

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**SEPTEMBER 2022**



## **COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARISH COUNCILS**

### **Introduction.**

*This Magazine is one of the main channels of communication between our Parish Councils and residents of our villages. The partnership is a symbiotic one. We are grateful to the Parish Councils for financial support - a significant amount of our income. The Parish Councils, conversely, use the Magazine for a substantial proportion of their written communications. This item happens to be submitted by Little Bealings, but the thrust of it might equally emanate from each or any of the other villages. It is illuminating to read*

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*about all the other methods of communication which can be employed by our Parish Councils. If there are channels that currently go under-exploited, use them – but we do hope you stay loyal to a medium which may be considered by some to be increasingly overtaken by digital media. Others know and like what they have known for years. Thank you for your support. We appreciate the kind words from the author of this piece.*



*A sign of the times*

Little Bealings Parish Council is delighted with our noticeboard in Playford Road. It replaces one kindly built and installed by a resident and which had stood next to the post box in the layby for many years, serving us well. The new one was funded by the Plymouth Brethren and installed by a local member. It has the benefit of being lockable and is finished in green to

blend into the countryside. We've also been successful in asking SCC to repair the layby by it, making it easier to access. On it you will find a copy of the Agenda for the next PC meeting shortly after we publish it, and other information we need - or want - to display. We are often asked to display information from other organisations and charities and are happy to do so. We do not display any commercial information, for obvious reasons.

*Editor* Communication is an important part of what all parish councils do, and we try to reach residents - and make it easy for you to reach us - by a variety of means. The internet has made our internal communication so much easier. Previously Councillors would need to pass around paper copies of correspondence received, to ensure they had all the information available and everyone had the time to consider a matter before a meeting. This included planning applications, which were sent by post by the District Council. A circulation list existed, for Councillors to pass the papers between them door to door. Now, a link sent by email enables us to consider the plans and supporting documents on the East Suffolk Council website whenever is convenient. In addition the television screen in the Angela Cobbold Hall enables us to display all the documents during a meeting, as residents raise points or Councillors discuss an aspect.

Our website is also critical to our communication of course, not least due to a legal requirement for openness and transparency which means we must publish financial information every year - we choose to publish our full accounts

with every transaction itemised and our budgets are available too. We have also put on-line the minutes of our meetings since 2010 and we are currently working with Suffolk Records Office for the digitization of all the old minute books we have deposited with them. They will then be published on our website. In addition, we have published the minutes of every Annual Parish Meeting that has been held since 1896, typing up the hand-written minute book. Thank you to our webmaster who responds so quickly to our requests for papers to be published and webpages updated.

To communicate with residents we would be lost without the Fynn Lark News! Knowing that the magazine is delivered free to every household in the parish is a great benefit to us. We can reach everyone, by an article or an insert, such as when we carried out the recent Admiral's Head car park survey. Thank you Fynn Lark News!

We are grateful to the local enews service too, enabling us to send out information more quickly between Fynn Lark News editions.

(To sign up send your email address to [bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com) saying which parish you would like to receive information about.)

We've also recently purchased a basic 'pay as you go' mobile phone and the PC now has its own phone number: 07731 456133. We no longer use a landline, meaning that holidays are not a limit on us being able to pick up calls - although to be honest we don't get many now. Most people contact us by email, or occasionally a note through the door of our Clerk. As well as for calls, we will use

the new mobile phone to collect the data from the Speed Indicator Device you see displayed in The Street and by the Village Hall. This enables us to know whether the perception of speeding traffic is backed up by the data, and to speak further with SCC about speed enforcement if necessary.

Yet for all the modern technology we believe that the best communication can be the personal written note and the face-to-face conversation, especially in a village community. We still push notes through the doors of neighbours we think may want to hear about a planning application and let them know how they can comment. We always have an item on our meeting Agenda for the public to speak about the items to be discussed. And we are of course pleased to speak to any resident who wishes to contact us, by whatever means they choose.

As to the new noticeboard - it is just one of three that we have. The others are in The Street and Beacon Lane, both next to post boxes. If you don't know them do take a look!

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*Chairman - Little Bealings Parish Council*  
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## **NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST**

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### **BEALINGS PLANT SALE 2023**

#### **YES – IT'S COMING BACK**

Readers will remember that the impact of Covid and temporary loss of an over-all organiser has left the Plant Sale in limbo over the past 3 years.

We have good news. A well-qualified and enthusiastic organiser has been identified and recruited – indeed she came forward as a willing volunteer. As from 2023 Caroline Saunders of Grotto Farm, Great Bealings, will be taking overall charge of the event, supported, hopefully, by small groups of supportive people from each of the two villages, canvassing their own local support. Caroline is well-armed with a horticultural qualification, but her main qualification is a huge enthusiasm for gardening, so – if you are in despair at the numbers of plants wilting in the drought, take courage, next Spring will hopefully see our Plant Sale back at full throttle, offering everything it did before, including a fine range of replacement plants for those gaps in your garden.

Caroline is eager to recruit helpers, both established and incoming, so if you would like to chat with her about any aspect of the Plant Sale, as you would like to see it evolve, please contact her on 07789 713576 or [caroline\\_saunders@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroline_saunders@hotmail.co.uk).

### **HISTORY CORNER**

#### **– Local Sport**

This has been a great sporting summer,

with the prospect of more great sport to follow, in the shape of the Football World Cup. We have enjoyed a feast – almost too much perhaps! – of cricket, plus the Commonwealth Games, the St Andrews 150<sup>th</sup> Golf Open and the triumph of the footballing Lionesses. Sport, second hand, as witnessed on television, is in great shape, has generated a mood of maybe deceptive national euphoria, in that it helps to take our minds off some of the more challenging aspects of life in 2022.

But what about sport at grass-roots level? Are we so addicted to watching sport, that we forget the excitement and benefits of live, local sport, and participation in it?

You might wonder how does this rank as a historical comment? Well, in the course of compiling the History of Bealings I found out plenty about some time village sport.



How we used to have a cricket team, playing in the grounds of Bealings House. We also used to have a Bealings Football

team, immediately after the war, with someone making the team shirts out of discarded parachute material. The pubs used to have darts teams and quilts teams.



## NATURE NOTES

### – DROUGHT

Droughts have been with humanity throughout its history. The bible has many tales of droughts and disasters. “God” may take the blame, or biblical tribes may have seen it as a punishment for their sins. Deserts around the world, together with the death of ancient civilisations, are evidence of the chronic effects of drought. Yet somehow, up until now, we have never thought that it is our problem, here in this over-rained upon island of ours. Our pictures, thanks to Gary Farmer, are all taken in this locality. The problem is staring us in the face, as we look around us, as we take our daily walks through the field, or look out on to our gardens.

