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THE QUEEN

The sad news earlier this month affected everyone, but in a myriad of ways. Most have seen and listened to her, albeit only at Christmas, from a distance but she still seemed part of the lives of each and every one of us.

Some of us, although very young, can still remember the late King's death and being assembled in the school hall and given the news. We then all trooped out into the playground as the union flag was lowered to half-mast and we all sang the national anthem. (Yes, in

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

those days we had a flagpole in the playground!)

Nonetheless the young and old of today still feel genuine grief and we should reflect on that in these cynical and somewhat selfish times. One woman can make the whole nation stop and think. One woman can make a difference.

Some of us have had the privilege of serving the Queen more directly and meeting the Queen on numerous occasions. Being in the Royal Navy and serving on the Royal Yacht for eight years made that possible and for me was a special experience.



There is no doubt that the queen was the total professional, meeting and greeting world leaders and members of the public with the same enthusiasm and interest. Hosting many official receptions on the Yacht I witnessed her at her very best talking to each and every guest with the same enthusiasm and attentiveness, not leaving anyone out and making sure that any children present were made a fuss of.

She always looked forward to a SODS (Ships Operatic and Dramatic Society) opera when on the Yacht. There were many evenings at sea when the fo'c'sle was turned into an auditorium and stage and 'skits' (comic acts, songs, magicians etc.) were presented to a very discerning

(200 sailors plus the Royals) audience and in the main was well received by everyone with plenty of laughs, cheers, jeers, boos etc. The Queen never stopped laughing and yes, being a bit of a show off I appeared in many.



But the Queen also had an impish sense of humour. Protocol dictated that when Her Majesty entered the mess, often just for a cup of tea and a biscuit, all should stand, and nothing is said until the Queen opens the conversation. On one occasion she came into the mess, we all stood, silence. The Queen looked around as if she had never been in the mess before, studied a few photos on the bulkhead, smiled, nodded knowingly and said nothing. The silence was deafening and painful. She then turned, smiled and said, "Well I suppose I had better open the conversation!" Relief all round and we got on with small talk and tea.

The Queen was happiest on the Royal Yacht, away from pressure and with her family and a Yacht's company that just got on with their jobs around the Royal Family as if it were the norm, which of course it was.

Once, when she was in the mess having an afternoon cuppa, on our way through the Western Isles taking her up to Aberdeen for the summer break in

Balmoral, she asked if any of us had ever been to the Scottish Castle. We all replied in the negative. "Well, that will have to be remedied, I'll speak to the Admiral." The next day a form went up on the main noticeboard suggesting that if anyone would like to visit Balmoral whilst we alongside in Aberdeen, append your name below and if necessary, a minibus would be hired. Needless to say, the final transport consisted of three sixty-five-seater buses.

When we arrived at the castle we were divided into small groups and the very helpful and friendly staff took us on guided tours. At one point we were in a small dining room and our 'guide' was describing the provenance of a painting hanging on the wall. From behind me a female voice said "No that's not quite right John, I had better take over from here." It was of course the Queen who then took over as guide for the rest of the

tour of our small group. When we got to the grand porch on our way out, it looked as if a hurricane had just passed through. Wellie boots, umbrellas, walking sticks, raincoats all left where they were dropped. The Queen said, "I must apologise for the untidy state, everyone went for a morning walk." One of the sailors said, "It's very similar to my porch at home only mine is a tad smaller" Another said, "Well if the Queen can't get her family to put their wellies away properly, I've got no chance with mine!" Everyone had a good laugh, and we all thanked the Queen for a good tour of her house, and we went happily off to the veg garden where the future King gave us another "Royal Tour." A brilliant day out that money cannot buy.

Rest assured, the monarchy and our constitution are in safe hands. God save the King.

Colin Hedgley



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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

NEWS ITEMS



Ann Barrett, widow of the late Eddie, who used to manage Rosery Farm for Lord Belstead, will be well known around our villages. Having suffered poor health for some time, she is now moving from Seckford Bungalow (Ann with Debbie, pictured) into Grundisburgh – not that far away, but out of our immediate orbit.

She, Eddie, and their family: Nick, Ally and Debbie, have been associated with the village for almost 60 years, with Ann vying for status as one of the oldest residents. Nick was 16 months old when they moved to Rosery Farm on 1st March 1963 when Eddie took up the position as Miss Crane's farm manager and Debbie and Ally were born there. Ann was a well-known figure at our Plant Sales, offering tablesful of plants, particularly prize-winning dahlias. She was the stand-in cook at Bealings Primary School for a brief time whilst the permanent cook was recuperating from an operation. She has

also been a long-term distributor of this Magazine in her local area.

