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Suffolk – Where do we go from here?

'The past is another country – they do things differently there.' L P Hartley's famous line from *The Go Between* is often used to try to show the fact that the past is different and thus of no value to us today. How wrong this is. Tony Blair did not 'do' history because he could not control it. This denial of what we can learn from our past (as opposed to the millennial view that we should simply apologise for it) is one of the things that makes plotting a course for the future so difficult. Equally we need to understand what we have now so that we can value it and use it as a basis for the future.

Never was this as important as it is today in the context of this beautiful county in which we are lucky enough to live. Suffolk's rich legacy of countryside, villages, market towns, and its beautiful coastline, along with the cultural heritage of art, music, and writing that these blessings have engendered, is something to be proud of, but it is under threat as never before. For the forces of destruction to overwhelm us all that is needed is for those who live here to do nothing.

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A visit to the World War One cemeteries brings home the contribution made by the Suffolk Regiment; a Constable painting, a 'wool' church, or a performance of a piece by Benjamin Britten, all speak to us of the county we hold dear. But the world is changing faster than ever making the challenge of respecting this rich heritage greater than ever. The sheer volume of new housing threatens to overwhelm our villages and peaceful market towns, communities that represent the essence of Suffolk, and there seems to be no clear strategy for dealing with these developments and the traffic and upheaval they will bring.

Much has been written about Sizewell and the impact it will have. The Parish Council has responded to the recent consultation pointing out the inadequacies of the consultation process and making a number of points about traffic, HGV movements, road versus rail, and the risk that the proposed construction pits could irretrievably damage the water table that supports Minsmere. Very little has been written however about the combined effect of Sizewell, the other developments related to the Suffolk Energy Gateway, the Ipswich Northern Relief road (now a near certainty), and the housing requirements set out in the draft Suffolk Coastal District Local Plan, all set in the context of dramatically changing habits of working, shopping, and tourism. Why is no attempt being made to consider these issues? Why is there no over-arching strategy? Who should lead such an effort? Westminster is still paralysed by Brexit, and East Suffolk and SCDC have merged but a sense of direction will take some time to emerge. Suffolk County Council is struggling with cost pressures that mean dealing with current issues (such as the speed limit along Hall Farm Road and the question of the four villages bypass on the A12 which the government has just kicked into touch) is taking forever, or simply being ignored. Where then will such an initiative come from?

The answer of course is that we all have a role to play. That might be by making sure we speak out when we think an issue is affecting us and is not being addressed. It might be by joining forces with others who have similar concerns. It might be by supporting initiatives that demonstrate how what we have inherited could shape the way our county evolves. Reading Akenfield, Ask the Fellows Who Cut the Hay, or The Rings of Saturn gives us a wonderful picture of what Suffolk used to be like, but it does not necessarily help us shape the future unless we learn to distil the things that are important and seek to inject those values into how the county develops. The world of the internet has made us all prisoners in an echo-chamber that bounces our own prejudices back at us. What is needed is the ability to look outside that echo-chamber and think constructively about the future.

Great Bealings has many attributes which we tried to summarise in our Neighbourhood Plan, and which were commented upon by the inspector who called it an excellent blueprint for the future. We have bed and breakfast businesses, art studios, consultants who work across the world in many capacities, garden designers, musicians, and many other skills. It may no longer be the farming community of Brassie Lambert or Eddie Barratt, but the village is alive and developing the skills needed to survive in the future. If the nature of Suffolk changes around us however in a way that threatens the quality of life, we are so fortunate to enjoy, that survival will be in question. Contributing to the wider discussion about the threats facing the county we live in should be a responsibility we all share. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

The parish council will be considering the best way for you to raise issues and discuss what we can do to contribute to this debate. Suggestions will be most welcome, wherever you live in the benefice.

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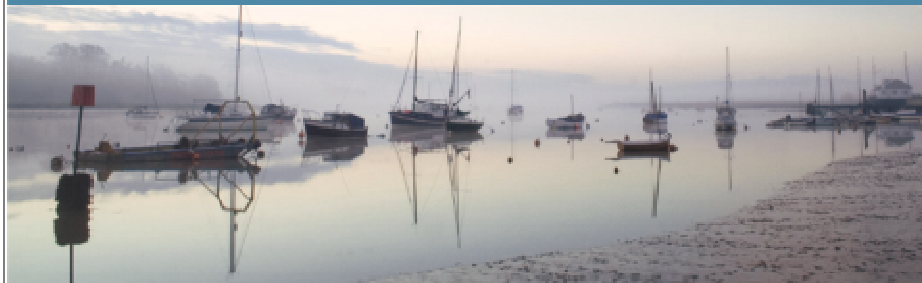
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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

EDITORIAL COMMENT



Nothing very serious this month – just to wish all our readers happy holidays, wherever they may be or go, and that the weather will be fit for purpose.

NEWS

PETER KIDD B.E.M.



Our warmest congratulations to Peter on the award of the British Empire medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. The award is for services to the community in Little Bealings, but also recognises all the

good work he has done for a number of regional organisations over many years and the work he continues to do for so many deserving causes, including Deben Rotary, Farlingaye School, Rochford Trust, and the Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiast Club and EACH. The award will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant later this year. Next summer Peter and his wife will attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Peter was nominated for the award by Little Bealings PCC, and Peter commented: Little Bealings Church has been a major part of my life for the last 40 years and we are very fortunate in Little Bealings to have so many people who care deeply about their community."

Peter is known to so many people locally, and it will surprise no-one to hear Peter's typically modest reaction of amazement to what he described as "this incredible honour".

Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend, Secretary of the PCC, commented that she was sure that the entire village would want to attend the party in his honour, once Peter receives his engraved award. Corinne and Tony Fear, the current churchwardens, praised Peter as an impeccable role model. And what better tribute than that of his wife, Eileen, who after 49 years of marriage said: I've known for many years what a kind and generous person he is, putting everyone else before himself."

Those many others, from these parts and beyond, who know Peter in their different ways could not put it better. Congratulations, Peter, on an award so richly deserved.

ROSALIND FLECK

Many people, particularly residents of Little Bealings, will remember Rosalind Fleck. Her husband, Hans, together with

Steph, Robert and Andrew Fleck, made contact to let us know that Rosalind died very peacefully on Saturday 18th May. In their own words: It was all very quick and peaceful following a wonderful life and caring supportive final years in Nightingale House in London.

Rosalind and Hans used to live in Bumbles, next door to Little Bealings Primary School, Sandy Lane. The funeral/cremation took place on 4th June in West Norwood, London SE27.

The family are also thinking about an event in Little Bealings, to celebrate Rosalind's life. Details of that will be shared as soon as arrangements have been made.

