

Fynn - Lark News

MARCH 2019



TREES IN OUR VILLAGES

As the days warm and lengthen and the Snowdrops, that featured on the cover of the last issue are beginning to fade, our thoughts turn to Spring. You may recall in late Autumn seeing people digging in hedgerows & verges. It was The Parish Planters of Great Bealings planting over 1000 daffodil bulbs, true harbingers of Springtime, to welcome you as you enter the village.

Birds will soon begin to look for nest sites in our trees and hedgerows and this reminds us of their importance both for ecology and as a significant part of our own habitat. Trees make an important contribution to the character of our village and are part of our heritage. In order to reflect this a series of Landscape Protection Areas (LPAs) were designated as part of our Neighbourhood Plan. The plan recognises the importance of maintaining and increasing the stock of hedgerow trees and woodland cover. Some are

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ancient, but all contribute to the landscape and biodiversity. Relatively few are protected by TPO's (Tree Protection Orders), and most may not be eligible, yet all should be cherished as an asset to the village to define both its appearance and character.

In Great Bealings there is a row of Lime trees in the meadow beside the church marking the footpath from Boot Street. They are old and in poor condition but still provide a majestic spectacle, forming a significant part of the setting of the church in its landscape. Several need replacing and The Parish Council has resolved to do so with the landowner's permission. Contributions would be welcome – perhaps as a memorial to a loved one.

Not far from the Church there is a rare specimen, a Black Poplar on the river bank. This is an endangered native timber tree and can live for 200 years. The landowner has kindly given permission for cuttings to be taken so that further specimens can be propagated for local planting.

So often the only management of trees concerns problem situations of fallen or overgrown trees in inconvenient places. However, if we are to truly protect our heritage and retain the healthy, vibrant landscape we cherish, our trees need active management. As you may be aware the Government is currently carrying out a Consultation on the duties of Local Councils concerning "street trees" and their value not just for visual

amenity but biodiversity and their effect on climate change.

The threats to trees are not only man made from increasing development and changing farming methods but also from disease such as Dutch Elm, Ash Dieback, Sudden Oak Death and Bleeding Canker of Horse Chestnuts, all of which highlight the need for more active tree management on a national scale.

As the fortunate inhabitants of pretty, rural villages we surely have a duty to play our part and improve our awareness, knowledge and active management of trees, one of nature's grandest gifts.

We are blessed with a number of footpaths and bridleways that criss-cross and join up our villages. These are regularly used by local and visiting walkers often with family or 4-legged friends and provide important social channels for recreation as well as being the best way to appreciate the natural beauty of our villages.

Parish Councils have designated Tree Wardens and Footpath Officers, who are their eyes and ears, to report problems, obstructions, fallen trees, disease, broken stiles, gates or fences. If you have had an enjoyable walk, stop a while, admire the view and give thanks that someone other than the Almighty is helping to care for it!

Contributed by The Parish Planters of Great Bealings



NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

FROM YOUR EDITORIAL TEAM POP-UP PUB

Firstly, an apology to Great Bealings PC. Somehow their item for last month failed to get included. We apologise unreservedly for that error and have checked as to how it might have happened. When the Magazine reaches the proof-reading stage, the proof-readers, at present, have no advance knowledge as to what to expect, so cannot check at that stage.

We are grateful for on-going support from almost all last year's advertisers, and for two new adverts. Do please support our advertisers.

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SAVID (Safer Village Driving)

The group rotates its meeting venues and next month, it is the turn of Little Bealings to host.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in the Committee room of LB village hall (or the hall itself if we are overrun with attendees!) at 7.00 p.m.

Everyone welcome to talk about local road safety issues which affect us and our village.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

The January Pop-Up-Pub was a great success – a BIG thank you to all volunteers and those who brought cakes and raffle prizes. Also, to everyone who made it one of the best ever events – we even ran out of wine, not bad going for “dry January” (thank you to the Ramsdens for coming to our rescue with reserve bottles.)

The next Pop Up Pub at Bealings Village Hall will be March 29th

Come and enjoy food, music and a drink with friends to celebrate in a Brexit Free environment – there will be a “Brexit swear box” at the bar.

Put these future Pop Up Pub dates in your diary for 2019:

24th May

26th July

27th September

29th November

All 6.00 p.m. – 11.00p.m.

at Bealings Village Hall

All of these Pop-Up Pub events are run by a collaboration of volunteers from Save The Admirals Head Pub Group and Bealings Village Hall Trust, with all the proceeds supporting Bealings Village Hall and The John Belstead Playing Field.

