

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**June 2019**



## **THE HARES OF CULPHO**

Hares are not rabbits. They both have long ears, rangy legs and fluffy tails but the similarity stops there. Hares rest above ground, rabbits occupy burrows underground; rabbits are born bald with eyes closed, hares are born fully furred, eyes open, ready to go; hare's eyes have an orange iris, rabbits' eyes are dark, almost black. A hare can run at speeds up to 45 miles per hour, far faster than any rabbit.

The female hare gives birth and leaves 2 to 3 leverets in a 'safe' place, returning morning and evening to feed them before moving them on. In our previous home, the 'safe' place was the edge of the veg garden – our pair of Jack Russell terriers rapidly learnt that leverets (like the chickens) were off-

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limits.

Since moving into Abbey Farm Barn in 2012, we find leverets left behind pots and planters in the courtyard. At dusk and dawn, the jill comes in and the leverets come out to feed and then scamper back to their hiding places. Last year we had a young adult take up residence during the day; 'he' lay under a pot plant in the sun, stretched out like a dog. We could come and go through the front door and the hare would just look at us as if to say 'well, I live here too, you know'.

Hares are woven into myth, legends and stories. Around AD590, St Melangell lived as a hermit in a cave at Penant, at the head of the Tanat Valley, North Wales. A 17<sup>th</sup> Century manuscript describes how in AD 604, Prince Brochwel Ysgithrog was out hunting and he put up a hare which dived into a clearing where St Melangell was praying. She sheltered the hare in her clothes and a stalemate ensued because the hounds would not enter the clearing and she would not give up the hare. Prince Brochwel demanded an explanation and he was so impressed that he presented her the land to be treated as a sanctuary. His heirs continued to honour the bequest and a church has stood on the site for over 1,200 years. Hares there are known as Wyn Melangell (St Melangell's lambs) and today, hunters of Cwm Penant will not kill hares.

This ancient Triskele symbol has been found in Chinese Buddhist cave temples dating from 581 – 907 AD and the design came to the West with silk traders in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Centuries. In Britain there

are numerous occurrences of the symbol in churches, especially in the Southwest.



*Ancient Triskele Symbol*

Hares appear in storytelling throughout medieval times to today. A Russian folk tale, Grandfather Mazy and the Hares, tells a powerful story of an old man who rescues hares during an annual flood near his village. The 18<sup>th</sup> Century author, Willan Cowper, had hares as pets in his home. He and the hares were well known locally and in Olney, Buckinghamshire, the town has a weathervane in his memory depicting a quill pen and a hare.

For many years, hares had used the overgrown courtyard of our barn as a safe place for their young and they still do. We feel privileged to give them temporary residence and it is a delight to see them around the area. Richard Garnham explained that the reason why we have hares in Culpho is because they thrive on clay soil. Luckily, hares are not taken on the estate which is why we have a healthy number in our parish – long may they thrive!



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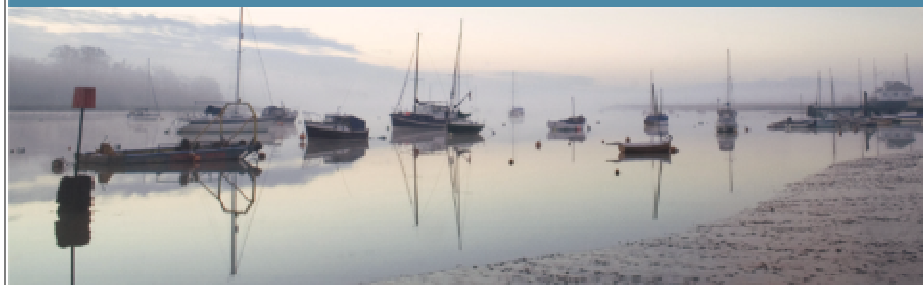
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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

#### TIM LLEWELLYN, OUR DESIGNER

Readers should be aware that Tim, our designer for almost 30 years, has moved from Playford to Chillesford. Despite that move Tim has very kindly offered to continue to design our Magazine, at least for the time being. Tim's wife, Astrid, hopes this will keep him out of mischief, now that they have down-sized from their spacious Bransons home and garden and there is slightly less for Tim to do. We are greatly indebted to them both for their continued commitment to this area and its Magazine, and very much hope that they will continue to be seen occasionally in these parts.

Readers may remember the picture on the front page of the April Mag – swans and cygnets. Lurking in Tim's subconscious must have been the thought that the issue might be his swansong, but happily the theme of the picture was entirely irrelevant to his future with us. Thank you, Tim for your on-going commitment to this enterprise.

### INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS MAGAZINE

Individual Donations, Standing Orders etc are a vital part of the funding of this Magazine, and we are happy to receive them at any time of the year. Earlier this year we published details of our Yorkshire Building Society Account, but because of the tangle of digits in the documentation failed to give the correct information. May we now repeat that contributions to ensure the future of this Magazine are welcome at any time to:

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### NEWS

#### WEDDING –

#### Victoria Wayne and Shaun Terson

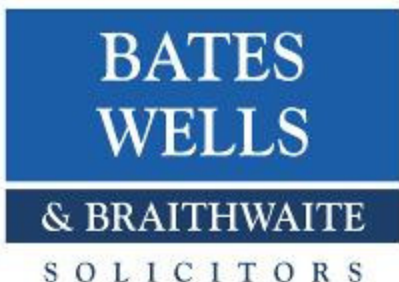
We have a bride's eye view of this joyful Bealings event, which took place at St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

*The groom's party arrived to a mix of rain*



*showers and bright sunshine. The church was resplendent with flowers provided by Jenny Dow. The bride arrived - on time – in a packed church - to some lovely organ playing by Jane Hartley. It was a wonderful church service, with Canon Revd. Clare Sanders officiating. Her sermon was thoughtful and thought-provoking, and helpfully based on the initials of our married-surname-to-be. Clare made us both feel completely at ease throughout the service. We had many compliments from our guests at the wedding breakfast about how much they had enjoyed the service.*

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**DIARY - WHAT'S ON**

**June**

Friday 7th      7.00 p.m.      A Singalong Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan  
St Mary's Church, Great Bealings

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>    11.00 am - 7.00 pm  
Playford Fete & The Great Garden Trail  
Playford Hall

**July**

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

*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.*

*The beautiful wedding breakfast took place back at Victoria's parents' family home, Thanks to fantastic work by Adrian Holder and Robert Tainsh (along with his Father too) the house and garden looked brilliant for the day and was a perfect setting. There were a couple of rain showers, but then the sunshine came out in earnest, allowing guests to enjoy the drinks reception on the lawn, between the showers. The rest of the day and evening was filled with great joy and laughter and our guests enjoyed dancing their way through into the early hours. We have many happy memories to build on.*

*Victoria Terson*

## **A QUICK UPDATE ON THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL.**

Breaking News - *Ropeth* has just received notification that a grant of £10,000 has been approved by the National Lottery – “Awards for All” scheme. Time for another party?

