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DRAINAGE – IN DAYS GONE BY, AND IN DAYS OF NOW.

These pictures, sent in, via Facebook, from Richard Garnham, a man with a lifetime's experience of the land, seem to fit in with modern concerns as to how we best deal with surplus water and fluids.



For farmers wishing to work the land effectively drainage is essential, and in years gone by, when sowing/harvesting seasons were much more settled than they are today, the hard winter months were so often devoted to those two key tasks, hedging and ditching. Drainage systems were installed to cover entire fields. Drainage was crucial to productive husbandry of the land.



**Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little
Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

Richard himself comments:

Although not involved in 1911 (the year when these pictures were taken) I remember this job well in the 1960s although by this time most of the work was done by machines although still using clay pipes. It normally involved a team of 3. The 1st man dug what was known as "Top Spade" i.e., he dug the first spit in a straight line. The man with the white beard would be digging "Middle Spade" (this was my job) and then the 3rd man "Bottom Spade". You can see him using a "scoop" which removed all the loose soil at the bottom of the trench to allow the pipes to be laid flat. The pipes were laid with a "hook" a spike on the end of a handle, so that you didn't have to keep bending down to align the pipes. Normally the man digging bottom spade was the most knowledgeable of the team. The pipes were often covered with branches to enhance the movement of water into the pipes. To finish the job, you then had to "back fill" the trench.

This was obviously very hard, back-breaking work, but viewed as essential. But why is this snapshot of times gone-by relevant today? Well, as climate change seems to be dumping more and more water in huge amounts in short spaces of time – in some places, leading to catastrophic flooding, we are reminded of the crucial importance of draining. Wherever the water comes from, off the fields, off road surfaces, patios, roofs, it must go somewhere, finding its own level, making its way through gutters, drains, streams, on its journey towards our great rivers and then spilling out into the ocean. The story of Noah's ark may remind us subliminally of the potential for primeval floods, floods, which could possibly be repeated in an uncertain future, but indications of which have already been seen across the continents. The melting of the icecaps, and the erosion of our coastline by the tides, all remind us of the power of water – central to life but carrying within itself the threat of planetary immersion. Humanity and water have an uneasy relationship. We would die without it, but tens of thousands drown because of it. It needs to be managed.

Effective drainage has small beginnings. Our predecessors fully understood that and toiled to create effective systems. Climate change, combined with the concreting-over of more and more of the earth's surface looks like sharpening that challenge. We now have much more advanced technology to rise to that challenge. We will need to use it. Failure to control the power of water can have catastrophic consequences, as this picture of the recent Libyan floods demonstrates.



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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

ANNUAL ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

More than half of fatal crashes in Britain occur on rural roads: per mile travelled, rural roads are the most dangerous roads for all kinds of road user. The road safety charity, Brake, tracks these facts and will be running its annual campaign this autumn with the theme 'Let's talk about Speed' with the message 'Five people die on UK roads every day, so why do we still think it's ok to speed?'

Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Culpho (with Grundisburgh) Parish

Councils are members of SAVID (Safer Village Driving in Suffolk) and the East Suffolk Road Safety Forum. Members will be building on the success of last year's safety campaign with coordinated community activities as we know speed continues to be a major concern in our villages and on our rural roads. SAVID has also been approached to support a new '20's plenty' initiative for Suffolk.

SAVID's next meeting and AGM will be a public meeting held in Martlesham in November. Please look out for more information and do refer to the brake website: brake.org.uk/road-safety-week

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

DO YOU DO PAT (PORTABLE APPLIANCE TESTING) FOR A LOCAL ORGANISATION?

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- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations of 1999

The Council has recently been awarded a grant from the East Suffolk Council Enabling Community Budget Scheme to purchase a PAT device, thanks to support from local District Councillor Colin Hedgley.

The device is now available and can be borrowed from the Parish Council by any local organisation. It comes with a user manual and labels to fix to tested devices.

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SEPTEMBER POST SCRIPT

Readers may remember last month's Nature Notes about Paul Martin's Bee Cafés and Shed of the Year entry. We are pleased to report that Paul did indeed win his "Natures Haven" shed category but not the overall contest. His bee cafés are spreading. They are on Woodbridge Market Hill, the Whisstocks river frontage area, where all the new coffee shops are to be found, Little Bealings Primary and soon to be in both Great Bealings and Little Bealings Churchyards.

NATURE NOTES

- WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE BLACKBERRY PICKERS?



This has been a wonderful summer for blackberries. The combination of sunshine and showers has produced a fine crop, abundant, large, and juicy. Nature's bounty is there for all to see, maybe to pick, and then convert into jam or blackberry-and-apple crumble, fruits-of-the-forest concoctions etc.

But – maybe I ought to get out a bit more – there seems to be a distinct shortage of pickers taking advantage of what is on offer in our hedgerows. In these days of multiple food banks, it seems surprising that there are not more people out in our country lanes picking what nature offers us free. For those of us with memories of wartime and the immediate post-war years, we recall how blackberry bushes were ransacked, stripped bare. They

offered a wonderful supplement to the meagre rations which were then on offer in austerity Britain – for free! As a child, I remember picking huge numbers of blackberries, and then offering them to local shopkeepers who would give money in exchange – extra pocket money, easily earned.



Blackberrying is rewarding. It is an open-air adventure. It ties us back in with the primitive hunter-gatherer instinct. It can also be challenging. Blackberry briars seem to enjoy co-existing with stinging nettles, and the temptation to reach up just that little bit higher, to that elusive branch from which extra juicy specimens are hanging, can so easily lead to disaster. However, in these days of much-publicised food shortages, nature does offer a helping hand. An added incentive: there are fewer maggots now than there used to be – probably a reflection of the shrinking of the numbers of bugs and insects laying eggs and producing larvae.