### Team that was on target



Of course, we have our wonderful village playing field, and we still have our Bealings Bowls Club, (rumour having it that many of the members come from way beyond our village). There's nothing quite like team games to build up team and local spirit, so where have they disappeared to, and why? Answers on a post card, please, particularly if you feel inspired to start up a village team in whatever sport it may be. It's another way of bringing people in a community together.



Drought can and does affect us. It can and probably will get worse. Collectively we see evidence that the climate-change pundits have been telling us a truth, rather than just trying to scare us.



Rivers are drying up. Lawns are brown, scorched, and arid. It's time to buy shares in grass seed producing companies, as

next year they are going to enjoy a bonanza, re-seeding all those dead lawns.



Crops are withering in the fields and will have very low yields, and all that on top of the grain crisis emanating from the Ukrainian war. Hose pipe bans are imminent, and many miles will have been plodded by people with watering cans trying to keep their vegetables worth eating, and their flowers alive. And let's not mention the hoses. Our lovely green gardens and fields and hedgerows are becoming unrecognisable. Several of the trees lining our roads seem to be really stressed, possibly withering away – what a cruel coincidence that this should have been the year when we are planting the Queen's green canopy. That's all scary enough – but - fingers tightly crossed - we have – so far – been spared any of those hugely destructive wildfires in our locality. Those all-consuming fires which somehow seem to reflect the biblical image of the final inferno.

How to turn all that into a positive? Let us hope that the autumn and winter rains will come again, as they usually do, but let's hope similarly that the lessons of this summer will be logged away, and - getting ever-so-slightly political – let us hope that we start talking and acting a bit more about matters which really can permanently affect our lives and those of our children and grandchildren – namely the state of the planet - rather than whether we should or should not cut taxes a bit.

All that said, it has been a great summer for sun-lovers, swimmers, baskers, seashores – that's the positive side of the sunshine. It's been good for holidaymakers. Let's hope you managed to make the best of it, as an antidote to the more troublesome effects of heat and aridity. And now back to work, school, and the usual routines. But hold on to these pictures as a historical reminder of the summer drought of 2022. It will go down in collective memory alongside the summer of 1976. And there may be more to come.

## FOOTPATHS

A big thank you to whoever is cutting the wild rose and brambles that are making walking on the footpaths hazardous. Can you ensure the cuttings do not end up on the footpaths as thorns hurt the dog's feet?

*Maureen Midwinter*

## BEALINGS SCHOOL

The summer term was another busy one for Bealings School and we have much to celebrate and share with you all.

As always, our children continued to learn through the fictional organisations they run: Reception continued their Storyland Problem Solvers context, this time setting up and running a park café; Years 1 and 2 ran 'The Living Woods', a team of treehouse builders commissioned to design and build a treehouse in Jamaica and in doing so learn about Windrush; Years 3 and 4 ran an Animal Sanctuary where, when digging to build new stables, discovered an ancient skeleton which took them back to the times of Boudicca; Years 5 and 6 were Roman Vets responsible for caring for the animals to be brought over to parade during the Roman invasion.

Sports played a huge part in our days this term with additional dance and swimming lessons for our lower KS2 children, as well as Bike-ability (previously cycling

proficiency) for our Year 5s – you may have seen them cycling around Bealings as they practised their road skills. And our oldest children were involved in numerous sporting competitions and proudly we can say that we are:

- ★ Federation of Small Schools Football and Netball Champions
- ★ Ipswich and South Suffolk Futsal Champions (Boys U11)
- ★ Ipswich and South Suffolk Netball Champions (Mixed U11)

**AND...**

- ★ NETBALL CHAMPIONS OF SUFFOLK (Mixed U11)!!



This is a huge achievement for such a small school, and we are extremely proud of this amazing team. A huge thank you to netball coach and fabulous teaching assistant, Gaynor Fleming.

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their first residential since the pandemic and spent 5 happy days in St Ives, Cornwall, studying the local geography and rich art history of the town.

## THE TALE OF THE SOLDIER BOY

For weeks now the news has been full of war, hunger, economic disaster and disease. I thought we could have a little heart-warming tale in our magazine.

It starts in the summer of 1946; the war was over and I had just started school at the beginning of the Spring Term. We were told we were having something called a Sports Day and we were going to the local playing field. We were very excited when the day arrived, and several ‘crocodiles’ of mixed infants were marched down to the field. There we were to play all sorts of games. Halfway through the morning we saw a Jeep arriving on the field followed by soldiers marching. These we learned were Canadian soldiers, who had been billeted in two big houses in the village. The chief man said some words I cannot remember. Afterwards I learned they were thanking everybody for their welcome now they were going back to Canada. We were lined up to receive a present. The boys had a soldier doll, and the girls had a girl soldier doll. We also had a bag of chocolate powder for our Mums. My mum discovered a finger sized hole had mysteriously appeared in my bag! I was thrilled with the soldier doll who I called “Soldier Boy.” He was new and he was mine, not second-hand, not handmade, not a hand me down, but new and mine. Looking back, I think, during the war years, Father Christmas got all his toys from Jumble Sales! I loved and cherished Soldier Boy until one day he was put away and more exciting things like Meccano sets took the place of soft toys.



Fifty years passed and I had the sad task, which comes to many of us in middle age, of sorting through the family home after my mothers' death. I found Soldier Boy tucked away in a drawer. He was in a sad state, uniform in tatters and grubby with age. Should he go in the black bag for the dump, or did I keep him? I remembered the Summer Sports Day when I first met him and decided he would come home with me. He was put in a drawer minus his tatty uniform.



Another twenty years passed; we had moved to Suffolk by this time. One evening I was talking to Toni Cornish, and we discovered we were both fans of the Repair Shop, a TV programme where treasured objects were brought back to their former glory. I told Toni about Soldier Boy and she immediately volunteered to restore him for me. Sometime later she brought him back, resplendent in new uniform and beret.

What a kindness to bring back cherished memories. What a marvellous thing to use a skill to bring back happy memories. World crises still go on, but I can look at Soldier Boy and recall happy times.

*Peter Carr*

**SUFFOLK COMMUNITY ACTION** is encouraging a project called "Men's Shed," where both men and women can share their valuable practical skills, while also building friendships, avoiding isolation and encouraging positive well-being through social interaction with others. For more information see Suffolk Men's Shed Project on the internet.