As she moves away from the farming area to which she and her family have been so long attached, and which they have nurtured in the good, old-fashioned way, we wish her and her family well, and thank them for their many contributions to village life. Ann had become somewhat stranded at Seckford Bungalow, as mobility problems increasingly confronted her, and it will be good to know that she will now enjoy the comfort of having neighbours nearby in her new home, as well as having Ally just a few doors away.



This picture of members of the family clearing snow in 1987 is a reminder of the way in which our traditional farmers have contributed to local life.

Thank you, Ann, and may you settle happily and quickly into your new home.

IVAN JOWERS



Ivan was born at home in the centre of Ipswich. One of three boys, his father was a policeman and his mother a post lady. They survived a World War 2 bomb exploding next door and Ivan was evacuated to Leicester as a little boy.

Ivan lost his own father when he was only 8 years old, and times were tough for his mother bringing up 3 boys on her own.

Ivan went to Northgate Grammar School. This was always very important to him, although recently a school report said he should have tried harder!

At the age of 18 he went to Egypt to complete his National Service with the RAF, at the Suez Canal. He slept in tents for 2 years in the desert without seeing his family. Before Ivan's departure to Egypt, he met Freda in Christchurch Park and shortly after his return they married. Ivan and Freda's marriage lasted for over 50 years. Shortly after they married, Ivan and Freda left Suffolk to live in Welwyn Garden City where he worked as an accountant at ICI for over 25 years.

The family moved to Hertford when their three daughters were babies. It was the perfect place for young children to grow up amongst many families, who became lifelong friends.

Ivan was a sociable person who loved the

company of others and was a keen golfer & sports lover. Ivan and Freda also spent a great deal of time arranging charitable events for the benefit of others. Ivan was a Cub Scout leader for 19 years (Baloo) rising to District Commissioner. Freda was the camp cook and the Jowers girls, at the grand age of about 5, made up their own patrol, joining in all the activities, Ivan loved it.

He then joined the Scout Fellowship which supported the Cub and Scout groups in the area. He and Freda were also members of the 'Friends of Hertford Symphony Orchestra' which put on fundraising events.

Most family holidays were spent in France or Cornwall. In later years Ivan and Freda travelled all over the world, always stopping in Australia where their eldest daughter, Meryl, has made her home since 1985.

In 1988, he retired, and Ivan and Freda moved back to their beloved Suffolk where they lived in the village of Little Bealings, near Woodbridge. Ivan quickly joined the local Bowls Club and later the Deben Rotary Club. Ivan became President of the Club and was made an Honorary Member after he moved back to Hertfordshire. Ivan and Freda were active members of All Saints Church in Little Bealings and stalwart members of the choir.

Ivan would dress up as Father Christmas on the Rotary Sleigh in Woodbridge and the surrounding areas of Martlesham and Kesgrave for the evening sleigh runs, raising money for local charities. He delivered parish magazines on his bike. He also cycled 100 miles from Ipswich to Cambridge for charity. For many years Ivan and Freda judged the fancy dress at the Aldeburgh Summer Carnival. Ivan also took a key role in organising the Annual Rotary Charity Golf Days, which included raising £14,000 for the skin bank at Roehampton Hospital.

Always very busy, he didn't rest, and he worked hard campaigning to be elected to the Suffolk Coastal District Council. He

was Chair of the Planning Committee for many years. He also served as Chairman of the Council and was quite often mentioned in the local Press. It was a role he absolutely loved and was very proud of his involvement.

The Jowers Christmas Carol concert was legendary. A house full of hearty, loud and enthusiastic friends would spend the evening eating beautiful food and singing their hearts out! This event, which followed on from the family home in Hertford, has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charity. In addition to the Christmas parties, Ivan and Freda ran charity dinner parties in their home, with a fantastic menu. Everyone wore Evening Dress. Waiters and chauffeurs were on hand to help.

Ivan spent his last 2 years back in Welwyn Garden City close to his twin daughters and his beloved grandchildren.

A family man, Sociable and charitable, kind and wise, a generous gentleman always thinking of others.

Ivan's funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury on Tuesday, 6th September.

There will be an interment of ashes at All Saints Church, Little Bealings on Saturday, 14th January 2023, when Ivan's family from Australia will be in the UK.

Eileen Kidd

SOCIAL ACTIVITY FOR LIVELY-MINDED OVER-60s!

A number of residents belong to the Kyson Probus Club, non-profitmaking, non-fundraising, just a group of retired over-60s who meet once a month on the first Monday for lunch at Ufford Park Hotel. They enjoy one another's company and listen to a talk. This month's talk was all about *The Jockey Club*, and next month's is going to be entitled "*Eyes of the few – Bawdsey*" - just to give you a flavour of what is on offer.