So why not give it a go? This year's blackberries really are mostly juicy and delicious. The countryman's advice is not to eat them beyond the end of September, so you may still have a bit of time left. And there will still be plenty of fruit for the birds to forage, deep into the darkening days of autumn.

We humans have been eating blackberries for a long time. Wikipedia tells us that one of the earliest known instances of blackberry consumption comes from the remains of a Danish woman, naturally preserved in a bog, from approximately 2,500 years ago.

Forensic evidence found blackberries in her stomach contents, among other foods. So, picking blackberries is a well-established habit. Keep it going.
Norman Porter

HISTORY CORNER

– DISTINGUISHED MEN OF BEALINGS

Arguably, some of Bealings' most distinguished residents and visitors have lived in or frequented Bealings House. Perhaps THE most distinguished visitor there was a certain Lord Hatherley. William Page-Wood, as he was called before his elevation to the peerage. He married into the Moor family, living in Bealings House, and went on to become Lord Chancellor in Gladstone's government.



A reminder of this distinguished man came in the form of a contact from David Wood, the great great great nephew of Lord Hatherley. David was over from Australia and trying to find out more about his illustrious ancestor. The information which we supplied him can be shared with our readers.

Lord Hatherley was born in London, his father having twice been Lord Mayor, but he spent time with his maternal grandmother in Woodbridge, and attended the grammar school there, before moving on to Winchester and then Cambridge University. He was called to

the Bar, and in the meantime married, in Kesgrave Church, Charlotte, daughter of Major Moor of Bealings House, and sister of Canon Moor, Rector of Great Bealings. Prime Minister Gladstone appointed him Lord Chancellor in 1868. He and Charlotte usually spent Christmas with Charlotte's brother, Canon Moor, and when, for Christmas 1868, just after the news of his new appointment, he arrived at recently-opened Bealings Station, the couple were met by a mounted company of soldiers and a band, ready to escort them to the Rector's residence where they were to spend Christmas. The village proudly welcomed them back home, in stirring style, acknowledging Page-Wood's elevation to the office of Lord Chancellor. The barely legible, yellowed newspaper item below recalls that occasion.

Lord Hatherley is commemorated in Great Bealings Church by the reredos, and he is buried in the Moor family vault in the churchyard. David, during his brief visit, was able to find the still prominent Moor tomb, and link up with that part of his heritage.



There is a residence on Market Hill, Woodbridge, called Hatherley House, presumably connected to Lord Hatherley. His title is taken from Hatherley, a village in Gloucestershire, where apparently Lord Hatherley once lived.

Truly one of the most distinguished of men from these parts.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

Bealings Village Hall continued to be busy over the summer months with private bookings, regular classes and of course our fundraising events such as the Pop-Up Pub and quiz.

The last Pop-up Pub raised funds for the Roof and Door Project, seeking to replace the leaking roof and upgrade it with better insulation and lighting, and also replacing our old wooden doors with UPVC and a new entrance with push button access. Planning has been approved, and numerous grant applications have now been submitted with more in the pipeline to various grant funders to raise the £86,000 needed for completion.

Your donations and profits from the fundraising events have boosted our "fund pot" which, coupled with funding from our District Councillor, Parish Council and funds from our hall reserves currently stands at £31,070 - thank you to all who volunteered to help and all those who participate.

Further donations can be made via our website

jbpsecretary@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk and clicking the "donate" tab at the top of the website or using the QR code below. The code is also posted on the notices on the footpaths around the hall and playing field. If you donate, please add the reference "Roof and Door Project."

More Pop-Up Pubs are scheduled for 10th November and again in the new year.

Volunteers are a key asset in any community venture and Bealings Village Hall is run totally by volunteers, numerous working parties keep the John Belstead Playing Field maintained and the equipment checked every week to keep it safe. Special thanks this month go to Craig Woolf, Jonathan Hearle, John Wittgreffe, Francis and Liz Mutimer, Steve Foster and Peter Shaw who helped replace the worn out bearing in the see saw, fix the climber net, bench, toddler swings and boules court, and fill in

numerous rabbit holes.

Spring of next year we will have a vacancy for a Secretary/Hall administrator to look after correspondence, prepare minutes, coordinate with trustees etc.

and also, a vacancy for a Booking Secretary to oversee the Online Booking website and coordinate with the treasurer.

If you would like to give something back to the community and are interested in finding out more about these vital roles, please call the administrator on

07768195132. or email bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com so that one to one training can be organised.

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SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE 40TH YEAR OF THE RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT

On September 17th, the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) celebrated 50 years of support for local church buildings with a stunning Choral Evensong service at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral. The celebration brought together representatives from myriad organisations, including the 600 Ride and Stride organisers, Church Architects and Historians, SHCT Trustees and Officers, Members of the Diocese Advisory Committee, and representatives from more than 100 Suffolk churches, all of whom were invited by H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk the Countess of Euston, who is also patron of the SHCT.

Hundreds of churches have benefitted from SHCT support, which grew out of the need first identified by Hugh Fitzroy--the 11th Duke of Grafton and Patron of the Suffolk Preservation Society--to focus on preserving Churches and Chapels across Suffolk. Since its creation 7 years ago, the Bealings Community Hub at All Saints Church in Little Bealings has been fortunate to receive support from the Trust totalling £8,000. The active support of Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike--along with expert advice offered by the former Diocesan Advisory Committee Secretary, James Halsall--were instrumental in supporting Rev Celia Cook and the team of volunteers who shepherded the project through the Diocese's complex Faculty process.

