

Fynn - Lark News

SEPTEMBER 2021



RUNNING INTO AUTUMN...

Are you inspired by the amazing summer of sport we have had? Near success at Euro Football 2021, followed by the intensity of 33 sports at the Tokyo Olympics, including stunning BMX tricks, skateboarding feats and the gravity-defying sports climbing. These memories, like summer itself, are very much still with me. As I write this, the Paralympics are yet to start, and I hope to enjoy some more amazing performances. Perhaps attempting to emulate the sporting skill and sheer determination we have seen this summer is over ambitious but if, like me, you are keen to keep – or get? – moving, then here is what the Fynn Valley can do for you!

For a few years, I have tried to keep fit by running from home. Going to a gym has never really interested me. I'd rather be outside, in

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

most weathers, enjoying the sights and sounds as there is always something different to see with the changing seasons. Remember Alfred Wainwright's quote "There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing."

I run a three-ish mile route from Playford and Martlesham Roads that takes me down the footpath on the "Sledging Hill"- used earlier this year for that purpose – along The Street and up to Little Bealings Church. Then following the footpath through the lovely Fynn Valley to the centre of Playford and back up over the



railway line via the footpath at Lux Farm to return to The Street. Then it is back up the hill to get home!

Another favourite route is around six miles, running the end of the above in reverse! Down the hill, along the footpath through Lux Farm to Playford and then running back along the Fynn Valley footpath to Little Bealings Church. Up to the Village Hall and through the John Belstead Playing Field to turn right on to the footpath opposite the bottom gate. Then along to re-join the Fynn Valley footpath, turning left and running past the lone oak, where painted rocks were left in

the first lockdown, and, though faded, are still there. Going down along a lovely path (but possibly muddy in places), takes me through the tunnel under the A12 to Top Street at Martlesham, then up to the Red Lion and I take the footpath on the left just after a little bridge on Bealings Road. I turn right at a footpath junction, past a house and re-join Bealings Road just before the A12 bridge crossing. Turning left and then left again immediately after the A12 bridge down a permissive path to the footpath, then running up the hill between fields - usually full of horses, but please don't feed them. A right turn takes me on a footpath back up to Hall Road, where I can turn right to head back to Little Bealings or add in a run on a footpath opposite at Sinks Pit to come out on Main Road at Kesgrave.

Covid gave me the bonus of running with my partner, Adrian, as he couldn't use his work gym. He has lived in Little Bealings for most of his life and we ventured on to new routes.

I recently decided to do the blue route on the Four Walks Around Bealings leaflet that I had not completely done before. This starts at the Angela Cobbold Hall, then joins part of my 6-mile route. But when you get to the A12 tunnel keep on up the hill, turn left and run alongside Seckford Golf Club, though it's so well hidden you can't see that you are! Then you run along paths to Great Bealings and back into Little Bealings. I was caught out by a sudden downpour but managed to shelter under a tree and further on was awarded a view of a lovely rainbow. I would recommend taking a map with you. There are a few potential longer route options before arriving at Great Bealings! See Leaflet here: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/assets/>

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FourWalksAroundBealingsApril2011.pdf
The OS Yellow Walk map "Around &
About Fynn Valley Walk Woodbridge to



Withesham' is great. It covers our area, it's small and, importantly, waterproof.

Fortunately, our local farmers reinstate paths across crop fields as soon as possible and, in general, footpaths are well marked.

There are many health benefits to running, you don't need to be fast! I run at about 11-to-12-minute miles depending

on terrain, and how many times I stop and enjoy my surroundings. I run on my own, with Adrian and a local club. I run most Sunday mornings with a friend, putting the world to rights, and finish with breakfast. Being outside is said to be a natural anti-depressant, perhaps helping to lower blood pressure and reduce stress. You don't need special equipment to start, but I have developed a trainer habit and the only new clothes and shoes I have bought for the last 18 months has been running gear and trainers!

If you are new to running, a good start is a Couch to 5K programme. The NHS have one: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/couch-to-5k-week-by-week/>. Or you could go along to a local Park Run, where you can run or walk with like-minded people around a 5K course.

When running, please always follow the Countryside Code and remember your Highway Code. Be safe (I carry a small first aid kit) and dress to be visible. Leave gates and property as you find them, protect plants and animals and take your litter home. If you run with a dog, keep them under close control, and consider other people – give way to walkers. And if you pass another runner - or walker - please smile and say hello!

I am told there was an organised Bealings Run when the Playing Field was opened. Is there call for another Bealings Run? And is anyone interested in having regular path/trail runs around Bealings? If you are, please contact me at helensaagi@btinternet.com

It could prove to be at least as rewarding as sitting back and watching the newly shaped Ipswich Town perform this autumn!

Helen Saagi - Little Bealings



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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

TRESPASSING ON BEALINGS SCHOOL FIELD.

Bealings School has unfortunately suffered a spate of vandalism on the school field. In the most recent incident, in mid-July, soft drinks bottles were left scattered around, and several of the props for the school play were smashed up. String was tied across the football pitch. Understandably, children and teachers alike were devastated to discover all this.

