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HUMANITY = US - AN URBAN OR A RURAL SPECIES? *A BIT OF A RURAL RANT*

Do you ever get the feeling that our species is becoming irrevocably urbanised? That with the inexorable growth of the human population the only way to house us all is in ever-expanding, ever higher-rising residential towers, ever-spreading conurbations? And that, conversely, the rural life style of villages like ours is viewed as a second class alternative for a rather pathetic sub-species, prepared to put up with non-mains drainage, septic tanks, muddy verges, mice in the outhouses, gardens which actually need hard work to maintain, growing your own vegetables, poor communications, difficult access to health care, lack of most modern amenities, no shops and post offices, sparse entertainment, boarded-up pubs, no street lighting? I do!

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And it is a feeling which grows ever more insistent. Humanity, in so many ways, seems to be growing away from a natural environment, within which we co-exist with, and are inter-dependent on, other species. Towns are made necessary by expanding populations, and work opportunities, but they can so easily become mono-species habitats, allowing for a few urban foxes, messy pigeons etc. Is such a style of living good for our health, both mental and physical? So many studies suggest that clean air, peace and quiet, inter-action with nature are good for us. Living in the country is healthy. I, for one, agree.

But there is conflict. The Ipswich Northern by-pass controversy has clearly pitted rural interests against urban interests. If you choose to live in a town you take what goes with a town. If you choose to live in the country, in a quiet village, you should know what's in the selected package, and should be entitled to fight your corner to keep what you have chosen. If we've chosen to live in peaceful countryside we should be

entitled to argue for our choice. It's not nimbyism. It's trying to protect your own little bit of planet from concrete, noise, intrusion and yes, the constant presence of other members of our own species. Environmental sensitivity and awareness, like charity, begin at home.

Towns can work well. Cinemas, theatres, football clubs, shops, public transport, lively pubs – they're all there, and we enjoy visiting them. But as far as choosing somewhere to live is concerned, most of us living in the Fynn-Lark villages have deliberately chosen the rural life-style, alongside such disadvantages as that might entail. We don't want to be permanently urbanised, in the direction that so many members of the human race, willingly or unwillingly, are moving, like it or not, being sucked in to soul-less cities. If that makes me an grumpy rural voice crying in the wilderness, fine. I love a bit of wilderness. Better than never-ending concrete.

Norman Porter

– not as editor, but in the absence of any alternative submission

REMINDER TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

Christmas is coming! may we remind all contributors that the next edition will be combined to cover December & January.

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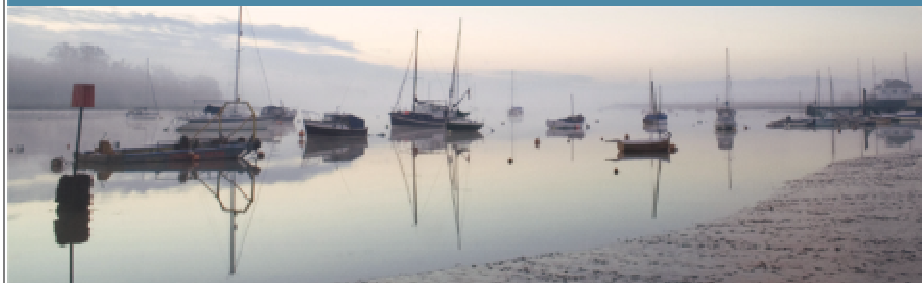
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The editorial team are meeting with parish representatives on Monday 25th November. The purpose of the meeting is to look back on the year now almost passed, and to discuss the way ahead, in the wake of the restructuring of our Benefice. Do please email the editor at nhp@rillcott.co.uk if you have any views you would like to contribute in writing to the meeting.

NATURE NOTES - shrews

Many people will know that Great Bealings churchyard is given the status of a wildlife sanctuary. This means that not all the vegetation has to be cut back all the time. The churchyard is, however, far from being a complete wildness, and all due respect has to be paid to those for whom it is a final resting place. So – once a year - we get together a village working party to prepare the churchyard for winter. Strimming, mowing, snipping, bonfires, chatting, coffee and ploughman-lunching are the core of the morning.

As gardeners will know major works like this disturb such wildlife as has decided to take up residence. One patch of knapweed had to remain uncut after a nest of angry wasps was disturbed, and decided to repel all invaders. But the highlight of the morning was the discovery of a shrew. Jonathan Keer pursued it with his camera, and this led to remarkable twists and turns and under-grass scuttling from the tiny photo-shy creature. It was almost invisible as it darted around at grass-roots level, popping up in unexpected places trying to avoid photographic capture. Eventually it scuttled up a mahonia bush, where Jonathan was able to take this charming picture.

For the scientific record: Shrews have a very short life-span and it is uncommon for a shrew to live for more than 12 months. The common shrew is found

throughout mainland Britain. Their main food source is insects but they will also eat earthworms, small slugs and snails especially in damp areas. Since shrews must eat every 2-3 hours to survive, they are often seen at the surface foraging for food but live in burrows which may have been used previously by another animal. They do not hibernate, but they do become less active in winter. Shrews are highly territorial animals and only socialise with one another in the mating season. Females have three or four litters of 5-7 young between May and September. Females are promiscuous



and a litter may have two or three different fathers.

The common shrew is very widespread, the second most numerous British mammal. The most recent estimate puts the number of shrews in Britain at 41,700,000. Shrews are protected under Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). This Act is ignored by a significant number of predators, which view the shrew as ostensibly tasty fare. Such predators include tawny owls and barn owls, although weasels, foxes, stoats and kestrels have all been observed as predators. The barn owl nesting boxes in

the churchyard are strategically positioned! Corpses are often found abandoned by the predator, particularly cats, since a liquid produced from glands on the skin is foul tasting .

HISTORY CORNER

A reflection on by-passes – tarmac not coronary

If you knew this part of Suffolk in the 1950s, then you would probably remember just a couple of by-passes, both pre-war: the Ipswich by-pass, now the Valley Road, and the Woodbridge by-pass. Both were rather less busy than they are now. Through traffic was still possible along Woodbridge Thoroughfare – even, believe it or not, buses – both ways!