The weekend before the Service, the single biggest one-day fundraising event for the Trust and local churches took place. In addition to a very strong showing by the local weekly walking group led by John Wittgreffe and Francis Mutimer,



I'm very proud of my son, Charlie, for riding between 9 churches on a very hot day to raise more than £350 which will be shared between the SHCT and Little Bealings Church! Created 40 years ago, it has expanded to become "the Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive" and raises close to £200,000, half of which goes to the Trust to make grants with the other half going to nominated local churches. Many keen walkers and bikers and drivers have participated over the years, and it is heartening to see it still going strong—supported by kind volunteers who open the churches and offer refreshments.

I hope many more recognise the essential support offered by the Trust to help maintain the historic buildings that have been at the heart of our communities for centuries and it is wonderful to see so many walking, riding and driving in a much-needed effort to raise funds for church repairs to ensure they continue to be open and welcoming to all!

Jonathan Fieldsend



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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.

GREAT BEALINGS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 5th September 2023.

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 his recent Community Partnership Meeting at which the three main priorities were re-emphasised – these are Road Safety, Environment and Keep-Fit. CH explained his arrangement agreed with Dan Clery re sharing attendance at PC meetings – there are 19 to be covered.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DAN CLERY –

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/23/2788/FUL – Barn C, Former Woodbarn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road – Installation of 2 air source heat pumps. It was resolved that there are no objections to this application.

Decision Updates - A decision by ESC is awaited for DC/23/0363/0309 – Seckford Hall, DC23/2127 – Land north of Lavender Cottage and DC/23/2787 – Barn C, Former Woodbarn Cottages

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Sue Prentice (SP) reported that she is currently working on the consultation strategy, the proof reading is finished, and a web site is being developed.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SAVID – CH said that SAVID are still working on helping other PCs purchase a SID.

REPLACEMENT SID

The Clerk advised that the grant has been received from CH's Enabling Communities Fund and an official order has been placed with Westcotec. John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) has requested that a new dedicated laptop is purchased to process the data from the SID. CH confirmed that he had allowed for this in his grant, so Cllrs agreed this request.

PARISH GATES

The Parish boundary gates on Boot St have been cleared of vegetation – thanks were expressed to CH for doing this.

TREES

the two major landowners in the Parish have declined our offer of trees due to ongoing maintenance costs. It was agreed that an offer be made to residents of Great Bealings to take some of the trees that JCJ has, and any left-over can be offered to residents of Little Bealings.

REPORT FROM DEBEN WATER TESTING MEETING 14TH JULY

Caroline Saunders (CS) reported that this had been a very positive meeting which reflected the problems with unacceptable levels of phosphates and effluent in the water, for which there are currently very few solutions. Thanks were expressed to Farran Douse for testing the water in Boot St.

VILLAGE FETE 2024

SP said that she would put an article in the January edition of Fynn Lark News and Grundisburgh News with a view to recruiting volunteers. Any profit made will go towards the village hall roof repairs.

AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Nine payments were authorised for

computer support, office expenses, Clerk's salary and PAYE, Data Protection Fee, Annual Insurance Premium and Village Sign Insurance.

BANK RECONCILIATION

This was approved and signed.

PLANT SALE 2024

CS advised that the plant sale next year will be on 27th April.

VILLAGE SIGN

Thanks were expressed to Charles Barrington for his offer to paint the capping on the village sign, and to do some re-staining.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th November at 6.30pm

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

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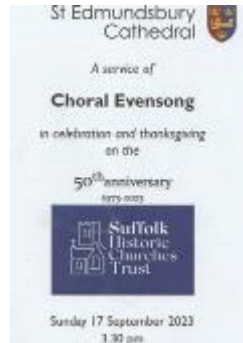
ST MARY'S, GREAT BEALINGS

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

THE SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – a Cathedral Celebration

Given all the challenges of keeping an ancient church alive and in good order, it is perhaps motivational to report on a wonderful service held in St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday September 17th to celebrate 50 years of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The cathedral was packed full, and the congregation included representatives from some 400 churches across the county, as well as the Lord Lieutenant, the Bishop, representatives of the Trust and many assorted dignitaries. A video by Gryff Rhys-Jones was shown, based on his love of living close to Stutton Church.

Printed Histories of many of the churches represented were gathered together, and uplifting hymns were sung. The Bishop's sermon praised the glorious heritage of medieval churches which the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk jointly have - the finest in the world. Let us remember with pride that our own church is one of these.



The Order of Service contained various passages, extracts of which are worth quoting. One reading was an extract from Ronald Blythe's Book, *Next to Nature*. The extract recalls John Constable's words on seeing the tower of Stoke-by-Nayland Church touching the sky: *I am the man of clouds*. The reading concludes: *Church towers, what are they really for if not to raise our sights?*

A children's choir sang joyfully:

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Walking the path of light.

Individual villages and churches may struggle, and feel alone, as they strive to survive, but the special commemoration service, celebrating the work of the Trust and the success of Ride and Stride are evidence that they are not. Indeed, a date in exactly 50 years' time was put formally in the diary, at the end of the service, anticipating celebrations of 100 years of the Trust. We earnestly hope and trust that such a celebration will indeed take

place in 2073, and that our own church can be part of it.

RIDE AND STRIDE – 2023

– in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

The Ride and Stride Event, organised by the Trust for over 40 years, now brings in around £200,000 every year, a wonderful sum, deployed to help with the upkeep of these churches, and without which, many would have fallen into decline and dereliction.

