st</sup>. In making this request Wendy asked that we should remember all those living with dementia and offer up a prayer for those no longer with us. She underlined the importance of this request by mentioning the stark statistic that **one in three of us** will develop some form of dementia, and urged that we should support those in our community, both carers and sufferers, whose lives have been affected by it.

#### ALAN BLOMFIELD: October 4<sup>th</sup>:



We have been asked to put on the floodlights to celebrate the life of Alan Blomfield, father of Lisa Hall, Lower Street. Alan passed away peacefully on

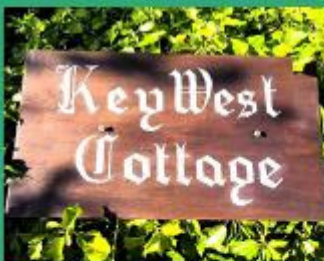
3<sup>rd</sup> September at the age of 84. He was a local man, if not exactly Bealings, but his life is an example of a local Christian life, led well, so we quote Lisa's tribute in full:

*My wonderful Dad was a "Suffolk Boy" to the end. He had been a regular member of All Saints, Kesgrave, since moving to the village in 1970. Along with my mother, he welcomed young families to the church, with babies to be christened, and rode out on his bicycle for Autumn's "Ride and Stride". He was kind and tolerant of all.*

*He traced his family tree back to a marriage in Playford Church, when John Blomfield married Elizabeth Brunning there in 1690. The churches of Rushmere, Newbourne, Trimley and Brightwell are all mentioned in the family archives, and inspired my father's interest in the history of those magnificent*

*buildings. Alan was a wonderful father, raising us with his love of art and music, everything from Holst's The Planets to Eartha Kitt. His books will continue to inform and excite his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He used to man The Samaritans' Night Line, and accompanied young people being taken into custody by the Suffolk Constabulary.*

*He was the youngest of eight – seven brothers and a sister. My sister, brother and I were fortunate to grow up surrounded by love, laughter and happiness. His favourite travel memory was of being in New Zealand with my mother, and seeing a Maori bride coming ashore by boat for her wedding day. That was typical of a man who loved this world, with all the birds, creatures and people within it. Dad's lifelong mantra was "Do no harm, tread gently on the earth; seek harmony and unity when you can."*



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## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

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**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September. SHCT Ride and Stride.**

Our thanks to all those who church-sat, and to Jonathan Keer for organising the rota, alongside participating with daughter, Emily.

**ADVANCE NOTICE – PRIDE IN HERITAGE EVENING. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 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. Tickets are limited to a mere 100 – all golden! Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could have a sell-out – well, not a sell-out, as they are free. Just take advantage of this free offer and join your friends and neighbours in an evening reflecting on and being reminded about the unique heritage of our church and village.

*We hope to offer many prizes to holders of the “drawn”-on-the-night golden tickets. Offers of prizes will be warmly welcomed. There will be an accompanying booklet, with opportunities for local businesses to advertise in exchange for the offer of a prize for the free raffle.*

Do please seriously consider supporting this event. The intention is to use the commitment of past generations as motivation for those of us in the present who have the responsibility for passing down an active church to the generations to come. Much is at stake, and the level of attendance will give us a good idea as to whether the people of Great Bealings wish to have an active church in their midst, or not.



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## PARISH COUNCIL

**Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 2 September 2024**

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Residents spoke about a planning application that was included on the agenda.

### ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Mr Peter Carr will attend the next meeting on 23 September

### ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Mr M Garnham had no updates to report

### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms Saagi reported that work had now started at the Village Hall and that there will be an event on 11<sup>th</sup> October for the community with a pop-up pub in the evening. (*Postponed see page 9 - Ed*)

### SAVID

Playford PC now have the funds to purchase their own SID so the jointly used one will now become permanent. This month the SID will switch locations between Martlesham Road and Playford Road.

### CLERKS' FORUM

Miss W Cook has now attended all three SALC New Clerks Training Courses. On the advice of SALC it was **RESOLVED**: That the Clerk would now complete her SILCA qualification in year two of her employment.

## SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The next meeting is on 26 September 2024

### ESC PARISH PLANNING FORUM

Mr I Ransome and Miss W Cook attended the Forum on the 25 July which was a review of ESC planning performance and thoughts of changes likely as a result of the General Election.

