

Fynn - Lark News

DECEMBER - JANUARY 2022



What Can I give Him?

I think we all have a secret love for Father Christmas! The real St Nicholas actually was the most generous and kind of Bishops all those centuries ago. It is just that his story became over-sentimentalised - whereby his mitre gave way for a bright red costume with a fluffy white beard – and usually associated with a visit in our youth to the nearest big department store.

You can also see him most afternoons in daily American Christmas films on Channel 5 – enough to spoil the so called ‘magic’ of ‘Winterval’ – the latest woke phrase for a religious-free ‘Festival.’ That most vociferous of atheists, Dr Richard Dawkins, has said how much he loves singing Christmas carols so no wonder there is a ‘mixed message’ here.

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

In both Churches I am privileged to serve; we are about to have our 'Toy Services' to donate new gifts for those in Suffolk who would otherwise go without. I am very grateful to all our kind donors – not least because we continually try to interpret and act upon the familiar Biblical stories and bring them to life in our contemporary context. They speak of bringing gifts to the infant king, born in a poor manger, who was then destined to become a child refugee. It is good to have a reality check on the real meaning of Christmas.

It is even better to know that God came to

share His life with us here on earth whereby each and every one of us is loved equally and unconditionally. Sometimes it takes a lifetime to discover this most liberating of truths; sometimes we prefer to take the path of nostalgia or consumerism which only deflect from the journey we still need to make. At a very hopeful and devotional time of year, let's concentrate our hearts and minds: that the precious gift of Bethlehem's Christ-child may enter into and transform our lives this Christmas, and help us to live more generously and faithfully.

*Revd. Nigel Prior
Rector, Great Bealings*

Christmas Greetings

We take this opportunity to wish all our readers a happy festive season, hoping that the grey clouds of Covid which have been enveloping so many of our activities, may allow in much festive brightness. We also wish you all health and prosperity in 2022.

Grateful thanks to all the collectors and deliverers who have made sure the magazine reaches so many people in our communities, keeping them informed and connected throughout 2021.

Wendy Wilson is retiring from being a collector at the end of this year as she is moving. Grateful thanks for all her dedication and hard work over the years.

If you can take on the role of collector (usually twice a year) please contact Peter Carr on 01473 620213. pandvcarr55@gmail.com.

This is also the time to thank all our readers and advertisers for their support throughout the past year. Both financially and motivationally we continue to be buoyed by that support. Thank you. We embark on 2022 in good shape and spirits.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

BEALINGS SCHOOL

We are delighted to include this month a significant contribution from Bealings School. This fine little school, set in the heart of Little Bealings, but serving villages all around, achieves wider recognition way beyond our local boundaries, is an integral part of the daily lives of many, and is nestled deep in the memories of others, so it is good that we are kept informed about how life there progresses. Thank you for finding the time in busy, often stressful lives, to put this piece together.

CHURCH SERVICES

We have received no comments, positive or negative about the placing of church items and timings of services with respective villages, so will continue to publish such information under the village heading.

OLLIE NASH

We are sorry to record the passing of Olle Nash in St Elizabeth Hospice on November 2nd at the age of 64. He was an ex-soldier, living in Playford. He had served with REME, as we understand it, joining up straight after school. He spent

much time with BAOR at bases all around Germany. He also served in the 1st Iraq War (1990).

More recently, we have followed his courageous sailing trip around Britain as he spent some of his final months raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, knowing that he was himself suffering from cancer. He had only just returned from that trip in September.

Ollie was a trustee of Playford Village Hall and until very recently was an active member of its management committee. Before the COVID crisis Ollie had also been very involved in organising the village fetes at Playford Hall. He will be sorely missed within the village.

Our condolences to his wife, Lesley, daughters Emma and Tara, and three grandchildren, and our hopes that they will be sustained by memories of Ollie's inspirational courage.

LIFE-TIME AWARD FOR RICHARD GARNHAM

Long-term Culpho churchwarden and local farmer, Richard Garnham was lined up to give the November Ipswich Town Lecture with a talk, the title of which, "A Life-Time in Farming", is familiar to local residents. The picture which appeared in

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the EADT alongside that announcement, dated back to 2018, when Richard's long career in agriculture was acknowledged and honoured by his receiving an award for his life-time service to farming. Here he is pictured with Baroness Byford who was President of the Suffolk Show in 2018.



For many years he was the farm manager for Lord Cranworth, responsible for land in and around our local villages. He received those wonderful accolades as he moved into retirement. We congratulate Richard, retrospectively, on this award, and on his being selected to give that special talk. Those who know Richard will agree that such honours are richly deserved.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR JOHN

MIDWINTER

We are very sorry to report the death on 13th November of Professor John Midwinter, of Lower Cottage, Great Bealings. John had fought back from

undergoing aortic valve replacement some 15 years ago, helped by medically prescribed long, regular walks with his beloved dogs. Ever the scholarly scientist, he had even prepared a lecture on “Man’s Best Friend”. His main interest in recent years, however, was Climate Change, so it is particularly ironic that John should have passed away on the very day that COP26 was concluded. He had been a passionate campaigner for many years, giving lectures both locally and with U3A on the dangers threatening our planet.

John was a Fellow of the Royal Society; his distinguished career having been broadly spent in telecoms. He had been a professor (of Opto-electronics) at University College, London, worked for three years in the USA, and then returned to a post at BT Research Centre where he led a team pioneering the use of Fibre Optics.



This led to his meeting the Queen when she visited Martlesham, to the award of the OBE and to frequent lecture visits abroad. He remained Emeritus Professor after his retirement.

John and Maureen had moved to Bealings in the 1980s, into Lower Cottage, which John converted into a house displaying the finest of environmental credentials. He reckoned it

had become energy neutral.



Professor John Midwinter – widely published - with his wife, Maureen, receiving the OBE

John shared his talents with the local community which he supported in many ways. Most recently, in June, he opened up his meadow on the banks of the Lark, as part of Great Bealings Open Gardens. His meadow with its many wildlife features, was evidence of his strong support of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. He was an enthusiastic and thoughtful participant in local affairs, and ready supporter of much that goes on in the village.

We offer our deepest condolences to Maureen and family on their loss. It is also a loss to our local community, as well as to the world of science, to both of which John gave so much.

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NATURE NOTES

Mr Mole



The garden has been subject to random pop-up molehills, made by what I am told is not a resident mole – the ground is too sandy for a regular supply of juicy worms – but by an itinerant, rogue mole, who just takes potluck, popping in from time to time, just on the off-chance of finding a decent supply of edible items. Perhaps the results of his tunnelling and earthmoving are even more annoying because of their randomness. Heaps of soil emerge in the middle of the lawn, in the flower beds, under edging bricks, with no apparent linking tunnels. All rather cross-making.