Last summer there were similar problems, and it was discovered that a group of teenage boys from Kesgrave had been using the field, as well as a family appearing in a minibus with their dog to play on the equipment!

The school gates were kept locked during the summer. The area is clearly sign-posted as private. The school asks that all local residents remain vigilant and question anyone unfamiliar who might be seen on the property.

NATURE NOTES

POLE CATS

Whilst having a gentle meander around Bealings with the dog, we came across an animal pottering across Lower Street. It was relatively large, with a long body, dark brown fur with some striking white facial features and rounded ears. It was too big to be a stoat and definitely not an otter.



It was a polecat. Having subsequently reviewed online, it is clear that these mammals are steadily returning to Suffolk. Throughout history they have had a tough time, with Queen Elizabeth I declaring them as vermin and general hatred due to their habit of targeting poultry. However, their preferred prey are frogs, rodents, birds and snakes dispatched with a swift bite to the neck.

They are larger than a stoat measuring up to 45cm with an adult weighing 2kg. They are Mustelids, the same family as stoats and badgers.

Due to centuries of persecution, 100 years ago their only refuges were in Wales and Southern Scotland. However, in 2014/15 a survey was undertaken by the Vincent Wildlife Trust showed that polecats were steadily spreading across Suffolk, with the highest population in the

west. You can still record sightings on the Suffolk Polecat Survey - Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (suffolkbis.org.uk)

Jonathan Keer

STAG BEETLES



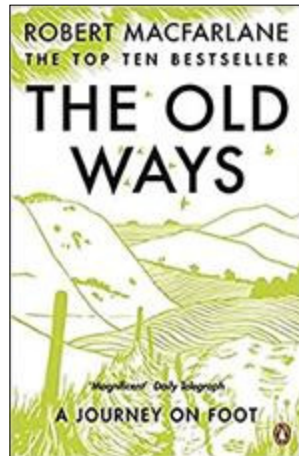
We are also, in this area, fortunate to have various sites where stag beetles can be found. The picture above was taken by roving photographer, Gary Farmer. If you see a stag beetle in trouble – they are quite often found sprawling on their backs or trying to cross a road - do give them a helping hand. They are the largest species of British beetles, live in and around rotten tree stumps, have wonderfully threatening pincers, and are a species under threat.

HISTORY CORNER

- Walking through History – update

This illustrated History of Bealings (both villages) is now close to completion. There are 5 walking trails, making for 5 sections, all of which have been written and designed, (by Sarah Royle, Playford, Cherrybank Creative), and we are now at the proof-reading stage. The book is of some 320 pages, and contains a wealth of pictures, of people, places, gardens and landscapes.

By way of an appetiser, I would like to mention a recent version of Desert Island Discs, featuring Robert MacFarlane, man of words and wilderness. I was so intrigued by the programme that I immediately bought one of his books - *The Old Ways* – as its theme, that of ancient tracks across landscapes and waterways seemed to fit in with the idea giving our local history some sort of sequence by walking along paths, a method used with *Walking through History*.



I was not disappointed. Robert MacFarlane lifts the concept of walking to an entirely new level, quoting various luminaries from across the ages, such as: Jean-Jacques Rousseau: “I can only meditate when I am walking...my mind only works with my legs”; Nietzsche: “Only thoughts that come from walking have any value”; and Wordsworth meanwhile is said to have “employed his legs as an instrument of philosophy.”

Covid-induced walks acquired their own special status, and for many came to include that thinking dimension. Hopefully “Walking through History” may, in some way, a new way, make better sense in a covid and post-covid world. You could even take Helen’s advice, as in our lead item, and run these trails – they do

coincide quite frequently with Helen's suggestions.

Should your appetite to read it have been stimulated, you will find an order form with the October magazine. Some 70 copies have been pre-ordered. The Village Hall

has been pre-booked, early evening, on two dates in late October, for distribution and purchase of books. A glass of wine will be on offer. Details to follow, again with the October magazine.

Norman Porter

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE & STRIDE EVENT - 11th September 2021.

Following the success of our 'Four Churches' sponsored walk last year, John and I are planning another organised walk to coincide with this year's event on 11th September. This year we aim to go one better and have planned a 'Five Churches' walk, starting at 10-30am from All Saints Church in Little Bealings and visiting the parish churches of Playford, Culpho, Grundisburgh and Great Bealings before returning to Little Bealings.

The walk is just under 7 miles in length, and we anticipate it should take around 3½ to 4 hours in total. This will include a stop of around 10-15 minutes at each church en route and a break of around 45 minutes for rest and refreshments in Grundisburgh, just over half-way through the walk.

Those wishing to bring their own packed lunch are welcome to do so, some refreshments will be provided at the church in Grundisburgh, while there will also be the opportunity to purchase refreshments in Grundisburgh village centre from the shop or Deli. We will leave Grundisburgh promptly 45 minutes after arrival.