Marian Hedgley remembers that:



Eastern Counties (red) buses went both ways along the Thoroughfare in Woodbridge during the 1950s and sometimes both ways at once! I used to travel on them fairly regularly from Ipswich to visit my Grandparents who lived on the other side of Framlingham and have on several occasions been on a bus which had to pass another one in the middle of the Thoroughfare. They must have been a little narrower than they are nowadays but it was still quite a tricky manoeuvre as they inched themselves past each other very slowly and pedestrians had to squeeze themselves into shop doorways. These were mainly single-deckers, though I have also been on double-deckers going down the

Thoroughfare and I can tell you that the first-floor accommodation above the shops did not have much privacy when a double decker went past!!

The through road down alongside the Deben which we now take for granted, not least as the principal access to shops in the Thoroughfare, had not then been constructed.

Still to come were the Martlesham Bypass and the Wickham Market By-Pass. The bottleneck at the approach to Wickham Market was the width of just one vehicle – and, of course, still is! Also, to come was that other major development, the Orwell Bridge and the Southern by-pass. This is not an apology for by-passes. In the present climate that would be unwise, not to say dangerous. Traffic management thinking, in most cases, thank goodness, has had to evolve to take into account all kinds of more modern environmental and ecological considerations, but it does lead me to ponder on the impact made on our area by the construction of the Martlesham by-pass, in particular, and perhaps to infer from that what might now be the impact of another by-pass.

This item was triggered by pictures that I have on file dating back to the construction of that Martlesham by-pass. It cut through beautiful countryside. It sliced in two Cherry Tree Farm, necessitating the building of an under-road tunnel to enable the late David Smith, farmer, and sometime Chairman of Great Bealings Parish Council, to access land on the other side of the new bypass. It cut across the Martlesham Road in Little Bealings, and probably opened up several residents to an almost permanent roar at worst, murmur at least, of traffic. The local impact must have been massive, not least in the building of it.

By way of a reminder: the scheme, linked to and part of the Ipswich Southern by-pass (described by a champion of the project as a “magnificent new network”) would cost £70M, linked to the then existing A12, which was described in those days as “little more than a passable

single carriageway.” The new BT research building and the new police Headquarters as well as significant local development would exacerbate the problem of traffic density. Given the current usage of that by-pass, few could argue that, with the benefit of hindsight, it was not necessary. In those days the

problem of more cars was instinctively solved by the construction of more roads, even if swathes of countryside had to be sacrificed to the cause.

Things have changed. Awareness of pollution levels, noise and disruption levels, habitat destruction and species

By way of encouraging further thoughts, we have these from Gordon Mutimer, still living close to Cherry Tree Farm and who was affected by the building of the by-pass:

...Turmoil started in 1985...splitting the farm in two....before they built the culvert getting from one side of the farm to the other was virtually impossible...David Smith, owner of the farm managed to get the footpath to Martlesham diverted, to make life safer...all the soil to fill the by-pass came from where Seckford Golf Club now is... tons of sand, soil and dust went backwards and forwards for days on end....the new road was shut for a while when a lorry fell upside down on to its roof off the embankment....the work took 2 years.....even with all the trees planted the noise can still be a nuisance...at the time Martlesham residents must have then thought the by-pass was a godsend...but now we are back to build-ups of traffic and long queues... back to square one, I suppose.



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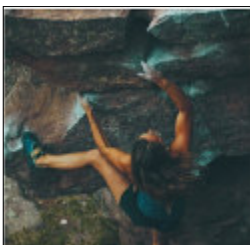
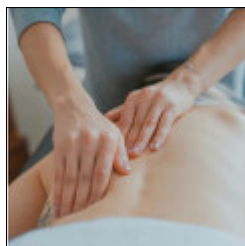
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extinction, the value of farmland, the increasing rarity of quiet residential environments – all within the planet-wide context of warnings of ever more imminent environmental deterioration. In the mid-twentieth century cars and motorways were the smart solution. Transport Minister Ernest Marples was their champion. Dr Beeching ensured that the railways shrank in proportion. The situation has now surely been put into reverse. Trains, trams, buses, bikes and good old simple foot-power are back in vogue. What was right in its time for Martlesham and the Southern by-pass, including all the environmental predation, seems no longer to underpin the case for its northern equivalent. Particularly as the proposed Northern equivalent is set to spill out much of its generated traffic on to the already over-crowded Martlesham and Woodbridge by-passes.

History is not necessarily a reliable guide, but the reality of what is entailed when by-passes are built should be borne in mind by those making decisions and those affected by them.

Norman Porter

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DIARY - WHAT'S ON

November

29th and 30th

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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.

AN UPDATE FROM FRIENDS OF THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

Goodness, it feels like there is so much to update you all on since our last piece in this magazine.

We wanted to start with a huge 'thank you' - we hit our Crowdfunding target plus more than 10%! We really are hugely grateful for your generosity and help in getting this bid off the ground. The funds we raised through the Crowdfunder campaign have enabled us to cover the costs of preparing the bid.

A big thank you as well to everyone who turned out to our share pledge information evening. We're really excited to say that we've already raised tens of thousands of pounds.

WE ARE NOW TAKING SHARE PLEDGES

You should all now have received at least one share offer information pack through your doors. In those packs you'll find information about our plans, feedback from the community, financial forecasting and, most importantly, a share pledge form.

At this point we are asking for pledges, not for actual money. In order to submit a bid for the pub we need to prove that we have the capacity to raise the funds required, but we don't need to be holding the money in an account. As such, all we are asking is for a non-binding pledge to invest.

But it is really important that we get these pledges in soon – the committee needs time to put them together and finalise the plan for purchase, refurbishment and working capital based on what we raise.

If you'd rather pledge online, you can do that at www.friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk/share-pledge/

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

In order to raise the funds we need, we'll need to get the word out far and wide, and we need your help to do that.

To help you could write a letter or email to any friends or family who might be interested in purchasing shares. If you're on social media you could post and tweet about the project too. Don't forget that just good old word of mouth is powerful too, so make sure you tell all your friends and neighbours when you see them!

