

Fynn - Lark News

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50 YEARS AT MANOR FARM CULPHO

In 1967 Manor Farm was taken back in hand by the present Lord Cranworth. Prior to that date the farm had been on a tenancy with the late Mr Thorpe. Mr Thorpe's son Doug subsequently became Lord Cranworth's farm manager and lived in Manor Farm farmhouse with his wife Winifred. Lord Cranworth and Doug together implemented an investment programme which resulted in the purchase of a fleet of Massey Ferguson tractors and associated cultivation and harvesting machinery for the 500-acre business. A new 1000t grain store was also built which is still in place facing the road, at the time in 1967 the oil-fired grain dryer which was in the old wooden barn (what a fire risk!) was moved and installed in the new building.

Doug continued to be employed by Lord Cranworth until he retired in 1984

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having vacated Manor Farm farmhouse a few years earlier and moved into a bungalow in Boot Street, Great Bealings.

In 1987 by which time the in-hand farm had reached 1000 acres further buildings were built. These included a general store which also incorporated a workshop, spray store and rest room facilities, together with a concrete pad for storage of Sugar Beet and other materials. Some old redundant buildings were demolished to make way for the new buildings. Whilst being demolished some builders' tools were discovered which at the time of construction had obviously been mislaid and then covered in concrete. They were in remarkably good condition.

With the increase in yields and further addition of land another 1000t grain store was built in 1993 at the back of the

present store, the logic being that with machinery becoming increasingly larger access would be more accessible if a large concrete apron served both stores. Lord Cranworth's wise decision in 1967 to have the steel work galvanised on the new grain store for longevity and low maintenance has resulted in the more recent structures also being galvanised.

After a wet harvest the previous year together with some internal maintenance being required in the original grain store in 2011 a crop drying floor was installed, the second-hand 1960's oil fired dryer which had outlived its purpose having been discarded in 2003. This modern addition providing more flexibility and improved management in crop storage.

Richard Garnham



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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

FLN FINANCES

Every aspect, bar one, of the production of this Magazine is undertaken by volunteers. Our only unavoidable costs are printing. Most of our readers do know this, and we are very grateful for all the words of support which come our way. Sadly, words don't pay printers, so we do urge you to give the insert more than a passing look, and consider whether you could be in the position to offer us some degree of regular financial support.

Without additional support we may well find ourselves having to reduce the number of pages, or the number of issues, or the number of colour pages.

As ever, we are hugely grateful to all those who do currently offer us financial support, but would like to increase the numbers of those kindly doing so. If finance is not the path of support you would choose to follow we do still have an on-going need for help in other capacities: sub-editors, proof-readers, contributors – of Nature Notes, Historical Items, Profiles of local people, Obituaries, Reviews of Local Events, even leading front-page items, so do let us know if you would like to support us in this way, and ensure that our Fynn-Lark News continues to be the voice of local people, enjoying life in and around these lovely Fynn-Lark valleys.

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2023 BEALINGS PLANT SALE – NOW 22ND APRIL

As readers will know, it is intended to relaunch the 30-year-old Plant Sale tradition after a short lapse brought on by external circumstances. The Village Hall has been duly booked but on **SATURDAY APRIL 22ND**, not on the 29th as originally intended.

It was felt that it was better to have 2 weeks rather than just one week between this event and the Coronation Celebrations on 6th/7th May – spreading energies more widely. We hope that all who normally participate in this event will make a note in their diaries, and be able to help or attend in the once-normal way.

As it has been a while since we've held The Plant Sale at the hall (thank you Covid!), a few words of explanation. The Plant Sale is made up of plants donated by local residents, which are sold on at very competitive prices. It's a brilliant way of sharing your surplus, as well as getting a few bargains! So, if you have any

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divisions, surplus plants, or by that time, seedlings of any sort, we would love to receive your donations at the hall on the afternoon of Friday 21st April. As before we will have a space for selling garden paraphernalia. More details to follow.

If you're interested in helping with the preparation, or manning a stall on the day, please contact caroline_saunders@hotmail.co.uk

We would be particularly interested in raffle prizes, as we hope that our Raffle will once again be a major part of the occasion. Offers of a star prize are very welcome. Please email Caroline with your offers.

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NATURE NOTES

A MICROCOSM OF THE MACROCOSM

I don't know about you, but sometimes, when watching these doom-laden wildlife programmes, I am tempted towards despair. These programmes, charting the decline of so many species and so many habitats across the globe, can leave me with something of a gloomy sinking feeling. A feeling of helplessness and environmental impotence. It leads me to wonder just what small communities, let alone individuals can actually do to help?

Possibly more than we might imagine.

Just as charity begins at home, so does environmental responsibility. We may not individually be able to do much about drought in the Horn of Africa, elephant-poachers, or the disappearance of island populations beneath rising seas, but we can do our own little bit – in our homes and our own back gardens.



Let's try to focus on the positives, and the resolutions we might take in 2023 to do our little bit. We can use less fossil energy, not flood the house with electric light, grow more vegetables, save water, treat clothes as more permanent items in the wardrobe, use the car less, holiday locally, make our gardens bee-friendly. The list is long. Maybe, with a rural cast



of mind, reconsider the environmental value of patios, concrete, gravel, stone slabs – all those rather smart ways of keeping a garden tidy but which inhibit natural growth. I remember one particular Gardeners' Question Time when the questioner had a query about keeping some aspect of his garden tidy, and was rather taken aback by the response: "I've

never known a tidy gardener who was a good gardener.” When nature itself is allowed to play a part in how a garden develops, you 'have a different garden. Tight human control can stifle rather than encourage the natural forces at work in our gardens.

