

Fynn - Lark News

September 2019



A TASTE OF SUFFOLK

Suffolk is a county with a rich agricultural heritage. This is most apparent at the time of Harvest, barley, wheat, potatoes, onions and sugar beet, to name but a few crops that grow in abundance around us here.

Food and drink, or the lack of it, has shaped many lives in Suffolk over the centuries. Tales are told of young farm lads who on joining the army in 1914 grew inches taller on the Army diet. Fresh safe drinking water was also often in short supply. In the long hot summers, when wells and ponds dried up, children were sent to school with containers to bring home fresh water from the school tap. The homes of farm labourers were often sparse and cold in winter. Entertaining at home was not an option, so the village pub became a place of warmth and company with music, skittles and darts for entertainment.

The Autumn brought an abundance of fruit in the hedgerows, cherry plums, blackberries and sloes. Gleaning in the harvested fields and catching rabbits were other sources of free food.

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The three dishes illustrated in the photograph have been made using recipes from two Village Cookbooks. Suffolk Rabbit Pie and Bealings Tart come from a booklet printed to celebrate 700th Anniversary of the founding of All Saints, Little Bealings. The Suffolk Rusk recipe comes from the updated copy of this book.

Suffolk Rabbit Pie would have been a great treat and was traditionally eaten with a short crust pastry lid, instead of suet pastry, for breakfast on Christmas Morning. Bealings Tart is remembered as a special treat waiting at Granny's house. Walking across the fields the children would guess what fruit filling it would have inside this week.

Suffolk Rusks were a great stand-by as they kept well having been twice baked. These are good on their own or with cheese or jam.

Here are the recipes if you would like to enjoy a taste of Suffolk at Harvest Time.

SUFFOLK RABBIT PIE

1 Rabbit, jointed, or 4-6 rabbit joints
8oz. Streaky Bacon, chopped
4oz prunes, chopped
2 onions, chopped
1 cooking Apple, peeled and chopped
8 fl oz Cider
12-15 fl oz water or stock
1 1/2 oz flour mixed to a paste
1 1/2 oz margarine
Seasoning
Freshly grated nutmeg
Wash the rabbit and place in a saucepan.
Add apple, onion, bacon and seasoning.
Add liquid bring to the boil, simmer with lid on for about an hour.
Drain and place in a large pie dish. Add prunes.
Add flour paste to liquid in pan and stir until thick.
Then pour over rabbit etc. in pie dish.
Suet Pastry
12oz Self-raising flour
6oz Shredded Suet
Seasoning
Cold water to mix

Mix all ingredients together add water to make a soft dough.

Roll out to cover the rabbit dish.

Bake in oven at 220 C, gas mark 7, for 30-45 minutes

Mrs. Babs Hicks

BEALINGS TART

Shortcrust pastry to line an 8-9inch flan dish.

Fruit...cooked, tinned or fresh fruit well drained.

For the topping

4oz Margarine

2-3oz ground almonds

4 oz plain flour

3-4oz Caster sugar

Line greased tin with pastry and place a good layer of fruit over the base.

Mix topping ingredients, rubbing in margarine until like breadcrumbs, sprinkle over fruit.

Bake at 180-200C towards top of oven for about 25-35 minutes.

Eat hot or cold.

Jenny Cook

MAUREEN MOTHERSOLE'S SUFFOLK RUSKS

8oz Self-raising flour
4oz Margarine
1 Egg
A pinch of Salt
Milk to mix
Rub fat into flour until like fine breadcrumbs.
Add egg and milk.
Beat together, then roll 3/4 inch thick.
Cut into rounds and bake in a moderate oven at 180C gas mark 4.
Turn oven down to 140C, gas mark 1.
Cut rounds in half and return to oven until dry and golden brown.
Serve with cheese, cream cheese and anything savoury.
Permission to publish this recipe was given by Sandra Banham, the late Maureen Mothersole's sister.

Thanks to Laura Hodgson for her photographic skills.



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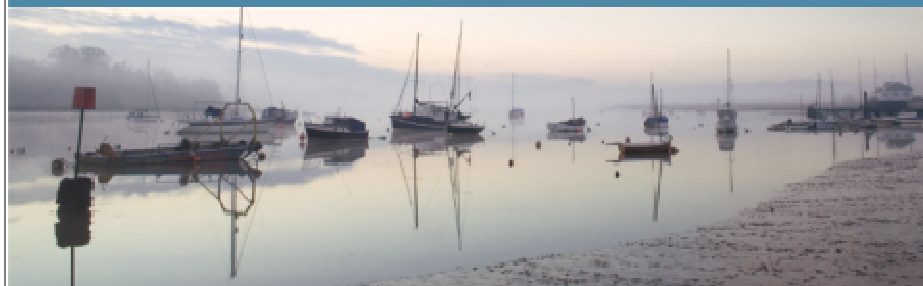
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

LOCAL ISSUES

Over the past two months there have been two issues which have come into sharp focus. Our thoughts on the first issue now follow. (See also pgs 14-17) Reflections on the second can be found under "Benefice News" (pg. 47)

The first issue concerns the plans for a Northern Bypass, and the impact that this would have on the area covered by this Magazine – namely our four villages and the beautiful valleys of the rivers Fynn and Lark. The very name of this Magazine sprang from the pride that our community takes in our beautiful rural location. This now appears to be seriously under threat from major road construction, to say nothing of the major house-building projects that are being spawned all around us. Charles Barrington's item in the July edition articulated powerfully the concerns that many feel about these threats which would change forever the character of the landscape around us.

We, as editors, are presented with a dilemma as to whether to adopt a stance either way. Past experience has taught us that the best editorial policy for this Magazine is to remain factual, rather than become a battleground for strong conflicting opinions. We cannot first-guess public opinion, so need to remain editorially neutral, by not expressing an editorial view, and in deciding what to publish.

We do believe that full engagement with the issue is appropriate. Our local MP is against the project, as is our District Councillor. Our Parish Councils are also fully engaged. By the time this Magazine is published, a number of public meetings will have been held, and protest gatherings set up. It is our view that these should be reported on, to ensure that readers be informed. The issue will affect

everyone.

The Fynn-Lark News will fully cover developments, but not from a partisan editorial standpoint. We will ensure that readers are kept fully informed and welcome reports from organisers of meetings.

COLOUR AND THE SIZE OF THIS MAGAZINE

We seem to be entering a particularly busy period, and it is reassuring the contributors see this magazine as a valuable means of promoting items and activities. That does, however, bring into focus the limitations imposed upon our capacity in terms of colour and size. We have a very limited budget. That only allows us to have 8 pages a month in colour. Similarly, we have to be aware of the number of pages per issue. A 42-page magazine costs us £300 – way above our budgeted ceiling.

NOTE This edition is a record 52 pages costing approx. £400 !

Our budget and consequently, capacity can only be increased in the following ways.

1. More individuals and organisations, particularly those who promote activities, undertake to make a regular payment. We are, of course, hugely grateful to our PCs and those individuals who already support us financially, but there is scope for a considerable increase if the Magazine is to meet what seems to be increased demand.

2. We have more advertisers. They are the lifeblood of the Magazine and are difficult to find. If YOU would like to advertise or can persuade a friend or local business to do so, then please exercise all necessary charm – and also talk us up as a good local means of advertising.

We are entirely self-funding so can only respond to increased demand by generating increased income.

HISTORY CORNER

HARVEST FESTIVALS

For hundreds of years Harvest Festivals have been moments of huge celebration. Not only in this country, but across the world. This has been particularly true in our villages, where the success of the year's crops could well have determined the odds of survival through the winter. As viewers of **From Lark Rise to Candleford** may remember, virtually the whole village would turn out to bring in the harvest, with scythes, making sheaves, stooks, stacks, all ready for threshing, while others went gleaning, picking up the loose grain – and boisterous were the celebrations when the harvest was safely gathered in. The corn was in the barns. All manner of “preserving” of fruits and vegetables was taking place. In centuries gone by, and, indeed in the first half of the twentieth century, entire villages would celebrate “harvest home”, both in the village church and in the community. Harvest Festivals in churches really did celebrate the bounty of the land.

Sheaves of corn, rosy-red apples, hugely bulging marrows, rich red tomatoes would adorn the window ledges. The following passage from **“There’s Rosemary and There’s Rue”**, written by Lady Fortescue, daughter of Rev Howard Beech, Rector of Great Bealings in the late 19th century, and living in The Old Rectory, illustrates the point:

Everyone in the parish looked forward to the annual Harvest Festival, called by Daddy the Harvestival, when our lovely little church was decorated with flaming early autumn leaves, fat vegetables and tempting fruits. How that congregation of “old simples” roared out those harvest hymns of thanksgiving, their faces red and shining as the rosy apples from their orchards, given to the church with their best samples of produce to the glory of God – and perhaps, a little bit, to their own?*

How things have changed. The distance between the produce harvested in the field and our plates has increased massively – often across continents and calculated in “food miles”. We all too carelessly take our food for granted. Modern housing estates allow precious little space for people to grow their own. Supermarkets are expected unfailingly to provide for our needs. Maybe, with climate change and increasing desertification across the world we should be a little more aware, as were our ancestors, as to how fragile our food resources could potentially be. And – while we’re at it – how about reverting to proper traditional Harvest festivals, with real produce, from our gardens, rather than tins of baked beans from Tesco!



In the meantime let's enjoy all the fruits of the seasons, and, just occasionally, give a thought as to how, where, and by whom and with what consequences they are produced.

(* Old simples = the locals! Ministers in those times were strongly linked to the gentry, usually university educated, well versed in the classics, and rather paternalistic, showing a kindly regard for the less well educated in his (never her!) charge.)

MORE NATURE NOTES

Last Autumn we decided to turn a third of our garden over to wild flowers, we have always made a conscience effort to plant wildlife friendly flowers and trees, but made the decision to go one step further

to see what else we could encourage into the garden.

