

Fynn - Lark News

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THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES 111

What does a Coronation mean for small Suffolk villages?

Firstly, it's a rare event. No-one under 70 will have experienced a Coronation before. For those over 70 it will bring back memories of a very different age – an age when access to a television set was a privilege, rather than a round-the clock, wall-to-wall banality. For those of us who witnessed the 1953 Coronation it seemed a semi-privileged insight into a world that was normally veiled in a kind of mystique. In the past 70 years the whole concept of monarchy has been opened up, its one-time mysteries laid bare, its human weaknesses analysed, if not ridiculed. Republicanism and the prospect of the non-revolutionary removal of the monarchy has become a viable

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constitutional stance, even if not widespread. The monarchy, with all its strength of pageantry, deeply rooted historical splendour and publicly debated fallibilities is subject to on-going scrutiny, rather than enjoying the benefits of unquestioning loyalty. History and the passing of time subjects our institutions, and indeed our values, to stress-tests. How does the monarchy, and this coronation - the formal affirmation of its centrality in our affairs - stand up to those stress-tests?

Perhaps the first test is: does it work? Or at least how well does it work compared with other polities? No system is perfect, but this system of constitutional monarchy has given our country a sense of historical continuity, something which is the envy of many other countries, and which brings tourists in their millions to see these splendid, if expensive and dated, trappings of our ancient monarchy. Governments in this country, as in many others, may come and go, often bringing degrees of disruption, but the monarchy, for all its intermittent crises, goes on, running like a gleaming thread through our nation's history. It still seems to be more effective at bringing people together than political parties, which remain diverse and antagonistic to one another. So, we may perhaps conclude, that, over the hundreds of years of its existence, the monarchy has more or less worked to our national benefit, giving us respected national figureheads, increasingly capable of spreading soft influence around the world, but leaving the everyday business of running the country to our politicians.

Secondly, we should ask how well the link between the monarchy and the established church fits into today's world.

That is more difficult. The Christian dimension is central to the ceremony of coronation. That dimension will be reflected in the services held in our village churches. Without it, the ceremony would lose a dimension of profound solemnity. For some, increasing in number, this would not matter. The spiritual dimension to the coronation is, for them, redundant. To many, however, it still confers added importance. All the more so in that our King himself has explicitly seen himself as Defender of Faith, rather than of The Faith, namely The Church of England. Religious values, reflecting an acknowledgement of a spiritual dimension in human life, are not shared across the kingdom, but, even in these ever-more-secular times, you don't have to dig very deep to find that most people still have a spiritual side. It may take a variety of forms. In the coronation of a King, the political, the monarchical and the spiritual strands of our nation become intertwined. The King embodies all those dimensions. It is a heavy duty that he commits to. He deserves our support. He represents us to the eyes of the world.

So – whatever your faith, whatever your view of the monarchy, this is a rare national event, and one capable of bringing together a nation which seems increasingly splintered. Even though you are unlikely to have to wait another seventy years for the next Coronation, maybe it's best to make sure that you enjoy this one. Support whatever it is that your village community lays on by way of celebration – including the church service. God save the King.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

AN APOLOGY – FLN ACCOUNT – BANK/BUILDING SOCIETY REFERENCE.

We understand that some confusion has recently arisen over the Reference that needs to be used by anyone kind enough to be making a payment to this Magazine via its Yorkshire Building Society Account. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

We now understand that, as well as the account number (81099367) and Bank Sort Code (60-92-04), the Reference must be 81099367**07**, rather than the payer-in's own name, as reference. There seems to have been a tightening up of procedures, something now all too familiar to ordinary folk trying to move around small sums of money.

2023 BEALINGS PLANT SALE

BEFORE All we can say at this stage is that pre-sale preparations have reached the level of purposefulness known before Covid struck. All fingers are now tightly crossed, hoping that the historical momentum of this village event will be restored, and that the efforts of the organisers will be well supported on the day. We are very grateful to Bedfords, who have kindly sponsored advertising boards around our main drive-through roads.

We hope to be able to reserve space, for after the deadline, so that a brief stop-press insertion as to the financial outcome can be included.

AFTER In the event the organisers were delighted with the outcome. Numbers attending far exceeded expectations, with the result that virtually every single plant was sold. They would like to offer warmest thanks to everyone involved, helpers, producers, sellers, buyers, raffle-ticket purchasers and prize donors, and supporters generally, all underpinned by general goodwill gathered together in one place!

Totals are still being totted up, but it seems that profits are hovering somewhere above the £2,500 mark, with a fund-raising coffee morning planned for next week. Final numbers can be confirmed after that. The raffle raised almost £850! What a brilliant result!

This was a re-launch, after 3 blank years post-covid, so we are back on track. Please pass on comments to the organisers, so that we can make next year's event even better. We do know that we need to recruit more plant growers! Just for now - we'll just enjoy the outcome, and spread around all the thanks due to so many people for making the event a success.

Caroline Saunders

FOOTBRIDGE – PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH Lodge Road to The Street

Gary Farmer took this picture of a brand-new replacement bridge, bringing walkers across the small stream/ditch to the safety of the off-road permissive footpath

leading up towards the centre of Little Bealings. Thanks to those responsible for getting this done – and to Nigel Rolph for permission to use the path.



BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Hall continues to be busy with private bookings, regular classes and of course our fundraising events such as the Pop UP Pub.