*Roger Roseboom- Chairman*

## **HISTORY CORNER**

### **- Perry Nursey (1771 – 1840) – sequel**

Readers may remember that we published a couple of pictures by this relatively unknown artist, hoping to clear up one or two mysteries for Mr Anthony Adolph who is preparing a catalogue featuring the artist's work.

There was a flurry of excitement as Chris Shelley of Playford Mount thought he could identify locations, as the views coincided with perspectives he was currently enjoying on a regular basis while dog-walking. That particular line of inquiry dried up, but Jim Pawsey, a fount of historical information, particularly on Little Bealings, had in his possession a fully illustrated book, entitled *Picturesque Perils*, by none other than Anthony Adolph himself, with a full account of the artist's life and works. Perry had indeed

not only lived at The Grove, Little Bealings, but transformed it, in the landscaping spirit of the times. This is all documented in a file of papers in Jim's possession, and we are very grateful to him for letting us have a privileged perusal of those 100 years old documents.

Perry was very much part of the Woodbridge Wits circle. Edward Fitzgerald, translator of Kubla Khan and member of that circle, contributes, as the frontispiece of the book, the compliment about the artist's “*genuine feeling for nature* (something which) *serves to cherish and rekindle one's own sympathy with the world about one.*”

How could one better express the significance of this artist, in this ever-beautiful but ecologically threatened part of Suffolk

*Norman Porter*

## **NATURE NOTES**

### **– Pigeons**

Pigeons don't have too many friends.



They nick much of the bird food, cover the car with grey, slimy splat, trample ponderously across flower beds, nibble greedily away at young plants and are capable of destroying whole crops. Has anyone ever seen a scrawny rural pigeon? I had laboured under the illusion that young beetroot and spinach weren't to their taste, but this year discovered that they **are**, as evidenced by minimal and stunted stumps of seedlings, and was too late with the netting. If you drive them off, temporarily, they gather and lurk threateningly nearby waiting for you to go back indoors. Watching, waiting. They

chase one another amorously up and down telephone wires and build the most untidy of nests later on in the summer. Perhaps it's time to rehabilitate this very common bird and redress the balance. So, what are its redeeming features?

Well, let's get inside its head., and have a few pigeon-centric thoughts. They have an uncannily accurate sense of direction. Some of us remember those crates of pigeons that were sent off by rail to far-off locations for the (homing) pigeons to be released and find their way back to the pigeon loft of the "fancier". One of the best-known local fanciers was "Brassie" Lambert, who used to live in Boot Street, Great Bealings.

Such pigeons were reliable messengers in times of war, before signalling apparatus became sophisticated, so much so that enemy snipers would try to shoot them down. Pigeons won awards for bravery! But not only did the enemy intercept the message, but they also had the chance to make pigeon pie. Pigeon breast is very tender. Dovecotes were specifically built to house a supply of pigeons for meat. The young ones are called "squab" - and could be used to enhance the meat supply. We even have a picture of a dovecote alongside Great Bealings Church, a surviving adjunct of the old Hall. (demolished in the 1780s)



## PLANT FAIR & SALE – 27<sup>th</sup> April

Despite an unpromising forecast, this was an unprecedented success, with total income just topping £4000 – a record. Expenses amounted to just £200 or so and are limited to printing costs of the programme and raffle, both of which were central to the success of the event. The outcome totally erased any memories of occasional drizzle.

As always, this was a team achievement, with helpers coming in large numbers from our two villages. It clearly helped to have Annest Hopkins



as our Facebook co-ordinator, as visitors came in much greater numbers this year. The quality of the plants too, was exceptional, helped perhaps, by the fact that the event came later in the month, and the plants had a good chance to put on good growth and to look vigorous. Cakes, although abundant, were virtually sold out, and the experiment of having free entry but paying for



refreshments seems to have worked. Our car park team reported unprecedented activity.

Two extra dimensions to the newly named “Fair” were a display of painting by Ron Hurlock, who kindly donated the entire proceeds (over £300) to the event, and the non-profit-making but highly entertaining Punch and Judy Show – plus children’s activities - organised by Roger and Margaret Roseboom. (See separate item below about Roger’s first experience as a manipulator of puppets!).

We mention few names in this summary – just those who offered a particular speciality to the event – but our thanks are due to so many people for their input in so many ways: setting up, producing plants, making cakes, helping out with stalls, car parking, buying raffle tickets (Faith Chapman does deserve a particular mention in respect of her efforts to promote these) – and just simply supporting the occasion by their presence and generosity of pocket. It was particularly good to have the younger generation not only learning the ropes but also contributing in a major way. Nina and Freya Chapman had their own table and raised well over £100 – scope for more youngsters to join in next year.

So - well done to all – and wasn’t it good to see the results of the whole community pulling together in a joint enterprise? And for those who like to plan ahead – next year’s date looks like being Saturday 25th April.

## **That’s NOT the way to do it!**

### **A latter-life learning experience**

Notification of our Annual Plant Sale reminded me of 2018, when Margaret and I promoted the Environmental message about the plague of destructive plastic items. We used the Blue Planet DVD on a large TV screen as our medium. Unfortunately, one image reduced a 5-year-old little girl to tears. No, the Baby whale would not swallow the large plastic

barrel stuck in its mouth, as Mr Attenborough dived in to remove it and saved the baby whale’s life “. The memory of this incident remains.

So, what to do for 2019? Got it! A Punch & Judy Show. The young ones will like it and so will their Mums and Dads, with fond memories of those breezy, wet Summer days in Felixstowe. Right. How to do it? Simple. First buy the puppets on e-bay. Build a theatre/booth. Write a script, without all that salacious kissing and thwacking administered by Mr Punch. Also - given my diminishing ability to remember lines, pin the script up on the inside of the booth. Easy!