Great Bealings has played a major part in this event over the 40 years of the existence of the Event. (My wife, Virginia, reminds me that she took part in the very first one, representing St Mary's, Framsdon! – and subsequently many others)

This gives us the opportunity to thank all those who, over that time, have organised the Bealings' contribution to it: the riders, the sponsorships, the church-sitters, the refreshments.

We specifically thank Jonathan Keer, this year's organiser, for his sterling efforts to keep pace with his young daughter, Emily – the pair of them raised around £220, visiting 11 churches. Well done indeed. Jonathan adds his own thanks to the rota of church welcomers and says that there were several positive comments about the warmth of the welcome from them all. Great Bealings had 20 visitors, 16 of them cycling. He and Emily were grateful for the shade along the lanes as they cycled, assessing and enjoying the range of biscuits in between. Most of the cyclists seemed to be trying to get round early before the heat became too intensive. He reiterates that he is always looking for more people to take part. It could be a fun activity for families with regular stops and refreshments in cool and interesting venues.

JOINT PATRONAL SERVICE WITH ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE

This service took place on Sunday 10th September and was attended by around 50 people, who not only enjoyed a service

musically enhanced by the presence of the Woodbridge choir, but also a substantial "finger" buffet afterwards, in sunshine so gloriously warm that several took refuge in the coolness of the church interior. Our thanks to all who helped and supported this special occasion.



BOOK BANK

There are now a significant number of books just by the South Door. Do have a browse and make a donation if any of them takes your fancy. Similarly, if you have redundant books, extra volumes are very much welcome, to increase the size and scope of the bank. We ask for donations to be left in the offertory box. One more reason for popping into your local church.

CHURCHYARD

Hopefully, the last day of September will be the day when we put the churchyard to bed for the winter. If you have not been approached personally, do feel warmly welcome to turn up with cutting, strimming, raking, painting tools/ implements etc. between 8.30 and 1.00. Coffee and a Ploughman's Lunch will be served, and this is a village social

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occasion, as well as an opportunity to get plenty of work done.

The Observation Cabin has been repainted and tidied up. Do have a look inside – seats are provided for the weary in heart, body, or spirit.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 1st October – 9.30 am. Harvest Festival Communion Service.

Food donations invited.

Please bring along tins of produce to the service – they will be taken along later to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Woodbridge. An opportunity for those who have sufficient to give to those who have little.

Such donations are more than welcome from people not actually attending the service – just leave them in the basket at the back of the church.

The St Mary's, Woodbridge, Harvest Festival Service is being held later at 11.00 a.m., and that is being followed by a **Special Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall at 12.30.** Great Bealings people are warmly invited to join them at a combined Harvest Celebration – a reversal and reciprocation of the Patronal lunch at Great Bealings at the beginning of September. Food and drink will be provided in exchange for donations.

Sunday 15th October.

10.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer.

RECTOR'S "SURGERY."

We offer people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for this is Monday, either morning coffee or afternoon tea. If you would like to fix a future slot please contact churchwarden, Norman Porter (nhp@rillcott.co.uk), who is i/c the rota, and can offer possible future dates.

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

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

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

(in partnership with Friends of St Mary's Church, Woodbridge)

RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 9th September.

Our warmest thanks to Jonathan for organising our participation in this event. See above.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

– Saturday 30th September.

If you have skipped the churchwarden's notes then hopefully you will spot this invitation to join us on **the morning of September 30th, 8.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.**, to give the churchyard its annual clear-up. The usual inducements apply: coffee will be served mid-morning, and a ploughman's lunch will follow, when appropriate.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

No flood-lighting this month, but may we remind everyone that we can arrange for the church to be floodlit to celebrate or commemorate special occasions. The standard fee remains a fiver. However, as the principle is as important as the fund-raising, should you feel generous, and knowing that your contribution is in a worthy cause, a bit more will always be welcome. This will help offset soaring energy costs.

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



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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 4 September 2023

STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were updated to reflect delegation of the determination of Councillors' dispensation requests to the Clerk, in line with previous SALC advice.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made declarations of interest in items on the agenda in accordance with the Council's adopted LGA Code of Conduct and left the meeting as appropriate.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Residents commented on planning applications for the construction of a sewage pumping station in The Street and for development at Sinks Pit. A resident objected to the exclusion of the public for the consideration of the outcome of Code of Conduct Complaints.

Esc COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Partnership had confirmed its priorities to be road safety, environmental and rural isolation matters. The Chairman would attend the next meeting on 2 October.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ROAD SAFETY FORUM, SAVID AND 20'S PLENTY

A banner would be displayed in Playford Road during Road Safety Week in November. The purchase of speed stickers for bins would be considered at a future meeting. Mr Garnham would represent the Council at forthcoming meetings.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The device was displayed at the Village

Hall during September and could not be moved to The Street until SCC had replaced the rusting pole. County Councillor Elaine Bryce would pursue this, the reinstatement of the white line between Holly Lane and the Church and the permissive path agreement between the landowner and SCC for the footpath to Great Bealings.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms Saagi reported on her attendance, including fund raising for the refurbishment.

SALC

The Chairman had attended the AGM and would attend the East Area meeting on 21 September. A conference at The Hold was planned for November.