The last PuP raised funds for the earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria. All future fundraising will be focused on funds to replace our leaking roof and upgrade it with better insulation and lighting, and also replacing our old wooden doors with UPVC and a new entrance with push button access. A project was set up in December to start the ball rolling and after structural engineers assessed the structure as viable, planning permission was sought - Amit Sinha and Harriet Shaw from Mullins Dowse volunteered to do the submission and was gratefully appreciated by the trustees. As soon as planning has been approved, grant applications can be submitted to various grant funders to raise the £86,000 needed for completion. We've already a "fund pot" which, coupled with funding from our District Councillor

and funds form our hall reserves currently stands at £16,500.

Donations can be made via our website jbpfsecretary@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk or using the QR code below



DAWN CHORUS WALK - SUNDAY 7TH MAY

FYNN VALLEY WALKS GROUP

This is definitely one for the early starters! To coincide with International Dawn Chorus Day on Sunday 7th May we have planned an early morning 'Dawn Chorus' walk around Bealings, to enjoy the sights and sounds of the countryside at daybreak.



The dawn chorus begins at least half an hour before sunrise, which is at 5-14 in Bealings that morning, so we will set off at 4-45am from the village hall car park. The walk is approximately 4 miles long and will take us along riverside meadows to a beautiful country churchyard resplendent with wildflowers, down quiet country lanes and through the densely wooded area known locally for generations as 'Birds Hill', where there is always an abundance of bird life to be seen and heard.

The return part of the walk takes in sweeping views across the Fynn Valley and then we pass through grassland and fields alongside our two Bealings rivers - The Fynn and the Lark - before returning to our starting point.

Depending on what we see, hear and how long we linger to look at the wildlife on the way round, the walk should finish at approximately 6-30am. Afterwards, Helen Wittgreffe has very kindly arranged to provide coffee and breakfast for our walkers in All Saints Church, Little Bealings to round off what we hope will be a truly memorable start to the day.

Parking is available at the village hall by kind permission of the trustees - please park at the far end of the car park, away from the village hall. We ask you to please park and gather as quietly as possible at this early hour, to minimise disturbance to local residents.

Come and join us to share the delights of a spring dawn in our lovely Suffolk countryside.

*Francis Mutimer
John Wittgreffe*

NB If you'd like to come and join us on our weekly Wednesday morning walks, you can find all the details on the All Saints Church website page: <https://littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net/fynn-valley-walks/>

NATURE NOTES – BIRDS' NESTS

This is the time of year when lovers of wildlife will be watching out for birds and birds' nests. The more you think about this whole process the more wonderful it all seems to be as a natural phenomenon. We love to find birds nesting in our gardens. We help them and encourage them by putting up nesting boxes. Nests appear in the most unexpected of places – last year a robin found its way into our brick out-shed and constructed a nest on a top shelf amongst all the weedkiller packets. The fledglings fledged safely.

But let us think more widely about this

extraordinary phenomenon. A bird nest is the spot in which a bird lays and incubates its eggs and raises its young. There are many types of nests, prepared in many different locations: hedges, barns, eaves of houses, scrapes, burrows, holes drilled into trees, swaying treetops, cliff edges, sandy hollows, amidst the reeds, or even on top of chimney pots, as chosen by storks in southern climates. The material used to build nests varies greatly too: beaks full of mud, moss, feathers, twigs, strands of sheep wool, leaves, grass. Some birds labour mightily to build their nests, others are too lazy to do so, and lay their eggs in nests built by other birds, leaving the raising of the young to foster parents. Most birds build a new nest each year, though some refurbish their old nests. Migrating birds, such as swifts and swallows often return to the same nesting site year after year, having flown thousands of miles to do so. Some nests have special names, such as eyries, platform nests built by eagles, used and refurbished year on year. Mostly it is the female which does most of the nest building - raising traditionalist echoes of our human species, but indeed, and reassuringly perhaps, the male does sometimes contribute. But if the species wishes to perpetuate itself, and the spring birdsong chorus is the audible sign of that intent, then nests have to be built, eggs laid, and incubated, fledglings fledged, and we have a new generation of birds populating our gardens, fields, skies and hedgerows.



The complexity of building a human family home is paralleled by the complexity of nest-building in the world of birds. The entire process has a

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magical dimension, and if you are lucky enough to witness the whole process in or around your home and garden – the building of the nest, the incubation, the feeding of the young by determined parents, and the final fledging, then you are privileged.



Let us hope the birds this year will thrive and multiply.



A PLEA TO LANDOWNERS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RAGWORT.

Ragwort is a common wild plant which is poisonous to grazing animals and is becoming increasingly problematic in this area. It starts as a rosette of frilly leaves on the ground and later produces a stem bearing many small yellow daisy-like flowers. Although animals will usually avoid it when it's growing, once it is dried in hay, they seem not to recognise it and are more likely to eat it. The alkaloids in the plant cause a lingering death by liver failure.

Ragwort seeds are spread by the wind, and it will quickly take over large areas unless controlled. Because of its toxicity and invasive nature, ragwort is officially classified by the government as an 'injurious' or 'harmful' weed placing obligations on owners and occupiers of land under the Weeds Act 1959 to prevent it spreading to land used for grazing, hay or silage-making or growing crops. People using land for grazing fight a seemingly endless battle against this weed as every plant removed appears to

be replaced by a new seedling.

Ragwort is a food source for insects including the cinnabar moth so there are also arguments for keeping it but there is plenty growing in places like Rendlesham Forest where it is unlikely to spread grazing. Perhaps a good compromise would be to let the insects have their feed but remove and dispose of the flowers before the seed can spread.



Please help keep it out of the hay and silage that so many animals depend on over the winter.