Having given the grass a deep scarify we scattered a selection of wildflower seeds.

We also dug a pond with a shallow area, near by, surrounded it with old logs, small and large stones for wildlife to shelter, a hedgehog house and anything else we could think of.



This year the flowers have bloomed in profusion and have attracted many different bumble bees, honey bees, very pretty beetles, hover flies and now in July numerous butterflies, birds enjoy a drink or bathe in the pond and frogs and toads are frequent visitors.

The wildlife has given us so much pleasure and garden looks so beautiful too.



However small or large your garden is a packet of seeds can make such a difference to wildlife and you!

If we all scattered wildlife seeds in our garden we would provide a corridor for wildlife to survive and prosper.

Sue Foster, Little Bealings

A THORNY ISSUE

As we move into September, one of the many seasonal delights on offer along the hedgerows lining the paths and lanes around our villages is the humble blackberry.

Picked and enjoyed by countless generations of country folk, the appearance of these abundant and tasty fruits has always been one of the delights of late summer and early autumn for me.

Not so many years ago, whole families could be found on Sunday afternoons, laden with all kinds of receptacles while clambering over the grassy banks in search of these juicy treats. Everyone had their favourite spot or stretch of hedge, to which they would return every year. The location of these bountiful bushes was often a jealously guarded secret, not readily shared with others and it was not unknown for a little 'misdirection' to take place. A particularly good patch of fruit would be hinted at, usually some considerable distance from the intended picking area, thus sending the unfortunate victim off on a fruitless mission and leaving the field (or at least the field edge anyway) clear for picking.

As a young boy back in the 1960s, the blackberry bushes along Holly Lane in Bealings provided a welcome and refreshing diversion on the walk home from school at this time of year. Having eaten our fill, we would continue our rather erratic journey, arriving home (eventually), with purple stained fingers and school uniforms. I recall my mother being somewhat vexed, to put it mildly, at the prospect of yet again having to clean the stubborn stains from my clothing. This of course was of little concern to a small boy – after all, wasn't that what mums were for?

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DIARY - WHAT'S ON

September

Saturday 14th

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 21st

10.00 - 12.00 Macmillan Coffee Morning

All Saints Church

November

29th and 30th

Lawrence Werber performs

"DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS"

Annesley, Boot Street, Great Bealings

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

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

Picking blackberries was not of course, without its hazards. The brambles which have to be negotiated in order to reach the fruit are of a particularly vicious nature, 'prickly' does not really do them justice, 'savage' probably comes closer. When clambering over a roadside bank, there is always the possibility of stepping in a hidden gully or rabbit burrow. Nothing can quite equal the experience of plunging headfirst into a blackberry bush. You emerge rather sore and scratched, giving the appearance of having just been attacked by a large and ferocious cat.

Insects can be a problem too; wasps are frequently encountered and are not inclined to share anything edible if they can help it. Various other tiny creatures like to hide themselves among the clusters of berries, I have probably eaten many of these over the years, so far without any ill effects. Tiny spiders will occasionally cover individual berries with thin, almost invisible webs which, while not detracting from the flavour does add a somewhat interesting texture.

All this is of course worth it in the end, the blackberry is a versatile fruit which can be converted into a range of delicious fare – jams and jellies, crumbles, pies and a particularly potent wine, to name just a few. One of my fondest memories from childhood is of a dish popular with my parent's and previous generations - they were adept at producing good filling food using what was available either cheaply or, better still, free. The blackberries would be stewed up with some apples, which then provided the filling for a substantial suet pudding, which was served smothered in custard... (stares dreamily into space while dribbling slightly).

So, if over the course of the next few weeks you notice a suspicious looking figure lurking behind a hedge, with red stained fingers and clothing, looking slightly dishevelled, don't be too alarmed. It's probably just me out blackberry picking.

Francis Mutimer

BEALINGS WI

On the hottest day of the year Bealings WI hosted the Seckford Group annual meeting. 50 members from 5 WIs attended, and despite the heat enjoyed an afternoon of 60's music and a delicious tea.

Following last year's poor performance Bealings were triumphant in a return Boules match with Rushmere WI and Playford WI. Many thanks to Playford for their excellent organisation and welcome refreshments. A very enjoyable evening.

FRIENDS OF THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD - UPDATE

It's been a little while since we came together to discuss the future of the Admiral's Head at the open meeting at the Bealings Village Hall so we thought you might like an update, plus we've got some opportunities to get involved in various ways.

INTRODUCING THE FRIENDS OF THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

We have now constituted the Friends of the Admiral's Head group with a Management Committee to lead the preparation of the community bid for the purchase of the pub by 23rd November 2019. Positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have all been appointed, and we have also formed groups to lead on a variety of tasks including business planning, communications, negotiations and fundraising. This Management Committee is proceeding with the various strands of work to prepare the bid.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Management Committee has also passed a vote of formal thanks to Maggie Davis for her work to date, to the anonymous underwriter of the condition survey cost and to the anonymous donor of £50 to pay for the hire of the Angela Cobbold Hall for Management Committee meetings. We hope you will join us in this

vote of thanks.

SUPPORT FROM PLUNKETT FOUNDATION

Our application for expert advice from Plunkett Foundation has been successful and we are now under the wing of an experienced local adviser with first-hand expertise as long-time director of a successful community owned pub as well as experience of helping some 50 other community groups starting up, including many pubs.

SUPPORT OUR WORKING GROUPS

We are also keen for additional support with the other work, particularly on business planning, communications and marketing and grant applications. How much time you put into the group and the project is entirely up to you, and you won't have to sit on the Management Committee. If you would like to lend your skills to support these activities, please contact the respective focal person for the group as follows:

- • Business planning: Alun Jones on alunmjones1@gmail.com
- • Communications & marketing: Maggie Davis on communications@friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk
- • Grant applications: Alexis Morcrette on vicechair@friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE BID DEVELOPMENT COSTS

A key early activity of the Management Committee is to raise the funds to cover the costs of developing the bid. Costs will include an independent valuation and surveys at the property, legal registration as a society, and costs of communications, marketing and publicity of the share offer.

So far, we are pleased to let you know that a 50:50 profit share has been agreed with the Village Hall on 'pop-up pubs', and the pop-up pub on 26th July raised over

£400 towards the bid development costs. We have also submitted two small grant applications and are pursuing several other leads.

If you would like to donate to support these costs, please contact the group's Treasurer, Julia on treasurer@friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk

WEBSITE

We now have a website at www.friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk, please do pay us a visit!

SHARE YOUR STORIES, MEMORIES AND PHOTOS!

We'd love to use this opportunity to collect any stories, memories and/or photos you have from when the pub was open. Whether it was a memorable party, coming together for a national celebration or just an anecdote that has stuck with you, we'd love to hear it all in person or by email at communications@friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk

Pop Up Pub

Friday 27th September 2019

6.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.

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We require volunteers to help make this fun night run smoothly.

If you can help out in any way, please contact:

Sally at sallyscape@hotmail.com

Maggie at modav61@outlook.com

*All of these Pop Up Pub events are run by a collaboration of volunteers from
Friends of The Admiral's Head and Bealings Village Hall Trust,
with all the proceeds supporting both groups.*

Stop Press!

Help bring the much-loved Admiral's Head pub in Little Bealings into community hands and re-opened for the benefit of the community! We are raising the funds for the development a strong community bid for the Admiral's Head pub in Little Bealings, Suffolk.

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All proceeds will go towards Chronically Awesome, an organisation set up by Ellie Hopkins to support people of working age who suffer with chronic illness.

Teams of up to six are welcome, and tickets are £6.50 per person, payable at the door. Please book tickets (one ticket per person) at www.chronicallyawesome.org.uk/quiz-tickets

Prize Draw

There will also be a prize draw at the quiz, tickets for which will be available in advance and on the night.

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- ★ A pamper hamper from Snape Maltings.
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- ★ A hair and beauty package from The Salon, Melton and Emily Jade Beauty.
- ★ A two-week family guest pass to David Lloyd Ipswich.
- ★ A two-hour Dance Class with Corinne Jarvis-Fear.
- ★ An art workshop with Maggie Davis.
- ★ A family pass to the Suffolk Punch Trust.
- ★ A personalised crossword by 'Encona'.
- ★ A voucher for the Laundry Stop, Melton.

Tickets are £1 each (£5 per book).

Tickets will be delivered to your door during the weekend of the 6/7/8th September.

Stop! Stop!



This photograph of the Fynn Valley was taken by Victoria Bunbury and represents what will be lost if the Northern Bypass is allowed to happen

NO TO IPNORO IN LB

We can all expect change in our lives and in certain cases change is good and is welcomed. However, that is not the case with the proposals for the Ipswich Northern Route. The **Stop!** campaign, opposes all three routes within the consultation document, as in the separate article, and offers guidance on completing the consultation questions. The questionnaire is designed to lead to a choice between the routes, rather than outright opposition.

From indicative corridors published late 2018, SCC now defines quite clearly the proposed routes, within limits of deviation. Given the projected traffic flow of 13,800

vehicles for the Outer Route it is highly likely that this will be rejected on any future cost benefit analysis. The Middle and Inner routes are more likely to be viable as they have greater traffic flow.

Within our benefice we can reasonably identify the properties and land that will be affected - the Middle and Inner routes have major ramifications for ***the environment and life here.***

The four main objectives in the document (in order of stated significance) are:

1. Improve A14 experience - local road network resilience - reduced congestion
2. Support local economy - improved connectivity and accessibility

3. Environmental improvements countryside through travel options and sustainability

4. Support new homes and employment in the wider Ipswich area

There are questions about the reliability and significance of many of the projections for the Inner and Middle routes - the following becomes apparent:

1A Traffic flows reduce by 8-11% on main routes and by 2-3% in town. The view that congestion will be drastically reduced, with possible exception of Kesgrave, is unfounded.

