

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**February 2020**



## **The Admiral's Head**

In 2019, the number of pubs in Britain rose for the first time in just over a decade. Since 2008, one in four of British pubs had thrown the towel over the pumps and closed its doors apparently for good – or so it seemed!

The gradual disappearance of the British pub had been felt by many to reflect an equally gradual decline in community life. So, it is welcome news that the number of pubs in Britain is actually on the rise after some years of declining numbers.

Why did those one-in-four throw in the towel? Maybe in part due to a change in social conditions – smoking was banned, and drink driving of course is not only unlawful but socially unacceptable too. Some of the

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younger generation has a different lifestyle to that of their parents - why go out to the pub when you can sit at home with Netflix and a well-stocked fridge full of beer bought cheaply from the supermarket? Some are spurning alcohol in favour of being teetotal and some (it is rumoured) now even prefer to go to the gym than the pub!

So how come pub numbers are now starting to increase against that background?

Although there are fewer pubs than a decade ago, many of those that have survived have thrived – the FT reported that revenue per venue actually increased by 13% between 2008 and 2016. Those pubs are better run, and know that they must offer what the customer wants – a welcoming and relaxed ambiance, good quality food and good beer. With more pubs opening, that must be great news for many communities, particularly those that have lost their village pub in recent years. Many of those communities are now fighting to save, or re-open their village pub!

The Admiral's Head in Little Bealings sadly closed in 2012. Concerned that the pub may be lost to the village and wider community for ever, Little Bealings Parish Council applied to register the Admiral's Head as an 'Asset of Community Value' – an ACV.

Also, at that time, a Save the Admiral's Head group formed, and Lady Hamilton began issuing invitations for locals to join her at social events, keeping the pub spirit alive. Then in May last year the owners of the Admiral's Head decided to put the pub on the market.

A public meeting at Bealings Village Hall in June was attended by more than 80

people, which was overwhelmingly supportive of the proposal to try and re-open the village pub, and so 'Friends of the Admiral's Head' was formed to launch a bid to purchase, re-open and run the Admiral's Head for the benefit of the community. Many will have followed progress on the website at

<https://friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk>.

**The vision of The Friends of The Admirals Head is that a thriving, community-owned Admiral's Head would be 'more than a pub'. We want the pub to return to its invaluable place in the community, a place to meet, socialise and enjoy great food and drink.**

The Management Committee has worked tirelessly, grappling with budgets, business plans, publicity, surveys, grant applications, setting up a Community Benefit Society, and all that goes with getting any Community Business off the ground. With the invaluable support of so many members of the community, individuals pledging over £87,000 to buy community shares, combined with loans and grant applications, Friends of the Admiral's Head were able in November, to lodge a formal bid to buy the pub.

As things stand, the community bid has currently not been accepted by the owners but we continue with our efforts and hope that a buyer – whether private or the community bid – will be taking the towels from the pumps and throwing open the doors in 2020!

Thanks so much to all who have supported in any way.

Watch this space!

*Chris Mason  
Chair, Friends of the Admiral's Head*



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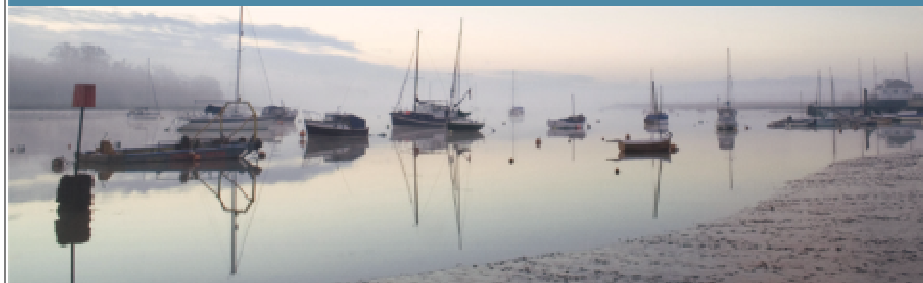
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### EDITORIAL NOTES

**A meeting of various interested parties was held on Monday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 2019. The following gives an outline of discussions.**

**Present;** Norman Porter (Chairing), Marian and Colin Hedgley, Margaret Gornall, Jane Hartley, Tim Llewellyn, Peter Carr, Ian Ransome, Tony Fear, Carol Ramsden.

**Thanks:** The Chairman thanked those present and all from across our villages who volunteer their services to help with and contribute to the Magazine.

#### **Review of the year 2019:**

1. **General:** This had been a year without major controversy. The Northern by-pass was a major issue, but opinion in our villages seemed to be unanimously set against the project.

2. **Size of magazine;** we had been consistently up to 40 pages or more. The abundance of material suggested that the Magazine is seen as a valuable means of communication, with no shortage of contributions – partly official, from Parish Councils, partly informal, on a range of local topics. At present contributions are published as received. There is no rationing of pages or of length of articles. We might have to impose a system of rationing, of both the number and length of contributions.

3. **Finance - expenditure:** **The increased size of the Magazine has had a major financial impact. We have been consistently paying £250 a month to the printers (our only outgoings), with the result that there will only be £500 left in our account by the end of the year. Ideally we should have enough funding at this stage to cover all costs for the following year. If finances fall below £300 we will have no option but to not publish. Please**

read insert.

4. **Income:** Finance comes from three sources: Parish Councils, Individual Donations and Subscriptions and Commercial Advertising. It was agreed that there are various organisations which enjoy free coverage – our churches, events organisers at the Village Hall, ACH and the Cafe-Hub – and that there has been a disproportionate increase in submissions which has contributed to the increase in the number of pages. There was agreement that the churches would to probably again agree to paying £50 each – in line with a sum that had previously been paid to support the old Benefice News. It was agreed that, at the very least, advertising space for each organisation should be rationed to a maximum of a page a month and that advertisers of events should be urged to make a contribution to costs. ***The centrefold of this Magazine offers readers the opportunity to contribute towards increased costs. PLEASE acknowledge the seriousness of this appeal.***

5. **Alternative sources of income;** It was wondered whether there could be community funding sources, and Trusts that could be approached to support a community Magazine such as the FLN. Any ideas welcome.

6. **Advertising.** It is proposed to leave rates as they are, since they are competitive and we need to gain, rather than deter, advertisers. All readers are urged to encourage additional advertisers to support us.

