

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**JULY & AUGUST 2023**



## **JOIN THE FUN OF THE FETE**

The feelgood factor of the Jubilee and Coronation events has led to several requests for another community event. The Village Fete is a quintessential English affair, so we have decided to see if there is sufficient interest for a Bealings Village Fete on Sunday 9th June 2024 from 12 noon until 4pm at Bealings Village Hall and Playing Field.

The aim of the event is to have a good time with neighbours, friends and family whilst raising some money for the Village Hall (which as we found out thanks to a cloudburst during the Great Bealings Annual Parish Meeting, definitely needs a new roof) and other charities. Exactly what takes place will depend on volunteers being happy to contribute their ideas, time and expertise. But, at the very least, we hope can look forward to food and drink, stalls, games, a dog show, tug of war and any other forms of entertainment that people can think of.

All ideas and offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Watch this space for details of a volunteers meeting in the Autumn. In the meantime, **SAVE THE DATE!**

*Sue Prentice (chairman.gbpc@gmail.com)*

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## **NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST**

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### **CELEBRATION TEA PARTY FOR MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTORS, DISTRIBUTORS, ADVERTISERS ETC.**

Many people are involved in the production and distribution of your Magazine. An army of unsung heroes, who contribute to, collect, and deliver these Magazines to every home in our four villages. Plus, large numbers of advertisers, without whose financial input we would have no Magazine.

By way of a thank you these helpers and supporters have been invited to a tea party outside in the churchyard of St Mary's, Great Bealings on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>. The party will be privately funded, with no impact on Magazine finances. Roy Tricker (MBE - for services to Heritage), with considerable knowledge of churches and Magazines has accepted an invitation to talk to the gathering for a couple of minutes, motivationally!

Invitations have been sent out by hand and by email to most of those who should receive an invitation, but, if you are someone who is involved, should have been invited, and hasn't been, please email [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) or phone 01473 735565, and the situation will be rectified. Offerings of cake and sandwiches are very welcome.

### **CORONATION REPORT - CORRECTION**

Many people were similarly involved in making a success of local celebrations. Hopefully, that explains why wires were slightly crossed in our report of it all. Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend was jointly responsible with Sue Prentice for organizing the village celebrations in and around Bealings Village Hall, while it was Helen Wittgreffe who organized the Coronation lunch, complete with special coronation quiche, chicken, and trifle, at All Saints Church. Apologies for the confusion.

### **VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA**



Michael Last was one of the more distant purchasers of "Walking through History" –

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do not ask about the cost of sending a heavy book to Australia! Michael followed up his purchase with a visit to the UK in mid-June, in search of information about his ancestors, going back to the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> century, who lived in these parts, more specifically Little Bealings. Much of the day was spent showing him around the area, with a visit to All Saints being one of the highlights. Thanks to John Wittgreffe for expert guiding and explanations. Michael, an 80+ year-old, hailing originally from Epsom, and emigrating in the 1960s, enthused about this area, and enjoyed sharing ancestral memories. Such is the reach of history. Apparently, his branch of the family is not linked with former coal merchants Dunnett and Last, or with Rosalie Last, church organist for 65 years. But Last is a well-known Suffolk name.

## **NATURE NOTES**

### **– RESPLENDENT VERGES**

The relatively damp spring has meant that roadside verges have grown up rather higher than usual. Ecologists approve. Some motorists are less sure. But whatever your take on those verges, they have been eye-catching. Alongside the fresh greenness at the roadside, the vigorous growth of, firstly, blackthorn, then alexander and sheeps parsley, and now hawthorn, has dominated the hedgerows, making them gleaming white, and lightening up the dark green avenues of foliage, so prevalent around these parts. Alexanders and sheeps parsley have been particularly prolific, the first, like its cultivated species, a herb, edible, for foraging by livestock and other mammals such as rabbits.

Anyone who kept rabbits for home consumption or for market in hutches in the late meat-starved 1940s and 1950s will probably remember collecting the rabbit food, perhaps in an old hessian sack (no plastic then!), and cramming into the sack quantities of sheeps parsley, chickweed and what we knew as cow

mumble, all beloved by rabbits. The rabbits intuitively chose well, as the sheeps parsley is said to be high in iron and vitamins A & C and can even enhance fertility in breeding stock. Alexanders is similarly an edible flowering plant which grew on waste ground and in hedges around the Mediterranean and Atlantic coastal regions of Europe, but now seems to have spread prolifically to these parts. It was formerly grown as a pot herb but is now appreciated mostly by foragers.