Come and join us for a walk through our beautiful Suffolk countryside and visit some of our historic parish churches, while raising funds for the upkeep of these lovely old buildings. We have a JustGiving page set up for those wishing to donate or raise sponsorship:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rideandstride-littlebealings>

As last year, we hope to be joined by a contingent of walkers from Great Bealings, who will be raising funds for St Mary's Church. If you would like to raise funds for St Mary's, Great Bealings please contact Eric Barnett eandcbarnett@outlook.com or Tel 01473 738803 for details.

We can provide paper sponsorship forms for those who prefer, and we are also happy to take donations at the start of the walk. The funds go directly to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust who in turn will donate 50% of the funds we raise on our walk to help maintain our own churches, All Saints Little Bealings and St Mary's Great Bealings.

For those who prefer a shorter walk, Reverend Robin Spittle will be leading a walk of about 4 miles, starting from All Saints Church in Kesgrave at 10am and visiting Little Bealings and Playford churches before returning to Kesgrave.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

John Wittgreffe Francis Mutimer Eric Barnett

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from DR DAN POULTER M.P.

As I sit to write this article for the Fynn Lark News, it seems appropriate to note that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives and it has been an incredibly difficult period for so many of us. The pandemic has brought with it many challenges, but it has also brought us together. Here in Suffolk, we have a great track record of coming together to help those in need and I would like to personally thank all of you for your efforts during this difficult time.

But as we start to look forward with a degree of optimism, I think it is right that we can also reflect upon the many positives here in Suffolk. Our vaccination programme has been a resounding success and I am incredibly proud of the efforts of my health colleagues and community volunteers, working hard to deliver the vaccines which will deliver our way out of the pandemic. Suffolk's efforts have been recognised nationally and this is great testament to all who have been involved in the rollout.

Working together to achieve common goals is something we're really good at here in Suffolk – for example, look at the fantastic result we had in seeing off the Ipswich Northern Route. I would like to

once again thank you all for your help in achieving that goal and I was pleased to play my part supporting Bealings' residents in that effort.

I know that the long-running issue of daily disruption caused by Sinks Pits continues to cause concern to a number of residents locally and I am working hard to support you. Together with your new County Councillor, Elaine Bryce and your district councillors Colin Hedgley and Tony Fryatt, I am hopeful we can deliver a positive outcome, and I am very pleased that Elaine has hit the ground running and made helping the community with this issue a priority. I am currently in the process of arranging a meeting between the County Council, the Environment Agency and East Suffolk Council so that we can find a way forward.

And as we look ahead, I am hopeful that we are now coming through the worst of the pandemic and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible again - in person - over the coming weeks and months. As always, I shall do my very best to stand up for the best interests of the people of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich and if there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me (daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk)

AN INVITATION.....

To join a new group that is looking for new members. "Bealings Belles" will be meeting every month in the Angela Cobbold Hall. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd September from 2pm and you are most welcome to join us for tea and a chat as we make plans for the future. Just come along – we look forward to seeing you!

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GREAT BEALINGS

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Mr Eric Barnett, Southernhay, Lodge Rd, Great Bealings Ips 738803

St Mary's

We are in transitional times. Our Rector is working hard to help Great Bealings feel that it belongs with the Woodbridge community, rather than a village apart. We are very much a village with its own identity, but at the same time we do not have the resources, certainly not the church structure, to be independent. Nowadays this is a luxury on offer to very few churches and communities. We need to make ourselves stronger together, while respecting traditions that have been built up over many years.

Various meetings have been taking place, with the two PCCs, trying to chart the best way ahead, and that future will be the focal point of a joint away-day meeting of the two PCCs sometime later this year. It has been difficult to settle on a date.

Both churches have plans for enhanced community facilities. In the case of Great Bealings this means clearing a significant space at the back of the church which can be used for small gatherings, not necessarily church-related. This was clearly a major point of agreement emerging amongst PCC members at a recent Zoom meeting with our Woodbridge counterparts.

LOOKING BACK

LAMMAS SERVICE

This special service took place outside, thanks to a welcome break in the all too unpredictable showery August weather. The celebration of the first fruits of harvest seemed particularly relevant in that rural outdoor setting. Those who attended, including Rev Dr John Hare,

who had introduced us to this service the previous year, were uplifted by the occasion, not least by the first post-covid opportunity to sing hymns again.

LOOKING AHEAD

...and this is imminent.

Sunday September 5th at 11.00 am

Our celebration of our patronal saint is a United Benefice Festival to be shared with our St Mary's, Woodbridge, partners. They will have celebrated their own part of this Festival three weeks previously on August 15th, with a special service, and Summer Fayre. Now it is our turn.

It is probable that the service will be inside the church. It was to have been provisionally outside, but the logistics of moving inside in large numbers would have been difficult. Being inside will also be easier for the Woodbridge Choir – expected to play a major part in the service.

At the time of writing plans were as follows:

Special service at 11.00 am. We need to know numbers, please. A maximum of 60 seems reasonable, given covid social distancing. (We also need to know numbers for the barbecue -see below.)

We will be joined by the Woodbridge Choir and members of the Woodbridge congregation. The mid-morning service at Woodbridge on this day has been cancelled to encourage people to join us.

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desserts too, if required. Drinks will be available on a donation basis.

