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FARMING IN EAST ANGLIA OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS

Born in Suffolk, I started my farming career at the age of fourteen, working on a farm at weekends and holidays, and have witnessed numerous and significant changes in farming practices and traditions over the last fifty years; some of which I share with you here.

Following the end of World War 11 shire horses were slowly replaced by tractors and, later, with those imposing pieces of farm machinery we see today. Such mechanical and technical development not only increased productivity but resulted in greater profitability across the whole farming spectrum. Perhaps more importantly this period saw vastly improved

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working conditions and welfare provision for to-day's farmers,

In the late 60s/70s cereals and sugar beet were the predominant crop, with vegetables grown on the East Coast. This period also saw the introduction of Oilseed rape, now such a generic crop and seen in most areas within the County. Basically, the mix remains the same today, with the introduction of Anaerobic Digesters, maize, produced as a feedstock, and now widely grown. It is only more recently (in the last ten to fifteen years) that large-scale outdoor pigs on the Sand-lands have been established. These have been progressed as a more cost-effective method of pig keeping, alongside improved welfare standards. Pig farming is now very much a recognised part of farming within East Anglia.

Looking at the crop yields over the last 50 years, these increased dramatically in the 1960s and 70's due to improved plant breeding and the use of fungicides to prevent/control diseases. However, these yields have somewhat flat-lined in the last 30 years. Despite this, there has been an impressive upsurge in Sugar Beet yields, with crops regularly producing 40 tonnes per acre.

In my early farming years, practices included set-aside, margins and fallow fields. These have changed over the years. Set-aside is no longer a requirement and has basically been replaced with the need to have land taken out of production with either fallow, green/cover crops, or margins which need to be in place for the farmer to be able to apply for payments.

Other changes, designed to enhance the

wild-life and fauna, have seen farmers entering an Environmental Scheme (which, whilst voluntarily at present, is likely to become mandatory in the future). For this they receive disbursements which help to offset the cost of managing the options and the loss of crop income. The countryside benefits significantly from such a scheme.

Without doubt one of the major changes witnessed during my farming years, has been the introduction of Contract Farming in the early 21st Century, at a time when arable returns were in the doldrums. Whatever your viewpoint on this specific issue, Contract farming has seen the loss of many family run businesses, but it has also secured a guaranteed income for farmers. Perhaps a double-edged sword, but one which has seriously influenced the present-day face of farming.



With Brexit on the horizon, farmers face an unprecedented uncertainty with no clear Agricultural policy in place and are presently having to second guess the outcomes. This same ambiguity exists in respect of climate change, with the weather presenting a constant challenge, particularly to those with grazing livestock, who face serious issues with forage stocks in the forthcoming months.

Farmers of all undertakings are rightly concerned about the disappearance of subsidies when the U.K. leaves the European Union (assuming Brexit happens!) Firm directives would be welcome, and farmers have only been guaranteed assistance until March 2019. They are however a resilient group of people and the majority will adapt. Sadly, there will be businesses which may not be sustainable, however there will always be opportunities for those with positive

business plans. And we must remember that we all need food.

A small glimpse of farming in Suffolk over the last fifty years, but one which provides me to express my gratitude for what farming has provided for myself and my family. To those who backed my ability and afforded me an opportunity to pursue a wonderful career, spanning almost fifty years, I remain indebted, and hope I have repaid the trust they had in me.

NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

FROM YOUR EDITORIAL TEAM

THANK YOU GATHERING FOR HELPERS

This did indeed take place on Friday 31st August in Great Bealings churchyard, on a wonderfully sunny late-summer evening. Some 40 people attended, many of them unknown to one another, so sticky label labels facilitated more than a few makings of acquaintance. The attendance of that number of people all involved in a common enterprise, alongside several apologies, gives some idea of the numbers of people involved in this enterprise, and the fact that they lingered on well into the evening sunshine suggests that they enjoyed the occasion, a thank you to all concerned. Editor, Norman Porter articulated that gratitude and paid particular tribute to Tim Llewellyn who has now been designing this Magazine and its Benefice predecessor for some 27 years. A picture was taken, but sadly with a camera whose memory card had been temporarily removed, so we have no pictorial record of this unique occasion. Words will have to suffice.

COMMENT – LITTLE BEALINGS CAFÉ-HUB AND ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

This dispute rumbles on. Despite our best efforts to provide balanced coverage, neither side was pleased at the outcome.

For errors of judgement and possibly distorted facts we can but apologise and continue to look forward to a resolution of differences. Our back-page disclaimer applies – we are a totally voluntary unpaid set-up, spending many hours a month putting the Magazine together, and simply cannot take on the responsibility of checking facts as presented by others, in the way that this is required of professional outlets. In the meantime, this is clearly a topic of on-going interest, both in our villages and beyond.

That said, it is our judgement that further extensive coverage would not portray our villages in a light in which we would like to be seen. The situation is now such that would be unwise to comment further. We owe it to our principal financial backers, the Parish Councils and advertisers not to allow the Magazine to become a rural battlefield, reflecting badly on local life, so, with the backing of representatives of those Parish Councils we have agreed that nothing further will be published on the subject until such time as the opposing parties produce a joint summary of the situation. The compiling of such an article would necessarily bring them together, even though the resultant article would clearly not necessarily reflect agreement and a successful outcome.