The government's Code of Practice can be found here https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/801153/code-of-practice-on-how-to-prevent-the-spread-of-ragwort.pdf

HISTORY CORNER

– SCHOOL CLOTHES

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place, wondering if you can tell them something about distant members of their family. That was how I somehow managed to find myself in contact with the grandson of the young girl sitting in this photo second from the right – a member of the Dunnnett family. By way of further information, my correspondent tells me that his great grandfather was called Ernest Dunnnett born 1877, and his great great grandfather was called Thomas Dunnnett born 1843. If any of this opens up deep rooted historical memories, or if anyone knows more about that row of cottages next to the Admiral's Head, where the Dunnnett's used to live, then do please get in touch.

The wide-ranging contributions of the Dunnnett family to Bealings village life are fully chronicled in the recent "Walking through History", thanks to major contribution from Mark Dunnnett, so we won't expand on that. We will, however, take a closer look at this picture, one which does not appear in the history, but one which bears close examination.

What particularly struck me was the way in which the children are dressed: the scruffy, shapeless jackets worn by the boys, the clumpy shoes worn by the girls, particularly those worn by my correspondent's grandma, as a little girl, and the practical, everyday garments worn by all the girls – far removed from anything in the line of school uniform, and certainly not a hint of the "little princess" syndrome. This seems, self-evidently, to be a picture of the children of a working rural village. That, in itself, provides a striking historical contrast with what is worn by the children of today.



Now - ***a request to parents reading this item.*** Could you please show this picture to any of your children of appropriate age and ask them what they think about the clothes worn at school by their distant predecessors. What do they think about the hairstyles? I would love to publish those thoughts as a reflection of the way in which things have changed. Please let me have all comments by email to nhp@rillcott.co.uk, and your child's views can appear in print, in due course,

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attributed or otherwise, according to your wishes. This is an invitation to contribute to your magazine. Comments from parents and present-day teachers equally welcome.

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SURVEY SHOWS HEARING AIDS REDUCE DEMENTIA RISK BY OVER 40%

Karen Finch, Senior Audiologist and Owner of All About Hearing has been speaking about a study, which was published in *The Lancet*, and showed that people with hearing loss who used hearing aids were 42% less likely to develop dementia than those with hearing loss who did not use hearing aids .

The hypothesis, known as cognitive overload, asserts that the brains of adults with hearing loss have to work harder to understand the same information as people with average hearing, which may put such a profound strain on the brain that it cannot perform other functions as well.

Free hearing assessments for Deaf Awareness Week

To help encourage anyone struggling with their hearing to seek help, Karen Finch at All About Hearing has organised a series of Hearing Care Days from her Ipswich clinics.

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Appointments are available between 9am-5pm and can be booked by calling 01473 946444 or for more information visit www.allabouthearing.co.uk/hearing-care

THE OAK TREE COMMUNITY FARM, RUSHMERE ST ANDREW

I live in Little Bealings, and along with a couple of other households in the village, I am a member of the Oak Tree Community Farm in Rushmere St Andrew.

I joined last summer and really enjoy being part of the community, which gives us access to a weekly box of fantastic quality, locally-grown, organic vegetables with very little packaging. There are various membership options, but the standard package entails doing a few hours' work at the farm a month, anything from picking vegetables, digging and weeding to managing hedges. The workdays on Saturdays are very friendly occasions and there are quarterly social

events around a campfire. It's a great way to get exercise and meet new people. Members also have the opportunity to buy eggs, flowers and berries in the summer months.

For more information you can visit <https://www.the-oak-tree.co.uk/> or join us on Sunday 21st May 2023 when we will be hosting a family-friendly Open Day at the farm from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

You'll get the chance to see The Oak Tree Farm in action, with tours of the farm and lots of craft and wildlife activities for all the family. This is a free event with a suggested donation of £5 per vehicle if you drive to the farm.

Hope to see you there!

*Anna Harris-Noble,
resident of Little Bealings*





Little Bealings Churchyard, Wednesdays 3:10-3:45pm
Bring a coat, drink & snack. Parents please stay to support your children.
An after school group for primary aged children and their families, by Little Bealings Church, Lightwave & the East Suffolk Community Partnership.

Summer growing project for the churchyard and cafe

Wednesday 19th April	Making a Greenhouse, potting bench & signs
Wednesday 26th April	Making Bumblebee homes and sowing flower seeds
Wednesday 3rd May	Tasting herbs and sowing salad and herb seeds
Wednesday 10th May	Scavenger hunt and making compost
Wednesday 17th May	Pricking out and potting on seedlings
Wednesday 24th May	Cooking French Toast and tasting salad

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COME TO THE CORONATION PARTY AT BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL ON MAY 7TH

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We will have refreshments--including a licensed bar and cakes and savoury treats for sale and we hope you will bring picnic food to enjoy the afternoon.

If you can spare the time either leading up to the day or just on the day, we would appreciate volunteers to help with games and activities, and/or to prepare refreshments. If you can help with refreshments, please contact Margaret Wilson at margaret.wilson4@btinternet.com. To assist with games or the bar, please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend at helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com or 078899 07615. Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help to make this a great community gathering and a celebration to remember.

CORONATION PARTY PROGRAMME

12 noon onwards

Refreshments, including a licensed bar and cakes and savoury treats for sale (contactless or cash)

Bring a blanket and picnic food to enjoy the afternoon. There will also be trestle tables and chairs for those who would like to use them.

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3.30 p.m. Tug of War between Great Bealings and Little Bealings – come and join in or cheer your side on.

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GREAT BEALINGS

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CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

This is the time of year when the churchyard is looking at its best, the spring flowers are resplendent, and the grass is just beginning to grow again. The interior of the church is still warming up. It's a slow process, getting warmth back into those stone walls. But we are moving on. Hopefully a perfect balance of temperatures within and without will have been achieved in perfect time for Coronation weekend. All will be artificially enhanced by the fluttering of bunting, and the bells will once again ring out across the meadows. The visit of Canon Roy Tricker to deliver the sermon of the day is a treat in itself – Roy being one of the great authorities on, and enthusiasts for, Suffolk churches.