But despite the irritation, I have wildlife credentials – we even went on a COP26 march! -, so, the horticultural irritability – anger at worst - has to be tempered by self-imposed alternative thoughts seeing him as a loveable, industrious little furry creature which is only doing what moles are created to do. So even if we had a trap to catch him, we probably wouldn't have the heart. We certainly wouldn't contemplate catching him, plus related family, and think of turning them all into a velvety moleskin coat, as does – maybe still? – happen.

I tried to get into his little moley head, and

to be grateful to him for recognizing that our garden is an attractive place to visit, and that turning over the soil is only the same as what I do when it's time for autumn digging, so could actually be beneficial. Perhaps I should take it as a compliment that he pays us these irregular visits.

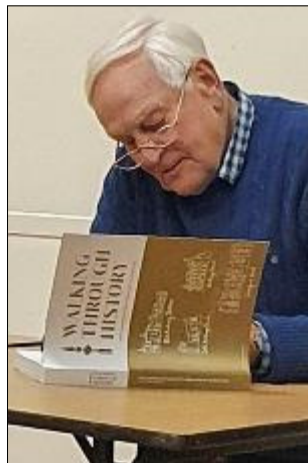
For a more scientific summary try the following: Moles are small mammals adapted to a subterranean (If you like new words *-fossorial*) lifestyle. They have cylindrical bodies, velvety fur, very small, inconspicuous eyes and ears, reduced hind-limbs, and short, powerful fore-limbs with large paws adapted for digging. Moles are known pests to human activities such as agriculture, lawncare, and gardening. They do not eat plant roots but cause damage indirectly by eating earthworms and other small invertebrates in the soil. While moles may be viewed as pests, they do provide many positive contributions to the soil, gardens, and ecosystem, including soil aeration, feeding on slugs and other small creatures that do eat plant roots, and providing prey for other wildlife.

And if you wish to extend the semantic field even further, then under “moles” you can include spies, nasty little pimples on the skin, and breakwater structures. All a bit confusing. Add to that the fact that those many moleskin trousers have nothing to do with moles.

For those who enjoy accessing internet pictures, the one above came up with the caption “Cat lying in the grass!”

HISTORY CORNER

I have been completely overwhelmed by the response to the launch of “Walking through History.” It was exhilarating to see so many people coming along to the Village Hall to buy or pick up copies which had previously been ordered. Many people have contributed, in so many different ways, to providing the content for the book and it has been wonderful to share with them those moments and memories which have now become embedded in this history of our villages. The more material I collected, the surer I became that we in Little and Great Bealings, jointly have a history of which we can be collectively proud.



For those who could not make it to the Village Hall, and did not hear the mnemonic on which I based the words of introduction I repeat it here:

B: The beginning of the book – when Rev Christine Everett asked me to be churchwarden over 20 years ago, and I unwittingly found myself with, in the shape of St Mary’s Church, a historical legacy and treasure trove of history, alongside the implicit duty to engage with people in that capacity.

E: How it evolved – the accumulation of so much material, pictures, anecdotes – 20 years’ worth – with the overwhelming sense that something needed to happen to preserve it all for posterity. And then Covid – all that walking, and the realisation that our history could be sequenced by following those walking trails.

A: Apologies for omissions, mistakes, distortions – with the limp explanation that I don’t claim to be a proper historian, just a retired teacher of languages.

L: The history as a sort of love letter A/To Bealings, for many happy retirement years living there. B/ To Suffolk and its lovely villages and C/ For those generations who preceded us, who feature prominently in the book, and who endured so much – two world wars, much austerity, far fewer material comforts than we enjoy today – but who complained so little.

I: Inside the covers – village life as a microcosm of the world: joy, tragedy, wartime, scandal, celebration, achievement, sorrow, school, church, landscape, gardens, people, animals, houses.

N: Nostalgia – while being grateful for the many comforts of modern living, regretting the days when villages seemed to be more self-sufficient, socially cohesive, less dependent on the car and the outside world.

G: Gratitude to all who have supported the project either financially or by providing material that could be included in the narrative. Without material provided by Jim Pawsey the Little Bealings sections would have been much the poorer. Particular gratitude to Sarah Royle for her wonderful designing skills, which turned a historical narrative into a thing of some beauty.

S: Sales – there are only 500 copies, but we need to sell most of them to get into the black. The book acquired a certain momentum once we realised its potential, so the initial budget was exceeded. The more we can sell the better – and hopefully the ripples will extend beyond Bealings.

So that all spells **BEALINGS** – with its history, not sponsored by the Bealings Tourist Board, but a history which will hopefully encapsulate the reasons why those who live there can be proud of their heritage and pass that pride on to generations to come. Walk tall as you stride through that history!

Norman Porter

WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

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CAMELS HAVE TWO HUMPS!

It is old news that, just after my arrival in Lockdown, our Benefice officially united with Woodbridge to become 'two-in-one'. To date, the cross-fertilisation (particularly for 'united' services) has been very tentative and small but hopefully that will change as we grow closer together in faith, trust, and love over the coming months.

To help encourage that process I want to offer an open 'Surgery' on Monday afternoons or evenings, starting from 10th January onwards. If it is too cold and uncomfortable to meet in the Church (which it probably is!), we can easily meet up in either your home or at St Mary's House in Market Hill. Just ring to fix a time – it is as much social as spiritual – or possibly both; whatever is on your hearts and minds?

Another new and creative development is the addition of a monthly non-Eucharistic service from January which will be led by one of our Elders. This will be a short Morning Prayer with a reflection on the Gospel of the day, followed by a warming cup of coffee and chat afterwards. Please let me know when you think the best time would be.

I also want to 'flag up' the great opportunities we have in celebrating the Queen's remarkable 'Platinum' anniversary especially between the months of May-September next year! Many churches and local communities

are already thinking how they could form collaborative community projects that will be mutually beneficial for very many years to come once the parties have fizzled out.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all soon:

Fr Nigel
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CHURCH NOTES

November is the month of Remembrance. The scurrying of autumn leaves across grey skies is so often the backdrop to it all, together with well-known readings, distilled from those times of national strife. For so much of the year we seem far removed from such times, enveloped as we are, in a world of much greater material comfort than was known to our war-scarred forbears.

But – it is good to remember. Not all do. Cars sped seemingly unheeding past the small group gathered around our War Memorial, en route to more important business, no doubt. For those gathered together to remember, including distant relatives of the fallen, it matters deeply. Something as apparently harmless as apathy could always allow such atrocities to happen again. We must remember.