### ESC EMERGENCY PLAN

Mr I Ransome attended an ESC meeting with the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit. After the flooding issues that have occurred in the past, a plan is to be put in place on how to deal with an emergency. The Village Hall will be the designated rest area for both Little Bealings and Great Bealings as it is on high ground and has parking. It was **RESOLVED** to invite the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit to the next Parish Council Meeting in November to explain more

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/24/2759/FUL | Proposed extensions & alterations. (ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space proposal) | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (Previous application DC/21/4162/FUL valid until 2 November 2024) It was **RESOLVED**: to object to the application. The Parish Council believes that the proposed plans will create a property that is both too large and too tall for the site and is out of keeping with the other properties in the area. The increased height and extra windows will cause neighbouring

properties to become overlooked. The Parish Council also believes that the information given with these proposed plans is not accurate, as they do not show the other buildings on the site and that the site is now in danger of over development. The Parish Council also have concerns that this development may add to the flooding issues in Martlesham Road

The following applications have been approved:

**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**

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

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:

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[littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/](https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/). A report from District Councillor Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Cllr Hedgley reported that the Tour of Britain Cycle Route will be coming through the village. Suffolk County Councillor Elanie Bryce Reported that Solar Together launches in Suffolk and that residents will boost local renewable energy generation, cut carbon emissions, and save on energy bills with a community-led solar panel initiative. Ofsted has published its report into Suffolk County Council's children's services. The report rated the service as 'requires improvement' but all aspects of actual childcare rated good. Process improvements are needed. A trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk, with the tender process beginning this autumn. Councillor Bryce is continuing to seek payment of the fine levied on National Rail's contractors for unauthorised closure of the level crossing in December 22. She also mentioned that the white lines and roundels were in the process of being replaced.

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports**

The white lines and roundels are due to be completed on 5 November. Some have already been actioned.

### **Footpaths**

There was no report

### **Footpaths: Work For Footpath No1A**

The footpath works to replace the footpath with 'like for like' tarmac will now take place in October during half term. As this date is now later than expected CIL forward funding is no longer required.

## **A12 Network Improvement Scheme**

The deadline for comments has now passed. The scheme will see the duelling of the A12 between Seckford Roundabout and Dobbies Roundabout, The Parish Council were pleased to see that the trees lining this area will be kept with the traffic lanes running either side of them. The Parish council also noted that the traffic issues caused at Martlesham will need to be addressed.

### **FINANCE**

No income had been received. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for September and October, expenses for the for the PC Annual insurance, Chairman's expenses, hall hire, legal expenses and a donation to the Woodbridge Citizens Advice Centre were approved.

A replacement notice board for Beacon Lane will now cost more than the previous £400 agreed. It was RESOLVED to spend the additional £25 and for the clerk to order in September.

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the updated Financial Regulations as Circulated.

### **DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 4 November in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 7 October 2024, 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/>

*Wendy Cook – Clerk to the Council*  
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## **ALL SAINTS**

### **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

We welcomed 'riders and striders' and several four-legged friends for the annual Sponsored Ride and Stride national event, for cyclists and walkers.

Participants chose to make a one-off donation or were sponsored for each place of worship 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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who played their part in meeting and greeting at the signing in desk.

We would like to extend our thanks to Francis Mutimer and John Wittgreffe from The Fynn Valley Walks Group for organising a "Five Churches' Walk." Their walk benefitted from the autumn sunshine, taking them on a 7-mile route through beautiful countryside. They visited the churches of Playford, Culpho, Grundisburgh and Great Bealings, before returning to Little Bealings. All Saints Cafe hub was open all day serving delicious homemade sausage rolls, quiches, jacket potatoes, sandwiches, double chocolate chip muffins, cheese scones, carrot cake, lemon and blueberry cake, and of course plenty of tea, coffee and soft drinks.

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Thank you to Liz Mutimer 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.

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.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Licensing Service for Revd Canon Dotchin - 11am Thursday 3rd October at All Saints Kesgrave.** The PCC welcomes the appointment of Revd Canon Andrew Dotchin as interim priest in charge of Kesgrave. Little Bealings and Playford. All are welcome.

**Morning Prayer – 10.00 a.m. Sunday 13th October at All Saints Little Bealings.**

**Churchyard Tidy Up – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints Little Bealings**

**8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. (followed by a light buffet lunch).** If you can help (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.

**Family Communion – 10.00 a.m. Sunday 27th October at All Saints Little Bealings.**

**All Saints / All Souls - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00 p.m. at All Saints Little Bealings.** 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Christmas Wreath Workshop – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Angela Cobbold Hall.** To secure a place email [lbpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lbpcsecretary@gmail.com) or telephone 07583 743695.