If you're not sure what to say, we've put together a helpful page on our website with everything from key messages, to links to more information – including the full share information pack, example social media posts to graphics designed for different platforms. You can find that page at www.friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk/community-communications/

LOOKING FORWARD

As the deadline for our bid approaches, we're beginning to look for some new faces to join our group, be that on the management committee or informally. If you think you'd like to help carry this project forwards, please do get in touch at ellie@friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk

Got questions or concerns? Let us know!

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POP UP PUB

Despite horrendous weather on the Friday night, with roads flooded, thunder and lightning, over 90 people braved the elements to enjoy another pop-up pub in the Village Hall.

Yet again, Paul Byrom put together a wonderful music play list for us and Dick Thornborrow's lighting gave the perfect backdrop for everyone to socialise.

A profit of £485 was made. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to and attended these events.

The last pop up pub of the year will be on Friday 29th November 2019 and will hopefully be a celebration of getting our bid in to buy The Admiral's Head. Please save the date and join us.

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Lights, Lights, Lights

St. Crispin's Day reminds one of the Battle of Agincourt, when Henry V "duffed" the French on a muddy pitch. To celebrate the occasion, the Church lights shone on 25 October on more convoluted ground, observed by Owls looking for their midnight feast. I closed the Church on the 24th, savouring the fact that I was one year younger before the Friday occurred. Love and thanks to my beloved wife, Margaret and daughter Henrietta. On the 24th I took Coco with me, who left her own appreciation!

To commemorate or celebrate please let me have your "lighting up" moment and I will switch those lights on.

Roger Roseboom

ST MARY'S

Our future is becoming much clearer. Discussions with St Mary's Woodbridge are in their final phases. A joint parish profile has been drawn up, the purpose of which is to recruit the next Woodbridge Rector, who will also be Priest-in-Charge for Great Bealings. The new partnership is close to being launched. It is anticipated that the position will be advertised later in November, with interviews at the end of January, and the probable taking up of post some 3 months later. The end is hopefully in sight. This will be a brand new chapter in the life of St Mary's, Great Bealings, one that should be celebrated as being historic, but which is, in fact, a rediscovery and reinforcing of links that go back to the 16th century, with the Seckfords, and which were further strengthened in the nineteenth century,

not least by the strong links between the Moor family, living in Great Bealings House, and of course, Canon Moor, living in the Old Rectory, with that celebrated group of distinguished thinkers, artists and writers known as the *Woodbridge Wits*. The pre-WW1 Woodbridge bypass sliced between the two. The two parishes are adjacent - and there is no doubt that Seckford Hall is and always has been firmly situated in Great Bealings!

Times have changed. Links between our two parishes were very much links between the gentry, the people living in large houses. Much more important now are the links between more ordinary folk, between whole communities. If this new relationship is to work, it will be important that people in Great Bealings, whether they be churchgoers or not, offer such support as they can to the new order. The new Priest, together with his/her team, will have pastoral responsibility for our village - this will include baptisms, weddings, funerals, visiting - all the normal functions of a priest which we have traditionally expected from our Benefice incumbent. Parishioners looking back over recent years will recall the line: Rev Frank Hollingsworth, Rev Michael Skliros, Rev Christine Everett, Rev Canon Pauline Stentiford and Rev Celia Cook. Those arrangements, on the whole, have served us well. But there will now be a new dynamic and new relationships. Energy, imagination, patience, resilience and commitment will be needed if we are to maximise the new opportunities.

The alternative would have been a lonely furrow to nowhere. In this increasingly secular age of ours one single church cannot attract a priest, let alone survive.



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LOOKING BACK

Jessica Major and Matt Cummings married in St Mary's in July 2016. This picture is a reminder of that occasion. Jessica has recently given birth to a baby boy, Henry Andrew Cummings, on September 6th.



Our warmest congratulations to the couple, who are currently living in converted accommodation at The Croft in Great Bealings, but are hoping to move shortly.

PCC MEETING – MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER

A very significant meeting of the PCC took place on the day before the deadline for this publication. The central business of the meeting was to report on progress of discussions relating to our future relationship with St Mary's, Woodbridge, the assess its implications, and to initiate a strategic review of the future of the parish of Great Bealings, in terms of its church and priestly administration.

All should now realise that as from some time in 2020 it is likely that all matters relating to weddings, funerals, baptisms, pastoral care etc will be dealt with by the Rector and support staff of St Mary's, Woodbridge. It is to our great benefit that our affairs over the year of interregnum have been watched over by Rev John Hare, himself a member of the

Woodbridge team. Your PCC will do their very best to ensure that the new arrangements work to our communal benefit, and will similarly engage our community in discussions as to how to maximise new opportunities, while respecting the former links with local villages.

LOOKING FORWARD

We confirm that the key Christmas dates are our Carol Service on 15th December at 6.00 pm and Midnight Mass on December 24th. Rev John Hare will be officiating on both occasions. We hope to be able to once again recruit a "**Peoples Choir**", under the leadership of Megan Peel, to ensure that the congregation have a vigorous vocal lead. As last year the only rehearsal will be just beforehand. All enthusiastic singers are invited to join us on this occasion, to provide a sturdy lead to the congregation.

We can also anticipate a special service on the **Sunday 2nd February, combining Candlemas with Snowdrops**. This is the time of year when our glorious array of snowdrops should be in resplendent bloom. St Mary's snowdrops, signifying, as they do, new life in a new year, enjoy fame and reputation beyond the parish borders, so deserve to be celebrated.

CHURCHYARD

On Saturday October 5th around a dozen residents, plus Francis and Liz Mutimer from Little Bealings, rolled up their sleeves and oiled up their strimmers and put in a hard morning's work getting the churchyard ready for winter. One patch has survived un-trimmed, after a wasps' nest was disturbed and two casualties resulted. Despite that setback, after much toil and a couple of bonfires, one vigorous and very smoky, the other fitful and reluctant, most of the surplus vegetation had been cleared, and participants were able to enjoy a well-earned ploughman's lunch.

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commitment. Their efforts did not go unnoticed. A couple of days later I received a phone-call from Peter Fitch, now living in Birmingham, but whose parents and grand-parents are buried in the churchyard. He said he had never seen it looking better – and he and your churchwarden arranged to meet for an extended cup of coffee, over which many historical memories were divulged and shared, with more promised.

Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER

Note: the full minutes are available on the website

AMENDMENT TO MINUTE 3(I) 22ND JULY 2019 RE CROFT COTTAGE – The section of the minute with regard to the demolition and rebuilding works is hereby amended to read:

“Concern was expressed as to the stability of the adjacent property, and the effect on this of the extensive demolition and rebuilding process. However, the new building will be 11.20 metres away from the adjacent property and PN, who had provided the PC with some technical advice relating to this matter, concluded that damage was highly unlikely providing competent builders and engineers were employed.”

TREES, PLANTING ETC

£500 funding has been received from Colin Hedgley’s Community Budget, for which the PC is extremely grateful. This will enable the PC to extend the planting. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that there is still £425 outstanding from the grant made in 2018 to the Parish Planters, and she is concerned that this may be recalled. Some possible projects were discussed and Martin Cripps will lead the effort to decide on what this money will be spent, and report back to the next meeting.

WATER MEADOW

Colin Hedgley is currently investigating this and collating information, facts and

evidence. Rob Munn is disappointed at the lack of support from the Environment Agency.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY (CH)

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on the recent statement made by the leader of ESC that they have no formal policy yet on the Ipswich Northern Route. CH also drew attention to the money saved from fraudulent activity by the Council’s Corporate Fraud Service, and to the Government grant received for providing accommodation for rough sleepers.

BRIEFING BY ANDY JOLIFFE (AJ) ON HIS ROLE AS ESC COMMUNITIES OFFICER

AJ explained his role at ESC. He emphasised that this is not a completely new role, but is now more community driven. He aims to work in partnership with the PC and the residents to find out what is important to all. He has a small budget to support community groups and organisations. He works with Age Concern on befriending schemes, Community Action Suffolk and with younger people. He also deals with Anti-Social Behaviour and promotes the need for this to be reported so that action can be taken.

IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE

Charles Barrington summarised the discussions held at the Public Meeting on 23rd August. The Notes of that meeting are attached to these minutes on the website. The Council **resolved** to object to all the proposed routes. Following the vote at the Public Meeting to make a financial contribution to the ‘STOP’ Campaign, Cllrs discussed what would be the appropriate figure from the Reserve Fund of £2000, and whether to pay some now towards the campaign expenses, and the remainder later if a judicial review becomes necessary. It was **resolved** to contribute 20% of the Reserve, i.e. £400,

payable half now and half later if needed.

HIGHWAYS - SAVID/SID

The PC expressed grateful thanks to Phil Holmes who has succeeded in getting the SID up and running, and has submitted the first month's data.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Nine cheques were approved and signed for the Clerk's salary and PAYE, office expenses, newsletter flyer, Data protection fee, ESC election fee and equipment for SID.

WORK AT FAMBRIDGE

A resident has expressed concern at the recent activity at these works. The works were subject to an Environment Agency (EA) Permit which would be regulated by the EA. The Clerk will enquire from them as to the current position.

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER

Note: the full minutes are available on the website

PLANNING

DC/19/3724 – Brook House, Kiln Lane – erection of steel frame to accept PV panels, after the removal of two existing sheds. Sheds replaced with new timber storage unit.

The Council **resolved** that there were no objections to this application

DC/19/3681/FUL & DC/19/3682/LBC – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road – Proposed conversion of existing cart-lodge and log store to single storey domestic accommodation to be used in conjunction with the rest of the house

The applicant explained the reasoning behind this application and answered some questions from Cllrs. The Council **resolved** that there were no objections to this application, but would request that ESC impose a condition to ensure the actual glazing is anti-glare so it does not impact on the external aspect of the building. The Barn remains outside the red line and the PC will further request

ESC to confirm that no further permitted development rights arise, therefore the Barn would not be supported for any further application

DC/19/3884/FUL – Fambridge, Lower Street – Single and two-storey extensions and alterations

The PC **resolved** that there were no objections to this application, but would request ESC to confirm that they have checked the flood categorisation of the site.

DC/19/3688/PIP – Planning in Principle – Erection of one dwelling at land to the north of Boot Street, IP13 6PB

The Council unanimously **resolved** to strongly object to this application. The application contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan and the proposed development would be contrary to the intent of the relevant Landscape Protected Area. It would also be contrary to the Area Protected from Development in which it is situated.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Anthony Sheppard gave Cllrs some details from the Suffolk Local Authorities Parish Engagement meeting that he had attended that morning. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the issues and options for an engagement protocol to form part of Suffolk Design, and to agree the principles for this, which will be discussed at SALC's Annual Conference in November. Concerns have been expressed by other PCs about the lack of PC engagement with District Councils regarding pre-app discussions, especially, as in our case, where a Neighbourhood Plan has been made by the PC in question.

IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE

Cllrs discussed the recent statement by Little Bealings PC in respect of their relationship with the SCC Councillor Robin Vickery. Whilst Great Bealings PC supports their view, we do not intend to make a similar statement. CPB will advise their Chairman of this.

NOTICES

Cllrs were advised of some notices that

had been posted on the PC's Boot Street notice board in respect of the Northern Bypass and Affordable Homes. Since the notices were unsigned, the PC would be happy to invite the originator, by way of these minutes, to attend the next PC meeting to discuss their views.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cllrs discussed the PC's current Code of Conduct which had been adopted from the model document circulated by SALC. This will be researched further to ensure the rules reflect the current legislation and practice, and any amendment required will be discussed at a subsequent meeting and then submitted at the next Annual Parish Meeting for approval, when all such documents are reviewed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th November at 7.00 p.m.