## **BEALINGS' OLDEST RESIDENT TAKES VICTORY!**

You may have recognised an elderly dog (Coco) accompanied by an elderly gentleman on their walks through the village of Great Bealings. At the recent Suffolk Dog Day, attended by 6,000 dog owners, Coco entered the Veterans Class for dogs over the age of 10. She was thrilled to be awarded the first prize red rosette as the best veteran out of a class of 84 dogs.



A unanimous wave of "aahhhs" swept the show ring as the tannoy announced that, in human terms, she had achieved the age of 133 years (she recently celebrated her 19th birthday)! Not bad! Hoping to do the same myself!

*Roger Roseboom*

# CHARITY QUIZ

## Organised to Help Bealings Resident Marathon Fundraising

Hi everyone. I am Matthew Coward and I live in Little Bealings. Many of you may have recently seen me out and about on the roads and trails around the village. That's because this year I set myself a personal goal of achieving my first ever marathon and I was lucky enough to win a place for the TCS London Marathon, which takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022



As part of this mammoth effort, I have personally committed to running the marathon to help raise money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a UK charity that trains dogs to alert deaf people to sounds they can't hear, as well as helping them leave loneliness behind. They are a truly amazing charity that I have helped fundraise for, for nearly 20 years. My target is £2,000 and as I write this piece, I currently sit at £700.

To help boost the fundraising total, I have organised an exciting **Charity Quiz Night** which will take place on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022** (7.00pm) and will be held at the newly opened Village Hall in Grundisburgh. Tickets are £5.00pp with teams consisting of 4-6 players.

There will be lots of prizes to be won on the night and all the questions will be shown up on the big screen. A bar will not be available so please BYO drinks and snacks. Hot drinks will however be available to purchase.

I would absolutely love to have a full house for this event and smash my fundraising target, so if you fancy a fun night out, I encourage you to round up a few of your friends and family and come along.

**Tickets must be pre-booked in advance by emailing me at [mcoward@live.co.uk](mailto:mcoward@live.co.uk) or call 077932 73213. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, you can do so by visiting [www.justgiving.com/mattmarathon2022](http://www.justgiving.com/mattmarathon2022).**

## RESCUE

One morning in July I found this adult tawny owl sitting at the bottom of my garden. The photograph shows the owl being collected by a member of staff from the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary but sadly it could not be saved. Sadly the owl did not survive as it had probably been hit by a car and had a damaged jaw. It was very underweight and dehydrated. The response from the Owl Sanctuary was immediate and the owl received critical care

The Owl Sanctuary is on 0345 6807897, if you have a similar situation.

*Maureen Midwinter*



## Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline

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## BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL & JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD

A lot been happening over the past months, not only has the gorgeous weather encouraged lots of impromptu picnics and birthday parties on the playing field, but also extensive programme of repairs and maintenance have been completed thanks to an ever-increasing group of volunteers.

in April Huck (pictured below) was finally repaired by contractors who had to wait for almost 8 months for the new timber supports to arrive from Europe - due to transport issues.



Volunteers then power washed, sprayed moss killer and cleaned the sports court ready for the 2022 season. These same volunteers also replaced 4 sleepers around the boules court, repaired the football goal, cleared brambles on the footpaths and also cleared and planted a wildflower / rewilding area to encourage bees and insects.

A contractor repainted the Village Hall and volunteers power washed the entrance ramp, repainted the steps and handrail, dug out and filled a gravel drainage surround

In August two more sleepers were replaced around the boules court and extensive weeding and bramble clearance continued on the Playing Field.

One of our volunteers - Steve Foster, also repaired damage to the twin tower play equipment in record time. At the same time new fascias, soffits and guttering were installed at the Hall improving the overall appearance.



A BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers that have worked so hard to keep this marvellous community resource open and looking so great.

Andrew Davis	Justin Miller
Phil Copely	Peter Shaw
Peter and Sue Prentice	Helen Saagi
Francis and Liz Mutimer	Douglas Hunter
Steve and Sue Foster	John Wittgreffe
Jonathan and Charlie Fahie	Chris Cook
Nigel and Alison Hall-Wright	
Julian Heywood Smith	Craig Woolf
Keith and Anna Beaumont	Jess Fitch
Margaret Wilson	Sally Johnson

(My apologies if I've missed anyone)

Anyone who regularly walks through the playing field and notices any faults or damage, could you please contact Keith

Beaumont via the email below so that repairs can be completed quickly. - thank you

With the long summer over and autumn on the way, once again **Bealings Village Hall & Playing Field need your help on Saturday 10th September 0930 - 1230**

The Bealings Village Hall Trust need volunteers to help clean & repair play equipment, clear paths, spread topsoil and clean up leaves on the John Belstead Playing Field and around the Hall.

Anyone able to help - even if it's only for an hour please bring a spade/rake/wheelbarrow/gloves

All activity will be performed with social distancing in accordance with the latest Government guidelines

Please email Keith Beaumont at: [keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com) if you plan on coming to help.

Bealings Village Hall Trust is a charity run by volunteers for the benefit of the community. Additional volunteers are always welcome for a variety of tasks. If you have a few spare hours and wish to help in any way please contact the Secretary on 07769 195132 or email: [bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk)



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A photograph of a harbor with several sailboats moored in the water, reflecting in the calm surface.

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## **Leah Hinks' Pottery Classes at The Granary**

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Leah also offers adult classes on Tuesday evenings.



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

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# GREAT BEALINGS

## RECTOR

Father Nigel Prior, St Mary's Rectory, 11 Church Street, Woodbridge. 01394 610424

## PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Mrs Dee Knights, Dunure, 39 Avocet Lane, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3SF Ips 624240

## PCC SECRETARY

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

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### VILLAGE SIGN

A volunteer has agreed to clean the sign and trim the adjacent holly bush

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

At the request of the Chairman, the applicant's agent for Planning Application DC/22/2330 was invited to provide further explanation regarding the plans for the replacement garage.

### REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

**COLIN HEDGLEY (CH)**- A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website; there were no questions from Cllrs. CH verbally reported that the ESC Chief Executive is leaving at the end of the year and a replacement is being sought. He reminded Cllrs that the elections for District Councillors will take place in May 2023.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**DC/22/2529/FUL**- Aberfeldy, Grundisburgh Road – single storey rear extension, covered entrance and alterations. It was unanimously resolved to support this application

**DC/22/2330/FUL** – Cherry Tree Cottage, Seckford Hall Road – erection of extension to dwelling and erection of detached garage with annexe/holiday let above

The PC resolved to support the extension to the house, but further to the

information provided by the agent, Cllrs expressed concern regarding the size, construction materials and access for the replacement garage. The agent will refer these concerns to the applicant and report back before the application deadline.