7. **Content:** it was generally agreed that there is a good balance of content. While Binky is something of a marmite figure, it was agreed that the FLN does need light-hearted contributions, and that Binky, an elusive figure, can continue to exercise imaginations – perhaps even to the extent of initiating a cartoon-drawing

competition, giving Binky and Co a visual identity. We welcome correspondence. Church content should be limited to the four parishes: there can be no extension to coverage of services held by new partner-churches. It was felt that the front page could be devoted to sign-posting content and contacts, for ease of navigation through the Magazine.

**8. Personnel:** A warm tribute was paid to designer, Tim Llewellyn, who continues to design the FLN despite now living in Chillesford. Other members of the team remain in place, but there remains a desperate need to find back-up, understudies etc. Marian Hedgley kindly offered to join the team of proof-readers. Young people with an interest in some sort of printed-media career, young under-employed professionals with children at school, recently retired people with a bit of extra time on their hands: here is an opportunity to play a small but rewarding part in your community.

**9. Lead items:** these used to be called editorials, but editorial comment now follows the lead item of the month. Each parish is invited to submit two lead items a year, with Easter and Christmas being covered by a religious theme. It is not always easy to find people prepared to commit their thoughts to writing, but the need remains. Do volunteer! – we hope to identify Mag reps in each village – human antennae, on the look-out for news – who can co-ordinate village efforts – not necessarily something best delegated to Parish Councils who have enough to do as it is. Lead items can be on any subject, provided they are of potential interest to readers – the subject can be local, or can range more widely.

**10. On-line presence.** It is felt that this can be improved. The FLN is read in places as diverse as Australia, Prague, Kent and Hampshire. We can consider having our own website – giving us the option of referring to lengthy submissions from the paper copy.

**11. The future. It was unanimously and**

**enthusiastically agreed that, while the Benefice has broken up, the geographical entity of the Fynn-Lark valleys remains, and that our four villages can continue to enjoy strong links, relationships and communications, and that is precisely what the FLN facilitates.**

**12. Church service and FLN Social Event:** It was further agreed that we should consider organising a joint event combining a religious element, to commemorate the end of the Old Benefice, and promotion of this Magazine.

## **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.

We were lucky to receive free architect and QS services through Suffolk Pro Help and they delivered detailed plans to the committee in October last year.

The total estimated cost for these improvements was over £577,000.

Whilst we were getting our plans prepared, three other Village projects sprang to life : All Saints Church refurbishment, Angela Cobbold Hall sale & The Admirals Head Pub community purchase appeal, and it was felt that due to the high cost we could not proceed at that time with so many appeals for community cash ongoing.

So instead, it was decided to maintain what we have....

In January community spirit ran high as

we refurbished the car park and cleared tons of leaves from the playing field with the help of numerous volunteers.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to: Andrew Davis, Nigel Hall-Wright, Mike Garnham, John and Helen Wittgreffe, Kate Parish, Francis Mutimer, Steve and Sue Foster, Peter Shaw, Peter and Sue Prentice, Margaret Wilson, Julian Haywood Smith, and a huge thank you to Andy Mayhew who used his JCB and saved us lots of backache.

We plan on having regular community working parties to help maintain the excellent facilities we have at the Hall. If you wish to help please see details below.

In February we will have the flat roof replaced over the kitchen, toilets and snooker room as the old roof is starting to fail.

Volunteers manage all aspects of the Hall and Playing Field maintenance and administration.

This includes daily inspection of play equipment and annual external inspection, weekly/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](mailto:bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk)

The Hall is used over 360 days per year by numerous groups and individuals for events such as Women's Institute meetings and talks, Youth Action Theatre practice and productions, Bealings School productions, Carpet Bowls club nights and matches, Snooker, various classes for Dance Groups, Yoga, Pilates, Pop-Up Pubs, Birthday Parties, Plant Sales, Quiz Nights and inter-village Fun Days.

It can be booked online via:

<http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk> or through the Secretary – details at the back of this publication.

The Playing Field and play equipment are used by children before & after school, Boules teams, Wedding/Birthday parties. The sports court is used for tennis, netball and private hire and can be booked via:

<http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk> or through the Administrator – details at the back of this publication.

*Keith Beaumont,*

*Trustee, Bealings Village Hall*

## **HISTORY CORNER**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND US**

Unless I've been dozing obliviously away we haven't yet had any snow – and here we are moving towards the end of January. Occasional frosts, yes, but no significant snow. Daffodils can increasingly be seen around Christmas time and the heating doesn't have to be on full time. Grass occasionally has to be cut in December. What on earth has happened? Or to put it another way - what is happening to planet earth? I suspect we know the answer.

For those of us of advanced age, memories of 3 months solid snow in 1947 remain in our ever more hazy heads, together with memories of winters in the 1960s and 1970s when snowballing, skating, icy slides, snowmen, and sledging were recurring and eagerly anticipated features of normal wintry life. The snow on Christmas cards was paralleled by snow on the ground. Father Christmas really did need a sleigh, with runners. Sports fixtures were cancelled by the dozen. On Saturday's the Pools Panel used to meet to determine what the result of football matches might have been, so as not to upset the smooth running and profit-margins of Vernons and Littlewoods Pools enterprises. Even so, schools tended not to close, as no health and safety rules then prevailed, deterring that sort of British bloody-mindedness which sought to overcome all over-comeable obstacles. And the post, milk and papers always seemed to get delivered by intrepid deliverers. It was a matter of pride.

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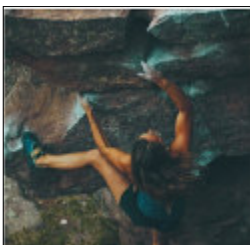
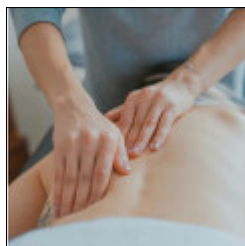
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Climate change sceptics might remind us of the Beast from the East, and it was not long ago that these pictures were taken, showing the Barrett family clearing one of our roads,



..... or Kiln Lane looking as pretty as a Christmas card of olden times.



But it seems increasingly clear that these are exceptions to the average winter, and that even in the valleys of the Fynn and Lark valleys deluges, dry, lawn-killing summers and mild winters, those indicators of climate change, are becoming ever more frequent.

*Norman Porter*

## NATURE NOTES

### Magpies

The magpie is a corvid – a member of the crow family. Split its name in half and you have two half-meanings: “pie” meaning dual coloured, as in piebald – the magpie

is a sheeny black and white colour – in French its name is simply “une pie.” Despite the magpie’s generally poor reputation the “Mag-” prefix is variously understood to be a sign of friendly familiarity – referring to Margaret, Maggie, Meg etc. or as an abbreviation of “maggoty”. The former explanation is similar to popular culture references to Jack-daw or Jack Frost.