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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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS – NOVEMBER 29TH AND 30TH

See featured article. The performance will last about 2 hours, including interval for refreshments. Refreshments are included in the cost. Programmes are available from Norman Porter nhp@rillcott.co.uk. Or 01473 735565. We have hard copies, but copies can also be emailed. The programme contains items about Annesley, Lawrie and Dickens, so offers pre-show reading and information. Pre-payment preferred, but payment on the door is possible with prior notice. There may be seats for anyone coming

along on the night, but that could be risky, as places are limited, so do check first.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER – SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Will and Alison Self have once more undertaken to organise this popular and long-standing event. The date is the usual first Saturday in February, viz February 1st. They will be contacting those who normally participate but, if you have not been involved before, they would be delighted to initiate any new recruits into what is involved. This is a wonderful way of getting to know more people in the village. Contact Will via email: self979@btinternet.com or telephone: 07764745489

GERMAN EVENING FRIDAY MARCH 27TH

Prof Jeremy Tambling will be back again next year – probably on Friday March 27th. He has said that he would like to talk about WG Sebald, former Professor of European Literature at the University of East Anglia, and whose writings include several references to Suffolk and Norfolk. Sebald was born in Germany in 1944 – and died in 2001 - but this seemed a good opportunity to look more widely at aspects of German Art – painting, music, humour – and to bolster the evening's thoughtfulness with appropriate German refreshments.

Whatever the political situation by the time March comes round, and whether you are a Brexiteer or Remainer, or numbed into apathetic submission, and despite the horrors of 20th century German History, few would deny that German culture has contributed significantly to wider European culture, so let's think about it, articulate that fact, and hopefully celebrate it.

GREAT BEALINGS OPEN GARDENS – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

It is some time since we had such an event, but our forthcoming links with St Mary's, Woodbridge seem to offer the perfect opportunity to open up some of

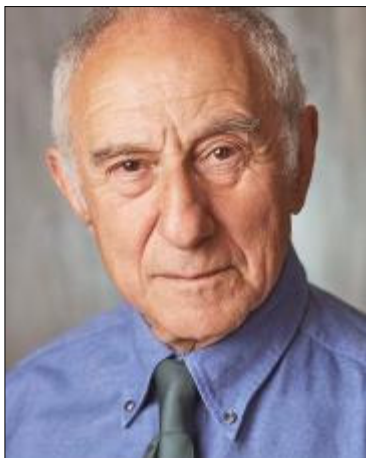
our gardens again and specifically to invite members of the Woodbridge congregation to visit us and to get to know our village better. There would necessarily be a central point of activity, with visitors able to fan out around the village to such locations as are prepared to be open on the day. Late May or early June (possibly June 6th?) would seem to be a good time for such an event, but, at this stage, all we need to know is whether we can find 6/8 venues which would welcome visitors. A warm country welcome is all that is needed – not Chelsea-style perfection. **Do let us know if you would like to be involved in some capacity.** We have done this before, and this seems an opportune moment to do it again.

‘DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS’

at Annesley Hall, Boot Street, Great Bealings, IP13 6PQ

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November

Presented by actor and Great Bealings resident Lawrence Werber



Lawrence, known to his family and locally as Lawrie, will perform this Christmas-themed version of his acclaimed one-man show at Annesley Hall by kind permission of owners Nicky and Ben

Morton-Wright, with proceeds going to charity. The show features stories that Dickens wrote specially for Christmas, together with excerpts from his novels that have a Christmas connection: and culminates, of course, with **‘A Christmas Carol’**

Lawrie has lived in Great Bealings with his wife, the artist Valerie Irving, since moving from London in 1979. Their three children, Tom, Cassie and Harry, grew up in the village. He says:

*‘Having qualified, and worked for 11 years as a dentist in London, I made a career change to pursue acting. The move to Bealings was part of the change. My first professional job was with Eastern Angles Theatre Company, which I co-founded in 1981. Productions locally included **Marsh Fever, The Reapers Year, When The Boats Came In, and Barbers Green.***

*A wide-range of roles, venues, directors followed, including work in the West End: **Countrymania, The Merchant of Venice, Broken Glass, Old Wicked Songs,**); **The Ends of the Earth,** and: **The Miser.** Work in repertory includes **The Writing Game (Manchester): The Grapes of Wrath (Birmingham), Our Country’s Good (Colchester): Stand (Oxford – and on tour: it played at the Wolsey Studio).***

*A highlight when the children were young and the Werbers could tour as a family was Phoebus Cart’s open-air production of **The Tempest**, directed by a then little-known **Mark Rylance**, who played Prospero. The magic within the play was enhanced by Mark’s choice of the three sites for the tour, which are all on ley lines: invisible lines of power that are said to traverse the globe: **The Rollright Stones in Warwickshire, Corfe Castle in Dorset and the concrete hole in the ground that formed the foundations of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre. The Globe project had stalled for lack of funds. Not long after we had played that vast concrete space, 50 feet below***

ground level money was found, and the Globe was built. And Mark was appointed as its first Director. Magic, or what?

Lawrie has played the Edinburgh Festival twice, winning a Fringe First with '100' in 2001, and recently playing Dr Watson in **Brotha Holmes**, an American comedy about Sherlock Holmes' unknown black super-sleuth half-brother in LA. Though well received, and a lot of fun to do, this achieved no award. Film and TV credits include **Knightmare, House of Cards, Secret Weapon, Casualty, The Bill, Kinder**. Recent stage work includes **The Heart of Robin Hood** at The Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Lawrie's most recent film work was early

this year. **Eva's Story** (See *June Mag*) was filmed in the Ukraine by an Israeli film company who adapted Eva's wartime diary, which survived her perishing in the Holocaust. It was an uncomfortable, but extraordinary, project to be involved in, particularly because Lviv, the city in which it was made, has an ugly wartime history, and seeing tanks and German soldiers in the streets was chilling. *Eva's Story* was released, uniquely, as @evea.stories on Instagram - the target audience being young teenagers, many of whom might be unaware of The Holocaust. It achieved an astonishing 100 million views on its first day, and could signal the start of a new trend in film releasing.

‘DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS’

at Annesley Hall, Great Bealings



Performances are on Friday 29 November at 7.30 pm, and
Saturday 30 November at 3.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

Programmes are £10.00 (£6.00 for under-18s – suitable for 10+) and are
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PARISH COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCILOR ROBIN VICKERY

The Council had had no information from Mr Vickery and so its resolution that the Council no longer had confidence in his ability to represent them as the elected County Councillor for the Carlford Ward had taken effect on 1 October.

The Parish Council met on 8 October.