**DC/20/0902/OUT – Suffolk Constabulary HQ, Portal Avenue, Martlesham Heath** – outline application for demolition and removal of all necessary existing buildings and structures to allow the residential development of 300 new dwellings with access from Portal Avenue. It was unanimously resolved to object to this application on the grounds of traffic issue.

**Decision Updates:** DC/22/1517/CLE – Regency House – awaiting decision by ESC

**Enforcement matters - Water Meadow – ENF/22/069/USE** – This matter is now being dealt with by ESC. Unauthorised use is continuing, and the ESC Enforcement Officer is monitoring the site

### REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Sue Prentice (SP) reported that it is hoped to get the first draft of the revised plan to ESC by September.

### MEET YOUR MP – Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

At present, in view of the current political turmoil, Cllrs decided to postpone this meeting until after the new PM has set out their policies. There may be some

issues to discuss later in the year.

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW IN EAST SUFFOLK**

The draft Review is out for consultation by ESC and our recommendation to reduce the number of Cllrs to seven has been included.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

### **Water Quality of the River Lark**

SP has circulated an article on river water quality which will be put on the Great Bealings Facebook page and circulated via the e-newsletter. Thanks were expressed to Farran and Dominic Douse for their assistance.

## **TREES**

The trees are being monitored; several have been lost due to the recent hot weather

## **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

**SAVID/SID** – CH reported that SAVID have now provided a SID for Playford and Little Bealings to share. He will attend a Road Safety Convention in Kesgrave next week and he will put our name on the list with SAVID to get an updated model.

**Quiet Lanes** – The posts are up, and the signs will be displayed shortly. A location for the Lower Street sign has now been agreed

## **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

Both Great and Little Bealings Parish Councils came together to organise a family get together on Sunday 5th June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. The afternoon was a great success and there were many stalls and activities on offer. A profit of £1037 was made, after repayment to the PCs of the advance floats. £200 has gone to

the Blue Cross Ukraine Pet Welfare Fund and the remaining £837.81 to the Kesgrave Ukraine Hub, which is run by members of All Saints Kesgrave. The PC would like to express their thanks to the organisers - Caroline Saunders and Sally Johnson from Great Bealings, and Helen Saagi and Francis Mutimer from Little Bealings.

## **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

Five payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary, PAYE, and office expenses. The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature. The budgeted amount of £1200 was approved to be transferred to the Reserve account.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6.30 p.m.**

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

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## **ST MARY'S, GREAT BEALINGS Churchwarden's Notes**

Surrounded as we have been over the past weeks by wall-to-wall sunshine, I wish we could match that by sunniness of tone in these notes. Sadly, I fear that we cannot. Your Great Bealings Church has one major service a month, with a short Morning Prayer on the middle Sunday. Attendance numbers now rarely make it beyond half a dozen. For those who do



attend, the intimacy of the occasion can make the service meaningful, and time creatively spent, but in other respects it is difficult to see how this level of support can be sustainable in the long term. Churches need people to survive and thrive. In some ways churches ARE the people, and we have all too few of them.

We do our best to supplement income from services, by arranging events such as concerts, and are really grateful for all the support given to these, without which our financial position would be truly dire. As it is, the core activity of the church, its services, seem to be something alien to the prevailing social ethos. Other commitments all too often take precedence. That is the world we live in. But that has consequences. It costs some £12,000 per annum to keep our church open and alive as a place of worship. Half a dozen people per service cannot make that situation sustainable. So that's the negative part of this prologue.

Let's be more positive. We hear so often that the world around us is in a mess and may ourselves be part of the chorus of complaint. It is so easy to be sucked into that mood of despair. But just ask those who do go to church why they find it puts them in a different place, not just physically, but emotionally and conversationally, and that an hour spent thinking about things a little bit deeper than gas prices, wars, strikes, taxes, petrol prices, food prices can be refreshing. It's not escapism. It's just about getting on to a different wavelength. For some that different wavelength may come from a walk in the country. For others, the exploration of deeper ideas, in a quiet space, a church, may have the same effect. Give it a go. We'll make you welcome and share thoughts with you. If it

seems initially all too alien, and is a bit off-putting, then just have a chat with a member of our PCC beforehand, and they'll try to tune you in, tentatively, to a new wavelength. You might even discover a dimension that enriches your life.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

In early July our Rector, Father Nigel, celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Our congratulations to him on reaching that significant milestone.

Sadly, he managed to catch Covid at this time, so the special service planned at our sister church in Woodbridge went ahead without the central figure in attendance. Our Great Bealings acknowledgement of this occasion was deferred until the service in early August, when Nigel was presented with a card, signed by the PCC and other parishioners, and given a special bottle of German red wine. This was something we had discovered was to his liking when he attended the German evening earlier in the year.

### **EXHIBITION OF PORTRAITS IN ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE.**



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reminder of the benefits that can accrue from our link with St Mary's Woodbridge. We were invited to a special commemorative exhibition of portraits, mostly by local artists, put on in the church in Woodbridge by their "Friends" organisation over a period of two or three weeks. Our illustration is a strong clue as to the motivation for this exhibition.

### **WORKS AND PROJECTS**

Our stained-glass windows project is underway, as we seek funding to get them restored to tip-top condition. Proceeds from our two concerts will be attributed to the village support fund, needed to supplement the external funding which we hope will be forthcoming. Our own share will hopefully be just 10% of the total. Our thanks to Charles Barrington for once again taking a lead role in dealing with the procurement of supporting finance.

### **CHURCHYARD**

The churchyard is desperately dry. We seem to have lost three of our fruit trees to the drought, and the rest must be struggling. Anyone who fancies a trip around the churchyard, armed with a full watering can, please help any of the smaller trees which seem to be suffering.

### **CLEAN-UP MORNING. SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER.**

We are planning to have of churchyard clear-up event on the morning of **Saturday 1st October**, the day before our Harvest Festival. This is very much a village social event, as well as one for getting things done. If you can't manage the Saturday morning, do please offer to do some sort of job in the preceding week – the churchwarden is more than happy to guide you towards an appropriate job.

Otherwise, we look forward to welcoming a whole army of strimmers and any other suitable implements to prepare the churchyard for winter.