We continue to hope that such an outcome is possible and that, with goodwill on both sides, a satisfactory conclusion can be reached, in the best interests of all. We look forward to publishing news of a happy resolution.

GOODBYES AND 'THANK YOUS'

Many thanks to Margaret Gornall, who is retiring after many years of collecting, sorting and distributing the magazine. All her hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Norman and Virginia for hosting a 'get together' for all those involved in making this Magazine so successful at community bonding. The evening in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church at Great Bealings was delightful and much enjoyed by all. A truly memorable occasion! Thank-you both.

Vicki Carr

NEWS SNIPPETS

– do let us know of anything on the same sort of lines as what follows:

LITTER PICK – financial rewards

As a result of the litter pick organised by the Great Bealings PC earlier this year, they were rewarded with a £20 donation, in the shape of a cheque from Suffolk Norse. Very generously the PC made this over to the Fynn-Lark News, for which many thanks.

How good that local volunteers are prepared to get out to clean up our verges and hedgerows. How much better if litter were not dumped there in the first place! Anyone who participated in the Historical Churches Cycle Ride will have had a saddle-level view of the problem – and it remains a serious one.

FACEBOOK

Matthew Coward tells us that a new Facebook page has been set up with the idea being of having a central place for local residents of Little Bealings and Great Bealings to share recent news, events, discuss local topics, post photographs and much more.

The page can be found at...

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/927588954095601>

We trust that there will still be a place for, and continued input into this traditional printed Magazine!

ROSEMARY HINTON IN CONCERT

Those who have attended recent concerts by Rosemary will be reminded that she is appearing as soloist with the Wolsey Orchestra in a concert to be held at the Ipswich Corn Exchange on Saturday 13th October at 7.30 pm. The programme includes Sibelius' Finlandia, Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2 (Rosemary) and Tchaikovsky's 6th symphony. 01473 433100 should put you on course for tickets.

POP UP PUB AND QUIZ EVENING – September 14th – Bealings Village hall

Our thanks to those who work so hard to put on these events. There was a bar, a barbecue and a quiz evening, and all sorts of often unexpected opportunities to chat to people popping in for one or two or all of the offerings. Well done to all concerned.

PLANT SALE RAFFLE PRIZE WINNER

– a flight to Le Touquet

Our Plant Sale Raffle winner, Mike Cummings, kindly passed on the prize, a flight in a light aircraft, kindly donated by Colin Hopkins, to his daughter Jayne Double and husband, Phil.



Jayne writes as follows:

OUR TRIP TO LE TOUQUET

What an amazing trip we had to Le Touquet in Northern France. We flew

from Earls Colne near Colchester in a 4-seater light aircraft (Socata TB-200.). The pilot Colin Hopkins was affable and informative, telling us all about our route and the sights we should look out for. Colin was very thorough with his safety checks, so I felt very safe. The plane is comfortable, and the take-off and landings were smooth. Colin's easy-going manner and good conversation made it an enjoyable flight. We all wore headsets so we could easily talk to each other and also listen to some of the comments from the different control towers.



The views were fabulous, the white cliffs of Dover shone brightly in the sunshine. You arrive in Le Touquet in less than an hour.

The town of Le Touquet is not far from the airport so we hired bikes and cycled into town. It is all fairly flat so very easy cycling. Colin was also an excellent guide in Le Touquet recommending places to eat etc. The beach is beautiful and sandy with plenty of room for you to spread out. You can eat on the beach or choose one of the main restaurants in the town. We had a delicious authentic French lunch.

I really enjoyed my trip and would highly recommend it. I hope to go again soon.

HISTORY CORNER

This piece was remembered and written down from her childhood by Phebe Martin, mother of the late David Martin, of Lavender Cottage, Great Bealings. It reminds us of the days when many churches had box pews, with specific families designated to their own specific pew.

It also perhaps appropriate, at a time



when so many of our churches are evolving to accommodate modern needs and tastes, to remember how churches have evolved through the ages, and still continue to evolve. The humble lesson at the heart of the piece transcends all those evolutions.

The Sacred Stone

– a lesson in humility

He was old and poor and a stranger in the great Metropolis

But as he wended his weary steps to a stately edifice,

Outside he enquired: "What church is this?"

"Church of Christ", he heard them say.

Ah, just the place I'm looking for – I hope he's here today.

He passed through the stately column door and up the carpeted aisle

And, as he passed, on many a face he saw surprise and a smile.

From pew to pew down the other aisle he walked with the same slow pace.

No friendly voice had bid him sit, the pews were paid for – rented –

And though a stranger old and poor, not a soul to him relented.

As he paused outside to think, he then again passed into the street.

Up to his shoulder he lifted a stone that lay in the dust at his feet,

Bore it up the broad grand aisle and in front of the ranks and pews,

Choosing a place to see and to hear, he made it a seat for his use.

Calmly ... the worshippers he sees. Many a cheek was crimson with shame.

Some whispered together low,
And wished they had been more courteous

To the poor man they did not know.

As if by magic some 50 doors were opened instantaneously

And as many seats and hands were proffered hastily.

Changing his stone for a cushion seat and wiping a tear away,

He thinks it was a mistake after all, and that Christ did come that day.

The preacher's discourse was elegant, the organist in finest tone

But the most impressive sermon was preached by a humble stone.