A coronation has a dimension far beyond the purely social, so what better place than your village church to celebrate it? It's over 70 years since we last had the opportunity to do so.

Looking back

Another Easter has come and gone. The underlying message remains the same, but this year there were variations, most notably the three evenings at the beginning of Holy Week when Brother Marc joined us for Evening Prayer, and shared reflections with us. "Us" was mostly a group of stalwarts who came across from Woodbridge to support this initiative, but our small village was proportionately represented too. Evening prayer in our church, particularly when

the dying rays of the sun are flowing in through the stained-glass windows, is something different.



We should also pay tribute to the Woodbridge donkey, Orlando, which took a leading part in the Palm Sunday service in Woodbridge. This is the kind of initiative which a parish with greater resources than ours can undertake.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is coming back to life again. The bees are beginning to buzz. New season rabbits are darting around. The cowslips are out. The newly planted trees seem to have come through the winter, and are flowering.

It's worth taking a walk around your churchyard – and it is the "village" churchyard, open to all, not just to those who go to church. So do take a walk around – at any time of year, but it is particularly uplifting at this time of year.

CHURCH LIGHTS

The lights shone on Friday 31st, Saturday and Sunday 1st/2nd April for Tony

Hubbard MBE (1935-2023), father of Sally Condon who lives in Lower Street, Great Bealings, and wife of Steve. Tony had greatly enjoyed sitting in their garden, looking across the meadows, towards the church. Tony's funeral was on Friday.

Beyond being father to Sally and her sister Virginia, Tony was a very well-known figure in Woodbridge, having held many eminent positions, including that of Mayor, and long-standing President of the Woodbridge Society. He was also an Hon Freeman of the town. He had followed an interesting career as a lawyer, both in London and in Woodbridge.

The lights shone forth again later that week on 7th and 8th April to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of Eric and Christine Barnett. Not only had their family come back to Bealings to help them to celebrate, but they also had an unexpected treat in receiving a card from HM Charles III and Camilla.

SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 7th May at 9.30.

Special Coronation Holy Communion Service.



The preacher will be Canon Roy Tricker, one of the county's most distinguished church historians. **Roy**, a Reader and Lay Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, an expert on Suffolk's

churches, and the writer or adviser for many guides, was awarded the MBE for services to heritage in Suffolk.

Sunday 21st May. 10.30 - Morning Prayer.

Rector's "Surgery". We are now giving people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes so as to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for

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

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

*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
(nhp@rillcott.co.uk)*

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH (in partnership with Friends of St Mary's Church, Woodbridge)

We were delighted at the support given to our French Evening on March 31st. The church seemed as good as full, with many people having travelled from outside the village. The programme consisted of songs by well-known "chansonniers" from the mid-20th century, including Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel, Georges Brassens and Francoise Hardy. We also had a sturdy pop-up choir leading the audience in well-known French songs on the lines of "Sur le pont d'Avignon and Frere Jacques.



We were also treated to a powerful and resonantly bleak reading from Samuel Becket's "Waiting for Godot", put on by

Lawrie and Val Werber. We learnt that this was not the first time Lawrie had played the part of one of the tramps (see image from 1986). Val, suitably clad, was a splendid foil to him. Talents remained undiminished by the passing of the years.

An extensive Raffle of France-related items was well supported, and the interval taste of French viticulture was warmly received.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

May we remind everyone that we can arrange for the church to be floodlit to celebrate or commemorate special occasions. The standard fee remains a fiver. However, as the principle is as important as the fund-raising, should you feel generous, and knowing that your contribution is in a worthy cause, a bit more will always be welcome. This will help offset soaring energy costs.

The lights will certainly be on over the Coronation weekend.

For more personal celebrations/commemorations please drop a note in to Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane with payment, explaining why you would like the church floodlit, so that it can be recorded in the FLN, for posterity's benefit. If urgent, a holding email nhp@rillcott.co.uk will do the trick, with payment to follow.

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES. 6th/7th May

We are pleased to report that Roy Tricker, enthusiast and expert on Suffolk Churches, is to be the preacher at our Coronation Service at 9.30am on May 7th. Roy has visited our church before, and anyone who heard him unravelling tales of St Mary's will know that he is hugely knowledgeable, humorous and entertaining.

There will be a peal of bells before and after the service, which is at 9.30. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact the

churchwarden. (email address above).

Later on in the day there will be a celebration on the John Belstead Bealings Playing Field, organised jointly by the Parish Councils

PARISH COUNCIL

summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 14th march 2023
reports by:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce – No report was available at the time of the meeting, but was subsequently received and was circulated to Cllrs and is attached to the minutes on the website.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH)– A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes. CH verbally reported on the new voter ID system for the forthcoming elections and the increase of 2.81% on the ESC portion of Council Tax. He said that the local Speedwatch programme will start again at end March/beginning of April.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/23/0363/FUL & DC/23/0319/LBC– Seckford Hall – Demolition of ancillary buildings and the erection of new buildings including a new accommodation block in the sandpit area, a dining hall extension, accommodation lodges and storage buildings, and a new associated landscaped masterplan - Cllrs thought that this was an impressive and innovative approach which was warmly welcomed. It was resolved unanimously to support the applications.

Decision Updates:

DC/22/2330 – Cherry Tree Cottage – application withdrawn

DC/22/3120 – Chalfont – application permitted by ESC

DC/22/4658 – Rosery Farm Cottage – solar panels - application permitted by ESC

DC/22/3705 – Rosery Farm Cottage – swimming pool – still awaiting decision by ESC

Enforcement Matters - ENF/22/0069/USE – Water Meadow, Lower Street – The ESC Enforcement Officer reported that some clearance has been completed but some items remain. The site will continue to be monitored.