Julian Haywood Smith has kindly agreed to take overall charge, in the absence of the Churchwarden and Virginia, who will be self-isolating, immediately prior to a significant operation.

If you WOULD like to join us, and we very much hope that you will, please email [Julian JHaywood.Smith@gmail.com](mailto:Julian.JHaywood.Smith@gmail.com) or [Eric Barnett eandcbarnett@outlook.com](mailto:Eric.Barnett.eandcbarnett@outlook.com) or the Parish Office parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org

OTHER FUTURE SERVICES:

The first weekend in October is set to be our Harvest Festival week-end – and it really does look as if we are going to make a real weekend of it. On the Saturday (2nd) we will be organising the churchyard working party, strimming away the remains of summer, and preparing the churchyard for its winter rest. Later that day we hope to have our first post-Covid Concert – with the return of Rose Hinton (violin) and Jonathan Ayling ('cello). There is all the more reason to celebrate in that the two of them have recently married. Rose grew up in Little Bealings and has performed for us on several occasions, so it will be a particular joy to welcome her back, together with her new husband.

And then, on the Sunday (3rd), we have our Harvest Festival, a chance not only to celebrate what we hope will have been a successful harvest, but also to enjoy a Festival in a way that has not been possible over the last couple of years. It all calls for another social gathering afterwards, following in the best traditions of village churches. The details have still to be arranged, but the service would have to be late morning, to fit in both with

our Rector's schedule, and with lunch-timings.

“TIME AWAY”

Now for something completely different. A day of quiet retreat has been arranged, with members of St Mary's, Woodbridge, at Brandeston Village Hall on Wednesday 29th September - 9.30 – 3.00. The day will be led by Helen Randall, formerly a Reader in the Diocese of Ely, an experienced leader of retreats. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. The cost is £10 per person. To book, please contact Sandra Schur, email sandraschur@btinternet.com, or telephone 01394 380544.

This is described as “space to find our bearings in the light of the last year; to reflect on God's place in it, on its effects on our faith, and on our sense of our own mortality.”

CHURCHYARD

The mid-summer rainfall has had some beneficial consequences: the churchyard has remained lusciously green, and the wildflowers have proliferated. Earlier in the year there were dozens of beautiful orchids, so beautiful that our Rural Dean brought her husband back to see them.

The car park extension is still being cut regularly and will hopefully be called in to action not only for our Patronal Service at the beginning of September, when we expect a significant number of people from St Mary's Woodbridge to join us, including the choir, but also for the Concert and Harvest festival on the first weekend in October.

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

AUTUMN CONCERTS

St Mary's, Great Bealings and St Mary's, Woodbridge.

We are pleased to offer concerts which had to be postponed in 2020.

We remain covid-cautious.

Saturday 2nd October

The return of Rose (nee Hinton), violin, and Jonathan Ayling, 'cello, to Great Bealings Church. 4.00 p.m.



Sunday 3rd October

St Mary's, Woodbridge. The same programme at 3.00 p.m.

Friday 8th October

Concert pianist Ronan Magill in St Mary's, Woodbridge
Ronan was mentored by Benjamin Britten and has returned to the UK
after 8 years in Japan.

Coming up - later in October – in both churches:

Harpist, Claudia Myatt and her new folk ensemble.

Entry to concerts will be by donation – suggested around £10 – but probably set price @ £10 for October 8th.

There will be no tickets. Programmes available at the door.

We do need to know numbers.

Please email nhp@rillcott.co.uk or nick@nickcottam.com advising us of your intention to support these musicians and the two churches.

A glass of wine will similarly be on offer, in exchange for a donation.

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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

OPEN GARDENS – June 26th

This was a wonderfully successful afternoon. Around a dozen gardens were open, and they received a steady stream of very appreciative visitors. Our warmest thanks both to those who opened their lovely gardens to friendly public scrutiny, but also to those many people, including a good number from Woodbridge who supported us. Much chat ensued, gardens were explored, friendships renewed and made, refreshments enjoyed, all under a lovely summery blue sky. Particular thanks to Charles and Ann Barrington for hosting final drinks at The Lodge at the end of a very successful afternoon. A tangible measure of that success was close on £1,000 accruing to church funds, but equally important were the many intangible post-covid benefits of friendship and creative exercise. Well done everyone.



Panoramic view of a secret garden,

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS Autumn Concert - Saturday 2nd October.

The postponed concert that was to have been given by Rose Hinton and Jonathan Ayling is now set to take place on Saturday 2nd October at 4.00 p.m.. If you cannot make that, then there will be a second performance in St Mary's, Woodbridge, on the Sunday afternoon at 3.00 p.m..

There will be no tickets, entry will be by donation – may we be bold enough to suggest that something around £10 would fit the bill? Drinks will be available, similarly in exchange for donations at an appropriate level.

Do join us – we congratulate Rose and Jonathan on their recent marriage, so this will be their first “married” concert with us.