It was a lesson of lowliness that lodged in many a heart

And the church preserves that sacred stone, that the truth may not depart.

NATURE NOTES

SUNFLOWERS

Thinking back on a childhood that was way back in the past, I have simply no recollection of seeing sunflowers – wild-flower-rich meadows, yes. But no sunflowers.

What's changed? Gardens now seem to be full of rogue sunflowers, the best ones growing tall and sturdy in well-manured vegetable patches, while weedier specimens find their way into tubs and verges. They seem to be everywhere –

scattered, not on the scale of those fields that you see in the South of France, full of massed sunflowers, gently turning their head round with the sun (hence the French for sunflower: "tournesol") but, with their round sunny faces, reminding us why van Gogh kept on painting them.

The answer must lie in the birdseed. Sunflower hearts and sunflower seed are part of a stable diet in our bird-feeding gardens. The seeds drop, are dispersed, and lo and behold we look out on an uninvited crop of sunflowers. And then the bright yellow heads in turn produce more seed, and the cycle continues. Their roots are very tufty, and take some removing – that can be the downside. Otherwise: *Vive le tournesol!*



VISIT TO THE “ENERGY FROM WASTE” FACILITY AT GREAT BLAKENHAM

On Wednesday 22nd August a party from Bealings and Playford visited the energy from waste facility, organised by Phil Holmes. Everyone found it a fascinating afternoon and learnt an enormous amount about rubbish handling and disposal – not least some of the rules for recycling as opposed to disposal (“if it crackles, don't put it in the recycling”).

General waste (grey bin) in our area is collected in the “bin lorries” and taken to Foxhall Road recycling centre. Each lorry carries around 8 tons of waste, and these are aggregated into a 24-ton load, which is taken to Great Blakenham. They're dumped into a huge hopper, which

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

November

Sunday 11th Commemoration End of World War 1 Great Bealings

December

Sunday 2nd The Nightingale Wind Quintet Great Bealings

This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.

It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.

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receives over 5,000 tons of waste each week.



Cranes transfer the waste to a moving grate where it is burnt in a furnace at over 1100°C. There is no additional fuel – the waste has enough calorific value to burn without it. The hot air from the furnace is used to heat pressurised steam to 400°C, and this is used to drive a turbine which powers an electrical generator, generating over 20 megawatts of electricity (enough for 30,000 houses or so). The hot gas is then cleaned and filtered and sent out of two chimneys over 250' high. The waste gas is continuously monitored and is mainly water vapour, carbon dioxide and air. Other potential pollutants (e.g. NOx, dioxins, etc.) are kept to very low levels by the high temperatures involved. The ash that is the residue of burning is mainly used to create aggregate for building and roads – around a quarter of the weight of the waste coming in. Metals are extracted prior to the aggregate creation and these are sold for recycling. We saw a strange mix of what people had put into their waste bins, including numerous spring mattresses and a workmate! The only other output is fly ash which is less than 3% of the waste input and is classified as hazardous material and has to be disposed of at a licensed landfill site. So, we learnt that prior to 2015, when the plant opened, 100% of our non-recyclable waste was put into landfill, and now less than 3% is.

The main problem the plant has to cope with is inappropriate materials being

dumped. The week of our visit a tree stump of two to three feet in diameter had been dumped in a communal bin and this was so large it would not burn and blocked the plant completely, meaning a shut down that cost close to £50,000. The manager explained that it's not unusual for washing machines and other electrical items to be put into domestic bins. Whilst these do not stop the plant from working they clearly could be better dealt with by recycling.

Very interesting and a recommended visit.

Phil Holmes

PUDDING PARADISE

Thursday 25th October 2018 - The Froize, Chillesford

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On the night guests will enjoy a selection of Suffolk tapas, followed by the array of homemade desserts. Entertainment will also be provided in the form of foodie competitions and a big prize draw will give those in attendance time to digest between tasters to ensure maximum samples are enjoyed by all.

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ST MARY'S

It's officially autumn, and those long hot days of summer are fast becoming a distant memory. But every season has its attractions, and the rhythms of our lives change with the seasons. Whatever the season there is always a positive side, and each season brings its own pleasures. Snug evenings indoors and outdoor barbecues - each have their due season and bring different pleasures, so perhaps we should remind ourselves how lucky we are to live in a temperate climate, where the rains help us to grow our crops, the sun is mostly gentle, occasional ice and snow bring forth mostly cries of excitement, hurricanes are a rarity, as are volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, and floods generally less destructive of human life and dwellings than those we see in other parts of the world. Whatever kind of providence we acknowledge, we have much to be grateful for with the relative lack of climatic extremes in this temperate island of ours.

LOOKING BACK

Our Harvest Festival took place on Sunday, September 2nd. Many thanks to all those who helped decorate the church, particularly to Jenny Dow, whose allegiance remains despite her move to Snape.

It is good to note that close on 40 people came along to join us, many of whom stayed behind for refreshments. We had hoped to fill in time between the service and village cricket with a barbecue lunch, but numbers signing up were sparse, partly owing to an alternative attraction at Portman Road, so we decided to leave the two hours blank and recongregate for

the afternoon's cricket at 2.00.