1B Local villages will see higher traffic volumes on unsuitable minor roads towards Ipswich. The idea that traffic from either route will use Lower Street or Hall Road crossroads, where there are major sightline issues, beggars belief! Also, no consideration of the 20mph speed limit in The Street.

2A More traffic will be focused into the Martlesham Heath corridor. Orwell Garden Village, as well as Brightwell Lakes junction, will only exacerbate the situation. Seven junctions/roundabouts in this corridor will increase the 'domino' effect on traffic flows.

2B Improvements in travel times are expressed as percentages rather than actual minutes. Is a possible improvement of 5-10 minutes on certain journeys worth it in the grand scheme?

3A Minor improvements to traffic flows and air quality in certain areas have to be balanced against increases in air, noise and light pollution within the route corridors.

3B A cycle or pedestrian path alongside a major route is clearly at odds with the enjoyment of fresh air in our open

4A The lowest ranked objective - all routes support the building of 10 -15,000 new homes north of Ipswich. Without this in place it is unlikely that funding will be forthcoming. Housing can be sited within Ipswich with cycle/bus networks in support.

4B Appears to be at odds with SCC declaring a climate emergency. The carbon footprint in building any route and the induced traffic is not environmentally sound.

Having attended initial consultations, it is clear that the majority who attended are opposed to any form of Northern Route. The fact that the consultation process is being conducted over the summer when people are on holiday raises the question as to how well the local councils wish to engage with the electorate.

We understand that although Little Bealings extended an invitation to SCC to hold a consultation this was declined. However, Needham Market, not directly affected by any route, was one of the venues – not entirely logical.

Let us not be hoodwinked - the primary aim is to support the building of 10-15,000 homes in open countryside. Little Bealings could be split in two - unimaginable! Great Bealings and Culpho will be directly affected if the Middle Route is chosen. Playford and the Fynn Valley face the prospect of all manner of environmental pollution if the Inner Route is selected.

Time is of the essence. The last proposals for a northern route were rejected over 30 years ago on environmental grounds. The environmental case is surely much

stronger now. Please ensure your voice is heard before the **closing date of 13 September**.

#notoipnoro

NO to Ipswich Northern Route

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*A full version of this article is available at
Bealings and Playford News*

STOP CAMPAIGN BRINGS VILLAGES TOGETHER

All three of the proposed routes for the Ipswich Northern Bypass would devastate countryside and hasten climate change, so it's vital that villages unite to fight the proposals as a whole rather than pitting one route against another. That's the view of the new, local group responsible for the 'Stop' posters and banners springing up around the benefice and beyond.

In just a few weeks, the Stop Campaign has set up a website and a petition, met with Councillors and MPs, produced banners and T-shirts, and mobilised volunteers from Ashbocking to Rushmere. Warmest thanks to all who have donated their time and skills.

But as the 13 September deadline approaches, the most important thing any of us can do to oppose the road is fill in the official consultation questionnaire. This is the number one thing that Suffolk County Council will consider when gauging public opinion of the proposals.

The consultation can be found online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/

[INR Consultation](#).

You can also request a paper copy from Suffolk County Council by calling 0345 603 1842.

If you're apprehensive, as I was, about filling in the questionnaire, don't be! You don't need specialist knowledge, and most of the questions are optional so you can leave any that you're unsure of. And if you'd like some help, the Stop Campaign has produced a guide to filling in the questionnaire which you can find on its website:

www.stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk.

As well as completing the official consultation questionnaire, please sign the petition on the Stop Campaign's website, where you can also download a printer-friendly version to take to the pub or gym or share with your social group.

And finally, please come along to the parish meeting to have your say:

Little Bealings: Monday 9 September, 7:15pm, Village Hall

As relative newcomers to Little Bealings my family and I feel grateful every day for the countryside and wildlife around us - the woods and streams where we play, the kingfishers, hares and barn owls that we spot. I don't want to see these things destroyed - or to face a future of car-based development and climate chaos. But we're also lucky enough to live in a place where people come together to work for a better future.

Jess Fitch

UPDATE ON THE 'STOP THE IPSWICH NORTHERN BYPASS' CAMPAIGN.

Driving through our villages you will find it hard to miss the campaign posters that many caring residents are putting up outside their homes. Thank you to all that have done so, as one of the key activities of the campaign is to raise awareness of Suffolk County Council's proposals for a dual carriageway 'northern route' that would cut across countryside from the A14 west of Ipswich to the A12 somewhere between Melton and Martlesham. The campaign was set up in response to Suffolk County Council's proposals and their public consultation that is running until 13 September. The campaign has been extremely encouraged by a huge amount of support, with over 2000 having signed their petition and more than 100 turning up for a volunteers' meeting in Hasketon on 13 August. It is of course extremely important that we are able to have our say on decisions that will impact our homes, environments and how we live our lives now and in the future. Suffolk County Council will use the response from the public consultation to assess public opinion, so if you want your view to be included you must complete the consultation questionnaire before the September 13 deadline. This can be done online here:

<https://ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk/>

or by visiting Little Bealings church where you can find paper consultation questionnaires. The Stop Campaign has a petition that you can sign and informative website here:

<https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/>

We thank you for your support. If you want to learn more about the Stop campaign, receive campaign news, or get in touch please do so via the campaign website above.

*Little Bealings resident
and 'Stop' Volunteer*

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ST MARY'S

Things are evolving quickly. The structure of our four-village Benefice is under close scrutiny, and it may well be that, in the not so distant future, a different structure will be in place. Our Benefice PCCs have been persuaded that the possibility of continuing as we are, with a half-time stipendiary priest, are not strong, and that pro-active reorganisation is the best way forward. Please see the Benefice item, for details as they are currently available. We will have much greater clarity about our position in the next couple of months. In the meantime, arrangements that have been in place for the interregnum will continue at least until the end of the year. We are so lucky that Rev John Hare has provided the continuity and support for us during this period.

LOOKING BACK

On June 22nd we provided the venue for a wedding which had significant roots in the village. Lauren Pryke married Luke Smith, grandson of the late David Smith and Wendy, Cherry Tree Farm, and some time Chairman of our Parish Council.



This happy occasion underlined the way in which the village church remains an important focal point for those with long-standing links with the village community, and why the building needs to be cherished and sustained. It was good to welcome back many familiar faces in the shape of friends and relatives of the couple and to be part of a very happy occasion. The reception was held at Hungarian Hall.

It was good to have this retrospective reflection from the bride:

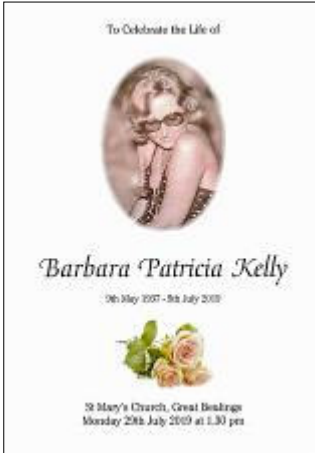
When we started planning our wedding, we always knew St Mary's Church, Great Bealings would be our venue, with the village holding significant importance in Luke's family. The church itself was a beautiful venue for our wedding, with its historic features and surrounding vegetation. The service was wonderful, with hymns played on the organ, and the bells ringing as we proceeded out of the church. We had the perfect countryside wedding we had hoped for and have made precious memories in St Mary's Church, Great Bealings that we will treasure forever.

BARBARA PATRICIA KELLY RIP

The funeral took place on July 29th of Barbara Kelly, of The Red House, Boot Street. Our Rural Dean, Rev Clare Saunders, conducted the service.

Barbara had been bed-ridden in recent times, but this belied the active life that she had lived. Originally from North East London – Leytonstone, Leyton, Hornchurch and Wanstead, Barbara joined a firm of stockbrokers, where she worked for many years, before becoming bored with life in the city and moving to Marbella, where she and a couple of

friends, one Swedish, the other Dutch, set up a business – a little shop selling hippy clothes. This was a wonderful time of her life. When her father fell ill, she returned home to help her parents with their business, back in Shenfield. She went on to become Financial Director of their new factory in Witham.



She retired in 1997 and the next and final move was to Great Bealings, with other family members moving to nearby Grundisburgh. She shared the house with her Mum, helping to care for her, and enjoying her dream house, with lovely garden, greenhouse and swimming pool. Her mother passed away and an increasingly frail Barbara needed care herself. She had determined to make plans for her final resting place to be in Great Bealings churchyard and there she now lies.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our only service this month is our Harvest Festival Songs of Praise. It is arranged for Sunday 1st September, this weekend, at 11.00 am, and followed by a barbecue lunch, hopefully outside in the churchyard. An email was sent to most of those who occasionally or regularly support us, but it is impossible to identify everyone who might join us, so do please feel warmly invited to come along to this traditional village gathering.

We make clear that the occasion is open to all, regardless of strength or nature of belief, and that it is possible to come along just for the lunch – barbecued food and drinks will be available in exchange for a donation, and those attending are asked to contribute either a salad or a pudding.

CHURCHYARD

Abundant rains have meant that plant growth has been vigorous, with a fine range of wildflowers. There are often plenty of Insects and butterflies to be seen, particularly when the sun is out. We have maintained the pathways through the more grown-over areas (Thanks Peter and Sue), so do take a detour if you are looking for a bit of peace and quiet, or even new scents for the dog. Some of the apple trees are bearing fruit and looking very much in place.

GRAVE MAINTENANCE – and earning pocket money

We mentioned in July that there was an opportunity to earn pocket money by looking after a specific grave and helping out someone who found that task difficult. We had three responses and have followed them up.

The success of that appeal leads us to wonder whether there might be others who have responsibility for tending a family grave but who, for geographical or physical reasons, find it difficult. In exchange for pocket money we would try to find further helpers. The attraction of this, is that not only would cherished graves be kept in good order, but also that young people would be introduced to the intricacies of churchyards. Some might be interested in the history that slumbers within the precincts of the churchyard. Any volunteers would be offered full support. So: any other churchyard volunteers, and any others who might like regular help in tending a grave? Please contact Norman Porter.