P.A.T .TESTER

A grant had been received from District Councillor Colin Hedgley and a device purchased for local use. Any group wishing to borrow the tester should contact the Clerk.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

These are available on the Council's website:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>. County Councillor Elaine Bryce and District Councillor Dan Clery explained that they were continuing to raise issues regarding Sinks Pit.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/22/5004/FUL: Retention and completion of construction of 1 No building and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising officer, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and

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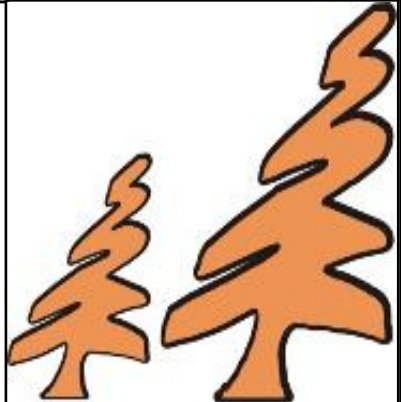
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servicing of vehicles, paint, machinery and equipment following enforcement case ref: ENF/21/0552 in relation to previous consent DC/19/2666/FUL Site address: Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave

It was resolved to maintain the Council's objection to the application as environmental issues remained to be resolved. The Chairman would attend the Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group meeting, to be chaired by District Councillor Colin Hedgley.

SCC/0059/23SC: Land off The Street: Construction of a Sewage Pumping Station, Footpath, Fencing and Associated Apparatus: Anglian Water

The Council acknowledged that it requested the new sewer but there were severe reservations about the delivery of the scheme given the long period of closure of The Street for installation.

DC/23/3300/TPO | 1no. Oak (T1 on plan) - Reduce crown height and spread by up to 3.5 metres 1no. Oak (T2 on plan) - Lateral crown reduction on the house side by 2 metres 1no. Oak (T3 on plan) - Reduce crown height and spread by up to 3.5 metres 1no. Robinia (T4 on plan) - Reduce crown height and spread by up to 3.5 metres: The Oak Walk Martlesham Road

There were no comments.

ESC had approved the following applications:

DC/23/2218/FUL | Proposed 2 storey extension | 2 Holly Cottages Holly Close

DC/23/1995/FUL | Erection of 4 bay cart lodge/garage/log store | Sunfield Cottage Playford Road

DC/23/2077/P3Q | Prior Notification - Change of use of a barn (Barn E) at Grove Farm in Little Bealings, from agricultural barn to 1no. residential dwelling | Grove Farm The Street

DC/23/2234/TPO | W4 of TPO No. 22 / 1952 1no. Oak (T2 on plan) - Fell | Horsenden House Martlesham Road

ESC had refused permission for: **DC/23/1563/FUL | Detached garage for 3 cars | Woodside Martlesham Road**

Appeal had been made against ESC's refusal of **DC/22/0566/OUT | Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) proposing the erection of a**

detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard, Holly Lane

It was resolved to maintain the Council's objection to the development.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

ESC had approved the whole parish as the plan area and a meeting would be arranged with policy planners. It was resolved that Places4People Planning Consultancy Ltd be appointed the Council's consultant for the production of the Plan, to apply for Government funding for Plan production and to appoint Mr Carr, Mrs Price and Ms Saagi as the Council's Focus Group representatives.

HIGHWAYS

County Councillor Elaine Bryce would be asked to pursue various outstanding items and new flooding and drainage issues would be reported online to SCC. Some overhanging vegetation in Hall Road would be cut back to improve visibility.

GRIT BIN AND SAND SPREADING AT THE LEVEL CROSSING

Network Rail had not replaced the grit bin as arranged and would be reminded of the commitment. A resident would spread sand at the crossing if required during the winter.

FINANCE

The first quarter internal control review had been completed by Mr Cheeseman.

Income had been received from Playford PC for part of the insurance premium for the shared SID. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for September and October and expenses, and payments for SALC councillor training, CIL Survey printing, the annual insurance premium, hire of the Angela Cobbold Hall and purchase of the PAT tester were approved.

OUTCOME OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Two complaints had been made to ESC, one of which had resulted in 'No further action' and the other dismissed. In line

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with advice from SALC it was resolved to exclude the public for consideration of the item.

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 2 October and then on Monday 6 November 2023 in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

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CELEBRATIONS @ ACH

The Community Lunch on 5th September was a special occasion as we celebrated two birthdays, that of Joan Moon and Betty Slim.



Sandra Banham made a beautiful and delicious iced cake. A masterpiece, with two sprays of handmade sugar flowers. Roger Roseboom took care of the wine for the toast and Tracy Herrington provided some wonderful floral table decorations. Cards were signed for them

as a memory of this special occasion for our two 'birthday girls'! Thanks to everyone who made this celebration so memorable!

Kelly McLoughlin also had cause to celebrate, as the OFSTED inspection of the Bealings Club House facilities at the ACH passed with flying colours!

Congratulations to Kelly and all good wishes for the future success of this endeavour. She will be providing out-of-school care for the children of Little Bealings School.

For more information see the Bealings Club House website.

<https://bealingsclubhouse.uk/>



Gardening Club: on 13th September celebrated the herbs in all their varieties, needs and uses. Tracy Herrington brought a wide selection of herbs in pots from Katie's Garden, where she works. These were passed round to be handled and smelled by the keen audience. Explanations of where to plant and how to care for individual types were given, including which herbs are friends or foes to each other.

Roger Roseboom gave a short talk on the history of lavender in this country.... the Romans have a lot to answer for...but lavender was one of their better imports! Margaret Roseboom added some more information, using the big screen....

including some very useful cooking tips. There are fresh herbs growing in the bed at the side of ACH...help yourself!

We celebrated the donation of £320 to *Breast Cancer Now*. A special thank you to everyone who came for Cream Teas on Sundays in August and helped with clearing away afterwards



ANGELA COBBOLD HALL UPDATE – DEDICATION OF BENCH SEAT IN MEMORY OF BOB TATE

On 10th September 2023 the trustees of the Angela Cobbold Hall welcomed Dr Ann Tate and her family to a short ceremony led by Reverend Gary Jones at which a bench seat was dedicated to the memory of her husband, the late Dr Robert Tate of Horsenden House, Little Bealings. A local resident generously donated the seat. The ceremony was followed by refreshments in the hall.