The lowly reputation of magpies comes from the perception that they steal and eat the eggs and young of other birds. This is true. They are also considered to be acquisitive and steal brightly coloured objects e.g. Rossini’s opera “The Thieving Magpie”. This seems to be scientifically dubious. They can also be bad omens and are the subject of a nursery rhyme: “One for sorrow two for joy” – the magpie is thought to mate for life, so they are expected to be seen in pairs. If you spot just the one it suggests that he/she has lost its mate. They are nowadays increasingly seen in small family groups.

Magpies have traditionally been hunted down as a destructive species, and are widely perceived to have proliferated in recent times. They are considered to be amongst the most intelligent of all birds, and are said to be able to recognise a self-image in a mirror. They are also very alert, and difficult to take by surprise.

## BEALINGS WI

Happy New Year from the members of Bealings WI.

Our 2020 programme began on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> with a talk on Health and Safety and is followed in February with a talk on Inheritance. Our speakers cover a wide range of interesting topics at our monthly meetings.

Visitors are always welcome, just call into the village hall on any 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Our winter meetings start at 2.00 p.m. and our summer ones at 7.00 p.m.

Please contact the secretary Jennifer Cook for more information. 01473 623985, or Longcroft, Sandy Lane. We look forward to seeing you.

### A date for your diaries!

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April our speaker will be sculptor Sean Hedges-Quinn "Creating Kevin Beattie's Statue". This will be an open meeting. Further details next month.

## COMMUNITY LUNCH @ACH

Grateful thanks to everyone who shared the Community Christmas Lunch. A sum of. £250 was raised for the Over the Rainbow Children's Charity. Among the contributions that made this meal special were, tasty 'piggies in blankets' and stuffing from Betty Slim, delicious homemade Christmas Pudding from Sandra Banham, mince pies and lots of help from the Herrington family, including special table decorations provided by Tracey, chocolates from Mary Mitton and wonderful Waterlily napkins with Liqueur chocolates provided by Gill Peck. As four birthdays were celebrated at this time Gina Mutimer brought some cupcakes for everyone to share. Sadly, because of illness the Humming Birds could not sing on this occasion, but Alison Cheeseman kindly filled the gap and led Christmas songs from the piano donated by Ivan

Jowers. Two Christmas trees, one from the WI and one from a 'friend' of the ACH, together with a gift of greenery and decorations by Margaret Roseboom, all created a happy Christmas atmosphere. Thank-you again to all concerned.

'Leftovers' Community Lunch on 7th. January raised £120 for the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall. Once again thanks to everyone who helped to make this meal a success.

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## **ST MARY'S**

Welcome to a new and challengingly fresh new year: fresh because we now enter a new era of partnership with St Mary's Woodbridge, with all the opportunities on offer to forge new relationships and different routines.

Please enjoy the opportunities that develop, and please be patient with us as we try to navigate through to this new era. The more feed-back the better – be it in the shape of positive suggestions or constructive criticism.

By the time the next issue appears we will know the identity of our new Priest, and will do our best to ensure that he/she gets to know our village and its inhabitants.

## **LOOKING BACK**

As we move through a dark and gloomy January it is good to be able to look back on all the lights, joy and glitter of the Christmas season. In a normal month we have just one service. December gave us three: the first Sunday which was celebrated as Christingle, our Carol Service on December 15<sup>th</sup> and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Over 60 people attended the Carol Service, which was once again boosted by our People's Choir, led by Megan Peel and her team of singers. It was good to hear the soaring descants, and special choir items, supplementing the congregational carols. Our thanks to Julian Haywood Smith and Virginia Porter for ensuring plentiful supplies of mulled wine and mince pies,

respectively.

Our warmest thanks to Rev Dr John Hare for officiating at all our Christmas services, including Midnight Mass. It was good to see so many young people joining us for that special launching of Christmas.

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

Our monthly service in February will celebrate Candlemas, together with, less formally, our annual display of snowdrops. Let's consider those swathes of gleaming whiteness as harbingers of new life, as they peep brightly through the dirty brown carpet of old rotting leaves and twigs.

## **CHURCHYARD**

The churchyard is slumbering, but is still worth a wander. The moles have been very active, and there are more rabbits than is usual at this time of year. They are probably breeding prolifically below ground, enjoying the mild weather, so be warned of proliferation to come.

*Churchwarden*

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

*Note: the full minutes are available on the website*

## **Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Minute 10(iii) was amended to read "...a loan of £25,000", the minutes were then approved and signed.

**Trees, planting etc.** – 7 lime trees have been planted on the way to the Church and 3 field maples on the Millennium Footpath to replace 2 dead oaks. There are 2 oaks still to be planted. There is £118 outstanding from CH's Enabling Communities Funding. In the spring, stock fencing will need to be erected around the trees and a working party will be arranged. 45 free trees have arrived courtesy of the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, but permission to plant these is awaited. They are being cared for in a temporary location, probably until next winter.

### **Water Meadow**

Colin Hedgley has offered to accompany the ESC Enforcement Team on their proposed inspection of the site, and is waiting to hear from them

### **Finger Post, Holly Lane**

Colin Hedgley reported that this matter is ongoing. The PC would like to re-furbish this and re-install it.

### **Meeting re Fynn Lark News**

Colin Hedgley reported on the meeting which had been held in November. It was emphasised that the financial support of the PCs was essential, and confirmation was given that Great Bealings have included this in their budget for 2020/21. The PCCs will also be asked to make a contribution. Various ideas for improvements are being considered.

### **Report by District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH)**

A comprehensive report had been circulated to Cllrs. Charles Barrington asked CH to report to the next meeting on the current position regarding ESC's revised Local Plan, following publication

of the Inspector's Report, which is due at the end of January.

### **Planning Applications**

**DC/19/4799/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Birds Hill House, Seckford Hall Road – replacement of existing windows with stained oak windows** - The PC resolved to support this application

### **Updates:**

**DC/19/3884 – Fambridge, Lower Street** – application permitted

**DC/19/4066 – Rosery Cottage Barn** – Retrospective application – application refused

**DC/18/3002 – Wood Barn Cottages** – Appeal dismissed

### **Admirals Head**

A detailed discussion was held on the consideration of the last meeting, to borrow £25,000 by means of a PWLB loan repayable over 10 years. It has since become clear that this amount cannot be loaned to the Friends of the Admirals Head (FotAH), but would have to be used to purchase community shares. The share structure gives an investor very little power and would leave the residents of Great Bealings with the liability to repay the loan over 10 years, even if the venture were to fail. Great Bealings' shares would be those of an unsecured creditor and the chances of any recovery (in event of failure) would be very slim. The required 50% parish increase in council tax liability would affect all residents for 10 years, not just those in favour of the project. The view of Cllrs is that the prime funding source should be personal share commitments by residents, and grants. A vote was taken

and Cllrs resolved unanimously to refrain from purchasing any community shares in this project.