The main issues considered were:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/19/3602/FUL: Proposed Two-Storey Side Extension and Reconfiguration of Adjoining Areas to Existing Dwelling: Pipits Hill, Martlesham Road

DC/19/3562/FUL: Proposed Alterations and Side Extension: 1 Holly Lane

There were no objections to these developments.

DC/19/2349/FUL: Extensions and Alterations: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

A response was awaited from ESC regarding the development which was being carried out and the permissions granted.

DC/19/2899/FUL and DC/19/2900/LSC: Planning Application and Listed Building Consent: Extension of the external toilet in order to accommodate a new boiler to heat the Church. The existing shed will be replaced with a new one to provide storage for the Church: All Saints Church, The Street

The application for listed building consent had been withdrawn.

SINKS PIT LIAISON MEETING

This had been arranged for 17 October, to be attended by Mr Hunter and Ms Saagi/Mr Garnham.

GRIT BINS

One grit bin had been repaired. A

resident had offered to continue to spread grit at the level crossing and this offer was accepted. One of the bins near the crossing would be considered for repair by a volunteer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council is due to meet on 4 November.

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

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YET ANOTHER BUSY MONTH AT ALL SAINTS

The church has been full of life with the sound of chatting and children playing, the clink of cups, the smell of coffee, the sight of the beautiful flowers that fill our church with such splendour, and the crackle of the roaring log fire. It's been a pleasure to hear all the lovely comments from everyone who has visited saying what a lovely church we have.

Looking back through October, we've had our Community Farmers Market with lots of new stalls, the Church Tearoom is proving to be a success with new faces daily, our weekly countryside walks and Thursday morning drop in for coffee and chat are receiving good feedback and the splendid Hollesley WI choir have performed for us. On October 20th, we celebrated becoming Elders with a lovely afternoon tea in the church followed by a special commissioning service led by Archdeacon Sally Gaze, Rev Robin

Spittle and Rev Gary Jones. It was a lovely service with the added bonus of a fabulous brass band that filled the church with wonderful music! All in all, Tony and I are so very happy with all that is developing within the church.

NEW BEGINNINGS

As most of you are aware, the structure of our Benefice is going to be taking a new shape and we are pleased to announce that it has been unanimously agreed by both Parochial Church Councils that Little Bealings will join Kesgrave to form a new Benefice along with Playford. We have had lots of very good talks with Rev Robin Spittle & Rev Gary Jones from Kesgrave and we look forward to announcing more in the next Fynn Lark News. While this may be a change in our Benefice structure, we feel it will offer the village very positive benefits in terms of staffing, a greater pool of volunteers, more church activities, and better connections with the wider community.

TEAROOM OPEN MORE OFTEN FOR REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALISING

The Tearoom will be open every weekday for the first 2 weeks of November. Starting Monday, the 4th, we will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday for coffee, homemade cakes, light lunches and afternoon teas, not forgetting the wood burner smouldering away creating a lovely warm atmosphere. The week commencing Monday 18th November and thereafter, the Tearoom will be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. As the days grow shorter and darker, we invite you to join us to warm up by the fire!

VILLAGE ESSENTIALS OPENS NOVEMBER 4TH

When we first held open meetings in 2015 and in responses from our survey from over 200 people, it was clear that local residents wanted a small shop opened in the Village. As a result, we are pleased to announce the launch of "Village Essentials"! From Monday, November 4th, the shop will be open alongside the

Tearoom--selling everyday essentials – from household items and non-perishable foods, to gifts for birthdays and Christmas, greeting cards, stamps and much more! Please see our Tearoom hours for opening times.

BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB CONTINUES TO GROW

Tony and I are delighted to see that the Church is attracting more and more visitors. In the early days of our church it was a central gathering place for all sorts of community activities--even including cattle auctions--and we hope that as time goes by we will be able to host a growing roster of community events and activities, open to all and with no agenda other than bringing us all together!

We will be holding several events in the Hub next year that may be of interest to you, including a discussion from the archaeologist who supervised the initial work on the floor, a showing of a documentary on Bob Dylan, and intergenerational activities such as gardening. We will also be installing a projector and screen and look forward to matinees, movie nights, and Saturday morning cartoons being shown! Please let us know what else you would like to see in the Hub – it truly belongs to the entire village and we welcome your contributions.

FITVILLAGES CONSULTATION LEADS TO WEDNESDAY EVENING PILATES CLASS

The FitVillages consultation ended on October 13th and the Council was delighted with the responses. As a result, we will be able to hold Pilates in the Church on Monday evenings. We will have more news next month, but we anticipate that the low-cost class will be led by a local instructor and will start in mid-January – a perfect time to work off those holiday treats and stretch and strengthen your muscles before Spring arrives!

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2019

Rev Robin Spittle is hosting a weekend of remembrance at All Saints church Kesgrave named "Kesgrave, Little

Bealings and Playford during WW2". The weekend starts at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 8th November with an evening presentation and exhibition launch led by Rev Robin. The exhibition continues on Saturday, November 9th, from 10.000 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Sunday 10th November from 12:30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., concluding with a Songs of Praise service at 5.00 p.m. and the lighting of the beacon at 6.00 p.m. Tony and I will be at All Saints Kesgrave for a good part of the weekend offering our services and we would love to welcome you for a look round and a cuppa with us.

*Corinne and Tony
Churchwardens and Elders,*



MARY MITTON

From Gorleston to Uganda to London to Johannesburg to Clopton to Little Bealings - Still going strong at 97!

Mary Mitton is delightful! Over a nice strong cup of tea at All Saints Church, we had a chance to chat and find out more about her life--not only in Little Bealings but also her early years in Africa and travels around the world. After being born in Gorleston, Norfolk almost a century ago, Mary's family moved to Uganda when she was only 18 months old, where she promptly contracted malaria. Luckily, she received good treatment and went on

to enjoy life in Africa while her parents--both teachers who were originally from Burton-on-Trent--worked in Nairobi at a school for the sons of local tribal Chiefs. Her father, Frank, worked with the boys both as a teacher and as the local vicar, while her mother taught the girls and women handicrafts and other key life skills and Mary enjoyed exploring the village.