After months of muddied roadsides it has been a treat to see how the roadside verges have been transformed by these versatile and fast-spreading plants.

## **HISTORY CORNER**

### **– VILLAGE RECORDERS**

If there were no records, no documenting of history as it happens, then there would be no history beyond the living memories of those still making it. Historians are dependent on those who record the present for the benefit of the future. That recording of events is going on all the time, sometimes consciously, sometimes not so. With the storage capacity of the internet at humanity's disposal there will be a massive digital archive for future historians to research. But – despite all that, there is still scope for the deliberate recording of our own local microcosmic

contributions to history. Without that, much could still go unrecorded, and be forgotten. History on a planetary level can be overwhelming. At a local level it remains personal, and can be, indeed will be, fascinating for the generations who will follow us.



*The Hold, Ipswich. Suffolk Archives*

This is where village recorders come in. Maybe not everyone knows about them. In fact, there is a network of them covering the whole of the county, organised by a dedicated team of volunteers, ensuring that the happenings and activities of communities and villages across the county are recorded for the benefit of posterity. Every year these recorders compile a report of what has gone on in their respective villages and submit it.

The organisation's website describes its activities as follows:

*Suffolk Local History Council encourages and supports the study of local history and acts as an umbrella organisation for societies, small museums and individuals within the county. It publishes a twice-yearly journal and newsletter, operates a Parish Recorders' Scheme and organises networking day meetings, conferences, visits and study days.*

*We are a registered charity financed by our members. We are governed by an elected **Executive Committee**, all of whom are trustees as well as volunteers.*

Our own local recorders are: **Playford**: John Royle; **Little Bealings**: Jonathan Fieldsend; **Great Bealings**: Norman Porter. Jim Pawsey was for many years Recorder for Little Bealings and remains an enthusiastic supporter of the whole operation. Recorders will certainly welcome reports on local activities which they could include in their annual compilation of activities. So – if you or your organisation would like to go down in history, please make sure that your local Recorder is kept in the picture.

We publish this article partly to promote local history, partly because **there are currently vacancies for recorders in Culpho and Grundisburgh**, and these parishes will lose out if no-one can be recruited to fill those vacancies. So – if you know someone who might be interested, or indeed if this is something that could interest yourself, do contact [recorders@slhc.org.uk](mailto:recorders@slhc.org.uk) We live in interesting times. Make sure that posterity learns from your first-hand experience of it all.

We subscribe to this quotation, submitted by one of our number:

***Recording current events for tomorrow's history is like the quote about planting trees in whose shade we know we shall never sit. It's capturing a window on life today for the benefit of future generations, hopefully allowing them to learn, reflect, and shape a better future."***

*Norman Porter*

## **Bealings Village Hall Trust - Volunteers Needed**

After 22 years of faithful volunteering as our secretary, treasurer and booking secretary Margaret Wilson has given the Trust notice that she will be standing down next year, if anyone is interested in taking on any of these roles please get in touch.

We also currently have two other vacancies for co opted Trustees, we meet 6 times per year and the meetings last about an hour. So If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in helping shape the future of Bealings Village Hall Trust, please contact either Margaret or myself for full details on 07769 195132 or email: [bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk)  
Thank you

*Keith Beaumont,  
Trustee, Bealings village Hall*

### **Bealings Village Hall & Playing Field need your help**

**Saturday 12th August 0930 - 1200**

The Bealings Village Hall Trust need volunteers to help clean the Sports Court,

clear paths, spread two tons of topsoil, fill in rabbit holes  
and clean up brambles **on the Playing Field and around  
the Hall**

Anyone able to help - even if it's only for an hour  
please bring any of the following : secateurs/strimmer/loppers/spade/  
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you plan on coming to help

Bealings Village Hall Trust is a charity run by volunteers for the benefit of the community. 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)

# BIG SUMMER QUIZ TO HELP

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## PEOPLE

A local hearing care company is organising a big charity quiz night in Ipswich to help raise funds for a charity that trains assistance dogs for deaf people.

All About Hearing, a family-run hearing care company with two clinics in Ipswich, is holding the event to support one of its chosen charities, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

The 'Big Summer Quiz' is being held on Sunday 16th July 2023 at Kesgrave Community Centre, with a 7pm start. Teams can include between 4 – 6 members and entry is £6 per person.