If you would like to volunteer with fundraising for Bealings Village Hall and Playing Field, please contact Sally: sallyscape@hotmail.com

If you would like updates from, or wish to volunteer for The Admirals Head Pub Group, please contact Maggie:

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HISTORY CORNER – WITH NATURE NOTES

Kathleen Jarvis and Richard Mabey

Mention was made last month of the author Kathleen Jarvis. Kathleen (who actually featured in BBC's Woman's Hour!) wrote two books relevant to this area: "*Nightingale in the Sycamore*" and "*The Impressions of a Parson's Wife*". Both were written in the 1950s, and give some idea of how the church, the parson and the parson's wife occupied central roles in village life. The first "goes through the year month by month describing the scenes and activities in a country parish, side by side with the preoccupations of the rectory." Most parishes not only had their own parson, but also, probably, a verger, sexton, and a whole team of people involved with promoting the life of the church within the village. Those were the days of Sunday School, the Mothers' Union, Church Fetes etc. Some remnants of those days are occasionally with us, but, for better or worse, we are increasingly surrounded by all the evidence of the secularisation of our society. Kathleen Jarvis is worth a glance, if only for an insight into how village life was 70 years ago, and the central role of the church in that context.



The Nightingale enjoys a reputation apart. It is a bird which has special links with the Suffolk countryside, as well as with Berkeley Square – the singing of the nightingale in the middle of London is reckoned to be based more on wishful thinking than on reality. The song first came out in 1940, sung by Vera Lynn, at

a time when the nation needed romantic inspiration.

Much more recently Richard Mabey has written a wonderful little book entitled "*The Barley Bird*" – for that is how the bird is known in Suffolk, because of its predictable return from migration at the (once traditional) time of the planting of barley. The book contains literary and historical references to the bird and its song, together with its place in myth, folklore and tradition. It is much more likely that the bird was heard singing its beautiful song in the garden of a Suffolk Rectory than in Berkeley Square.

STORY CORNER – WITH 2019 PLANT SALE/FAIR

– 27th April 2019 -10.00 – 12.00

Please refer to last month's issue for latest news and changes. A further update

PUNCH AND JUDY

We did forget to mention that Roger and Margaret Roseboom will be offering a *Punch and Judy Show*, in the Committee Room, with three shows in the course of the morning. We are so grateful to Roger and Margaret for their indefatigable input.

PROGRAMMES

Programmes will be available in advance, hopefully by early March. The programme will be available on line. We are also looking at the possibility of offering "Tote Bags", promoting event identity, as well as the usual cardboard boxes.

ENTRY

Entry will be free. No barriers will be needed. We will have space for more tables and possibly gazebos and/or a marquee.

PROMOTION

The event will be promoted by social media, as well as by the usual posters, plus, possibly, banners. Annest Hopkins has kindly by set up a Facebook page.

You can follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/bealingsplantfair>

RAFFLE

The tickets have now been ordered, so

will be available well in advance of the Plant Fair. Anyone who would like more than one book, to promote the cause by selling tickets beyond our villages to family and friends do please contact either Faith Chapman or Norman Porter and we will happily oblige. Tickets will again be distributed with the April mag, hoping to broaden sales beyond those who will be coming along on April 27th.

GARDENING INFO

Francis Mutimer has kindly agreed to man an "Info-zone".

REFRESHMENTS

Tea, coffee and refreshments will no longer be free, but profits will contribute to funds. Free health drinks may well be on offer for children!

PLANTS AND PRODUCE:

As many and as much as possible. Your main contacts are *Sue Prentice, Norman Porter, Fran Hopkins, Sharon Cripps, Francis Mutimer.*

CAKES

There will be no cake stall as such, but we would – please - love to receive cakes that can be sold as part of the refreshments package.

ART

There will be a display of pictures by Ron Hurlock, who has previously displayed at Snape Maltings

HELPERS' LUNCH

Please contact Norman Porter if you would like to join in – just £5 for a full spread, with a can of Adnams or glass of wine.

PROCEEDS

Proceeds will be devoted to sustaining the fabric of our two historic churches.

SPARE POTS

A pile will be left outside Rill Cottage, Lower Street, Great Bealings. Just help yourself.

SURPLUS PLANTS

these are not wasted. The Plant Sale was originally set-up by Hugh Philbrick, Chairman of Suffolk Wildlife Trust at the time. He arranged that unsold plants were saved for the Trust's own Plant Sale, a

fortnight later. By way of recognising this link, we have asked the Trust if they would like to feature in our programme and to have a presence at the Plant Fair itself. Gardening and wildlife are increasingly viewed as activities which can creatively dovetail together, to the benefit of our environment.

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ Angela Cobbold Hall

Grateful thanks to everyone who shared the Community Lunch on 5th. February.

Beautiful flowers arranged and provide by Tracey Herrington and delicious birthday cake donated by Helen Clarkson made this a special occasion for Fay, who was celebrating her birthday. Fay's contribution of a large bottle of Bailey's was also greatly enjoyed!

We were joined by Kerry Overton from 'Healthwatch ' Suffolk, who explained her work collecting evidence on how the local health care is working in our County. Feedback cards are still available.

The next community lunch is on Shrove Tuesday 5th. March 12.30-1.30pm.

Sausage casserole etc.!

Pancakes etc!

Tea/Coffee etc!

Information and bookings....A01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Important Information: Suffolk School Travel Changes from September 2019

Suffolk County Council is implementing changes to its School Travel Policy taking effect from September 2019. We have written to all schools with information about the policy change and how it will affect them. For your reference please see below the detail of the policy change and how it may affect schools in your area.