### **Boot Street Bridge – Extension to Speed Limit**

SCC have advised some further details of the cost of progressing the design and preparation of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). However, the PC would have to source funding for the whole of this project which is estimated at £7 – 10,000. CH recommended applying to the EXEMPLAR Fund after 1<sup>st</sup> April, and advised that he will also have a new Enabling Communities Budget, but Robin Vickery's budget for 2020/21 has already all been allocated. Charles Barrington will tell SCC we have identified some funding and ask for a dedicated designer to be appointed to progress this.

### **SAVID/SID**

Charles Barrington advised that he has now replaced the batteries in the SID, so it is now working again in accordance with the pre-set times.

### **Farm Track at Cherry Tree Farm**

The PC has been approached by the householder, who has been given to understand that the PC is not in favour of retaining the tarmac surface at the entrance to the farm track, once the underground cable route is completed. This matter has never previously been discussed by the PC and the unanimous feeling is that the tarmac should be retained. The PC will advise SCC or Scottish Power of this if they make an enquiry.

### **Finance and Admin - Seven cheques**

were authorised and signed for office expenses, Clerk's salary and PAYE, website registration and purchase of trees.

### **Budget and Precept 2020/21**

The amended budget was formally approved together with an increased precept of £4820, which represents a 2.5% rise on the parish element of council tax.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Fynn Lark News**

following an invitation for Great Bealings to provide the editorial for the March edition, Charles Barrington recommended that this should cover the forthcoming link-up of the church with St Mary's in Woodbridge. He will liaise with Norman Porter to produce this

#### **Anonymous letter**

Charles Barrington circulated an anonymous letter he has received following on from the notes that had previously been displayed on one of the notice boards. The author had been invited, by means of the minutes, to attend the PC meeting to discuss their views, but has declined. It is repeated here that all meetings are open to residents and other members of the public, in particular the Annual Parish Meeting which this year will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Emails**

John Carter-Jonas reminded Cllrs the importance of keeping all emails on PC matters strictly business like.

The public are welcome to attend any



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## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

### **Review: Dickens at Christmas – November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**

This was a huge success. Lawrence Werber performed brilliantly, with slight



variations of choice of Dickensian readings at the three separate gatherings. In all some 120/130 people attended the three occasions – two of them with capacity attendance. After deduction of expenses, including the costs of many bottles of eagerly quaffed wine, we were able to donate over £600 to each of the two beneficiaries: our local church and Dance-East. The display of paintings by Valerie Irving and Robin Sadler's late father, Robert, not only embellished the walls of the venue, but also, thanks to the generosity of purchasers, boosted takings very considerably, with 20% of the sale

accruing to the funds.

We are immensely grateful to Lawrence, as chief performer, Robin Sadler and Valerie Irving as art exhibitors, and to Ben and Nicky for allowing us to take over their beautiful home for the three occasions – a real marathon for all concerned, but so very worthwhile, bringing convivially together so many people to enjoy a first-class performance. The event was the perfect way to launch the festive season.

### **VALENTINE CONCERT – Rose Hinton (Violin) and Jonathan Ayling ('cello) – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00**

Music lovers will be pleased that local musician Rose Hinton is returning for her third St Mary's concert.



All three concerts have been different from one another: Rose as a member of the Stella Quarter, Rose playing violin as a tribute to her jazz-violin-playing grandfather - and now performing in a special rose-tinted Violin/'cello concert with her equally musical boyfriend, Jonathan, appropriately to coincide with the Valentine's period of February. Suitable refreshments will be on offer: cake, tea and light fizzy wine – for 30 minutes beforehand – between 4.30 and 5.00 - and during the interval. For lovers of classical music this is a "must".

Programmes @ £10 secure entry and are available in advance. They can be delivered locally, or emailed further afield. Payment can be by BACS – see advertisement. The concert is in aid of the very topical mental-health charity MIND, and of St Mary's Church.

## **GERMAN EVENING**

### **Friday March 27th**

This programme is growing steadily. We now hope that it will include not only Prof Jeremy Tambling talking about WG Sebald, (Browsers Bookshop will be offering a display of various pertinent books) but also German classical music (Farran Scott), a snapshot of Brechtian drama (Lawrence and Val Werber), German Lieder, short presentations by Rev Peter Wintgens (Life in Hamburg) and, appropriate to the venue, Rev Dr John Hare (4 hugely influential 20<sup>th</sup> century German theologians), all alongside traditional German refreshments.

If you are a Germanophile or feel that there could be something about the Germans other than two world wars, or

have friends who would enjoy such an evening, do join us /and or bring them along. The speakers, in combination may persuade you that German contributions to European culture have been considerable.

A fully illustrated programme will be issued well in advance, and will constitute your entry document.

## **GREAT BEALINGS OPEN GARDENS – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 – 2.00 – 5.00 OR SO**

Numbers are growing – together with suggestions as to how individual venues might offer some sort of side-line: books for sale, cut plants for sale, ice-creams etc.

It is confirmed that the church will serve as a meeting point and that maps, together with details of gardens open will be distributed there. It is also confirmed that a fizzy gathering will be held at the end of the afternoon – the timings likely to be around 2.00 until 5.00.

We invite further offers to participate in what should be a good opportunity to showcase our village.

## **TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS**

An English professor wrote the following; “A woman without her man is nothing” on the chalkboard and asked the students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote:

“A woman, without her man, is nothing.”

All of the females in the class wrote:

“A woman: without her, man is nothing.”

***REMEMBER - PUNCTUATION IS POWERFUL!***



We are indebted to *Amy Thorpe* for this seasonal 'essay'.



## **THE FINANCING OF THIS MAGAZINE – RED ALERT**

**Please read carefully.**

**The future of this Magazine is threatened.**

We finished the year with enough funds to finance just two issues in 2020. Paradoxically this is a sign of success. Many of last year's issues were of 40 pages or more, and this impacted heavily on printing costs. The size of the Magazine has almost doubled. There was no corresponding increase in income. We wish to be able to continue to deliver this Magazine free to every household in Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho, and sincerely hope that this objective is widely supported.