CAR PARK

The extension car park has not been needed in recent months and had been overgrown with rank weeds – nettles and thistles. Happily, we managed to get all these cut down by Lord Cranworth's tractor driver, when he was dealing with the water-meadows, so the area is again useable, as required. And may we remind people who happen to be in the vicinity to keep alert to any possible security issues – suspicious vehicles, behaviour etc. If you do have any concerns, please pass them discretely on to 01473 735665.

Churchwarden

LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS

The darkness at St Mary's was despatched by a double whammy in July when the lights glowed in line for Henrietta and her proud parents on her success in achieving her degree in Spanish, Translation and Media on 15th July, followed by a further popping of corks on her 23rd birthday. Where did all those years go?

To commemorate or celebrate please let me have your "lighting up" moment and I will switch those lights on.

Roger Roseboom

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

This group was set up some 10 years ago, with an official constitution and committee. Many of those who were originally – and enthusiastically - involved have moved away from the village. All the others have grown older, inevitably, so what remains of that original grouping is skeletal. There are still many people who help informally, in a wide variety of ways, so the spirit of "The Friends" is still running strong through our village. The infrastructure, however, is less identifiable. We now need greater clarity about where we are heading and what our objectives should be.

As the religious role of the church in the village both evolves and, in some ways, is diminished, there is an ever-greater pressure on us to ensure that the church building, churchyard and all the richness of history that they represent should not crumble away. Despite declining religious belief there are still many people who expect the church always to be there for weddings, funerals, special occasions – just and only when they want it. Sadly, in this day and age, this can no longer be guaranteed, and active measures need to be taken to ensure that the building remains viable and vital.

In retrospect, maybe the concept of "Friends" is a bit limiting. It meant that those who didn't sign up were not "Friends". In a healthy village everyone should feel some degree of ownership and responsibility towards their oldest and only public building. To that end – and given our uncertain status in C of E infrastructure – the PCC will be engaging on a campaign to involve and commit more members of our community to the future of our church. We will be drawing up a list of ways in which people might help – even if it means committing to just one small half-an-hour job a year. It's our church. Let's make sure we use it and keep it going. We've just spent £140000 of grant funding on making it fit for the future, so there is a strong moral duty to do so. It means many things to many people.

LOOKING BACK

ORWELL WALK – SUNDAY 23RD JUNE.

This seems a long time ago – and was! Thanks to the support of many local friends and family, Norman Porter managed a few heavily sponsored miles along the north bank of the river, alongside hundreds of rather faster runners and walkers, and was able to pass on £250 to each of St Elizabeth Hospice and St Mary's Church. It transpired that the reason for the walk being a bit of a struggle was an underlying medical problem, duly

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diagnosed and treated in hospital just three days later, so it really was a “last gasp.” Sincere and grateful thanks to all who provided the motivation to give it a go and made it possible to donate significant sums to two worthy causes.

LOOKING AHEAD

This year’s Suffolk Historic Churches Ride, and Stride is now imminent. It takes place on Saturday 14th September. We have all the forms for those who would like to take part, and hopefully, persuade others to sponsor their efforts. Families looking to enjoy a purposeful day, morning or afternoon out are usually much in evidence, alongside more competitive participants, trying to cram in as many churches as possible. You meet lots of other friendly cyclists and walkers en route – and all churches offer refreshments. You can always try fitting in a pub lunch.

If you know what’s it’s like – you need no further encouragement. If you have never taken part, give it a go. The event usually raises around £150,000 or so around the county. All money raised goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, with 50% of that reverting to our own church.

A team of church-sitters, welcoming visiting cyclists and striders is being drawn up – do contact Norman Porter if you have been overlooked by the initial “blanket” email and would like to help out for just an hour between 9.00 and 5.00. Refreshments are provided, of which you are welcome to partake.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We hope to stage further events in the autumn, but details of these will appear later. One likely event is a Dickensian Christmas performance by actor, Lawrence Werber, the event is planned for the last weekend in November – probably 3 performances, all in Annesley House, in kind collaboration with Ben and Nicky Morton-Wright. – see separate item.

FUTURE EVENT - LAWRENCE WERBER PERFORMS “DICKENS AT CHRSTMAS”

Annesley, Boot Street, Great Bealings on 29th and 30th November

Actor and Bealings resident, Lawrence Werber will be giving this Christmas-themed performance based on his well known one-man show “.....the Dickens!” The performance will be in Ben and Nicky Morton-Wright’s beautiful house, with its great hall and minstrel’s gallery on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November.

Proceeds will be shared between Ben and Nicky’s own Charity – the name to be confirmed – and the Fabric Fund of St Mary’s Church Great Bealings. The show includes pieces ranging from the comic to the dramatic, culminating with the iconic “Christmas Carol”.

Lawrence was last seen at Annesley two years ago, as part of an evening of song, dance, and Dickens, which was itself part of the Great Bealings Creative Arts Festival.

Lawrence’s theatre credits include stints at the National and RSC, work in London’s West End and Fringe, the Edinburgh Festival, and national touring. He is a founder member of Eastern Angles Theatre Company, touring the region with the company for the first three years of its existence. TV work includes Knightmare, Secret Weapon and House of Cards.

Tickets will be £10, to include refreshments – probably wine, hot punch and mince pies. They will be available from mid-October, from either Lawrence himself or from Norman Porter. To book tickets in advance and for further information please contact either of the above: lawrencewerber@hotmail.com or Brook House, Kiln Lane and nhp@rillcott.co.uk or 01473 735565/Rill Cottage – similarly Kiln Lane.

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd July

Trees, planting etc – Martin Cripps has applied for 50 trees from the Suffolk Tree Warden Network which will include some limes. Colin Hedgley has applied for some funding from his Community Budget.

Water Meadow – Some photos will be submitted to ESC and a report will be compiled for presenting to Planning Enforcement.

REPORTS BY

County Councillor Robin Vickery (RV): Ipswich Northern Relief Road (INRR) – RV mentioned the consultation for this which has just commenced, and the additional number of new houses which would have to be built in conjunction with it.

Boot Street – Following a letter received by GtBPC from the SCC Director of Highways regarding the compilation of a specific report, RV advised Cllrs that he could allocate £500 or up to 50% of the cost from his Locality Budget.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH) -

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on the forthcoming public consultation on the INRR, and urged all Cllrs to attend one of the open sessions.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/19/2383/COU – Rosery Cottage Barn, Lodge Road – Change of use of part first floor of barn from agricultural use to a single short-term holiday let

Cllrs noted that this application was a change of use for a barn which was put up under Permitted Development for agricultural purposes. They considered it sets a dangerous precedent for development within a Landscape Protection Area, and the proposal contains a large number of false and misleading statements. It fails to reflect the careful establishment of the series of landscape protection policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan, current SCDC local plan policies and conditions attaching to the original development of Rosery Farm Cottage. The PC resolved

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unanimously to object to this application.

(NB. This application has subsequently been refused by ESC)

DC/18/3002/FUL – 1 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road – Erection of single dwelling – revised siting of Plot 2, part conversion of Barn B

The PC had resolved no objection to this application in August 2018 but SCDC had subsequently refused it and the applicant has now submitted an appeal against this decision. The PC decided they had no further comments to make to the Inspector

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street Bridge – the PC has received a letter from the SCC Director of Highways offering the compilation of a detailed report about the traffic issues in this area. The PC would have to fund this report, and a provisional estimate of around £1,000 was given. Cllrs require more detailed information as to the scope of the report, and a request will be sent to SCC for a meeting to discuss this.

SAVID/SID – Phil Holmes has offered to assist with the software for the SID.
(NB. The SID is now in operation)

Passing Bays on Seckford Hall Road – During the EA ONE enabling works, passing bays were installed as a temporary measure, but were constructed to a permanent standard. Scottish Power have informed the PC that the Highways Authority is considering adopting them on a permanent basis on completion of the project. Cllrs agreed unanimously that GtBPC would like these bays retained permanently.

Finance and Admin – 6 cheques were authorised and signed for the Clerk's office expenses, salary and PAYE and room hire.

Safety Concern – cutting of vegetation – correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the safety aspect of cutting back vegetation around the mirror installed opposite his entrance, and requesting that the PC takes action to get the Highways Authority to perform this task between scheduled cuttings.

Unfortunately, the PC has no funds to finance this type of work on behalf of SCC who would recharge us to do it themselves. Several Cllrs have the same problem and the Clerk will forward to him some of their ideas for appropriate safety measures.

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 22nd July Planning

Sally Johnson declared an interest in the planning application for Croft Cottage, and did not take part in the vote.

DC/19/2700/FUL – Croft Cottage, Lower Street – proposed replacement dwelling

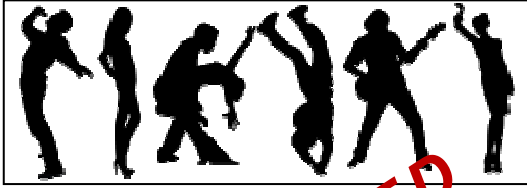
The applicant outlined the reasoning behind the plans to demolish and rebuild. The applicant's agent explained some further details regarding the design of the new property. Under the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), although Croft Cottage is not a Non-Designated Asset (NDA), it is adjacent to a row of NDAs and opposite a Landscape Protection Area, therefore it is in a sensitive area. Concern was expressed as to the stability of the adjacent property, and the effect on this of the extensive demolition and rebuilding process. Paul Norris provided Cllrs with some extensive technical advice relating to this matter, and to the proposed works as a whole, throughout the discussions. Cllrs felt the proposed property would be more visually intrusive than the existing building. They concluded that the application contravened some specific aspects of the NP, and therefore, by a vote consisting of 5 objections, 1 abstention and 1 no vote, the PC resolved to object to the application

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 3rd September at 7.00pm

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

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THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL NEWS

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

As always, a big thank-you to the 34 people who came to lunch on June 4th. We celebrated Mary Mitton's 97th Birthday with 'fizz' provided by Peter & Eileen Kidd, flowers by Tracey Herrington, birthday cake by Peter Carr and more cake from Sarah Wilson and a card from everyone. all much appreciated and enjoyed! £215 was donated and will go towards the renovation and upkeep of the Hall.