It was significant that this year our Remembrance Service was put together jointly by the Church and the Parish Council, representatives of the religious and the secular sides of our lives. It was appropriate that a dovetailing of the two should have led to a harmonious, albeit solemn occasion. The village, represented by the two major

representative groups within it, did its duty.

LOOKING BACK

CHURCHES TOGETHER - COP26 WOODBRIDGE MARCH

Some 300 people took part in this peaceful but determined march. It began down by the river, proceeded to Elmhurst Park, along the Thoroughfare and then up to Market Hill. Music was played. Songs were sung. Speeches relevant to the Glasgow conference were heard. The points about the threat of climate change were defiantly made. Woodbridge and surrounding areas had added their voice to the most important debate of our time.



PCC MEETING - 9TH NOVEMBER

The PCC met in the relatively cosy surroundings of the Seckford Room, in Woodbridge.

A constructive meeting ensued, the chief points arising being:

a/ Finance and work to be done. The situation remains challenging. We have significant work to carry out following the Quinquennial inspection, including electrical repairs. We are also looking to be pro-active in refurbishing the back of the church to create more meeting space. We have still to pay half our Parish Share.

b/ Music: the Woodbridge choirmaster of some 40 years standing is retiring. A replacement is being sought, and it is hoped that he/she may agree to some

sort of input into Great Bealings activities.

c/ Meeting for all supporters and helpers. It is intended that we should arrange a social gathering in the church, so that plans for the future can be made and co-ordinated, bringing in all who have expressed a willingness to help in some sort of way, whether or not they are regular attenders of services. A range of dates and times will be offered.

d/ Rector's "Surgery". It is hoped to find a regular time during the week when our Rector can be available for anyone to come and see him. This could be in a church or home setting.

e/ Christmas Market – all were warmly invited to the Market – our first. The proceeds, including proceeds from the raffle are to be shared between the two churches – a very generous offer. This will have been an opportunity for Bealings people to explore and find out more about their sister church in a festive context.

f/ An additional service per month. Woodbridge "Elders" have offered to help with an additional service every month – something potentially very different from our current Family Communion. Views will be sought.

LOOKING AHEAD

SERVICES

Sunday December 5th – 9.30 a.m. - our regular first day of the month Service, but one with a difference. This will be a Toy service. You are invited to bring along toys which can be offered to children who might otherwise have a relatively barren Christmas.

Carol Service: Friday 17th December at 7.30 p.m. We will be joined by members of the Woodbridge Choir on this occasion, leading us in our singing. It is also possible that enthusiastic local singers could join up with them for this one-off occasion, the only rehearsal being shortly before the service. Do contact the churchwarden if you are interested. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer after the service.

Christmas Eve:

5.00 p.m. Benefice Crib & Christingle Service @ Woodbridge.

8.00 p.m. Christmas Night Family Communion @ Great Bealings.

11.00 p.m. Sung Parish Mass for Midnight @ Woodbridge.

Christmas Day:

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist @ Woodbridge.

10.00 a.m. Benefice Festival Eucharist @ Woodbridge.

Please also refer to services being held, at other times, at St Mary's, Woodbridge

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: A Day of fun and action is being arranged, bringing the two Bealings villages together at the Village Hall and Sports Field, starting at 12.00.

This means that there is the possibility that our Sunday morning Service, this being the first day of the month, our normal day for a service, can well be part of that day of celebration, and indeed, give it the sort of launch platform so fitting for our Queen, Head of the Church of England, alongside her many other accomplishments as sovereign over the 70 years of her extraordinary reign.

CHURCHYARD

We can now enjoy six months off-duty: no mowing, strimming, just keeping a watchful eye open for winter damage. So far so good.

*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
(nhp@rillcott.co.uk)*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Rector, Father Nigel, was on civic duty in Woodbridge at 11 am, so, with his agreement, a ceremony was put together by PC Chairman, Sue Prentice, and Churchwarden, Norman Porter.

Around 20 people assembled by the War Memorial, the occasion made all the more poignant by the presence, amongst this number, of relatives of two of the fallen. The wreath was laid by June Pendle,

granddaughter of Charles Prodger. She was accompanied by her cousin, Brian Prodger. Similarly represented was the Mutimer family, in the person of Francis. Two of his great uncles were killed in WW1, while two other family members, including his grandfather, fought in the war and returned to the village, one of them, Reg, having been awarded the Military Medal for heroism in the field.

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

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We have no definite plans for the immediate future, but there is the prospect of reviving the planned German Evening sometime next year.

The start of the month of June will largely be given over to village celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, but that may not necessarily preclude the possibility of a repeat of last year's Open Gardens occasion at the end of June. We had something of a surplus of gardens last year, so the possibility of a repeat event, with possible adjustments in response to suggestions made last year, is on the cards. Do let us have reactions, for and against, including offers of gardens that might be offered to be opened. Last year it was a wonderfully sociable occasion, bringing in people from way beyond the village.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

These are now being published under the separate parish headings, for the sake of local convenience.

NEWS FROM BEALINGS SCHOOL

As usual, we have been busy at Bealings School since we last featured in the Fynn Lark News and there is much to catch up on.

Firstly, we were all happy to be back together once again in September! And

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despite the odd case of isolation here and there, school has been pretty 'normal.' Unfortunately, due to a high spike in school-age cases in Suffolk, the local authority requested a return to masks and on-site visitor restrictions after half term, however, within our walls the exciting work continues, and the children do not notice too much of a difference.

The fictional contexts that we work within are up and running and the children are all engaged in meaningful and engaging problems:

Reception were Storyland Problem Solvers who were helping Winnie the Witch with broken wands and a party to organise. They are now a post office helping the Jolly Postman with his deliveries.

Year 1 and 2 are Sea Life Savers who have rescued a beached whale close to the mouth of the River Deben and are currently helping the RNLI to locate some missing fishermen.

Year 3 and 4 are The Town Team and have been commissioned to design a garden in London. Once work started, they came across buried objects from the time of the Great Fire and are currently using drama to explore life at this time.

Year 5 and 6 are Worldwide Rescue, a specialist search and rescue team, called to a collapsed mine in Egypt. Well, you can guess what they have found whilst conducting their rescue.

We are now delivering free ukulele and guitar lessons to all pupils in Years 4 and 5, and those who would like to continue lessons in Year 6. Every pupil has been loaned an instrument to practise with. We hope that this tuition will continue for years to come, and all pupils will leave the school being able to play both instruments. We thank newly qualified Bealings teacher and local band member, History and Lore's Alice Hood, for delivering this across key stage two.