So, as a resolution for 2023, why not draw up your own personal environmental audit, check where you come on the scale and ride a more optimistic wave, knowing that, however pessimistic the forecasts around us, we can still find a way to do our little bit.

Footnote:

Having just spend a lovely day at Carlton Marshes (SWT), it struck me that there is a middle way to be promoted – support your local Wildlife Trust. Of major local interest are plans for a 300-acre rewilding project at Martlesham, on our doorstep, as well as on the banks of the lovely River Deben. Of the £1 million target for purchase



of the land (currently organically farmed) £250,000 has already been raised.)

Editor

HISTORY CORNER - WHY HAVE THESE NOTES?

Why indeed! They take up valuable space, have to be researched, and may well be skimmed over or ignored by many readers as being vaguely irrelevant.

So, here's why they are included in this Magazine. In this frantic all-too-hurried world of ours, we are so often skimming the surface, dashing around to work our way through the list of daily tasks, living off and through the computer and social media, dashing in and out of the house, sorting out mealtimes, settling down to watch TV or Netflix – whoosh – life just flashes by. Just trying to put it all into words is exhausting enough in itself.

But hold on a moment. Aren't we missing something? Don't we sometimes need to take stock, wonder where we belong, how we fit into the greater scheme of things? One of the things about villages is that they can have a kind of fabric of which one can be part. That fabric exists in the here-and-now community, and in the opportunities that it gives to engage with others. It also exists in the opportunities to understand and feel part of the historical fabric of the village where you have chosen to live. If you have a good understanding of, and can empathise with the many factors which have combined to create the village that you know, then that can give you a sense



of being rooted in a place. It can offer a real sense of belonging to, rather than of simply residing in that place. You feel part of something. You can even develop a minor sense of ownership. This is MY village.

Many of our houses, families, landscapes, fields, streets, trees and rivers will often conceal little historical nuggets of interest, waiting to be shared. So this item is an invitation to take a fresh look at your home, or maybe at long-established local people, or family members, or the landscape around you and wonder whether they may perhaps have a story to share.

This is also an invitation to wonder whether YOU might have something to contribute to these notes. Something which can contribute to that sense of rootedness, and of belonging to a community not just living on the surface, but one which has roots which go back for centuries.

This Magazine is only as good as the contributions it receives. Please take a moment to ask yourself whether you may have something of historical interest to contribute. Just one small picture turned up in a family album can be enough to trigger off a whole train of thought. Please think about it.

Thank you to John Wittgreffe for his article about the Bealings Hangings – exactly the kind of item we have in mind.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

If it's not too late, Happy New Year to all.

It's been several months since I last updated everyone on happenings at Bealings Village Hall and John Belstead Playing Field and I felt I should address that at the start of the new year.

As you may remember, it was back in October 2018 that the trustees agreed to look at replacing the roof and providing improved amenities inside and additional toilet facilities outside for the John

Belstead Playing Field. Unfortunately, the total estimated cost for these improvements was over £577,000 and it was decided that we would struggle to achieve this and so the trustees chose to maintain what we have.

2022 saw the replacement of the flat roof over the snooker room and kitchen, the completion of replacement windows throughout, two new drainage soakaways and replacement soffits and guttering.

But now the roof to the main hall has started leaking and needs urgent replacement. Fortunately the Government have just released funds for the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund and we can apply for help - well at least for 20% of the total. A project is being prepared to replace the roof and also the rotting wooden doors, costing around £86,000. This will be quite a task and needs everyone's support, both Little Bealings and Great Bealings Parish Councils have given written support and our District Councillor - Anthony Fryatt has offered some financial support. Over the coming year we will be holding fundraising events to enable us to achieve replacement of the roof by March 2024.

Volunteers manage all aspects of the Hall and Playing Field maintenance and administration. This includes weekly inspection of play equipment and annual external inspection, monthly/annual fire checks, annual electrical safety checks, website maintenance, cleaning of gutters and paths etc.

Additional volunteers are always welcome for a variety of tasks. If you have a few spare hours and wish to help in any way please contact the Secretary on 07769 195132 or email: bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk

Thank you.

*Keith Beaumont,
Trustee, Bealings Village Hall Trust*

THE ROYAL HANGINGS OF LITTLE BEALINGS

If you've been drawn into this article expecting tales of grizzly happenings in Little Bealings by royal decree, you may be slightly disappointed! Whilst there may be dubious rumour regarding the pockets of "no mans land" between our parish borders, with names such as "The Anguish", where the burials of outcasts and hangings may once have taken place, the content of this article is far more uplifting.



In the rear of the sanctuary in All Saints Church Little Bealings are two elderly curtain hangings, perhaps at first glance slightly past their best. Yet when we turn on the spotlights directed upon them, their gilt thread shines out bringing them to new life, giving a glimpse of their former exceptional glory, and still casting quite an impressive backdrop, as you can see in these photos.

Yet where did these wonderful curtains come from? How did they end up here? They are of a luxury fabric called Brocatelle- backed to preserve them for decades if not centuries and woven with silk and gilt thread.

Their history goes back to George VI, our King throughout the Second World War, and it seems apt to recount their history whilst writing this at our time of Remembrance.

They were used to line the processional way in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of George VI on 12th May 1937. You can see them in the photos from Westminster Abbey below.