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

Karen Finch, Director and Lead Audiologist for All About Hearing said "We've been involved with many charity quizzes in the past and they have always been fantastic evenings, full of fun, frivolity and healthy competition.

"We encourage you to pull your friends and family together, round up a group of your colleagues at work or even come along with a local group or organisation that you are a member of. We really need your support to help raise money for this fantastic cause!"

Hearing Dogs are trained to alert deaf adults and children to important



## 'SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING' INITIATIVES

Ever wondered how SID (the speed indicator device) gets around our local roads, reminding drivers of the 30 or 20mph speed limits - with its happy green or sad red face? It's thanks to 'SAVID'!



Representatives from Parish Councils and community volunteers from Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Grundisburgh & Culpho join those from Tuddenham, Martlesham, Rushmere and Swilland, in efforts to promote Safer Village Driving in Suffolk ('SAVID'). Working within their own villages as well as along shared routes such as Playford Road/Martlesham Road, and Grundisburgh Road/Bealings Road, the group coordinates these SID (speed indicator devices), in addition to Community Speed Watch and the annual Road Safety Week. The consortium also collects traffic data for analysis by a consultant in a bid to garner police enforcement support and interacts with SCC Highways on local concerns. Funding towards additional equipment has recently been received from the Community Partnership, Road Safety Forum.

The SAVID team encourage all residents to support its initiatives and also to attend its open meetings to share concerns and ideas. Playford Village Hall for kindly hosted SAVID's June meeting.. The next meeting will be held in September, watch out for details in the next issue of the Fynn Lark News! For more details please contact [suffolksavid@gmail.com](mailto:suffolksavid@gmail.com).

*A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!*

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# GREAT BEALINGS

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## ST MARY'S, GREAT BEALINGS

### - CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

Our Annual Meeting was held in the church on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the meeting when we hear how the year has gone, how the finances stand, what is the state of the fabric, and who will be serving on the PCC for the year to come.

The most positive outcome of this year's meeting was that the personnel involved in the running of the church, Churchwarden and PCC, will all be in place for the coming year, so we do have continuity, consistency and commitment. This is the opportunity to thank most warmly all members of the PCC for their unwavering loyalty to what is sometimes a difficult cause, but one worth fighting for. We do that on behalf of the whole village, not just the small band of churchgoers, firm in our belief that the church remains the embodiment of hundreds of years of history, and the focal point of so many aspects of family life, for so many, over so many years.

For the record, your PCC for 2023 will consist of: Norman Porter (Churchwarden); Eric Barnett (Secretary); Will Self (Treasurer); Julian Haywood Smith (Rep to Village Hall Committee); Jonathan Keer (Electoral Roll); Virginia Porter and Bridget Tanno (Deanery Synod Reps), and Anthony Sheppard.

The continuity represented by the PCC is the good news. That good news is

countered by considerations of prospects for the future of the church itself. Finances remain a real challenge. The paying of the Parish Share, plus all the necessary expenses of running and maintaining a building of this size and complexity cannot be met from current income, even though the income from events such as concerts and the Plant Sale has now recovered from Covid times. That lack of income is closely linked to the limited number of services held, and the small numbers of people who attend them. Questions can legitimately be asked as to how long it can be sustainable to run an active church, with all the concomitant expenses, including those of related to having a permanent rector. There are a range of options which will have to be considered, none of which will be qualitatively comparable to the status quo. All that we can promise is that your current PCC will fight to achieve the best outcome compatible with present circumstances. To do this, they need as much local support as can be mustered. The future of St Mary's church is not something that should just be discussed within the confines of the PCC, but it should be a matter of general concern and interest to all who have a stake in the kind of village they live in.

### LOOKING BACK -

#### CHRISTENING

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June the church was the

happy venue for the first christening in this parish of the ministry of Father Nigel. Clemmy (Clementine) Cummings, daughter of Matthew and Jessica (née Major), was baptised in the presence of a summery gathering of friends and family. This is the church where Clemmy's parents had been married, and where both her brother, Henry, and father, Matthew, had previously been baptised, so there is significant family continuity.



Celebrations of the event continued in the lovely garden of The Croft, home of Clemmy's grandparents, Alan, and Nicky Major.

