

Fynn - Lark News

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WORDS FOR EASTER FROM THE STUDY

Psalm 46 has these words: *“God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble”*. The atrocities that are going on in Ukraine as I write this, come at a time when rulers and leaders are pursuing their own agenda and turning their

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back on people. That goes against everything that God had intended for our world. We hurt, and we feel the pain, as we see ordinary innocent men, women and children running for their lives. We feel helpless and in a state of shock and disbelief.



On Good Friday two-thousand years ago, our Lord suffered also at the hands of those who were pursuing their own agenda and suffered at the hands of the evil one. Amongst all the chaos, the message is this: evil and those who want to inflict pain on others will never ever win. Easter morning bears witness to that. God is with us in the dark times and the good times; we need to hold on to that hope. Watching lorries being loaded with provisions for the people of Ukraine shows us, once again, that love triumphs; the generosity of nations opening up their borders to allow those with no home and

nothing to their name, to give them a home and a sense of belonging, remembering that our Lord himself was a refugee, fleeing from place to place.

We hear the cry “Why do these things happen”? We cannot profess to know all the answers, no-one but God alone can provide them.

If you think of the back of a tapestry, all you see is thread and strings that make no sense, but when we are able to see the front of the picture, suddenly everything becomes clearer. My message to you all this Easter is that one day, we will see the whole picture.



Easter morning - Christ's victory, our victory. Death has been defeated, we have Christ's own promise and that cannot fail.

Rev Gary Jones



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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

PLANT SALE – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Plans for the Plant Sale are, regrettably, having to evolve. We are challenged to get the event re-stabilised after the impact of Covid, and time is now short.

We desperately need to identify someone who is prepared to take over-all charge of the operation, now set for **Saturday April 30th**. We have plenty of helpers, but they need to be organised, as does the general shape of the day. Lots of willing Indians looking for a Chief! The broad plan was to have plants delivered in the morning, sorted over lunchtime, and on sale in the afternoon. The Village Hall and playing field area are, we understand, available at this time.

If YOU are prepared to take on this responsibility, do please contact any of those mentioned below, and all due guidance will be readily on offer, together with lists of potential helpers.

Failing that, and knowing that people will have made preparations already, producing plants and seedlings, we will have to revert to the sales methods of the last two years, and produce a list of sellers, together with availability of plants.

We apologise for this uncertainty, but with no over-all organiser, we cannot follow the traditional pattern of our Plant Sale Day.

Please ask yourself whether you are in a position to take over-all charge and to offer the continuity needed to keep this event going.

Points of contact remain: Norman Porter nhp@rillcott.co.uk – (not in a position to carry on as over-all organiser - apologies), Sally Johnson sallyscape@hotmail.com and Francis Mutimer fmutimer@hotmail.co.uk.

FOOTPATHS AND THE JOYS OF WALKING

Over the past two years, with two lockdowns and various restrictions at other times, many people have discovered, or in some cases rediscovered, the simple pleasures and benefits of walking our footpaths and bridleways.

Within the four parishes covered by this magazine, we are fortunate to have a good network of footpaths, used and enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. While this part of Suffolk may not boast the spectacular scenery of other parts of the country (ours has a more subtle and understated beauty), our local paths will nonetheless take the

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walker through a surprising variety of terrain and landscapes.

Depending on your chosen route, you can enjoy ambling along green riverside meadows where cows regard you with mild curiosity as you pass by, or you can cross wide open fields under those huge East Anglian skies so beloved of artists throughout the years, where you may see hares chasing each other around in the distance or hear the joyous song of the skylark overhead.

There are hidden paths and leafy ancient bridleways which seem to lead nowhere, or paths which take you through deciduous woodlands carpeted with bluebells in April, where you will sometimes find small streams and brooks trickling down towards the Fynn or the Lark.

Take a different route and you will find yourself walking through acid grassland and heathland, resplendent with the yellow flowers of gorse, interspersed with patches of scrub and bramble from whence the melodious song of the nightingale can be heard in spring and where, later in the year you will find juicy blackberries to refresh you on your journey.

Many of these ancient rights of way will lead you towards our lovely historic churches and old farmhouses, for these paths were the byways of our ancestors, who often took the shortest route to work or worship at a time when most people still travelled everywhere on foot.

In recent years, use of our public footpaths has undergone something of a revival, and this is reflected in the condition of many paths. Growing up in Bealings in the 1960s and 70s, I well remember setting off on expeditions along some of our footpaths, only to find the way blocked by impenetrable thickets of

brambles and nettles, or having to negotiate broken wobbly stiles, or gates which refused to open. Walkers, it seemed, were a low priority back then, as society became infatuated with the car in all its various forms and walking became almost unfashionable for a while. Thankfully, this has changed, with many people realising that walking offers exercise and enjoyment taken at a different tempo, offering an antidote to the frantic pace of life in the 21st century. Landowners have played their part too and deserve credit for ensuring that our public rights of way are now once again passable and enjoyed by all.

The gradual passing of the seasons, combined with our wonderfully varied British climate provide an ever-changing background for our perambulations through the countryside, meaning that no two walks are ever the same. There is always something new to see and experience - each day has its own sounds, its own feel and atmosphere, depending on the time of day, the season and the weather.

If you already enjoy walking around our villages and the surrounding area, or if you have just moved into the area and would like to discover our local countryside on foot, we run a friendly weekly walking group throughout the year, which leaves All Saints church in Little Bealings every Wednesday at 10:30am. We have a variety of routes, usually around 3-5 miles long, taking a different walk each week, depending on the weather and the number and ability of our walkers. Our walks are free and there is no need to book in advance, those who attend regularly are encouraged to make an occasional donation to All Saints Little Bealings should they wish, although this is entirely at your discretion.