After the coronation, they were divided up and sent to fortunate churches and organisations. For some reason we have two of these hangings, though the connections or case that was pleaded to secure





them is not known. A reasonable guess is a connection with the Colvin family of Little Bealings where James Colvin was Lieutenant Governor of Northwest India, albeit many years before. If anyone knows the real reason- please let me know! The design of these curtains is steeped in meaning. One obvious feature is the Royal Crown, which I think needs no further explanation. The rose is the “Tudor Rose” which is an overlay of the White Rose of the House of York and the Red Rose of the House of Lancaster. It embodied the end of the War of the Roses, a war between two rival houses claiming the throne which at the time tore our nation apart. The Tudor Rose has since been used a symbol of stability, peace and unity in the royal household.

The botanical splay in three directions is called the “Fleur de Lis” and is a well-used symbol in the monarchies in Europe, indicating the divine right of the monarch to rule.

Yet perhaps the most puzzling feature is of the many oak leaves with acorns, in fact it is probably the most dominant pattern. People have speculated that the oak leaves represent the English Oak, a symbol of the unique strength and durability of our nation. Yet the real symbolism is quite different.



After the English Civil War of 1642-1651, the parliamentarians prevailed and chopped off the head of King Charles I. Things didn't go quite to plan thereafter and Cromwell became a de-facto dictator, the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth. After his death in 1658 the stability he provided vanished, and parliament started to disintegrate. Realising they needed a King in a different capacity to provide balance and stability, King Charles II, son of Charles I, was invited to become monarch and was inaugurated on 29th May



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1660. This day was declared a public holiday known as “Oak Apple Day” or “Royal Oak Day”. For the botanists amongst us, you will know that “Oak Apples” are not apples at all, they are the home of a singular wasp lava, where leaf material grows around the lava sheltering them and providing food when they hatch. They look just like little apples- I have seen them often in the leaves of the oak tree in our garden.

Perhaps the implication is that the fruit of King Charles I was always waiting in the oak tree of our nation during this “Interregnum”, waiting to hatch out and take his rightful place as Charles II. Popular belief also has it that Charles II hid in an Oak Tree after the Battle of Worcester, enabling him to escape and wait in the wings in Europe, loading the “Royal Oak” with even more symbolism. Now you also know what the popular pub name of “The Royal Oak” actually means!

This symbolism of the Royal Oak was obviously of great importance the new King George VI. Immediately after his coronation he planted 60 oak trees in Windsor Great Park, called the “Coronation Plantation”. He planted the first tree himself and the others were planted by representatives of each of the countries of the Commonwealth.

My wife and I were lucky enough to see this incredible fabric in its full glory recently at Worcester Cathedral, which was laid out over the high altar at the Requiem Mass for our Queen. We had travelled for the wedding of our eldest son that weekend and decided to join this mass whilst in the vicinity. It seems that Worcester benefited from receiving more of these panels and they are tucked away in perfect storage, ready to bring out at any appropriate royal occasion. In this photo you see them draping the high altar behind Worcester’s book of condolence. I can’t tell you how spectacular the material looked, and how happy we felt that we have the same hangings in Little Bealings.



Whether you are a parliamentarian or a monarchist or indifferent, I thought you would appreciate the tale of history of the “Royal Hangings” in our own church in Little Bealings!

John Wittgreffe, Churchwarden.

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GREAT BEALINGS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 10th January 2023.

REPORTS

County Councillor Elaine Bryce (EB) – A report has been received and is attached to the minutes on the website.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH) - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is on the website. CH verbally reported on the work of the Community Partnership, and he and Sue Prentice (SP) updated Cllrs on the previous day's meeting. Road Safety Week was a great success, and our area was the best in England for installing signs and implementing Speed Watch sessions. Members of the public are encouraged to report to SCC details of any trees or hedges blocking road signs.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/22/3120/FUL – Chalfont, Boot Street – To remove old bathroom and make into family room, form new bathroom by converting garage, install bi-fold door in rear elevation. Outside: Clad and render, then paint (colour stone). It was resolved unanimously to support this application.

DC/22/4658/FUL – Rosery Farm Cottage – Installation of 3 rows of solar panels each 65m long with 7m between rows. Some concern was expressed about the overall size of this scheme and its impact on the valley, but it was resolved to support this application, by a vote of 5 for and 1 against.

Decision Updates

DC/22/3120 – Garrods Hill – Installation of solar panels – approved by ESC

DC/22/2330 – Cherry Tree Cottage,
DC/22/2871 – Stone Cottage and

DC/22/3705 – Rosery Farm Cottage swimming pool - All still awaiting decision by ESC.

Enforcement Matters

ENF/22/0069/USE – Water Meadow, Lower Street – The ESC Enforcement Officer has given the landowner until 11th January to comply with the requirements of the planning enforcement.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SAVID/SID – John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) advised that the SID is working again.

Quiet Lanes - Update – SP said there was still no decision about the post in the bottom part of Lower Street, but she will now put the signs on the top post.

Near miss on Hasketon Road – a resident reported a near miss involving horse riders and a speeding motorist in Hasketon Road. It is clear that some motorists are disregarding the signs. The PC has referred the issue to EB, with the request that she raises with SCC the possibility of introducing a policy whereby reduced speed limits are applied to all roads designated as Quiet Lanes.

Road Safety – SP informed Cllrs that the Community Partnership have allocated some funding to a new initiative to deliver workshops to schools about road safety.

Land at Grundisburgh Road junction – This is work in progress – some more planting has been done but it has been decided that the proposed fruit trees are not viable.

Footpaths – Regan Scott (RS) reported that he had registered on the website the issues with footpaths FP 11 and 12 in the Lark Valley. He has noted that the report has been accepted and is being investigated.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Trees – JCJ will be meeting with Nigel Rolfe on the 13th January to discuss tree planting etc.

Water – RS said that the Grundisburgh sewage treatment works is actually in Gt Bealings. SP acknowledged this and said that regular water samples are taken above and below both treatment works.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Authorisation of payments – Seven payments were authorised for office expenses, Clerk's salary, PAYE and back pay, postage and website fee.