### **CHURCHYARD**

The churchyard has been looking good. You can still wander around the well-kept paths and enjoy the exuberant vegetation which we allow to flourish at this time of year. Our churchyard is a place where you can be alone with your thoughts, and with nature itself.

### **SERVICES FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

#### **NO SERVICE IN GREAT BEALINGS**

There will however be a Benefice Service in St Mary's, Woodbridge, this being the patronal celebration at St Mary's, Woodbridge. Bealings parishioners are warmly invited to join their "sister" church on this occasion.

By way of information: Each of our parishes holds its own Patronal Service, to which the other is invited. The Great Bealings counterpart service is to be held on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. On that day there will be no service in Woodbridge, so the Woodbridge congregation will be invited to join us in Great Bealings.

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**10.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer**

#### **Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30 a.m. Family Communion**

#### **Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer**

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: see above**

#### **Patronal Service**

Congregation members of St Mary's, Woodbridge invited. Many extra hands needed to deal with lunch afterwards. Email information nearer the time.

#### **LOOKING EVEN FURTHER AHEAD:**

#### **Harvest Festival will be on Sunday**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>.** This means that we would like to organise our annual churchyard

**Working Party on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**September.** Please make a note now!

#### **RECTOR'S "SURGERY."**

We are now giving people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for this is Monday, either

morning coffee or afternoon tea. If you would like to fix a future slot please contact churchwarden, Norman Porter [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) who is i/c the rota, and can offer possible future dates.

**Please also refer to services being held, at other times, at St Mary's, Woodbridge, as well as other events, to which we are warmly invited.**

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

## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

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

We are still resting, thinking about what might be arranged for Autumn and Christmas. This waiting does not have to be passive. If **you** have any ideas as to an event, concert or occasion which could be staged in the church or churchyard, do be pro-active and get in touch with your thoughts. The more the church is used, the better.

## **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS**

No flood-lighting this month, but may we remind everyone that we can arrange for the church to be floodlit to celebrate or commemorate special occasions. The standard fee remains a fiver. However, as the principle is as important as the fund-raising, should you feel generous, and knowing that your contribution is in a worthy cause, a bit more will always be welcome. This will help offset soaring energy costs.

*If you would like the lights to shine forth for personal celebrations/ commemorations please drop a note in to*

*Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane with payment, explaining why you would like the church floodlit, so that it can be recorded in the FLN, for posterity's benefit. If urgent, a holding email [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) will do the trick, with payment to follow.*

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Summarised notes of the annual parish council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE**

Following their recent re-election, Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by those Cllrs present and witnessed by the Clerk. It was agreed that the four Cllrs absent must sign their Declarations by no later than 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS: -**

Vice Chairman – John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Footpaths – Regan Scott (RS), Tree Warden – John Carter-Jonas, Village Hall Rep – Trevor Harris (TH)

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Decision Updates:**

**DC/22/2871 – Stone Cottage and DC/22/3705 – Rosery Cottage (swimming pool)** both have been permitted by ESC.

#### **Enforcement matters**

**ENV/22/0069/USE – Water Meadow, Lower St** – ESC are continuing to monitor the site to review if the state of the land has continued to improve or has deteriorated.

### **REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

SP provided an update on the timetable for the revised Neighbourhood Plan. There are no fundamental changes to the Plan, more to terminology.

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## **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

**SAVID/SID** – Following the vandalism to the SID, the Clerk has commenced an insurance claim. JCJ has submitted some photos which will be sent, and two quotations must be obtained. It was agreed that it should be replaced “like for like” i.e., with a happy/sad face.

## **TREES**

JCJ advised that landowners are not keen to accept new trees due to the matter of ownership when they reach maturity. A site has been identified in Lower St and JCJ will continue to liaise with Lord Cranworth’s agents.

## **REVIEW OF CORONATION EVENT**

Following the success of this event which raised over £300 for the Village Hall, SP will liaise with the Chairman of Lt Bealings PC to explore the suggestion that in future both PCs could host a joint Annual Fete, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday afternoon in June was proposed.

## **REVIEW OF PROCEDURES**

The list of documents and procedures have all been reviewed and were approved and accepted by Cllrs.

## **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

### **Authorisation of payments**

Nine payments were authorised for the Clerk’s salary and PAYE for May and June, office expenses, working from home allowance, donations to Bealings Village Hall and Fynn Lark News and SALC annual subscription.