On Tuesday 2nd July the 'pick & mix' salad lunch raised £125 for the ongoing costs of running the Hall. Once again, many thanks to everyone who made this a special event, especially Tracey Herrington's lovely flowers.

The Community Lunch on Tuesday 6th August was an extra special treat with Betty Slim & her daughter Beverley providing a delicious Italian lunch

including Tricolore Pasta, Tiramisu & Torcetti. Many, many thanks to them both, another £179 profit will go towards Hall maintenance.

The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd. September 12.30pm.

Bacon Joint with pease pudding

Mini roast potatoes & mixed veg.

Blackberry Cheesecake. Cream/ice cream

Teas/coffee

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

One of the important uses of the Hall is to provide a space for social occasions that support charitable causes. On Saturday 15th June a representative from Age UK Suffolk joined us for Big Chin Wag Coffee Morning.

On Sunday 14th. July there was an Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Thanks to Gina Mutimer for tasty sandwiches, Carol Marsden for strawberries & cream and Tracey Herrington for flowers. We were able to send a cheque £123.50 to this Charity.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Saturday 5th. October Sharon Johnson will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning.

THANKS

Grateful thanks to everyone who has supported the ongoing life of the Angela Cobbold Hall in many different ways,

- Chris Cheeseman who skills mean there is now a Wi-Fi link,
- Paul Johnson for providing a handy

- gadget to help collapse the tables,
- Sharon Johnson for giving a large electric soup kettle for Community Lunches,
 - Sally Herrington for a long handled dustpan & brush,
 - Val Bittell for a dozen white dinner plates for Community Lunches,
 - Richard Everett for a water boiler for the kitchen,
 - Chris Roe for a wonderful sketch of the re- opening of the Hall,
 - Gareth Lee, sign writer, for his skillful re-naming of the Hall & making an A board for notices! He can be contacted on 07811425045.
 - Tracey Herrington for lots of flower arrangements and rejuvenating the village herb bed beside the Hall.
- Apologies if anyone has been forgotten or missed out! Thank- you all!

INFORMATION.

Hall hire at present remains at £5 per hour. This includes the use of Wi-Fi, chairs tables, crockery ,cutlery etc. There is a 'loan box' of 24 cups, saucers & small plates, which can be borrowed, for home use, for a donation to Hall funds. Enquiries & Bookings 01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com

UPDATE

By the time you read this, there should be changes happening at the ACH. Firstly, the cracks seen on entering the Hall have been repaired, enabling the installation of the new Dance Mirror, 6m x 1.80m, on the left flank wall. Dancers and choreographers will be delighted at this superb new facility. In addition, there will be a new 75in Bravia TV screen, linked to a DVD player, Wi-Fi, and with aerial for

Freeview TV. coupled with the ability to link into Laptop and mobile phone, so that images can be displayed on the screen. Ideal for Power Point presentations and small conference opportunities. In addition, we shall be able to start a Children's Cinema Club and a weekly Film night for adults, seated in our new chairs.

Should our Exemplar grant application be successful, then we shall be able to purchase a mobile staging unit, 3.75m x 3m, to be used for talks, theatre, rehearsed play readings, etc, a new table tennis table and an upgrading of the small kitchen. The previous office is now being used for Spanish lessons which has attracted good interest, we propose to set this room aside as a reading room for peaceful use, knitting, good conversation, with a small informal library.

The outside rear of the Hall has been cleared of all nettles and brambles enabling access to the manhole covers, buried under 15in of soil since 1939 and this section will be converted into a garden, yet to be designed, so your thoughts please.

Thanks to a new donation we are also able to replace the old guttering and check the down pipes as well as the cracks mentioned above. So far, so good, but we could not have achieved this without your generous donations and as always, the commitment of both Peter and Vicki Carr, "custodians supreme". Continue to watch this space as a programme of events will appear in this magazine, with the initial selection in this month's edition.

Roger Roseboom Chairman of Ropeth

FAMILY GAMES DAY AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Sunday 22nd September 2.00 p. m. - 5.00 p. m.

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Jigsaws Ludo Jacks Scrabble Pick-up-Sticks
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EVENTS at THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thursday 12th Sept	SING to ENJOY! <i>Easy Singalong - no experience needed</i>	3.15pm
Sunday 22nd Sept	FAMILY GAMES DAY <i>Enjoy Vintage games, free from technology!</i>	2.00-5.00pm
Monday 23rd Sept	'KNIT & NATTER' <i>Bring your knitting for a chat and cup of coffee</i>	2.00pm
Thursday 10th Oct	GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME <i>See separate section for details</i>	7.30pm
Saturday 26th Oct	GALA FILM NIGHT <i>Bealings Film Club opening night!</i>	7.00pm
Thursday 31st Oct	HALLOWEEN at HOGWARTS <i>Further details in next month's magazine</i>	6.00pm

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Thursday 10th October 7.30 p.m.

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All levels of gardener are welcome, especially total beginners, in an informal, social atmosphere, enjoy meeting friends.

Entry is free, with donations for refreshments.

Questions can be sent to the ACH email address:

angelacobboldhall@yahoo.com or come along on the night and put it to the panel. They love a challenge!

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

This summer was a very busy time for Little Bealings Church and the Autumn season looks like it will be even busier. We were blessed to have Bishop Mike lead our monthly service in July and would like to extend our thanks to all those people from our Church and the Benefice who have stepped forward to offer their services keeping the churchyard maintained, as lesson readers, and helping with sidesperson duties.

Messy Church was a great success in the wilds of Great Bealings church, with 15 children and their parents participating in an outdoor service, exploring the churchyard whilst going on a prayer hunt, making paper flowers that opened up when put on water, and building a "Bug Hotel". We all enjoyed a lovely picnic whilst learning about "bugs"! Our thanks go to Great Bealings for temporarily hosting the Benefice's Messy Church service and to all those involved in making it a great afternoon. We hope you can join us for a Harvest Messy Church on September 15th in the Church at 4:00pm. We would like to thank Archdeacon Sally Gaze for all she does for Messy Church, and for hosting tea with us on August 4th and sharing more about the very important work she is doing in her new role working on Rural mission.

We are heartened to see more local residents helping out and would especially like to thank Francis and Liz Mutimer for volunteering to keep the churchyard looking its best and to Helen and John Wittgreffe, who have been spearheading the Flower Festival and the first Songs of Praise service, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th, and who have kindly volunteered to help as elders on parishioner visits and regular upcoming events in the church. Helen has also kindly volunteered to lead the flower rota so if you would like to help us decorate the church for services, please let her

know at Helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com or 07825 004585. Both John and Helen are long-term Little Bealings residents and we are delighted that they want to work with us to expand the reach and welcome of the church.

We hope to undertake some much-needed repairs and upgrades to the Church this Autumn to ensure that we have a modern heating system and running water in the church and will provide more details as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we are very excited to announce that in addition to being at the Flower Festival, we will be starting a Pop-up Tea Room in the church every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00pm-5:00pm in order to provide snacks for children and their parents/care givers, an assortment of cakes, and afternoon tea and coffee. Please see the separate announcement in the Newsletter and come and meet friends and neighbours, take a break from your afternoon, or pick up a lovely cake from Bealings Bakes!

By the time this newsletter is distributed, we will have held our first Farmers Market in the Village Hall and we will continue to hold the Farmers Market on the 4th Saturday of the month from 12:30pm to 3:30pm, so please mark your calendars for the next Market on September 28th; stall holders will be growing monthly and offering an increasing range of items and produce for sale. While we regret that we have to postpone the Bealings Got Talent evening so that local groups can "get their act together", we look forward to a delightful evening of dance, music, poetry and comedy in the Spring.

In the meantime, the following is a complete listing of events in the Church in September and beyond (please see the Church website at www.littlebealingschurch.org or contact us for more details)

With deepest gratitude for all your support,

Corinne and Tony Fear :

FLOWER FESTIVAL & SONGS OF PRAISE

All Saints Little Bealings will be holding a Flower Festival 7-8. September. This will be a feast for the senses as the church fills with colourful late-summer blooms. Come and enjoy tasty cakes, wonderful quiches, and a cup of coffee with friends on our pretty tables. For the children, help us plant a bulb or three! Over the weekend we will be planting daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs as we create a beautiful spring pathway for the primary school children to enjoy next year.

On the Sunday we mark the end of the festival with a Songs of Praise service at 5pm. All Saints' acoustics are wonderful and we intend singing all your very favourite hymns. Please don't miss this joyous occasion. Entry is free all weekend.

If anyone would like to donate a floral arrangement, bulbs for the children to plant, or could help in any other way that would be really appreciated; please do contact me. Otherwise, simply come along and enjoy!

Helen Wittgreffe
Flower Festival Organiser
helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com

LET'S HAVE COFFEE!

We all love starting the day with a tea,

coffee, a piece of cake, and someone to chat too; well now that's just become a lot easier!

On Wednesday 11th September, All Saints launches its weekly Coffee, Cake & Chat mornings. The kettle will go on at 9am and I'd love you to pop in, either with friends or on your own, to enjoy a free cup of coffee and a piece of cake. You may like to chat to other parents after dropping the children at school, or perhaps wander along and see who else from the village is enjoying an early morning chat. We will be open 9-11am every Wednesday; do come along, I so look forward to meeting you!