Budget and Precept for 2023/24

A draft budget for £6960 and provisional precept amount had been previously discussed at the PC meeting in November. It was unanimously agreed that this budget be adopted for 2023/24. It was resolved to implement an unchanged precept of £7500, which would cover the budget and include a £600 transfer to reserves, as agreed in January 2021.

Other Finance and Admin matters - The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature.

CORRESPONDENCE

May Coronation – Caroline Saunders (CS) reported that it has now agreed to move the date of the Plant Fair to Saturday 22nd April (venue permitting) in order to distance the two events. It is proposed to have a joint village celebration (with Lt.B) on Sunday 7th May so as not to clash with people being able to watch the event on TV. An idea has been put forward to base the activities on what happened in the villages in 1911 for the coronation of King George VI and Queen Mary. SP, CS and Sally Johnson offered to assist and will make contact with Little Bealings.

Headway Suffolk Mobile Shop - The PC has been approached by the charity Headway who are proposing visiting the Parish on a regular basis with a mobile shop. Cllrs were supportive of this proposal which will be forwarded to the Trustees of the Village Hall for their

consideration.

Fynn-Lark News Lead Item – The editor has drawn up a rota for this and Gt.B are down for March and July. SP made some suggestions for March and will draft an article.

Village Hall replacement roof – The PC has been asked to confirm their support for the Trustees to make an application for funding to the Jubilee Fund. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support an application.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th March 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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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

A new year has begun. We have celebrated the second anniversary of our becoming a United Benefice with St Mary's, Woodbridge. Integrated patterns of services have been set up, not perfect, open to adjustment, but services which ensure that we enjoy the services of a Rector committed to making links between the two churches ever more constructive. We have good new friends in Woodbridge, people who come out to support our services, to boost our depleted congregations and to support events that we occasionally stage. Circumstances have meant that the dynamics of the old Benefice with Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho have had to change, even though many of the links and friendships remain. Given the predominance of secular rather than

religious links in today's world, and the community values shared by rural villages, that is inevitable.

So how can we make the best of the present situation? How many people still want to think about the measures we need to take to maintain a living church within our community? How many just don't care? If we still want to maintain a holy place where we can celebrate festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest-time, where local people can be married, where lives can be commemorated and funerals organised, then the support of, and partnership with a strong, active community such as operates in the centre of Woodbridge can be a huge bonus for us. Not only that, but the support of the Woodbridge community at our non-church events can make a significant impact on our finances. And those friendships can be mutually beneficial.

The evidence so far is that we here in Great Bealings could do more to boost and bolster this new partnership. Why not give the occasional service in Woodbridge a try, and increase the Bealings presence there? After all, the number of services in our own church is now very small, and not necessarily convenient in terms of timing and type. Any partnership needs mutual commitment.

So - as a new year begins, carry out a discreet personal audit. Is there a part of you which thinks that the maintaining of a church presence in your locality matters, that, however you may imagine God, there is a dimension of life which needs a local outlet, and that, however that outlet is offered locally, you think it is worth giving it your support, in whatever way that fits in with the person that you are.

LOOKING BACK

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE - TOMBEALINGSOLA

This was the second such Christmas Market, and the Great Bealings contribution this year was to put together

a stall under the banner of Tombealingsola. Our warmest thanks to all who contributed such an alluring array of items for the stall. Such was the appeal of the prizes on offer, that we managed to clear £200 in profit. So, our reiterated thanks not only to the donors of prizes, but also to those who bought tickets in great numbers. This is a happy occasion, well worth supporting.



CAROL SERVICE -18TH DECEMBER

Memories fade quickly so it is worth recalling that this year's Carol Service coincided with the final of the World Cup – well, not quite, as the timing of the Carol Service had made allowance for both extra time and penalties, both of which were needed, but, sadly, with no English involvement.

It was wonderful to see a full church, led by a choir, mostly from Woodbridge, but with an additional pop-up element. Well done to all those youngsters who brought a youthful dimension to the service, by undertaking most of the readings, and acquitting themselves so well. For the record, those involved were Isabel and Emilia Self, Ella and Oliver McGough, Freya Chapman, Will and Jamie Byrom. Our thanks to them, and to all those who in their different ways contributed to the service: readers, floral arrangers, and to Leah and Julian Haywood Smith who very kindly provided the mulled wine to go with the mince pies – some of which had to be cut in half, to ensure that everyone had their share of Christmas cheer.



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This years' service was, for the first time, at 6.30. The hoped-for benefits were that it would be early enough to encourage younger attenders – together with the practical need for our Rector to get back into Woodbridge in good time for services there. Earlier that afternoon, families with younger children had the opportunity to join in with the packed-out Crib Service in Woodbridge.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Celebrating the second anniversary of the setting up of the new United Benefice. Bealings visitors were warmly welcomed at this service, which was followed up by an invitation to enjoy a glass of sherry, with seasonal stollen.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard soil survey has been delayed, primarily by the week of hard frosts just before Christmas. Any volunteers, young or old, budding citizen scientists who might like to be involved in the project when it gets underway?

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th 9.30 a.m. Family Communion.

Sunday 19th 10.30 a.m. Morning prayer.

RECTOR'S "SURGERY"

Our Rector makes himself available on Monday afternoons, so if you would like to see him, do please contact him on 01394 610424, or at the Parish Office on 01394 388820.