## ANGELA COBBOLD NEWS

On the evening of Saturday 7th. September the Angela Cobbold Hall was decorated with flowers, bunting, and balloons with a Happy Birthday banner to celebrate Joan Moons birthday. Family from Australia, friends from Ireland and local friends all came to wish Joan a very happy birthday. The decorations and flowers were arranged by Tracy and Sally Herrington and the check tablecloths donated by Betty Slim all helped to set the scene for this very special occasion.



The beautiful and delicious birthday cake, with a spray of hand-crafted sugar flowers was made by Sandra Banham. The buffet supper included dishes made using local recipes, Ann Chicken, Jenny

Elliott's Badminton, Cook's Bealings Tarts, and the late Maureen Mothersoles' Suffolk Rusks. A collection of photos put together by Joan's family were woven into a slide show for the big screen by Chris Cheeseman and provided a great focus and talking point.

Thanks to everyone who made this evening so special and all those who sorted out the clearing and washing up.

Grateful thanks to Yvette and Alan Robinson and especially their grandsons, for setting up and clearing away for the Community Lunch on 3rd September. Once again flowers were arranged and provided by Tracy Herrington making the tables look special and welcoming. As always, a big thank you to everyone who helped to serve, clear and wash up.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 1st October 12.30 p.m.

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Other events will be advertised on social media.

## KNIT AND NATTER



The picture of some of the craftwork that has been completed or in progress. With a view of some tasty treats to munch with our tea or coffee. All most helpful for concentration on our craftwork and conversation. We are planning to have a Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 23rd from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in aid of Alzheimer's Society at the Angela Cobbold Hall. We hope you can join us

and find some treasures to take home with you or enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with festive cake. More info to follow in due course. Sorry to mention Christmas already! Until then come and visit us on Monday between 1.00 p.m. & 4.00 p.m. knitting is not compulsory. if you do another craft, bring it along We would love to see what you are interested in. It may give some of us, a new idea to work on.

*Yvette Robinson*

## **WORD FROM THE STUDY**

By the time you will read this, harvest celebrations will be well under way, with Little Bealings and Kesgrave in September and Playford St Mary in October. Nobody does harvest celebrations quite like village churches. From the moment you walk in, the smell of fruit and vegetables makes your senses tingle; for me personally, I love the smell of fresh bread either when you walk past a bakery or even when the bread-maker is on at home, it makes you feel hungry even if you are not and the smell of the greengrocers reminds us of God's goodness towards His people and His promise of provision for all.

Harvest, a time when we pause and remember the many blessings we have, for our farmers who toil day and night in all weathers to put food on our tables. Over the last few years many farmers have struggled with risen price of feeds and fallen gate prices, this has caused great distress to individuals, so we continue to hold them and their families in our prayers at this time. We remember those countries who are suffering because of global warming, either due to floods or land that is so parched it is just dust.

Our climate is changing, the reality of global warming is hitting home; many parts of Europe are affected as well as India and China. The world has provision

for all, but it is how humankind responds is the problem. Leaders and regime's stop the distribution in order to keep themselves in power. The world cries along with the words of the psalmist "How long must my people suffer"? My hopes and prayers are that the world will work together not just pay lip service. People and communities need to work together, we can do this together for the good of all humankind. So, this harvest we will thank God for the past, the present and our future, to help us be better stewards of creation. We want a world for our children to be sustainable. Otherwise, what sort of legacy are we leaving for future generations.

So, over the next few weeks, all our Churches are busy planning for Remembrance Sunday as well as and dare we say the c-word (Christmas) – with shops already in full swing. We are also getting ready to welcome Andrew, our new incumbent and his family as they join us. Andrew is already looking forward to coming to Playford and Little Bealings. He is a great character, full of enthusiasm and will add another dimension to our team.

As a Church, the more we can do to promote God's love for each other the better. All are welcome at our services at 10.00 a.m. on a Sunday, Morning Prayer on Wednesday at Little Bealings at 10.00 a.m., followed by our café opening to provide light lunches, drinks and most importantly, good company.

In the song we sing with the children, it starts off with the words "Our God is a great big God" and finishes with the words "How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan." I could not agree more. I will leave you with this thought, one plus God is a majority. Blessings to you all.

*Reverend Gary Jones*

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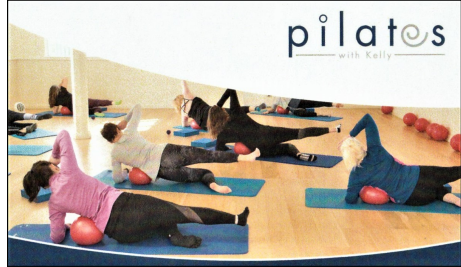
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## PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 4th September 2024. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Council report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website.