NATURE NOTES

– Catmint

We've only recently discovered this



prolific plant. It seems to thrive on sandy Bealings soil. Cats supposedly love rolling in it, but we have yet to see any cats taking advantage of this particular large stretch of catmint. Our opinion might change if we catch them at it! But - far more important are the hundreds of bees which seem to love the plant and its multiple flowers. Springwatch has been reminding us that the whole natural edifice would collapse without our little creatures, including bees, so it is wonderful to see how easy it is to attract assorted bee species to ordinary gardens with a display of catmint.

To be a bit more specific: This perennial

is covered in flower from early summer. The pale, lavender-blue flowers perfectly complement the hairy, silvery, blue-green leaves. From afar the flowers appear as a haze of blue. The official horticultural name is *Nepeta*. The plant flops around and will fill its allotted space. Plant it at the front of the border, edging a path, so that when you brush past it you will catch the full scent from its aromatic leaves. Don't just take our word for its attractions: The Royal Horticultural Society have given it their prestigious Award of Garden Merit.

So, we will do our best to make sure that a few clumps are potted up, ready for next year's Plant Fair.

HISTORY CORNER

PERRY NURSEY

May Playford be allowed to join in the Nursey correspondence? Margie and Juliet Nursey, great-great-great-granddaughters of Perry Nursey, visited Little Bealings in June 2010 after which they came over to Playford. The sisters live in Ewhurst, Surrey and by now could be in their 80s. They told me that the Nursey name in England will die with them but their immediate family hails from Jersey where their father was born and where they still had cousins.

They had included Playford in their visit only 'because it was a neighbouring church' but I was able to tell them that there was in fact a connection between the village and their illustrious forebear albeit a somewhat tenuous one. Perry Nursey was a man of many talents. He had trained as a doctor and as an architect and while on a study tour in Italy he had become an accomplished violinist. Throughout much of the C19 Playford was a very 'moosical' village with many working people able to play a string instrument and 'read music although not a page in a book'. William Sheldrake (1809-48), bailiff for Thomas Clarkson at Playford Hall Farm, was one such individual who, according to Herman

Biddell (1832-1917) of Hill Farm and who later built Archway House, played the violin 'exquisitely'. It was a matter of pride amongst villagers that Sheldrake had been taught by Nursey and his expertise became a benchmark to which others aspired.

It is not known precisely when Sheldrake arrived in Playford and therefore *where* he received his training. He married in the local church in 1831 when he was 22 and would have been 15 in 1824 when Nursey left The Grove for Foxhall. Nursey was to move yet again this time to Foxboro Hall in Melton in 1831. Neither is it known where and on what occasions his playing could be heard. He died suddenly of natural causes in 1848 when he was only 39 but it is most likely that he played in the church. His successor there was a John Woby (1817-1893) a labourer on Lux Farm who initially lived at The Brook and then later at New Buildings where he became a stockman. By contrast, his playing of the violin is well documented. Biddell reckoned that he 'could play the violin as well as Sheldrake at The Hall' but he had been taught not by Nursey but by Cullingford the leader of the Woodbridge Orchestral Band. Woby played hymns from the singing gallery at the West end of the church which was taken down 'on the recommendation of the Rural Dean' in 1859 at around which time hymn singing by the congregation, rather than by a small choir, had achieved popularity. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, a work that remains in print to this day, was first published in 1861. It remains a mystery why Woby did not continue to play on the floor of the church but he was succeeded at some stage by a 'portable hurdy-gurdy', a string instrument that produced sound by the turning of a hand-cranked wheel which Anna Airy records was able to play just six tunes. In 1883 it was in turn replaced by the present organ.

As Woby had followed Sheldrake in the vanguard of musical life of the village so the Kidby family took over from him. The Kidbys were José Booker's forebears, agricultural labourers and gardeners at The Hall, 'all of whom could play the violin and one of them the cello'.

Here is a photograph of the Playford string band on the Cricket Meadow in the early 1890s. As a group they would walk to Woodbridge once a week for a lesson under the same Mr Cullingford and once a week they would go to Hill House where Mrs Herman Biddell



played the accompaniments on the piano. There they played popular marches of the day, operatic selections and some of the easier classical melodies. Once a year at Christmas time they gave a concert. No further mention of them is made in the records after the Biddells' move to Archway House in 1894 and with them died a tradition that Perry Nursey had set in motion some 60 or more years before.

Brian Seward

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DIARY - WHAT'S ON

July

Thursday 4th 12.00 'Farming Through the Ages' Culpho Manor
Talk by Richard Garnham - includes Lunch

August

Saturday 3rd 2.00 - 4.00 Tea with the Archdeacon! All Saints, Little Bealings

September

Saturday 14th Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 21st 10.00 - 12.00 Macmillan Coffee Morning All Saints Church

This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.

It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.

Holidays

This issue spans the holiday months on July and August, so it seems appropriate to peruse the archives in search of any pictorial evidence of how people in these parts used to spend holiday time. We now take paid holidays for granted, but that is a relatively recent development. The growth of the railways in the 19th century had enabled the middle classes to get away to the seaside resorts such as Felixstowe, with their splendid Victorian piers - but it was the Holiday Pay Act 1938 which provided for paid holidays for working class employees, and which was the result and culmination of a twenty-year campaign.

This led to the popularity of holiday camps such as those run by Butlins. Clacton was the second of Billy Butlin's camps, and it opened in 1938. Immediately after the war Fred Pontin set up another group of holiday camps, the nearest one to us being at Pakefield, near Lowestoft. These with, respectively, their cheerful red and blue coat staff, were very popular with people on relatively low incomes. For those who may remember Phoebe Hart (Barrack Cottages, Great Bealings, and member of the W.I.) here's a picture of her on holiday at Pontins.



Holidays didn't necessarily mean getting away. If you couldn't afford a full week away there was always the option of a

day out, organised perhaps, by the local pub. We have here an illustration of a pub outing organised by Fred Boggis, owner of the Admiral's Head.



Older generations will remember that seaside holidays in the late 1940s posed problems, in that so many of the beaches had been mined and fortified during the war years, as a deterrent to invasion. A holiday in those immediate post-war years was something of a luxury, rather than something that was viewed as an entitlement. Lucky were those who made it across the Channel to any part of war-ravaged Europe. Beachwear was somewhat more sober and restrained than nowadays, as this family picture, taken in the early 20th century illustrates.



How things have changed. Do send us your holiday memories of yesteryear – pictorial illustration would be a bonus.

Norman Porter

Pop Up Pub

Friday 26th July 2019

6.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.

Bealings Village Hall

Pulled Pork Roll & Vegetarian option

**Bar including Adnams Ghostship & Earl Soham Victoria
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Sally at sallyscape@hotmail.com

Maggie at modav61@outlook.com

*Come and enjoy a wonderful summer night at
Bealings Village Hall and help save our Admirals Head pub.*

REPORT FROM 'SAVE THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD GROUP'

A newly formed 'Save the Admiral's Head Group' had its first meeting in November 2018 and the initial objectives agreed were

- ◆ As the community asset listing has less than four years to run, we wanted to show a need for a pub by continuing to run well attended pop up pubs.