If all that sounds like something that might interest you, please contact

Norman Porter, Bob Tate, Mike Bettell or Eric Barnett, any of whom will be pleased to talk about possible membership. An email to memsec.kyson@gmail.com is an alternative. There is also a website: www.probusclub.net/kysonwoodbridge

HISTORY CORNER

History is being made as we put this magazine together. Our television screens have enabled us to look back into the distant past over those 70 years of Elizabeth's reign. We have been taken back along historic paths, back to historic occasions, in ways that remind those of us who are of mature years, of the history that we have lived through and helped to make. Younger generations may be tired of hearing from the grandparental generation all those stories about how so many families crowded together in that memorable day in June 1953 for their first glimpse of television, and for a first privileged insight into what was then a far greater mystique of monarchy. For those who lived through those years, days both of austerity as of celebration, their participation in them has so often served as a kind of cement, with their memories of those distant days binding them into a collective recognition of the positive role that monarchy can play and has played in our national life. That role is now being acknowledged across the kingdom, and seemingly across the generations.

Times have changed radically since Elizabeth's accession, but the evidence we see of the mass national participation in the events following the Queen's death, and the way in which they seem to be binding people together in a time of significant division and difficulty, suggests that the demise of Queen Elizabeth may, just may, produce a new brand of cement, binding together, in the here and now, a new and younger generation, giving a renewed sense of national unity. This can only be of collective benefit as we confront the multiple challenges of our day. The smoothness of the succession of monarchy here needs only to be

compared to the difficulties of transition faced by the American presidency – and we can be grateful. As we reflect on the magnificent and all-so-recent celebrations of Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee, so do we now move on to echoing the sentiments heard far and wide on the threshold of this new era: Long Live the King. As history is being made, let us hope that it is a history that will reflect well on all of us who live it, and continue to make it.

Editor – with a personal view of it all.

NATURE NOTES

HORTICULTURAL CONSOLATION CORNER

Most things have withered and wilted under the sustained heat and drought of this past summer. It can happily be reported that the editor’s garden has known two brave exceptions: tomatoes and passion flowers. An unlikely combination.



The bucketsful of juicy tomatoes can be explained by the fact that there were a few spare plants after the near-abortive Plant Sale, and that they found a bit of spare space, in the sun, in open ground. With a little bit of watering they have proliferated, producing at least four trusses of fruit per plant. Keen gardeners will know that it is not advisable to allow outside tomatoes more than three trusses, so these have excelled and exceeded their brief. And the tomatoes are still coming thick and fast, leading to lots of tasty mozzarella salads. That is not

bragging, just the airing of a consolation when most other things look as if they have given up the ghost and dried up to the point of extinction.



Secondly, and extraordinarily: a passion plant draped over a trellis, which last year managed to produce just three or four spindly tendrils, has this year gone completely berserk, covering the trellis with thick runners which seem to grow a foot a day, spreading out into the surrounding foliage, and producing hordes of beautiful flowers, as illustrated. Those flowers are worth close examination. They are wondrously delicate and really beautiful.

They have a tropical look about them, which may explain why they have thrived during a long hot summer. The passionflower is a vine-like perennial, and is best chopped back every year, after flowering. The name comes from the passion of Christ, so seems to be linked with Easter, despite its proliferating in late summer. If our summers are to follow the pattern of summer 2022, it may be worth considering planting one.

So, our extraordinary summer has produced some horticultural consolations. Anyone with any more cheering news of drought-surviving successes?

FREE

ONLINE MINDFULNESS COURSE

Are you over 65, live in Suffolk and would like to learn about mindfulness? In partnership with the Gatehouse charity, clinical psychologist Adele Pacini with a wealth of experience gained in the NHS is delivering a free 6-week online mindfulness course for people who would like to learn about managing stress, anxiety, low mood and ease pain. The course feedback has shown improvements in overall wellbeing as well as memory, attention and concentration and is a great way to take care of yourself and meet other people. The course will run on Tuesdays between 10 am -12 noon from 27th September 2022. Places are free but limited and can be booked via: <https://www.adelepacini.co.uk>

For any queries, please contact
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Little Beallings 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 Beallings Church, Lightwave & the East Suffolk Community Partnership.

Autumn 2022

Wednesday 28th Sept	Making pancakes with toppings including edible flowers
Wednesday 5th Oct	Seed collecting & finding seeds in fruit/veg (bring fruit)
Wednesday 12th Oct	Bioblitz (download the Seek App by iNaturalist, bring bug collecting pots/nets, magnifying glass & insect ID books)
Wednesday 19th Oct	Bulb planting (bring trowels)

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Leah also offers adult classes on Tuesday evenings.



All classes are all back to normal and if you would like to join, just contact Leah for more details.on 01473 735880.