During the summer term, a film crew spent several days in the school and many weeks after, filming and producing two short films about our methods and

ethos. The first, 'Bealings: A Community of Creators,' is a day in the life of two Year 6 pupils, and the second, 'Bealings Unpacked' is an edited version of this film with added commentary from us. Both films can be found on the home page of our school website www.bealings.org.uk and our Instagram page [@bealings_school](https://www.instagram.com/bealings_school).

Bealings pupils also starred in another film, Dance Under Suffolk Skies, which premiered at the Riverside cinema in Woodbridge in September. This was a community dance project that, because of covid restrictions, led to the children joyously dancing around the Bealings countryside. As soon as this is freely available to the public, we will let you know.

In October, we spoke at the 'International Festival of Childhood,' hosted by our friends in Leiston, known as the oldest democratic school in the world: Summerhill. The audience, made up of educators predominantly from the alternative independent sector, were keen to hear how we run a democratic school within the increasingly restrictive local authority-maintained system.

In the same month, we also hosted an international study visit trip for 8 Danish teachers from our link school in Copenhagen. They spent two days at Bealings learning about our methods and developing their own skills.

The school has recently purchased a defibrillator for the local community. This has been fixed to the school building and is hoped will save vital time for those in the Sandy Lane area, if ever needed. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will invite our neighbours to attend a training evening to learn how to access and use it.

And finally, Duncan was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Suffolk. As headteacher for 25 years, Bealings has been on a Journey from traditional institution to 21st century school for children. This internationally recognised work in education was honoured at the university in a graduation

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ceremony on 23 October, when Duncan accepted a Fellowship of the University on behalf of our Bealings Team and gave a key- note address to this year's cohort of newly qualified teachers. Our local University also looks forward to students learning more about our philosophy and methods.

Wishing our neighbours, the very best for the festive period and look forward to keeping you up to date with events moving through into 2022.

Follow us on Instagram if you want to have more regular updates about what we are up to: @bealings_school

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 9th NOVEMBER 2021

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER AND 12TH OCTOBER 2021

The minutes were approved for signature, subject to the removal of "*and also install a handrail*" from minute 5(i) of 23rd September

TALKING bench – Sally Johnson (SJ) reported that a quotation for the steps had been accepted, but the contractor had subsequently withdrawn. She is seeking another.

MEET YOUR MP EVENT -Some topics were proposed that could be discussed with Dr Poulter and it was agreed that a meeting would be useful.

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS - Following the advertisement for a Councillor to replace Rob Munn, ESC has confirmed that there were no requests for an election, therefore the PC can proceed with a co-option. The Chairman welcomed Trevor Harris to the meeting, who was attending as an observer.

REPORTS:

County Councillor, Elaine Bryce – EB had submitted a report which had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. There were no questions on this. In her absence, CH reported that any highways issues should be raised with SCC via their reporting tool. The reference number may then be notified to EB who will follow it up. EB had recently joined a Speedwatch session one morning, which was very much welcomed.

District Councillor, Colin Hedgley – a report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported that the new system of disposing of food waste had generated many complaints, but this will not be changed as it is a government directive. Details have been circulated about a Winter Support Grant for vulnerable people. The PC can apply on behalf of families – they cannot apply direct.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Decision Updates

DC/21/3045 – Land next to Lavender Cottage, Kiln Lane and DC/21/3993 – Regency House, Lower Street – both awaiting decision by ESC

DC/21/4327 – Barn B, Woodbarn Cottages – application permitted by ESC

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ESC is inviting comments on three new Consultations:

- ◆ Sustainable Construction – Sue Prentice (SP) will look at this and anything pertinent will be included in the revised Neighbourhood Plan

- ◆ Affordable Housing – the PC has no comments on this

- ◆ Cycling and Walking Strategy – individual Cllrs need to respond to this themselves

SP reported that some members of the parish – none of whom were present at this meeting – had complained to her that the new exterior lighting at Croft Cottage, Lower Street is excessive and constitutes light pollution. CH will take this up with ESC Enforcement and Environmental Health.

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SP updated Cllrs on progress. It is now clear that there will have to be a public presentation and she proposed that this is held during the January PC meeting.

NB. This has subsequently been arranged for Thursday 6th January

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SAVID/SID – The deadline for the first round of ANPR cameras has been missed due to lack of consent for the proposed positioning. However, due to the active Speedwatch team focus which gives more flexibility, this is not immediately necessary.

EB has circulated the criteria details required for a speed limit extension in Lodge Road. JCJ and CS are considering this and will report to the next meeting.

Quiet Lanes – SP reported limited success. All signage is proceeding apart from Lower Street where it has not yet been possible to find a suitable location for a sign at the junction of Lodge Road. Efforts will continue.

Community Partnership – Road Safety Forum –The ESC Community Partnership team are proposing to hold a

local Road Safety Forum to raise issues that have been reported to SCC Highways but have received no action. This is of great interest and CH will attend on behalf of GtB.

Community Partnership – Road and Traffic Safety Funding – Applications for funding for Road and Traffic Safety matters are now being invited from stakeholders. Submissions must be made by 17th December. CH will make an application.

Other Highways matters – SCC is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county and have circulated a survey. PCs are then asked to liaise with their County Cllr to endorse the issues for inclusion as part of the review. SP will complete the survey and EB will be forwarded details.

Footpaths – Numerous finger posts are lying on the ground. SP is still waiting for the 'Discover Suffolk' plaques and when these are put up the PC will carry out a survey of posts that need replacing and record them on a map for SCC.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

SJ reported that the joint Great Bealings and Little Bealings steering group have met, and she provided provisional details of an event to be held on Sunday 5th June at midday at the Village Hall and playing field. Regular meetings of the steering group will follow.

Trees:

Queen's Green Canopy – JCJ is still awaiting delivery of the 150 native trees but understands that this is due soon.

Other matters – it was suggested that a specimen tree (container grown) should be purchased and planted at the Jubilee event, to mark the occasion. The location will be subject to the consent of the Village Hall Committee.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Six payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and office expenses, also the village sign insurance.