Review of Neighbourhood Plan - Sue Prentice (SP) reported she had received a positive response from ESC. She will provide an update at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Usage Statistics - SP commented that these statistics do not compare whether the PC supported or opposed the application. She will write to the ESC author of the report.

Consultations on Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document and on the Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document - There are no comments to be submitted on either of these Consultations.

Other Planning Matters

DC/22/2871/FUL – Retrospective application re domestic treatment plant at Stone Cottage, Lower Street – SP summarised the developments so far regarding this application and outlined the points that the representative of the PC should make in the time available at the ESC Planning Committee on 28th March, in order to continue our objection. A Freedom of Information request has been received for all PC correspondence on this matter which will be dealt with in the statutory 20 working days.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SAVID/SID – JCJ advised that the SID on Lodge Road is still functioning and does appear to have a positive effect on traffic speed.

Permissive Licence for Footpath between Little Bealings and Great Bealings – the Licence for this footpath between the landowner and SCC had expired in 2017 and now the bridge is in need of repair. Little Bealings PC had raised this matter with SCC who have agreed with the landowner to set up a new Licence and repair, or possibly replace, the footbridge which is not safe. In the meantime, notices advising of temporary closure of the footpath have been put up at both ends.

Other – FP11 - RS reported that the vegetation on the narrow part in front of Cherry Tree needs cutting back. The SCC Footpath Officer will investigate this to see if this can be included in the annual cutting programme.

FP12 - Four boards of the footbridge over the River Fynn have been replaced, but SCC has declined to take any action regarding the barbed wire, despite complaints from the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Trees – John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) met with Nigel Rolph who is in favour in principle of planting more trees, but no agreement was made as to where they could be sited. SP suggested JCJ has a word with the representative of Strutt and Parker, Lord Cranworth's agents.

East Suffolk Blooms – ESC is donating packs of bulbs to community groups; the Clerk will submit an application for the PC

MAY CORONATION EVENT

SP has prepared the poster for this event which will take place on 7th May. SP and

Sally Johnson will take this forward in conjunction with representatives from Little Bealings in what is a positive sign of joined up working.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Seven payments were authorised for office expenses, the Clerk's salary and PAYE for March and April, the SAVID annual subscription and hire of meeting rooms. The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature.

FYNN VALLEY WALK. - Following a query from a resident about possible additional shooting near a footpath on Lord Cranworth's farms, the Clerk has been assured by the agents that nothing additional is proposed other than that

which is already licenced.

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the agenda in the Public Participation session. Full draft and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website. The agenda is published approx. a week in advance of a meeting.

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GREAT BEALINGS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Bealings Village Hall

7.00 p.m. Tuesday 9th May 2023

All residents are welcome to attend and hear of the Council's work over the last year and discuss any issues. The Chairman will be giving a short presentation on the current review of the Neighbourhood Plan. We hope that you will be able to join us.

All community groups are also invited to attend and give a report on their activities. Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you would like to give a report.

Refreshments will be available immediately after the meeting and before the Annual Parish Council Meeting which will follow.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 17 April 2023:

PLANNING

APPLICATIONS:

DC/23/1310/FUL: Construction of new single storey side and rear extensions: The Hollies, Holly Lane

There was no objection to the application.

DC/23/1406/TPO: A1 of TPO No. 22 / 1952 1no. Pine (T1 on plan) - Remove lowest limb overhanging driveway: Little Bealings House, Martlesham Road

It was resolved not to comment on the application.

PLAYFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

It was resolved that there were no comments to make on the Plan, beyond noting the inclusion of statements in respect of wildlife corridors and public rights of way.

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 15 May 2023 in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

DISTRICT AND PARISH ELECTIONS

There will be an election for District Councillors for the Carlford Ward and for the Parish Council on 4 May.

Please visit our website for further information, including draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>

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PLANNING APPLICATION

The Parish Council would like to draw residents' attention to the following application:

DC/23/1353/FUL: Change of use of land from Agricultural to an enclosed dog exercise field (Suis Generis) | Railway Field The Street

The details are here: *<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/>*

The Parish Council will be considering its response to the application at its meeting on 15 May, and has an extension from ESC to do so. Please note that if you wish to comment on the application to ESC the deadline for public comments is 10 May.

*Carol Ramsden
Clerk to Little Bealings Parish Council*

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ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

ORIGAMI AFTERNOON

To celebrate 4 years since the Angela Cobbold Hall was bought for the Community, Gill Peck provided materials and skilled guidance in making Easter themed models, later used as part of the decorations for the Easter Lunch.



Sandra Banham made a beautiful iced and delicious 'Birthday Cake' which was greatly appreciated! Thanks to Gill and Sandra for making this a special event.

EASTER COMMUNITY LUNCH

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to make the Easter Lunch a special occasion.

'Hats off' to the Knit and Natter Group for the wonderful Easter Display. Also, for putting together a special raffle, raising £110 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall. Thanks too to Tracy and Sally Herrington for chocolate nests and beautiful daffodils. Last but by no means least, thanks to everyone who miraculously cleared the Hall and washed up.

The next lunch is Tuesday 2nd May. A

pick and mix celebration for the Coronation. Bookings 01473 620213. pandvcarr55@gmail.com

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT ACH

On Friday 14th April, the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the tragic loss of the Titanic, was remembered. Roger Roseboom put together a presentation recalling that terrible night and its aftermath. Using live action, sound, lights, music and commentary, the causes that made this voyage fatal, were vividly brought to life. The Classic Film on Saturday 15th followed this theme with one of the earliest cinema productions of this tragic event.