Upon her return to England, the family lived in Clopton for a year and her younger sister Joyce was born before they all moved to Little Bealings where her father became the Rector for the newly formed Benefice. Life in the rectory was full of adventure. There were chickens and geese that often escaped to the Churchyard, and the girls' imagination ran wild as they played in the Churchyard. There were many fewer houses in the village but there was a local shop and young Mary was given a few pennies for a special treat and allowed to walk down and buy some sweets – chocolates were a favourite!

Mary remembers driving to primary school and back in Ipswich with her father and after finishing at Ipswich High School for Girls she trained as a midwife with the Salvation Army in London during wartime. After being evacuated to Castle Cromford, Mary can still recall the trepidation she felt carrying the babies up and down the cold stone stairs so they could be nursed since mothers and babies weren't kept together.

After spending 4 years in Johannesburg nursing in a maternity ward, in 1953 Mary began work at the Phyllis Memorial Maternity Home in Yarmouth Road, Melton where women stayed for 14 days after giving birth. Mary encouraged the young mothers to go out with their husbands the evening before moving back into their houses while she cared for their newborns – she knew that life would forever be different for the young mothers after the luxury of 14 days in the maternity ward! After living in the Home and supervising the 14 beds, Mary moved

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back to Little Bealings where she took part in many village activities and continued to work at the Ward. She was lucky enough to buy a brand-new Morris 1000 which survived many years of service as she commuted back and forth along the small country roads! She enjoyed the independence it brought and while she no longer has the Morris and is retired from her work as a midwife, she

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thank-you, once again, to everyone who shared the community lunch on 1st.October. The profit of £170 goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall.

The Next Community Lunch will be on 5th. November 12.30

"Bangers" (Swiss Farm Sausages) & Mash

Fried Onions & Onion Gravy

Mixed Veg

Pumpkin Pie Cream/Ice-cream. Tea/ Coffee

Enquiries and booking for Lunch or use of the Hall

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Grateful thanks also goes to

- ★ Ivan Jowers who has donated his fridge and freezer
- ★ Betty Slim for special table covers to use for social events etc
- ★ Jenny Cook for the dart board and "arrows"
- ★ Sharon Johnson for lots of tea bags, coffee and washing-up liquid
- ★ Carol Marsden for great RHS puzzle and puzzle mat
- ★ Tracey Herrington for lovely flower arrangements and continuing work on the Herb Garden
- ★ Ferial Rogers for lots of pan scourers and on-going design and calligraphic work for a Hall donors list
- ★ The Knit & Natter group whose contributions have financed extra water jugs, tea towels, dusters and polish

All these contributions add greatly to the continuing improvement of the Hall's facilities for the use of all the community.

Thanks to you all!



PLAY READING GROUP

Friday 8th November 7:30 p.m.

Angela Cobbold Hall



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AUTUMN COLOUR GARDENING CLUB MEETING



Thursday 14th November 7:30pm

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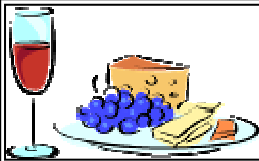
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LARK RISE ANTIQUES CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December

The Angela Cobbold Hall

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November

Monday 4th	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 5th	Community Lunch	12:30 p.m.
Friday 8th	Play Reading (a comedy)	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 14th	Just-for-fun Singalong	2.00 p.m.
Thursday 14th	Gardening Club	7:30 p.m.
Monday 18th	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19th	Bingo	2.00 p.m.
Friday 22nd	Wine Tasting (Christmas wines + cheese)	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 30th	Lark Rise Antiques Christmas Fair	10.00 a.m.-4 .00 p.m.

December

Sunday 1st	Lark Rise Antiques Christmas Fair	10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.
Monday 2nd	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 3rd	Community Lunch	12:30 p.m.
Friday 6th	Christmas Disco (ages 10-14)	5.00 p.m.
Thursday 12th	Gardening Club	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 14th	Strictly Come Dancing Final: Screening	6:45 p.m.
Monday 16th	Knit and Natter	2.00 p.m.
Friday 20th	Bealings Village Christmas Party	7.00 p.m.

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PLAYFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.

The Mere Landscape and Wildlife Evaluation is now available to read in full and should be of interest to everyone, not only to Playford residents but to all adjacent communities who are interested in the Fynn Valley.

Although posted as a stand alone document the report should be read in conjunction with the Landscape and Wildlife Evaluation of Playford Parish carried by Suffolk Wildlife Trust Trading Ltd in 2018 as part of our Neighbourhood Plan, following the submission of this document to the PC in May 2019, SWT were commissioned by the Parish in July 2019 to carry out the additional survey of the Mere because there had been no access at the time of the original Evaluation.

Both reports can now be accessed via Playford Neighbourhood Plan Website playfordvillage.co.uk.

CHURCH NOTES

Forward planning for your diaries

The Benefice Remembrance Service takes place at Playford Church on Sunday 10th November at 10am. Peter Wintgens will be presiding.

Regalia and medals may be worn.

Dates for your diary:

December 22nd Candlelit Carol Service

with Posada starting at 6pm. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

December 24th Benefice Crib Service at 6pm in Little Bealings Church

December 25th Christmas Day Service at 10am in Playford Church

Churchwarden

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

23rd September - for Joseph Royle on his 5th Birthday

19th October - sponsored by Liz Royle to celebrate the 95th birthday of Averil Wilkinson, a one time very long standing resident of Playford, now in a Home in Saxtead and by Victoria and Will for Veronica's birthday, also on that day.

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. Please contact the Church Warden if unable to get hold of Veronica. Sponsorship is now £10 a night. P.S. PLEASE SEE MY APPEAL FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas Church Lights I expect - or hope - that most people read our Church Warden's announcement in the

September issue of this magazine that, very reluctantly, the PCC came to the conclusion that the fee charged for putting on the floodlights must now, after 27 years, be raised with immediate effect to £10 for a night. As we are all too well aware, the price of electricity has risen quite steeply in the last few years. And I also imagine that, at Christmas, most people probably expect to see a Floodlit Church. This year we would hope to have them on from Sunday, 22nd December through to 5th January 2020 inclusive. Some families, usually the same ones, have, very generously, been sponsoring the Christmas Church lights every year since I began to be responsible for the lights which has been nearly 11 years now. I am appealing to everyone to think about sponsoring an evening over this period - particularly families with children; I know how much the children enjoy walking up to the Church to see the lights especially if they feel they have been part of the process. It would be wonderful to be able to raise at least £120 in order to cover the costs of having the lights on at Christmas. Please think about it

PLAYFORD W.I.