Draft Budget 2022/23 - The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for 2022/23 which showed the estimated basic expenditure for the current year to be £6120 against the budgeted amount of £5360. The main reason for this is the increase to the Clerk's hours which was not approved until March 2021. The proposed budget for next year is £6400. This was provisionally agreed and will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Provisional Precept Discussion

The current precept of £5900 included £600 to be transferred to reserves, an annual amount agreed for 5 years in order to bring the PC's reserves up the level recommended for smaller authorities. However, it was agreed in January 2021 (Minute 13ii) that this figure would be needed for the salary increase and would have to be regularised when setting the precept in 2022. Therefore, the provisional precept amount for 2022/23 is £7500, which includes a £1200 transfer to reserves. This represents an increase for a Band D property of £11.84 per year. A final decision will be made in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

ESC is proposing some changes to its Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and are seeking the views of local stakeholders. A consultation has been launched which SP will look at.

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2022

Thursday 6th January

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 10th May – Annual Meetings

July – TBC

Thursday 1st September

Tuesday 8th November

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th January 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 at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

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**GREAT BEALINGS
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
7.15 p.m. Thursday 6th January 2022
Bealings Village Hall**

All residents are invited to attend to hear and discuss details of the proposed changes to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

A routine Parish Council meeting will commence at 6.30pm which all residents are welcome to attend. The open meeting will start not before 7.15 pm, after the Parish Council meeting has been concluded.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Council meetings held on 4 October, 1 November and 22 November:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSIONS

Matters raised on 1 November were the reporting of the public participation session in the minutes and the exclusion of the public when the Admiral's Head was being discussed.

The Rev Gary Jones reported that the PCC had applied for a Faculty to enable the Parish Council's maintenance of the War Memorial to proceed and thanked all those involved in the project.

At the meeting on 22 November the applicant and a neighbour spoke in respect of planning application DC/21/4755/FUL: Alterations to Existing Bungalow including New Room with Rooms within Roof space together with Elevational Alterations: Piriac, Sandy Lane

UPDATES

Anglian Water had confirmed that the Admiral's Head was a 'connectable property' to the new sewer and that when a design was complete, it would want to meet with the PC and with residents.

The Chairman had attended the ESC Community Partnership meeting in October, and both he and Mike Garnham had attended an ESC Community Partnership Road and Traffic Safety Workshop.

Douglas Hunter had represented the Council at a SALC Area Meeting held in September and the Chairman had attended a further SALC meeting where parishes had discussed a survey regarding satisfaction with ESC planning services. Representations would be

made to ESC.

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Chris Cheeseman was co-opted to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APPOINTMENTS

Ian Ransome was appointed the Council's new representative at Woodbridge and District Anti-Social Behaviour Meetings.

Mike Garnham was appointed to represent the Council at the next ESC Community Partnership meeting.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

These are available on the Council's website.

PLANNING POLICY

In view of continuing concerns about the effect of the SCLP 'Clusters' policy on the parish, the Council met with an officer from ESC Planning Department before the meeting held on 22 November to discuss application of the policy.

ESC PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATIONS

It was agreed to respond to consultation on a Cycling and Walking Strategy by reiterating that Martlesham Road and Playford Road were regularly used by cyclists and by walkers passing between public footpaths and that traffic calming to reduce the speed and volume of traffic would make these roads safer for these users.


PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/21/3584/FUL: Erection of a 4 Bay Garage - Bealings Holt Martlesham Road

DC/21/3402/FUL: Erection of garage - The Chestnuts Martlesham Road

DC/21/4162/FUL: Proposed extensions &

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alterations. (Ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space) proposal) - Woodside Martlesham Road

DC/21/4343/FUL: Construction of two-storey dwelling and formation of vehicular access to Martlesham Road - Bealings Holt, Part West Garden Martlesham Road Given that permission had previously been granted for a dwelling on this site there had been no objection to the development.

DC/21/1714/FUL: Proposed erection of 1 No. new residential dwelling with attached garage – Land north of Martlesham Road and adjacent to The Old School House Martlesham Road

These applications had been approved by ESC.

DC/20/4457/FUL: Construction of 1 No. two storey dwelling - Homeleigh Cottage The Street. The applicants had appealed against ESC's refusal of the application.

DC/21/2790/FUL: New Cart Lodge: 5 Michael's Mount This application had

been refused by ESC.

AP/21/0017/LAWFUL: Appeal against decision of ECS to refuse Certificate of Lawful Use - The Chestnuts Martlesham Road Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LX The appeal had been refused and ESC had been asked when enforcement action would be taken.

DC/21/4620 FUL: Alterations and Extensions to Existing Dwelling and Retention of a Boundary Fence Adjacent to the Public Highway: Ascalon, Playford Road It was agreed that there was no objection to the proposed development of the dwelling, but there were concerns about the boundary fence and gate.

DC/21/4755/FUL: Alterations to Existing Bungalow including New Room with Rooms within Roof space together with Elevational Alterations: Piriac, Sandy Lane

It was agreed to object to the application in view of the impact on the privacy on a neighbouring property and the design of the front elevation.

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SINKS PIT

It was agreed to ask if planning permission was required for new fencing and a new building on the site.

NOISE ABATEMENT AT SINKS PIT

It was agreed to seek clarity from ESC on the factors which were relevant to noise abatement and the timescale for compliance with the noise abatement notice. It was agreed that the Chairman would represent the Council at the next Sinks Pit liaison meeting.

HIGHWAYS

SCC Lorry Route Consultation

It was agreed to respond and support the existing weight restrictions in the area.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition Scheme

It was agreed to propose four sites in the parish for this to SCC.

FOOTPATHS

The Wardens had inspected all the paths in September and October and cleared Footpath 16. It was resolved to invite SCC on site to discuss long term flooding problems on Footpath 18.

NEW POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

It was agreed to respond supporting more resource to deal with rural crime. It had been proposed that the police should visit at School pick up time to give advice on keeping property safe from rural crime.

WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE

The Council had secured a grant from the War Memorials Trust for 52% of the cost of the works and it was agreed that the Council would fund the remaining 48%. Work could not start until a Faculty had been secured.

FINANCE

The internal control report for the second quarter had been completed by Douglas Hunter and no issues had arisen. A new savings account would be opened at Barclays Bank and Mr Ransome would be appointed a new signatory on the Council's existing and new accounts. The second half of the present, £6,000,

had been received. Expenditure was authorised for the Clerk's salary and PAYE payments for November and December, the Clerk's expenses and the Council's website hosting fee.

BUDGET FOR 2022/23

A draft budget, which proposed raising the precept by £1,000, was considered and approval of it deferred to the Council meeting on 12 January 2022. It was agreed to include the annual purchase of a poppy wreath and digitization of all the Council's previous Minute Books, as deposited with Suffolk Records Office.

ASSET REGISTER REVIEW

The register was reviewed and updated.

RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR 2021/22

These were reviewed and updated. It was agreed to purchase a replacement grit bin for the verge by the Church.