On both occasions there was a fascinating exhibition of books posters etc. for further study.



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We would love to welcome you to our services and events.

Sunday 23rd April

10:00 a.m. - Family Service (Communion)

Every Wednesday

10:00 a.m. -

Mid-week service (about 20 mins)

10:30 a.m. -

Fynn Valley Walks (leisurely walks ~4 miles)

10.30 a.m. -16:00 p.m. -

"Absolutely Divine" café

10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. -

Meet-up Wednesdays

13:15 p.m. -14:30 p.m. -

Pause (ladies group aimed at 40s - 60s)

Straight after school (term time) - The BORROWERS after school eco group. "The Borrowers" may join the café

Every Saturday

10:00 a.m. -12.30 p.m. - Church open for visitors, coffee, chat, or private prayer by the sanctuary

Coronation Sunday 7th May

04.45 a.m. -

Dawn Chorus Walk meeting in the village hall car park leaving sharp at 4:45 a.m.!

5:00 p.m. -

Coronation Songs of Praise Service with brass band

Coronation Monday 8th May

10.00 a.m. - 16:30 p.m. -

Flower Displays with Hub Café, children's activities, milkshakes

EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

MAY

Tuesday 2nd 12.30 p.m. **Community Celebration Lunch & Raffle**
Pick-and-mix buffet.

Friday 5th
6.00 p.m. **CORONATION SHOW**
7.30 p.m. Bar opens and food served
Show starts Tickets free but please reserve
(see below)

Saturday 6th
From 10.00 a.m. **CORONATION DAY ON THE SCREEN**
four Coffee, tea and “festive goodies” from the
nations of the UK!

Friday 12th 10.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. **First “Friendly Friday”**
Refreshments

Friday 12th 7.15 p.m. **Fish & Chips**
Please place your order beforehand (see
below)

Friday 26th 7.00 p.m. **Social Friday**

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CHURCHWARDEN'S UPDATE

It was wonderful to see the church filled with flowers and looking so beautiful for Easter, and it was equally wonderful to have so many people join us for our Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Services and our Sunday afternoon tea. We give our thanks to all our volunteers who helped to make all Holy Week so special and to Francis for trimming the churchyard pathways.



Our Hub Café "Absolutely Divine" officially opened on Wednesday 12th April and will be open each Wednesday 10.30-16:00.

The café has had a lovely atmosphere with some very good feedback on the food and hospitality, with lots of visitors and good company. This is a wonderful way to come and enjoy your beautiful church building, freshly renovated.

As we write this article there are many preparations underway for the Plant Sale on 22nd April and our church wishes to thank the many people who volunteered to put this event together afresh after the gap of several years due to Covid. Many thanks also to everyone who has supported the two Bealings churches by contributing to and attending this amazing event!

Two of our new groups have now started and you can join them at any time- just come along when you can! -

Our "Meet Up Wednesdays" start at 10.30

and are for any age, just to come together, chat, make friends or chat with old friends!

Our "Pause" group is at 13:15 aimed at ladies aged 40s-60s for a friendly meet up.



Our regular walking group still leaves every week at 10:30 gathering beforehand at the church, there have been some amazing walks recently as the Fynn Valley has burst into blossom. They are each typically 3.5-4.5 miles at a leisurely pace- see some of our amazing photos shared by our walkers the Facebook page "Fynn Valley Walks". See also our "Dawn Chorus" walk article in this edition.

The Borrowers Eco-group for primary aged children, which meets each Weds after school at the church, has been having some amazing projects including willow weaving, potting bench, bee homes, and food workshops! They made a lovely Easter Garden which is on display in the church for a few weeks.

These busy Wednesdays start peacefully – with a simple service at 10:00am, this service is quiet and reflective, ending in time for the other activities, and is a very special way to spend a moment with God- please do feel free to join any Wednesday as you feel able.

Looking ahead to the Coronation we are joining in and supporting events at the Angela Cobbold Hall and the Village Hall. Our church will be open as normal on Saturday for visitors or prayer, and we have our Dawn Chorus walk on the Coronation Sunday. The walk meets in the Village Hall Car Park leaving at 4:45 am with an option of breakfast afterwards in

the church!

Don't miss our special Songs of Praise Service at 5pm in the afternoon with the Brass Band. Our café "Absolutely Divine" will also be open on the coronation Monday.

So much to look forward to again! Our full programme follows. You can also find out more details of any of the items mentioned above at our website littlebealingchurch.onesuffolk.net and on our Facebook page "All Saints Church, Little Bealings."

LIGHTING UP THE CHURCH

Our church looks beautiful at night and lighting up the church is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion, perhaps a celebration or a way to remember someone. If you would like the church lit for your special occasion, please contact paulbyrom@gmail.com or 07768 195867. A contribution of around £10 to costs will help us to maintain our electrics and keep the lights available!

WORD FROM THE STUDY

The other day, I had a memory come up on my phone of a photo of me holding my cat. I was practicing ready for my first baptism when I was training. Holding the cat was like holding a child; it wriggles, makes a noise. I think, if I would have used water, the cat might have had other ideas! Dreamies often helped! Now practicing on adults, that is a different story!!

Baptism or Christening is one part of my ministry that always makes me smile and brings joy to my heart. Whether the person is six or 60 bringing people to faith is a blessing, never a chore. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward action. In other words, publicly showing commitment to faith.

Are you old enough to remember the Ready-brek advert from a few years ago? A child that had eaten the Ready-brek had a glow like a halo, this was designed to show that it would help protect them

against the cold. I think the slogan was "Central heating for kids".