When I am out on my frequent

wanderings around our local paths, it is always a pleasure to stop and chat with fellow walkers, be they local friends and acquaintances, visitors enjoying our lovely countryside, or seasoned ramblers clocking up some miles along the Fynn Valley Path. There is a social dimension to walking which many people found invaluable during the enforced isolation of the Covid lockdowns, walkers are by and large a friendly bunch and new friendships are often forged through chance meetings while ambling along our paths and lanes. Wherever your next walk takes you, I hope you enjoy it.

Francis Mutimer

can be used to navigate around obstacles or into port.



Historically, beacons were fires lit at well-known locations on hills or high places, used either as lighthouses for navigation at sea, or for signalling over land that enemy troops were approaching, in order to alert defences. As signals, beacons are an ancient form of optical telegraph and were part of a relay league. Systems of this kind have existed for centuries over much of the world. As we all know, beacons and bonfires are also used to

HISTORY CORNER

- BEALINGS BEACON

Beacon (Wikipedia): A beacon is an intentionally conspicuous device designed to attract attention to a specific location. It can draw attention to a fixed point that



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mark occasions and celebrate events. That brings together our very own ancient beacon, and the subject of this year's Platinum Jubilee, with its celebration of a chain of beacons across the land.



To concentrate on our local beacon, whenever and whatever it was. Anyone who has delved into “Walking through History*” will have noted that there is a still a degree of mystery surrounding the whereabouts and the nature of the Beacon which has given its name to so many features around the Martlesham Road crossroads.

Such is the nature of a book like this that it inevitably brings in its trail comments and reactions, not to say, helpful potential additions to the content.

This has been the case with the Bealings Beacon. One reader who has a deep scholarly interest in Suffolk place names made contact, offering extracts from the draft of a book that he is writing, with comments to the Bealings Beacon. The suggestion emerges that the very name of Bealings may be connected with the Beacon:

B-el + ingas = “people of the beacon.” He wonders whether the very word B-el, of Old Norse derivation could have been a Viking period name for a navigation beacon to guide ships along local rivers. Bealings is broadly situated at the head of the Deben, just as Belstead is situated at the head of the Orwell, and both might indeed have had a role in Viking times in

guiding ships up-river.

The above explanation has been simplified, and is inevitably based on linguistic speculation, most of which is now beyond definitive proof, but it is good to exercise the historical imagination, and to ponder the geographical importance of the Deben and its tributaries. One needs to look no further than Raedwald and Sutton Hoo to see confirmation of that importance.

**Incidentally – a few books are still available from the author, should you have not yet got round to buying one!*

Norman Porter

NATURE NOTES

THE NATURAL LIFE OF UKRAINE

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe, after Russia. For most of us it has become a large, featureless map, stained only by ominously spreading red blobs, with intermittent dots representing cities, accompanied by pictures showing devastation of some of those cities, and the catastrophic humanitarian fall-out. This is not the place to articulate a view on the politics of it all. But we can try to create an empathetic bridge between our peaceful Fynn-Lark valleys and the real, the natural Ukraine. Nature transcends all. Most of us probably know little about the flora and fauna of that devastated nation, so, as spring approaches, the article attempts to link us to that desperate nation.

Ukraine has a very varied plant and animal geography. In Ukraine, the borders of three main divisions of plant-geography of Europe meet - the Mediterranean division, the steppe region, and the forest region, all with their transition regions. There are also mountains – the main range being the Carpathians. Here many predatory mammals, such as brown bears, make

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their home. Around Ukraine's lakes and rivers there are beavers, otters and mink. There are significant forests – around half deciduous and half coniferous.

There are said to be some 45,000 faunal species - 108 mammal species, around 400 bird species, 21 species of reptiles, around 170 different fish species, around 17 species of amphibians, and about 35,000 species of invertebrates. A wide variety of birds are found in Ukraine, including game birds, nighthawks, raptors, songbirds, swifts, waders, and waterfowl.

carp, bream and catfish are the most commonly found species of fish. Other mammals include Eurasian elk, fox, marten, mouflon, roe deer, wildcat, wild pig, and wolf.



Brown bear



White storks are native to south-western and north-western Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Red Book lists approximately 385 endangered species. Ironically it is reported that the isolated or abandoned zone of the Chernobyl nuclear power station disaster around the city of Chernobyl, while evacuated of all human habitation, has an abundance of wildlife which are reported to be multiplying in numbers. However, reports indicate that bird brains are 5% smaller in size, and the insect and spider population is in decline.



The speckled ground squirrel is a native of the east Ukrainian steppes.

In the forested areas of the country, it is not uncommon to find lynxes, wolves, wild boars and martens. Around Ukraine's lakes and rivers beavers, otters and mink make their home, whilst in the waters

So, there is a whole wildlife dimension to Ukraine which is rarely mentioned amidst the war reports. We see all too few pictures of this, but a better understanding of it perhaps adds to the reasons why Ukrainians are fighting for their country. It is not just vast wheatlands, and modern cities with blocks of flats. Perhaps, as spring approaches across Europe, we can look for signs of new beginnings and fresh hope, both in the natural world, and in ever-increasing human aspirations towards peace.

Article researched by the editor as a tribute to the people of Ukraine.

SCHOOL REPORT

SPRING TERM

We ended the autumn term saying a fond farewell to long standing staff member and Little Bealings resident, Fiona Claydon.