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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

I write this as we find ourselves in the throes of mourning the passing of our late Queen Elizabeth, and preparing for the reign of our new King, Charles 111. Within the swirling of so many emotions and reflections on the historical context of it all – an octogenarian has had more time to accumulate these than many - that part of me that plays the role of churchwarden in this village has found itself focusing on one thing in particular: the fact that our Head of State is also the Head of the Church of England. The two offices are inextricably bound together and have been entwined with particularly beneficial effect in the person of our late sovereign. Our late Queen has been our Head of State, and in that capacity has met and entertained other Heads of State from across the world. At the same time, she has also been the Head of the Church of England – Fidei Defensor – and that has not been an empty role. It has been widely asserted that her faith has been at the very heart of her reign, and of her pledge to serve, and has given her the strength to reign over us, with all the demands and challenges involved, over a period of more than 70 years. Her reign, as Head of State, and her faith, embodied in her being Supreme Governor of the Church of England, have been indivisible. And her successor, King Charles 111, has promised to honour his mother by keeping the same vow that she made so many years ago.

What does that mean for our own small village church? It means that, trickling down from the heart of British monarchy, church and state are one, and that there

should be no conflict between the two. It is not a matter of faith. That can come at all sorts of levels of intensity, and through a range of different channels, if at all. It has become so easy to see the church as a place apart, reserved for the small band of churchgoers who try to keep it alive. But if our churches are still part of our national fabric then they are as much part of our Britishness as our civic identity. The way in which the great ceremonies of state are being conducted, with wonderful dignity, ceremony and emotion in our great cathedrals can be reflected on a smaller scale, and has been, in the more modest churches that still stand at the heart of so many of our smaller communities. Those churches have borne witness to the evolution of our history over hundreds of years. They too, are a proper place for commemorating or celebrating auspicious moments in our national history, and for enabling people far away from our great cities to play their own small part in the national story.

LOOKING BACK

A large congregation, including many from St Mary's, Woodbridge, came together on the first Sunday of August to celebrate the Virgin Mary, after whom our church was named. It was an uplifting service, with a sermon from Rev Peter Wintgens, which aimed to enable us to see Mary in a modern context and through modern eyes.

The service was followed by an outdoor lunch, with cheese, cold meats and a range of desserts and salads kindly provided by people attending. Our grateful thanks who all who contributed in this way. Thanks to them, we could almost have fed the 5000 of biblical

renown. The barbecue which had been planned was considered to be too dangerous, given the tinder-dry state of the churchyard.



OUR TRIBUTE TO THE LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH 11

On the day after Her Majesty's death was announced there was a slow 96-part toll on one of our refurbished bells. Subsequently a book of condolence was placed in the church, and a quiet place for prayer and quiet contemplation set up in the sanctuary. People were invited to leave floral tributes in the porch. The church was due to remain open during the day throughout the period of mourning.

On Sunday 11th, just three days after the announcing of Her Majesty's passing, there was a special service at 5.30 pm. The service, movingly conducted by our Rector, Fr Nigel Prior, was supported by a representative number of villagers, including, reassuringly, a number of non-regulars, covering an age range of late 80s to infant, plus a couple of very well-behaved dogs, a gathering which our late Queen would surely have appreciated.

WORKS AND PROJECTS

August has been a quiet month. We hope to be hearing from our possible funding source in October as to whether we can go ahead with our plans to repair the stained-glass windows.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is still desperately dry, but with the occasional hint of green. The

strimming should not be too difficult – see below.

We are very conscious of this being a time for planting trees, not least trees which can be part of our late Queen's Green Canopy. We have had kind offers of 4 trees, two from the Bishop and two from individuals wishing the mark the loss of a close relative. Sadly, a couple of the fruit trees planted against the brick wall have died in the drought, but we will do our best to identify sites which may be suitable for new trees, and get them planted, possibly over the Harvest Festival weekend. Loppers and chain saws may come in useful, as we check out the dead trees, so there may be spare firewood going for a song - a bonus to set against rising fuel bills.

CLEAN-UP MORNING. SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER.

Hopefully, this Magazine will come through your letter box in time to remind you that we are planning to have of churchyard clear-up event this **Saturday 1st October**. Thanks to all those who have promised to come along – and even if you have not yet signed up, do please feel free to join us. The usual après- work lunch will be fulsome.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Our next service is on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND at 9.30am**. It will be our **HARVEST FESTIVAL**. As last year you are invited to bring along produce which we can take along after the service to the Salvation Army food bank.

Please note that this is a change from previous emailed notices – we have had to switch the time, and that makes the timings incompatible with a picnic lunch.

Our mid-month service of Morning Prayer is at **10.30 am on Sunday 16th October**.