**Finance and Admin** - the Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements and Certificate of Exemption were all approved by Councillors. The complete annual precept of £7500 has been

received and the Annual Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed.

## **MEETINGS**

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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# LITTLE BEALINGS

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I am taking the opportunity to send summer greetings to you all, in this bumper edition of the Fynn Lark News. The Parish Council's meeting on 3 July is obviously after the deadline for any notes of that meeting being published but we are busy I assure you. The Council continues to deal with a range of issues including looking into our Neighbourhood Planning project. We are also preparing to consult on how Community Infrastructure Levy funding received from East Suffolk Council can be best utilised for the good of the parish. Please look out for the consultation leaflet in a future Fynn Lark News and let us know of infrastructure projects that you think would be of benefit to the village.

At our Annual PC Meeting back in May we welcomed two new Councillors following the local elections. I hope that they now feel settled into their new role and will enjoy making a contribution to the village over the next four years on the many matters that come before us – be it traffic concerns, footpaths, planning applications or the more regular work involving the Council's finances, policies and representation at external events and meetings.

I do hope you are able to make the most of the summer weather over the next couple of months. Having the countryside literally on our doorstep is a great feature of Little Bealings!

With best wishes

*Ian Ransome Chairman  
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## CHELSEA

### GARDENING CLUB @ ACH...

#### WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

Tracy Herrington and Margaret Roseboom put together an inspiring and colourful insight into the world of the Chelsea Flower Show, both having inside experience.

The big screen was used to introduce this year's garden colour, magenta for energy with green for growth, renewal, and balance and white for peace, coolness and freshness. This was followed by beautiful images of the three best new plants of the year.

1st. Agapanthus Black Jack

2nd Hydrangea Serrata Euphoria Pink

3rd Wiegelia Camouflage

All supplied by local growers, Thompson & Morgan.

Edimentals (edible ornamental plants) were shown along with 'weeds'...which have become popular for encouraging biodiversity.

There are 22 show gardens, 14 of which are funded by the Project Giving Back charity. Katie's Garden, where Tracy works, were the lead growers for the Talitha Arts Garden which received a gold medal.



There was a fascinating time lapse film of the construction of the garden.... foundations were laid, hard landscaping installed, and plants arranged. All together a stunning evocation of the charity's support for the Creative Arts. The garden was specifically designed for the space it would be moved to after the show at St. Margaret's House, Bethnal Green.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits were served and there was time to look at the display of photos of a wide range of plants.

Thanks to everyone who made this delightful evening possible.

### **CHURCHWARDEN'S UPDATE:**

Life at All Saints continues to be busy with Wednesdays thriving. At 12.30pm each Wednesday every seat is full of villagers and visitors lunching together. Its hospitality at its best: warm, chatty, smiles, new friendships growing, old friends catching up, everyone mixing in the happy atmosphere. We all love it. I particularly like the large table, ever full with an ever-changing tide of faces. People roll in and out throughout the day, yet there's always someone to sit with and share a story and cup of coffee.

Absolutely Divine is a delight. This week the café served church-made chicken kebabs with colourful Greek salad. The marinade and dressing were church made from summer's lemons, garlic, oregano, cool Greek yoghurt, extra virgin olive oil, and tasted so fresh. The chicken was marinated overnight and was soft and juicy. There is much love in our food; we want to delight you, surprise you, feed you fresh ingredients in a really positive atmosphere; and from your comments it seems we are achieving this.

With the café now in full swing, 5 stars awarded for hygiene, and the community being served, we are starting to plan for the autumn.

In September, we hope to grow our church further, this time growing in depth

as we launch the new Alpha course. This will be led by our benefice Elders Helen and Carolyn. We took this course together in 2020 and it had a profound effect on both of us. When the 11 sessions finished the group of thirteen asked us to run the course again, straightaway. Is this unheard of? I doubt it but it surprised me. Eleven weeks later when we finished again, the group wanted to continue for a third time! Its inspiring, full of love and hope; it fills you with that love and makes you want more. Its modern, we hear faith stories from adventurer Bear Grylls, world leading DNA scientists, Queen's Counsel lawyers, and we learn what convinced them of God's existence and love for us. Alpha has always been directed at those sitting on the fence regarding faith, and non-believers, but I ask all of you to consider joining us, whether you believe or not, whatever your age, and whether you've never stepped in a church or have attended for decades. I would not be doing what I do today were it not for new Alpha. Please contact me to sign up.