Having joined the school in 1998 as a midday supervisor when her daughter, Sarah, attended the school, we soon spotted her talents and Fiona became a teaching assistant for PE, training the school netball team for many years, before eventually moving into the office, ending up as Office Manager. After 23 years of tireless effort, Fiona decided that it was finally time to retire at Christmas in order to spend more time with her family, particularly now that she has a beautiful grandson to keep her busy.

Anyone that knows Fiona, knows what a kind, caring and thoughtful human being she is and we have been so blessed to have her in the Bealings family all this time. But being so local we still get to see her when she's out walking Labrador, Charlie, and she still comes in from time to time to do staff training. We are always happy to see her.

Thank you, Fiona, for everything you have done for Bealings. Enjoy your retirement!

Our fictional organisations run by each class continue this term:

RECEPTION ARE 'STORYLAND PROBLEM SOLVERS', helping 'Percy the Park

Keeper' look after his park, a big job, particularly after all the storms.

YEAR 1/2 ARE 'WOODLAND OWL SANCTUARY' and after a busy half-term looking after injured owl, Bluebell, they have recently discovered a visiting nurse with a lamp, named Florence. Did you know Florence Nightingale had an owl that she found and kept with her as she travelled across Europe? The team will be travelling back in time shortly to help Florence with her big task of nursing injured soldiers.

Year 3/4 are Roller World Designers, a roller coaster design team, who after half a term of exploring forces and magnets and celebrating 100 years in business, are now being hired to design for a new theme park in Mexico. However, a local modern-day Mayan tribe aren't happy about what this might do their sacred land.

YEAR 5/6 ARE REPAIR WITH CARE, a repairs and maintenance team, have been called to Vertmore Hall to help restore it to its former beauty. Through drama they are exploring the secrets and mysteries within its walls.

YEAR 5 children have begun weekly Forest Schools activities with ex-parent and Forest school leader, Stuart Barton – thank you to him. Also, a huge thank you to the Hopkins and Clarkson-Fieldsend families in Little Bealings, for allowing the children to use their land to do this. The children will be busy exploring habitats, building dens and making fires, and all during the spring time when the woodland around them will be coming to life.

CATERING

Finally, after years of county catering and a feeling of disappointment on our part that the food in the school didn't quite live up to our philosophy of natural growth and high-quality experiences, we are about to step out on a new food adventure. 'Grow, Cook, Eat' (Instagram: @wearegrowcookeat) are a new company hoping to revolutionise food in schools, starting at Bealings. They will be providing mostly organic and locally

produced food, cooked on site by professional chefs and served once again (after 2 years of closure due to Covid) in our newly decorated school café. As this takes off we hope that the children will be able to get involved in the cooking of the food, and eventually we are looking to create a whole new dining space where the whole school can sit down and break bread together each day. Watch this space.

DEFIBRILLATOR Finally, we have installed a defibrillator on a wall at the side of the school building. ***This is for the use of the whole community and we invite you to attend training on how to access and use this life-saving equipment on Thursday 31st March at 3.30pm, in the school hall.*** Please email our office staff if you wish to attend so that we can keep tabs on the numbers to expect: admin@bealings.suffolk.sch.uk

WORLD BOOK DAY was enjoyed by all once again this year. It is tradition at Bealings for the older children to read to the younger children on this day and it's



wonderful to walk around the school seeing pairs of children in every corner immersed in story. The teachers particularly enjoyed dressing up this year...

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GREAT BEALINGS

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PCC SECRETARY

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ST MARY'S - CHURCH NOTES

Against the grim backcloth of the war in Ukraine, the lingering presence of Covid in our midst and the more local sadness of losing a number of well-loved members of our local community, we all need to see more signs of spring and of hope for the future. Easter somehow seems to symbolise all those aspirations for a future that can be embraced with confidence.

Do remember that our church is normally open all day, most days. If you are looking for a quiet moment, in a tranquil setting, a moment of escape and respite from the hurly-burly of the world around us, do linger awhile inside the church, or maybe outside, in the churchyard. Many people do and find comfort in moments of quiet contemplation in this setting, a setting which has witnessed acts of worship, and such moments of contemplation for a thousand years.

LOOKING BACK

Rev Canon Pauline Stentiford was welcomed back in our midst on February 18th to officiate at the funeral service of the late Paddy Haywood Smith. Large numbers attended in tribute to this much-loved village figure.

A week later a memorial Service was held for Professor John Midwinter in St Mary's Parish Church, Woodbridge. A wide range of fulsome tributes was paid, covering John's early life, his illustrious professional career, his role as a family man and his many activities, particularly

walking, in retirement. Particularly memorable was a poem, delivered by one of John's grandchildren, delivered from the perspective of Perky, one of John's beloved dogs. John's ashes were buried in the churchyard the following day in a short ceremony attended mainly by family.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our regular monthly service will be held at **9.30 am on Sunday 3rd April.**

EASTER DAY SERVICE will be at the different time of **10.30 a.m. on Sunday 17th April.** Rev Dr John Hare will officiate. This will be in the slot normally taken up by an elder-led service.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE Our service at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 1st May will be followed by our Annual Parish meeting, with reports available on this year's activities, and elections for various PCC positions, including Churchwarden. We do urge people to stay behind and to contribute to this important meeting.

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

Please note that we have a new Parish Administrator in the office: Linda Rumbold. The Benefice has also appointed a new organist: Dr Sarah Dodds. We welcome them both and are

sure that you will make them feel welcome. Both are important positions.

11TH HOUR REMINDER

You are reminded that we are organising a gathering in the Village Hall on Thursday 31st March, at 6.30 for 7.00 to discuss the future of St Mary's Church. A glass of prosecco will be served before the presentation. We hope that ALL who have any kind of interest in the future of our church will come along and support the occasion. Our Rector, Fr Nigel Prior will chair the meeting.