Income comes from three sources: commercial advertising, contributions from Parish Councils and individual donations. We are immensely grateful to all who support us financially, but desperately need more advertising and more individual contributions, preferably by Standing Order, to enable us to start the year with budgetary confidence.

If we run out of funds mid-year we will simply not be able to publish, and that will happen with little notice. We are asking organisations which regularly use us for advertising events and activities to make a contribution to costs, but also urge individual readers, who value the service that we offer, to consider setting up a standing order, helping us to ensure continued publication. Communications across our villages are all the more important now that the Benefice has broken up.

We are very grateful to our Parish Councils, our advertisers, and current subscribers for their support, and very much hope that others will feel that they would like to join them, thereby ensuring the continuing publication of this magazine. If you have a query or suggestion – particularly of possible further advertising, please contact the Editor: *Norman Porter*, [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) – 01473 735565

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# LITTLE BEALINGS

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## PARISH COUNCIL

**The Parish Council met on 6 January 2020. The main issues considered were:**

### WEBSITE AND 'EASE OF ACCESS'

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations of 2018 required a review of the Little Bealings website, and such changes as were needed to make it accessible for disabled users put in place. It was agreed that the webmaster would attend one-to-one training at Community Action Suffolk at a cost of £48 for this and that, subject to confirmation of the extent and the cost of the work involved, the webmaster would be asked to make the necessary changes.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**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 - Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit**

The application had been approved, with conditions, at an ESC Planning Committee meeting at which Ms Saagi had spoken to give the Council's views. A noise assessment would be carried out. The Committee had said that the Council should be sent details of whom to contact if noise problems arose.

**SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary**

### **bund – Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit**

SCC had advised that it was working to try to achieve a bund height and fence arrangement that would benefit residents as much as possible.

### **The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road**

ESC had advised that cars at the property were considered to be private and that no sales were taking place. The Council was of the view that the cars were stock for a car sales business and ESC would be asked to reconsider.

## ESC TOWN AND PARISH PLANNING FORUM

The Chairman would attend this on 24 January.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Hedgley's report is available here: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>

## PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET

Anglian Water had responded to the Environment Agency's request for information, and the Council's view that the Admiral's Head should not be considered a domestic dwelling by Anglian Water would be passed to the Agency.

## POLICE/ESC LIAISON

Dr Hopkins had attended the meeting on 28 November, where discussions had included school parking issues. Dr Hopkins would attend the next meeting on 23 January.

## THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD: CONSULTATION ON A PUBLIC WORKS BOARD LOAN

All Councillors present declared a personal interest in this matter, having

pledged to buy community shares. Councillors received an update on the proposed community purchase of the pub from the Friends of the Admiral's Head (FoTAH). An offer of the RICS valuation figure had been made and rejected by the owners, but the offer remained on the table. The Council considered its powers to purchase property, to contribute to the refurbishment of 'parish property' which, it had been advised, would include a community owned pub, and to purchase community shares. It also gave further consideration to carrying out public consultation on a Public Works Board Loan to assist with the project. This would involve an increase in the precept to meet the repayments. The Council required further financial information from FoTAH on the refurbishment costs but agreed dates for additional Council meetings in January/February to consider the project further, and that a public consultation could be run during February if the information was to hand.

### **FINANCE**

Mr Hunter had completed the Statement of Internal Control for the quarter and no issues had arisen. The bank reconciliation for the third quarter would be completed when the December bank statement was received. Cheques were signed for the charge made by ESC for running the Parish Council election in May 2019, £666.74, and for the Clerk's expenses, salary for January and February and for PAYE. Income of £5.16 had been received from Great Bealings Parish Council; 50% of the cost of insuring the shared wooden sign.

### **FYNN LARK NEWS**

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting at which the increased size and cost of producing the News was discussed. The Council wished to continue to have it distributed free to every household in the parish and it was agreed to increase the Council's donation

to the cost of producing the News to £250 for 2020/21.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 2 March in Bealings Village Hall. All parishioners of Little Bealings are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village – and raise any concerns. Local community groups are also invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so. The meeting will be followed by a talk on Climate Emergency by John Midwinter from Great Bealings, using his own home as an example to look at the opportunities for personal actions: **Climate Emergency: What Can You Do in Little Bealings?**

### **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting date is 2 March 2020, after the Annual Parish Meeting and Climate Emergency talk, but please visit our website for updates <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/dates-of-meetings/>

### **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS TO MARCH 2021**

The Council will meet in Bealings Village Hall on 11 May (the Annual Parish Council Meeting), 6 July, 7 September and 2 November in 2020 and on 4 January and 1 March (the Annual Parish Meeting) in 2021. Other meetings will be arranged as required.

Draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Council's website.

*Carol Ramsden - Clerk*

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### **Climate Emergency: What Can You Do in Little Bealings?**

A talk on Climate Emergency by John Midwinter from Great Bealings, using his own home as an example, will follow the Meeting, looking at the opportunities for personal actions: Solar PV/hot water, insulation, heating and transport are examples.

Carol Ramsden, Clerk

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### **UPDATE ON THE ACH.**

2019 was a very good year for our success in achieving £70K in donations from the Bealings Villages, thus enabling our purchase of the Angela Cobbold Hall, followed by a further £35K in grants which we are using to introduce new facilities to the Hall and, equally important, the opportunity to attend to the necessary repairs of the Hall, so long neglected. Our Biffa Award grant of £16,400 will be applied directly to the re-felting of the flat roof, the removal of the 1939 Crittall windows, to be replaced by modern Double Glazing units, with new curtains to cover, the installation of new heating radiators, a new kitchen, and the repainting of both inner and outer walls. All this to be completed by the end of March. Our introduction of new facilities has been much welcomed by the village and we shall continue these improvements by introducing "Keep Fit Fridays" or other available times, when a new table tennis table, a "Joan Moon Special" together with new bats and balls for beginners, and a small snooker table, will be available for

hire as from 1<sup>st</sup> February, together with 2 modern Fitness bikes to encourage removal of those extra ounces acquired over the Festive Season! We are presently having a quiet January, planning a programme of future events, including weekly films, recorded concerts, staged play readings, modern stage dance group with our dance mirror, topical subject talks and discussions, and not least a repeat of our very successful Wine Tasting Evening, we shall however, have to limit the numbers in attendance to 25 by ticket in advance only.