Helen Wittgreffe

MID-WEEK SERVICE

We are exploring providing a mid-week service at All Saints Little Bealings. This would provide a more regular opportunity to meet and worship, and complement the monthly Sunday service. The format suggested is either a simple spoken Communion service, or instead an informal "Morning Prayer" service with a chance to look at Bible passages and pray for anything we are concerned about. It is proposed that this would take place on alternate Wednesdays 11am-12pm. If you are interested in joining this please contact Helen or John Wittgreffe at helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com or 07825 004585.

SAVE THE DATES!

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 2:00pm - 5:00pm **POP UP TEA ROOM**

Saturday, September 7th & 8th 10:00 a.m. - 5:00pm **FLOWER FESTIVAL & CAFÉ**

Sunday, September 8th 5.00 p.m. **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Wednesday 11th September 9:00am-11:00 a.m.

COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT WITH HELEN WITGREFFE (FREE EVENT, JUST POP IN!)

Saturday, September 14th **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE & STRIDE**

Sunday, September 15th 4:00pm - 5:00pm **MESSY CHURCH**

Saturday, September 21st 10:00-12:00pm **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Sunday, September 22nd 11a.m.12:00pm **HARVEST SERVICE BRING & SHARE LUNCH**

Saturday, September 28th 12:30 - 3:30pm **FARMERS MARKET AND CAFÉ**

Every other Wednesday **MID-WEEK PRAYER & SPOKEN COMMUNION - DATES TBC**



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Flower Festival

Children's Activity – Planting a bulb pathway

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7-8th September 2019

Saturday & Sunday 10-5pm

Songs of Praise

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Contact: Helen Wittgreffe 07825 004585

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LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has met three times during July and August, on 1 and 22 July and 19 August. The main issues considered have been:

IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE

The Parish Council has discussed the SCC consultation twice and has joined Stop! the campaign group against any Ipswich Northern Bypass route:

<https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk>

It invited both Stop! and SCC to its meeting on 22 July, but SCC refused the invitation. Stop! attended and presented to around 50 residents before the meeting. Councillors have attended most of the local consultation events.

During August the Parish Council carried out a survey of all households in the parish and has received 114 responses to its questionnaire to date, all against the proposal and apart from two responses, all against all three routes. Please return the questionnaire by 9 September if you have not done so already and contact the Parish Council if you need another copy.

The Council has resolved that it opposes the principle and building of any Ipswich Northern route and supports Stop! It has donated 20% of its reserves to the Stop! campaign. It will consider a response to the SCC consultation in respect of the specific impact on the parish of the Inner and Middle Routes at its meeting on 9 September.

The Council has attended the three Stop! meetings specifically arranged for Parish Councils, to co-ordinate and encourage objection to the proposals.

5,000 signatures are needed for the Stop! petition for Dr Poulter MP to raise the matter at Westminster. <https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/petition/>

Dr Poulter will be visiting The Street at 2.30pm on Friday 6 September and the EADT will be notified. It is possible that BBC Radio Suffolk and local television will attend too.

The SCC consultation runs until 13 September and all residents are urged to complete it:

<https://ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk/have-your-say/consultation/> There is advice on how to complete it on the Stop! website. Some hard copies of the consultation have been put in All Saints Church and there is a box for completed responses, which SCC says is emptied twice a week. Copies – with Freepost envelopes are also available from the exhibition at Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX between 9 and 13 September, 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday, or by telephoning SCC on

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SCC/0048/16SC/VOC: Removal of condition 3 of permission SCC0235/17C to allow for completion and final removal of remaining stockpiled material from temporary aggregate stockpile area at: Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave

It was resolved that there was no objection to the removal of the condition subject to conditions in the interest of the amenity of nearby residents relating to the vehicles used, vehicle noise, hours of work and dampening of material to avoid dust. SCC refused the application as contrary to policy.

A Sinks Pit Liaison meeting was held in July, attended by SCC, the site owners, Cemex and Parish Council representatives. The building of an acoustic barrier was among the matters discussed and a new planning application for two new buildings.

DC/19/2666/FUL: Construction of 2 No new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment: Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit, Kesgrave

It was noted that the application referred to, but did not include the building of the acoustic barrier on the northern boundary of the site. It was resolved that there was no objection to the application subject to

the building of the acoustic barrier before any other development was commenced, noise levels at the site being limited by the standard set by BS4142:2014, the use of reversing beepers, including by visiting vehicles, not being permitted, surveys regarding air and light pollution being undertaken and satisfactory to ESC Environmental Health Officers, and the operating hours remaining as at present, ie 7.00 a.m. to 7.30pm Monday to Friday and 7.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays only.

DC/19/2704/TPO: Scots pine (a) Fell due to fears it will break or fall due to distorted/weakened trunk and shallow roots in sandy soil, limbs overhanging outbuilding. Low amenity value. Replant with holly tree close proximity. Scots Pine (b) Fell due to close proximity to boundary/neighbouring property in sandy soil, with overhanging limbs causing shade and damage to roof/guttering and oil tank. Low amenity value. Holly and Laurel trees already in situ. Replace with Acacia tree in rear garden.

Scots Pine (c) Fell due to fears it will fall onto property due to sandy soil and root system is damaging patio. low amenity value. Replant with Oak tree in close proximity: Holly Lodge, Martlesham Road

There was no objection to the works.

ESC has approved the following applications:

DC/19/1896/FUL: Proposed erection of a single storey outbuilding (pool house) – Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

DC/19/1604/TPO: The Bear Cave, Martlesham Road – Prune back spruce trees by 2-3m over building and garden to let more light into property

ESC has refused the following application:

DC/19/1905/FUL: Proposed pair of detached single storey dwellings – Site at Beacons Oaks, Martlesham Road

DC/19/0309/FUL: Proposed Residential Development: Land east of Beacon Oaks, Martlesham Road

The applicant had appealed ESC's refusal to grant permission for this

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DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Hedgley's report for July is available on the Council's website:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>

County Councillor Robin Vickery attended the Council meeting on 1 July and advised that he supported the building of an Ipswich Northern Route. More houses would have to be built to support it and he considered that there was a business case for it.

SALE OF THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

The Council's notification of the community's intention to bid had been acknowledged by ESC. The right to bid runs until 23 November. Work on bid preparation is being taken forward by The Friends of the Admiral's Head.

KESGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

No land in Little Bealings was included in the plan area and the Council had no comments in consequence.

SAVID

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) had been purchased by Grundisburgh PC, but insurance was not yet resolved.

HIGHWAYS

District Councillor Colin Hedgley

recommended that all road accidents are reported, even if the police do not attend, to maintain a database of incidents. The SCC online highways reporting tool can now be used to report road signs which are in need of cleaning.

SECKFORD HALL ROAD PASSING BAYS

EAOW were advised that there was no objection to their retention.

FOOTPATHS

SCC had acknowledged problems in the timing of cuts this year, and intended an improved service next year.

FINANCE

Accounts for 2018/19

The Council had submitted the exempt status certificate and had published the accounts on line as required. No matters had been raised during the public inspection period.

Income and Expenditure

Income: Nil

Expenditure: Payments were made for Councillor training, the Clerk's salary for July and August and expenses, PAYE for July and August, and for printing the INR questionnaire

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council is due to meet on 9 September..

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

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IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE

PLAYFORD TODDLER GROUP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As residents may be aware, the toddler group meets each Friday at the hall with 12-15 regular attendees during school term time. The Mum's (or Grandparents) look after the children, but it helps if someone could come along to open the hall, set the equipment up, make the hot drinks and maybe assist with snack and craft, which a volunteer Mum usually provides. Margaret and Richard have been carrying out this role for the past 4 years but as their granddaughter starts school in September, they would like to have the opportunity to spend more time with their other grandchildren who live some distance away.

If you feel you are able to fulfil this role, **or even job share**, please make contact with Margaret and Richard at playfordtoddlers@gmail.com or call/text 07795323660.

ST MARY'S

CYCLE RIDE

We still require a couple of volunteers to man the church for one hour on Saturday 14th September in order to welcome the charity bicycle riders and to sign their visitors' card. Names to Sally Lamb or sign in on the form inside the church.

PLAYFORD CHURCH - THE FUTURE.

. All the churchwardens are working hard in order to come up with a plan that keeps our churches open and also provides us with a vicar and pastoral care. We have to face the fact that Playford church will never have a full-time vicar again. Even part time is proving very difficult. However, we are not downhearted and are looking at various options in order to see how feasible they are. The road has been long with lots of twists and turns but hopefully we are

getting closer to the time when we can give you good news.

Please read the church news on page 47

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

After a great deal of thought and a costing exercise it has been decided to raise the fee, we charge for having the floodlights on at Playford Church. The fee has been set at £5.00 for 27 years now and although we do not wish to make the fee exorbitant, we have to take into consideration the amount of time the lights are on without a sponsor. So as from 1st September the fee will be £10 per session. We hope you will all understand that in our present tough times we have to make tough decisions.

HEADS UP

Don't forget its Pet Service time again! September 29th at 10am, Playford Church. If you know of any children (and

adults) that would like to bring their pet to church, please encourage them to do so. If the pet cannot come, then bring a photo.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD W.I.

The weather for our boules evening was very kind to us. We were able to enjoy a glass of Pimm's & cucumber sandwiches too! After the outdoor competition which Bealings WI won, we completed the evening with Caribbean boules inside the hall. This time around Rushmere WI won. As is the tradition on such evenings, after the games we all enjoyed cakes and refreshments and drew the raffle.

Our September meeting introduces Margaret Lury who is talking about her frequent visits to Kenya. Anyone who is interested can join us and will be made most welcome. The talk starts promptly at

7.30 pm.

Our whist will continue from 24th.September onwards at 2pm.

Sue Bruce, Secretary

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

2nd July - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Jose Booker is remembered with much love by all her family on this the 17th anniversary of her passing.