Co Cllr Elaine Bryce stated she'd recently escalated the following issues with SC Highways on Playford's behalf:

C324 Work on drainage issues (shelved due to heavy floods in Oct 2024). Elaine is pushing for this to be rescheduled.

C324 Traffic Priority works – this is well overdue as the date keeps being put back - some action is needed here.

Some remedial work on potholes has been done recently but much more is needed and deep wheel ruts at edges of repaired sections of road also need separate attention.

Some questions were asked re signage for local road works which can be misleading, and roads closed earlier than necessary before work was started, which causes annoyance - Highways' funding is very limited for these issues.

Cllr EB offered to fund a new grit bin to replace one smashed earlier this year (allegedly by grass cutting equipment).

### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

Dist. Cllr Colin Hedgley further reported that the Planning team at East Suffolk is

very short staffed and delays with applications and decisions are inevitable. Ben Woolnough is currently in charge of the planning team as former head of planning Philip Ridley is now involved with Sizewell C issues.

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

### PUBLIC FORUM

no comments

### ACTION POINT REVIEW

- Evidence was submitted by the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> August, for the forthcoming appeal (on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024) of reinstating FP26 between Butts Road and Church Road.

- Work on the many large potholes in Butts Road and Church Lane is ongoing – we are awaiting Elaine Bryce's help in progressing this with Highways.

- A large shrub fallen into the lay by in Spring Meadow should be cleared within 20 working days.

- Work on rebuilding the Boules Piste, scheduled to be done on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024. (Later - this was completed on that day). Grateful thanks to Sam Webber and his team for their hard work.

- Work to be done by ES Services clearing the drainage ditch beside Butts Road in front of the village hall has been delayed by heavy schedules and problems obtaining the right equipment. It is now hoped this will be done in October.

- Loose netting on four bridges in the

Alder Carr (FP20) still awaiting attention – clerk will chase this up.

- Grit bin at southern end of Butts Road has been smashed and needs replacing (see under Co. Council report).

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

#### **FINANCE**

Payments were authorised for annual subscription to ICO (£35.00), annual donation to SAVID (£50.00), Q2 tax to HMRC and the clerk's July and August salary. Credits received since last meeting were £3270.00 funding from SAVID for the new SID equipment and quarterly interest of £33.58 on the Reserve account. The budget for 2024-25 is on track and the bank reconciliation was agreed. An offer of a new quote for grass cutting was received – clerk to approach the company for more details before a decision can be made. Some funds are available for Playford in the Play and Sport Funding budget at ESC, and it is hoped this might be used to repair some the matting in the children's play area on the playing field.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

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

Safety of small children playing near junction of Butts Road and Church Lane was discussed following worrying reports - a warning notice was placed in FLN last month and Lightwave Officer Ben Wale has undertaken to talk to parents of small children in the village. There was no SID's report for last month. The new SID equipment for Playford's use has been ordered but no delivery date given yet. No more volunteers have come forward to operate a Speedwatch scheme in Playford so this cannot go ahead – it has to be hoped that having a SID permanently in the village will be sufficient deterrent to speeding motorists.

#### **EMERGENCY PLAN**

A template for this is ready and will be circulated to councillors soon, all councillors have agreed to have their contact details published on the Plan and the Village Hall Committee has been asked to supply contact details of their committee members also. Social media groups are being considered as platforms to relay messages. A meeting will be arranged at the Village Hall to update residents in due course and to enlist volunteers.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- The Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Annual Men's Cycle Race 2024 is coming through Playford on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September and Butts Road will be closed for a short time.

- A letter of thanks is to be sent to Ian Poole, our Neighbourhood Plan consultant for his hard work in succeeding to get our N/Plan completed.

- A thermal imaging scheme may be made available in the parish if someone can be found to liaise with the company operating it.

- A *gov.uk* domain name for Playford PC's website is being discussed as this will almost certainly become obligatory at some stage – this is ongoing and funding needs to be explored.

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

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7.00 p.m.

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## **PLAYFORD W.I.**

'Fabrics, fashion & food' from The Gambia proved a fascinating combination at our September meeting, as we learnt more about the country, crafts and traditions from our returning speaker. We were delighted to be treated to traditionally cooked dishes and took home recipes for Benechin and Gambian Domoda. An impromptu catwalk followed as we enjoyed trying on traditional dresses. All in all, it was a very entertaining and educational evening.

Look out for details of the forthcoming village Litter Pick on October 13th. We're participating with the Lightwave 'Emerge' group and hope that many Playford residents will join in too. Homemade refreshments to follow!