CHURCHYARD – MORE TREES

The PCC has agreed that we should have a tree “audit” and identify places where we could plant more trees. This fits in well with this year of the Platinum Jubilee commemoration, with its associated Queen's Canopy project. The best planting time, however, now seems to be later in the year.

*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
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GERMAN EVENING - 29TH APRIL

It is still intended to bring together all the original participants of this evening, offering a range of music, literature, drama, art, brief talks on Germany-related topics, and German wine. The original 2020 programme will be available and will be adhered to with minor alterations. There will be further publicity for this event in due course.

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PLATINUM JUBILEE.

Chiming bells. Sunday 5th June

Continuing our countdown to this very

special celebration: The day will begin with a special church service at 9.30 am and will resume from 12.00 midday onwards with a full programme of events on and around the village playing field.

The church bells have been checked by an expert and we have an encouraging official report, implementation of which will enable us to bring our bells well up to standard. We hope to fit in the repair work in good time for our mass village bell chime – ringathon - involving as many people in the village as wish to play a part. A list of chiming times will be made available for signing up to a 5-minute slot.

OPEN GARDENS

We are still hoping to organize something similar to last year's Open Gardens on Saturday June 25th.

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised Notes Of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 8th March 2022

TALKING BENCH

Sally Johnson (SJ) advised that the contractor had been unable to fit in the work on the steps. She has sent round an e-newsletter requesting someone to take on this job.

REPORTS BY

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELAINE BRYCE - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. There were no queries arising from the report which will be circulated to residents via the e-newsletter.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY (CH) - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. In addition, CH verbally reported on some of the projects that had been funded during the year by his and Tony Fryatt's Locality Budgets. The new budget period commences on 6th April 2022. He also commented on the

problems caused by incorrect recycling. He has asked the ESC Cabinet Member for the Environment to consider producing a chart explaining all the various recycling symbols that appear on packaging.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/22/0423/FUL- Change of use from a granny annexe to a holiday cottage – The Stables, Playford Mount. It was unanimously resolved to support this application

Decision Updates:

DC/21/3993 – Regency House and DC/21/3045 – Land next to Lavender Cottage – both still awaiting decision

DC/21/5258 – Light Hill – application permitted by ESC

DC/20/4032 – Barn A, former Wood Barn Cottages – conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house – Appeal against ESC refusal dismissed by Planning Inspectorate.

ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

Croft Cottage – Sue Prentice (SP) advised that she had submitted a report to ESC about the drainage issues. This matter is still outstanding.

Water Meadow – SJ reported that she had been advised that a resident had submitted a formal complaint about the dumping of more rubbish on this land. This now includes rubble and metal items. CH will alert the ESC officer who dealt with this matter a while ago.

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the public presentation in January, which was attended by very few residents, SP has concluded that there is little interest in the village about participating in this review beyond what is absolutely necessary to ensure that the Plan continues to have legal effect. She suggested that the re-draft should go ahead for public consultation as soon as possible, which was agreed by Cllrs.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW IN EAST SUFFOLK

It was resolved to request that the number of Parish Councillors to serve Gt Bealings be reduced from eight to seven.

WATER QUALITY OF THE RIVER LARK

The PC was contacted by Woodbridge Town Council inviting us to join an initiative they have commenced into monitoring the quality of the River Deben and its tributaries for E-Coli and Nitrate levels. Some testing has now been done in the River Lark which has shown higher than acceptable levels of E-Coli. SP will be taking some more samples at Boot St Bridge over the next four weeks and will contact Grundisburgh about testing the water quality above the sewerage treatment works. She recommended that the PC purchases its own testing equipment so we could join the Deben Climate Focus Area and will report further to the next PC meeting.

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

The priorities of the Community Partnership are to be reviewed at the next meeting. CH stated that he wants to keep road safety issues as a No. 3 priority. The smaller villages are now being invited to become core members so that they can vote on issues. SP will ask for GtB to become a core member. CH is already a core member.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SAVID/SID – CH reported that SAVID have acquired another SID to distribute. John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) has managed, with difficulty, to get some information from the SID in Lodge Road. CH offered to put him in touch with two people who can assist in extracting the information and also deciphering it.

QUIET LANES – The posts and signs have been ordered for all the designated lanes, except for Lower Street where we are

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having difficulty with identifying suitable positions for the poles at the southern end of the road. The signs for the other roads should be in place by the end of April.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP- ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNDING

CH reported that he has acquired a Speed Camera solely for use by GtB, now some signs must be purchased.

OTHER HIGHWAYS MATTERS – an advertising sign has been placed on the triangle at the bottom of Rosery Lane which is a hazard. CS will ask for it to be removed

FOOTPATHS – Regan Scott reported that a new Code of Conduct has been published. SP has received the “Discover Suffolk” plaques to fix to fingerposts and several Cllrs volunteered to help fit them.

QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Caroline Saunders (CS) summarised the events that have been planned. She has applied for a grant from the Co-op for a marquee. Tickets will be sold which will include some food. The Village Hall has plenty of spare chairs that can be used, and tables are also available. Several volunteers have offered their assistance.

TREES

QUEEN’S GREEN CANOPY – 140 trees have been planted along Rosery Lane and Lodge Road. SP expressed her thanks to all who took part and especially to JCJ for organising it. More will be planted in the autumn.