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

Norman Porter, Churchwarden, nhp@rillcott.co.uk

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Plans are hardening for our French Evening on **March 31st**. The programme would



include primarily a mixture of song, particularly of familiar names such as Piaf, Brassens, Chevalier, Brel, Greco etc., words – about French cultural life in the first part of the 20th century, wine, and an opportunity to join a pop-up choir (Max one rehearsal), singing a selection of well-known French songs. Please contact Norman Porter if interested.

Entry will be by programme @ £10, available in advance, and details of which will be published in the March magazine. Wine included. The programme will include



helpful notes about performers, speakers, and content.

Just for now, make a note of the date, and start to look forward to an evening of cultural entertainment. Or you can get yourself on the list nice and early by emailing nhp@rillcott.co.uk

CORONATION

As mentioned previously, thought is being given as to how the church might participate in village commemoration of the coronation of King Charles 111. With the main village celebrations planned for the Sunday, allowing for mass television viewing on the Saturday, the regular Sunday service, usually 9.30 am, could fit in nicely.



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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2023:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Items raised were the Bealings Village Hall Roof Replacement, Closure of The Street by Network Rail, Declarations of Interest and the minutes of the previous meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

SALC had issued new guidance on declarations and dispensation requests. Declarations would need to be made at each Council meeting.

ESC ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY WORKSHOP/FORUM

Mr Garnham reported that this had included a presentation on the management of construction traffic for Sizewell C; traffic would be managed to prioritise regular traffic movements over construction traffic and a construction traffic route would need to be followed.

SALC AREA MEETING

The Chairman reported that the meeting had considered the impact of Sizewell C on communities, outcomes of the SALC survey on ESC Planning Service and joint working with the ESC Community Partnership initiative.

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Chairman reported that a key issue discussed had been road safety. New funding for 'Ease the Squeeze' would be announced in the spring.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor Colin Hedgley's report had been circulated and is available on the Council's website. A report was awaited from County Councillor Elaine Bryce.

ESC PLANNING POLICY

ESC had adopted a Supplementary Planning Document on Houses in Clusters and Small-Scale Residential Development in the Countryside

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Application Re-consultation: DC/22/2984/FUL: Construction of one detached single storey dwelling: Woodside, Martlesham Road

It was resolved to maintain objection to the application on the grounds that the development was not sustainable and there would be an adverse impact on the street scene and the character of the area, contrary to SCLP 5.7.

DC/22/3733/P3Q, DC22/3734 P3Q, DC22/3735 P3Q and DC22/3736 P3Q: Barns A, B, C and D Respectively - Prior Notification - Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion at Grove Farm The Street

ESC had approved the application for Barn A and the other applications had been withdrawn.

DC/22/4331/FUL - New office unit at Bealings Station Yard The Street
DC/22/4696/FUL - Manege and horse walker at Heath Farm Hall Road

The Council had considered these applications under delegated authority and had had no objection to the applications.

DC/22/1188/FUL - Construction of a one and

a half storey holiday let to replace the existing stables situated on the site. The site is located north of Lodge Road opposite Brimar house and adjoining Fynn Bridge

DC/22/4125/TPO - TPO ESCC/52/00022 T1 & T2 Corsican Pines - Remove 3x large limbs overhanging driveway at Little Bealings House Martlesham Road

ESC had approved these applications.

DC/20/0902/OUT Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Demolition and removal of all necessary existing buildings and structures to enable the residential development for up to 300no. new dwellings, with access from Portal Avenue, associated open space and landscaping, drainage and infrastructure at Suffolk Constabulary Force Headquarters Portal Avenue Martlesham Heath

DC/22/2630/FUL Construction of 1no. new residential dwelling with detached garage in front of Marchwood Martlesham Road

ESC had refused these applications.

DC/22/2242/FUL Part change of use garden to sale of cars on an appointment basis, for a temporary period of 18 months at The Chestnuts Martlesham Road

DC/21/1010/VOC Variation of Condition No (s) 3 on application DC/15/5055/FUL - Change of use in Kesgrave Quarry from mineral use to associated parking and access routes for adjacent Trucks R Us Headquarters

DC/21/1079/VOC Variation of Conditions 6, 7, 8 & 10 of DC/19/2666/FUL - Construction of 2 No. new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment. - Variation to operating hours. Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Kesgrave

DC/21/1471/VOC Variation of Conditions 4 and 22 of DC/15/4908/FUL- Erection of new headquarters building for vehicle hire operator comprising workshop, offices, associated parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage, workshop and sales of vehicles and machinery (revised scheme to DC/15/2107/FUL and DC/14/4251/FUL) - Variation to operating hours. Sinks Gravel Pit Main Road Kesgrave

These applications, the non-determination of the last three of which had been the subject of complaint by the Council, had been withdrawn.

DC/20/5259/FUL - Construction of two standalone self-catering Gate House buildings alongside ancillary accesses, parking, landscaping and other associated works at Kesgrave Hall

ESC had apologised for the lack of consultation on the application, which had arisen as the application had been amended to locate one of the gatehouses in the parish after submission.

HIGHWAYS

A report of outstanding highways issues had been passed to County Councillor Elaine Bryce and would be discussed with officers.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

The SID in Playford Road for November had recorded data which included one speed of 70mph. It was intended that data would reach the Suffolk Police Road Safety Camera Team. The SID would be displayed in The Street during January and then passed to Playford Parish Council for February.

CLOSURE OF THE STREET BY NETWORK RAIL

It was agreed to follow up previous complaints to Network Rail about the repeated and unannounced closures and to write to Dr Poulter MP.

LEVEL CROSSING GRIT BIN

Network Rail had refused a request to replace a damaged grit bin and it was agreed to leave it in situ but not to replace it.