The corner shaped bench was built by a local craftsman Rob Phillips and is positioned on the patio area outside the front of the hall.

The inscription reads “In memory of Bob Tate, A True Friend and Gentle Man.” Bob was indeed a friend of so many in the village and has been sorely missed since his passing earlier this year.

In life Bob supported the ACH and attended many events. He generously left a legacy to support future projects, for which the Trustees are grateful and will put to good use for the benefit of the community.

*Chris Cheeseman
on behalf of ROPETH trustees*

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TIME FOR TEA	3rd. Sunday of the month 3pm	Enquiries 01473 620213
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Friday 6th 7.15 p.m. **FISH & CHIPS**
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Friday 13th 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. **FOOT CLINIC**
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Friday 13th 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. **SOCIAL FRIDAY**
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Sunday 15th from 3.00 p.m. **TIME FOR TEA**
(and every third Sunday)

Wednesday 18th 7.30 p.m. **GARDENING CLUB**
Refreshments Free Entry (donations welcome)

Friday 20th 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. **SOCIAL FRIDAY**

Friday 27th **AN EVENING WITH JOHN BETJEMAN**
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FUTURE DATES

NOVEMBER

Friday 3rd 7.15 p.m. **Fish & Chips**
Saturday 25th 2.00 p.m. **Knit & Natter Christmas Bazaar**

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd 2.00 p.m. **Wreath Making**
Saturday 2nd 7.30 p.m. **Wine Tasting Evening**
Friday 8th and
Saturday 9th 7.30 p.m. **"Gosforth's Fete" and "A Talk in the Park" by Alan Ayckbourn**, from his comedy "Confusions"
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Wednesday 13th 7.30 p.m. **Gardening Club** - Christmas table decorations

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Sun 8 th Oct	10.00 a.m.	Family Service
Sun 22 nd Oct	10.00 a.m.	Family Service with Communion
Thursdays		
Starting 5th Oct	7.15 p.m.	Start of Alpha- a joyful introduction to our faith, contact Helen Wittgreffe helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.00 a.m.	Morning church service (about 20 mins)
10:30 a.m.	Fynn Valley Walks (leisurely walks ~4 miles)
10.30 a.m. Re-opening soon!	("Absolutely Divine" café (Meet-Up Wednesdays
Straight after school (term time)	The BORROWERS after school eco group "The Borrowers" may join the café

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Build a Bee Café, with Paul Martin! 

Wednesday 27th Sept	Building wooden boxes for the Bee Cafes
Wednesday 4th Oct	Potting up flowers for the Bee Cafes (bring 2l plastic bottles)
Wednesday 11th Oct	Finishing the Bee Cafes & placing them in a sunny spot
Wednesday 18th Oct	Bioblitz (using Seek App by iNaturalist, bring pots/nets & magnifying glass)

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ALL SAINTS AUTUMN

Autumn is well underway at All Saints and planning for Remembrance and Christmas has started.

Our Pet Service is taking place 1st October, 3pm, and if you've read this newsletter quickly enough there may still be time to bring your furry friends. We'd love to see you all. Dog biscuits and Go-Cat are guaranteed, and Reverend Gary is most excited to meet and bless the parish's four-legged friends; six and eight-legged welcome too!

Saturday 14th Oct is the annual churchyard tidy headed up by Francis Mutimer. If you can join Francis at 9am he would be most grateful for your help as he trims trees, bushes, takes out nettles, sweeps the path, cuts the grass, and generally gets the churchyard ready for autumn/winter. Many hands make lightwork and there will be a good 'thank you' buffet afterwards.

Thursday 5th Oct 7.15pm, we launch our 'everyone welcome' Alpha course. Please Google 'Alpha Taster', have a watch, and then come along and join us – Alpha is a journey, answers many questions about life and faith, and is so positive. I wish everyone would watch this film series. Myself, Rob, Carolyn, Julia, and John L hope to share it with you. As I write I have ten booked for the course and we hope for a few more.

I'm sure you will have all noticed that much work has been done in the churchyard; we greatly thank the Community Pay Back team, and Francis, John, and Robin.

New lighting has been installed in the church porch and outside the main door; alongside new LED lamps to light the building at night. Thank you to Ian for organising this.

A bike rack has been installed inside the church gate and we thank Carl for preparing the ground and fixing in.

Next French drains, a loose tile on the roof, and gutters to clear.

We thank our small team of volunteers for all their endless work; it's a big plot and building. We are always looking for more volunteers as we keep the church tidy and safe, if you can help for even an hour a week, we would love to hear from you.

Finally, the church café – you loved it, and we want it running again. We need volunteers as it's such an asset to the village, especially as the darker days come, can you help for a few hours? Could you serve joy and cake? If so please, please contact me.

Happy October everyone, hope to see/ meet you all soon.

Helen

Helen Wittgreffe, Churchwarden
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLE BEALINGS

We are delighted to announce that All Saints Church, Little Bealings has been shortlisted for East Suffolk Council's Quality of Place Awards 2023 in the Community Category. East Suffolk Council state that the awards were introduced "to recognise and encourage an interest in the quality of the built and natural environment of our district and to promote an awareness of the need for high standards in all forms of design, including planning, architecture, sustainable development, landscaping and community engagement." We felt this was a good opportunity to reflect on what has been a long but rewarding project to revitalise and transform All Saints Church into a welcoming and flexible space for our community.

Mullins Dowse Architects have been part of this long journey from back in 2002 when the timber clad toilet block was added to the western side of the Tower Porch along with its trench arch drainage system. At this point some minor reordering took place and the church became step-free access.