OTHER MATTERS- CS has collected the Treebilee oak and plaque from ESC. Permission has been obtained from the Village Hall for it to be planted at the bottom of the playing field.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Eight payments were authorised for the Clerk’s salary, PAYE and office expenses, SAVID subscription and tree stakes

OTHER FINANCE AND ADMIN - It was noted that there is still £300 left in the Parish Planters fund. The tree stakes will come out of this, and SJ will purchase some shrubs for the area near the talking bench. More bulb planting will be done in the autumn.

DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May at 7.00pm followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The date for the July meeting was fixed for Tuesday 26th July.

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

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BEALINGS PLANT SALE – IMPORTANT NOTICE



APPEAL: We desperately need to identify someone who is prepared to take over-all charge of the operation, now set for **Saturday April 30th**. We have plenty of helpers, but they need to be organised, as does the general shape of the day. Lots of willing Indians looking for a Chief!

ORGANISER i/c: If YOU are prepared to take on this responsibility, do please contact any of those mentioned below, and all due guidance will be readily on offer, together with lists of potential helpers. Please ask yourself whether you are in a position to take over-all charge and to offer the continuity needed to keep this event going.

OUTLINE PLAN: plants delivered in the morning, sorted over lunch-time, and on sale in the afternoon. The Village Hall and playing field area are the venue.

ALTERNATIVE: we will have to revert to the sales methods of the last two years, and produce a list of sellers, together with availability of plants at locations around the two villages.

APRES-COVID: Once Covid ceases to be a lurking threat to inside events, we hope to revert to the tradition pattern of Plant Sales – held inside, cake stall, raffle, refreshments – all the ingredients of a sociable village morning. The picture below keeps those memories on the collective radar.

POINTS OF CONTACT REMAIN:

Norman Porter nhp@rillcott.co.uk

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Mrs. Carol Ramsden, The Hollies, Holly Lane, Little Bealings

lps 610088

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Council meeting held on 9 March:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSIONS

A resident urged the Council to pursue obtaining the Admiral's Head car park for the community. Three residents spoke against planning application DC/22/0566/Out and one against planning application DC/22/0598/VOC.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Faculty which would enable the works to proceed was still awaited.

GRIT BIN

Thanks were due to the Plymouth Brethren for purchasing and installing a new Grit Bin at the Church.

FOOTPATH 18

A meeting had been held with SCC and the landowner and further information was awaited from SCC.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The District Councillor's report is available on the Council's website.

ESC REVIEW OF LOCAL VALIDATION LIST FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no comments to be made.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/22/0566/OUT: Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard, Holly Lane

It was agreed to object to the proposal as being in breach of SCLP policies 3.2, 3.3, 5.3, and 5.4, in view of the development not being sustainable, and because of the impact on Holly Close residents.

DC/22/0598/VOC: Variation of Conditions 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16 of DC/21/1714/**FUL:** Proposed erection of 1 no. new

residential dwelling with detached garage – Land North of Martlesham Road and Adjacent to The Old School House Martlesham Road

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

DC/21/4755/FUL Alterations to existing bungalow including new room with rooms within roof space together with elevational alterations: Piriac Sandy Lane

ESC had approved this application, after amendments.

APP/X3540/X/21/3270081: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

ESC had been asked what action was being taken to enforce the appeal decision.

DC/20/4457/FUL: Construction of 1 no. Two storey dwelling - Homeleigh Cottage The Street

The appeal against ESC's refusal to grant permission had been dismissed.

SINKS PIT

A list of outstanding issues to put to SCC, ESC and the Environment Agency, via County Councillor Elaine Bryce and in advance of the next Joint Advisory Liaison meeting on 11 April was agreed.

SIZEWELL C RAIL STRATEGY

Two residents had responded to the Council's information about the impact of this and been put in contact with the person who was suggesting a coordinated response. The Council's objection had also been sent to the government body, BEIS, as it was involved in Energy Infrastructure Planning.

ESC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was agreed that the current arrangements were satisfactory, and the Council did not wish to see any changes.

FINANCE

Income had been received from the NS&I

account interest. Expenditure was authorised for the hire of Bealings Village Hall for the last year, PAYE for January-March, the Clerk's salary for March, back dated national pay rise and expenses, the Information Commissioner annual fee, the webmaster for Accessibility work and a donation to SAVID.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

The public were excluded from the meeting for the Council's consideration of action in respect of the sale of the Admiral's Head and car park.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 April in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

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

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

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 9 March, and was attended by twenty-five residents/members of the public.

Reports presented and the draft minutes will be published here shortly:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/annual-parish-meetings/apm-records-since-1896/years-2020-2029/>

PLATINUM JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL - and so much more!

Little Bealings church will host a beautiful flower festival and full programme of events over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The festival and tearoom will open 10am to 5pm daily, from Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th June.

Themed 'Our Glorious Queen,' the event will celebrate 70 years of dedicated service by our Queen, Elizabeth II. Floral arrangements will creatively depict The Coronation, The Colours of the Queen, The Commonwealth, Balmoral, and other aspects of our Queen's life; while roses,

delphiniums, lily of the valley, irises, peonies and freesia delight our senses.

To tantalise further, the tearoom will serve ripened June strawberries, rich cream, fresh scones, warm quiches, light lunches, freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes, and no doubt a celebratory tippie. Tables will be filled with roses.

Francis and John will again don their walking boots to lead happy rambles through the butterfly filled Fynn valley. Why not join them outside the church at 10am on the Thursday or Saturday, then after a 4-mile walk, stretching your muscles and delighting in birdsong and wildflowers, relax with good company over coffee and quiche.