PARISH BOUNDARY SIGNS

It was agreed to ask if County Council funding was available for signs to be installed in Holly Lane and Hall Road on the parish boundary.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

It was resolved to support the project.

FINANCE

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THIRD QUARTERLY INTERNAL CONTROL REPORT

This had been completed by Mr Hunter.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income had been received from the War Memorial Trust and Gt Bealings Parish Council (share of village sign insurance). Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for January and February and expenses, to HMRC (PAYE) and to ROPETH (hire of Hall), was approved, totalling £1,168.06.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7pm on 6 March. The Bealings Village Hall Trust will present details of its roof replacement project as well as a report on its last year's activities. All residents are invited to attend the meeting. Please be aware of the very limited parking at the Hall.

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Council will be immediately after the Annual Parish

Meeting on Monday 6 March 2023, in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 6 February 2023 if required by business to be transacted.

Please visit our website for further information, including draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>

Carol Ramsden – Clerk to the Council
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CLOSURE OF THE STREET BY NETWORK RAIL

The Parish Council has raised several complaints to Network Rail and has received this information from the Community Relations Manager:

"...For avoidance of doubt, the crossing will be closed on the following dates, for which permission has been secured from the local Council:

•Thursday 05 January 2023 22:00 to 07:00 Monday 09 January 2023

•Friday 13 January 2023 22:00 to 07:00 Monday 16 January 2023

•Friday 20 January 2023 22:00 to 07:00 Monday 23 January 2023

•Friday 27 January 2023 22:00 to 07:00 Monday 30 January 2023

•Friday 03 February 2023 22:00 to 07:00 Monday 06 February 2023

•Friday 10 February 2023 22:00 to 07:00 Monday 13 February 2023

Following your enquiry we've reviewed the signage that was put in place at the crossing and I agree that this gave the impression closures were only due to take place between the hours of 22:00 and 07:00 on the dates given. The project is therefore installing improved signage so it's clear these closures are continuous; the new signage will be in place early next week [week commencing 23 January]. I really am very sorry for the initial confusion caused, but I do hope this demonstrates we're willing to take your feedback and use it to improve our engagement with the community.

Turning to your request for a community gesture, and in an effort to apologise for the disruption caused, the project team are looking at acquiring a new grit bin; once I have further updates on this, I will be in touch.

We do take the safety of all those who use our services and with this in mind, we have arranged for wardens to be in place at each crossing, allowing pedestrians to cross in a safe manner....

I'm very grateful for the patience members of the community have shown while we've been on site and appreciate that despite our efforts, these alternatives remain less convenient than the normal operation of the crossings.

I do hope the above information is useful,

if there is anything else, myself or my team, can assist with, please do contact us."

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Tuesday, 6th December, the Feast of St. Nicholas, thirty-five people sat down to a wonderful Christmas Lunch in the Angela Cobbold Hall. As ever, we were astonished that Vicki and Peter Carr could produce such a delicious lunch for so many people. There were others who kindly helped too: Yvette Robinson brought pigs in blankets and Sally and Tracy Herrington provided stuffing balls. The attention to detail added to the occasion: crackers, Christmas napkins, place setting decorations hand made by Gill Peck, (beautiful little Christmas Trees) and a centre piece decoration on each table, made by Betty Slim. Hot punch was served too. Fantastic Christmas puddings were made by Sandra Banham - "best ever" was heard from many. Then warm mince pies, provided by Sally and Tracy Herrington, tea and coffee and finally a glass of Prosecco, kindly given by Roger Roseboom. Door wreaths were donated and made by Maggie Davies and Toni Cornish, to be raffled off, with Gordon Mutimer being the lucky winner.

Between courses, we were delightfully entertained by Gill Peck and the



Humming Birds, suitably attired in gorgeous, colourful dresses. They sang favourite songs and carols so beautifully, giving us all that warm glow of Christmas. The meal was ably served by Tracy Herrington, quietly giving so much help in the background, as she always does.

Before the festivities drew to a close, Roger thanked Vicki and Peter Carr for the wonderful way in which they had cared for the Angela Cobbold Hall throughout the year and for the highly successful community lunches, which had grown from soup and rolls to three-course lunches, culminating in this fantastic Christmas lunch, so lovingly prepared. Heartfelt thanks Vicki and Peter from all those present.

Eileen Kidd

KINDNESS @ CHRISTMAS

Grateful thanks to everyone who shared the true spirit of Christmas with others, both in the village and beyond.

10 bags of supplies and £50 cash were delivered to FIND, the local food bank.

Thanks too, to many people who contributed to the village Christmas Goodie Bags, which were greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ACH

Tuesday 7th February 12.30pm

Beef Cobbler/Hot Pot

Apple Charlotte with Custard &/or Ice Cream

Tea/Coffee

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Friday 17th & 24th 7.00 p.m. **Social Friday** Licensed Bar
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Darts, Chess, Board Games, Quoits, Exercise Bikes,
etc. Free Entry

MARCH

Wednesday 1st 7.30 p.m. **Gardening Club**
'HERBS—HISTORY & USES'
Refreshments
Free Entry (donations welcomed)

Friday 3rd 7.15 p.m. **Fish and Chips** Licensed Bar
Please place your order by phone or email (see below)

FUTURE DATES

Saturday 1st April 2.30 p.m. **Origami Fun!** (for adults and children)
Details to follow

Friday 14th April **'Titanic' evening**
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history.

Friday 5th May 7.00 p.m. **Coronation Celebration!**
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

SERVICES

There is an act of worship at Little Bealings Church on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, a short service each Wednesday morning.

On Saturday mornings the church is open for visiting and private prayer.