Statutory School Age School Travel Policy:

Children living in Suffolk who will be starting at a new school in September 2019 will be eligible for SCC funded school travel when they are over 2 miles (under 8 years old) or 3 miles (over 8) walking distance from their nearest suitable school that would have had a place available for them. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school. Full details about SCC funded school travel, including additional arrangements for low income families and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

The new policy is being phased in. This means that children who receive Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel in the 2018/2019 school year will continue to receive this whilst they continue to attend the same school unless they turn 8 years of age and live between 2 and 3 miles from their current school, or move house at which time eligibility would be reassessed.

In the first year of change to the new school travel policy this will impact on those starting or moving school with effect from September 2019. We are unable to be specific about the impact, until we complete the normal admissions rounds for September 2019. The national offer days for school places are 1 March 2019 for secondary/upper allocations and 16 April 2019 for Primary/middle allocations.

For those starting at secondary/upper schools in September 2019, parents will be informed if their child is eligible for SCC funded travel by 30 April 2019. Information about those who are eligible to SCC funded travel will be provided to the child's receiving school. If parents do not hear from us by this date and believe their child is eligible for funded school travel, they should contact the Customer Service Team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk. For

primary/middle schools for school year 2019/2020, parents will be informed by 14 May 2019 and need to contact us as soon as possible after this date if they think they might be eligible. Again, information about those who are eligible to SCC funded travel will be provided to the child's receiving school.

Beyond September 2019, changes will continue to be implemented as each year group starts a new school or a family move to a new house.

For transport in September 2019 and all future years families whose child/ren are eligible for SCC funded school travel will need to opt in to receive their transport.

This important change means that all parents will have to opt-in by 31 May each year for school travel to be provided in the following school year as this will no longer be provided automatically.

This includes:

1. those currently eligible and who have SCC funded travel under the old policy arrangements because they will be in Year 1 to Year 6, or Year 8 to Year 11 in September 2019 (and have not moved address) **or**
2. are eligible under the new travel policy.

Recent research has shown that some families, although eligible to SCC funded school travel, do not use their seat (s). Suffolk County Council consequently is funding seats which are unused and therefore, we are asking families to opt in.

Post-16 Travel Policy Statement for September 2019:

The Post-16 Policy has not changed other than agreed increases to the cost of a seat until the charge equals the average cost. For September 2019/2020 school year the charge will be £750 per annum, and for students with SEND £690 per annum.



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SIZEWELL C CONSULTATION

EDF Energy have agreed to give a presentation of their proposals to local Parish Councillors and residents. This will take place in **Playford Village Hall on Tuesday 5th March at 6.30 p.m.** and all are welcome to attend. After the presentation there will be a Q&A session.

Responses on the current consultation document are due by 29th March, whether that be from the Parish Council or from local residents, so the meeting will allow time to consider the basis of any response. The proposals can be viewed at: www.sizewellc.co.uk

If you intend to come it would be helpful if you could advise

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Marian Hedgley playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

March

Tuesday 5 th	Sizewell C Consultation	Playford Village Hall
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April

Saturday 27 th	Plant Sale	Bealings Village Hall
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May

Friday 10 th	"Evil in Literature." <i>Professor Jeremy Tambling</i>	St Mary's, Great Bealings
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Sunday 12 th	4.00 p.m.	Ipswich Hospital Band	St Mary's Churchyard
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June

Saturday 15 th	Playford Fete	Playford Hall
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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.

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- ★ Collect full cans and bank money – I can explain this to you
- ★ Help with bucket collections in supermarkets – i.e. ensure that kit is at the venue before 9am and picked up after 5pm and ensure money is banked. Again, I can explain this to you
- ★ Pick up cash/cheques as and when necessary
- ★ Represent the charity when required
- ★ Put on a (small) fundraising event if possible

They are tasks that do not take up a great deal of time or effort but would be incredibly helpful to the charity. For instance, if a pub/shop/café etc has a full can in Kings Lynn/Ipswich/Newmarket etc, it would be easier to ask someone who lives there to collect it rather than drive here from Norwich to get it on behalf of the charity.

If you were willing to help, full explanation of the above tasks will be given, and an ID badge will also be provided.

Please Contact:

Paul Fleet, Senior Community Fundraiser, British Red Cross,
Norfolk & Suffolk, Coronation Road, Norwich, NR6 5HD
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MORE SMILES

A Sunday school teacher (remember them ?) asked her class “ What was Jesus’ mother’s name ? “ One child answered “ Mary “. The teacher then asked “ Who knows what Jesus’ fathers name was ? “ A small boy answered “ Verge “, Somewhat confused the teacher asked “ Where did you get that ? “ The small boy said “ Well you know, they’re always talking about Verge n’ Mary “

Donald Trump is walking out of the White House and heading towards his helicopter when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun. A Secret Service agent, new to the job, shouts “ Mickey Mouse ! “ This startles the would be assassin and he is captured. Later the head of the Secret Service takes him aside and asks “ What in the Hell made you shout “ Mickey Mouse ? “ Blushing, the agent replies, “ I got nervous, I meant to shout “ Donald Duck ! “

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PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 10th December 2018