- ◆ To contact the owners of the pub to arrange a meeting to understand their position and point of view.

- ◆ To communicate with councillors for advice and guidance.

We have joined forces with the Village Hall pop-up pub organisers and helped

with the January, March and May events. These evenings have gone from strength to strength and dates have been planned for the rest of the year. The pop-up pub at the end of May saw over 130 attendees; a profit of £869.28 made and the range of age groups attending this function were tremendous. In all three events, there was an electric atmosphere, good humour and a wonderful community spirit. A spot survey in March gathered views from 72 attendees; 70 expressed a desire to see the pub re-open, 50 said they would use the pub once or twice a week for drinks and meeting friends, and a further 20 said they would use it once or twice per month. In all three events the bar ran dry. In the forthcoming July pop up pub, we aim to have 2 different types of draught beer from Earl Soham and Adnams breweries,

doubling the beer purchased for the January pop up pub.

A letter and numerous emails have been sent throughout the year to Mr and Mrs D'Angelo offering a meeting on neutral ground and, if they so wished, in the presence of a mediator. They were unable to meet in January and February, and in March we emailed requesting a meeting and asking for an independent valuation. There has been no reply.

The group met with Colin Hedgley, Nicole Rickard (head of Communities) and Chloe Winslow (community support), all from the District Council, to ask for advice and options available to us.

We have looked at and discussed appeal decisions for other local pubs.

In our meeting at the beginning of May, prior to been told the pub was going on the market, we met with Colin Hopkins and Alexis Morcrette to discuss funding options. They gave us valuable information on 'Power to Change' who are about to run a "More than a Pub" programme: (<https://plunkett.co.uk/more-than-a-pub/>) , which is funded by the Plunkett foundation; this programme offers advice, grants and loans for community groups with the aim of increasing the number of community pubs open and trading.

In light of the recent event of the Admiral's Head being put on the market, we are liaising with the Plunkett Group for support.

Some of the group have viewed the Admiral's Head and we are now going ahead with a building survey.

The group are looking for additional help and volunteers, members who are passionate about seeing the pub open again. We need someone who is willing to drive this forward to secure a business plan for the community to buy the pub. If you are able to help please contact Maggie Davis modav61@outlook.com

A PARTY TO REMEMBER

On Tuesday 21st May the villagers of Little Bealings assembled 'en masse' to watch Mary Mitten, a young 96-year-old, cut the ribbon and officially re-open The Angela Cobbold Hall. Mary was actually at the original opening of the Hall in 1939, together with her father, the Rev Mitten, Vicar of All Saints.

Some 80 people, plus Guides, entered



into the Hall, which was resplendent in colourful bunting, a line of tables, groaning with delicious finger food, provided by a good number of lady volunteers, supplemented by M & S goodies. Beautiful flower displays graced the table, skilfully arranged by Tracey Herrington. At the door stood "Sommelier" Peter Kidd, assisted by Bob Tate, Cellar Master, greeting every person with a glass of bubbly, suitably chilled. As one progressed into the Hall, the Guides in their bright uniforms, acted as waitresses, to ensure that those seated did not miss out from the food on display and the necessary "top up" of their glasses.

The "buzz " of conversations in the Hall clearly indicated that this was a party, with a true Village atmosphere, going with a swing, something the Angela Cobbold Hall has not experienced for a long time. If ever there was evidence of village harmony, this was it. I had the privilege of thanking all those who had enabled ROPETH to complete the purchase of the Hall, some 52 donors raising £65K, enabling a 20% deposit for exchange on



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Feb 4th and the remainder ready, 6 weeks before the completion date of April 1st. What now? Thanks to a grant of £10K from Nat. Lottery, Awards for All, we are in a positive financial position, and have 3 other grant applications submitted. What is clear to Grant Funders, is that because the Village raised the money that bought the ACH, that achievement signifies the commitment made to save the Hall and enable it to continue its role as a main Community Resource. Should anyone wish to make a donation, however small, please contact Gill Peck our erstwhile Treasurer. (01473 625077)

Taking the opportunity to ask everyone for their thoughts on what activities the ACH should provide, no fewer than 60 such suggestions were stuck on the wall by Post-It notes. These will be examined by our marketing team and advised to the Village shortly. The evening closed on a warm note, with conversations continuing as people left. Those who remained to clear up had smiles a-plenty, in the knowledge that the Angela Cobbold Hall was alive once more and is here to stay. (Photos were taken by Phil. Holmes, another of his many talents)

*Roger Roseboom
Chairman, ROPETH*

CHRONICALLY AWESOME

Support those with chronic illness to exercise

Join the fundraising drive

We all know that exercise is good for us. We know that being fit and strong makes us both physically and mentally more resilient, helping to ward off injury, disease and mental illness. But it's not always that simple is it? Finding the time and energy in our busy lives can be difficult, so that walk you'd promised to do next time it was sunny, or that gym session you'd scheduled in for after work just doesn't happen. We know it's good for us and we'll feel better for it, but all too often there is something standing in our way.

Imagine now that you have a debilitating chronic illness - an illness that causes pain and fatigue every day. You still need to exercise; in fact, your specialist doctor has specifically told you that it will help. Most days though, leaving the house is an arduous task, so going to the gym or for a walk seems insurmountable. This is the challenge that faces many of us in the chronic illness community.

Exercising is particularly daunting for people with chronic conditions because many have invisible illnesses which might mean that joints dislocate very easily, or blood pressure cannot regulate itself properly. They appear to be able bodied from the outside, and others might assume they can workout without restriction or adaptation, but the reality is that they need a great deal of advice and support, from highly trained instructors.

Unfortunately, although exercise is a common prescription to help treat and manage chronic conditions, it comes with almost no guidance about how to do it safely and effectively. Experienced instructors then only come at a personal cost - membership to a gym with highly trained staff can cost £80 a month, with hourly one-to-one training sessions costing £30-£40 on top of that. With limited income if illness has prevented sufferers from working, maintaining regular exercise - what the doctor ordered - becomes impossible.

This is where Chronically Awesome comes in. Chronically Awesome is a start-up social enterprise with plans to become a charity that I started working on in January of this year. Our goal at Chronically Awesome is to support people living with incurable chronic illness, helping them in their journeys through life so that they can live up to their true potential. We aim to provide reliable information, guidance and discussion to help people living with chronic illness to become more resilient in mind and body. We are building a 'community fit for life'.

I've spent years getting my head around

exercising with chronic illness. Through trial and setbacks and injuries along the way, I have found an incredibly talented and determined team I can rely on to help me to keep moving and training safely and effectively. Thanks to them my symptoms are improved, my medication is reduced, and I've recovered from major surgeries - including a total hip replacement at the age of 30 - far quicker than anyone expected.

With Chronically Awesome, I want to bring what I've learned, and the support of the teachers and instructors I've found, to others with chronic illness in a way that is affordable and available to everyone who needs it. I also want to unlock the wisdom of others who are on similar journeys as me, so that together we can help each other.