Our popular Borrowers after school eco-group runs on Wednesdays (organised by Lightwave) , whilst our ever popular walking group explores our beautiful Fynn Valley each Wednesday morning.

LIGHTING UP THE CHURCH FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like the church walls to be lit up for your special anniversary or occasion, please contact Paul on 07768 195867 or Paul paulbyrom@gmail.com. The church looks spectacular when lit, especially now the churchyard is so neat and tidy, and this is a wonderful way to celebrate. We ask for a donation to cover costs for each use of the lights.

You can find out all the latest news and events at our Website

littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net or catch up search Facebook for our new All Saints Church Little Bealings page.

CANDLEMASS WORD FROM THE STUDY

I want you to think about a group back in the 60's that made themselves popular by the name of The Beach boys. At the time they had a lot of hits and made me wonder why as a group they were so successful, that is not to say that other groups were not, but The Beach Boys certainly had their fair share of success. And, the conclusion I have come to as to why they were so popular was all their songs had the feel-good factor. A lot of their songs referred to holidays and sunshine, so of course, any mention of sunshine between October and March is bound to make people feel better.

So, the choice between the Caribbean when temperatures are in the 60s or 70s compared with the dark and cold - you pays your money you makes your choice. It actually makes people think about something to look forward to and I think as human-beings it does us good; it gives us a reason to get up in the morning and gives us the motivation we need.

I expect many of you have plans or something to look forward to; it may be going to see a member of the family, going to see a friend you have not seen for some time, even dare I say listening to the Vicar on a Sunday morning! Christmas seems so distant now but in fact we are still in the season of Christmas; as a Church we are coming into the season known as Candlemas. This is a time when Jesus' parents took Him to the temple to give thanks for the child and the purification of Mary.

Simeon had been looking forward to an event too, but unlike our events which we plan ourselves, Simeon had been told that he would see the Messiah before he died.

Simeon and Anna knew that God had sent a child and they were waiting for that moment. So, what do we know about Simeon? Well, he was an old man and he had spent a lot of time praying in the temple. Anna, we know was a Prophetess. But much more than that we know very little about. They knew that they had been told by God that this event would be fulfilled. This was an event like no other; the fulfillment of all that the Old Testament had said would happen was now here.

We live in a world that is fast moving we want everything in an instant, waiting does not seem to be an option. Good job Simeon was a patient man God's time not ours. Jesus came to fulfill what had been promised and still does today. Spending time in quiet and prayer may not seem fashionable but is powerful. In the Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem, we have the words 'be born in us today'. Spending time with God is an investment and planning and feeds us for life's journey.

As we see what the effect of inflation has on peoples' lives, the true message of Christmas is giving of oneself. We should see people just like our Lord did with compassion and love. So many churches and places have opened their doors for food banks, warm spaces, helping others, serving one another. Now that does give us a real reason to get up in the morning.

Every blessing to you all

Reverend Gary Jones





Little Bealings Churchyard, Wednesdays 3:10-3:45pm
Bring a coat, drink & snack. Parents please stay to support your children.
An after school group for primary aged children and their families, by Little Bealings Church, Lightwave & the East Suffolk Community Partnership.

What's coming up...

Wednesday 18th Jan	Birdwatch scavenger hunt & bird spotting (bring binoculars)
Wednesday 25th Jan	Making pine cone bird feeders & cleaning bird station
Wednesday 1st Feb	Making marshmallow lollies dipped in chocolate & sprinkles!
Wednesday 8th Feb	Nature weaving / bark & stone rubbings

In the event of very wet weather we will either go inside the church or cancel, depending on the activity.

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BRIAN SEWARD

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Brian on Saturday 14th January. Brian was well known and loved by all who knew him.

He was born in Devon but spent most of his life here in Playford; a great historian and Church Warden of St Mary's Playford for a number of years.

Known to many as Mr Playford because of his vast knowledge of the area and surroundings, Brian will be greatly missed as a member of our Church and local community.

We thank God for all what he has done and the many gifts and talents he had and used in helping others. A wonderful example of a caring man who devoted his life to the community.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this sad time.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Reverend Gary Jones

PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES AND NOTES.

February

Sunday 5th

10.00 a.m. Morning Service

Sunday 19th

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

March

Sunday 5th

10.00 a.m. Morning Service

A big thank you to all those that supported the Christmas Church Floodlight appeal. The church was floodlit every night from Sunday 11th December 2022 to Thursday 5th January 2023. There were only a few gaps that were not "sold" but we decided to leave them on anyway. Also, a big thank you to Simon Hughes of Church Corner Cottage for collecting the envelopes and cash that came through his door. A modern lamplighter!

The annual Candlelight Carol Service was a great success and a big thank you to all those that supplied mince pies and helped with the clearing-up afterwards.

On a sourer note, the church outside toilet has on three occasions recently been left in a disgusting state by, one supposes, a thoughtless and badly trained person. It is an unenviable job of cleaning up after them. A loo brush is provided but obviously the parents of this person or persons failed miserably in "toilet training". (Never mind the cannabis cigarette butts left in the hand basin.)

We leave it open because we know the facility is appreciated by walkers and visitors alike.

However, I am minded to return to the old days of locking it unless there is a church service timetabled.

Sign of the times methinks.

Churchwarden

PLAYFORD W.I.

We kicked off 2023 with a special New Year - New Activity night, at the Angela Cobbold Hall in Little Bealings. We all enjoyed trying or rediscovering table tennis, darts, exercise bikes, board games and more. On a very wet and windy night the ACH was so warm and welcoming and we can highly recommend it as a way to spend a fun couple of hours!