**Stage 1;** The Puppets – Immediate e-bay solution. The complete set: 23” tall, well padded, Mr Punch, Judy, Policeman and Crocodile, plus a Baby and a string of sausages.

**Stage 2:** Build a Booth: B & Q supplied a plethora of thin long pieces of wood, which I converted into a geodetic design worthy of the fabled Wellington Bomber of WW2 fame. Wobbly? Well, slightly, but the Village Hall is less wind-swept than Felixstowe beach. Covers came from BYAT’s curtain stock. A large hole was made in the white art board, then stapling, Gorilla tape, nailing and screws completed the construction.

**Stage 3:** The script. Mustn’t have the little girls crying again, so play it safe, tone down the Victorians’ and Edwardians’ peculiar social habits, concentrate on clean “Dad’s Army “ style dialogue i.e. Crocodile is not a frightening monster, but a confused animal born in Glasgow, Scotland, baptised as Crocodile Dundee. Whilst tempted to name the Policeman, P.C. Prentice, I decided on P.C. Porter, Head of Plant Sales. Margaret recommended having sound effects to enhance the “theatre“ side of our production: Jolly opening, Crocodile entry with Jaws, Keystone Cops for the Chase scenes, more Jaws, Percy Grainger snip, Country Garden, Hearts & Flowers Violin for Crocodile life story and finale sing



This little Blue tit is making a nest with his mate in my garden. Flowers are also doing nicely with the lovely sunshine we've had recently.

*Amy Thorpe*



Once again we are indebted to Amy for these reminders that Spring is about to turn



along, "Oh, we do like to be here at the Plant Sale."

**Rehearsal:** Originally planned with Henrietta as one-woman audience, but study commitments intervened. Fortified by a glass or two, Margaret and I rehearsed at home, minus Booth. Hilarious! What could possibly go wrong? Margaret insisted that I should not have a "swazzle", (a small metal unit, which creates the Mr Punch sound. Luckily, when I pinch my nostrils, I get the same authentic sound, but with both hands occupied in the Puppets nether regions, that is not possible. So, the answer was a clothes peg, whose painful grip on my nostrils could be somewhat mollified by some black felt. More about this creative suggestion later!

**Opening Day:** 10.30 a.m. arrived. Intro music - Entry of the Gladiators. Entering the Booth, now as dark inside as a Tomb, I applied the "Nostril Grip" and was reminded of Gestapo equipment applied to some poor French Resistance victim in a black cell. The pain was immediate. Never mind, Roger. Art must prevail. Both hands were occupied: the right with Punch, the left with Croc. I was seated on a stool, peering out through a panel of black gauze, thankful that a familiar face was smiling back at me: Rosie, a member of BYAT. The interplay between Punch and Croc was immediately evident, with some 14 children shouting out Crocodile at the tops of their voices. I referred to the script, lit by two small lamps. It was soon time to change Croc with Judy. Off with Croc and on - on - on. WHAT's happening? I then realised that only Houdini could have switched puppets. Whilst the inside of Croc was fairly easy, the inner feminine padding of Judy required a level of intricate negotiating to arrive at the necessary 3 finger pattern to make the puppet look alive. Never mind, grab Baby with Punch and push fingers harder into Judy. Where's the whacker? On the floor! Where's Margaret? Bend down to pick up whacker - oops! Nose

grip has fallen on floor. Don't panic! Breathe deeply. Tear off Pages 1-3 to get to page 4. How on earth with both hands stuffed up puppets! Why is Jaws music on? What is this boom-boom sound? Is it thunder outside? No! It's my body mike knocking on the curtain. PANIC - Judy is sacrificed to allow for Croc, minus whacker and Baby who has just fallen off stage. "Thank you, Rosie, for picking her up. "Shake off Judy, grab Policeman, stuff in hand. Can't help it if he now looks like Quasimodo. WHAT? Why are Punch, Policeman and Croc supposed to be on stage together? I haven't got 3 hands! Shake off Punch, cut pages 6 & 7, stay with page 8 & Croc's life story. Croc gets warm response- we're now on the home straight. Why has one of the inner lights gone? - it's on the floor! Can't read pages 9 & 10. What the hell! Busk It! Big response to sing along: Oh, we do like to be beside the Plant Fair. "FAIR? Where did that come from? Puppets take their bow; 15 mins has become ½ hour. Emerge from Booth to sympathetic, but warm applause and apologise for problems in booth. Call it a day? Certainly not. the 11 a.m. slot became the 11.45 final performance. 6 in attendance 3 children and 3 adults. THE SHOW MUST GO ON despite the debris on the floor.

Am I down-hearted? Certainly not. Our lovely daughter, Henrietta, told me that West Ham had beaten Tottenham - NOW THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT! Roll on 2020 and whatever that may bring.!

*Roger Roseboom,  
alias the Punch and Judy Man*

## **SAVID Meeting**

The next meeting of Suffolk SAVID (safer village driving) will be held on Friday 21st June at 7:30 pm at Bealings Village Hall.

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## ST MARY'S

The busy period is now behind us. The church and churchyard have played host to many people who would not normally attend services, but who seem to have enjoyed the various experiences, ranging from a talk, a concert, plus, at a distance, our involvement in the Plant Fair. These have been busy times, but the church has been used, and finances have benefited. An increasing number of people know of our church, and know that they can confidently come along and enjoy events that are staged there, as well as our regular services. That is how it should be.