Fridays are for fun, and we are going for a full injection of elegant frivolity. Let's dress up and toast her Majesty Bealings' style! Ascot hats, your 'Buckingham Palace Garden Party' dress; let's be bold, bright and beautiful - just like our Queen. Join us for Pimm's amongst the peonies at midday.

Children, join us and make us smile! Dress up as a prince or princess, walk tall as a Beefeater, or let us help you 'Make a Crown.'

Saturday 5pm, join us to sing the Queen's favourite hymns. Reverend Gary is particularly looking forward to a rousing 'Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven' and 'I Vow To Thee My Country.'


At 6pm, churchwardens Corinne and Tony will round-up our event with a family-friendly evening of hearty food, celebration drinks, and a light-hearted 'Right Royal Quiz'.

Entrance is free throughout, walks are free, joy will be in abundance, food and drinks to purchase.

If you would like to contribute flowers or a donation towards the cost of flowers, please

contact helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com or phone 07825 004585. Let's look forward to a great Jubilee celebration and a long weekend of joy.

*Helen Wittgreffe
Benefice Elder*



All Saints Little Bealings

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Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th June 2022

**Flower Festival &
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Saturday: 10am Fynn Valley Walk (4 miles)

5pm Songs of Praise

6pm Family Fun Evening

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Tea & Cake

Free Entry (donations welcome)

WINE TASTING: Friday 29th - 7:30 p.m.

Wine Tasting Evening with Cheese
Tickets £15 (tel: 01473 735153 or email
roger.roseboom1@btinternet.com)

MAY

GARDENING CLUB: Wednesday 4th - 7:30 p.m.

Gardening Quiz. Refreshments
Free Entry (donations welcome)

Please note that the Art Show that was due to be on 2nd & 3rd April will now take place later in the year.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The Purely Pancake Lunch on Tuesday 1st March raised £65 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

SPRING CELEBRATION LUNCH

Tuesday 3rd May 12.30pm

Chicken, roast potatoes, vegetables
Sandra's Christmas Puddings (at last)
Tea/Coffee etc.

Booking 01473 620213

pandvcarr55@gmail.com

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES

Every Tuesday in Lent there will be a soup lunch to raise funds for the DEC Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine.

The lunch on Tuesday 7th March raised £120 for the DEC. Grateful thanks to everyone who came! All Soup Lunches serve soup (veggie), bread, cheese and fruit from 12.30 p.m. No need to book.

More info. 01473 620213

VILLAGE ARCHIVE

The Bealings WI archive, including photo albums, is now stored in the Angela Cobbold Hall and is available for research purposes. Info 01473 620213

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME...

Congratulations and thanks to Eloise Rufford on completing the voluntary work part of her DoE award tasks, at the ACH.

FYNN LARK NEWS DELIVERIES

Many thanks to Helen Saadi for offering to cover the deliveries

on the Playford Road when Deborah Bailey retires.

Once again grateful thanks to Mrs Bailey for all her hard work over many years.

HALL BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

01473 620213. pandvcarr55@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS CHURCHWARDENS' UPDATE

March has been a busy month here at All Saints, we are slowly getting back to normal after the lifting of restrictions following over 2 years of the pandemic, our groups, activities and services are increasing in numbers and church hirers are returning bringing all sorts of activities into the church including, choirs and theatre groups.

As you may be aware the PCC of All Saints have made some amendments to our existing Faculty which was granted by the Chancellor a few years ago, these changes, although small, needed to go through the whole process of obtaining a Faculty again. After nearly a year of preparation I'm pleased to say the Faculty is now with the Chancellor for his final decision; the changes included a slight alteration to the kitchen after having the floor-standing boiler installed, adaption to the existing pews to enable them to be returned to the church in a safe manner, reducing the height of the storage cabinets, redecoration of the church and the repair of the war memorial. Hopefully, I will have more news on this in next month's news. Looking forward to April; it is yet another busy month for us as a

church and the Benefice as a whole, aside from our usual programme of services and events, Tony and I will be running our family friendly pre-Easter drinks evening on Saturday 9th April from 6.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m. in the church. We will have a licenced bar serving our ever popular 'Mocktails' along with our usual offerings of Ales, Wines and Spirits. If you are feeling peckish we will be serving hot handmade pies, cheesy Nachos and handmade sausage rolls; Tony and I look forward to welcoming you. We are holding a Benefice 'Passover supper' on Wednesday the 13th of April at 6.30 p.m., serving savoury mince cobbler, fresh bread, a selection of desserts and finishing with coffee and chocolates. The event will take place in Playford Village Hall, where we have limited space so please order your tickets by Sunday the 16th April by contacting myself either by phone on 07810 355511 or via email corinejarvis@hotmail.co.uk, tickets cost £8 per person. (Please let me know of any dietary requirements when ordering your tickets)

Please see our separate diary for services and events during April

We wish you a happy and blessed Easter

Tony & Corinne

EVENTS - APRIL

BEALINGS BORROWERS 3.10 p.m.

(April 6th)

An after-school group for primary aged children and their families
Bealings borrowers will break up on the Wednesday 6th of April and will continue after the Easter break in May

SATURDAY

9TH APRIL 6.00 P.M

PRE EASTER-FAMILY FRIENDLY DRINKS EVENING

Join us for an evening with family, friends and neighbours, licenced bar, handmade bar snacks, our popular mocktails, Ales, wines and spirits. Children's Easter activity table and chocolate treats!

KESGRAVE WITH LITTLE BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD

Please do join us for whichever service suits you best. Easter blessings to you all

Reverend Gary Jones

WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL AT 6.30 P.M.

The Village Hall, Playford

Come and join us as we tell the story of the Passover, followed by a meal. Tickets on sale £8, there are limited places, so book early to avoid disappointment.