We shall introduce "The Friends of the Angela Cobbold Hall", sometime in March, which will be formed as a group to advise and support the improvements we propose to make in the future. One particular aspect will be centred on our Charitable Trust status, whereby, whilst a non-profit organisation, we are authorised to ensure we cover our running costs and also our upkeep and maintenance costs. Any excess, once these costs have been met, will be donated by Ropeth to a worthy group, individual or cause, within



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the village. This was a feature of our visit to St. Leonards, Yarpole, who recently completed a very well managed transformation of their church building. 2020 is going to be another busy year in the history of the Angela Cobbold Hall, built in 1939 as a source of practical support for the local church and the furtherance of the Christian faith. Over the years, this prime requirement changed, necessitating its sale, with the needs of the village for a modern Community Resource now paramount. It is this journey we are now on and with your support, we shall achieve it.

*Roger Roseboom,  
Chairman, Ropeth.*

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT REVIEW**

This year I decided to hold my students' Christmas concert at the Angela Cobbold Hall. Having already attended several events there I thought it would be interesting to find out how the hall would lend itself to a small group of musicians in their aim to perform to their family and friends.

Our concert took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and I have to say that I was really very pleased with the outcome, as were all who were involved. The hall itself is a perfect space in which to hold an intimate musical performance. The acoustic is warm and appealing. Roger Roseboom very kindly assembled and positioned the brand new stage for me. The stage, a modular one, can be easily assembled into any shape, be it for a performance or a catwalk for example. It has steps, and a skirt if needed.

Roger very kindly put together the stage lighting for me which he easily set up with the help of my husband. The curtain

drawn across the dance mirror was decorated with fairy lights as were the two full size Christmas trees and decorations hung down from the ceiling. Very Christmassy. To add a finishing touch my husband arranged a Christmas scene to be shown on the massive tv on the back wall. As a whole everything looked perfect for the occasion.

One of the most popular feedback comments from the performers was that the space felt homely, friendly and certainly not intimidating. They enjoyed being up on stage. They enjoyed the fact that there were tables with chairs arranged informally rather than in rows. And, thanks to Vicki Carr, it was warm due to the heating being turned on earlier that evening. Mulled wine, sausage rolls, crisps, sweets etc were served easily from the utensils provided by the hall.

All in all it was a really successful evening, enjoyed by all who came along. I have already booked it for our concert in 2020. I would thoroughly recommend the Angela Cobbold Hall to anyone wishing to hold a celebration, concert, play or class of any kind as it is a truly versatile venue.

*Alison Cheeseman*

## **CHURCHWARDENS' UPDATE**

A happy new year to one and all! It was a very busy December in the Church, with our lovely Carol Service, the ever-popular Crib Service, 25 talented attendees at our wreath-making workshop led by the wonderful Maggie Davis, followed by a highly popular "All Saints Tavern" which will be repeated in the Spring.

It has been good to catch our breath in January, giving us time to reflect on 2019 and look forward to all the new church

and community events All Saints is planning for 2020, including the Farmers Market starting again in April, a very



exciting string of music events--also starting in April--and of course, we are getting our seedlings ready for the annual Plant Sale!



The Pilates class has been a big hit in the village and Didi Kamfer brings her wonderfully funny, expert and encouraging teaching to us every Monday at 7:30 p.m..

The Tearoom, as always, is doing well and we have secured regular hours from now on which will be Wednesday, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11.00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m, with last orders at 4pm. We will be open for hot and cold drinks, cakes and light lunches, and the shop will also be open during these times featuring our popular refill station, a wide selection of chutneys and preserves, and the ever-popular homemade pies.

We are indebted to all who have helped keep our beloved little church going, from the flower arrangers to the cleaners, the event organisers and, of course, our parishioners! Our next service is on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and will be led by Rev Gary Jones who some of you will be acquainted with by now. Gary led the Crib service, is starting to get out and about in the village, and is also a Tearoom regular! And don't forget, regular 1-hour walks start from the Church every Thursday at 10:30, ably led by Frances Mutimer!

It is looking to be a very exciting year at All Saints, so do please keep your eye out for future events, including checking on our website: [littlebealingschurch.org](http://littlebealingschurch.org), and please pop in for a good strong cup of tea or coffee and homemade cakes, soup and quiches when you have a chance!

With every blessing,

*Corinne and Tony Fear*

## **BEALINGS GARDENING CLUB**

**Thursday 13th February 7.30 The Angela Cobbold Hall**

***'A Year In the Life of Layham Hall Garden'***

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## **GARDENING QUIZ**

**Thursday 12th March 7.30 Angela Cobbold Hall**

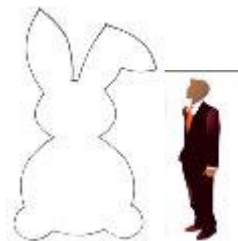
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#### February

Mon. 3rd	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Tues. 4th	Community Lunch	12.30 p.m.
Thurs. 13th	Singalong	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 13th	Gardening Club	7.30 p.m.
Mon. 17th	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Sat. 22nd	Classic Film Comedy - ' <i>Harvey</i> '	2.00 p.m.
Mon. 24th	Play Reading Group	7.30p.m.

#### March

Mon. 2nd	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Tues. 3rd	Community Lunch	12.30 p.m.
Sat. 7th	Classic Film Comedy - ' <i>Some Like It Hot</i> '	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 12th	Singalong	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 12th	Gardening Quiz	7.30 p.m.
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## BOB KENNEDY -

### Playford's centenarian



Born on 10 January 1920, Bob spent the first few years of his life in Sussex. His family moved to Finchley in north London when he was six years old and he lived there until he married Elsie in 1950. The couple had three children (Nick, Barbara and Jaki); Elsie passed away in 1993.

Nick and family moved with his job to Suffolk buying Meadow View, next to Archway House, in 1996. Bob followed the following year first renting in Martlesham and then buying Springside in Spring Meadow. In his ever expanding family he now has four granddaughters, two great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons.

His working life started in a stockbroker's office in London. During the war he enlisted in the RAF where he rapidly became a trainer for the mechanics who kept the aircraft, notably Spitfires, in the air. He later became involved in family confectionary businesses, principally as an agent for Dunhill's of Pontefract who,

on being taken over by Haribo, forced his retirement shortly after.

A life-long angler, he still gets a fly rod out for trout when he gets the chance and, until recently, was a keen gardener doing all his own work. He has kept himself fit by cutting and splitting his fire wood and can still be seen wielding a chain saw!

He was thrilled with the party that was thrown for him at Hintlesham Hall where family and friends from across the country joined in the celebrations. And he was equally delighted with the huge numbers of cards that he had received, none more so than the one from Buckingham Palace which he is seen proudly holding in the photograph.