## LOOKING BACK

Our only service was on the first Sunday of May. Dr John Hare officiated, and has talk brought in the subject of the rebuilding of Notre Dame in Paris. Opinion is divided as to whether funds to devoted to such a project might be better used solving present day problems. In John's view it is not just the rebuilding of a church, but the restoration of the focal point of French civilisation, with all its many historical and literary connotations. It is about sustaining and respecting the past, rather than repairing the present. The debate is a challenging one. It is a debate which, in a very minor way, can bring in the future of our own church. We are surrounded by evident signs of present day community need, but we continue to make strenuous efforts to raise the funds necessary to keep the church going, and by so doing, to do our bit to preserve and continue the hundreds of years of history that have bequeathed us the church as it now is. The Notre Dame dilemma is our dilemma. That is why it was good to straddle that dilemma, and to be able to send a healthy cheque

to the Ipswich Hospital Charity, after the concert given by the Ipswich Hospital Band, as well as making a contribution to our own funds

## IN MEMORIAM – JOY PRITCHATT

We were sad to hear that Joy had died on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Ipswich Hospital of a severe chest infection, with further complications. Their son, Andy, tells us that her passing was peaceful and that the sister-in-charge had told him that it was the most peaceful passing she had seen in over ten years of nursing. The funeral service took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Ranelagh Road Christian Fellowship, Felixstowe, IP11 7HA, but her ashes will be interred at St Mary's.

In 2005 John and Joy Pritchatt had a special service in St Mary's, Great Bealings, to celebrate 50 years of marriage. They continued to attend services regular, even though they lived in Felixstowe. The link with the village is a strong one. John's father, Alfred Joseph Pritchatt married Ethel Mary Mayhew on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1921 and they began their married life as lodgers with Miss Kersey at Thorneycroft in Great Bealings. Alfred was a newly qualified dentist with a practice in Ipswich and cycled there daily from the village. Alfred and Ethel moved to Cauldwell Hall Road to be nearer the practice but continued to worship at St Mary's. The family connection to the village continued when John and Joy were married at St Mary's on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1955. Both their children, Belinda and Andrew, were christened at the Church too. While living in Ipswich, the family regularly went to Sunday Service in Bealings.

Despite moves away from the area, Gt Bealings Church remained a focal point. When Ethel died in 1984, she was

reunited with her husband, Alfred, who had died some fourteen years earlier in 1967, and their ashes were buried in the Churchyard at Great Bealings.

John and Joy too, moved away from the area but when they returned to the county, to Felixstowe, they became regular members of the congregation once more until worsening health made this impossible, but they continued support the Church from their home in Felixstowe.

### LOOKING FORWARD

Our next service is on **Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 10.00, but later on in the month, on **Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>**, we have a special outdoor communion service, which is the main benefice service of the day, so we hope to be joined by people from other villages.

Looking even further ahead 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 event is expected to include building a bug hotel, making butterfly cakes and pompom animals, going on a prayer hunt nature trail and a stuffed animal picnic. There is a fall-back wet weather plan.

### CHURCHYARD

**Car park:** with a wedding imminent on May 4<sup>th</sup> we spent time repairing the car park fencing and strimming a good proportion of the nettles in the extension area. The new area proved invaluable for wedding guests, and we were able to accommodate them all, without having to rely on the kind co-operation of Andy and Eunice Mayhew for over-flow vehicles. More work is still to be done – not least the creation of a gate leading from the extension area more directly to the steps, but improvements are now well advanced. Our sincere thanks to those who have so kindly given up their time to help us move this project forward.

**Apple and fig trees:** all now seem to be in good health, and have come into flower.

*Churchwarden*

## FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH LOOKING BACK

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May we welcomed the return of **Professor Jeremy Tambling**, talking about “Evil and The Devil in Literature and in East Anglia.” Some 30 people came along and were challenged to follow the many ramifications of this fascinating subject. Jeremy's talk ranged over Mephistopheles (and lots of other aliases), gargoyles, Genesis, darkness, Isis, witches, Shakespeare, Eichmann, Milton, angels, Faust and a host of other references, both literary and actual. We were left in no doubt as to the ever-lurking presence of evil, either as a pro-active force in our world or as a consequence of human indifference.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May our churchyard was taken over by close on 40 musicians of the **Ipswich Hospital Band**, resplendent in their smart azure blue uniforms, in keeping with the late spring sky. The weather had indeed taken a timely turn for the better. Some 50 people, came along to listen to the band's wide-ranging selection of music, and were able to find vantage and listening points around the churchyard where they could enjoy picnics and on-site refreshments. It was good to have a range of well-behaved dogs and children as part of the audience.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets and donations were healthy, so, as a consequence we have been able to send a healthy cheque for £250 to the band for their chosen charity, Ipswich Hospital's “Blossom Appeal”, as well as a significant contribution to the church's fabric fund. Thanks to the efforts of Virginia Porter and a range of willing helpers we were able to offer refreshments to close on 100 people, and still start the second half of the concert on time. The concert brought in people and musicians from way beyond our village, and it is good to report that the Band, or some version of it, would be very happy to come back on another occasion. Similarly, we hope that those who



enjoyed this rousing performance will wish to hear the Band again.

## **A SINGALONG EVENING of GILBERT & SULLIVAN.**

**St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, Friday 7th June at 7.00 p.m.**

As previously announced, Roger and Margaret Roseboom will be putting on an Evening of Fun and Musical Entertainment of Gilbert and Sullivan's songs. (see separate announcement). The proceedings will be led by well-known local singers, and the audience, armed with the words, will be invited to act as the Chorus. You will be welcomed with a glass of wine to encourage your vocal chords! There will be a quick warm up of Chorus numbers and then will follow an hour's singing with some narration, concluding with another glass and refreshments. Entry is Free, but donations are invited in aid of The Friends of Bealings Church. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

## **THE ORWELL CHALLENGE – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

There is probably still time to sign up for this event, organised by the Rotary Club of Ipswich East. Please contact Norman Porter or Eric Barnett for details. Alternatively, you can register by going on line at: [www.orwellwalk.co.uk](http://www.orwellwalk.co.uk) – all details can be found there, and you can pay the entry fee on line.

Your churchwarden hopes to have a price on his back and to take part, motivated by sponsorship in aid of St Mary's – any ideas as to a specific project which might give a focus to fund-raising? There will be a sponsorship sheet at the back of the church.

## **“TAKE A PAIR OF SPARKLING EYES “**

After a hugely successful Ipswich Hospital Band Concert Event, you are now invited to come to St. Mary's again to enjoy our Gilbert & Sullivan “ Sing Along “ on FRIDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the music, songs and history of this unique combination of musical giants whose operettas are still loved and

performed today, more than a century after they were written. Comprising some 8 talented local singers, you, the audience will be asked to take on the role of the Chorus. You will be provided with the words and “warmed up” at 7 p.m. before the “Sing-along “begins. Part of the “warm up “, will comprise a glass of wine to temper your vocal chords. If you wish to bring musical scores (not essential) the items to be sung are from “*The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance, Iolanthe, Ruddigore, Patience, Trial by Jury, HMS Pinafore and The Gondoliers* “

This event is a Fund Raiser for the Friends of Great Bealings by way of Donation, Gift Aid envelopes will be available. So, let's raise the roof and see “3 Little Maids “in action!