As an incentive, pork pies, baguettes, ham, cheese, and cans of Adnams will be on offer to restore the calories, and there will be mid-morning coffee. If you can help in any way – and that includes cleaning inside the church, please contact Norman Porter: [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

### **SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER**

Our next service is on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 10.00 A.M.**

As this is a special patronal service, honouring the Virgin Mary, it is being shared with our sister church, St Mary's, Woodbridge, who have no 10.00 service on that day, thereby releasing their choir to join us. The service will be followed by lunch in the churchyard, a combination of bring and share, plus some provision of barbecued food and drinks, available for purchase on the day.

We will ask those attending to let us know and arrange for a combination of salads and puddings to be brought along for sharing.

Our mid-month service of Morning Prayer is at **10.30 a.m. on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Please be alerted to the fact that our HARVEST FESTIVAL service is arranged for SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER.**

### **RECTOR'S "SURGERY".**

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



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

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## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

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

### **OPEN GARDENS. Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Just to revert to memories of our pre-drought **Open Gardens Day** at the end of June, when lawns still had a trace of green, and when there was even the potential for a drop of rain. A dozen gardens were on offer for this event. Our reiterated thanks to all those who kindly opened their gardens, as well as to all who kindly supported us by visiting them.

### **CONCERTS**

We also had a mini-series of two concerts. **The Illuminati** made a welcome return on Saturday July 9th, their first visit since 2006. We were reminded of just how high is the quality of their renditions, demonstrated in a range of songs for a full range of voices. Our thanks to Julian Haywood Smith for liaising with the group, and for providing the refreshments.

Just a week later, on the afternoon of Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a most unusual concert, introducing us to music of the Thomas Seckford era, and paying tribute to the music of that period. The **Ravencourt Consort** included four sackbuts, something new for most of the audience, who were fascinated to see these long trombone-like instruments in

action. It was, for most of us, a fascinating afternoon of discovery, hearing music, most of which was new to most ears. The programme, including music from the medieval to early baroque, played on instruments of the period, introduced us to music rarely heard on the like of even Channels such as Classic FM.

### **RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 – 5.00**

This annual event, supporting the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, with half the proceeds accruing to our own church, is taking place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Youthful enthusiasm is in charge this year, in the shape of Jonathan Keer, who is ready and willing to channel the efforts of other participants. He has all the necessary documentation, including details of churches open and sponsorship forms, so do please contact him at [jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like either to participate, or are prepared to church-sit for an hour to welcome visitors to our own church. Refreshments will be provided for participants on site.



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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meetings held on 4 and 25 July 2022:

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Following the Council's adoption of the new Local Government Code of Conduct, applications from Ian Ransome and Helen Saagi for dispensations in respect of a non-registrable interest in Sinks Pit were accepted, with dispensations to be effective until May 2023

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

A resident gave an update on matters at Sinks Pit at the meeting on 4 July.

### **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE**

The SAVID funded SID was displayed in July at the Village Hall and in The Street and passed to Playford PC for use during August. Playford PC had contributed to the cost of the insurance.

### **NOTICEBOARD IN PLAYFORD ROAD**

This had been paid for by the Plymouth Brethren and installed for the Council by a local resident, and the Council is grateful for the support.

### **PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGE**

The proposed change to the boundary with Gt Bealings and Martlesham had been withdrawn by Martlesham PC.

## **ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

The partnership had agreed three new priorities for its work of Roads and Traffic, Environmental Care and Covid Recovery.

## **WAR MEMORIAL WORKS**

The Council's application for grant funding has been approved and a Faculty now enables the works to proceed. The works are scheduled to be carried out during the week commencing 19 September.

## **PC LAPTOP**

The PCC had confirmed that it would like to receive the Council's old laptop, which would be professionally wiped, and a new hard drive installed.

## **SALC CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

The Chairman had attended this and passed details to Councillors, especially regarding the new requirement for a dispensation to speak in respect of a Non-Registrable Interest in a matter. National guidance was due to be published in the autumn.

## **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

District Councillor Colin Hedgley's report had been circulated and is available on the Council's website. He drew attention to various planning matters. County Councillor Elaine Bryce advised that she had a budget of £7,000 available for local projects, but this was for 26 parishes.

## **PLANNING POLICY**

A response to the ESC consultation on the application of its 'cluster' policy which permitted development in the countryside was agreed.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**DC/22/2061/FUL Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five-bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access: Former High Rigg Martlesham Road**

There was no objection to the renewal of this application but concerns about the safety of the new access by the railway crossing remained.

**DC/22/2182/FUL Upgrade existing tennis court with fencing: Leewood House Sandy Lane**

There was no objection to this application.

**DC/22/1662/FUL Proposal: Construction of two detached single storey dwellings: Woodside, Martlesham Road**

ESC has refused the application.

**DC/22/2630/FUL: Construction of 1 no. new residential dwelling with detached garage in front of Marchwood: Marchwood, Martlesham Road**

It was resolved to object to the application as the site was not a clearly identifiable gap in the highway and in view of the adverse impact on the street scene.

**Re-consultation: DC/20/0902/OUT Outline Application (some matters reserved) – Demolition and removal of all necessary existing buildings and structures to enable the residential development for up to 300 no. new dwellings with access from Portal Avenue, associated open space and landscaping, drainage and infrastructure: Suffolk Constabulary Force Headquarters, Portal Avenue, Martlesham Heath**

It was resolved that there was objection

to the development in view of the lack of up-to-date traffic survey data and modelling, especially the lack of assessment of the impact on Little Bealings roads of displaced traffic seeking to avoid congestion created by the development on the A1214, and the lack of any proposed mitigation to address the impact.

### **THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD CAR PARK SURVEY**

The survey returns had shown that, while there was support for the purchase of the car park by the Council, it was not sufficient to enable Compulsory Purchase to be pursued. The Council therefore reluctantly resolved that no further action be taken in the matter and the Council's right to bid be withdrawn.

## **FINANCE**

### **Accounts for 2021/22**

The Certificate of Exemption had been returned to the external auditor and the period of public examination of the accounts had run between 22 June and 2 August.

The Council's support of £200 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at the Village Hall had been returned.

### **Income and Expenditure**

Income had been received from the Plymouth Brethren for the purchase of a new noticeboard and from SAVID for the purchase of a new SID to be shared with Playford.

Expenditure for the Clerk's salary and PAYE and expenses, the purchase of the new SID, the new noticeboard, mobile phone, laptop and software was approved, totalling £4127,34. Mr Hunter would complete the first internal control quarterly report.



## **Bank and NS&I Accounts**

Confirmation of the new signatories had been received from Barclays Bank. It was agreed to amend the signatories on the NS&I account to be Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi, Ms Head and Mrs Wilson. It was agreed to investigate a debit card on the Barclays account, given the increasing need to make purchases online.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 5 September in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

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

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

## **THE JUBILEE TREE**

Joan Moon, assisted by Tracy Herrington, planted a Rowan tree beside the Angela Cobbold hall to be a permanent reminder of this Jubilee Year.