Rector's "Surgery." Our Rector makes himself available on Monday afternoons, so if you would like to see him, do please contact him on 01394 610424, or at the Parish Office on 01394 388820.

Please also refer to services being held,

at other times, at St Mary's, Woodbridge
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Warmest thanks to Jonathan Keer who took over the organisation of this event this year. Not only did he organise a team of church-sitters, to whom similar thanks, but he also participated, along with daughter, Emily, as your churchwarden can testify, having met them on their bikes, fresh as spring-time daisies, in the middle of Woodbridge.

There was little doubt that the riding and

striding would take place, even though other events were being cancelled, as a response to the Queen's death. In the event, with all the churches exhibiting their response to that royal death, it was a wonderful way of bringing people together, meeting in places which, in a very general sense, were dear to the Queen. The occasional heavy shower did little to dampen spirits, or friendly welcomes.

Jonathan mentions that we should add, indeed stress, that it is really good fun to be out riding for a purpose and enjoying regular breaks for free refreshments. So why not decide now to give it a go next year, having missed out this year? All the more satisfying in that he estimates that a total of around £400 was raised for our historic Suffolk churches, with half that sum coming back to our own church.



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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 5 September 2022:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Following the Council's adoption of the new Local Government Code of Conduct, various applications for dispensations in respect of Non-Registerable and Other Registerable Interests by Councillors were accepted, to be effective until May 2023. In line with guidance, it was resolved to delegate responsibility for the consideration of future applications to the Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Four residents gave an update on matters at Sinks Pit and a resident commented on the amount of development in the Beacon Lane area of Martlesham Road.

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

The Chairman and Mr Garnham reported on their attendance at meetings, including that ESC Community Partnership funding may be available to support Road Safety Week in November.

PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET

Anglian Water had advised that the project was still in its early stages and may start in 2024.

SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING (SAVID) AND SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

Mr Garnham would attend the SAVID meeting on 13 October. The SAVID funded SID would be displayed in September at the Village Hall and in The Street, then passed to Playford Parish Council for use during October.

HIGHWAYS

Various outstanding problems would be raised with SCC, including with County Councillor Elaine Bryce. A resident had confirmed that they would again spread sand each side of the level crossing over the winter, if required.

FOOTPATHS

A report was received from the Wardens and the Council thanked them for their work, including installing QR code plaques on SCC posts. SCC was due to cut two footpaths which it appeared had been missed previously.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor Colin Hedgley's report had been circulated and is available on the Council's website. He drew attention to the ESC initiative 'Ease the Squeeze' to support residents. Further details are here: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/ease-the-squeeze-on-cost-of-living>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following applications have been approved by ESC:

DC/21/5327/FUL: We are seeking retrospective permission for the installation of a new cesspit tank at Angela Cobbold Hall: Angela Cobbold Hall, The Street

DC/22/2182/FUL: Upgrade existing tennis court with fencing: Leawood House, Sandy Lane

DC/22/1162/FUL Retrospective Application – Construction of a 4-bay cart lodge with studio above: Woodside, Martlesham Road

DC/22/2984/FUL: Construction of one

**detached single storey dwelling:
Woodside, Martlesham Road**

It was resolved to object to this application as the development was non sustainable and did not comply with policy SCLP 5.4, in respect of the site being a gap in the highway, and as there would be adverse impact on the street scene.

SINKS PIT

It was resolved to make formal complaint to ESC regarding the non-determination of three applications submitted in 2021 to extend working hours at the site.

SIZEWELL C

Following the grant of consent, the developers had advised that they were contacting residents regarding the installation of noise attenuation fencing on a site-by-site basis.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

It was resolved not to incur the expense of sending parishioners a Christmas card this year.

WELCOME LEAFLET

It was resolved to prepare a new leaflet to welcome residents.

WEBSITE

Various updates are in hand, including adding photographs of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events and publishing the digitised minutes of Parish Meeting and Council minutes since 1894.

FINANCE

Income and Expenditure

Income had been received from the return of a loan to purchase supplies for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event and from Playford Parish Council as a contribution to the cost of insuring the new SID. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for August to October, PAYE and expenses, to SCC for the digitising of Parish Council minute books and an increase in Asset insurance between July and September was approved, totalling £2,243.93.

Bank and NS&I Accounts

It was agreed not to obtain a debit card on the Barclays account due to the potential difficulty of retaining control of expenditure. NS&I had sent a further form for the new signatories to complete.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 November in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 3 October, if needed.

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

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

**ANGELA COBBOLD HALL
NEWS**

THANK-YOU !

to Betty Slim for some beautiful white table linen for use in the hall.

to all those who supported the Cream Teas & Bric-à-brac events on Sundays in August. The £300 raised was shared equally between Breast Cancer research and Hall maintenance.

to everyone who came to the Community Lunch in August. £120 was raised towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall.