*Roger Roseboom*

## **LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS**

After 3 blank months, Paddy H-Smith came to the rescue with family celebrations, on 10<sup>th</sup> May, son in law Michael Crisp and daughter Sara's marriage at St. Mary's in 1988, AND Michael's birthday on the same date – that's what I call perfect timing.

On 13th May, granddaughter, Florence, known to all as “Flo “, who will put her teen years behind her and enjoy her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and future “Bubbly “ celebrations.

Not to be outdone, step forward Paddy's son Julian, whose birthday it will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>, maturer in years, not to be disclosed ( ! ) . but also eligible for “Bubbly “.

Finally, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the lights shone in memory of Bill Boughton, formally of The Dower House, Little Bealings, Margaret's father whose birthday it would have been, still sadly missed.

If you wish to see the Lights of St. Mary's shine, please contact me on 01473 735153

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# LITTLE BEALINGS

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## CHURCHWARDENS - *Interim*

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

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the Parish Council election held on 4 May the following were elected to Little Bealings Parish Council:

Mike Garnham                      Denise Head

Colin Hopkins                      Douglas Hunter

Ian Ransome                      Helen Saagi

Margaret Wilson

### Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 April

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two residents raised concerns about an application for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion for proposed development at Sinks Pit, including that not enough information was provided, outstanding planning issues needed to be resolved and that air and noise quality assessments should be included.

Two residents spoke in support of proposed tree works at The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road.

#### PLANNING

**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**

There was no objection to this application.

**DC/191336/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**

There was no objection to this application.

#### FINANCE

It was resolved that the Clerk's salary be increased in line with the NALC/NJC agreed national scale, as effective from 1 April 2019, and cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary and PAYE for April.

### Notes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13 May 2019

The meeting was attended by eight residents/members of the public, but no one wished to speak.

## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman: Ian Ransome  
Vice Chairman: Margaret Wilson  
VHMC representative: Denise Head  
SALC representative: Ian Ransome  
Webmaster: Jenny Shaw  
Police/ESC Liaison Representative:  
Colin Hopkins  
SAVID representative: Mike Garnham  
Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group  
representatives:  
Douglas Hunter and Helen Saagi

## PLANNING:

**DC/19/1604/TPO: The Bear Cave Martlesham: Prune back spruce trees by 2-3m over building and garden to let more light into property**

**DC/19/1679/COU: Mallard House Business Centre The Street: Change of Use of Unit from B1 to mixed use B1 and D1**

There was no objection to these applications.

**DC/19/0599/FUL: Erection of a 3 bed detached dwelling with detached garage and store: 1 Holly Lane**

East Suffolk Council had refused permission for this development.

## 'WORLD OF PLANNING' EVENT AT ESC

Mr Garnham and Ms Saagi would represent the Council at this event.

## SAVID (SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING)

The value of the new Speed Indicator Device had been established and insurance was being investigated.

## FINANCE

The accounts for 2018/19 and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 were considered and agreed.

Income: The first half of the precept (£3,450) had been received from ESC.

Cheques were signed for the Clerk's annual allowance and salary for May and June, PAYE for May and June,

Community Action Suffolk (£30), SALC membership (£251.07), donation to Fynn-Lark News (£150), donation to Bealings Village Hall and John Belstead Playing Field (£750), donation to AGE UK Suffolk (£25), donation to Citizens Advice Felixstowe & District (£25) and for the Internal Auditor (£25)

## COUNCILLOR TRAINING

This would be attended by Mr Garnham and Ms Saagi.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council is due to meet on 3 June and 1 July.

A vote of thanks was given to Margaret Wilson for her work as Chairman of the Parish Council for the last four years.

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

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## CHURCHWARDEN'S UPDATE

Dear parishioners, friends, and neighbours,

At our recent Annual Meeting, Tony and I were delighted to be officially elected Churchwardens for Little Bealings Church and we are committed to doing all we can to keep the Church alive, to encourage more of you to attend our services and events, and to helping make our wonderful community even better! To that end, we would like to welcome Sarah Cartwright, Claire Connick, and Jane Hartley to the Parochial Church Council. We are sure they will continue to be wonderful supporters for the Church during this Interregnum period and will assist us in continuing the mission of the Church. At our last service, we were delighted to have Rev. Deidre Parminter

with us, who was one of the first women ordained 25 years ago and we look forward to her next service with us.

As we welcome Spring into our beautiful little corner of Suffolk, the Churchyard has been mowed, except for the parts that will encourage wildlife to visit us, as recommended by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. If you are interested in volunteering in periodic weeding and clean-up of the Churchyard, please get in touch with Tony. Sadly, we are suffering from some damp in the Church due to water running down from the Churchyard. We are awaiting advice on what should be done to solve the problem and will enact any recommendations from the Diocese Advisory Committee as soon as we can. We are also reactivating the flower rota and any volunteers, especially for the Christmas service, are most welcome.

Now that we are finished with the first Phase of the Community Hub and Café work, we have been able to hold a couple of very successful events in the Church. The first was a meeting of the Suffolk Constabulary who were very happy to spend time having their meeting and enjoying coffees and teas. We look forward to their return when they run out of room at the offices nearby!

The second event was an evening of jazz,

kindly donated by Celia Bird--an accomplished singer, clarinettist and saxophonist, and member of Jazzbyrds [www.jazzbyrd.co.uk](http://www.jazzbyrd.co.uk). Approximately 30 people attended and enjoyed wonderful renditions of Gershwin, the Latin sounds of Joabim, and classic tap and sing-a-long tunes from the Great American Songbook.

We are so grateful to all who attended and look forward to more musical events later this year. We are looking forward to setting a date to host the Rock and Roll Choir, possibly one afternoon in August and also as part of our Christmas celebrations, and a small group are keen to organize open mic nights, salsa evenings, and karaoke sessions as the weather warms up! Keep an eye out for upcoming dates and let us know if you'd like to be part of the music and dance programme at Bealings Community Hub!