Chronically Awesome will offer exercise classes designed for and by people with chronic illness, so that everyone can benefit from regular exercise and movement as safely and affordably as possible. We know some people might be bed-bound while others are able to be regularly active, so to reach our audience, so our classes will be available online for our members to watch wherever they are, and in whatever condition they are in. We'd like to offer a range of classes released in a timetabled format each week so that participants can come together to exercise, even if they're all taking part in different places

Alongside fundraising, we are currently seeking trustees and founding members, as well as corporate partnerships, and we will be launching market research soon. If you'd like to find out more, and think you can help us in our start-up stages, get in touch via our website <http://www.chronicallyawesome.org.uk> Thank you.

Ellie Hopkins

ENABLING COMMUNITIES BUDGETS

Are you a member of, or do you know a communities group, that requires funding for a project, no matter how small, such as new heating, or other equipment? Then maybe I can help. A total of £412,500 has been allocated from New Homes Bonus (funding generated through new houses built in the district) for 2019/20. This gives each of the 55 elected members of East Suffolk Council a £7,500 Enabling Communities Budget (ECB) to spend on community projects or to develop new projects in their ward to tackle local needs. If you are a community group interested in receiving ECB funding, please contact your district councillor to discuss your project idea. The application form should be completed and signed by your group. Once complete, the application should then be sent to your councillor for them to approve in writing. Your councillor will then submit your application to our Funding Team. Alternatively, you may require a larger amount of money. If so, there is the

EXEMPLAR FUND

A total of £160,000 has been allocated, again from New Homes Bonus. The Enabling Communities Exemplar Programme provides grant funding to enable community groups to deliver new 'flagship' projects. These will have a positive impact across our communities that need more funding than is available through the Enabling Communities Budgets. Groups can apply for between £1,000 and £10,000 to help fund a specific project or activity. The process has changed from the previous rolling programme and we now have the following deadlines for applications to be received:

- Deadline for application to be submitted to the Funding Team - 12pm, Monday 19 August 2019
- Exemplar Panel meeting convened to assess applications - w/c

9 September 2019

- Projects informed of decisions - w/c 23 September 2019

A review will be undertaken at this stage to look at the available budget remaining and whether another round of funding will be available. To be eligible for funding, the project must be supported by your local district councillor (or the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder for projects covering a wider geographical area.) A letter of support must be submitted from the relevant councillor with your application, relating specifically to the proposed project.

Colin Hedgley

Councillor, Carlford & Fynn Valley Ward

COMMUNITIES OFFICER EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL

My name is Andy Jolliffe and I am your new Communities Officer based within East Suffolk Council. A priority of mine is to ensure that the communities which I serve are aware of our work and look at how we can work together for everyone's benefit.

Communities Officers each cover a group of parishes and are tasked with supporting those communities to become engaged, self sufficient and enabled. We support communities, however they may appear, to address their wants and needs.

We must be able to adapt to a community's needs and so our roles and the work we engage with can vary from area to area. In general, we support the following;

- ◆ Community projects, consultations and engagement
- ◆ Development of new community groups based on need
- ◆ Access to funding advice
- ◆ Health and wellbeing projects
- ◆ Neighbourhood planning/Right to Bid applications
- ◆ Linking local organisations and groups together

We also focus on 'Hidden Needs' – a set of data that shows the difficulties that

people face which may not be visible to everyone – loneliness, isolation and other issues can have a significant impact on a person's wellbeing.

In order to achieve the goal of resilient and enabled communities, it is vital that the work is done in partnership. I am always keen to hear about local groups, organisations etc that are doing amazing things in our area, along with future goals for the community. In turn, I will keep you informed of what's happening in your local area.

Information regarding the work of the Communities Team can be found at eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community or by emailing communities@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

BEALINGS WI

Bealings WI enjoys monthly meetings throughout the year (except August) with a guest speaker. Subjects vary enormously from learning what is involved in running a hospice shop to learning the history of hat making, which is the subject for the July meeting.

Members receive a monthly magazine produced by the area and this offers opportunities for holidays, days out to places of interest as well as joining in competitions such as Kurling or ten pin bowling with members from other groups.

The group meets in the village hall and new members would be made very welcome. You do not need to be a Bealings resident in order to join the group.

Please contact the secretary Jennifer Cook (01473 623985) if you would like more information.

RUMINATING ON RUBBLE

As a resident of Little Bealings, I thought I might try to gauge public opinion on a matter of some local interest and discussion, namely our new village 'feature' - the pile of rubble kindly donated by person or persons unknown and deposited at the bottom of, and partly in, The Street over the Bank Holiday

weekend at the beginning of May.



Following its overnight appearance, a number of local residents quickly reported the matter to the relevant highway authorities, who acted with commendable speed in sending a team out the same day to move the pile out of the road and into the lay-by, surrounding it with high visibility red and white barriers and colourful road signs, thus considerably enhancing the overall appearance of this new addition to our local landscape.

After this initial flurry of activity however, it would appear that any hopes of the speedy removal of the material were somewhat optimistic. At the time of writing (mid June), the pile remains resolutely in place, some six weeks and counting after its first appearance. Having reported the pile's continued presence to the local authorities via the 'Fix My Street' website, one local resident received a polite reply from East Suffolk Council's 'Customer Experience Team', the gist of which was 'is it still there?'

Of course by the time you read this, the pile may well have been removed and this entire article (or rant if you prefer), will have been rendered moot, in which case we will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that the matter remains recorded for posterity, possibly to intrigue historians of future generations.

Assuming however that the matter remains unresolved by the time you read this, what is to be done? Perhaps some lateral thinking is needed – are we missing an opportunity here?

Perhaps a few like minded villagers with a

horticultural bent could indulge in a bit of 'guerrilla gardening', using a few well-placed ferns and alpines to convert the pile into an attractive rockery. In time this could become a minor tourist attraction, encouraging visitors from as far away as Grundisburgh or even Woodbridge.

If the plans to resurface the village hall car park come to fruition, presumably this will require some hardcore to be brought in. Is there a possible cost saving here perhaps?

Perhaps the school or playgroup could run a competition among the children to paint or decorate individual pieces of rubble in the most imaginative and colourful way. These could then be branded as 'urban art' and sold at the school fete, a valuable lesson on 'up cycling' perhaps?

Once the cafe hub in All Saints church is up and running, maybe we could take advantage of the current trend at many eating establishments for serving food on ever more obscure items, usually anything but a plate. Bolognese on a brick anyone? Or how about kippers on a kerbstone or calamari on concrete?

Of course, given the pile's increasing longevity it is entirely possible that various insects, small reptiles and other fauna have begun to colonize the heap, creating their own small ecosystem, possibly requiring a full ecological survey of the debris before removal can be authorized.

The possibilities are endless!