NEXT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 4th October 12.30 a.m. The menu includes

Cottage Pie & Veg.

Apple Pie & Custard/ Ice cream

Tea/Coffee

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EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

OCTOBER

Friday 7th 7.15 p.m. **Fish and Chips** Licensed Bar
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Saturday 8th 2.30 p.m. **Classic Film** Tea & Cakes served
Free Entry (donations welcomed)

Friday 14th 7.30 p.m. **Talk**
An evening with Air Commodore Mike Bettell OBE RAF (retired)

Mike Bettell shares some of the highlights of his career as a jet pilot with the RAF. He takes us from his time in air defence to becoming a Flight Commander of two squadrons. Then as Station Commander at RAF Waddington and ADC to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This is a fascinating and personal insight into the world of the jet fighter, including the Hunter, Phantom, Vulcan, Nimrod and the Lightning F3. He promises an evening of 'Mistakes and Mishaps' in the air with accounts of some thrilling and very hairy moments!



Free entry but donations welcomed. Licensed Bar & nibbles.

Friday 21st 7.00 p.m. **Quiz Night**
Bar opens 7.00 p.m. Quiz starts 7.30 p.m.
£5 per person Prizes & Licensed Bar

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Reserve your ticket by telephone or email (see below)

Friday 28th 7.00 p.m. **Social Friday** Licensed Bar
Snooker, Darts, Table Tennis, Chess, Exercise bikes, board games, Quotes
Free Entry

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 21st 7.30 p.m. **Gardening Club** Refreshments
Free Entry (donations welcomed)

Tel: 01473 735153

email: margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Church continues to have a service every other Sunday (next service on Sunday 25th September), mid-week ministry on Wednesdays and every Saturday morning the Church is open for private prayer. Please do come, spend some time, just sitting, or if you wish to speak with somebody, we are only too happy to help.

Our new website contains a full list of events and services, as well as contact details.

www.littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net/

With every blessing.

Rev. Gary Jones

FILM AFTERNOON

There will be a Film Afternoon on 11th October at All Saints Church Little Bealings at 2pm. This will be a film that is suitable for everyone. If you wish to come, please could you let me know and I will book you in.

Tea and cakes will be served. Please do come along and join us for this afternoon. My email address is revgaryjones1985@gmail.com

LIGHTING UP THE CHURCH FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Now the nights are closing in, the church at Little Bealings looks very special and beautiful when lit up from the outside! We have now restarted this after fitting bulbs that use less energy.

If you would like the church lit for a special occasion, such as a wedding anniversary or a birthday, please contact Paul Byrom on 07768 195867 or paulbyrom@gmail.com.

This is a wonderful way to show a loved one they are special!

We ask for a donation to cover costs and the lights will usually be on for 2 hours, or more by agreement.

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WORD FROM THE STUDY

Nearly everyone you speak to has been affected, in some shape or form, by the death of Her Majesty the Queen. A lady who not only touched peoples' lives, but was someone to look up to. Our Queen, our Head of State, Head of the Commonwealth and Supreme Governor of the Church of England; but she was much more than that. They were titles that were given to her, but she was a lady who had a great love for her people. She just didn't turn up to cut ribbons and unveil plaques, she was someone who took a great interest. Nearly everyone who met her, were amazed how much she knew about them, or the organisation they represented.

As the hours and days unfold, we now begin to see exactly what we have lost. Her wisdom, and tirelessly working even up to two days before she passed. Such was the character and oneness of Her Majesty.

It has been heart-warming to see the condolence books, both at Little Bealings and Playford, being used by local residents who wish to write their messages of condolence. Playford Church has remained open throughout, whilst Little Bealings has been limited due to the painting work carried out, however, the Church did remain open when we were able to man it.

As we welcome King Charles III as our Monarch, our prayers, our loyalties are now to him. He, like the Queen, has pledged himself to work tirelessly for the Nation and its people. The Royal Family have had more than its fair share of critics, but the one thing that has remained, is our Monarch and the respect and admiration held throughout the world,

and this has seen our Nation remain on an even keel, when it could so easily have gone the other way.

Nothing is perfect; but I believe that through all Her Majesty the Queen has done, she has set us on the right path to face the future for our Nation.

It was lovely to see people at both Churches, when we held services to commemorate the life of The Queen.

Her Majesty's faith was one which guided her through her years, and was a rock on which she built. She is now at rest with God, to whom she has devoted her life. How can we be sure?

In St John's Gospel, we have the words "I am going to prepare a place for you, if it were not so, would I not have told you". Words of reassurance that when this life's journey comes to an end, that God, through Christ, will receive us into His kingdom. And, I think I speak for the whole Nation when we say the words "Well done, thy good and faithful servant". May she now rest in peace and rise in glory.