It had seemed that early September might bit a bit early to celebrate harvest, but, in the event, almost all our surrounding fields had reverted to stubble, and the hedges were groaning with blackberries, elderberries, hips, bullaces, sloes, hops etc. and garden vegetables were taking on a second life after the much-needed rain so thanksgiving was far from mistimed.

CHURCHYARD

The Mag helpers' party took place behind the church on August 31st, so we were able to invite our visitors to enjoy the walks around the churchyard – for several of them a pleasant discovery.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH.

The Benefice Remembrance Service for this very special year, 100 years after the end of WW1, is being held in our church, so we need to ensure that everything, inside is in good order. Your churchwarden attended a meeting of the Parish Council and ways were explored as to how the PCC and Parish Council could combine their efforts to ensure that the parish beacon commemoration of the end of World War 1 will be an event matching the importance of the commemoration. See separate item.

CLEANING TEAM

Both in connection with the above, and with similar occasions, both routine and special, it has been helpfully suggested that we should have a team of volunteers on call – male and female! – to ensure that the church is kept clean within, just as our team of churchyard workers keeps the exterior in good shape. We already have the names of several volunteers and would welcome additions. Please contact

Virginia Porter. It could well be that this team comes together at the same time as churchyard work is undertaken, thereby assuring that the work of the day is also a social occasion, with a chance to meet and chat.

May we suggest that the morning of Saturday November 10th would be a good time for all to gather, to ensure that the church, inside and out, is in good condition for our hosting of this year's Benefice Remembrance service. Churchyard workers and cleaning volunteers all welcome on site from 9.00 onwards, with coffee mid-morning, and ploughman's lunch at 1.00. Do come and join us. Offers to churchwarden, please via nhp@rillcott.co.uk or vrp@rillcott.co.uk. There is also likely to be work going on preparing for the Beacon event – helpers there are welcome to join us at 1.00. Some may be doing a bit of both! A busy day.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

ANNUAL VILLAGE CRICKET – Sunday 2nd September

This was held on the afternoon of September 2nd at the usual venue – the meadow behind Barn Pightle - thanks to the generosity of the Douse family. The weather was glorious. There were enough players, drawn from across the generations and the ability range, to allow a two innings match with 6-a-side. The event also attracted a good number of spectators, who were able to enjoy simultaneously both the talent on view, and the pleasures of Sunday afternoon tea and cakes. Some of the umpiring decisions called for discretion rather than a strict application of the rules, and despite the best efforts of the ground-staff, the wicket exhibited a sporting unpredictability. Nevertheless, a fine contest ensued, with the talent on view including no less than a Suffolk U11 county player. Others did their best to match him. The result – forgotten and

quickly irrelevant. The back of the envelope on which it was all recorded got lost in the wash. It won't make it into Wisden.

Unfortunately, our staff photographer was too taken up with his involvement in the proceedings, so you will have to take it, textually, from the on-site reporter that it really was a hugely enjoyable afternoon, and that the £100 realised by the event was a wonderful return for all the work and energy that went into making it so.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – STRIDE AND RIDE – Saturday 8th September

Last year we were unable to participate because the event coincided with our Creative Arts Festival. We participated fully this year, with cyclists, and a team of stalwart church-sitters. Warmest thanks to them all. In the event it proved relatively easy to find quiet, traffic-light roads, and to enjoy visits to some of those lovely mid-Suffolk churches, still dutifully cared-for by committed villagers, who offer such warm welcomes, and ready refreshments. Our team reciprocates, in style, so it is something of a disappointment that so few visitors show up – even though there were, around the county, so many signs of wide participation in the event. The local organiser did drop in, and we were able to return a credit card to a grateful cyclist who had dropped it on the church path – and we have managed to send a cheque for £100 to the Trust, half of which reverts to St Mary's. It really is a thoroughly enjoyable day – look out for next year's date -normally in early September.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday December 2nd -

The Nightingale Wind Quintet.

Friday May 11th 2019 -

Return of Professor Jeremy Tambling.

May 12th 2019 –

4.00 pm. The Ipswich Hospital Band

The Friends

LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS

One of the joys we have of running BYAT is to see how our members grow with confidence in their performances both on stage and in their later years. It so happens that September gave 2 excellent opportunities to comment on such past involvements.

First under the lights on 1st, was Zander Haywood-Smith, now receiving commissions for his artistic skills in Berlin. He is also well remembered as Algernon in Oscar Wilde's, *The Importance of Being Ernest* and later his exuberant interpretation as Frankfurter in *The Rocky Horror Show*, especially to the front row of ladies, prominent among which was Janet Eaton who stated "It made my evening", but subsequently moved to Newton Abbott in Devon shortly afterwards!

Step forward sister, Olivia, a beautiful young lady who became 21 on the 18th. We remember her performance as Puck in the final scene of our *Midsummer Night's Dream* when she delivered with panache, for one then so young, her words, during Debussy's *Claire de Lune* to an enchanted and still audience.

On 16th we lit the lights in memory of Eddie Barrett, husband to Ann, who was a man of great service to our village community in so many ways and remains sorely missed by all of us.

Roger Roseboom 01473 735153

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 4th September

TREES

Martin Cripps has received some quotes for bulbs and has spoken with the Parish Planters and some residents as to suitable locations. Sally Johnson also offered to assist with this venture.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A comprehensive report by Colin Hedgley had been circulated prior to the meeting, and there were no questions on this. A full copy of the report will be attached to the minutes on the website.