19th July - sponsored to celebrate the 7th birthday of Victoria Royle

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366 email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home and be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time. Please contact the Church Warden if unable to get hold of Veronica.

Playford Village Hall

Pop-Up Pub & BBQ

Bar including Beers, Wines and soft drinks

Food served from 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Meat from Swiss Farm

We will be holding a raffle and serving cakes.

Donations of raffle prizes and cakes (on the night please) would be gratefully appreciated.

We require volunteers to help make this fun night run smoothly.

If you can help out in any way, please contact:

Olle at Alwynnash@btinternet.com

Come and enjoy a wonderful night at Playford Village Hall

This event is organised by The Playford Village Hall Committee

**ST MARY'S PLAYFORD
AND SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NEEDS YOU!**

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Can you walk or cycle (or drive*) between our local churches to support St Mary's Playford and the work of the Trust?



Last year, we had one cycling participant from Playford to whom we are very grateful (although the church was manned by a team of volunteer greeters, to whom we are also grateful).

Can we beat this number this year?

Some 500 rural and town churches will be open, from 9am -5pm, to welcome visitors who can plan their route from the Churches Open List (provided with the sponsorship form).

Half the money raised goes towards the church nominated by the participant and half goes to the Trust, which supports churches and chapels of all denominations in Suffolk.

These funds ensure that vital repair work can take place, meaning that these beautiful buildings and their role in our communities are preserved for future generations.

For a sponsorship form and Church Open List, please email local organiser Sally Lamb at sallamb66@gmail.com or phone 07703 439262.

New This Year- Pedal and Drive

A classic and vintage car event following a range of routes around the county and raising funds for SHCT, in tandem with The Ride and Stride.

For more information, please visit:

<https://shct.org.uk/pedal-drive-car-rally/>

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 3rd July 2019. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Proposals for the Ipswich Northern Bypass have recently been put forward by SCC and their consultation runs from 5th July – 13th Sept 2019. There are three main routes for consideration - details of these will be distributed in the parish and can also be seen at www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk.

Everyone is being encouraged to have their say and to complete questionnaires either at the consultation venues or online. Robin has been asked to progress solutions to various problems with local footpaths and he is liaising with Community Engineer, Paul Gant for a site visit.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley's report is appended at the end of the full minutes published on the website. Colin continued the discussion on the Northern Bypass routes and possible alternative solutions, also raising the question of how this was going to be funded. There may be a hidden agenda as it has been said that 15,000 houses are to be constructed to the north of Ipswich but locations have not yet been specified. Also it could be 4 years before the Co Council would be in a position to finalise the choice of route. All parishioners need to be aware of this project and have the chance to make their views known. It was decided to circulate leaflets around the parish giving details of locations of the Bypass consultation, a map of the proposed routes, and to encourage all to submit completed questionnaires. Councillors agreed to each take a section of the parish to distribute leaflets – It was resolved to have a further meeting to discuss Playford PC's response to this consultation after councillors had had a chance to visit one of the consultation

venues in the area.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

We are awaiting a site visit by Highways' engineer Paul Gant so that the problems with the C324 i.e. poor signage regarding traffic priority and lack of silt clearance and subsequent flooding may be demonstrated. He will also be asked to progress the fixing of broken culvert near FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow. Progress has been made with FP1 & FP3, much drainage work has already been carried out and electric fences have been temporarily moved out in places to help walkers keep to the drier parts. FP signpost at top of FP7 in Church Lane will be re-fixed into the ground when an engineer is next in the area.

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

ADDRESS BY ESC COMMUNITIES OFFICER ANDY JOLIFFE

Andy introduced himself and explained his role. His area covers Kesgrave, Martlesham, Playford and Rushmere and this will hopefully be extended to include both Bealings, Grundisburgh and Otley. The six officers in the district will ask people what they want in the way of new community groups, access to funding etc and they will be spotting isolation and linking organisations together. They will help with initiating Neighbourhood Plans, promoting Community Health and Well-being and will explain procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour, also liaising with SNT.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary in May & June and to HMRC for tax due in Q1. A Direct Debit mandate was signed for the annual payment to ICO. The new scale of charges for the extra wheelie bin at the village hall was queried, Colin Hedgley will write to Norse to request that this is lowered as this bin is used by the wider community, i.e. users of the Fynn Valley walks. The bank

statement was reconciled with the budget figures and the budget was found to be on track. Following the resignation of Tim Llewellyn, it was decided to appoint two new signatories to the bank account, clerk will arrange this.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Application for funding two new grit bins may now be submitted to Highways for approval. Ted Herrington attended the SAVID meeting on 21st June - the group is willing to share their speed deterrent equipment with Playford PC on a regular basis – locations for the poles for this will need to be agreed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Funds have been pledged for payment of SWT's ecology and landscape survey of Playford Mere and a grant from Groundwork UK has been obtained to pay Planning Directs final invoice. It is hoped that the final draft of the Plan will be available soon.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Retrospective confirmation of application DC/19/1979/CLE which councillors had approved by email, was formally agreed at the meeting and the Certificate of Lawfulness for occupation of 1 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road by a non agricultural worker has now been granted. Playford PC voted to approve Application DC/19/2217/FUL in respect of Heath Cottage, Playford Road - demolition of existing house and garage and subsequent erection of one detached dwelling and garage.

OTHER MATTERS

Playford councillor Tim Llewellyn has tendered his resignation, having moved out of the area. Grateful thanks for his hard work and service as a councillor are extended to him by the council. There is now a Casual Vacancy on the parish council as we are looking to replace him - please contact the clerk for further information.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Weds 4th September 2019 at 7pm

Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
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website: www.playford.org.uk

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council public meeting held 31st July 2019. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

To agree Playford Parish Council's response to SCC's recent proposals for an Ipswich Northern Route and to raise awareness of the project so that every parishioner can comment. Details of three suggested routes for the new road can be seen at www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk The consultation period runs from 5th July to 13th September. Questionnaires can be downloaded from their website or completed online.

TALK BY NICK DEACON of STOP IPSWICH NORTHERN BYPASS campaign

Nick Deacon outlined the aims of the Stop campaign formed by himself and Nick Green, both residents of Hasketon. Their intention is to stop the whole project as they believe no basis for a bypass exists. Dr Dan Poulter, MP for North Ipswich and Central Suffolk strongly supports the Stop campaign and believes there is a hidden agenda within this scheme which may be to build up to 15,000 houses in the area and possibly a new town between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds, in order to persuade the government to fund the majority of the immense cost of road building. The bypass scheme appears to be ill-conceived and not address its own aims of relieving traffic congestion in Ipswich nor to alleviate problems caused when the Orwell Bridge is closed due to high winds. Thirty one other suggestions for addressing these problems have apparently been discounted but no details

have been disclosed.

If the scheme goes ahead, valuable green countryside and farmland would be lost forever and noise levels and pollution from extra traffic levels would impede the tranquillity and ecology of the surroundings. There appears to be no advantage to people living in parishes to the north of Ipswich and the three proposed routes all appear to be deficient in some way. Each of the proposed junctions where they would join the A1214 is at an already busy location and would almost certainly produce a worsening traffic situation in every case. Also, it makes a mockery of the green policy which SCC has recently adopted.

The website for the Stop campaign can be viewed at

<https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk>

Useful help with completing SCC's consultation questionnaire may be obtained by visiting https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Consultation_Guidance_July19.pdf

For anyone wanting to sign up to the Stop campaign please visit <https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/petition/>

The campaign is trying to obtain 10,000 signatures to present to Transport Minister Grant Shapps.

Nick was thanked and applauded enthusiastically at the end of his talk.

THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE

Motion against accepting any of the bypass proposals was agreed by all 52 persons present by a show of hands. Proposal that Playford PC should contribute between £200-£300 to the Stop campaign (after the budget had been carefully scrutinised and SALC consulted) was also agreed unanimously by a show of hands of all those present.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to SCC leader Cllr Matthew Hicks objecting to all of the route proposals in the strongest terms. It was also suggested that in addition to completing

SCC's questionnaire, anyone wishing to comment further on this issue should write to SCC leader Cllr Matthew Hicks at Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX or email matthew.hicks@suffolk.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application DC/19/2666/FUL re Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit - construction of two new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operators. This is in Lt Bealings parish and it was resolved to fully support the stance of LBPC as they had already discussed this application in detail.

OTHER MATTERS

Quote for repair of damage to village notice board was accepted. Bank mandate was signed to include two new signatories. It was agreed that the Clerk should be appointed to liaise with the Stop campaign to relay information to the parish council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
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BINKY & CO.

It was a scorcher and Binky decided he was going to make the most of it. After all, the weather man said that this sunny spell would probably last for two weeks if not longer.

Binky considered going down to the seaside for a week or perhaps just three or four days. But then he thought of all the problems that the transporting of Mrs Stickleback might bring, including the major problem of her swimsuit, or lack of one. The last one, designed and made by the local curtain shop was not entirely successful, due in the main to the continual failure of the curtain hooks holding together, what shall I say, ahem, the bodice part of the five yards of top-quality cobalt blue double lined velvet material. No Binky had to think of

something else. The local swimming pool. That was it. But then of course there would be no lying in the sun, just sitting on the edge of the diving board whilst pimply teenage boys continually "bombed" girls that dared to encroach on the youths' self-proclaimed no go area at the deep end. The pool guards were useless as they spent most of their time chatting up the dolly birds and blowing their whistles at completely innocent parents having fun with their children.

But a major plan was developing in Binkys ingenious mind, a scheme that would put him on the map so to speak where his neighbours were concerned. He would have his own pool in the back garden.

What comfort and delight he would get from saying no to any neighbour who asked if they could come for a dip. Although Mrs S would probably invite the neighbours, the town and the American sixth fleet. And Binky knew why she would invite the latter. But he decided to empty his brain of those lurid pictures and get on with the job in hand.