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/18/4869/LBC – Birds Hill House, Seckford Hall Road – Proposed alterations to kitchen and dining room

DC/18/4878/LBC – Birds Hill House, Seckford Hall Road – Listed Building Consent – Alteration to existing ground floor west facing window

The Council resolved to support these applications

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 15TH January

PURCHASE OF NEW GREEN BINS

Colin Hedgley advised Cllrs that funding for these had come from the capital programme, the cost was £24.50 each bin

TREES, PLANTING ETC

Martin Cripps (MC) and Anthony Sheppard had attended a recent meeting of the new East Suffolk Tree Warden Group which was very informative. MC has written to the Hon. Robin Gurdon and permission has been given for us to take some cuttings from the rare black poplar. These future saplings can eventually be planted on the estate, but this is a long term project. He also raised the matter of footpath accessibility and maintenance with him, and will go back to him regarding several specific issues. The concrete slabs at the junction with Grundisburgh Road are still an ongoing project.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A comprehensive report by Colin Hedgley had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He verbally reported on the publication of the SCDC Draft Local Plan, and the SCC website consultation on the proposed reduction of funding for the CABs. A full copy of the report will be attached to the minutes on the website.

PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/18/4881/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Birds Hill House, Seckford Hall Road – replacement of existing kitchen window with doors - The Council resolved there were no objections to this application

MEETING WITH SCDC PLANNING OFFICERS

Charles Barrington (CPB) and MC reported on their meeting on 18th December. At a later date, CPB will contact all other PCs/TCs that have 'made' a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to ask if they would like to join a round table discussion with SCDC to review how the process is working. In future, where planning decisions are made which conflict with our opinion, the reasons as shown on the website will be recorded as part of our Planning Register.

SCDC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

CPB had attended a briefing session at Melton. Representations are due in by 25th February. CPB did not consider that a submission was necessary from the PC as a whole, but individual Cllrs can do so if they wish. CPB is in correspondence with SCDC regarding the implications of the emerging policies on our NP and to what extent we will have to revise it. A meeting will be arranged after the Inspector has ruled on the Local Plan – probably the end of the year.

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street Bridge – Following the site meeting on 27th September, and our

subsequent letter, there is still no reply from Mary Evans. CPB will write to her and request a feasibility study on our proposal.

SAVID/SID – The pole is now obtained and the SID will be erected shortly

Other Highways Matters – MC reported that all the outstanding work on Hasketon Road has now been completed to the satisfaction of the residents, and it will be resurfaced soon.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Five cheques were authorised for office expenses, salary and PAYE.

Budget and Precept 2019/2020 – The amended budget was approved together with an unchanged precept of £4545

The Bank Reconciliation, which had been circulated, was approved and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Suffolk Police Crime Prevention Initiative – it was decided not to participate in this

Fynn Lark News – following an invitation for Great Bealings to provide the editorial for the March edition, the PC is extremely grateful to the joint tree/footpath wardens for agreeing to produce this

Litter Pick – following a letter from Suffolk Norse, Cllrs agreed to participate in this annual event. The incentive award will this year be donated to the Parish Planters.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Revised date of Monday 11th March

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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ST MARY'S

There is little to report on movement towards progress within our interregnum. We have had a PCC meeting – see item below – but we could do little more than confirm our intention to make the best of current circumstances. Inevitably there is an absence of pastoral cover, so we can but highlight the needed for watchful neighbourliness, particularly during these latter winter months.

LOOKING BACK

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 3RD FEBRUARY

Rev John Hare prepared a beautiful service for us, and we were rewarded with a good-sized congregation. This was the 50th anniversary of the Christingle Service, originally set up by The Children's Society. The theme is one of light, provided by candles, and the symbol of it all is the Christingle orange, complete with red-ribbon waistband, symbolising the planet, together with a candle and assorted sweets. The central isle of the church became a production line and each member of the congregation duly received a Christingle.

PCC MEETING - TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

Key points emerging:

We have paid our CCLI fee – approximately £150. This covers all sorts of copyright issues, necessary for having music in our church.

Warmest thanks were expressed to Jane Hartley, our regular organist, who has been wonderfully reliable during difficult times.

We have two weddings coming up: 4th May and 22nd June.

The churchwarden has responded to a request from SCDC asking for an update on the spending of the £2500 community grant.

The ashes of our benefactor, Michael Kersey, will be interred at a special family gathering in September.

The time and date of our APCM was confirmed viz 12.30 on Sunday 7th April (see below).

LOOKING FORWARD

Our one monthly service will continue to be the 10.00 am family communion service, so you have the assurance of predictability for diary entries. We are also hosting the 10.00 Easter Day Service on 21st April.

VISIT OF BISHOP MARTIN

This was cancelled, almost as soon as it was announced, so our March service will be taken once again by Rev John Hare.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It is confirmed that this has now been arranged for 12.30 pm on April 7th, after the morning service, which will now begin at 11.00, to enable our Rural Dean, Rev Clare Sanders, to be present at the meeting. Refreshments will be served in the space after the service and before the Annual Meeting.

Readers will recall that the Agenda for the meeting includes the presentation of the report for the preceding year, and that PCC elections for this current year will be made. The more support the better.