PLANNING

DC/18/3146/FUL – Rosery Farm Cottage, Lodge Road – Change of use of existing barn first floor area to estate staff living accommodation and annex accommodation ancillary to Rosery Farm Cottage (for use of owner during renovations and extensions on adjacent Rosery Farm Cottage, then as annex/staff accommodation) – This amounts to a new development in the countryside and must be considered as a new application. As the application contravenes a number of Local Plan policies, the PC resolved to object to the application.

DC/18/3532/FUL – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road – Change of use of existing outbuildings/cow house to ancillary accommodation to Rosery Farmhouse – After the householders had explained the details of their proposals to Cllrs, the PC resolved by a majority vote to support this application.

SCDC LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Charles Barrington made some suggestions for the PC's comments, which were agreed by Cllrs and will be submitted.

HIGHWAYS

Boot St Bridge - Following the letter to Mary Evans, a meeting has been arranged for 25th September, at which Hasketon Road will also be discussed

SAVID – The PC is now in possession of a SID and pole and arrangements will be made for installation.

BEACONS OF LIGHT – WW1 COMMEMORATION 11TH NOVEMBER

This will be held at 6.00pm in the field at the top of Kiln Lane, by kind permission of Melissa Proctor. Norman Porter joined the meeting representing the PCC and a list of tasks was allocated to various Cllrs

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Eight cheques were approved and signed for Clerk's salary and PAYE, office expenses, computer work, Data Protection fee and the PC's insurance policy renewal. Confirmation has been received that the insurance policy sufficiently covers the new GDPR regulations. The 2018 Model Standing Orders have been amended and

circulated to Cllrs and these were formally approved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 13th November at 7.00pm

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

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BENEFICE/GREAT BEALINGS COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF WW1.



EXTENDED INVITATION.

Almost everyone will be aware that this year, on Sunday November 11th, the nation will be commemorating the Centenary of the end of World War 1 and paying tribute to the millions killed and wounded in battle, those who fought and survived, and those on the Home Front who struggled to keep things going.

The Benefice Remembrance Service will be held in St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, at 10.00 a.m.

This is to be followed later in the day by a special commemorative event, concurrent with similar events across the country. Over a year ago the Great Bealings Parish Council signed up to be one of the communities around the country participating in Beacons of Light: a chain of beacons across the land. The Parish Council and the PCC are working together to produce an event worthy of this historic occasion. A further update and reminder will appear in the November Magazine as well as on the village website and by email circular, but this is to give advance notice of what is provisionally planned.

VENUE: the meadow at the top of Kiln Lane, by kind permission of Melissa Procter.

TIMINGS:

6.00 p.m. onwards: Gather at the venue. BBQ and drinks will be available.

6.50 p.m. A short prayer of commemoration

6.55 p.m. The Last Post – across the country 1000 buglers will sound this historic tribute.

7.00 p.m. Lighting of Beacons across the country. These beacons will symbolize an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace.

7.05 p.m. Ringing out for peace. A joyous peal of bells from St Mary's – others may well wish to do the same, simultaneously. Bells across the country will be ringing out in celebration of peace.

OTHER ASPECTS OF THE EVENT:

- ◆ Our beacon will be a large bonfire.
- ◆ Barbecued refreshments will be available.
- ◆ A pop-up pub – if practicable.
- ◆ World War 1 music, and a sing-along of well-known WW1 songs around the bonfire.
- ◆ The setting off of a few fireworks - one for each man of the village whose name is on the War Memorial.

CAR PARKING: it is recommended that as many walk as is possible. Car parking spaces will NOT be available on the field for safety reasons, but St Mary's Car Park will be open. Melissa Proctor has kindly agreed that pedestrians from the church car park can walk via her driveway to avoid using the road as much as possible.

Please bring torches – we will provide such light as we can – limited.

Limited cover – be prepared for late autumn weather.

NUMBERS: All residents of Great Bealings are invited, as are visitors from other local villages. We do need to know numbers – to be sure that we have enough car parking spaces and to know how many to cater for, so if you intend to join us, please email or phone Norman Porter (nhp@rillcott.co.uk or 01473 735565)

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CHURCHWARDEN

Appointment pending

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 September 2018

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two matters were raised:

The Chairman of the Grove Farm Residents' Association raised the concern of some residents at the recent removal of the kissing gate on the Church footpath. Information was received from the PCC that this had been done at the request of some parents; the gate could be provided for reinstatement but not on Church ground.

The spouse of an officer of the PCC challenged the Council's consideration and minuting of PCC affairs, in respect of the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

WEBSITE

The OneSuffolk platform for the website did not have a security certificate and it was agreed to purchase this at a cost of £30.

FYNN-LARK VOLUNTEERS EVENT

Colin Hopkins reported on the success of this social event.

COUNCIL MINUTE BOOKS

Suffolk Records Office had acknowledged receipt of the Annual Parish Meeting Minute Book for 1896 to 2003 and the Parish Council Minute Book for 2006 to 2017 and thanked the Council for depositing information which could be of great use to future researchers.

STANDING ORDERS

New Standing Orders provided by NALC were adopted.