On October 1st we'll celebrate Playford WI's 101st birthday! November 5th sees our AGM and December 3rd is our Christmas meeting. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in Playford Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome, please contact [playfordwi@gmail.com](mailto:playfordwi@gmail.com)

## **ST MARY'S**

### **SERVICES**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 a.m.**  
**Harvest Service.**

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 a.m.**  
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## **BINKY & CO**

Binky was still grieving over the loss of his robot lawnmower. He blamed himself for leaving the front gate open and his wife, Indigo, blamed him anyway regardless of a gate, door or anything being open.

His efforts at recovering his friend "Zan" were beginning to lose momentum as door after door was shut in his face when asking the resident if he or she had seen his mower. Binky decided the whole situation required a re think. He decided to talk it through with Indigo as she sometimes came up with some good ideas. They sat down at the breakfast table to which Binky thought was going to be a deep, meaningful, scientific analysis of penetrating insight into the myriads of possibilities concerning the loss of his beloved (the lawnmower, not his wife).

Instead, Indigo opened the proceedings by saying "Binky it's been stolen you bloody fool" she then got up and left. Binky was disappointed at the lack of forensic detective work but had to agree she did have a point. Binky pondered. The next best thing he thought was to report it to the police as stolen property, that at least was a positive step.

The next day Binky drove into town with grim determination to sort this out once and for all. He made a mental note of the potholes he had to drive around and his fear of sleeping policemen which he was slowly getting over. Taking about half an

hour to find a parking space and then realising he had no change for the parking meter and so would have to use his credit card, the pin number of which he realised he had very inconveniently forgotten. After an acrimonious telephone call to Indigo to find his little book of PIN numbers (or to be grammatically correct his book of PINS. One cannot have a book of Personal Identification Numbers numbers). Binky fought with the machine for a good ten minutes to an ever increasing crescendo of "Tut Tuts" and "Get on with it, you idiot" from the queue behind him.

Anyway, once parked, Binky strode purposely off to the Police Station. On arrival the ball point pen notice sellotaped to the door stated 'Closed-open 10 till 12 today.' Binky checked his watch, half an hour to wait and no outside seating. He lent against the door which immediately opened. Binky fell backwards and ended up a heap on the floor just inside the police station. A voice said, "Do not lean against this door." A foot in his back pushed him unceremoniously back on to the pavement and the door slammed shut. At precisely 10 o'clock the door reopened, and Binky walked in.

The counter, behind which stood a yellow, peak capped car park attendant who identified himself on a large plastic badge as Constable John Christie, seemed rather tall to Binky which, he surmised, was to engender a feeling of inferiority to the customer and one of power and authority to the person behind. "Yes?" boomed the yellow constable.

Binky told him in the nicest of ways (Binky felt very inferior at this point, so the tall counter theory was working) that he wished to report the theft of his lawnmower. The constable produced a six-page form for Binky to fill in which took about forty-five minutes. When completed Binky took it back to the constable and handed it over. The constable read it. "Not much we can do about this sonny" he said in a defeatist sort of way. Binky asked why not. "Well," said the constable "Today is Wednesday so that's hate crime, woke crime and petty crime such as murder. Now if you come back on Friday we deal with theft, abduction, stabbings and any other miscellaneous offences." Binky's heart sank. He was in tears. Would he ever get his lawnmower back?

## **The Charity of Mary Kate Stevenson**

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### **PLAYFORD PARISH HALL**

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of Playford Parish Hall will be held in The Parish Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 10th October.

Do come and join us to find out more about this important village asset.

*Sue Lister, Secretary*





## PLAYFORD LITTER PICK!

Let's come together to make our village a cleaner, greener place!  
Doing our bit for 'East Suffolk's Amazing' campaign, Playford WI & Lightwave 'Emerge' will be walking round the village and woods, armed with litter pickers!

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## **CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **CULPHOMUSIC**

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](mailto:cmp0601@hotmail.com/07925251802/culphomusic.uk)

On Sunday 8th of September we enjoyed the bike riders participating in the last stage of the 2024 Tour of Britain race through the community. It was a spectacular sight watching the riders if only for a very brief time!!! I am always fascinated by the entourage of all the police bikers, press and camera crews, support vehicles and the helicopter, thankfully the weather remained dry so that we could appreciate the event and marvel at all the preparation that is required.

A Culpho resident has been very diligent in reporting a fly tipping incident in the vicinity to the local authority. This has resulted in the culprit having to clear up the area together with a fine imposed. Please report fly tipping in order to keep our countryside looking clean and tidy

Services at St Botolph's Culpho in October

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

October 27<sup>th</sup> 3.00 p.m. Evensong

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## NOVEMBER 2024 NEWS

Contributions for the November 2024 News to be submitted by:

**5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

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