Francis Mutimer

PLASTIC POLLUTION

As you may well be aware, plastic pollution is a hot topic currently with public levels of awareness of the issues boosted by coverage in programmes such as Blue Planet 2. That heightened level of awareness has led to the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum identifying the need to respond by letting the community know what actions they are able to take to do their bit to help by minimising consumption of avoidable single-use plastics, by identifying passionate

individuals or groups in the community who are already doing their best in their own lives and crucially want to help others do the same, and developing and supporting a network of "Plastic Action Champions" to motivate and encourage positive change towards less reliance on single-use plastics in their communities. I am coordinating this network on behalf of the Greenprint Forum, along with Jason Alexander of "[Rubbish Walks](#)" fame.

We already have a small number of Plastic Action Champions recruited and trained up, but we are looking for more and would like as wide a geographical spread of Champions around the district as possible. The next training session for new Champions is being held at the Council's Riverside offices in Lowestoft on 17 June 17:30-20:00 and further sessions are intended to follow on an ongoing basis as additional Champions step forward.

If you would be able to help communicate through any networks and channels available to you, this opportunity for those passionate about the issue of plastic pollution to help make a positive difference, that would be fabulous. I attach a couple of flyers, one relating to this Monday's training session and another more general-purpose flyer, and a link to our webpage about the scheme <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/plastic-action/plastic-action-champions-and-volunteering/> – please feel free to share these too.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of this with me. **Daniel Wareing, Environmental Sustainability Officer** East Suffolk Council 01394 444747

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We will also have local green grocers, bakers, butchers, and perhaps even a candlestick maker!

Tables will cost £10 each. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds will go to the repair and upkeep of the Church and Churchyard.

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ST MARY'S

By the time you see this Magazine there will have been a PCC meeting at which the options for the future will have been discussed. As everyone will know, we remain in interregnum, and no progress has yet been made on finding a replacement priest. The diocese does not fill posts in isolation from other organisational issues. Your PCC will have discussed the relative merits of:

a/ Looking for a half-time priest, responsible for the Benefice as presently constituted. We are told that half-time posts are not popular with prospective candidates.

b/ Possible reorganisation, placing our parish or parishes in another grouping of parishes – a group large enough to justify the appointment of a full team priest, and quite possibly a support team, however constituted.

Our views, together with those of the other parishes in the benefice will be passed on to the Diocese for consideration., probably with no guarantee that the views of four small parishes will persuade the Diocese that they should necessarily be adopted. We are, as is almost always the case, part of a wider organisational programme. But at least we do now have movement.

LOOKING BACK

We had two services in June – the second one being on the 5th Sunday of the month and consisting of an outdoor communion service. We do not at this stage know how conducive the weather will have been to such an undertaking, but, given the importance we attach to wildlife in the churchyard this is an

appropriate opportunity to dovetail our promotion of the natural world with the relative formalities of the communion service.

LOOKING FORWARD

A reminder that St Mary's will be the venue for the **July 21st Messy Church** gathering. That too will be out of doors and will take place between 4.00 and 5.00 pm. The Keer family has been planning weeks ahead, thinking of ways in which children can explore the links of religion with the natural world. Even if you and your family are not regulars, do ring Jonathan or Laura to express interest in coming along and to get further details – you will be assured of a warm welcome.

CHURCHYARD

The Nicholls family – and a chance to earn occasional pocket-money

William and Lilly Nicholls, grandparents of Christophe and Stanley Nicholls, are buried in our churchyard. The name of Christopher Nicholls appears on the War Memorial, but he is not buried in the churchyard, but in France.

Christopher has been visiting his grandparents' grave regularly, but now finds it increasingly difficult, so is trying to contact someone local who might spend a few moments every month ensuring that the grave is kept tidy. I have full details, so if anyone, possibly a hard-up teenager, would like to find out more I can provide further information.

CAR PARK:

Most people will know that our use of the car park area is thanks to the generosity of the Nesling family. Ben continues to do a wonderful job keeping the grass area really neat and tidy. By way of

reciprocating their generosity, it is always appreciated if people passing by in the vicinity of the church can keep alert to any possible security issues – suspicious vehicles, behaviour etc. If you do have any concerns, please pass them discretely on to 01473 735565.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

LOOKING BACK

A SINGALONG EVENING OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN. FRIDAY 7TH JUNE.

Roger and Margaret Roseboom transformed the décor of the church to put on an atmospheric evening of G & S choruses and solos. The church was decorated with flags, swords, helmets and other appropriate G and S paraphernalia.



in the pulpit – not our new priest, but a be-wigged His Honour Judge Roger Roseboom doing a solo.

The soloists were properly kitted out in appropriate dress, ranging from policemen, admirals, little maids and judges. A small knot of previously rehearsed singers was strategically and

discretely positioned in the middle of the church to provide vocal guidance and muscle to the rest of the “audience” – not quite the right word, because their presence went well beyond just listening, and included hearty exhortations to join in, as appropriate, – which they did, with ever-increasing confidence.

Entry was free, but some four-dozen people took part, suitably fortified by refreshments. A healthy £120 was collected in donations. Our warmest thanks to those who supported this probably unique occasion, both with their presence and financially. Particular thanks go to the support singers, the soloists, and above all to Roger and Margaret for all the work, research, energy and imagination that went into creating an evening of fun and friendship.

LOOKING AHEAD

This year's **Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride** occasion takes place on **Saturday 14th September**. As always, we look for people prepared to get out their bikes and to ride in the joint causes of enjoying a lovely day out and contributing to church funds. Norman Porter has all the necessary documentation, including a form for listing sponsors, and a list of which churches are open – virtually all of them, in this lovely county of ours. Other counties stage the same event, should you wish to be really adventurous. It's never too early to start training. Less demanding, but equally sought after, are church-minders prepared to offer an hour to sit in the church and welcome visitors. This event will take place just a week after you receive the next mag, so do get the date in your diary now.

We hope to stage further events in the autumn, but details of these will appear later.

PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley briefly summarised the report he had circulated relating to SCDC's activities in 2018-19. He then highlighted some items from his recent report relating to the new East Suffolk Council (ESC). These included the forthcoming European Elections, a funding boost for Leiston, the sale of new beach huts in Felixstowe and the recent District Council Election results. The full reports can be viewed on the PC's website. CH advised the meeting that he has been appointed to the Planning Committee (South) and the Licensing and Health Committee. Charles Barrington congratulated him on his nomination as Chairman of ESC, which is expected to be endorsed the following day.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Charles Barrington expressed his thanks to his Councillor colleagues and to the Clerk for their support during the year. He gave an update as to the current position of our Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the ESC Local Plan which is currently being assessed. During the financial year 2018/19 16 planning applications were received of which 11 were approved and 5 objections were submitted. He read an email received from Scottish Power giving an update on the Windfarm project. He thanked AS for his work on the Emergency Plan, and the joint tree wardens (MC and AS) for their work. He also covered the Northern Bypass, Sizewell C, the Armistice celebrations, Boot Street Bridge, and Fynn-Lark News. The full report is on the PC's website.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL – Keith Beaumont presented a report for the Bealings Village Hall Trust which continues to be well used, with the "Pop Up Pub" events being particularly successful. Completed projects include the replacement of the remaining single glazed windows and

refurbishment of the snooker table, however an application for a grant to extend/resurface the car park was unsuccessful. He also outlined some other possible forthcoming projects. Appreciation was expressed from the Trustees for the donations from the two Parish Councils. The full report is on the PC's website.