So, we will continue to pray for our new King, for our Nation and for our Commonwealth, asking for God's guidance, as he seeks to serve his people.

If you have been affected or want the opportunity to have a chat, please do not hesitate to contact me on my new email address revgaryjones1985@gmail.com

My blessings to you all.

Reverend Gary Jones



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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 7th September 2022.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce sent apologies as she was unable to attend and concerns were voiced. Elaine's 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. Briefly, Colin added that East Suffolk's campaign "Ease the Squeeze" is the current most important issue at the moment and it is aiming to put people in need of financial help in touch with those who can help them. SC Norse is short of operators to collect rubbish and is having difficulty in recruiting staff. A campaign to help people to recycle waste items in the correct bins is also underway as this can waste a significant amount of resources.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- Progress on C324 traffic priority problems is still lacking - Co Cllr Elaine Bryce has urged Traffic Manager David Chenery for a solution and for advice on signage for Church Lane to deter heavy traffic as this is still unresolved.

- No further progress reported from

Anglian Water who has been asked to check out the constant water flow down the bottom end of Church Lane.

- SC Norse will clear the drainage ditch bordering Butts Road, outside the village hall sometime in late September or early October.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised to Zurich for annual insurance costs, for the Clerk's salary for July and August, tax to HMRC and for stationery expenses. The Bank reconciliation was agreed and the budget for 2022-23 is on track. The quarterly report on Internal Controls was unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

HIGHWAYS

We are still awaiting David Chenery's views on new signage for traffic priority issues on the C324 as above. The new shared SIDs device was used in Playford for the whole of August, is now in Lt Bealings for September and will be back in Playford for October. Footpaths 9 & 13 which cross the railway line near Lux Farm will be closed overnight on 4th-5th October for essential safety work.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Locality grant funds of £5861 were received in July and consultant Ian Poole is now working towards the completion of the Plan. A list of Non-Designated

Heritage Assets in Playford was forwarded to him for inclusion.

PLANNING MATTERS

Application DC/22/1794/FUL Single storey side and front extension to The Old House, Bransons Lane is still awaiting a decision by ESC Planners

Application DC/22/1156/FUL Archway Piggeries – this application has now been passed subject to retrospective engineering permission being obtained for the earth levelling operation that was carried out earlier this year.

ESC Enforcement Officer is monitoring the numbers of cars being parked at a premises in Hill Farm Road and will report back to the parish council in due course.

OTHER MATTERS

- Playford Toddler Group is in need of volunteers to help keep it running – details will be circulated around the local parishes.

- The new oak tree on the playing field has survived the recent drought, thanks to the regular watering schedule.

- A request to hire the playing field in September was sanctioned.

- Quotes are to be obtained for the work required to repair broken paving slabs forming the base of the bottle bank.

- There is still a vacancy for an additional councillor on the PC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 2nd November 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

*Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk
website: www.playford.org.uk*

W.I.

Our October meeting will begin with remembrance of the Queen, a WI member for nearly 80 years. It will also be

our 'birthday' meeting, when we will share a special meal prepared by the Committee and a favourite game chosen by Gina.

We were delighted to welcome visitors to our September meeting for an inspiring talk about charity work in The Gambia and many captivating anecdotes about village life. A highlight of the evening was the opportunity to see at first hand local fabrics that our speaker has collected over the years, along with lots of beautiful traditional outfits, resulting in an impromptu catwalk.

Several members recently also enjoyed a visit to Grundisburgh WI for afternoon tea and a talk about Rendlesham-based Stokes Sauces by founder Richard Sheepshanks. Everyone came away with a free sample jar of their famous tomato sauce plus raffle prizes, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting up again with other local members.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Playford Village Hall, visitors are always welcome. Please email us for further details

Playfordwi@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S

Sunday 2nd October

10.00 a.m.- Family Harvest Service

Sunday 16th October

10.00 a.m.- Morning Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 27th November

4.00 p.m. Christingle
for all the family, all ages.

Sunday 18th December

6.00 p.m. Candle lit Carol Service

followed by Mulled Wine and Mince pies.

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This was going to be a great day thought Binky. He had finished his patio (a work of brutalist concrete art) and finished erecting his shed. He had decided not to write to the manufacturers telling them their assembly instructions were incorrect because he felt that whoever had written them probably had never been to school or if they had, it was of a poor standard. It did not occur to Binky that he may have got things wrong even when standing back admiringly and contemplating a window a few millimetres above the ground. No, he had followed the instructions to the letter. They were just wrong.