We held a lovely evening celebrating our 96th. birthday. Lots of lovely home-made jams and chutneys were enjoyed and we went on to have a brief Caribbean boule match indoors.

Our next meeting in November is the most important meeting of the year, that being our AGM when we elect our President, Treasurer and Secretary.

We will not be having a speaker at this meeting.

*Sue Bruce
Secretary*

BINKY AND CO

Binky loved flying away for a holiday. The smell of aircraft fuel did something to him

that he couldn't explain, nectar of the gods he called it. Most aeroplane pilots called it something else but they are a funny lot.

As he walked into Gatwick airport the hairs on the back of his neck stood up as did the hairs on the back of his wife's hands. Binky had advised her to wear gloves but as it was a sunny August day, he decided to let her off. He was that sort of chap. Thoughtful. It had been difficult booking a flight as so few companies understood the needs of Binky's wife. She needed two seats in order to "be comfy" as she put it. Most airlines offered her a reserved place in the hold with a three-bar electric fire but Binky would have none of it. "I want my wife with me he demanded". At which point 'Micksplanes' immediately offered Binky a place in the hold as well. Eventually reservations were made with "Chance-it Air" with extra wide seats booked at twice the price. A sort of two for the price of three bargain much like the supermarkets. Binky booked in his suitcases at the check-in although Mrs S did try to point out that it didn't display Chance-it Air above the desk but Choice air. Binky said it didn't matter because the right destination label went onto the suitcase handle. Then off they went to the departure section and onto the end of a long line of people going through search and x-ray. The first problem came with Mrs S's hand baggage. It set all the alarms off on the conveyer belt and all the security people went into a mass huddle in order to make an instant and decisive decision on what to do next. After ten minutes a way forward was agreed. They would not do very much. Firstly, they had to get Mrs S through the security arch but unfortunately, she wouldn't fit. The body search was a failure as the very nice lady realised, she was running her hands down a cast iron corset and triple thickness stockings. She gave up. But Mrs S being the kind person she was suggested that the "nice young man over

there” might like to have a try. This was refused on the grounds of safety of personnel. It took a long time to search through her hand baggage as bottle after bottle of skin cream, skin refresher, skin rejuvenator and a jar of Brylcream were removed and confiscated. Mrs S was distraught as she had brought along enough for one day only hoping to purchase more at the resort, but there it was half a sack of jars for recycling.

Once both were through it was time for a light lunch at the Hog Inn and a full roast dinner was enjoyed by our intrepid duo followed by steamed roly-poly pudding with lashings of custard and ice cream all for £80 each which is cheap for a British airport. Binky was good at getting a bargain.

The time came to go to gate number 121 which necessitated a walk of about

quarter of a mile, the traveller having broken down three months ago and a quick-fire spares service with the strap line “At the forefront of delivery “offering a six month wait for the part. By the time Binky and Mrs S reached the desk they were at the back of the queue. There was only one queue which was strange because Binky had paid for priority boarding, but apparently so had the other 189 passengers. What a rip off thought Binky and complained bitterly to the desk clerk who replied quite tersely that it was “company policy” as if that exonerated them for just about anything. After one hour everyone was on board strapped in and ready to go.

How exciting whispered Mrs S to Binky. Yes, it is replied Binky smiling into her bloodshot eyes.

What could possibly go wrong?

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

P.C.C. meeting 10th October 2019

The meeting heard that the restoration work is now complete and the Church watertight. We remain eternally grateful to Historic England for their financial support and continued advice. You will have noticed that the Church and churchyard has had a substantial 'make-over' during the last year. Under the supervision of Churchwarden Richard, churchyard maintenance has been carried out by a group of volunteers and we are pleased to report the Church and all within its curtilage, is now in excellent condition. However, we cannot be complacent and the P.C.C. will keep Church preservation at the forefront of Church business.

In addition to the above, work is soon to be carried out to improve the outside lighting. Old-style light bulbs will be replaced with the more efficient L.E.D. ones and light fittings made more secure. It is hoped the work will be completed before the 1st November.

Treasurer, Guy informed members that, through good governance, the Church finances were in a healthy state. He offered grateful thanks to all those who support the Church, either through financial donations, attending fundraising events, or helping in other tangible ways.

We are mindful that we need to make sure funds will be available if major works are required. To this end St. Botolph's will continue to fundraise and we look forward to four major musical events during 2020. These will be advertised once details are finalised and your support will be very much appreciated.

Our next P.C.C. meeting will be held on Thursday 13th February 2020.

Margaret Gornall
Secretary

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

Great Bealings: For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

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

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

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

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

LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

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

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

or phone 01473 613500.

Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

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

In an emergency contact the police.

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

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

Fly Tipping and Litter: Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

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

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 *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS VH Thu 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. *Teresa Jay 07929310480*
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*
: *bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com*
WI VH Thu (3rd in month) 2.00 Oct - Mar
7.00 Apr - Sep *Jennifer Cook 623985*

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PH: Parish Hall

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

CHURCH DIARY – NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday November 3rd

10.00 a.m. Family Communion **Great Bealings**

Sunday November 10th

10.00 a.m. Benefice Remembrance Service **Playford**

Sunday November 17th

3.00 p.m. Evensong **Culpho**

Wednesday November 20th

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion **Culpho**

Sunday November 24th

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion **Little Bealings**

FUTURE DATES

December 15th

6.00 pm Carol Service **Great Bealings**

December 18th

7.00 p.m. Carol Service **Little Bealings**

December 22nd

6.00 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service with Posada **Playford**

December 24th

4.00 p.m. **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Benefice Crib Service **Little Bealings**
Midnight Mass **Great Bealings**

December 25th

10.00 a.m. **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Christmas Day Service **Playford**



DECEMBER - JANUARY 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the December - January 2020 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday, 19th November.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 30th November.**

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