When someone is baptised, the same thing happens. Although we cannot see what is going on inside, baptism has changed the way we are; this is what happens when we commit ourselves to God's care. Change, of course, comes from within.

Easter is a time as Christians, when we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead; we have faith in a God who came to earth to be one of us and identify with us. How often do we hear people say, "Those in charge ought to come and see what it is really like on the shopfloor". God did just that. Jesus came to be among us. Our Lord knows us better than we know ourselves.

Pouring water over someone doesn't make them a Christian any more than going to McDonalds makes you a hamburger (other burger chains are available!). It is that commitment we make when the Baptism takes place. Water a sign of freshness; it cleanses, is a sign of renewal and of God's daily renewal in our lives.

In that baptism, we are all made anew. We have a God who understands us, and all that life throws at us.

Being baptised does not get us over or around things, but gets us through. So why should we be baptised. Jesus commanded his Disciples to go and baptise all nations; it's a sign of new life in Christ.

So, whether you are young, or not so young, and would like to be baptised or with to have a child baptised and would like an informal chat, please get in touch, I will be only too happy to a chat.

Our Churches at St Mary's Playford, All Saints Little Bealings and All Saints Kesgrave are open to God and open to all, whether you are six months or 60 years. All are welcome not judged. (No cats were harmed during the practice!!).

Reverend Gary Jones

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KEITH CARSON

It was with great sadness that the Parish Council heard of the death of Keith Carson on Thursday 6th April.

Keith had been a parish councillor since early 2018 and had taken on the huge task off guiding the development of the neighbourhood plan. It is through his sheer doggedness and determination that we now have a plan which was shown to the village on March 18th and is now ready to be presented to the East Suffolk Council. He will be remembered as having driven the plan to its fruition.

As a councillor he was always willing to take on tasks like repairing and treating the fence by the football pitch, checking the ditches and clearing them if necessary and his last project before he became ill cleaning up the benches and paths on the village triangle.

He was a real community spirited person, and he will be greatly missed by all on the Parish Council.

We would like to offer our condolences to his wife Jenny and all his family.

Playford Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 13th March 2023.

A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Apologies received from Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce as she was unable to attend. Her written report is appended to the full

minutes on the PC website.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist. Cllr Colin Hedgley's report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

A Modification Order has been received for FP26, the unregistered footpath between Butts Road and Church Road but landowner has until 31st March to appeal this decision. Two more people have offered to attest usage of this footpath during the specified period.

Details of Highways' proposals for C324 traffic priority problems are still awaited.

The small side gate to enable mobility scooters to bypass the main gate across FP2 to Tuddenham when it is locked, is still awaited.

Funds have been received from Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce's county council budget for new signage in Church Lane to deter heavy traffic - work can now go ahead when the details have been finalised.

Four small trip hazards on FP5 near to the NE border with Great Bealings – these seem to be tips of former iron railings which have appeared in the middle of the footpath – the issue has been reported to Highways PROW but no action taken yet.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the Clerk's Jan & Feb salary and for stationery expenses, also to SC Norse for grass & hedge trimming costs (£1,083.60) and to

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Places4People for the final N/Plan expenditure (£6973.20). Credits received include £450.00 from County Cllr Elaine Bryce's budget to fund signs to deter heavy traffic from using Church Lane, £1,835.00 from District Cllr Colin Hedley's Enabling Communities Budget to renovate the bottle bank facilities in the village hall car park and credit interest of £19.22 on the Business Premium account. The Precept of £10,500 for the coming year will be paid in two instalments in April and September 2023.

HIGHWAYS

We are still awaiting Highways' suggestions for traffic priority issues on the C324 as above. The shared SIDs device is working well and will next be in Playford during April. Rushmere St Andrew PC has spare volunteers who are willing to use Speedwatch equipment in neighbouring parishes and are happy to do so in Playford.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A six week consultation period for the Draft Plan started in March – a drop-in event was held at the village hall on Saturday 18th March to mark the start of this period and residents can give their views online or by posting them to the Parish Council by 5th May 2023. See <http://Playford.onesuffolk.net> for details.

PLANNING MATTERS

Application DC/22/4902/FUL - Kiln Farm Nursery - Alterations to land and buildings – this was approved by Playford Parish Council on 25th Jan 2023 but is yet to be decided by East Suffolk planners.

Application DC/23/0413/FUL – Little Oaks, Butts Road – Single storey front and side extensions and retrospective permission for levelling work already carried out on garden. This has now been permitted by East Suffolk Council.

OTHER MATTERS

– A site visit is to be arranged to finalise details of work required to renovate the bottle bank.

Repairs to the wooden surrounds to the boules piste will be discussed at the next

meeting.

Celebrations for the King and Queen's coronation will be arranged by the village hall committee, for an event to be held on the playing field on Sunday 7th May (indoors if wet).

Ben Wale is to hold a children's event on the playing field on Good Friday (7th April).

John Royle has asked to display his Memory Box in Playford Church where it can be viewed by the public.

It was suggested that the Walking Trail notice board for Playford might be funded by Cllr Colin Hedgley's EC budget in the next financial year.