In spite of the hot weather, it is surviving with daily watering!

When planting the tree Joan recalled marching past the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, resplendent in her Guides uniform!

## **KESGRAVE BENEFICE UKRAINE HUB – OUR SUMMER**

Our benefice Ukraine hub was described on the BBC as inspiring, a 'model hub,' and it is certainly thriving with such a joyful buzz. Below are some summer highlights:

15 adults and 12 children received twice weekly English lessons throughout July/

August. Teaching and progress were superb, and pupils are now ready for the workplace/school. We were the sole provider of in-person English lessons to Ukrainians over the summer in the Ipswich/East Suffolk area but are happy to report that all families living in our benefice, and Great Bealings' benefice, were allocated a place on our course. A waiting list was compiled of families requiring lessons and living further afield, and we are now working with Ipswich churches to set up lessons for these families.

The children we worked with over the summer transformed into a wonderfully happy 'gang,' blossoming in friendship and confidence. We enjoyed watching them running together, laughing, playing hide and seek, riding bikes, just 'being children.' One mother said to me, *'These are the best English lessons, separating children and adults makes all the difference.'* *I can't thank you all enough for this; I give you my heart, you are helping my children, us, so much.'*

In September, we continue with lessons for the children still without a school place, and with families who have arrived over the summer. Little and Great Bealings donated £837 towards Ukrainian English lessons, raised through the village Jubilee celebrations. We stayed within budget and have £50 left to start our autumn programme of lessons. Thank you Bealings! Your generosity has made such a difference to lives.

Emergency clothing was supplied to any refugees requiring help.

Six fantastic bikes from residents returned a sense of freedom. The joy on the teenagers' faces as they sped off was something to witness.

110 local Ukrainians can now contact each other via our WhatsApp group, set up solely for them.

Two babies were supplied with their first month's nappies and wipes.

Three coach trips to Lavenham, Aldeburgh and the Lord High Sheriff's Garden Party was organised by Together for Ipswich and enjoyed by our hub guests.

A family was taken on a day trip to Felixstowe by one of our volunteers, introduced to the amusement arcades and rides, and their teenagers' smiles returned. There have been shopping trips, Woodbridge trips, all helping our guests find their feet and settle.

50-60 people attend the hub each week; all have been welcomed, befriended, fed and supported. We are also a hotline for hosts who might otherwise feel isolated in their hosting, not knowing where to turn with questions.

A family's bus fare was paid to enable them to attend English lessons before their financial help came through.

Via the hub, four laptops were given to teenagers for school work from parishioners. The Church Army provided new school shoes. £1000+ worth of emergency field dressings was dropped off by EDF and we sourced an onward journey to Kyiv Military Hospital.

Six Ukrainian families were successfully matched to local hosts.

Shortly the hub will host an Employability course run by Suffolk Refugee Services. Our teaching is now slanted towards mock job interviews, and workplace and interview language.

Looking forward, we foresee a need for winter coats and shoes. We are also on

the lookout for more potential hosts - please contact me if you wish to discuss this.

It's been an amazing summer, a mix of emotions felt and seen, we've planned, thought on our feet, our 'yes' attitude is strong, we've adapted to ever-changing need, and we have seen God working in our hub, providing a safe haven and support for women, children, babies, displaced by war, frightened and in need of care and support. It is an honour to work at the hub, all the volunteers say that, and it has been humbling and wonderful to see the generosity of the people in our local parishes. Thank you all for your generosity.

*Helen Wittgreffe, Elder*

*All Saints Little Bealings & Kesgrave,  
Organiser Kesgrave Ukraine Hub  
Helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com*

## **RIDE AND STRIDE**

### **5 CHURCHES WALK**

Following our successful 'Five Churches' walk last year which took us as far as Grundisburgh & Culpho, we have planned another Five Churches route which takes us in a different direction for this year's event. This year's walk will start as usual from All Saints Church, Little Bealings and will take us on a circular route via St Mary's Church in Playford, to St Andrew's Church in Rushmere. From St Andrew's we will then visit Rushmere Baptist Church en route to All Saints, Kesgrave before returning to Little Bealings.

We will set off from Little Bealings at 10-00am. The walk is around 7½ miles in length, and we anticipate it should take about 3½ to 4 hours in total. This will

include a short stop at each church en route and a break for lunch (please bring your own packed lunch) and refreshments of around 20-30 minutes at St Andrew's in Rushmere.

To add a little interest along the way, we have uncovered some unusual stories of people from the past who have connections with each of the churches we're visiting, which we hope will entertain you on the way round!

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:

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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, Little Bealings Church or Playford Church (please specify Playford if appropriate).

We look forward to seeing you on the day

and thank you to all our supporters.

*Francis Mutimer*

*John Wittgreffe*

## **ACH NEWS**

The Community Lunch in August raised £80 for the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall.

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The next Community Lunch is on 6th September 12.30pm.

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## **THANK-YOU!**

Many thanks to Gordon Mutimer and Nod Robinson who are working on the old kitchen to create a storage area.

Also, thanks to Jasmine and Rosario D'Angelo for the donation of crockery and cutlery for community use.

The basket of dried lavender from Maggie Davis has been much appreciated by Hall users.

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## WORD FROM THE STUDY

Being a Vicar has its ups and sometimes its challenges. Certainly, as far as I am concerned, there are more ups than downs. I can honestly say how proud I am of our communities of Little Bealings and Playford, along with our sister Church at Kesgrave, for the wonderful work being done to support the refugees from Ukraine. The work from co-ordinator, Helen Wittgreffe, and her fantastic team from both of our villages has been nothing short of amazing. Donations, both financial and of goods, has been overwhelming. Not just supporting our brothers and sisters from Ukraine, but enabling, through the generosity of the community and individuals, they are now able to offer English language lessons and provide support in helping people to find employment; being self-supporting, whether they are here for six months or six years. Before the troubles in their own land, their communities were just like ours, so a massive thank you for all the kindness and generosity that has made such a massive difference.

Scripture tells us, it is in giving that we receive. Jesus said, "To love your neighbour as yourself," this is living faith in the community.

Having an attitude of gratitude is at the heart of our Christian faith, and we are surrounded by so many blessings that outnumber the stars in the sky, and if they don't, count the stars again!