RISE AND STRIDE;

This event, predictably on the second Saturday of September, is set for Saturday 11th September. Eric Barnett has all the associated forms and is arranging a rota of church-sitters. The Striding part of this venture can be undertaken with a walking group organized by Francis Mutimer, together with Eric – it is still very much eligible for sponsorship, so, both for this, and for the cycling version, we do please urge you to get hold of a form, and be bold enough to seek sponsorship for a very worthy cause, and for one which has suffered significantly during the pandemic.

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ALL SAINTS

As Tony and I sit in the garden and enjoy the later-summer blooms, it seems summer is still with us. But as we all return from holidays; our thoughts turn to the autumn and to a season of harvest. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our monthly service on Sunday, September 26th at 10.00 a.m. Alternatively, you can always join the weekly online Fig Family services; the link can be accessed at <http://littlebealingschurch.org>.

The PCC has been busy this summer and we are delighted to announce that our new shed is in place and is already in

use. We are grateful to The Mrs. L. D. Rope Third Charitable Settlement for their generous donation to underwrite the costs and thank our neighbours for their indulgence as we hammered away! We have also installed the new projector and screen and will be starting Silver Screens and other film mornings, afternoons and evenings soon as government and Diocese guidance allows. As you may know, we have also been selected as a pilot site for the Council's Suffolk Cinema Network and will look forward to initiating that series as soon as possible. We are also busy planning regular and special events at the Church so watch this space for more exciting news to come!



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The work on the Church continues and we will soon be installing the permanent kitchen and repainting the entire Church. We are delighted to announce that we received a grant from the Princes Countryside Fund to support the renovations and as part of that grant we also have plans to ask permission to install a small raised bed allotment area.

We have also hosted our Kesgrave sister church for services while they improve the lighting in the building and we continue to hold weekly private prayer on Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m. and our service

of morning prayer on Thursdays at 10am before John Wittgreffe and Francis Mutimer lead their regular walking group.

Our very popular Pilates class still meets every Monday evening in the church, to book a space or for more information please contact our PCC secretary Helen on 07889 907615.

See you at Church!

With every blessing,

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 14th July 2021. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce's full report is appended at the end of the full minutes on the PC website. In brief, Elaine said she had been appointed to the Co Council's new Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board alongside her role on the Corporate Parenting Board. Highways related issues were dominating her caseload and she has achieved a number of successes with these. There is an independent review of Suffolk's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) to be carried out by a team of experts from Lincolnshire. The new Cassius service was launched on 1st June, in partnership with Alcove, Rethink Partners and Provide CIC – this will deliver innovative care technology to people in Suffolk over the next 3 years and give social work practitioners, occupational therapists and other front-line professionals, new ways to support people to live better independent lives. Suffolk residents are being urged to take up their 2nd jabs to be fully protected against Covid-19 and to get tested regularly as we come out of lockdown. SCC has launched Ipswich's first Park and

Cycle initiative from Martlesham Park & Ride site. Refurbishment of the Bailey bridge connecting Southwold and Blythburgh started on 2nd July and is likely to take 12 weeks. There is a consultation on the proposed permanent closure of Upper Brook Street, Ipswich to motorised traffic. Felixstowe Fire Station and Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service are inviting cyclists to take part in their annual cycle sportive.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Colin Hedgley and Tony Fryatt's District Council report is also appended to the full minutes on the PC website. It includes news of free Cycling Sessions for families wanting to cycle more regularly - teams will work with families to ensure that cycling skills are refreshed and that you have strategies for dealing with all road situations. There is a scheme afoot to get people recycling their waste correctly. More dental services are being restored following closures during the pandemic. Due to current restrictions, limited public seating will be available at District Council planning meetings and the public are being encouraged to watch these live on YouTube instead. A new planning document has been adopted by ESC to help conserve and enhance the district's historic environment. Specialist accommodation has been created in Lowestoft to support former rough sleepers following the successful bid to provide such

accommodation during the pandemic. The application for 70 houses to be built at Chapel Field in Grundisburgh was not approved at the recent planning meeting and is now pending a site visit to investigate road safety on the approach roads. A virtual hub for Lowestoft Creatives has been launched to help develop the council's Cultural Strategy "Celebrating Culture on the Edge" in and around Lowestoft. A new policy for commemoratives benches in Suffolk has been introduced and a new grant scheme to put nature first – also free community Health and Welfare drop-in events at local communities across the district.

ACTION POINTS REVIEW

An appeal has been submitted to the Secretary of State to try to advance the reinstating of unregistered FP between C330 and C3311. All FP's are passable at the moment but the Clerk is awaiting contact from SCC Highways ROW manager, Debbie Adams, for an update on several issues.

Culvert near the entrance to the Village Hall car park will be cleared of mud and debris soon and the drainage holes enlarged.

Road drains on the C324 have been assessed by Highways following a recent visit and will be cleared of silt within 20 days, then put on a more frequent cleansing programme. Norse will also be asked to clear the silt more frequently in future.

Fallen trees over the R Fynn near the river bridge in Butts Road still causing a semi blockage and the Environment Agency will be chased again regarding clearance of them.