CHRISTMAS CARD

As cards had been donated, it was agreed to send a Christmas card to all residents.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

It was resolved to exclude the public for the Council's consideration of what the Council's next steps may be following its attendance at the appeal (made by the owners into the refusal of ESC to grant change of use permission for the pub), dependent upon the Inspector's decision.

DATE OF MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Committee Room at the Village Hall did not offer sufficient social distancing and that meetings would therefore either take place in the Main Hall or the Angela Cobbold Hall. Dates were agreed as follows: Wednesday 12 January and Wednesday 9 March 2022 (also the Annual Parish Meeting) at the Village Hall and, subject to further consideration of a venue, on Tuesday 3 May (the Annual Parish Council Meeting), Monday 4 July, Monday 5 September, and Monday 7 November 2022 and on Monday 9 January and Monday 6 March 2023. If additional meetings were needed provisional dates were 6 February, 4



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ACH UPDATES & NEWS

The installation of the new kitchen at the Hall is now complete.

Grateful thanks go to ...

- ◆ Wren Kitchens for design and delivery,
- ◆ Neil Williams and his team for fitting,
- ◆ Will Schwer for electrical connections,
- ◆ Kesgrave Carpets for supplying and fitting the flooring
- ◆ Trading Payne's for removing the old oven free of charge.

Special thanks go to a lady from Ipswich who supports the Community Lunch and gave a generous donation that has covered the cost of tiling, new mugs a towel rail and storage boxes, and to the volunteer who completed the tiling.

Thanks to everyone who shared the Community Lunch in November. A profit of £100 was raised for the maintenance and upkeep of the hall. The next Community Lunch on Tuesday 7th December at 12.30pm....

'Christmas Dinner' with special contributions from Sandra Banham (Christmas

Puddings!) Betty Slim and Tracy and Sally Herrington, among others.

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Following the great success of our production "When We Are Married", it has not been possible to produce the

information relating to our "Wine Tasting" event on 3 December. We have therefore reluctantly cancelled it to take place early in the New Year. Instead, we shall resume our Social Fridays on 3rd and 17th December. However, On Friday 10th December we shall show the "Opera Gala" from Baden Baden, which was intended in March 2020, when the Covid situation took over our lives.



This Concert is without doubt, one of the finest events performed by four internationally acclaimed singers. A maximum of 30 tickets will be sold at £10 per person., which will include a glass of Prosecco or Wine-and an Italian anti pasta plate.

The Gala lasts just over 2 hours and following the approval of our Annual Licence, we shall run a bar, from our new kitchen, with an interval of 15 mins during which your plate will be served and further drinks are available.

Our "Social Fridays" will return on 3rd and 17th December and will continue in January. This is a Community Event, entry is free, and you will be able to enjoy Table Tennis, Small Snooker, Darts and our Exercise Bikes, to slim down both pre and after Christmas? A multitude of board games is available, coupled with the opportunity to enjoy a drink or two and a chat with friends For tickets, please give me a ring 01473 735153



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A premises license has now been granted for the Angela Cobbold Hall. Grateful thanks to all those who expressed their support for this application. It is hoped that this will be a social asset for all the community.

The Hall has received an early Christmas gift from a well-wisher....a sack truck, which will be invaluable.

There are now two young people helping to care for the Hall as part of their voluntary work in the community for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Eloise Rufford and Fin Saunders are both proving a great help in keeping the Hall clean and tidy. Thank you both.

Many Thanks

Roger Roseboom

“When We Are Married”

a review

A play by J B Priestley wonderfully re-enacted by seriously talented actors and actresses from Little and Great Bealings

and beautifully produced by Roger and Margaret Roseboom. It has been put together seamlessly, and the audience enjoyed it in the comfort of the new Angela Cobbold Hall.

The story centres around three couples on their 25th wedding anniversary and an old photograph taken of them when they were married. They come together to meet and have another photograph taken to celebrate 25 years of marriage, but it quickly becomes apparent that all is not what it seems..... or is it?

It draws on the idiosyncrasies of marriage, love and friendship and time passing. The costumes and stage props are all in keeping with the era (late 19th century) and the acting is superb with excellent Yorkshire accents. The adlibs only add to the enjoyment of the evening. A must see!! Great fun!!

Thank you to Roger and Margaret and to the wonderful cast for a fabulous evening”.

Sarah Cartwright.

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Bealings Village Hall Saturday 11th December 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.

Angela Cobbold Hall Daily from 1st December 10.00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m.

Suggested items include Christmas treats (tins of biscuits, sweets etc.) Also, basics such as long grain rice, long life milk, tea, coffee, jam, tinned food (soups, beans, tinned fruit etc) Toiletries for all ages.

There will also be a donation from the Community Christmas Lunch.

ALL SAINTS

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS UPON US!

We all know how much running around the festive season entails but perhaps in quiet moments, we can reflect on what makes this time of year so special. It's not just the meals and the presents and the family get togethers, but it's also the season to share God's love and to do all we can to bring peace and joy to the world. With that in mind, our season has already started with a wonderful gathering for Stir Up Sunday!

STIR UP SUNDAY a big success!



More than 15 families and 40 people attended and we were delighted to see old and new friends in our beloved Church.

Let's hope the spirit of celebration continues as we head into December. As always, the Church is buzzing with activity; please consult our What's On

Diary for news of services and activities at Little Bealings Church.

DECEMBER 4TH – OPEN FROM MORNING TO NIGHT FOR FAMILY FILM, CREATIVITY AND DRINKS BY THE TREE!

We hope that you can join us to enjoy the Church atmosphere as we watch a family friendly film from 10.00 -12.00 p.m. (please email SuffolkCinemaClub@gmail.com to join and find out what film we will show. From 2pm to 5pm, we will be hosting our Wreath Workshop, led by talented local artist, Maggie Davis. There are still a few spots left and all materials are included for £20—including a glass of mulled wine or non-alcoholic drink--so contact lbpcsecretary@gmail.com to book a spot. In the evening, we welcome you to join us for a Festive Family Drinks Evening from 6pm to 10pm to celebrate the season with neighbours and friends!

DECEMBER SERVICES

Please see our separate "What's On Diary" for complete information on December's and January's services and events, including the very special Carol and Crib Services, which will be held on December 17th at 7.00 p.m. and December 24th at 4pm, respectively.

We wish you and your family a very special Christmas and a joyful and peaceful New Year and look forward to welcoming you during this wondrous season in the life of our Church.