A date for the diary: Harvest will be celebrated at All Saints over the weekend of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Saturday evening will see a Harvest Supper held in the church and Sunday's Harvest Service will be led by Reverend Gary Jones and Lightwave Rural Chaplin Graham Miles who works supporting the county's farmers.

As I write, interviews are shortly taking place for the post of Benefice Rector and we excitedly wait to see who God sends our way. Positive and exciting times indeed.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed July and August; for those who work midweek we are working on a Saturday Special opening of Absolutely Divine in August, more on this later.

*Helen Wittgreffe, Churchwarden & Elder*

*Helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com*

# CHURCH FINANCES

## – 6-MONTH REVIEW

Late last summer All Saints Church contacted all Little Bealings residents by including in the Fynn Lark News a leaflet outlining the financial challenge facing the church for 2022. As a result of that leaflet, ten people committed to donate to the church using the Parish Giving Scheme. Unfortunately, one major donor is no longer with us, but we still receive £432 every month (including Gift Aid) from this scheme.

Others contribute to our mission through Standing Order, and this brings in another £110/month. Will those who are making donations by this method please ensure we hold a Gift Aid form for you as this delivers a further 25%. Every penny counts!!! HMRC have said there is no need to update your form if you have already completed one, but please check with us to ensure we hold a Gift Aid form for you. Church attendees donate at our services and all of these income streams goes towards our church and Ministry.

Parish Share. This is the amount we are expected to contribute to the diocese for the services of our vicar and benefice/diocese support. For those directly involved with the church the additional resources available from within the benefice have been welcomed and we would certainly not want to lose Rev. Gary now. Unfortunately, we had to use some savings to help towards our payment for 2022 which was still short of the amount required. But this year we have already paid the first quarter instalment and by the time you read this we should have paid our second quarter contribution. Our Parish Share for 2023 is £9500.

The cost-of-living crisis is affecting us all. Church costs have increased, and we estimate that at least £14,000 is required to maintain the church, pay its Parish Share and deliver its mission within our community. The church has a range of

services; Wednesday morning prayers, walking group, Absolutely Divine café, Saturday morning 'drop in' 10am - 12.30pm for private prayer or a coffee/chat as well as the twice monthly 10am Sunday services. See the website or church notices for all details.

We have turned the corner with the re-ordering of the church. Work is nearing completion and the output from this prolonged activity is clear to see. The Church is looking resplendent with a fresh coat of paint and a bespoke kitchen which is supporting the café. Although initially only open one day a week, takings have already repaid the start-up costs required to provide chopping boards, cleaning materials, teapots etc. and this venture is yet another regular contribution to church funds.

The community came together to support the Bealings Plant Sale with 50% of the profit coming to All Saints, with St. Mary's Great Bealings also benefitting.

However, we could always do with more.

If you would like to make a contribution, the easiest and safest way to ensure your money goes towards keeping our vicar and the church available for all to use is the Parish Giving Scheme. Access to the scheme can be found on our website <https://littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net/giving/> or by going to the Parish Giving Scheme website direct <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. You can make one-off donations or agree to regular payments and the scheme manages all the Gift Aid process.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who contribute to the church, whether that is financially or by volunteering to help maintain the church and churchyard or volunteering in the cafe. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

With grateful thanks.

*Ian Ransome, Treasurer*

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## WORD FROM THE STUDY

First of all, congratulations to Kieron McKenna and his team at Ipswich Town Football Club on being promoted to the Championship. A fantastic achievement, it's taken quite some time to rebuild a team capable of challenging for promotion and I wish them every success next season. I will be there following their every step as I am a keen Ipswich Town supporter. Not only is it good for the Club, it is also good for all of Suffolk. It gives people a real lift and the feelgood factor that comes with it. It is true in football, and it is also true in every other walk of life. Projects come together and all who are involved enjoy the fruits of their success.

The same, I believe, can be said for things like the Fynn Lark News; something we take for granted, sometimes we read it from cover to cover, other times we glance at things that are of interest to us, but either way, when we want something publicised for our local villages, it is the first port of call we turn to, so I would like to congratulate all who are involved in making this possible, especially as it is done by volunteers, collating, editing, delivering and so on, but it is something as a community we treasure very dearly, and I for one, although I've only been here a short time, value its contribution to community life, and without it, we would be the poorer.