Mud, debris etc washed down Church Lane by heavy rainfall is still awaiting clearance by Norse in their routine street

cleansing programme, clerk has chased this up and is awaiting an answer.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for reimbursement of a padlock for the SIDs equipment, annual subscription to SALC, annual donation to FLN and the annual insurance renewal. The Clerk's salary for May & June was authorised, also expenses for stationery and tax for Q1 paid to HMRC. The Bank reconciliation was agreed and the budget for 2020-21 was found to be on track. A review of the clerk's salary was carried out and an upgrade awarded.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Planning Direct has withdrawn their services - a new consultant is required before AECOM funding can be finalised, to complete the Plan. A meeting has been arranged with ESC for advice and Planning Direct will be contacted regarding unfinished work. A vote of thanks to chairman Keith Carson was endorsed by all for his ongoing hard work on the project.

PLANNING ISSUES

DC/21/3084/FUL detached garage and store - 2 Hill Farm Road, Playford. Not supported by the PC as too few details regarding measurements and type of materials (this has since been approved by ESC planners).

DC/21/3265/FUL erection of cart lodge and office space over - 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road. This was supported at a meeting held on 28th July after questions concerning drainage, electricity and the stability of the bank to the right of the property were addressed but is still awaiting a decision by ESC planners.

OTHER MATTERS

SIDs equipment has been in use on the C324 for the whole of May, this has now been transferred to Tuddenham parish but will be back in Playford in September – there are now 4 sites ready for using this equipment. Joan Metcalfe commended Ted Herrington's perseverance with this project.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 1st September 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at the village hall.

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PLAYFORD CHURCH FLOOD-LIGHTS

Saturday, 26th June - ARMED FORCES' DAY - sponsored by Veronica Bunbury

Monday, 5th July - sponsored by Veronica Bunbury in memory of John Burtle whose funeral it was on this day. John was a good friend to many dog walkers as he was to be seen most days walking the Fynn Valley with his yellow labrador.. He put up a brave fight for 10 years against cancer. He told me that as a boy he would bicycle out with friends from Ipswich and eat a picnic lunch in the churchyard here in Playford - it was a favourite spot. God speed John.

Friday and Saturday, 9th and 10th July - sponsored by Sue Kennedy to celebrate the birth of her granddaughter, Ella, on 10th June. Seventh great-grandchild for Bob Kennedy.

Friday and Saturday, 13th and 14th August - sponsored by Mark Krishna

Requests to sponsor the lights to be made to Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Playford Telephone 01473 623366

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CHURCHYARDS - A MUSING

After I had written my piece about volunteers in the last edition of this magazine, I realised that I had completely failed to acknowledge the two Brians and our Churchwarden who, in this village, have made themselves responsible for keeping our (Playford) churchyard in the happy, gentle and tidy state in which it is always to be found. I use the word happy as it always gives off such a wonderful air of calm and peace overlooking the Fynn Valley. It is gentle because it is not overtided but very English in its way but, nonetheless, just right.

Some friends took me to lunch at the Ramsholt Arms the other day and after lunch we walked to Ramsholt Church which we found unlocked to our surprise and pleasure. The churchyard was looking glorious in that slightly unkempt, English summer garden way with poppies flowering everywhere. We noticed a sign saying, "War Graves Commission" and found a grave of an English naval seaman killed in WWII. It was so good to think that he could be brought home to be buried (rather than being lost on the seabed somewhere) and he certainly has a wonderful view overlooking the upper reaches of the Deben estuary.

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Talking of views, there is the most beautiful War Graves Cemetery in Crete overlooking Souda Bay near Chania on the Northwest coast of Crete. It is most wonderfully and meticulously maintained by the War Graves Commission. There was, of course, a huge number of Allied troops killed in action in Crete during WWII. Charles and I were living in Berlin 1987 - 90 and made many trips to East Berlin prior to the Wall being torn down in November 1989. Being British military, this was easier for us than for other tourists and West Berliners. It was an interesting place and time to visit, but I always found the atmosphere very edgy and difficult. One of the things that was considered a 'must' to see was the Russian Military Cemetery (from WWII). It was stark although well maintained but, one felt, without love, and the temperature at that particular spot was always a few degrees lower than the rest of the city. Spooky, and the reason (the only reason if truth be told) why one went to see the cemetery was to experience this strange phenomenon for oneself.

On a trip to Norway one summer, we couldn't help but be amazed, when visiting their very beautiful and unusual Stave Churches, at how immaculately the graveyards were kept, manicured down to the last blade of grass it seemed. If that sounds over the top, it looked right in that environment generally and the Stave churches in particular. The pews in the churches, however, must have been designed to be so fantastically uncomfortable that any inclination to catch 40 winks during a sermon would be thoroughly erased! In death, at least, they could sleep comfortably in their beautiful gardens.

One final observation: The Moles Revenge. They are back in Playford Churchyard! They seem to pay particular attention to the area immediately around Charles' (Bunbury) headstone! This is mole 'payback', I tell him, for all the mole hunting he did in his youth when the local farmer paid him 6d a (dead) mole which was a lot of money in those days, buying a good paper bag full of gobstoppers, and significantly increasing his weekly pocket money. On one occasion he put a dead mole down his older sister's bed which was never forgotten by her and the memory of which was brought up on every possible occasion!