At the time of writing this, both our Churches are facing financial challenges on our day to day running costs, but it is not all doom and gloom, both our Churches are in good order building wise, with the project of refurbishing Little Bealings Church now coming to an end,

this has come ENTIRELY from grants and individual contributions. We are launching our stewardship campaign, and we are asking the community at Little Bealings (and very soon Playford), a leaflet which outlines our running costs, has gone out to all homes in Little Bealings. This leaflet has been paid for by individuals and not by any Church funds.

It costs approximately £14,000 a year to keep each of our Churches going, every penny raised, either through one-off giving, or giving on a regular basis, will be used to pay for ministry, for example, parish share (cost of a Vicar), heating, lighting, day to day costs, none of this money will be used for projects.

So many people have told me how special Little Bealings Church is to them, and we are also very grateful for the work that has been done in the past. I know a lot of money has been raised, a few years ago, for repairs of the Church. All this contributes to where we are now.

I appreciate there are a lot of demands on our money and time at the moment, but if you are able to support your Church, not only does it show we can pay our way, but also that we have a minister and that we can work with the local community.

The community needs the Church, and the Church needs the community; so, we appreciate anything you are able to do. If you want to discuss this or have any concerns, please do contact me on 07714614095, or on 01473 412329, or email me (please note my new email address) [revgaryjones1985@gmail.com](mailto:revgaryjones1985@gmail.com).

On Wednesday 21st September, a talk on the Walls of Little Bealings, will take place in our Church at 7.00 p.m.; this will be an interesting evening, with refreshments and an opportunity to hear how Little



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Bealings Church came to be.

Hopefully, by the time you get to read this, the weather will have cooled down and we can enjoy relief from the intense heat, and certainly, we need the rain for our crops and to make everywhere feel that much more bearable.

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

*Every Blessing*

*Reverend Gary Jones*

## **BENEFICE HARVEST SUPPER**

Our annual Benefice Harvest Supper will take place on 17th September at Playford Village Hall. This year, there will be a bring and share supper with refreshments provided. The cost of the tickets will be £3.00 each with ALL proceeds going towards Church funds.

Please come along, tickets are limited, we sold out quite quickly last year, so please contact myself (new email address) *revgaryjones1985@gmail.com*

or Colin Hedgley *colinhedgley@aol.com*

or Corrine Fear

*churchwardens1@outlook.com*

Tickets will be available from 21st August.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Reverend Gary Jones*

## **ANNUAL BIKE RIDE**

On Saturday 10th September, our annual 'Ride and Stride' will take place; with people walking, riding or this year, even in their cars to raise money for the Historical Churches Trust, half of which is given back to the Church. Dr Dan Poulter, our MP, will be doing part of the walk, leaving Kesgrave mid-morning and arriving Little Bealings Church, where there will be an opportunity to have refreshments and to meet and have a chat with Dr Dan.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 6th July 2022.

A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce was unable to attend

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist. Cllr Colin Hedgley's report is appended to the full minutes on the PC website. Briefly, Colin added that Blue Flags have recently been awarded to East Suffolk beaches in Felixstowe and Southwold, apprenticeship schemes are starting up again and Stephen Baker, CEO of East Suffolk County is to retire in Dec 2022.

### ACTION POINT REVIEW

- Work on C324 traffic priority problems has ground to a halt, Co Cllr Elaine Bryce is chasing Traffic Manager David Chenery to progress this and for advice on signage for Church Lane to deter heavy traffic as this is still a problem.

- SCC Highways has asked Anglian Water to check out the constant water flow down the bottom end of Church Lane and to investigate for leaks.

- SC Norse is to be asked not to trim the verge in Hill Farm Road quite so often and to be reminded not to leave debris from trimmings in ditches. They will also be asked to clear the drainage ditch bordering Butts Road, outside the village hall.

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

### FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary for May and June, tax to HMRC and for stationery expenses. Outstanding bill for SIDs pole is to be paid, having established that the PC is liable for this. The Bank reconciliation was agreed and the budget for 2022-23 was found to be on track. It was agreed that the clerk's salary should be raised by one point on the spine in respect of her annual salary appraisal. A review of the parish Standing Orders took place and it was agreed no changes were necessary.

### HIGHWAYS

We are still awaiting David Chenery's approval for new signage for priority issues on the C324 as above. Local road closures without prior warning are becoming problematic. A second SIDs device has been obtained by Lt Bealings PC and this will be shared with Playford PC who will contribute to their insurance costs.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Locality grant of £5861 has been agreed by Groundwork UK and funds credited to the PC's bank account within 3-5 working days. Consultant Ian Poole has been advised of this and can now go ahead with completing the Plan.

### PLANNING MATTERS

Application DC/22/1794/FUL Single storey side and front extension to The Old House, Bransons Lane. This was rejected by the Parish Council as it was felt to be out of

proportion with the rest of the house and the flat roof would be detrimental to the character of the house.

**Application DC/22/1156/FUL Archway Piggeries** – the applicant has contacted the Parish Council requesting a site visit – this would need to include the full council but it was felt it should wait until amended plans were received as objections to the former plans could not be withdrawn.

**Update August 2022:** Resubmitted plans for the above were considered by the PC and were supported subject to the necessary engineering permissions being obtained for the earth-levelling operations on the site and a satisfactory contamination report being received by Environmental Protection.

**ESC Enforcement Officer** has been advised of excessive numbers of cars being parked at premises in Hill Farm Road and will investigate.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- The new oak tree on the playing field is doing well, thanks to a regular watering schedule manned by councillors and volunteers.

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a success.

- Two requests for hiring the playing field were sanctioned.

- Concrete forming the base of the bottle bank has broken up and will need repairing – this appears to be the reason the bins are not being replaced tidily in their enclosure after being emptied by Norse.

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

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Weds 6th September 2022 in the Village Hall.

*Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468  
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website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)*

## **PLAYFORD W.I.**

Amidst all the inspiring sport on TV this summer, Playford WI had its own sporting challenge in August! We were delighted to reinstate our annual Boules tournament on the playing field, this year against Rushmere WI. It was an idyllic summer evening social with a great time had by all in both the game and post-match refreshments. As gracious hosts we naturally let our visitors win...

We were treated to an engaging evening of storytelling and song as we heard from the talented Jo Ellis' about her '21 Steps to Hadleigh' in July and look forward to travelling further in September with an inspiring talk about a life changing holiday to The Gambia from a member of Shotley WI.

In October it will be 99 years since Playford WI was formed! We are planning a special meeting to celebrate as we enter our 100th year and we've set ourselves a centenary challenge of learning British Sign Language with an expert tutor in Liz Royle, dedicating time at each of our forthcoming monthly meetings. After our AGM in November, we'll be back into sport for December with a suitably wintery twist of 'New Age Kurling.'