With every blessing,

Corinne & Tony

WHAT'S ON AT ALL SAINTS LITTLE BEALINGS

DECEMBER

1st	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer	23rd	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer
1st	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk	24th	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service
1st	3.10 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers. Hedge planting for wildlife	26th	8.30 a.m.	Communion (All Saints Kesgrave)
2nd	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer	29th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer
3rd	3.00 p.m.	Cake Sale	29th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk
4th	10.00 a.m.	Suffolk Cinema Club			
4th	2.00 p.m.	Wreath Workshop and Cake Sale			
					JANUARY
4th	6.00 p.m.	on Festive Christmas Drinks Evening and Cake Sale	5th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer
6th	7.30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi	5th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk
8th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer	6th	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer
8th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk	10th	7.30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi restarts
8th	3.10 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers. Marshmallow roasting	12th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer
9th	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer	12th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk
15th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer	13th	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer
15th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk	17th	7.30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi
15th	3.10 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers. Lantern-making	19th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer
16th	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer	19th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk
17th	7.00 p.m.	Carol Service	20th	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer
19th	4.00 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers. Christmas Party and lantern walk to Playford for Carols	23rd	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion
			24th	7.30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi
			26th	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer
22nd	10.00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer	26th	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk
22nd	10.30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk	27th	9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Private Prayer
			31st	7.30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi

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WORD FROM THE STUDY

By the time this is published, we will be in the season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word Adventus, which means waiting. Why is it when we are in a hurry, things always seem to take longer. My mum used to say, "A watched pot never boils"! It is also the beginning of the Church's year, as last Sunday we celebrated Christ the King, plus Stir Up Sunday, where we had over 40 people and children making Christmas puddings in All Saint's Church, Little Bealings. A great success! A big "thank you" to Corinne and her team for organising this. Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Christmastime is about God's time invading our time. How do you prepare? Scripture reading; time in prayer? We do not choose presents for our family and friends on a whim. So why do we always prepare for the coming of Christ on a whim? We think about what our friends would like for presents and then go and buy it for them; so, our spiritual preparation for the coming of our Lord is

important.

Last Christmas was only a shadow of what we would normally do due to Covid. This year will be different, although we still have to be careful of what we do, in order to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

Please do join us for our Christmas services either at All Saints Little Bealings on Friday 17th December or St Mary's Playford on Sunday 19th December, for our carol service. Whichever one you choose; you will be made most welcome. If you require any information about the Christmas services, please visit our website or give me a ring, or contact Corinne Fear (Churchwarden, Little Bealings), or Colin Hedgley (Churchwarden, Playford)

May the peace of the Christ-child reign in your hearts and the joy of the gift of Christ be our guide.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2022.

Every blessing.

Reverend Gary Jones

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 3rd November 2021. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce was unable to attend the meeting but sent her full report which is appended at the end of the full minutes on the PC website. In brief, Elaine said that extra Covid-19 support for Suffolk is being provided by the government and the use of facemasks is to be reintroduced in schools in Suffolk to help slow the transmission of the virus. SCC Cabinet is to study a £50m plan to boost Suffolk bus services and a lorry route review is being carried out by the Cabinet for Economic Development Transport Strategy & Waste. £150K is to be spent on providing new trees in Suffolk and businesses are working hard to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. SCC has signed up to NGO UK100's Net Zero Pledge. MPs from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex have united with Co Cllrs to protect the countryside and communities from the worst impact of new pylons and cables. Outstanding Sizewell C concerns will be taken to the Secretary of State. 500 independent journeys have been made by students and young adults with Special Needs and disabilities following them taking part in travel training.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley's District Council report is also appended to the full minutes on the PC website. Briefly, ESC has voted to step up its positive work on environmental

studies to help fight Climate Change, recycling is still being actively promoted in East Suffolk - waste sites still require you to book a slot first though.

Felixstowe's South Seafront has been given the go-ahead for a new beach village to improve the beach hut experience for locals and visitors. The historic character of Lowestoft's former Post Office is to be restored and private rented homes in East Suffolk are to be improved. The Manwick shelter in Felixstowe (which suffered an appalling arson attack last year) has now reopened, along with the Arwela shelter which has recently been refurbished. Support is still available to help new businesses to recover. £6.3m has been allocated for key infrastructure such as the expansion of schools, leisure and health facilities in East Suffolk and funding also agreed for First Light 2022 - a programme of activities at Lowestoft.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- All FP's passable at the moment but are becoming wetter as the season progresses. The A4 size "No Right to Cycle" signs are still awaited for the footpaths where this is a problem.
- Plans for signage to clarify traffic priorities on the C324 have been put forward and it is hoped for a solution to improve this soon.
- Another tree has fallen across the R Fynn near the river bridge in Butts Road and the Environment Agency's action is still awaited.
- Debris etc washed down Church Lane by heavy rainfall earlier this year, is still awaiting clearance.
- A new staircase has finally been installed at the railway crossing over the

track on FP9 but the crossing has yet to be reopened.

- SCC Highways have agreed to supply a small gate to accommodate a mobility scooter to use FP2 to Tuddenham and it is hoped that this will be fitted in the New Year.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's stationery expenses and her salary for September & October. It was agreed by majority vote that it was not necessary to publish details of monthly salary payments in the minutes as the gross salary figure is quoted in the annual accounts. A payment was received for hire of the playing field on 9.7.22 for a wedding reception and this was endorsed by the full council. A bank reconciliation was carried out and the budget for 2021-22 was found to be on track. The new Precept amount for 2022-23 will be decided at the meeting in January 2022.

HIGHWAYS

SCC Traffic Manager David Chenery has suggested a new solution for signage on the C324 to ease confusion over traffic priorities and this is being discussed, a grant will probably be required to fund this project. The new SIDs rota for 2022 has been issued, Playford is to have the equipment for the month of January 2022.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The quote from Ian Poole for his services offered on the N/Plan is expected soon. AECOM representatives have been taking photos around the village and it is hoped that their offer of a grant will be received in 10 weeks' time.

OTHER MATTERS

The Risk Assessment and Financial Risk policies were reviewed and minor amendments made.

Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations were discussed.

It was decided The Salvation Army should have prior claims to funding from the clothing bank as they had set up the initial project and the EAAA had pulled out from the agreement.

PLANNING ISSUES

An appeal has been submitted by the owner of The Piggeries following the refusal of his plans for a new build (DC/21/2171/FUL).

Enforcements at Happy Acres Barn are still outstanding as it appears certain elements of the original planning application DC/19/0300/FUL have not been adhered to.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 12th January 2022 at 7pm at the village hall

Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

website: www.playford.org.uk

PLAYFORD W.I.