Ps Colin, our Churchwarden told me that the mole catcher informed him that five or his seven mole traps that he had put down in the Churchyard had "disappeared". One can only wonder (in disbelief) why someone would want to take five of his seven mole traps?

Veronica Bunbury

Binky & Co

Binky was really looking forward to the weekend. Covid restrictions now lifted, the whole family, well his wife, useless son and himself, were going to clamber into their car and drive down to the seaside and spend the day on the beach. He was really looking forward to it especially as he had just purchased a new car. Well new to him. It had had ten owners. It was a Humber Super Snipe and he got it for an unbelievable £5000. (Yes, I know what you are thinking).

Binky was elated though, as he could get all his family plus suitcases into the car with ease. They started off with high hopes and in a good mood, well nearly.



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After about five miles Binky's lovely wife Indigo said "Binky there's a spider crawling up the inside of the windscreen." "Oh, don't worry" said Binky "it's only going for a spin ha ha." Now Binky's wife had had a sense of humour frontal at a very young age. She did not think Binky's aside was very funny. She immediately sent him to Coventry with a lot of huffing and puffing and a couple of "well reallys" thrown in.

"Well," said Binky trying to raise morale, "Try this one. What has four wheels and flies"? His wife looked at him with growing anger. "Well, I'll tell you," said Binky. "A bin man's lorry!" As far as Mrs Stickleback was concerned, they couldn't get to their destination quickly enough. The thought of getting into the cool blue sea and floating around with the hazy sun beaming down, the laughter of small children and the smell of salt water took her mind back to happier days, BB. (Before Binky).

It only took Binky two hours to find a parking space, he drove round and round with his darling wife giving him lots of stick for a useless driver and parker. Poor old Binky. He silently muttered under his breath, and begins to desperately pray, "Please Lord, if you find me a parking spot, I promise I will go to church every Sunday and never touch a drop of alcohol again!" A second later Binky sees a parking spot open up right next to the entrance. He gasps and heads toward it. "Never mind. Found one!" he muttered.

They clamber out of the car and set off at quite a pace towards the beach. Mrs Stickleback looking like a picture of loveliness, her 25 stone wrapped in that old ex-army raincoat tied up with orange baling string, blue flip flops and a pair of green army socks. When they got there, they

found the beach completely deserted. "Where is everyone?" asked their son, a question needlessly asked.

"Just a minute" said Binky "What's that sign over there? I will go and have a look." So off he went.

Meanwhile Mrs Stickleback decided that the water was calling, so strode down the beach and immediately started to wrestle with her towel tent that she used to undress and redress in a woollen swimming costume made, dare I say, by the Army Bell Tent Company.

Binky was watching her from afar whilst reading the notice.

"Army Ordnance Corps. Bomb Disposal Unit. Keep off this Beach. Unexploded Bomb"

At that precise moment a gigantic explosion rocked the beach. A huge plume of fine sand shot into the air for about a hundred feet.

And right at the top was a blue flip-flop.

CULPHO

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ST. BOTOLPH'S

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

ELSIE 'JOAN' HERCLIFFE

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Joan on the 5th of July, just days before her 95th birthday. Following cremation at Seven Hills on the 23rd of July, a service took place at St. Botolph's Church, officiated by James Hall, with over forty people in attendance.

A great friend and supporter of Culpho Church, until quite recently, Joan attended regularly and despite her advancing years, continued to read the lesson at the Sunday Service. No one could ever match her clear delivery, she never wavered and was always a pleasure to listen to. A remarkable woman who, without doubt, we were all the better for having her presence amongst us. Everyone connected to St. Botolph's send their sincere condolences to her family and friends.

CHANGE TO CHURCH SERVICES.

The Church is now fully open and, although face coverings remain advised, services have resumed, and a warm welcome awaits. We also report that with effect from the 1st of September 2021, services will take place on the 4th Wednesday for a 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion service and on the 4th Sunday for a 3p.m. Evensong Service.

Services under the new schedule will commence with a Holy Communion service on Wednesday 22nd September with the Harvest Evensong service at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 26th September.

HARVEST SUPPER

Unfortunately, this year the Harvest Supper will not take place due to the current advice to continue to wear face coverings in Church and with the uncertainty more restrictions may be necessary in the coming months. We live in hope that the limitations on daily life will soon no longer be necessary but feel it is a sensible approach at the present time. The Church, however, will be open throughout the Harvest weekend and a warm welcome awaits.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

This annual event will take place on Saturday 11th September and St. Botolph's will be open to welcome visitors. Although the Church will not be staffed for the entire day, we shall be operating a self-registration format. The Register of Visitor Sheet will be available on the table for you to complete. There are three columns, Rider, Strider and Driver if you could please tick the relevant box.

For you to confirm your attendance, details of the 2021 event, including a picture of the Church will be on display should visitors wish to take a photograph to verify their presence.

Drinks will also be available, and we wish you a successful and safe onward journey.

Margaret Gornall

Secretarial Support to the P.C.C.