It was noted with sadness that former Cllr Ted Herrington died on 25th January.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 10th May 2023 - Annual Parish Meeting commencing 6.30pm immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**PLAYFORD'S ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING will be held in Playford
Village Hall on Wednesday 10th
MAY 2023 commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

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MEETING will follow on immediately
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MEETING**

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ALL WELCOME

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Playford Celebrates the Coronation

Sunday 7th May from 3.00 p.m.

at the Village Hall



**Bring a picnic to the Village Hall to celebrate
King Charles' Coronation**

*Free Prosecco Bar
Free wine and soft
drinks
Coronation Cake
Tea & Coffee*

Dog Show
(3.00 to 3.30pm)
Waggiest Tail
Best Dressed Dog
Dog looking most like their owner

Games:
(3.30 till 4.30pm)
Tug of war
Three- Legged race
Egg & Spoon Race

*Face painting
Souvenir Gift for
the under 16s*

Treasure Hunt
Colouring Competition
Coronation Quiz

Football shoot out
Boules Competition

Bring A Cake if you like

*Organised by the Village Hall Committee.
Enquiries to suelister56@googlemail.com*

PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th May

10.00 a.m. Family Morning Service.

Sunday 21st May

10.00 a.m. Family Communion.

Everyone is welcome to our services. Children, Adults and In-Betweens, All religions and none.

Refreshments are served after our services.

SEED swap

Sunday 14th May

10:15 - 11:30am

Playford Village Hall
outside if dry, inside if wet.

Bring some young plants and packets of seeds to swap

Bacon baps, pastries and drinks from 10:15

Games for the children

Contact ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org.uk, 07769183638

Energy

BINKY AND CO.

Binky had always been a keen gardener and this year would be no exception. Mind you he was not very successful. And this year would be no exception. None of it was ever his fault. And this year would be no exception. But he was determined to battle on so that one day he would grow the giant marrow that won first prize at the local horticultural show. He always came pretty close, either eighth or ninth out of ten entries but he had a funny

feeling that this year would be the year of years.

He set aside a large corner of the garden and added fertilizer, manure and anything else he thought would help and dug it well in. He had read up on all the tricks. He had started preparing the ground in October and gradually added the "goodness" as the weeks went by. He didn't actually follow the milkman's horse so to speak but did the next best thing and went round to Mrs Rummage and asked to follow her pony for an hour or so. But she was a walking encyclopaedia when it came to gardening tips and always gave very sage advice regarding herbs. She also did gardening jobs during the winter in order to supplement her meagre pension, in fact last year she made lots of money clearing leaves from gardens. She was raking it in.

Anyway, Binky was determined to beat old Mr Pusset who seemed to win every time except two years ago when Mrs Pusset beat him by two pounds. Rumour had it that the Great Marrow Controversy was the start of their marital breakup after 45 years together. Apparently, they never got on very well and their seven children would confirm that.

Binky surrounded the marrow growing area with a self-designed anti-slug, anti-cat anti-everything fence and cage with a sign saying keep off which he thought was a brilliant idea. His wife soon brought him down to earth by telling him it was the most stupid thing she had ever seen. But Binky said it would keep the birds off so as far as he was concerned it was impeccable.

But with all championship growing contests, skulduggery was afoot. Word got round that Binky was really going for it this time and that he had bought up, in advance all the best manure around. He had also bought a special licence from the water company in order to use 'extra water in case of a summer drought.' This was known as a EWICOASD licence, or so the man in the pub said who took his money, £50, and said he would put the

licence in the post just so long as Binky kept quiet about it as it wasn't generally known, and the water company didn't want it advertised for obvious reasons.

Binky promised to say nothing. Binky told the water man that he, Binky, had also put up an electric fence around the marrow plot even though his neighbour was dead against it.

Now you are probably wondering where on earth this story is going and it's not very interesting.

Well, Binky's garden is very small so there is not much of a plot. Happy gardening!

PLAYFORD W.I.

Home baked raspberry muffins, 'Liz Royle's famous chocolate cake' and decorated Easter biscuits were served up by our WI for Lightwave's Good Friday's children's event (and seemed to go down well!). We'd also been creative at our meeting earlier in the week making spring door wreaths and table decorations.

Working from the same selection of garden foliage and recycled materials, it was inspiring to see the wide variety of individual floral designs we took home.

Thanks to Tracy for arranging the workshop and to Emma for her delicious bread pudding refreshments!

After a couple of years' enforced pause, we're looking forward to again arranging a Playford litter pick on Saturday 29th April 2.00-4.00 p.m. This is part of the 'Love East Suffolk' campaign - Norse will be loaning equipment and collecting the rubbish. Anyone is welcome to join us - refreshments will be provided afterwards!

At our May meeting we'll be celebrating the Coronation with a royal quiz run by one of our new members Tina. We will also be doing further work on the upcoming WI resolution to campaign for 'Cleaner Rivers for People & Wildlife.'

Our next meeting is on 2nd May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Visitors are welcome, please contact us on playfordwi@gmail.com.



The poster features a repeating pattern of stylized open books in blue and orange. The text is centered and reads:

**Bible Book Club
Playford
Fridays from 21st April**

You are invited to join us, Fridays at 9:30 - 11:00am
Hot drinks, cakes, short film and discussion.
For more information, contact ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org
Everyone welcome, no faith required, a safe space to ask any questions



The logo for 'Emerge' is a circular emblem with a stylized sunburst or flower-like design in the center, surrounded by the word 'Emerge' in a cursive font.

.....Here be Treasure



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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

For our Evensong service in May we will be welcoming John Hare to lead our service. John is well known locally and we look forward to him being with us

Church services for May

24th May 9.30am Holy Communion

28th May 3.00pm Sung Evensong

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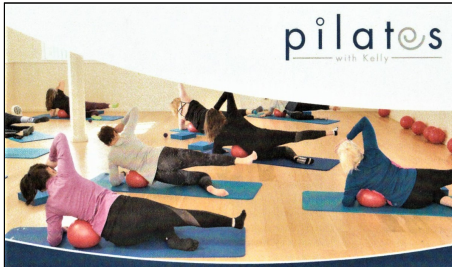
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