We were approached regarding the most recent work in 2015 when the Church

was estimated to have enough money to stay open and operational for a mere 5 years. Celia Cook, the Priest-in-Charge at the time, had a vision for transforming the church into a Community Hub. With the core of the project from the start to make the Church welcoming and inclusive. This vision has been realised in phases as and when funding has allowed.

Phase 1 started on site in November 2018 with the removal of the pews and the careful installation of the brick floor where there was bare earth under the existing pews. This has opened up the church to allow it to be used for multiple functions and by different groups of people within the community. The old pews were notoriously uncomfortable to sit on for long periods and the aisle between the pews was so narrow a bride and groom could not process down the nave hand-in-hand, nor could pall bearers have stood either side of the coffin to carry it up.

The reordering continued in February 2020 with the installation of the new heating system to allow the church to become a comfortable and welcoming place to spend time in. It was a relief to the Churchwardens and Parishioners alike when the very old oil burners were replaced as replacement parts had long been unavailable for them not to mention the time they took to heat the church. The new fan assisted radiators can be controlled remotely and heat the church in a fraction of the time.

Covid delayed Phase 3 which began in July 2022, this latest phase included the installation of the kitchen and a storage bench lovingly made by local joiners. The church has new chairs which are comfortable and stylish.

It has been lovely to see the Church's Cafe "Absolutely Divine" now open and popular every Wednesday with plans to expand. The Church is in use by community groups for both young and old including: a local walking group, Pilates classes, films can be shown on the projector and screen and an eco-group

for school age children. We hope and trust that this project has helped secure All Saints' future by enabling the church to generate income to allow it to continue to be open for prayer and services for generations to come.

Local fundraising and grants have enabled this dark and restricted space to become open and welcoming. Bealings Community Hub was delighted to be a finalist for the Community of the Year Award at the East Suffolk Awards 2023, as without such a terrific and supportive team, drawing on the community, this project would not have so successfully reached its goal of serving the village of Little Bealings and the wider community beyond. Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend, Corinne Jarvis Fear and Tony Fear among many others helped make our job as Architects all the easier in making the vision a reality. The current team at All Saints Church are now ably turning the flexible space we have created into a living part of our community and giving us another reason to know that Little Bealings is a "quality" place to live.

On a personal note, it was an honour and a privilege to work on All Saints Church, Little Bealings. I grew up in the village and sang in the church choir and it gives a great sense of professional achievement as an Architect to now see All Saints in active use by the Community with my own daughter attending the after school eco group when just a few years ago it was in very real danger of permanent closure.

*Elizabeth Sinha
Architect and Director of Mullins Dowse
Architects Ltd and Bealings Resident*

WORD FROM THE STUDY

I love the smell of fresh bread when you walk past a bakery or even when the bread-maker is on at home, it makes you feel hungry even if you are not and the smell of the greengrocers reminds us of God's goodness towards His people and His promise of provision for all. Harvest,

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a time when we pause and remember the many blessings we have, for our farmers who toil day and night in all weathers to put food on our tables. Over the last few years many farmers have struggled with risen price of feeds and fallen gate prices, this has caused great distress to individuals, so we continue to hold in them and their families in our prayers at this time.

Our climate is changing the reality of global warming is hitting home Morocco just one of the many nations affected, floods in India and China. The world has provision of all it is how humankind responds is the problem. Leaders and regime's stop the distribution in order to keep themselves in power. The world cries along with the words of the psalmist how long must my people suffer? My hopes and prayers are that the world will work together not just pay lip service. People and communities need to work together, we can do this together for the good of all humankind. So, this harvest we will thank God for the past, the present and our future, to help us be better stewards of creation. We want a world for our children to be sustainable.

On Sunday 1st October at 3.00 p.m., we will be having a benefice pet service at Little Bealings and all are welcome, as we gather to give thanks for our pets.

So, over the next few weeks, all our Churches are busy planning for Remembrance Sunday as well as Christmas but also getting ready to welcome Sarah our new incumbent and her family as they join us, we look forward to their coming.

Churches need communities and communities need Churches. As we go forward, perhaps we can pledge ourselves to support one another. As a Church, the more we can do to promote God's love for each other the better. All are welcome at our services

In the song we sing with the children, it starts off with the words "Our God is a great big God" and finishes with the words "How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan". I could not agree more. And although the media and the press would tell us that numbers are diminishing; I will leave you with this thought, one plus God is a majority.

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 6th Sept 2023.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Apologies for absence received from Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce - her written report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr Colin Hedgley's report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website. Colin also reported that he and co-Dist. Cllr Dan Clery had come to an agreement to split the Carlford & Fynn Valley parishes evenly between them and to swap over after a year but that any parish could request a visit from either Dist Cllr at any time. Please contact Colin if you have any problems which you think he could help you with.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- The results of an appeal are still awaited on the unregistered footpath between Butts Road and Church Road.

- Details of Highways' proposals for C324 traffic priority problems have now been revealed - the PC has voted to accept them, and they should be implemented within 10 months along with drainage improvements at no extra cost to the parish.

- The large gate across FP2 to Tuddenham is usually left open now, so no further action necessary but Footpaths Officer Debbie Adams can be contacted if there is a problem in future.

- New signage for Church Lane to deter heavy traffic has been agreed and work will start soon.

- Small trip hazards on FP5 near to the NE border with Gt Bealings – no action necessary at present.

- Boules Piste repairs – it is hoped that a team of volunteers will soon be found to undertake this task.