For tickets and information, please contact Corrine Fear

corinnejarvis@hotmail.co.uk or
gary.jones590@ntlworld.com

GOOD FRIDAY

The Village Hall, Playford

10.30 a.m. – Activities for children and families to make an Easter Garden

followed by a procession to the Church for a short service, hot-cross buns and egg rolling for the children (both young and old)!

All Saints Church, Little Bealings

2.00p.m. Please do join us for the service of the last hour from the cross

EASTER SATURDAY

All Saints Church, Little Bealings

10.00 a.m. Children's Film

Booking required, please contact Corrine Fear or myself.

EASTER DAY

St Mary's Church, Playford

10.00a.m. Holy Communion family service

All Saints Church, Little Bealings

Come and join us at 5.00 p.m. for

Songs of Praise

followed by an Easter tea.

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

ST MARY'S, PLAYFORD

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL AT 10.00 A.M.

Morning Service

WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL AT 11.00 A.M.

Short Communion Service

ALL SAINTS, LITTLE BEALINGS

10TH APRIL 10.00 A.M.

A service of morning prayer

24TH APRIL 10AM

Family communion service

WEDNESDAYS

MORNING PRAYER 10.00 A.M.

Our midweek services are quiet, contemplative spoken services with a short talk

THURSDAYS

PRIVATE PRAYER 9.30 A.M.

Spend some special quiet time in our beautiful church, one of our Elders will be available for a chat if you so wish

GOOD FRIDAY

**15th April, 10:30 at Playford Village Hall,
12:00 at Playford Church**

What's Easter really all about?

Fun and creative Easter activities for everyone, including games and making Easter gardens. Starting with hot cross buns and finishing with an Easter egg hunt to Playford Church for a short service.



EASTER SUNDAY

**17th April, 10 - 11am all-age celebration at
Playford Village Hall, finishing at Playford Church**

A tasty Easter message involving chocolate and songs! Then joining Playford Church for an Easter egg hunt and refreshments.

For more details about the events, please contact Ben Wale
ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org | 07769183638.





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**SATURDAY 9TH APRIL
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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 2nd March 2022.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce's full report is appended at the end of the full minutes on the PC website. In brief, Elaine explained that SCC will continue to focus on children's services, adult care and the environment. There will be an increase in council tax for 2022-23 and £21m is to be allocated to Highways issues over the next four years. Suffolk is one of 9 areas to be selected for a county deal – this means Suffolk will be invited to negotiate a county deal as part of the government's Levelling Up White Paper. Work is to start at Otley Bottom next month to repair the damaged bank on the B1079 and the road will be closed for 6 weeks. SCC has confirmed its plans to enhance the biodiversity of at least 30% of its land and assets by 2030.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist. Cllr Colin Hedgley's report is also appended to the full minutes on the PC website. Briefly, £m's are being spent on business start-ups in the area to help after the pandemic, parts for the new bridge at Lowestoft are being brought over from Belgium and the second homes tax loophole is being closed at last. People are being fined for enforcement issues even though this is taking up to 10 years in some cases. Recycling is not going well in the Lowestoft area and needs to be corrected.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

The A4 size "No Right to Cycle" signs

will be placed appropriately at the beginning of various footpaths in conjunction with the new QR map signs when these have been received.

Drains on C324 are working reasonably well but need clearing more often than at present, priority signage for traffic on this road is still under discussion.

The blockage caused by fallen trees over the R Fynn near the river bridge in Butts Road has been cleared but another tree has fallen on the other side of the bridge, and this will need dealing with.

Delivery of the small side gate to be placed at the Brook Lane end of FP2 to Tuddenham, is still awaited, so that this track can be accessed by a mobility scooter when the big gate across the path is closed.

FP16 has been closed in places as sheep are grazing the crops growing across it – landowners are being consulted over this as access along the outside of the fence is not always convenient.

Fence is in need of repair along FP8 (school path to Lt Bealings) – landowner has undertaken to deal with this.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary for January & February, tax to HMRC and stationery expenses, also for the replacement memorial oak tree, to SC Norse for the annual grass cutting/hedge trimming and for the domain name registration on the website. The Bank reconciliation was agreed and the budget for 2021-22 was found to be on track. NALC has approved the government pay

rise for clerks, backdated to 1.4.21 and announced that this should be paid before the end of the financial year as soon as new pay scale details have been announced.

HIGHWAYS

Traffic Manager David Chenery's suggestions for new signage for priority issues on the C324 were discussed and Elaine Bryce will approach him with details of various amendments to these – funding will need to be sought for this. The SID equipment is currently in Tuddenham, will be in Lt Bealings in April and back in Playford in May – the SID's calibration issues have been fixed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The AECOM (Locality) grant of £2817.00 has been agreed by Groundwork UK and funds should be credited to the PC's bank account within 3-5 working days. We can then go ahead with the Landscape Assessment report. A community engagement meeting with the public is planned for some point between end of March and end of April to update the public with progress on the Plan.

PLANNING MATTERS

Application DC/21/0485/FUL for Valley House, Spring Meadow - demolition of existing utility area and erection of a two-storey extension to south of building. Plans were discussed and unanimously supported by Playford PC.

The appeal against the decision to refuse the application DC/21/2171/FUL at the Archway Piggeries has been dismissed.

Other matters – The replacement oak tree for the WW1 memorial has been planted near the Boules Piste and a watering schedule is to be drawn up. A "Treebilee" tree was collected from SC Norse depot in Ufford and will be planted in the village when a site has been agreed.