CHURCHYARD

The car park extension into Lord Cranworth's field, beyond the area kindly leased to us by the Nesling family has now been securely fenced off, so that we can keep out cattle any time when we need extra car parking places. This will be on very rare occasions – otherwise the cattle will be able to graze the field as normal. The only hazards will be cowpats, and maybe patches of nettles that may need to be navigated around, but which we will do our best to minimise. Our thanks to Paul Norris for supplying a truck load of soil to level off the track to the extension.

There are still a number of pallets by the toilet block which can be picked up for free by anyone who can find a use for them – chop them up for kindling, even.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

LOOKING BACK:

Annual Progressive Supper Party - Saturday February 2nd, 2019

The event was beautifully organised by Will and Alison Self this year, with some 40 people participating. The change of organisers was reflected in colourful updated graphics, and, despite the hand-over – or maybe because of it! – the evening passed off impeccably without any noticeable hitch or hiccup. The final gathering was in the home of Paul and Sarah Ward – just across the river in Little Bealings, but close enough for them to be honorary members of the Gt B community. A wonderful end to a splendid evening. Our warmest thanks to Will and Alison for slotting seamlessly into the role.

LOOKING AHEAD – with a focus on the weekend of 10th/12th May.

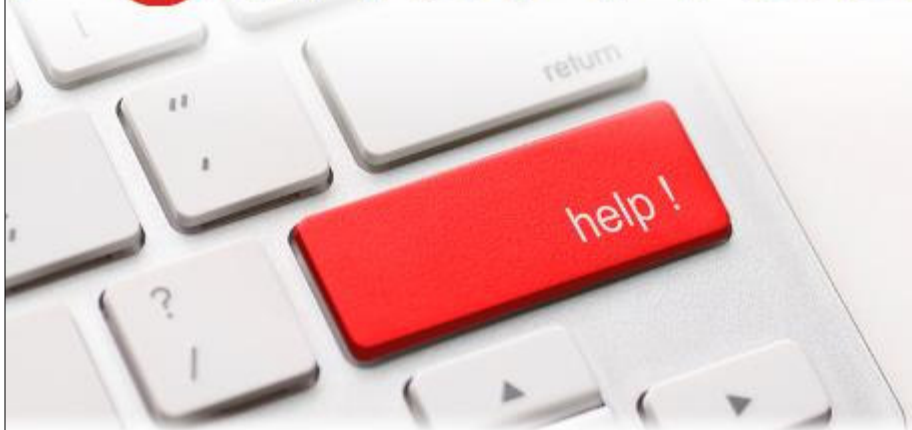
Friday 10th May: the return of Professor Jeremy Tambling, talking about “Evil in Literature”. Tickets will be available – and vigorously marketed - @£5 - from the beginning of April, to include the usual refreshments.

Sunday 12th May at 4.00 in St Mary's Churchyard. **THE IPSWICH HOSPITAL BAND.**



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will be shared between the church and the Band's chosen charity, "The Blossom Appeal". * The cost of tickets to be around £8, to include light refreshments – children much cheaper.

*The Blossom Appeal was launched in December 2017 and aims to raise £2.5m towards a new state-of-the-art facility which will bring all breast services under one roof at the hospital, so that patients can be imaged, biopsied and see their consultant in one appointment. By March 2018, just four months after its launch, the appeal had reached the £50,000 mark. The hospital's Head of Charity and Fund-raising said: "*The new breast care centre will make a huge difference to thousands of patients each year.*"

A SINGALONG EVENING of GILBERT & SULLIVAN
St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, Friday 7th June at 7 p.m.

Roger and Margaret Roseboom have offered us an Evening of Fun and Musical Entertainment of Gilbert and Sullivan's songs. 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 23rd June

This event, organised by the Rotary Club of Ipswich East, is now in its 43rd year. Possibilities keep expanding: this year there are options for marathon running, for walking between 3 and 25 miles, or for cycling between 5 or 15 miles – along and around the banks of the River Orwell. Parts of the Orwell not normally

accessible are opened up. This is a charitable venture, and expertly stewarded. Energetic participants could well find themselves getting all the way from Ipswich to Felixstowe and back. The entrance fees (around £15 – discounted until 28th Feb) are shared out amongst various worthwhile local charities, while many participants seek additional sponsorship for their own favourite charities.

Why is this relevant to the Friends? Well, your churchwarden has already registered, and very much hopes that others might respond to the challenge, and join him, if not necessarily at the same modest pace, speed, or in the same mode (probably walking!). You might be interested in getting yourself sponsored on behalf of St Mary's, or perhaps couple that with another of your favourite charities – anything to give your sponsors



a motive for sponsoring you, and yourself a motive to participate and set yourself such a worthwhile physical challenge. *Anyone up for it?*

To register, go on-line with www.orwellwalk.co.uk – all details can be found there, and you can pay the entry fee on line.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 4 MARCH 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. in Bealings Village Hall on Monday 4th March

Local community groups are invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

All parishioners of Little Bealings are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village – and raise any concerns.