For our February meeting we will be discussing diverse topics such as Online Gambling harm; Supporting Women Tea Pickers; Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife - all issues shortlisted as potential campaigns by the national W.I. organisation.

In March we look forward to welcoming Yvette Robinson to hear about her visit to the National Arboretum. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in Playford Parish Hall - come and join us! playfordwi@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 11th January 2023.

A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Apologies received from Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce as she is unable to attend meetings on a Wednesday at present. Her written report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist. Cllr Colin Hedgley's report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website. Colin added there are funds available in his Enabling Communities Budget to be used before the end of the financial year. He will be standing again as District Councillor at the forthcoming elections in May this year together with Ben Coupe (as Tony Fryatt will be standing down).

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Hearing held on 15th December at Endeavour House ruled that the unregistered footpath between Butts Road and Church Road should be reinstated. As this may be appealed against, witnesses may be required to attest historic usage of this path so please contact the Chairman if you can help.

Progress on C324 traffic priority problems is still in abeyance until details of a meeting with Highways' officials are disclosed.

The small side gate to enable mobility scooters to bypass the main gate across the footpath to Tuddenham when it is locked, is still awaited.

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce has indicated that funds would be available from her county council budget, to fund signs to deter large vehicles from using Church Lane – this is to be costed and an application submitted.

SCC Highways Dept is to be approached again regarding the constant issue of water flowing down Church Lane which is highly dangerous in icy conditions.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the replacement battery for the defibrillator outside the Village Hall (this has been funded by a donation from Cllr Colin Hedgley's ECBudget), clerk's salary for November and December, tax to HMRC and for the clerk's stationery expenses. The salary rise for all clerks as agreed by the LGA and recommended by NALC was implemented by Playford PC.

The Bank reconciliation was agreed and the budget for 2023-24 was discussed. The Precept required for the year 2023-2024 was set at £10500.00 after a discussion and a unanimous vote by councillors.

HIGHWAYS

We are still awaiting Highways' suggestions on traffic priority issues on the C324 as above. The new shared SIDs device is working well. SAVID has had a good year and increased its membership so enough funds are now available for another SIDs device .

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A six week consultation period for the Draft Plan will start in March – a drop-in event is to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th March to mark the start of this and residents are being urged to attend as their views are encouraged. Refreshments will be served.

PLANNING MATTERS

Hill Farm: Permission has been granted for a low key “glamping” site at Hill Farm, a maximum of 3 units is to be provided with compost toilets and a mobile shower unit. No touring caravans, motorhomes or tents will be allowed. Trees will be planted to screen the site.

Application DC/22/1794/FUL - The Old House, Bransons – permission for alterations refused

Application DC/22/3153/FUL - Cart lodge and office above at Hill Farm Cottages,

permission granted.

Application DC/22/4902/FUL - Kiln Farm Nursery - Alterations to land and buildings – this is to be discussed by the parish council at a meeting on 25th Jan 2023.

OTHER MATTERS

Quotes obtained for the work required to repair the bottle bank were discussed, no decision as yet.

Quotes for an interactive History Board for Playford have been received and will be considered in the new financial year.

Repairs to the wooden surrounds the boules piste will be discussed at the next meeting.

It is anticipated that celebrations for the King's coronation may be arranged by the Village Hall committee.

Following the resignation of Cllr Ted Herrington, there are now two vacancies for councillors on the PC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 1st March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

*Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
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DROP-IN EVENT

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Wednesday 22nd February

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BINKY & CO

Binky put his feet up, sitting in his favourite armchair, a roaring fire blazing away in his fairly new log burner. Yes, it had been a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

He had been by himself at home for ten whole days, all by chance as well. Good ol' Santa, what a Christmas present. His useless son could not come down from university because his girlfriend had a bad cold and decided she couldn't travel, so Binky's son had to stay to look after her. Mind you Binky thought the pair were made for each other, they both had the intelligence of a year-old wombat and the get up and go of a South American two toed sloth. But Binky's caring side did kick in when he thought that any issue that may be the result of their liaison could be a veritable disaster to the future of mankind.

Binky's wonderful wife, Indigo, had travelled up to Reay in North Scotland to visit her sister, Puce.

Apparently, she had a growth on her nose which wasn't getting any smaller, it was now the size of a golf ball, and was causing concern. Binky put it down to Puce working for thirty years as a cleaning lady at Dounreay nuclear power station. Well, it was her own fault thought Binky for always boasting that she "worked as a nuclear fission operative." Binky could never understand why his sister-in-law moved up to Scotland all those years ago. The weather was awful, after all, there are two seasons in Scotland, June and Winter. He went up there once with Indigo and walked into the local pub. He asked the barman for a pint of lager with a dash of lime. The barman said, "We don't do cocktails".

Be that as it may, Indigo went up to see her well before Christmas but as luck would have it, she became snowed in and of course the rail strike then prevented her from travelling south. Joy of joy thought Binky, I can do what I like for ten whole days. And so, he did. Christmas eve he went down the pub with all his mates (i.e., by himself) and had a couple of pints and a long chat with the barmaid, Sembawang Sue. Gorgeous young thing from Singapore, who overcharged Binky every time he bought a pint, with the ease of an old pro. Which some unkind people said she was. But Binky was in a good mood and after three pints costing twenty pounds in all he wandered off home.

Christmas day Binky made his lunch. Two pieces of fried bread covered with a tin of baked beans and three pickled onions. For pudding he opened a tin of condensed milk and ate the lot. What a feast he thought. But that was the good thing about Brexit -no Brussels. Binky put his feet up only to be interrupted by his smart phone buzzing. He picked it up. It was a message from Indigo.

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Chris is busy hopefully organising events for later in 2023. look out for details

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