While we are waiting for a response from a major funder for the next phase of repairs and upgrades to the church (which we should receive by the end of the month), we will continue to work on the electrics, the new shed, and the installation of Wi-Fi and hope to have more heating, better drainage, and updated lighting by the Autumn.

*Corinne Fear, Churchwarden*



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## PROGRESS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thanks to all who have contributed to the ongoing renewal of the ACH....

★To Paul Johnson for helping with the acquisition of new tables and chairs, which are being paid for with generous donations from the Rope Trust and Tony Freed of Brighton

★To Bealings W.I. for a ready lit Christmas Tree

★To Gordon Mutimer and Peter Carr for painting the front doors

★To Steve Foster for a set of tabletop display boards

★To Bob and Ann Tate for cutlery and china

★To the PCC for the donation of Eric Cattermole's vestry cupboard from All Saints Church,

★To Chris Cheeseman for speeding up the removal of the telephone box

★To Tracy Herrington for wonderful flower arrangements and undertaking the replanting of the village herb bed. This was cleared by Tony Freed, who has also donated a book of theatrical autographs, at present awaiting auction at Lockdales.

### COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ ACH

Once again, a big thank-you to everyone who supported the Community Lunch in May. A profit of £200 will go towards the upkeep, maintenance and equipping

of the Hall. Paint for the front doors and new drinking glasses have already been paid for.

**The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday June 4th 12.30....**

Macaroni Cheese

(grilled tomatoes and bacon optional)

Green Salad & Garlic Bread

Fresh fruit salad ice cream/ cream

Tea/Coffee etc.

Enquiries & bookings 01473 620213. [pandvcarr55@gmail.com](mailto:pandvcarr55@gmail.com)

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

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# PLAYFORD

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## CHURCHWARDEN

## PARISH COUNCIL

**These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 8th May 2019. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Playford Village Hall and attended by councillors and residents.

Joan Metcalfe was unanimously voted in as Chairman and read her report for the previous year, thanking councillors and the clerk for their hard work and support during the past year. The Precept remains the same level as the previous year, but this may need to be raised next year. The parish council's achievements in the year include the installation of a defibrillator outside the village hall, two cyclepod stands in the village hall car park and planting a commemorative sapling oak tree to mark 100 years since the end of WW1 – all of these were achieved with the help of generous funding from Co Cllr Robin Vickery's and District Cllr Robert Whiting's budgets and this was much appreciated. Grateful thanks also went to Dean Fulcher for installing the cyclepods at no extra cost to the parish council. Joan went on to thank outgoing District Cllr Robert Whiting for his past help and to welcome Colin Hedgley, Playford's new District Cllr who will share the task jointly with District Cllr Tony Fryatt. She also welcomed Mike Brewer as a fully elected member of the parish council, having been co-opted in March this year. Grass cutting, deterioration of the verges, various problems with local footpaths, availability of fibre broadband and the progress of Playford's Neighbourhood Plan were

discussed and Joan ended by wishing Adrian Melrose every success with forming a trust to look after the Mere at Hill Farm so that this could be enjoyed by the public.

County Councillor Robin Vickery read his report and stated his involvement with the Scrutiny Committee and Police & Crime Commissioner's panel plus various other concerns in the county. He has also been involved with the commemoration of 100 years since the end of WW1 and had helped to organise various events across the county, culminating in the Remembrance Day services in November. He ended by stating that there are available funds in his Locality Budget if anything is needed in the parish.

Colin Hedgley started his District Councillor's report by explaining the thinking behind the recent ward changes and how the new Carlford & Fynn Valley ward had been formed. This is a two-councillor ward which comprises Grundisburgh and the surrounding 18 parishes – these will be roughly split into two with Colin serving the southern half (including Playford) and Tony Fryatt serving the northern parishes and they will be able to cover for each other during holidays and other absences. Between them, they hope to attend every parish council meeting in the ward even if only for a short time at each and have promised a written report for each. The tel. no. for the new East Suffolk Council is 03330 162000, local rates apply. Other topics of Colin's report included a funding boost for Leiston Town Council, arrangements for the forthcoming European Parliamentary election, a



funding boost for Southwold Coastal Community Team and the fact that there are beach huts for sale in Felixstowe.

OPEN FORUM: Damage to grass verges in the village continues to persist and the possibility of closing some roads to larger vehicles is to be investigated.

Full copies of reports and the full minutes can be seen on the website. [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

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'Playford Parish Councillors, together with volunteers, planting an English Oak tree as part of a nationwide event to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One.'

**These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

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## **ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019/20**

Joan Metcalfe was unanimously voted in as Chairman for the forthcoming year and Steve Hicks as Vice-Chairman and Footpaths rep, Joan Metcalfe will be Parish Hall rep and Colin Grimwood will continue as Internal Auditor. All councillors present signed their Acceptance of Office forms as newly elected councillors.

## **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

Build-up of silt on C324 – this has at last been cleared but drains not unblocked

satisfactorily so community engineer Paul Gant is still needed for a visit. Water constantly trickling down FP7 from Church Lane to Spring Meadow – still no progress on this and we need to push Robin Vickery for some action on this. Issues with FP's 1 & 3 – drainage work on FP1 has been commenced and it is hoped that work on FP3 will be imminent but please report any new problems to the Clerk if they arise. It has been established that both green & yellow grit bins will be regularly refilled in Winter as long as they are on the registered list.

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

## **FINANCE**

Payments were authorised for Neighbourhood Plan expenses, annual SALC subscription, Clerk's expenses for the AGM, donation to Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel for the internal auditor's services. It was agreed that the 5-year contract for annual insurance should continue with Community Action Suffolk. It was agreed to continue the Clerk's salary at the increased rate recommended by NALC and for her expenses to continue at the same rate. The pricing of assets was reviewed and agreed. The first instalment of the Precept was received on 30th April. The Annual Accounts for 2018/19 were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO. The Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Accounts and the Certificate of Exemption (from external audit), were similarly agreed and signed. The latter will be submitted electronically to external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP. Anyone wanting to inspect last year's accounts may do so between 17<sup>th</sup> June - 26<sup>th</sup> July by contacting the Clerk.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – update will be held over until next meeting as Chairman Keith Carson was unable to attend.