Carol Ramsden - Clerk

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 December 2018

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two matters were raised:

DC/18/4763/FUL: Erection of Decking to Rear Elevation: 11 Richards Drive

The applicant explained the application.

DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

A neighbouring resident advised that the works would require the mirror that she used to exit her property safely to be moved and so she had objected to the application.

PLANNING

DC/18/4763/FUL: Erection of Decking to Rear Elevation: 11 Richards Drive

There was no objection to the application.

DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

It was resolved to object to the application in view of the impact on neighbouring properties, and to ask SCC if there had been a change of policy regarding the creation of new accesses on to Martlesham Road,

SINKS PIT

The Council had received a copy of a letter from the Assistant Director for Strategic Development, Growth, Highways and Infrastructure at the County Council, sent to local residents in response to their complaints about alleged breaches of planning permissions and concerns regarding noise and dust. It proposed a meeting of all parties. It was resolved that the Council would be pleased to attend site liaison meetings and that it supported the creation of a new bund on the landfill site for noise attenuation.

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two matters were raised:

GRIT BIN AT HALL ROAD CROSSROADS

A local resident offered to remove the bin and was thanked by the Council.

DC/18/5100/FUL: Erection of Detached Garage including Removal of Four Trees: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

A neighbouring resident advised that while he supported the building of the garage he was concerned at the felling of the trees. The trees were protected by an area Tree Protection Order and only two needed to be removed for the development to be carried out. He was concerned that removal for 'shading problems' would set a precedent. He drew attention to environmental considerations and the woodland character of the area. In response, a representative of the applicant said that the trees affected the setting and visibility between the house and new garage.

PLANNING

DC/18/5100/FUL: Erection of Detached Garage including Removal of Four Trees: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

It was resolved that there was no objection to the development, but SCDC was asked to visit the site and exercise caution in determining whether it was necessary for all four trees to be felled.

DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

SCDC had advised that the number of objections received had triggered its consideration of whether the matter should be put to its Planning Committee. It was resolved not to make any additional representations.

SAVID (SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING)

Ms Head advised that the AGM had taken place and a new constitution was planned, with the group having a more advisory role. The next meeting would be on 13 March in Bealings Village Hall and

it was agreed that the Council would fund the cost of hire of the Committee Room.

MARTLESHAM ROAD AND THE STREET

As works were planned by SCC and resurfacing would follow it was agreed to ask again for the faded white hatching lines to be renewed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Colin Hedgley drew attention to the consultation by SCDC on the Final Draft of the Local Plan.

SCHOOL PARKING

Both SCDC and the School had said that a positive meeting had taken place; the School was doing all it could to advise parents to park appropriately and liaise with the Village Hall over use of the car park. The location of the School precluded use of the 'green cone' scheme. Mr Hedgley advised that he intended to bring two SCC Councillors to see the parking problems for themselves.

FINANCE

Mr Hunter had carried out the cheque book/bank statement reconciliation for the third quarter Cheques were signed for PAYE for December (replacement cheque), January and February and for the Clerk's salary for January and February. £171 had been received from SCC for footpath cutting during 2018. A refund of VAT totalling £325.58 had been claimed for 2018.

DATES OF MEETINGS UNTIL MARCH 2020

The Council will meet on 4 March (also the Annual Parish Meeting), 13 May (the Annual Parish Council Meeting), 1 July, 9 September and 4 November 2019 and on 6 January and 2 March 2020.

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

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLE BEALINGS, ELECTORAL ROLL, FINAL REMINDER

CHURCHWARDEN REPORT, INCLUDING BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

The Electoral Roll of All Saints Church is being renewed, all those on the old roll need to renew their membership of the new roll, this is NOT automatic. All those wishing to be on the new roll must complete an application form and return it to me by March 12th, 2019 at the latest. New applications are welcome. Enrolment forms can be found on top of the font in Little Bealings Church or obtained directly from me. Membership of the roll allows you to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and participate in the proceedings, thus playing a part in the future of your Church. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in All Saints Church, Little Bealings at 7.00pm on the Tuesday 30th April 2019.

If you are interested in taking an active role in the management of All Saints, you may wish to join the Parochial Church Council. An informal meeting entitled "Becoming a PCC Member" will be held in the Church on Tuesday 5th March at 7.00pm. The meeting will be led by the Rev Canon Dr Clare Sanders and will provide an opportunity to learn all about the PCC. Refreshments will be provided.

Please contact me if you have any queries or would like an application form for the Electoral Roll.

Ann Tate,
Electoral Roll Officer, All Saints Church
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CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF LOVE!

This February, we were delighted to have a Messy Church service to celebrate Valentine's Day. More than 20 attendees participated, the theme was "Love" and the children created cards to honour those who are near and dear to them. While we were disappointed that Archdeacon Sally Gaze could not be with us since it was her installation ceremony for her new rural Mission post, we are delighted that she will remain part of the Benefice and continue to lead future Messy Church services. The next Messy Church will be held on April 19th and the theme is "Good Friday". All are welcome at this Benefice-wide service.

BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Since last month's Newsletter, we are pleased to announce two new developments in terms of fundraising: the first is that we have been awarded a grant by the Ganzoni Charitable Trust and we are extremely grateful to Miss Ganzoni for her support of the Bealings Community Hub, which is in keeping with her longstanding support of many worthy projects in the Benefice. The second is that an initial application for major Lottery funding of the church repairs and improvements has reached Stage 2. As soon as we have more news, it will be on our website at www.littlebealingschurch.org and published in the newsletter.

We hope that as the Hub is developed, even those who have expressed opposition in the past will keep in mind the final thoughts of the Chancellor in his judgment approving the project: "I very much hope that all the existing congregation will get behind these

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proposals now that the Faculty is to be granted. On any view, there are a large number of very positive features in these proposals even though they will mean change. It is clear to me that the intention of the petitioners is not to follow some fad or fashion – change for change’s sake – but to save this church as a living church for future generations. As Shakespeare said through Hamlet: “there is nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so.” The bold proposals here can open a new chapter in this church’s long history and those coming to the church for the first time or after a long absence will look to the existing congregation to see what they are thinking about what has happened. A positive and enthusiastic response to newcomers will do more than anything to increase the chance that these plans will succeed.”

SHINING THE LIGHTS!

If anyone would like to honour a family

member, commemorate an anniversary, celebrate a birthday, or just help the Church pay its bills, a £5 donation secures two hours of lights at the time of your choosing.

PCC PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We hope that everyone will have a chance to attend the Parish Meeting on Monday, March 4th at 7:00pm in the Village Hall where we will provide a further update on All Saints Church and the Community Hub project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30th: Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.00 p.m. in the Church. All members of the Electoral Roll are eligible to attend.

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CHURCHWARDEN

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

2nd February - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for my daughter's birthday, Happy Birthday Jacqui. Also, for my niece, Lisa for her birthday on 3rd February and the anniversary of my Mother's birthday on the 5th February.

9th February - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood to remember my dear Father, Geoff Booker who passed away seven years ago.

13th February - sponsored by Veronica Bunbury in memory of Charles on his birthday.

12th March - sponsored by Hilary Legard in memory of her Mother on her birthday.

16th March - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Geoff Booker is remembered with much love by all his family on his birthday.

31st March - MOTHERING SUNDAY - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood.

Remembering with fondest love my Mum, Jose Booker, on Mothering Sunday.

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 W.I.

Prof. John Midwinter gave us an insight into what we can do to help lessen our carbon emissions. The talk was accompanied by a power point presentation and was most informative. We were joined by members of Rushmere WI as well as residents of Playford.

In March the WI are having a speaker from the local recycling plant. We have, as a group, visited both of the recycling plants but we hope that our speaker will give us more up to date information on how our households can improve even further.

*Sue Bruce.
Secretary.*

BINKY AND CO.

Binky decided that Spring was just around the corner. This was the time to start on his garden and do all the jobs he had intended to do at the end of last year but was prevented from doing so only by lethargy. A terrible disease, which seemed to afflict him only when Mrs S

gave him a list of jobs that *she* wanted doing. However, Binky had to admit that the gutters did need cleaning, that old tree did need pruning and the septic tank did indeed require a “good looking at”.

Binky thought he would start with the most difficult job first. The septic tank. This was a complete mystery to Binky. He wasn't sure how anything got into it and was even less sure how anything got out. However, a long chat with a few friends down The Pigs Snout, a good pub for all its faults, had him intellectually and spiritually ready to sort out sewage. He had tried to look up assistance on the web but had to give up when things became a little too graphic. For instance, did you know that loo paper is designed to break up during the flushing process and that the average person dispenses with 250 litres of wastewater per day most of it, 95%, being from baths, showers and sinks. The other 5% being you know what. But it's the you know what that gives Binky his problems. Anyway, thought Binky, why call it raw sewage? Does anyone really cook with it?

He had borrowed some drain rods from Stinky Smethurst, down the road, a retired drain expert, so called, who had to retire due to an affliction which manifested itself in his feet growing during his working life to a size 14. He was one of medical sciences great conundrums. But as the old saying goes, old sewage workers never die they only waste away.

Binky firstly identified the relevant drain cover. Not a difficult feat due to the seepage of a ghastly smelling liquid oozing slowly from the perimeter of the cover. On lifting the cast iron cover from its base, a sudden surge, no, almost and

eruption of the most foul fluid and not so fluid fluid engulfed the first six inches of Binky's legs. So, this thought Binky is what Stinky Smethurst meant by “a devil's fountain”. Binky wrestled with the drain rods until he had two screwed together and was in a reasonable position to force his plunger deep into the devil's chamber and try to find the out pipe. Not as easy as he first thought. It took about four serious attempts before he located the hole at which point, he decided that a pair of rubber gloves may be advisable as his hands seemed to be changing colour. Anyway, he finally located the out pipe and started pushing. Things were going well and another couple of rods were screwed on. Then another couple. A lot more pushing ensued.