FYNN-LARK NEWS REPORT – Norman Porter was unable to attend and at the time of the meeting a report had not been received, this had gone astray somewhere and was received after the meeting. This covered the current financial situation, an imminent lack of volunteers to produce the magazine, and editorial neutrality. The full report is on the PC's website

BOOT STREET TRAFFIC - CPB expressed his frustration at the lack of response from SCC as it is now 8 months since Mary Evans visited the site. It was agreed that a letter should be sent direct to the Chief Executive.

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MAY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The following Officers were elected:

Chairman	Charles Barrington
Vice Chairman	Anthony Sheppard
Footpaths/Trees	
Martin Cripps and Anthony Sheppard	
Village Hall	Sally Johnson
<i>(subject to her approval at the next meeting)</i>	

TREES – Martin Cripps reported that the Suffolk Tree Warden Network held their AGM last month, although unfortunately neither he nor Anthony Sheppard were able to attend. The Network are doing a mature back poplar survey, in the meantime our cuttings are doing well. An Ancient Veteran Tree Survey will be investigated to detail a number of historic trees in the Parish. He would like to fill the gaps in the row of lime trees beside the Church.

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PLANNING – The Clerk will write to the Senior Planning Officer at ESC to ask if the new team leader for our area can make an appointment to be shown around the village to gain a greater understanding of our Neighbourhood Plan and its issues.

SAVID/SID – The SID is still having software problems. A cheap laptop or tablet will be investigated on which to download the software.

Review of Procedures - The following documents have all been reviewed and were approved and accepted by Cllrs: Freedom of Information – Model Publication Scheme; Model Standing Orders (updated 2018); 2016 Financial Regulations; Code of Conduct; Risk Assessment updated 2018)

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Authorisation of cheques

Nine cheques were authorised for Clerk's salary, PAYE and Working from Home allowance, donations, SALC subscriptions and office expenses.

Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19– this had been completed and circulated and was approved by Cllrs. Charles Barrington expressed his thanks to the auditor Eric Barnett, and to the Clerk for the clarity of the accounts, as mentioned by the auditor.

Annual Governance Statement 2018/19, Accounting Statements 2018/19 and

Certificate of Exemption – These were approved and signed.

Precept – The first precept instalment has been received

Bank Signatories – Following Anthony Sheppard's appointment as Vice-Chairman, Cllrs agreed that he should replace Colin Hedgley as a signatory on the PC's bank account with Santander

CORRESPONDENCE

RIVER LARK EMBANKMENT – The Environment Agency have advised that the current development is now subject to an application for an Environment Agency Permit.

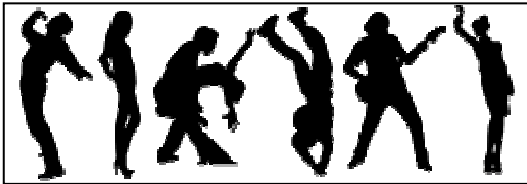
WATER MEADOW – an email has been received from a concerned resident of Lower Road. Rob Munn has taken this up with ESC, to no avail. Colin Hedgley will discuss this with him and send some photos to ESC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2nd July

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

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CHURCHWARDENS

Corinne & Tony Fear, Green Close House, Lodge Road, Great Bealings

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 June 2019

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

One matter was raised:

SALE OF THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

Clarification was sought of the relationship between the Council and the Asset of Community Value listing for the property, as was a matter of wide interest and required a public meeting. It was explained that the commercial sensitivity of the matter was the basis for the Council discussing the matter 'in camera', and that anyone who wished to be involved should join the Save The Admiral's Head Group, as it was leading on the community bid.

PLANNING

DC/19/1896/FUL: Proposed erection of a single storey outbuilding (pool house) – Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

It was noted that construction had commenced and resolved that there was no objection to the application, so long as use was private and not to facilitate commercial use of the swimming pool approved for construction on the adjacent land.

DC/19/1905/FUL: Proposed pair of detached single storey dwellings – Site at Beacons Oaks, Martlesham Road

It was resolved to object to the application, it being development in the countryside, a poor layout in relation to adjoining properties and within 13km of three designated European Sites to be protected, including two RAMSAR sites.

Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station – EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation

It was resolved to recommend that the following surveys and impact assessments should be required in

respect of the impact of the road and rail strategies on the parish: wildlife, public access along rights of way, traffic including the impact of traffic displaced from other roads by the increased volume of traffic to/from the development site and a noise assessment in respect of both railway line and crossing construction works and as a result of the increased train movements proposed.

DC/19/1289/SCO: Sinks Pit: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion - the erection of 2 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

It was resolved to respond to the consultation requesting that surveys for archaeology, impact on wildlife, noise in accordance with BS4142 2014, light pollution, dust pollution, and the impact of the construction works should be required.

DC/19/1384/FUL: Erection of Single Storey Extension - 68 Martlesham Road

ESC had approved this application.

DC/19/1336/TPO: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road: T1 - 3 oaks on east boundary – reduce crowns by 2-3 metres to reduce neighbour overhang; T4 – Sweet Chestnut – crown lift by 5m over parking area; T6 – Sweet Chestnut – fallen tree with former lateral limb now as main stem; fell because tree is structurally unstable; T8 - Birch – fell because of advanced basal decay; T9 – Birch – fell, tree in decline and poor condition; T11-12 – Poplars, windblown and a risk to railway, fell. Formal consent is not required for removal of dead trees, deadwood or strom (sic) damaged limbs

ESC had approved this application.

SAVID

The SAVID group would be advised that the Council was still unable to obtain cover for the SID only when it was being used in the parish, with a view to one of the member parishes taking responsibility for it and the premium (and excess?) being shared.

SALE OF THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

The public were excluded from the meeting for the discussion of this item. It was resolved that the Council would advise ESC of the community's intention to bid to purchase the property.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council is due to meet on 1 July and 9 September.

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

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ALL SAINTS CHURCHWARDENS' UPDATE

You may have seen a lot of activity at All Saints over the last month, we are currently undergoing some much-needed fabric work to the church as recognised in our 2017 quinquennial report. We have already had the drainage channel cleared and cut back, hopefully this will resolve the issue of the damp we have had in the church after heavy rain, the louvre windows in the tower have been repaired and one has been replaced. We are currently waiting on minor repairs to the tower to be completed and you may have noticed the boarded up window in the south chancel which has been taken away for re-leading as it was bowing significantly. The window works are estimated to take around 10 weeks so please bear with us while this happens. One of our lovely bells is also out of action and Tony is working on repairing this under the guidance of the DAC.