SCDC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION RESPONSE

This was agreed and included that the

proposed settlement hierarchy type of 'Small Village' should be downgraded in view of the lack of facilities in the parish. The full response can be found in the draft minutes of the meeting on the Council's website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/18/2620 High Rigg (renewal) and DC/17/5222/FUL 2 Holly Lane had been approved by SCDC.

EAOW

A sinking section of Holly Lane, where the cable had crossed it, had been reported to the developer for repair.

THE ADMIRALS HEAD

Some 10 -15 residents had responded positively to the suggestion of forming a new Save The Admirals Head Group and a meeting would be arranged for October.

PLAYFORD ROAD TRAFFIC

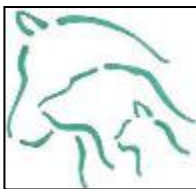
As SCC would charge £310 for a new traffic survey it was agreed to ask the police if there was any data available from recent speed checks.

WHITE LINE REPLACEMENT

SCC had advised that the replacement of the faded hatching in Martlesham Road was a low priority, but it might be carried out when centre lines were replaced. Replacing the white line between the Church and Holly Lane was also low priority.

BEALINGS SCHOOL PARKING

No reply had been received from the FOBS contact so it was agreed to contact the School and ask for parents to be advised of parking arrangements. Mrs Wilson had attended the recent SCDC/ police meeting. An officer could advise the School about the appointment of Junior Road Safety Officers and it was



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useful if the police were aware of future School events such as Sports Day.

GRIT BIN

It was agreed to look at the new grit bin replacement process in respect of the Hall Road crossroads bin.

SAVID

The appointment of a permanent chairman was being considered. £3,000 of funding for a new speed indicator device was available from County Councillor Robin Vickery if ownership and insurance could be resolved.

FOOTPATHS

Cutting had been completed and SCC invoiced for the cost.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Geoff Holdcroft attended in Colin Hedgley's absence. SCDC intended to adopt the new Local Plan by 31 March 2019 and merge it with the Waveney Local Plan over the next four years. If parliament gave approval SCDC and Waveney District Council would merge to form the new East Suffolk Council on 1 April 2019.

FINANCE

Douglas Hunter had carried out the bank statement/cheque book reconciliation for the second quarter. Cheques were signed for the insurance premium, footpath cutting, Suffolk Preservation Society annual subscription and landscape training and the Clerk's salary and PAYE September and October.

EAST SUFFOLK PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL FORUM

Colin Hopkins would represent the Council at this on 9 November.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on Monday 5 November 2018, at 7.15pm.

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

*Carol Ramsden - Clerk
01473 610088*

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TIDY VILLAGE?

At this time issues are dividing our Village, proposed changes to All Saints Church and the future of the Angela Cobbold Hall have brought up difference of opinions. I can understand this for we all care about the Village or so it would seem.

I have walked pass areas that show signs of neglect and indifference which contrasts with the rest of us who care about their properties, projecting an outward face of pride. Where we live is our biggest investment any decline in an area drags down prices. There are parts here where I should not care to live, nor look out on an eyesore.

I think we should try to improve things. I do not propose crashing into anyone's garden but there is plenty we could do. Anyone who would like to clean up our Village and show that we really care please contact me.

*Michael Lacey 01473 612122
michaellacey1933@outlook.com*

LET THERE BE LIGHT

In the thirty years since I started the scheme we have had only three lamplighters. Peter Carr was our third. I hesitated to ask him knowing how much time he was already giving to church matters - brass cleaning, restoring the pulpit and more, as well as establishing a herb garden by the Angela Cobbold Hall while turning it into a flourishing centre for celebrations and activities for community and outside events.

Peter is a man of integrity and commitment, always ready to help and I want to thank him wholeheartedly for his valuable contribution to the lights scheme. I understand and fully support his decision to call it a day, though it is no retirement I'm sure!

Many thanks also to Vicki for her tireless support and commitment to our community. We are so lucky to have them in our village.

Joan Moon

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 5th September 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website:

www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no County Councillor's report.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robert Whiting reported that the new Garden Waste scheme is going hi-tech and ID tags will be embedded into the green bins to assist with tracking. Old-style brown bins can be retained if people prefer and these may also be tagged. Delivery of the bins to households who have signed up to the new scheme, will commence in October. The District Council has requested via Scottish Power Renewables' current consultation that energy firms co-ordinate their work plans better to reduce disruption to local communities. There is a rat problem in Felixstowe - this is being dealt with by baited traps as the sites are too close to human activity and pets for poisoning to be used and efforts to step up street cleaning are being made. Felixstowe seafront gardens have been given a Green Flag Award for the third year running and are classed as one of the best parks in the world.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

C324 has finally been cleared of silt and white lines repainted, however there is still a problem with flooding which has been re-reported to Highways.

Water trickling down FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow has been reported for a third time – Clerk will chase this yet again.

Work clearing verges and ditches in Hill Farm Road has now been completed.

FP's 1 & 20 along the water meadow are much improved but electric fence is too close to the path in places on FP1 and FP20 is still rough in places, work on drainage problems with FP3 towards Bransons & Culpho is scheduled for October – clerk to liaise with owners for an update on these three FP's.