Local events which get a good airing of publicity make such a tremendous difference to where we live. It might be to publicise an event we intend to run, or to draw peoples' attention to something that could concern the whole community. Either way, it is something we value and treasure.

A lot of the national tabloids have been in the news for all the wrong reasons, but our local magazine certainly puts them

into the shade!

Supporting our local villages, doing things that make people feel good, gives more than a sense of ownership and gives people real pride in where they work and where they live.

The opening of the The Absolute Divine Café in Little Bealings has been well received, and gives an opportunity for people to meet, enjoy a coffee and some lunch, as well as various groups that will meet. In the middle of July, we will be holding an event in Playford Church, celebrating and giving thanks for the life of Thomas Clarkson, an important figure in the abolition of the slave trade. Please do join us at this event, as we commemorate this man and all that he did to make society a better place.

You know, there is so much that is wrong in our world at the moment, from the various wars to the senseless killings of the three people in Nottingham; our minds find it difficult to understand how people could do such acts of atrocities to fellow human-beings, in spite of their terrible grief and trauma, the two fathers in Nottingham who spoke about the deaths of their children echoed these words "Let's make sure that no parent will ever have to go through this again". Creating a better society, healing and repairing begins with us. Support for the families will be crucial, also support for the community, healing is a necessity in order that we can bring about change, although for the families, this has life-changing consequences which will live with them for the rest of their days. The support shown by the community in outrage shows that people want an end to this mindless violence, a few can affect the lives of many. We can't begin to comprehend what the families are going through, but we can support them by aiming to bring about change, through

prayer and standing up for injustice. We stand with the people of Nottingham.

A lot of Ministers say the Daily Office at the beginning of each day, and it has these words "As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Note the words at the beginning "The gift of this new day" it is an opportunity to do good, an opportunity to make a real difference however small, in spite of what others want.

The summer season is now in full swing and many of us will be planning various

projects of our own. It may be a bit of decorating; it may be a project we have been wanting to do for a while; or just looking for an opportunity to take a few days away and rest.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and pleasant summer, take care in whatever you do. As a Church community, we are also here to support, value and help one another, if I can be of any help or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Every blessing.

*Reverend Gary Jones*

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**We would love to welcome you to our services and events  
at our church and café hub!**

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July** 10:00 a.m. **Family Service**

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July** 10.00 a.m. **Family Service with Communion**

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August** 10:00 a.m. **Family Service**

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> August** 10.00 a.m. **Family Service with Communion**

**Every Weds:**

10.00 a.m.

**Morning church service**

10:30 a.m.

**Fynn Valley Walks** (leisurely walks ~4 miles)

10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**"Absolutely Divine" café**

10.30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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## EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30 p.m.  
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**KNIT & NATTER**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 12.30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. (& every week in July)

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**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

**CREAM TEAS**

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m.  
(+ further dates TBA)

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## PLAYFORD WI

£70 was raised for the Kesgrave Ukrainian Hub thanks to the generosity of everyone at our open meeting when Catherine and Natalie shared inspiring insights into the Hub's ethos and activities. From the first such Hub in Suffolk, we learned first-hand about its evolution from initially supporting arriving refugees with basics such as clothing to now responding thoughtfully to a variety of longer term needs and friendship. Remembering those still in Ukraine remains top of mind too as we heard about David Jacob's brave journeys for British-Ukrainian Aid. The special highlight of a very thought-provoking evening was the beautiful traditional Ukrainian embroidery, crafts and memories that Natalie shared with us. The generosity of support from people in Playford was noted with many grateful thanks. You can find out more about the Hub on their Facebook page.

As you read this, there is still time - just! - for you to book in for tea and cake with us on 4th July, for an entertaining afternoon talk 'Bluebell Girl' by Jane Hoggar, at Playford Village Hall at 2.30pm. Tickets are £5pp - contact Sally on 01473735751 or email [playfordwi@gmail.com](mailto:playfordwi@gmail.com).

Looking forward to August, we'll be 'in it to win it' at our annual Boules Tournament, inviting neighbouring WIs to join us for summer drinks. We'll be meeting on the playing field at 7.00 p.m. on 1st August if you'd like to join us too! We've also got several more summer outings coming up following our recent excellent lunch at The Shed in Sproughton. Then, in September, we'll be getting a First 'paw' report of guide dog training, as we meet

golden retriever Nellie from Rushmere who'll be bringing Mr & Mrs James Wright with her to tell us their story. *Stop Press:* We are delighted to have just learned that we have been successful in our application to 'East Suffolk Blooms' for a sack of daffodil bulbs to plant around the village. Autumn will be here before we know it....Happy holidays!