He adjusted his sun lounger and pulled the little table nearer to him so that he could just reach his cup of tea, putting his finger through the cup handle he picked up his tea. The handle immediately broke off which resulted in half a pint of hot tea depositing itself in his lap. He jumped up immediately, jumping around his lawn in a demented but ineffectual fashion and shouting loudly. I think it's called lap dancing. His next-door neighbour heard the commotion and looked over the fence. "Practising your ballroom dancing then Binks old thing?"

Binky had never liked Prangs Golightly (an ex-RAF pilot). Never mind flying an aircraft, he shouldn't be put in charge of flying a kite. Damned crabfat.

Binky went for a cold shower and recovered gracefully by laying on his bed. After an hour or so he got up and decided to check every cup in the house for cracked handles. These things cannot be helped thought Binky. He returned to his sun-lounger in a very positive frame of mind. He lay down. The sun-lounger immediately collapsed catching his finger in the metal legs. Binky jumped up screaming and waving his hand in the air.

Mr Golightly peered over the fence. "Practising your semaphore Binks old thing?" Binky swore to himself that he would never send the idiot another Christmas card. Binky stemmed the red tide flooding from his fingers by grabbing the nearest piece of cloth he could find which just happened to be his wife's best cotton blouse hanging on the washing line. Needs must, thought Binky. A thought he instantly regretted when he heard Indigo's voice from the kitchen window shouting "Binky, what are you doing to my expensive and best blouse?" Binky froze. This was not a good position to be in he surmised in a resigned, fatalistic, beam me up Scotty sort of way.

He considered very carefully how he would recover from a cricket bat round his head. Hospitalisation did have some advantages. Your own bed, three meals a day brought to your bedside. Daily health checks. Mmm. He waited for the inevitable onslaught. But it never came. Halfway up the garden path Prangs Golightly peered over the fence again. "Mrs Stickleback, how nice to see you again, you are looking so well these days." Indigo stopped in her tracks. She liked (or over-liked, in Binky's opinion) Mr Golightly because he was "one of the few" as Indigo once told her husband. In fact, he wasn't, because he didn't join the RAF until 1970. Plus, he called himself Wing Commander when he was in fact a Pilot Officer. Everyone now saying how well our services conducted themselves recently. Well, Binky thought otherwise. These service types are all the same thought Binky. Medal polishers and attention seekers. He sat down in his sun-lounger and picked up his book of poetry and started reading. It was Kipling's, "Tommy."



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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Our thoughts are very much with the Royal family at this time as the nation mourns the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The union flag on St. Botolph's church has hung at half mast in respect to her majesty, Inside the church a book of condolence has been signed by many parishioners and visitors who wish to record their thoughts and memories of the passing of the monarch who devoted 70 years of her life to her people. After the Queen's funeral the flag of St George will fly in recognition of King Charles III.

In a mark of respect, the Shingle Street Folk Band that were due to perform on Saturday 10th September postponed their performance. The rearranged date is 22nd October at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.00. which are available from Chris Pearce on 01473 738324 email cmp0601@hotmail.com or mobile 079525 251802 Please come and join us for what I am sure will be a wonderful evening of folk music

Having enjoyed such sunny and exceptionally dry weather over the summer, the growth of the grass and vegetation in the churchyard has been somewhat curtailed. Nevertheless, my team of volunteers have come to the fore once again in cutting and clearing and making the area tidy, I am most grateful for their willingness to ensure that the community and visitors can access the churchyard safely. Over the winter months some pruning of the trees and hedges is planned.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

The church was open for the above and despite the rather changeable weather we welcomed several visitors either walking or biking. This event has stood the test of time and we are most appreciative of all those who took part raising money for the upkeep and repair of the churches in Suffolk

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

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26th October	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

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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

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME - Services for those with Mobility Problems

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		Licensed bar, pub games etc. and other events	
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS	VH	Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m.	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING			<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i> <i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
YOGA	VH	Sat 9.30 a.m.	<i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i>

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu 10.00 a.m.	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
LIBRARY		Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS			<i>DC Patrick Newsagents 01986 874305</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING		Book on line: bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com or contact via voicemail 01473 487215	
PILATES	PH	Wed 7.30 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri 9.30 a.m. toddler group	<i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WI	PH	Tue (1st in month) 7.30 p.m.	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>



LIVE CLASSES

(Woodbridge Rugby Club, Bromswell)

Tuesday afternoons

12:45 & 2pm

Thursday mornings

9:15am, 10:30 & 11:45am (gentle chair based)

(Easton Village Hall, Easton)

Wednesday mornings

9:15am & 10:30am

(Great Bealings Village Hall, Bealings))

Friday afternoons

12:30 & 2pm

ZOOM Classes

Tuesday mornings

6:30am & 9am

Friday mornings

9am

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