The churchyard is blooming with wildflowers at present and Tony is

working hard on keeping the area around the church cut down whilst creating pathways through the rest of the churchyard to preserve the wildflowers. If anybody would like to give their time by helping Tony with the never-ending task of the churchyard upkeep, please do contact us.

Now Tony and I are "official" church wardens we will do all we can on behalf of the church, its parishioners and the community. We would very much welcome the help of the community with the various tasks involved with the upkeep and running of the church as a local place of worship, we are looking for people to assist us once a month in our services, to maybe do a reading or just hand out the hymn books! We are also looking for people who could help once in a while with the general cleaning of the church or even provide a display of flowers to brighten the church and our services, being new church wardens we would like to thank those who have already helped us along the way by offering advice, and supporting us in our new role, we would also very much welcome any support or advice you have to offer us! Therefore Tony and I would like to welcome you all to join us for a cuppa and informal chat at the church on Wednesday 17th July drop in anytime between 6.00 p.m. & 8.00 p.m. there may even be cake! Whether you're a regular churchgoer or a local resident who would like to keep the church active we would love to meet you, come along and learn a bit more about us and our roles as church wardens.

There is lots being organised over the next few months to fundraise for the fabric and upkeep of the church, we are holding a Farmer's market on Saturday 24th August from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. at Bealings village hall, where there will be lots of stalls selling locally produced products from cakes, fruit and veg, jams and sauces, cheese, meat and eggs amongst other handmade items including clothing and crafts, refreshments will also

be available, from coffee and cake to light lunches, please see our separate advert in the newsletter for our events including "Bealings' Got Talent" and fundraising for other causes to include "Tea with Archdeacon Sally" on Saturday the 3rd of August from 2.00 p.m., and our Macmillan coffee morning on Saturday the 21st of September from 10.00 a.m., everyone is welcome and Tony & I look forward to seeing you there.

LIGHTS THAT SHINE

The church lights were lit last month to celebrate the birthday of local resident Sarah Byrom, we wish you a happy birthday Sarah and hope you had a lovely

party.
If you would like to "shine the church lights" for any occasion please do get in contact with Corinne on 07810 355511, for a £5 donation you can light up our beautiful church at a date and time of your choosing.

If there are any community events you think the church may be able to help with then please get in contact with us, be it a loan of our chairs or tables (which we have happily lent out twice in the last month!) or Tony's heavy lifting abilities! We are always happy to help.

Tony & Corinne

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PLAYFORD W.I.

Bridget Lapsley gave us a thought-provoking talk in June on Digital Art which was most interesting to all our members and prompted many questions.

On July 2nd we will be having an outing to Orford and the surrounding district to follow the WI Centenary Windmill Trail. and to visit Astrid Llewellyn at her new home. Our August meeting will be held at Playford Parish Hall on the boules pitch, inviting members of other local W.I.'s to join us for a fun evening,
- weather permitting!

Sue Bruce, Secretary

Father so sadly missed.

2nd July - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Jose Booker is remembered with much love by all her family on this the 17th anniversary of her passing.

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.

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

5th June sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for her Grandson, Elliott, on his 22nd Birthday Happy Birthday Elliott, love from Grandma Barbara and also Happy Birthday for Geoff Dunnett on his 83rd Birthday on **25th June** . Happy Birthday Geoff love Barbara, Jacqui, Steven and Grandchildren.

Saturday, 15th June PLAYFORD VILLAGE FETE - anonymous sponsor

Sunday, 16th June: Fathers' Day - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood: remembering with fondest love a very special Father, Geoff Booker. Also sponsored by the Bunbury family in memory of Charles. Another very special

THE CLARKSON SERVICE

St Marys Church, Playford

Sunday 14th July, 10.00 a.m.

Thomas Clarkson, "The Friend of Slaves" is Playford's very own hero. He did more to bring the slave trade to an end than any other person. He lived in Playford. He is buried in Playford. Plus, we have a monument to him in Playford.

At 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 14th July we are holding a special service to celebrate his life and his commitment to others.

Please come and join us in a simple act of worship for the Hero of Playford. The service will last for 40 minutes. Come as

you are. There is no dress code in the Church! Children especially welcome.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks available after the service (plus biscuits!). But you do not have to stay if you have other things to do.

But one thing is for sure – you will be very welcome.

The Churchwarden

CHURCH ROOF

Readers might well wonder why this remains a topic for discussion as building work finished a good 18 months ago. The reason is that redecoration was also part of the programme and it is this that continues to cause delays. Firstly, the walls had to dry out before any paint could be applied and, although given the go-ahead last June, it was discovered that when previously painted in 1982 non-breathable emulsion paint had wrongly been applied. The Diocesan Advisory Committee, who lay down the rules on how such work is to be done, insist that breathable paints are used. But before work can begin however they want to be sure that such paint will adhere to the existing emulsion. Accordingly three sample patches of different paints have been applied to the north wall of the nave and it will be the best part of two years before the results are known.

Brian Seward

BINKY AND CO

Binky loved village fetes. He had

volunteered for the committee several times, but he was always just too late.

The positions, of which there were six, had been filled “weeks ago”.

Several years previously, he volunteered for the 2019 committee well in advance only to find he had been beaten to it by seven other people one of which Binky was pretty sure had died six months previously. But he soldiered on, volunteering for anything and everything. His constant pleading eventually wore the committee down and they asked him to judge “the Bonniest Baby” competition and then to star as “The Children’s Magician”. The thinking behind it was that if he were left with the under tens, he would be a smash hit. What could possibly go wrong?

Come the great day Binky had the young mums line up with their ‘under twelve months’ babies dressed better than a Cromer crab looking their very best. Mrs Grinbys baby of six months already had a tattoo stating “my mum is best” with a complete crucifixion scene beneath all ready as the mother said for the baptism. So *avant-garde*, so modern, so awful.

Binky took his time going up and down the line of babies. He had to admit they all looked rather young as he said in his opening speech. Eyes rolled. The mothers though were getting restless and Binky felt the hand of history upon his shoulders. He ummed and ahed. Eventually he decided to concentrate on Mrs Parsons triplets. According to some, they each had a different father, but as the vicar said they are all welcome, especially as he saw three baptisms and three weddings in the not too far distant

financial future. He rubbed his hands with glee. Binky chose the middle triplet, Parodia Butterball Parsons as the Bonnier Baby.

Mrs Parsons was furious. "Wot abart my uvver two?" she demanded. Binky tried hard to explain that there could only be one winner, simply because the prize was an Easter Bonnet kindly knitted by Miss Twigspit, the aging spinster from Lower Hackle. But Mrs Parsons was adamant and demanded a recount. Binky felt unequivocally out of his depth. Recount? Discount? What on earth was she on about? He decided to call for the First Aiders he did not know what else to do. The First Aider arrived along with the vicar, the Chairman of the committee, the local MP, Mr Baker the retired PCSO who knew a thing or two about the law and Bert Scrumption who automatically went to anything just because he could. After a great deal of animated conversation, it was decided that all three babies had come first because as the vicar said at the moment of conception all are equal.