## CORONATION DAY REFRESHMENTS

There was no charge for the refreshments on Coronation Day, but some people left a donation and as a result the committee sent a donation of £40 to Sense – the deafblind & rubella association. I would like to record my thanks to you all.

Most of you know my son Bruce. He was born deafblind (he had cataracts in both eyes which were 'needled' by Great Ormond St Hospital, so he has a little sight) and he hears sounds but has never learnt to copy them. His motor movements are not good and just before covid his legs were no longer able to bear his weight, so we had to organise a wheelchair which he uses all the time now. He also has severe learning disabilities. This damage was caused by me having rubella while I was pregnant with Bruce. I would like to remind everybody how important it is that everybody has their MMR jab. The vaccine was released just about the time Bruce was born in 1966 so has been around for a long time. Thank you all

*Elizabeth Royle*

## BINKY & CO

### 'ALLO MON AMI.

I am on holiday in Vichy. So, I cannot write to you this time at any length. I am writing this in the café Escargot with my friend Emile who cannot speak a word of English.

But I must say the French education system is better than ours as most of the children here can speak French by the time they are two. Buck up our teachers that's what I say. Just a moment, Emile has just insisted on a third Cognac. Right back with you now. Just telling Emile about my meeting with their President Mr De Gaulle. Fine fellow but a bit uppity when someone proved him wrong which I did most of the time. Emile calls me son idiot d'Anglais or son for short. He means well.

I like their café culture, sitting out all day on the pavement, breathing in the diesel fumes from all those old Citroens, continental cuisine, I love it. We decided to take a small gite somewhere near Paris but ended up 250 miles south due to a slip of the mouse. Not to worry, it's a good hotel. Emile was telling me about last week when the Prime minister drove past in his big black shiny Daimler. His visit coincided with the lack of cobblestones in some of the side streets. »Nous n'aimons pas les politiciens« shouted Emile after downing another Cognac. I couldn't agree more.

Emile poured another Cognac and I must admit I began to feel drowsy. But the sun was shining and

Indigo had gone for a siesta (I think that's Spanish) but anyway a French siesta.

We were then joined by Emile's brother Jean. I told him straight away that it was a boy's name but he just said 'son idiot d'Anglais' and we hadn't even been introduced.

I asked in a very friendly way why the French were hopeless at Rugby. He tried to explain but every sentence seemed to end with «son idiot d'Anglais» only much louder. Cannot hold their drink these Frenchies.

However, I insisted on buying the next round, which seemed a trifle expensive at the time and I think it had something to do with the way Emile ordered, »serve double« or something similar, couldn't quite catch it, but the waiter did say «son idiot d'Anglais» when he brought my drink, which was very kind of him.

I sang a couple of verses of Frère Jacques or was it Frere Roche? Cannot remember exactly but at the end of it, I insisted on buying the next round and remembered to say «serve double» with a strong French accent.

Getting tired now. Au revoir mon ami.

*Note: The Microsoft Word Editor software found 154 spelling mistakes in this piece - so much for Artificial Intelligence!.... Ed*



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Sunday 6th August 10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 20th August 10.00 a.m. Family Morning Service

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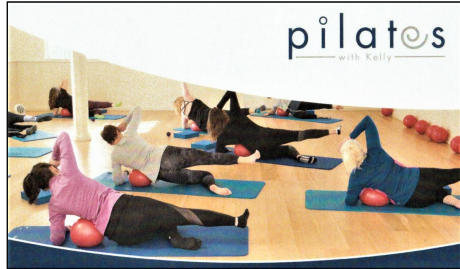
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## ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

### BEALINGS

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

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

### PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu	10.00 a.m.	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
LIBRARY		Thu	1.50 – 2.05 (every 4 weeks)	<i>07809594685</i> mobile library at phone box
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat		<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS				<i>DC Patrick Newsagents 01986 874305</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING			Book on line:	<i>bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com</i> or contact via voicemail 01473 487215
PILATES	PH	Wed	7.30 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri	9.30 a.m. toddler group	<i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WI	PH	Tue	7.30 p.m.(1st in month)	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>

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