*Nick Kennedy*

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)**

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no Co Councillor's report.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley's report is appended at the end of the full minutes published on the website. In brief Colin stated: Three more Dog Control orders (Public Space Protection Orders) are proposed in addition to 10 which were introduced last year. Reducing waste at Christmas is being encouraged; an estimated 125,000 tonnes of plastic packaging and 83km<sup>2</sup> of wrapping paper is thrown away in the UK every Christmas. £250K has been spent

in Felixstowe improving access to the beach and to beach huts following a survey reporting them as hazardous. Diary dates of main ESC meetings in January. No money left in Colin's Enabling Communities Budget for this tax year or in the Exemplar fund.

Please see Colin's full report for more details.

### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

Still awaiting clearance of silt on C324, drains should have been cleared by 23rd Dec but this was not carried out as recent heavy rainfall put back Highways' schedule. Clerk to contact landowner to request that drains on south side of road are kept clear.

Flow of water down FP7 from Church Lane into Spring Meadow: Flagship Housing's surveyor is due to visit on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan to assess the problem and clerk will remind Robin Vickery that Highways Manager is to arrange for the moss, mud & silt to be cleaned up in Spring Meadow.

FP1 across the water meadow has improved - it is still soggy at the lowest point but it has been a very wet winter. Drainage on FP3 has been improved – fence is still closer to the hedge than was agreed, vegetation has been cut back on both paths but Clerk will remind Debbie Adams that FP3 needs widening in places.

Permission has been agreed for signs to be erected at each end of Church Lane to deter heavy vehicles from using it - no funding agreed yet, but help with installation has been offered.

Excess water standing on Church Road reported to Highways but this is a very low priority, being an unclassified road, Clerk to write to landowner to request ditch clearance.

Blocked gulley near Bridge Cottage and potentially dangerous loose paving slab should be dealt with by 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. Blocked

culvert near entrance to Village Hall – SC Norse claim this is not their responsibility, so it has been reported to Highways who will send a Community Warden to inspect.

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

### **FINANCE**

Payments authorised for Clerk's expenses for stationery, to HMRC for tax on the clerk's salary and for N/Plan expenses. Credit of £750 was received from Cllr Colin Hedgley's budget for Playford Histories project. A bank reconciliation was carried out. Budget for 2019-20 reported to be on track and budget for 2020-21 discussed. Increase of £500 agreed for Precept for 2020 bringing it to £8000.

### **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Payment for new grit bins from Robin Vickery's Locality budget finally sanctioned and these will be purchased when funds received. Flooding issues/drain clearance discussed at some length. Sites agreed for poles for SIDS device to be attached to and purchase of 4 brackets authorised for this purpose, also donation of £100 agreed for SAVID's ongoing expenses.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It is hoped this will be completed in the Spring – the final draft was discussed at a meeting at ESC with their N/Plan representative, Planning Direct co-ordinator and two members of Playford PC. When finalised, it will be circulated to parishioners for their vote before it is sent to the Inspector for approval.

### **IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE**

Results of the consultation should be available towards the end of January.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Application ref: DC/19/4255/PN3 for Archway Piggeries conversion of poultry**



shed: Withdrawn.

**Application DC/19/0300/FUL Happy Acres Barn:** Enforcement report still awaited.

**Application DC/19/4843/FUL Archway Paddock – erection of 3 stables plus haystore (single storey) with new entrance onto Butts Road:** Insufficient detail supplied for new entrance, application will need to be re-submitted.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Playford PC regretfully decided not to invest in Community Shares in the Admiral's Head project.

A meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss progress on Playford Histories project.

A new councillor is still required to serve on the parish council – please contact the clerk or any councillor for details if you are interested.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Weds 4th March 2020 at 7pm

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*website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)*

## **PLAYFORD W.I.**

At our AGM in November the following were re-elected.

President. Sally Herrington.

Treasurer. Liz Royle.

Secretary. Sue Bruce.

At our January meeting we enjoyed our speaker, Pip Wright who spoke about 'It happened in Suffolk'.

Grateful thanks to Tracy Herrington who dismantled the Parish Hall Christmas tree.

At our February meeting, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Jackie Langfield will talk about her trip to the Arctic. She speaks on a voluntary basis with all donations going to the Blossom Appeal. Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome.

*Sue Bruce. Secretary*

## **ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January we welcomed Rev. Gary Jones as our new vicar, officiating at his first Sunday service. Gary met and spoke with all the members of the congregation over coffee and biscuits at the end of the service. The Rev Robin Spittle is still the "Priest in Charge" but has delegated the two churches of Little Bealings and Playford to Gary. For the foreseeable future we will be holding our normal service every second Sunday of the month and once he has settled in Gary will be looking at ways to increase the services we hold at Playford. He has been made aware of our liking for our own service on Easter Day and the candlelit Carol service the Sunday before Christmas. He would also like to meet as many Playford residents as possible in the coming months. If you require, or know of anyone that requires a pastoral, visit please let Gary know on 01473 412329 or I can liaise on your behalf.

## **CHURCH RE –ORDERING.**

The PCC are investigating the re-ordering of Playford Church so that it is more user friendly and is capable of being a multi-use open space. We are in very early days and have a lot of thinking, discussion and planning to do yet. However we have asked a team of

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♦ *Music theory*

♦ *GCSE practical music  
performance*

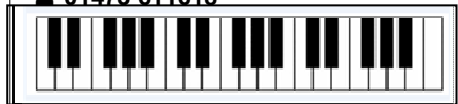
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my home studio in Little  
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architects to come up with a plan and as soon as we have some initial sketches we will make them public.

### **INTERMENT OF ASHES.**

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Thelma Louise Winearls. Averil Mary Wilkinson.

*Churchwarden*

### **PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS**

29th and 30th November: sponsored by Terry Upshall in memory of his wife, Yvonne (nee Waller) who was brought up in Playford and before her marriage in this Church, was Sunday School teacher.

2nd December: sponsored by Veronica. Remembering Charles.

10th December: sponsored by Veronica Bunbury. In memory of Charles on the anniversary of our wedding.

9th & 11th January 2020: sponsored by Sue Kennedy to celebrate the birth of her Grandson, Archer, who will be visiting Playford and his Grandmother 10th January 2020: THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF BOB KENNEDY. Sponsored by Sue Kennedy.

14th January: to celebrate the birthday of Hilary Legard; sponsored by a friend.