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

FINANCE

Grant money of £1000 has been received from Groundwork UK for the defibrillator project. Payments were authorised for the clerk's stationery expenses and to Planning Direct firstly for Neighbourhood Plan consultation expenses but payment of their second invoice has been queried pending more details. Steve Hicks agreed the Bank reconciliation. Budget for 2018/19 was found to be on track.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting was held on 24th July to discuss progress of this and to agree which surveys were necessary. Grant money received was considerably less than anticipated and work scheduled by Planning Direct has had to be reduced. Specific costs have not been agreed although Planning Direct has undertaken to obtain extra funding if their costs go

over-budget but the Parish Council must ensure they are getting value for money. It would seem that a wildlife survey is essential to add weight to the NP as Playford forms part of the Fynn Valley but Planning Direct do not consider this is necessary. Extra help is required to be carried out by volunteers if this Plan is to be completed. A meeting with Andrea McMillan of SCDC Planning team and Communities Officer Gillian Benjamin is to take place on 13th Sept to discuss the way forward.

WARD CHANGES DUE TO MERGER WITH WAVENEY DC

The closing date for comments on the Boundary Commission's latest proposals was 27th August, their draft proposals can be viewed at www.lgbce.org.uk. Publication of their final recommendations will be on 23rd Oct 2018 and subject to Parliamentary approval, will be implemented in May 2019.

OTHER MATTERS

A training session for using the defibrillator in Playford will be held between 1.00 – 3.30 pm on 12th Sept in the Village Hall. Surplus grant money received for this project will be put towards another community project, details to be discussed at the next meeting.

Steve Hicks has volunteered for the role of Tree Warden for the parish, there is a scheme to plant trees to commemorate the end of WW1 and the possibility of planting a tree on the playing field was discussed.

We still require another councillor to serve on Playford PC - please contact the clerk if you feel you could help.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 7th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468

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DEFIBRILLATOR

Playford Parish Council with the kind permission of the Playford Village Hall Management Committee has installed a defibrillator at the entrance to the village hall. The funds for this equipment were donated by Tesco's 'Bags of Help' fund, Robert Whiting's Enabling Communities Budget and from our county councillor,



Robyn Vickery's budget. The defibrillator is registered with the East of England Ambulance service and anyone in the area phoning 999 will be told that there is a machine ready and waiting in the village.



A training course was held at the village hall on Wednesday 12th September which was oversubscribed. Fifteen villagers were shown by Ann from the East of England Ambulance Service how

to perform CPR on 'model' patients and how to use CPR in conjunction with a defibrillator to revive someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest. It was a very instructive afternoon and gave many of us confidence that we would be able to use the equipment if a situation should arise.

We would like to sincerely thank our three sponsors who have made provision of this potentially lifesaving equipment possible.

*Joan Metcalfe
Chairman, Playford Parish Council*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

10th September - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for her Granddaughter, Evangeline Coates on her birthday, Monday, 10th September. Happy Birthday Evie, with lots of love from Grandma Barbara

Also, my late Dad on 9th September and brother, Barry 30th September.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home and be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time.

THE RIDE AND STRIDE or Tour de Suffolk

Visit as many churches in Suffolk as you can in one day (9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.), to raise money for your local church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Playford resident, Nathan Ashton, was keen to participate this year after learning that our village was unrepresented last year. Starting at Playford at 9am sharp, his ambitious cycling route headed through Culpho, Tuddenham and Rushmere St Andrew, then both All Saints and Holy Family in Kesgrave. The familiar trails to Martlesham Heath, Brightwell and

Newbourne were next, followed by the more unfamiliar, Hemley, and its idyllic views down across the river. Looping back up to Waldringfield (All Saints and Baptist) and Martlesham, then six in quick succession in Woodbridge (Quay St, Seckford Almshouse, St Mary's, St John's, St Thomas' and Methodist) bringing the midday total to a pleasing 18. Considering every church was offering tea and biscuits and there was a notably lovely piece of homemade cake to follow at Bromeswell there wasn't much need for a lunch break at this point. Then a chance to blow out the cobwebs with a long detour out to Butley, Boyton (St Andrew's and Mission FC) and Hollesley. A few blackberries at Bushy Lane kept the blood sugar up to visit Shottisham and Sutton. 26 so far, time to head back towards home. 5.5 hours in, the legs were starting to feel it and the pace back to Melton (St Andrews and Old Church), and Ufford was getting a little slower but the KitKat at Bredfield helped keep up morale. Tucked away off the beaten track Boulge was a pleasant surprise, then the last push through Hasketon, Clopton, Burgh, Grundisburgh, and finally Great Bealings and Little Bealings. A welcoming committee was waiting back at home in Playford with the kids very proudly shouting "Go Daddy! You can do it!" to get up the steep drive after almost 8 hours in the saddle.

Total churches visited = 37, Total miles covered = 64.5, Total free biscuits consumed = 25 plus cake and KitKats, Total money raised = £200 and counting, if you would like to make a donation to increase the total please do, half goes to Playford Church – donations either to Nathan at 1 The Courts, Playford or to the local organiser Sally Lamb at Fynn Toft, Bransons Lane, Playford. Or contact Nathan at nathan@ashtondesigns.co.uk for bank details to transfer.

Katherine Ashton

VILLAGE HALL—NEWS

The committee are constantly striving to maintain and improve the hall.

◆In recent months new windows and French doors have been installed in the small hall and 50 new upholstered chairs have been purchased. These are on 'dollies' which will make them easier to move - and prevent wear to the floor caused by dragging!