**OTHER MATTERS** – Damage to front edges of gardens in Church Lane has

been noted. Locations for new grit bins have been agreed. Sapling oak tree to commemorate the end of WW1 has been planted on the playing field. The Parish Council has agreed to fund 12 more marker posts to be placed around grass verges. Clerk to write to chairman of SAVID to enquire about joining. Possibility of downgrading Byway19 to a bridleway was discussed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Weds 3rd July 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

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## **PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS**

### **YOGA**

It was with great sadness that I said goodbye to the lovely yoga group, which I have been leading for nearly twenty years, but I was delighted to hand over to Abigail Todd.

Abigail initially trained as a ballet dancer and is the mother of three young girls. She took the trouble to come over and work with the group before I left so it was a seamless switch with which everyone is happy. *Astrid*

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1st May sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for the Wedding Anniversary of daughter, Jacqui and son in law, Steven. Love from Mum.

And on 2nd May on the 19th birthday of Grandson, Dylan and also Granddaughter, Antigone on her 15th birthday. Happy Birthday to you both love from Grandma Barbara

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366. email address: [vronxbunbury@gmail.com](mailto: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 W.I.**

At our Resolution meeting last month and after we debated in depth the 2 subjects put forward for consideration, it was decided that Playford WI would vote for 'Don't Fear the Smear'. Our decision has been passed on to the local delegate who will be attending the AGM conference in Bournemouth.

We are lucky enough to have a very talented member amongst us and in June, Bridget will speak on 'digital art'

## **BINKY AND CO**

There were times when Mrs S could wilfully and cheerfully have strangled Binky. (The feelings were reciprocated but Mrs S didn't know that).

When Binky told her he was going to stand for election to the Parish Council following an advertisement on the local notice board her heart sank. Why she asked him. Why do such a stupid thing especially as no-one likes you and you have no political views worth talking about. Binky was hurt. He had been campaigning for years to get slugs officially recognised as an endangered species and went on a one man vendetta by putting slug pellet containers into the damaged goods basket at his local garden centre. He also felt very strongly about other things from time to time.

Not to be put off by his wife's negativity he set about designing his own election leaflet. This wasn't as easy as he first thought. Which colour should he use to represent the Parish Slug Party? All the main colours had been taken up by other organisations, even a rainbow!

Binky settled on grey. A vibrant, eye catching colour that would concentrate the readers' eye and make them sit up and take notice. Especially when emblazoned with the strap line "Binky says save the slugs". Binky was enthused. This was a winner, no doubt about that. His spine tingled, these were

exciting times, and he was really looking forward to the count.

His first attempt at door knocking was at a slight variance to his childlike keenness. "You deluded idiot" shouted Mrs Whalebelly, who at 94 years of age knew a thing or two about delusion, especially after her 11 am double gin and tonic. (ice and lime, no lemon).

Binky decided that a big smile was a prerequisite when the door was being opened by the voter. He rang the bell at number 27 and waited. He saw through the crinkly glass a body coming towards him. The door opened and Binky put on his biggest smile. "Wot you laughing at you idiot of a candidate?" said a quite naked 18 stone Mr Detrius dripping with water and carrying a towel which would have been totally inadequate for the task of modesty coverage if he had had a mind to use it. Which he hadn't. Binky coughed and spluttered, made his excuses and left. Third time lucky thought Binky I'll try number 33. The door opened and there stood a lady of advancing years wearing her nightie and dressing gown. "Oh Mr Binky" she purred "I am so glad to see you". "Please come in". Mrs Peony was a highly respected lady in those parts but was known as a persistent complainer about everything. She had been unhappy for some time regarding the new houses

built at the bottom of her garden. "Well", she retorted "I can see straight into their bedroom window and it's not good enough" Binky doubted it was that bad but nonetheless Mrs Peony insisted Binky followed her upstairs and into the back bedroom.

It was at this point Binky had a sudden rush of blood to his brain and realised he was in Mrs Peony's bedroom, with an unmade bed, and the bed's usual occupant standing beside him in her nightclothes.

Panic ran through his arteries like the Niagara Falls. Not the thought of what Mrs Peony would do to him (or to be honest what he could do to her) no it was what Mrs S would do to him if she ever found out. Binky made a fireman's escape down the bannisters with Mrs Peony not far behind. "Don't go Binky I haven't finished yet. But Binky had finished. He got home that evening to find a letter inviting him to the count at the local church. Strange he thought I thought the Parish Council results were held in the village hall. Anyway along he went. "I am so glad you came" said the vicar. Without further ado the vicar read the results with Binky coming top of the poll. "Congratulations" said the vicar. "Binky, welcome to the Parochial Church Council".

### **Playford Church Fete & Open Garden is nearly here!!!!**

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- ◇ Decorated Cakes & Biscuits – This year it's an English Country Garden Theme £2 / entry
- ◇ A Fun Photo Competition running on the Facebook Playford Church Fete Event Page on the Day – Categories are Food ; Flowers ; Families ; Furry or Feathered Friends & FUN – FREE & Just for fun.
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(ABRSM, Trinity Guildhall)*
- ◆ *Music theory*
- ◆ *GCSE practical music  
performance*
- ◆ *Perhaps wanting to play  
piano for pleasure?*

*Tuition offered for all abilities  
(beginners to advanced) from  
my home studio in Little  
Bealings.*

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# Playford Church Fete

## AND OPEN GARDEN



SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019, PLAYFORD HALL

Gardens Open: 11am - 7pm Fete: 3pm - 5pm | Adults £5.00 Children Free  
(under 18yrs)

**Blue Cross Dog Show starting at 11am**  
All dogs must be on leads.



**Cake and Biscuit Competition**  
Lots of stalls + entertainment  
+ lots for children to do.



Hot Lunch 12-2pm | Afternoon Tea & Cakes  
Evening BBQ & Entertainment 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
For more information & tickets: [www.playfordhall.com](http://www.playfordhall.com)



By kind permission of Adrian & Fiona Melrose.