Binky strode across the stage as if born to

it. Wearing his black suit, top hat and carrying a little table he set up his props with the finesse of a concrete crusher, but he was ready. The children cheered and clapped but only because the parents told them to. In truth they were either bemused or bored. Usually both.

Binky took off his top hat and placed it upside down on the small table. "What do you think" he asked the children "I will pull out of this hat?" "A load of crap" said a small boy at the front who immediately received a clip round the ear from his father.

Binky placed his hand into the hat and pulled out a furry little creature by the tail that turned out to be a grey squirrel. The squirrel squirmed and bit Binky who immediately let go of the animal. It ran off at startling speed towards the baby prams.

At the Fete Committee de-brief, it was passed unanimously that Binky would never, ever be asked to contribute to the fete again. Unless of course he paid to join the committee.

FETE

An exciting evolution in traditions this year with the Playford Hall Open Day extended to run all day from 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. with lots of new activities. There really was something for all ages! The Garden Trail in aid of the hospice; the Blue Cross dog show, with every dog a winner; and the Rapid Response Team field kitchen lunches were three of the new highlights for us.

The traditional church fete afternoon had a great atmosphere with so many side shows, excellent teas of homemade cream scones and cakes, ending with the raffle and many generous prizes. Activities then moved on to a bar, BBQ and live entertainment for the evening.

A tremendous amount of work will have gone in to creating the event as well as arranging such amenable weather! We'd like to thank the organisers, all the helpers, donors, visitors and of course hosts Adrian & Fiona Melrose for opening their lovely grounds. Congratulations everyone.

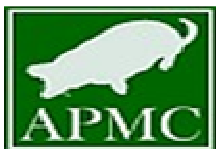
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SPONSORED LIGHTS

On the 29th May Wendy Jefferson illuminated the Church in memory of her late husband and great friend of Culpho Church, Hugh, who would have celebrated his 80th birthday on this date. He passed away on the 16th July 2016 and although sadly missed, is always lovingly remembered.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

On the 23rd June the Ashes of Lavinia 'Lovie' Muttitt were interned in the grave of her late husband John Noel Muttitt. – now reunited. The family, as previous residents of Culpho, have a long connection with Culpho Church.

On the same date the Ashes of Harry and Christine Hedley were buried in the Churchyard on the west side of the Church Tower. Both Harry and Christine were, for many years, members of the Parochial Church Council and strong supporters of St. Botolph's Church.

RESTORATION WORKS

Commencing on Monday 1st July renovation work will be carried out on the Church by LA Restorations Limited. Repairs are being funded following a grant from Historic England and we are indebted to them for their support. The work is expected to take three to four weeks and for part of the time scaffolding will be in use. It is unlikely there will be any disruption to residents or Church Services although we do appreciate your patience whilst the work is being carried out.

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The Harvest celebrations for 2019 will be held as follows: -

*Friday 13th September the Harvest Supper will be held at 6 p.m. in the Church and all residents, friends and churchgoers are invited to join in the celebrations. As usual, Christine Pearce has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the event and we ask that, if you wish to attend, contact is made with Chris on either 01473 738324 or by email - cmp0601@hotmail.com. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

*Throughout the weekend the Church remains open for visitors to view the Harvest display which will have been created by Christabel Garnham. For many years now Chris has assembled the church flowers at Harvest and her creations illustrate everything that encompasses the 'Harvest' in a most imaginative way. We are most grateful to her and if you have time to call in will be assured of a warm welcome.

*On Sunday 15th September we will celebrate the Harvest with the traditional Harvest service at 3 p.m. You will be made most welcome in you are able to join us.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT 2019

Saturday 14th September once again sees the Church open to receive cyclists, walkers, classic, vintage and veteran car owners and visitors as part of the Historic Churches Ride and Stride event. Church members have volunteered to record all visitors from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and soft drinks and biscuits will be available for those calling in. The Trust raises money to provide grants to Suffolk Churches for their restoration and maintenance.

Margaret Gornall



‘Farming through the Ages’

A talk by RICHARD GARNHAM

at Culpho Manor, Culpho, IP6 9DJ

on Thursday 4th July 2019

which includes a 2-course lunch (12 noon for 12:30pm)

A great chance to hear Richard’s enlightening talk

For those of a ‘certain’ age, farming bears no resemblance to that we saw fifty years ago. Shire horses are rarely seen hauling the plough, having long been replaced by giant state-of-the art pieces of machinery. Farmers have needed to broaden their horizons to ensure the sustainability of their existence with Farming methods and practices having long changed.

As lay people, whilst we have witnessed these changes, most of us have scant knowledge of how and why such reform came about. However, with his first-hand experience in all aspects of farming, Richard has agreed to share his extensive knowledge working within the farming industry, most of which has been local and something he remains involved with to-day.

All proceeds go to the upkeep of Culpho Church.

Thanks to members of the local community for their help
and Alan Walters for the Marquee.

Tickets: £15. - Available from Robert or Lynette on 01473 738510 or stead-fast.culpho@gmail.com Good parking.

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CHURCH DIARY – JULY - AUGUST 2019

Sunday July 7th

10.00

Family Communion

Great Bealings

Sunday July 14th

10.00

Clarkson Service

Playford

Wednesday July 17th

9.30

Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday July 21st

3.00 p.m.

Evensong

Culpho

Sunday July 28th

10.00

Holy Communion

Little Bealings

Sunday August 4th

10.00

Family Communion

Great Bealings

Sunday August 11th

10.00

Family Communion

Playford

Sunday August 18th

3.00 p.m.

Evensong

Culpho

Wednesday August 21st

9.30

Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday August 25th

10.00

Holy Communion

Little Bealings

Sunday September 1st

10.00

Holy Communion

Great Bealings

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BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

BADMINTON VH Thu 7.30 *Martin Yates 07710187722*
BALLROOM DANCING VH Mon 7.30 *Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511*
VH Tue 7.30 *Teresa Jay 07929310480*
CARPET BOWLS VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00 *Kathy Price 621419*
DANCE CLASS VH Tue 9.30 a.m. Fri 9.30 a.m. *Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513*
FRESH FISH Thu am Little Bealings top road:
noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings *Catherine 07971970836*

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SNOOKER VH Any day <4 hours *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS VH Thu 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. *Teresa Jay 07929310480*
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*
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WI VH Thu (3rd in month) 2.00 Oct - Mar
7.00 Apr - Sep *Jennifer Cook 623985*

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB PH Thu 10.00 *Mary Spillett 01394 385295*
CLAY WORKSHOPS PH TUE (2nd of month) 6.30 – 9.00 *Contact 01728 860125*
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noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings *Catherine 07971970836*
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