The first thing was to send off for a do-it-yourself swimming pool kit. Some of the prices shocked Binky as £20,000 pounds was slightly over budget, by about £19,000 pounds. But it's an investment he thought and I must not be too parsimonious. So, he sent off for "Merry Dip" two-man extra deep do-it yourself swimming pool and waited anxiously for the delivery. The e mail from the supplier stated it would be delivered on the 21st between 0800 and 2000. Binky stayed in all day. At 1959 on the due day the doorbell rang and Binky opened the door to see a pantehnicon sized vehicle in the road outside his house with two men, with accents obviously not local, struggling with an outsize cardboard box. "You want put it where, yes?" asked one of the lifters and shifters.

Binky directed them to the back garden and onto his carefully manicured lawn. The men dropped the box with a loud thud and a look of total disdain towards

Binky who they mentally blamed for everything that had gone wrong that day. Binky thanked them and they left.

The instructions were not as simple as hoped for. For a start they were all in picture format, mostly with an attractive thirty-year-old female holding a screwdriver. Page two showed a picture of a mini digger excavating a hole twelve feet by eight feet; again the driver appeared to be an attractive female of about thirty. She looked oriental. Mmmm thought Binky this looks complicated. Page three suggested allowing seven days for completion plus drying time for the concrete. Again a picture of a ready mixed cement lorry driven by an attractive female of less than forty years took up half the page. But if I don't start, I will not finish thought Binky. The hiring of the self-drive mini digger was quite straightforward and the instructions quite simple. Binky set to work. He soon had the hole dug out but then sat there wondering what on earth he was going to do with all the spoil.

A raised garden came to mind or a children's mountain climbing feature were next on his list of exciting projects. But Binky battled on, hole dug, concrete delivered, tiling progressing. Yes, thought Binky everything is going well. The tiling was more of a problem as he had to purchase twenty-seven thousand plastic tile spacers. But the days were marching on and it was a race to get it finished in time. But eventually the great day cam and he filled the pool with water. Now he just had to sit back and wait for tomorrow morning with that vision in his mind of his beach towel spread on the lawn, a li-lo on the edge of the pool an ice cream in hand. Tomorrow could not come fast enough. He settled down to watch a film on the TV. Then he watched the news followed by the weather forecast. "Strong winds and rain developing overnight accompanied by an unseasonable drop in temperature to 9 degrees. This should last for about a month"

Poor old Binky...

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ST. BOTOLPH'S

TALK ON FARMING – RICHARD GARNHAM

On Thursday 4th July Churchwarden Richard Garnham provided, almost seventy guests, with an extremely interesting talk on Farming through the ages. His passion for farming was very evident and his presentation spanned fifty years of working within the Farming industry. He provided us with snapshots of those early days learning his trade, the characters who influenced his outlook towards his profession, the advancements which called for new and diverse approaches, the influence of environmental issues, through to the development and use of the kind of machinery we see today, and of course, the 'unidentified' effects of Brexit; all of which provided a fascinating insight into all aspects of farming. The audience were most receptive, and we learned a lot. Although 'retired' Richard remains very much involved in supporting farmers and their families through several charitable organisations he belongs to. Robert and Lynnette Chapman were the perfect hosts providing a superb setting within the grounds of their home. Even the weather was kind. The event raised a staggering £1,112 for the upkeep of Culpho Church and our grateful thanks go to all who supported the event, those who helped with and provided the Marquee and persons who produced such a wonderful two course lunch. Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to Richard for making it all possible.

CHURCH RESTORATION

You will recall the Church received a grant from Historic England to carry out repairs to ensure the Church stays watertight. The work has now been carried out with broken tiles replaced on the tower roof, Chancel and Nave, cracks in walls sealed and shingle refreshed. Most importantly the porous cornerstones at the front of the Church Tower have been replaced with Caen stone from France, in keeping with existing materials. We are grateful to Lee Hurrell of L.A. Restorations for carrying out the work and to Historic England for making the repairs possible.

HARVEST WEEKEND 13th to 15th September 2019

HARVEST SUPPER

On Friday 13th September the Harvest Supper will take place in the Church at 6 p.m. You are warmly invited to join us and to book your place you just need to contact Chris Pearce on telephone 01473738324 or by email on cmp0601@hotmail.com. Please come along if you can.

SUFFOLK CHURCHES – RIDE AND STRIDE

Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday 14th September the Church will be open to receive cyclists, walkers, classic, vintage and veteran car owners who are raising money for their respective Churches. The Church will be 'manned' throughout the day with drinks and biscuits available. If you are passing you are welcome to pop in.

HARVEST SERVICE

This takes place at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 15th September will afford visitors to witness the wonderful display of harvest produce and flowers which is skilfully created by Christobel Garnham.

The Church is open throughout the weekend and if you are passing you are welcome to call in.

CHANGES WITHIN THE BENEFICE

You will be aware the Benefice of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho is to disband with all four Churches looking to their future. In respect of St. Botolph's, application has been made for Culpho Church to join the Carlford Benefice – Grundisburgh and their constituent Churches. Whilst we have yet to receive confirmation that we have been successful, we are delighted to think that we will, hopefully, have a sound future within a well-established Benefice and with close ties to Culpho. To all appearances nothing will change, services will remain as they are at present and we look forward becoming an integral part of our new Church Community.

We do, however, thank all Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members and all those associated with Great and Little Bealings and Playford for the support shown to Culpho Church over many years. We sincerely hope they are accepted in a Benefice of their choice and continue to grow and prosper.

Margaret Gornall, Secretary

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

PRIEST in CHARGE

Interregnum

LAY ELDERS

Great Bealings

Mrs Virginia Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings

01473 735565

BENEFICE NEWS

We have now been in interregnum, without our own priest, for almost a year. During that time your PCCs and church authorities have been trying to identify the way forward, taking into account the challenges currently faced by the Church of England. As discussions have moved forward, most people may have become aware that the 4-parish Benefice as we have known it over the past several years is likely to break up. Part of the reason is that it is very difficult to recruit stipendiary priests on a half-time basis. The church authorities tell us that experience suggests that a half-time post, such as we would offer, is difficult to fill. The Church of England, as we know only too well, is having to respond to change, and is responding, not least, by reorganising its structures. We are now part of that restructuring.

As a consequence, our four PCCs have had to consider alternative options, all of which involve attachment to other church groupings. Such attachments and groupings are necessary to provide some sort of stability, as churches cannot nowadays reasonably stand alone. Our four parishes are being pulled away from the centre in different directions, as they seek to be part of other groupings that offer future security. Discussions are well under way and are progressing well, but because there is a degree of confidentiality involved – some of the other parties still have meetings in the offing – we cannot give further details until final Archdeacon approval has been given. We should be

able to be much more forthcoming next month.

Despite these proposed changes, many of the links that bind our four parishes together will remain – not least geographical location, similarity of outlook, history, and the friendships that have been established over the years. Visitors will still be welcomed, of course, into all four churches from across the former benefice and beyond, while long-established events, such as the Bealings Plant Sale should not be affected – indeed they could well be enhanced by the possibility of wider involvement from beyond our current borders.

The some-time Benefice Magazine, now re-styled the Fynn-Lark news, could still serve a useful function, but the practicalities of that will need to be discussed by interested parties before the end of the year. The need for a communications medium in and between our local villages remains, and they still have much in common.

We must close by paying tribute to all those who, over the years, have worked so hard to make our Benefice an effective entity, working together to the benefit of residents of all four parishes. We include in our thanks, Rev Clare Saunders, our Rural Dean, who has worked tirelessly to ensure that our parishes have continued to function efficiently throughout this period of interregnum, and who has helped to guide us towards an evolving future.

Churchwardens – Norman Porter, Colin Hedgley, Tony Fear, Corinne Jarvis-Fear, Guy Hartfall and Richard Garnham

Please keep this page for future reference, it will only appear if space permits

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

BADMINTON VH Thu 7.30 *Martin Yates 07710187722*
BALLROOM DANCING VH Mon 7.30 *Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511*
VH Tue 7.30 *Teresa Jay 07929310480*
CARPET BOWLS VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00 *Kathy Price 621419*
DANCE CLASS VH Tue 9.30 a.m. Fri 9.30 a.m. *Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513*
FRESH FISH Thu am Little Bealings top road:
noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings *Catherine 07971970836*

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LIBRARY Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings *07809594685*
SNOOKER VH Any day <4 hours *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS VH Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. *Teresa Jay 07929310480*
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*
: *bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com*
WI VH Thu (3rd in month) 2.00 Oct - Mar
7.00 Apr - Sep *Jennifer Cook 623985*

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
FRESH FISH Thu a.m. Little Bealings top road:
noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings *Catherine 07971970836*
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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 9.30 - 11.00 *Abigail Todd 07886569403*

CHURCH DIARY – SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday September 1st

11.00 a.m.

Harvest Songs of Praise

Great Bealings

– to be followed by Harvest Lunch/barbecue at 12.00

Sunday September 8th

10.00 a.m.

Family Communion

Playford

Sunday September 15th

3.00 p.m.

Evensong including Harvest festival

Culpho

Wednesday September 18th

9.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday September 22nd

11.00 am

Harvest Festival

Little Bealings

to be followed by Bring-and-Share Harvest Lunch

Sunday September 29th

10.00 a.m.

Benefice Pet Service

Playford

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Norman Porter on 735565 or nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

Playford: A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

An e-newsgroup operates for residents of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho. If you would like to receive emails about local events and items of interest from the Parish Councils and other groups, please send your email address to: bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com

Please say which village you live in so that you can receive the most appropriate information. Your email address will not be shared with others. The newsgroup can also be used to send information that residents would like distributed. BUT-please note that the newsgroup does not distribute any information involving commercial ventures or for the sale of goods and services, other than for charitable fund raising relevant to the parishes.

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