Supporting the St Elizabeth Hospice Garden Trail, & The Blue Cross with Stonham Barn Owls making a rare road trip

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## **CULPHO**

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR**

John Lapsley, 1 Abbey Farm Barn, Culpho Ips 738008

### **PCC SECRETARY**

Mrs Margaret Gornall, Flintstone Cottage, Dallinghoo Road, Wickham Market  
01728 747605

### **CHURCHWARDENS**

Richard Garnham, Wood Farm, Wood Farm Rd, Grundisburgh Ips 738139

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## **ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH**

### **HIDDEN GARDENS**

As you know Grundisburgh Horticultural Society will hold their Open Gardens event on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June between the hours of 2p.m. to 6p.m. An increased number of gardens will be open on this, their thirtieth anniversary, with several gardens open in Culpho. We have also agreed to open the Church on both days as part of the scheme. Additionally, the Church car park can be used when visiting gardens within the vicinity and the car park sign will be displayed on the roadside. Please could you park at the rear of the Church as we do not own the land to the right of the driveway.

Whilst we cannot compete with the lovely gardens which will be open, if you have time, please do have a look inside the Church. It's simplicity, peace and tranquillity have a beauty of its own and you are assured of a very heartfelt welcome.

### **ST. BOTOLPH'S FEAST DAY**

This is celebrated each year on the 17th June, with over 70 mediaeval English Churches dedicated to St. Botolph. As a Saxon missionary we know he built a monastery in 654 at Ikanhoh (believed to be Iken) and is known to have made missionary journeys throughout East Anglia and Lincolnshire with many Churches devoted to him. Interestingly, St. Botolph became a Patron Saint of travellers, agricultural workers and sailors, sharing his work with other Saints. Although much work has been accomplished over the years, there was certainly a church well established in Culpho by 1086. With over 900 years of history the Church of St. Botolph in Culpho is well worth a visit and stands today as a superb example of the fact that small churches in tiny parishes are still greatly cherished, cared-for and wanted.

### **'Farming through the Ages'**

#### **Talk on Farming by Churchwarden Richard Garnham**

Tickets are still available for this event which will take place on Thursday 4th July – 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. at Culpho Manor, Culpho. A two-course lunch will be served followed by a talk by Richard on Farming through the Ages. With an abundance of experience and knowledge the talk promises to be of interest to many. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St. Botolph's Church at Culpho and tickets can be purchased from Lynnette or Robert Chapman on 01473 738510 or by email at [steadfast.culpho@gmail.com](mailto:steadfast.culpho@gmail.com)

### **P.C.C. Meeting**

The next Parochial Church meeting will take place on Thursday 6th June 2019 at 2 pm in the Church.

*Margaret Gornall*



## ***'Farming through the Ages'***

**A talk by RICHARD GARNHAM**

**at Culpho Manor, Culpho, IP6 9DJ**

**on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stead-fast.culpho@gmail.com) Good parking.

A warm welcome awaits at Culpho Manor.  
Please join us.

*Margaret Gornall, Secretary*

## NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

**Great Bealings:** For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

**Little Bealings:** Please see the parish website for information:  
[www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net](http://www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net)

**Playford:** A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

## BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

An e-newsgroup operates for residents of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho. If you would like to receive emails about local events and items of interest from the Parish Councils and other groups, please send your email address to: [bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com)

Please say which village you live in so that you can receive the most appropriate information. Your email address will not be shared with others. The newsgroup can also be used to send information that residents would like distributed. BUT-please note that the newsgroup does not distribute any information involving commercial ventures or for the sale of goods and services, other than for charitable fund raising relevant to the parishes.

## LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

The Police Direct scheme sends phone messages/texts/emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/Welcome+to+police+direct.htm>  
or phone 01473 613500.

Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

## NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

**Road repairs and Maintenance** – potholes, overhanging vegetation, signs, flooding, verge cutting etc – contact the County Council on their customer service number: 0845 606 6067 or email: [customerservice@csduk.com](mailto:customerservice@csduk.com)

In an emergency contact the police.

**Public Rights of Way** Footpath **problems** can be reported to the County Council East Area office at the same customer service number or via a 'public rights of way report a problem' form available at:

<https://www.csduk.com/CSD/Transportandstreets/Public+Rights+of+Way>

**Fly Tipping and Litter:** Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email [scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).



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## ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

### BEALINGS

#### VH: Village Hall

BADMINTON	VH	Thu 7.30	<i>Martin Yates 07710187722</i>
BALLROOM DANCING	VH	Mon 7.30	<i>Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511</i>
	VH	Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH	Tue 9.30 a.m. Fri 9.30 a.m.	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
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	
LIBRARY		Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	<i>07809594685</i>
SNOOKER	VH	Any day <4 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS	VH	Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m.	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING			<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
			<i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
WI	VH	Thu (3rd in month)	2.00 Oct - Mar 7.00 Apr - Sep <i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>

### PLAYFORD

#### PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu 10.00	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
CLAY WORKSHOPS	PH	TUE (2nd of month) 6.30 - 9.00	<i>Contact 01728 860125</i>
			<i>Email: <a href="mailto:ejrceramics@btinternet.com">ejrceramics@btinternet.com</a></i>
FRESH FISH		Thu a.m. Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
FOOT CLINIC	PH	Fri (approx. every 8 weeks)	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 01394 450403</i>
LIBRARY		Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS			<i>Grange News 01394 384082</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING		Book on line: <a href="mailto:bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com">bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com</a> or contact via voicemail 01473 487215	
PILATES	PH	Wed 7.30 - 8.15	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri 9.30 toddler group	<i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WHIST DRIVE	PH	Tues (4th in month) 2.00 p.m.	<i>Liz Royle 622443</i>
WI	PH	Tue (1st in month) 7.30 p.m.	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>
YOGA	PH	Tue 9.30 - 11.00	<i>Abigail Todd 07886569403</i>

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## **CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS**

### **PRIEST in CHARGE**

Interregnum

### **LAY ELDERS**

#### **Great Bealings**

Mrs Virginia Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings

01473 735565

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### **CHURCH DIARY – JUNE 2019**

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

10.00

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Family Communion

**Great Bealings**

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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

10.00

**Whitsunday**

Family Communion

**Playford**

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

3.00 p.m.

**Trinity Sunday**

Evensong

**Culpho**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

9.30

Holy Communion

**Culpho**

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00 am

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Communion

**Little Bealings**

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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am.

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Outdoor Communion

**Great Bealings**





## JULY- AUGUST 2019 NEWS

Contributions for the July - August 2019 News to be submitted by:

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

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 29th June.**

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