After sixteen rods had been pushed through Binky decided a ‘pull back’ was in order. A steady action was required for this movement as just about anything could go wrong. It was after eight rods had been pulled back that Binky realised that only eight rods would be coming out. Somehow the screw system must have failed. In reality it was all down to Binky's incompetence. There was only one thing for it, Binky would have to put his arm into the evil pit and try to find the loose end of the rods hoping that the parting of the ways had occurred near the entrance to the out pipe. Binky lay down alongside the drain and plunged his arm into the murky depths. His face was about half an inch from the top of the foul and putrid liquor.

It was at this point that Binky heard a flushed cistern in the house. Oh no thought Binky. Please no!

But no one was listening.

INVITING YOU TO PLAY A PART IN

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR HILL FARM PLAYFORD

I certainly haven't been alone in my concern for the fate of Hill Farm with its lovely 60 acres of farmland, woods and mere which undoubtedly is one of our village's most precious assets.

The ecology of the valley was a real priority to the late Charles Lofts and, during his time, he poured much care and resource into enhancing the valley as a wildlife haven.



There are many long standing Playford residents who knew Charles and the haven that he loved so much. It is a very special place that should be preserved.

The sale of the property has taken many twists and turns over the last two years and at times we have all been on the edge of our seats! There is no doubt: if the valley is so special to us, we need to take control of its destiny.

I believe, as a Community, we have a real chance of working together to protect and secure the valley's future. The reality is that we need funding. And in order to create a sustainable, fundable plan we need time on our side to develop this vision and plan.

Over the last couple of months, I have been working with the Executors of Charles Lofts' Estate. Our interests are fully aligned and I thank them for their support.

In order to control the timeline, I have agreed to take full tenancy of the farm for a 24 month period from 1 February 2019 and have secured an option to buy the farm. I am not a property developer and I seek to make no commercial gain out of any potential transaction. Living in Playford with my family, we obviously care deeply about the village, its setting and its future.

With other stakeholders' help, I want to develop a viable and fundable plan of which we have control. My motivation and real priority being to ensure that we end up with the mere and valley in some type of charitable vehicle in the hope of

creating a public access, sustainable and ecological haven.

I am delighted to report that Richard Lister, also a fellow Playford resident, having retired as Vice-Chancellor from Suffolk University last year, has agreed to Chair an Action Group that will help formulate our vision and plan. Richard and I will work with the support of Joan Metcalfe, Chair of Playford Parish Council, and we will seek additional representation on the Action Group from other residents of Playford who are able to contribute in key areas.

Adrian Melrose



Our long term ambition is to form a Trust for the permanent protection and sustainability of the ecological treasure around the mere with improved access - the land has always been privately owned with no public access and forms a key part of the Fynn Valley Walk.

In order to do this - and to fund it - it will be necessary to try and sensitively develop the less ecologically important parts of the site - it will be essential that these plans are realistic enough to raise the considerable sum needed but limited in scope to minimise changes to the village and wholly in keeping with the rural and ecologically sensitive countryside in which our small village sits.

The Trust will be formed soon, and we will be looking for charitable funding opportunities, great ideas, thoughts on plans -and help.

We will keep everyone informed at every opportunity of course.

Richard Lister and Adrian Melrose

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CHURCH LIGHTS

The Church was lit on Friday 15th February in memory of Dorothy Yule on the first anniversary of her passing. Dorothy and her husband Ken were loyal supporters of Culpho Church throughout their lives and until Dorothy moved to be nearer her family in Leicestershire. A dear friend to so many, her warm and generous nature, made it a pleasure to be in her company and we shall always remember her with love and affection.

Margaret Gornall

SHINGLE STREET FOLK BAND – HEROES AND VILLAINS

Friday 29th March 2019 is likely to be a day of some note for us all – one way or another! Shingle Street Folk Band invites you to take time out from the maelstrom of politics and spend the evening in harmony and enjoyment.

We have named the concert Heroes and Villains. Dipping into the annals of folk music will give you a chance to decide who is who, and on which side of the divide they stand, and of course, you are more than welcome to join in with the choruses.

The Church can hold a maximum of sixty people so booking early is highly recommended. Refreshments are included in the ticket price of £10. Tickets are available from Christine Pearce on 01473 738324 or by emailing on cmp0601@hotmail.com Please join us if you can where a warm welcome awaits.

Christine Pearce.

Please keep this page for future reference, it will only appear if space permits

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 https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/ViewWeeklyDiary/6622 Non-Subscribers http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk 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 07809594685	
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>

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AGE UK		Village Representative	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
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: eirceramics@btinternet.com</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 610635</i>
LIBRARY		Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box 07809594685	
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PILATES	PH	Wed 9.15-10.15 a.m. OR 10.30-11.30 a.m.	<i>Lara Pepper 07974 142240</i> <i>Website: larapepper.com Email: contact@larapepper.com</i>
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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>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>

CHURCH DIARY – MARCH 2019

Sunday 3rd

10.00

Family Communion

Great Bealings

Sunday 10th

10.00

First day of Lent

Family Communion

Playford

Sunday 17th

3.00 p.m.

Evensong

Culpho

Wednesday 20th

9.30

Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday 24th

10.00

Holy Communion

Little Bealings

Sunday 31

10.00

Mothering Sunday

Family Communion

Playford



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