CULPHO MUSIC 2021

CulphoMusic Concert: 'Soundscapes' Saturday 9th October, St Botolph Church 7:30pm 'Soundscapes' is an exciting and innovative programme fusing the mesmerising sounds of the Hurdy Gurdy, played by musician and composer Stevie Wishart, and a film 'Fugue, A Light's Travelogue' by Belgium filmmaker Else van Riel. Culpho's St Botolph Church was the inspiration for the programme when Stevie and Else filmed there in 2017 Tickets for this event are £20 including refreshments.

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CHURCH NEWS

CLIMATE SUNDAY

'Churches Together' in Woodbridge & Melton are holding a "Climate Sunday" afternoon on Sunday September 19th, starting from 2.00 p.m. in Kingston Field – and ending with an ecumenical service 'steered' by our new Rector at Great Bealings. There will also be a wide range of local, community 'stalls' with a special interest in the Environment's protection, some opera, brass band, and hopefully some kind of 'green' dance as well as a few key-note speakers who will concentrate our hearts and minds in alerting the decision-makers at COP26 in Glasgow: that people of faith want to see real change that is needed for our planet.

We may be late coming to the party, but you are all warmly invited! Further details from Nigel Prior in the Benefice Office, Market Hill or, visit our joint website of Woodbridge St Mary with Great Bealings.

WORD FROM THE STUDY

You cannot beat the smell of fresh bread as you walk through the supermarket or pass a local bakery. The aroma of fresh baked bread is one to be savoured.

Harvest time is a time when we not only give thanks for all that God has given us, but also to say 'thank you' for those who work the land on a day-to-day basis in all weathers.

East Anglia is often called the 'bread basket of England' due to its farming community, to which our Churches of St Marys and All Saints are adjacent. A poor harvest for us means higher prices, but for those in other parts of the world, a

poor harvest means a real threat of starvation and existence and the same was true in biblical times

When God and human beings work together, wonderful things happen and the world becomes a better place. When humans set their own agenda, we risk everything for our own self-worth, rather than thinking of others.

Our debt to our Lord is great and that is why we have special Sundays to celebrate and come together and say 'thank you' to God.

Harvest is a time when we see and enjoy the rewards of the land. The same is true in life, if we treasure and share what we have with others, no matter how little or large, then we make the world a better place and fulfil the commandment that Jesus taught us "To love one another".

Our harvest services will be on 12th September for Playford and 26th September for Little Bealings, so please do join us as we come together as a community at either service, to sing those wonderful harvest hymns. A warm welcome awaits you; whichever service you choose.

"All good things around us are sent from heaven above."

Blessings to you all.

Reverend Gary Jones

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

PLAYFORD

Sunday 5th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Service
Sunday 12th	10.00 a.m.	Harvest Service.
Wednesday 15th	11.00 a.m.	Short Communion Service
Sunday 10th October	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion

CULPHO

Wednesday 22nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	3.00 p.m.	Harvest Festival

GREAT BEALINGS

RIP REV ANDY TODD. Andy had only just been ordained as a Priest on July 4th, and celebrated his First Eucharist at St. Mary's, Woodbridge a week later. We knew that he had had treatment for cancer, and it was thought that the treatment was progressing well. Sadly, it returned aggressively, and very quickly, resulting in Andy's sad and sudden death a couple of weeks later. A great shock for us all. We hold Andy's wife, Sue, and his family in our prayers, and offer our deepest condolences. Andy had been an English teacher at Farlingaye until his recent retirement, and subsequent ordination.

September 5th 11.00 am. Benefice Festival
celebrating the BVM at St Mary's, Great Bealings, followed by a BBQ.
Please let us know if you would like to attend.

September 11th The Ride and Stride Event
In aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Sunday 3rd October 12.00 *tbc* Harvest Festival
Probably with a community lunch to follow – and probably a concert later in the afternoon. To be confirmed by personal and email news service.

Please also refer to services being held, at other times, at St Mary's, Woodbridge.

LITTLE BEALINGS

Every Thursday	9.30 a.m.	A service of morning prayer
Every Wednesday	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon	Private prayer.

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

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BALLROOM DANCING VH Tue 7.30 p.m. *Teresa Jay 07929310480*

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SNOOKER VH Any day <4 hours *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*

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YOGA VH Sat 9.30 a.m. *bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com*
Caroline Boggon 07850683196

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB PH Thu 10.00 *Mary Spillett 01394 385295*

CLAY WORKSHOPS PH TUE (2nd of month) 6.30 - 9.00 *Contact 01728 860125*
Email: ejrceramics@btinternet.com

LIBRARY Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box
07809594685

MILK Tue, Thu, Sat *Dairy Crest 747272*

NEWSPAPERS *DC Patrick Newsagents 01986 874305*

PARISH HALL BOOKING Book on line: bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com
or contact via voicemail 01473 487215

PILATES PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15 *Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245*

TODDLERS PH Fri 9.30 toddler group *playfordtoddlers@gmail.com*

WHIST DRIVE PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 p.m. *Liz Royle 622443*

WI PH Tue (1st in month) 7.30 p.m. *Sue Bruce 738265*

YOGA PH Tue 9.30T - 11.00 *Abigail Todd 07886569403*

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