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Playford Village Hall, visitors are always welcome.

Please email us for further details [Playfordwi@gmail.com](mailto:Playfordwi@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH NEWS**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
7.00 p.m. Harvest Supper  
(Village Hall)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
10.00 a.m. Harvest Service

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## BINKY

Binky Stickleback was as relaxed as he possibly could be. Laying in his deckchair on his lawn with the sun beating down, a glass of ice- cold lemonade by his side.

His wonderful wife (surely a vision of loveliness) had gone to her sister's for a week and left him to his own devices, a sacrifice of extreme unselfishness for which he was eternally grateful.

He reached down to pick up his glass but then remembered that he couldn't use that hand as it was bandaged up due to a misunderstanding with the deck chair on hasty assembly and an over exuberant initial sitting down. Deckchair callapso.

To be fair the ambulance man did say it was the worst case of 'deckchair hand' he had ever seen which gave Binky some comfort. Mind you 30 miles inland and it would be rare.

Anyway, Binky settled down to read a good book, not one of his own masterpieces surprisingly, but from a new author called Mauve Straightspine, a new fresh author for the twenty first century, or so the blurb on the back of the dustcover proudly boasted. After the first two chapters which Binky thought were a little, how shall we say, racy if not pornographic he decided to read a little more about the author. He went indoors and sat in front of his trusty personal computer that never let him down, apart from last month when it cost him £1000 to get it put right by a computer expert.

Oh, and the time before that (£500). When he first purchased it went defective three weeks later and the computer expert fixed it in ten minutes saying it "was the newness wearing off" and charged Binky £200. So, all in all, a reliable and trusty piece of equipment.

Binky read from his Wikipedia pages. "Mauve Straightspine is a new and exciting author. Trapped in a loveless marriage to a right plonker, she explores her sensual side by describing her numerous love affairs with everyone from a Lord of the realm down to a novice

dustman. (Novice in love, not in emptying bins). Based in rural East Anglia, Mauve takes us on a journey of lust and stupidity with a soup of ever deepening intrigue and double dealing with a few near misses in her frenetic life of lies and deceit."

Wow thought Binky she sounds a right old so and so. I would really like to meet her and tell her what I thought.

Of course, most of the village had read the book, which being East Anglia consisted of one bought copy handed from neighbour to neighbour each person only taking twenty-four hours to read it.

A wink and a nod preceded each handover. Although, in the case of the vicar it was just a mild cough and clearing of his throat as if that absolved him from any dealings with "soft porn" as he called the book. Although he was much relieved to discover he was not in it. But disappointed. His mind flashed back to those mad few hours in the vestry. (Wait for volume two vicar - a six-month retreat in Rockall beckons).

It was a few days later waiting in the supermarket queue that he heard some tittering behind him. "Oh yes that's Miss Straightspine's husband" said one of the women. "No!" exclaimed the other who was licking an ice cream and carrying a toy poodle at the same time as filling her shopping trolley. (This multi-tasking knows no limits). "I don't think he knows; he hasn't worked it out yet" said a third. "Well, good for Indigo Stickleback" said a third, "She needs some excitement in her life. "Don't we all" they chorused in very loud voices. The ice cream was dropped, and the toy poodle ate it.

"Good old Binky" said one. They all then started to laugh.

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## CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Organised by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) the event sees 1,000's of cyclists, walkers, and classic car drivers, visiting Churches throughout the County, raising money for the repair and upkeep of Suffolk Churches. St. Botolph's Church, Culpho IP6 9DH will remain open to receive visitors between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Documents will be available on the table within the Church and visitors requested to sign the Church attendees form and endorse their own paperwork.

If you would like to support the Church (half monies raised given to the participating Church) your funding would be most appreciated. You can ride or stride around the parishes, visiting whichever Churches you choose, take a picnic, or merely sponsor someone you know wishes to take part. If this is something, you are interested in participating, please contact the Churchwarden Richard who has all the necessary information and forms.

### SHINGLE STREET FOLK BAND

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September- 7.30 p.m. – St. Botolph's Church, Culpho



This 'new look', popular Folk Band are returning to perform for us once again. The Band have played in Culpho Church on many occasions, are extremely talented singers and musicians, and their variety of folk music provides something for everyone. We look forward to welcoming them once again and if you would like to attend, tickets are on sale at £10 from Chris Pearce on 01473 738324, email [cmp0601@hotmail.com](mailto:cmp0601@hotmail.com) or mobile number

07925 251802 You are assured of an enjoyable evening.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

All members of the Church Council are delighted to announce that the Harvest weekend of festivities will go ahead this year. Always a highlight in the Church Calendar, the weekend provides an opportunity to host the Harvest Supper, including a wonder-

ful floral display of seasonable “gatherings”, foliage, and flowers, together with a traditional Harvest service. The Harvest Supper will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6 p.m. in the Church. P.C.C. member, Chris Pearce is co-ordinating the event and will have already been in contact with friends, neighbours and those associated with the Church. Invitations are open to everyone in the village and whether you attend Church or not, you are most welcome.

Culpho Harvest suppers are well-known for being very enjoyable and hospitable. They offer a delightful selection of food for everyone but if you do have any allergies, please let Chris know before-hand.

### **HARVEST FLORAL DISPLAY**

Without doubt, this small humble and rural wayside church, within a peaceful setting, seems ‘at home’ when filled with produce picked from the fields. A true way to celebrate Harvest and to be grateful. It is also fitting that St. Botolph himself was the Patron Saint of Agricultural workers.

The Harvest floral display will be ready to view by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and is always well worth a visit. Everyone associated with Culpho Church remain ever grateful to Christabel Gamham, who throughout the years, has provided wonderful displays at Harvest time. Her talent at flower arranging is self-evident and each year the display is better than the one before. The Church is open daily and if, in the days leading up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, you have any seasonal fruits, vegetables, flowers or foliage you can spare, it would be helpful if they could be left near the font for Christabel to include within the display. Thank you so much if you can help.

### **HARVEST CHURCH SERVICE**

At 3p.m. on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September a traditional Harvest Service will take place and you are most welcome to join us. A time to give thanks for the harvest and to all those who work tirelessly within food production, from field to fork, for the benefit of us all.

### **CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Harvest Service** – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 3 p.m.

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	ACH	3RD Wed of month 2.00 p.m.	<i>Info 01473 626845</i>
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## OCTOBER 2022 NEWS

Contributions for the October 2022 News to be submitted by:

**5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 1st October.**

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