Our AGM took place on 2nd.November 2021.

Most of us were at the village hall but three of us attended via zoom.

The following were appointed:

President Sally Herrington

Treasurer Liz Royle

Secretary Sue Bruce

None of our members wished to join the committee therefore Sally, Liz & Sue continue for another year.

CHURCH NOTES & SERVICES

PUMPKINS

Well, what a wet and soggy day it was on Friday 31st October. I fear that the weather and maybe the mis-renamed title of Halloween Competition kept people away. So, there was no real competition to be had as we had only one beautifully carved pumpkin from my very own daughter.



If you don't recognise it, it is the Marvel Black Panther. Mackenzi decided to carve him in honour of the first anniversary of his death from cancer. If enough interest I might be persuaded to do this again next year as carving pumpkins is so much fun.

I did have a couple of visitors who enjoyed some homemade cake and jelly oranges. Thank you, Colin and Katherine, for keeping me company.

Jos

FLOODLIGHTS

After years of loyal and unbroken service Veronica Bunbury is standing down as our floodlight co-ordinator. We are therefore looking for a volunteer to take over this very important post, especially important for Playford Villagers.

It means setting the timer switch, collecting the donation money and passing said money on to the treasurer. Any faults or problems can be reported to the churchwarden. So not too arduous but we would all be disappointed if that special facility was lost. Any volunteers or expression of interest please contact the Churchwarden on 01473 738468.

Thank you

Colin Hedgley

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Please note our Candlelight Carol service is on Sunday 19th December starting at 6.00 p.m. Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER

Sunday 12th	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion
Wednesday 15th	11.00 a.m.	Short Communion
Sunday 19th	6.00 p.m.	Candlelit Carol Service
Friday 24th	11.00 p.m.	Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th	10.00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service

JANUARY

Sunday 9th	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion
Wednesday 19th	11.00 a.m.	Short Communion

PLAYFORD CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

3rd, 4th and 5th November - sponsored by Mark Krishna

11th November - Remembrance Day

15th November - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood in loving memory of her Mother, Jose Booker, on her birthday.

In future, please send requests to sponsor the lights to Colin Hedgley on colinhedgley@aol.com

Christmas Floodlights

The Church floodlights will be on over the Christmas period, 24th December 2021 - 6th January 2022 inclus. Sponsorship from those of us living in the village and enjoying the lights is always very much appreciated. Donations may be put through Veronica's letter box at Church Corner Cottage.

BINKY AND CO

Binky sat down for breakfast. He was just about to bite into his toast and marmalade when he heard the clatter of his letterbox. He pulled himself up slowly from his chair.

Binky groaned. He had opened his mail only to find a pleading and pathetic letter from the chairman of the village hall committee.

"Dear Binky" it started. "As you have run the over seventies Happy Club Christmas social evening for the last two years, with varying degrees of success, the committee have voted unanimously to ask you to do it again this year. We know you will jump at the chance, and we would be really pleased to let you lead on this special day for 2021. Yours sincerely, Petrus Smirkey.

Binky sighed. They were a very hard group to please and no-one ever volunteered to make the tea, but they all brought a Victoria sponge with assorted fillings. Mrs Datchett brought one with marmite filling last year which got left at the end and she was in tears taking it back home. Binky's wife took pity on her

and bought it off her for one pound and gave it to Binky for his tea one night. She thought, wrongly that if she covered it in custard Binky would never realise. But he did. So did his stomach.

Binky thought that some sort of quiz night may go down well but some of them were so old and dodderly they could not even remember their own names never mind which team won the Cup last year. No, thought Binky I must be more inventive. Anyway, he had a couple of weeks to dream something up and then he would have a mad panic. He did then have a bright idea and started work on designing a flyer. When people read it, it would surely put people off attending and he would be able to go home early on the night. At least that was the plan.

Come the night the queue outside the hall was about eighty persons long. "Come on Binky it's getting cold" shouted one old lady. "OK, OK" said Binky in a short-tempered sort of way. He opened up the doors and in came the swarm of older people. "Use the clothes pegs in the foyer" shouted Binky "and the ones in the loos." Extra tables and chairs were

brought out and eventually everyone was sat down. Binky picked up the microphone and stood out the front.

“Welcome” said Binky, “to the over seventies Naked Crossword Evening.” Everyone cheered. Binky explained the rules. Four to a team, two men and two women in each team sitting around a small table. Binky said he would give them a couple of answers to start them off.

“One down is escalator,” boomed a smiling but very naked Binky. “And seven up is lemonade.” shouted Daphne Corkhead. Mm thought Binky I will have to watch her stealing my jokes. Plus, he did not like the way she kept looking him up and down and winking. Anyway, the evening started, with Binky calling out the clues and the teams discussing it and then writing in their answers on the large crosswords in

front of them. Round one was won by the Saggy Bottoms team one of whom was Mrs Panstitch the ex- headmistress who everyone thought had retired from her school due to age. In fact, it was for “other reasons.” Second was Bat Wings and when the Bat Wings captain stood up to protest there was a deep intake of breath and an almost unanimous shout of “Sit down,” except for Miss Pufdee who just whispered very loudly “Can you protest again please.”

The point was, it turned out to be the most successful over seventies night ever held and at two o’ clock in the morning everyone got dressed and went home.

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Lots of love, Binky.

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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Reverend Katrina, Churchwarden Richard, and all members of the Parochial Church Council send their sincere good wishes for a peaceful, Happy Christmas and a prosperous, healthy New Year. Despite the difficulties of last year, with the Church closed for most of the time, your support throughout was freely given and very much appreciated. Your help has ensured the grounds remain in good order and the Church financially viable. Thank you all so much.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Culpho Carol service will take place on Sunday 19th December 2021 at 3 p.m. following which, we hope you can join us for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. We are most grateful to those

members of the Ipswich Choral Society who, once again, have agreed to sing for us. Although last year saw us all socially distanced, the service was made special by the presence of the choir, who sang outside the Church, proving a tremendous success with friends and neighbours. Please join us if you can; everyone is most welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE – SHINGLE STREET FOLK BAND

We are delighted to report that the ever popular, Shingle Street Folk Band, have agreed to a concert, in the Church, at 7 p.m. on Saturday 19th February 2022. More detail will be available in the February issue but if you require further information, please contact Christine Pearce on 01473 738324 or email cmp0601@hotmail.com

Margaret Gornall

Church services

December –

Sunday 19th 3.00 p.m. Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 22nd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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Sunday 23rd 3.00 p.m. Evensong 3p.m.

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Contributions for the February 2022 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 18th January.

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