18th January: on the evening of the Memorial Service for AVERIL WILKINSON sponsored by Liz Royle.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366. email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure

that Veronica is at home and be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time. Please contact the Church Warden if unable to get hold of Veronica. Sponsorship is now £10 a night.

Grateful thanks to those people who very kindly sponsored the Christmas lights:

The Baker family  
Wendy Wilson and Brian Buckles  
Jos Saunders  
The Bunburys  
Terry Upshall  
Jonathan Fieldsend  
Sue Kennedy

### **Binky and Co.**

Binky awoke on Christmas morning staring at a white ceiling and observed a long grey crack with a small money spider dangling precariously at the end of three inches of gossamer thread swinging gently from a distant draft. He considered his life had been in some ways similar to that of the little spider. Although thought Binky, I seem to fall very easily from a great height only to have to climb again to within three inches of safety, only to fall again. His introspection was interrupted by a skinny eighteen year old in a Father Christmas apron pushing a clattering trolley upon which stood an extremely large teapot. "appy crimbo mate, toast or porridge?"

Binky mumbled something about toast and marmalade and heard a disinterested reply from the staff member regarding the lack of marmalade so it's toast only. Binky watched her go to the next bed with much the same question and answer drama.

The patient asked for porridge and Binky you?" "My records show that whilst you heard a slurping sound emanate from a were dressed up as Santa, a ten year old large stainless steel saucepan balanced girl beat you up." "No, No" said Binky "Her on the end of the trolley. Well good luck brother beat me up and he was about 20 with that thought Binky. He watched as in both age and weight. " Never mind" the "young volunteer" as the nurse called said the doctor, "let's see what we can do her moved along the ward distributing with your broken nose, split lip, black eye false bon-homie, toast and porridge to an and ripped ear". Binky mumbled his unwilling and ungrateful group of thanks, bade goodbye to the doctor who involuntary patients in various stage of moved swiftly on to the next patient, a pain, recovery or just plain self interest. a twenty something blonde woman wearing Binky noticed that the "YV" had a very a see through nightie and a black bra. large tattoo on her upper arm extolling She must be very ill thought Binky because the virtues of a football team with the words doctor stayed with her for "Blues till I Die" with a frightening skull over half an hour. Binky was then and crossbones below it. Her fingers, just wheeled up to the X ray department. above her knuckles on both hands were "Now" said this insufferably jolly nurse inscribed alternately with "love" and "What's wrong with you? And don't lie because I can see straight through you "hate". Ha Ha Ha Ha."

I only pray, thought Binky to himself, that the doctor treating me is not similarly painted. But then Binky remembered that the doctor had told him his problem was normal for his age. Well of course thought Binky ruefully, dying will also be normal for my age at some point.

A nurse came to Binky's bedside. "Now, the hospital is going digital and paperless so I want you to fill out these three forms in order for us to make that possible and in future you will only have to fill out one form when you come in so that we can transfer the information to the computer" "And what" asked Binky "happens to all these forms after you have finished with them?" "Well they go into archive" replied the nurse without batting an eye. Binky reflected on the hopelessness of not just himself but the whole of the human race. An hour later the doctor arrived. "Well" he said "you have been in the wars haven't

Binky groaned.

"Sorry to have kept you waiting so long luv but we've only got a skeleton staff on today Ha Ha Ha." Binky groaned.

Suddenly from down a distant corridor Binky heard his wife's voice shouting "Binky where are you?"

It was loud enough to disturb the incumbents of the mortuary.

Binky groaned.

Very loudly.

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## *CULPHO*

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## **ST. BOTOLPH'S**

### **CAROL SERVICE**

This took place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and officiated by Reader James Hall to whom we are most grateful. We also remain indebted to Organist Maurice Jones, to Christine Pearce and her musical friends who kindly agreed to provide a Choir for the occasion. The choral group sang superbly, and the occasion was undoubtedly enhanced by their presence and by Maurice's playing. In total forty-two people attended the Service, following which mulled wine and mince pies were served. It was a very joyful occasion and we were pleased to welcome our Patron Lord Cranworth. On behalf of the Churchwardens, thank you to all who attended.

### **SPONSORED LIGHTS**

The lights were lit to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas and without doubt the Church looks appealing when illuminated with its handsome structures defined



against the night sky.

Whilst Christmas is a special time, the Church can be lit throughout the year and if you would like to sponsor the lights for that 'special' occasion the cost remains at £5. All it takes is a phone call to Churchwarden Richard on 01473 738139. Birthdays, anniversaries, remembering a loved one, birth of a new family member, or celebrating an event which is special to you. The list is endless but to see the Church illuminated at night is quite amazing. By sponsoring the lights, you are also helping to fund the maintenance work needed to keep St Botolph's Church open.

## **P.C.C. MEETING**

This will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 3.15 p.m.

## **FYNN-LARK NEWS**

Inaugurated in 2016 this publication is very much a part of the village life of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho and although all four Churches are having to consider their future as part of other Deaneries, the Fynn-Lark News will continue to be delivered free to all households. The Editorial, Design and Distribution team, all volunteers, work endlessly to ensure a substantial range of articles and topics are published each month which are informative, helpful and of interest. Such publications are often the only link individuals living alone have with the outside world. Any support we can offer, either by donation or advertising your business interest, is vital to the magazine's continued existence.

There also exists a permanent invitation for people to submit articles of interest for

consideration of publication. Culpho has in the past provided some extremely noteworthy pieces, and if you feel you have stories to share, please do consider submitting these to the Editor. Culpho has been assigned the June and November issue for articles. Five hundred words is a useful guide for such items and if you could let Churchwarden Richard know if you are willing to supply an article for publication. The paper is an impartial publication which is totally community focused, benefitting individuals and neighbourhoods alike. Please help if you can. Thank you.

## **CULPHOMUSIC2020**

### **The Goldberg Variations**

The second recital in the CulphoMusic2020 events takes place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – at 3 p.m. and again at 7.30 p.m. in St. Botolph's Church, Culpho. (See promotion below)

*Margaret Gornall  
Secretary*

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## *CHURCH NEWS*

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### **CHURCH DIARY – FEBRUARY 2020**

#### **Sunday 2nd.**

10.00 a.m. Family Communion – Candlemas and Snowdrops

**Great Bealings**

#### **Sunday 9th.**

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

**Playford**

#### **Sunday 16th.**

3.00 p.m. Evensong

**Culpho**

#### **Wednesday 19th.**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**Culpho**

#### **Sunday 23rd.**

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Little Bealings**



## MARCH 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the March 2020 News to be submitted by:

**5.00 pm Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February.**

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