◆A painting of Playford by local artist Richard Cox was recently donated to the hall and this has been framed and hung in the Committee Room.

◆At long last we have a proper Wi-Fi connection which is available to hirers. In particular, it will allow people to use to maximum effect the new interactive screen and also the overhead projector and screen in the main hall. In addition, there is a new sound system which completes a 'suite' of the latest audio-visual equipment. Purchase of this equipment was possible thanks to a bequest from the late John Raffae.

◆Current projects include refurbishment of the main hall floor (scheduled for December) and external painting.

◆The Committee, which meets approximately 6 times a year, would welcome new members from within the village. Membership is not onerous, and many hands make for pleasurable light work! If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact the Secretary, Sue Lister for further information.
suelister56@googlemail.com

BINKY AND CO.

Mrs Stickleback's garden parties were world famous and that is no exaggeration. Her previous next door neighbours had emigrated to Australia in order to get away from her and they took great delight in regaling the sun loving Aussies with tales of Mrs S and her "simply lovely darling" hors d'oeuvres. Not that the Aussies knew what hors d'oeuvres were, although they have a sneaking suspicion that they are a posh barbee burger. Well,

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So Mrs S decided that another of her world famous garden parties should be held in order that her good name be recovered after the disastrous BBQ which by the way had thrown Anglo-Polish relations back to the years of Boleslaw the Brave. Binky would have no input to the food this time, apart from eating it, a fact that Mrs S resented anyway. However he did need to feel useful and Mrs S came up with the super idea of a huge fountain and waterfall to be erected on the front lawn. The task was given to Binky on the strict understanding that his beloved wife should be kept informed of design, erection and operation. "No surprises Binky" she ordered. Binky nodded but was not listening; his mind was racing with different ideas. Something along the lines of Thorpe Park was his dream although in hindsight he should have aimed for Ipswich Park. He rubbed his hands with glee. But before he could start he had to plug in his brand new all electric car, which was now his pride and joy which he polished regularly, like every couple of hours. He had installed an extra socket and charging unit in his garage and backed his car up and plugged in. That would then be all ready to go that afternoon just in case he had to pop down to the do it yourself shop for any bits and pieces he may need for this water fountain and slide he was designing. Binky started drawing and making a list of components required. Drainpipe, guttering, fifteen millimetres copper piping, outside tap, metal from the scrap yard to make a fun water slide, the list was endless; it was a bigger job than Binky first thought. During his musings he was interrupted by his friend Timmy who came to ask if Binky knew about cheap flights to Gdansk as his wife Wjkidyk (who is Polish you know) wanted to go home for a holiday and see her family. Secretly of course she needed a break from the Sticklebacks. Binky, who was useless at that sort of thing, suggested they might

take a ferry to Rotterdam and then thumb a lift to Gdansk on one of the many Lorries that went that way. Timmy decided not to mention that idea to his wife as she had only just come off the ceiling after the nightmare of Binky's BBQ. However Timmy was interested in Binky's fountain and water slide feature and offered to help. Between them they managed to get some sort of contraption rigged up in the front garden using the garden hose with a special sprinkler purchased from one of those free booklets that come through the post with articles for sale that you never knew you wanted. He still had an ear wax remover he had purchased ten years ago which he had never used. However he could not fit it to the water slide no matter how hard he tried. Come the day of the soiree and thirty of the great and the good from Mrs Sticklebacks little black book attended and everything was going really well. Until of course when Binky switched on the water feature. The new super duper sprinkler appeared to have a mind of its own and burst free from its anchorage on the water slide and proceeded to snake around the lawn spraying anyone in its way with full pressure ice cold water. Mrs S passed out. Mrs Whalebelly had a seizure as her ample bosom took on the look of the Chatsworth House waterfall. Dorothy Spigot lost her fruit and veg hat which had taken her over a week to make although the banana had now turned black which had elicited a very nasty comment from Miss Dingle, the oldest spinster this side of the A12. Binky foresaw problems; he was very quick like that. "Timmy" he said, "I think I'll take the car for a run". With that they both jumped into Binky's new car and sped off. Binky was arrested that evening for driving at twenty miles an hour down the A11 towing 50 metres of extension lead attached to a 13 amp socket and a charging unit.

Binky had yet to get the hang of electric cars.

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HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

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Our traditional Harvest Supper was held on Friday 14th September when twenty-three people attended and where Churchgoers, residents and supporters were offered an amazing variety of food which catered for all palates. We were also delighted to have our Patron, Lord Cranworth join us to share food and

friendship in this lovely old Church. Many thanks go to Chris Pearce who coordinated the event and to those who generously donated raffle prizes which raised £71 towards Church funds.

The Evensong service, held on the 16th, was not only special in celebrating the Harvest but made even more so by the presence of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Bishop Martin. Seventeen people were in attendance and we were privileged to have the Bishop conduct the service with the support of Celia. We were also grateful to the Revd. Paul Bourner who kindly agreed to play the organ. After the service we were treated to tea and an assortment of delicious cakes provided by Christabel Garnham.

In summary we could not have asked for a better weekend. It was lovely to see so many people at the Supper and Service and Celia and the Churchwardens thank everyone who attended and gave their support.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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Sunday 14th

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Sunday 21st

10.00

21st Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Little Bealings

3.00

Evensong

Culpho

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