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

SPEEDWATCH

James Wright from Rushmere St Andrew parish gave a talk on Speedwatch. He explained its origins and the main aims which are to educate drivers into slowing down and obeying speed limits through villages. He is willing to help start up a Speedwatch scheme in Playford if enough volunteers come forward to operate it. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's July and August salary and stationery expenses, also costs of improving the bottle bank area to Sam Webber and uncontested election costs to East Suffolk Co.

HIGHWAYS

Highways' improvements for traffic priority issues on the C324 (mentioned above) include better signage at either end and bolder white lines to make the single carriageway section more obvious. New road signs to deter heavy traffic from using Church Lane can now be ordered and work commenced. The advantages

of designating Church Road as a Quiet Lane were discussed, and this will be further investigated. The SIDs report was given by Tracy Herrington, including data collected in July and Aug, recorded speeds were found to have declined slightly since the previous meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft N/Plan is about to be submitted to East Suffolk Co. for their approval.

PLANNING MATTERS

Application DC/23/3143/FUL - No 2 Brook Cottages, Brook Lane - Side two-storey extension and rear single storey extension to supersede previous DC/19/3344/FUL application. This was approved by Playford Parish Council but is yet to be decided by East Suffolk planners.

OTHER MATTERS

- Bottle bank improvements are still ongoing, and we await low fencing around the site and some loose paving stones to be added.

- The memorial oak tree on the playing field is looking much better, thanks to a rota of volunteers to water it and some recent heavy rainfall.

- Two vacancies still exist for new councillors, but it is hoped that one may be filled soon.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 1st November 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

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PLAYFORD W.I.

Nellie was a very welcome waggy visitor to our September meeting when we also heard from June and James Wright, volunteer Guide Dog puppy-raisers, about the journey they've all been on since Nellie was assigned to them at just 7 weeks old last November. She has a carefully managed programme of everyday experiences to prepare for her future vocation. We look forward to following her progress as to whether she is

selected as a breeding dog, becomes one of the UK's 4,000 guide dogs, takes on an ambassador role, or is put up for adoption.

A few days later we were with Grundisburgh W.I. for a talk by Lysten Edwards, a drag ballerina hired to entertain HM forces in Iran and Afghanistan. Later in the month we were delighted to be invited to Lightwave's 'harvest swap', sharing W.I. jam and chutney recipes for gluts of tomatoes, courgettes etc. There is never a dull moment with the W.I.!

'W.I. Day' was held on 16th September, a national event to raise awareness of the W.I. with the local community so our members were pleased to join the coffee morning held in Playford Church, with a W.I. memorabilia display plus 'Summer' photo competition for everyone to vote on. We were delighted that Dr Dan Poulter MP also took part!



This month, members also attended a posthumous exhibition of art by Suffolk artist Bridget Lapsley. Staged in Felixstowe, proceeds raised funds for St Elizabeth Hospice who supported Bridget, a much valued, and missed, committee member of our W.I.

In October, we will remember many more previous members as Playford W.I. marks its 100th anniversary. We look forward to celebrating this significant achievement with a party including a menu of 1923 recipes!

BINKY AND CO.

Binky slammed the phone down. What a load of rubbish he thought to himself. (In fact, he thought worse than that, but it has been censored.) He had started the phone call to HMRC with a good feeling and with no malice aforethought. Perhaps the one hour and ten minutes' wait had an effect on him of which he was unaware. But no, he thought, I am a calm and moderate person who has a fair dollop of patience. (There are dozens of people that think otherwise.) He had been reading lately that the best way to rid oneself of negative feelings in such circumstances is to write down all that has happened to bring on these feelings and they would soon dissipate.

Binky really hadn't got time for that sort of psycho-babble but he was slowly edging towards that as an answer. He then had a lightbulb moment. I am going to write down all those annoying statements and correct them, and then send them to the newspaper. It's the only way. Then send my list to all the local schools. Then the Prime Minister. I will not have a twenty-year-old HMRC civil servant telling me he is "reaching out" to me and at the same time denying I am due a rebate.

He picked up his pencil and idly vibrated it between his upper and lower teeth. The graphite then hit the paper and he was away.

At that moment in time	At that time <u>or</u> at that moment---not both.
Reaching out	Contact. Appealing to you.
Train Station	Railway station. (A railway station is a station on the railway. A train station is a station on a train. Normally called a buffet car.)
Buffet	French for a type of sideboard.
Lightbulb moment	Good idea. Inspirational moment.
Thinking outside of the box	If only the idiot would get back in it.
Going forward	In future.
Amazing!	Usually, used by a waiter when you choose beans on toast.
We are where we are	Where else would you be 'at that moment in time?'
It is what it is	Usually, the repost of an unthinking idiot.
Gaslighting	I have no idea. Well, sort of. Anyway, overused.
Trust the science	And if you don't?
Let's unpack this	Please don't. Leave it in your suitcase.
Welcome to my world	Condescending **!*?@.

At that moment in time Binky was bushed. He had driven himself in top gear for too long. He couldn't fight yesterday's battles and had nothing left in the tank. He was misunderstood and that was his truth.

At that moment in time his wife, Indigo, called him.

"Binky, I'm taking a spin in the car, and I may swing by Mrs Spatchelor for the lowdown on the fling she's having with that eighteen-year-old hunk from the council tip. Dinner sorted; I think. LoL."

Binky went to bed.

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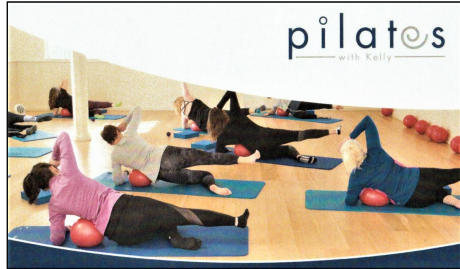
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