Discussions of ideas for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are still taking place and the PC is liaising with the Village Hall committee.

A WhatsApp group for Playford parishioners has been suggested.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Weds 4th May 2022 in the Village Hall,

Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 p.m. immediately followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting – light refreshments will be served

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have now received the final and comprehensive report from AECOMM (Locality) with regard to Design Guidance and Codes for Playford.

The support we have been given is intended to provide design guidance and codes based on the character and local qualities of the area, the final reports objectives have been achieved and the design codes set out for Playford will give clear guidelines for future development within the Parish in order to retain and protect our rural character.

We are now working with Ian Poole BA (hons) MRTPI DMS of Places4People as our lead consultant.

We have received confirmation from Groundworks UK that our N/Plan grant has been approved but as we are near the end of this financial year the grant has been split in two parts, the monies allocated for this financial year will allow us to complete work that has already begun and for us to engage Lucy Batchelor- Wylam CMLI to complete our Fynn Valley Landscape Assessment which will form part an important part of our N/Plan.

On completion of this phase, we can then apply for the remainder of our grant

In addition to the above we are proposing a drop in event at the village hall in April to allow everyone to view and comment on the work done to date, the date of this event to be advised.

Keith Carson

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL - VACANCY March 2022

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor due to a recent resignation. Parish Councils are the first tier of Local Government in England and are closest to the people. Parish Councillors have two main responsibilities: representing the whole electorate within the parish and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. They have direct responsibility for a few services e.g., determining the local response to planning applications. They can influence many things by working in partnership with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council. The County Councillor and District Councillor regularly attend our meetings.

The Parish Council is an effective way to get involved in community life. Parish Councillors are elected by the public or are co-opted by the other Councillors. No previous experience is necessary, and expenses in carrying out duties are covered. Being a Parish Councillor requires some time and commitment and a willingness to undertake training courses. Full meetings are held bi-monthly in the evening, and occasional ad-hoc Planning meetings are held in the interim period.

If any resident is interested in being considered for co-option to the Council now, please contact me as soon as possible.

If you would like more information about the work of the Council and/or the duties of its Councillors, please contact the Chairman, Joan Metcalfe 01473 623003 or the Clerk, Marian Hedgley (details as below).

*Marian Hedgley, Parish Clerk - Tel: 01473 738468 or
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Binky was quite excited. It was the first time he had ever sent away for any type of personal clothing, entering the world of mail order was to say the least, another step along the road of modern living for him.

He had seen these shoes advertised as the most comfortable shoes you have ever worn or your money back. So, what's not to like he thought. He carefully filled in the on-line form. Shoes, men's, Oxford, black, size nine. He entered his bank details and pressed send on his thirty-year-old computer. Delivered in seven days stated the advert. Binky rubbed his hands with glee. New shiny shoes to replace his less than shiny trainers. The days went by, and Binky mentally ticked them off. He also ticked them off on his "World of Cats" calendar that his wonderful wife had bought him for Christmas. He put a big tick through a photograph of a slant eyed grinning Siamese of rather dubious colouring. He didn't like the look of the next day's cat either, a Russian Blue which under present circumstances he thought he had better cover it in Tippex.

The great day came. The postman rang the bell. "Hello Binky, me old mate 'ows you?" Binky could never understand why his postie was always in a good mood. But that little voice in his head replied, "Because he is not married to your wife."

Binky thought it best to disregard his little voice and get on with something really enjoyable like opening his parcel. He set about it like a little boy opening his birthday present. Finally, the lid came off and Binky was staring at a pair of brown slip-on's size seven.

The disappointment was extreme. Binky felt utterly depressed and deflated. How could they have made such a mistake? He knew he had filled the form in correctly. He read the accompanying leaflet. If you are not totally satisfied, please telephone our customer services and we will be pleased to assist you. Right, that's it thought

Binky picking up the phone I'll give them a piece of my mind.

He rang the number. Ringing. Then Greensleeves. Binky thought he would hang on for a bit. Which eventually turned out to be fifteen minutes. Then a voice. Halleluiah! "We value your call. You are twenty third in the queue. If you would like us to ring you back, please press hash and then hang up"

Binky did that and then thought I bet it's midnight before they call again.

After about half an hour the phone rang. "Oh good" said Binky to no-one in particular and about time too.

"Hello Binky speaking" he said confidently. "Ah, this is Microsoft we have detected an error with your computer." "Yes, that's right" interrupted Binky "The shoes are the wrong colour and the wrong size" "What shoes?" asked an obviously very perplexed foreign sounding voice from overseas.

"The shoes I ordered on the computer," said Binky.

"We don't sell shoes."

"Then why do you advertise them?"

"We don't."

"Yes, you do, I filled in the form under the advert."

"We don't advertise shoes."

"Well, I saw a picture of them on my computer, and my computer has a logo on it saying Microsoft."

"That doesn't mean we sell shoes."

"Then what do you sell?"

"Software"

"But I didn't want bedroom slippers or plimsolls. I wanted Oxford brogues."

"What are brogues?"

"Posh shoes."

"But we don't sell posh shoes."

"Now you tell me."

Binky slammed the phone down. "Useless people." He fumed quietly to himself.

The phone rang. He picked it up.

"Good afternoon, sir, this is the Feel better than Ever Shoe Company, I believe you rang earlier"

"Ah yes said Binky I didn't realise you

specialised only in soft shoes"

"We don't"

"Yes, you do, you just told me"

"No, I didn't"

"Yes, you did, you said you dealt only with soft ware"

"Sir we pride ourselves in providing the best Oxfords"

"Then why did you tell me you were a soft ware company?"

"I didn't"

Binky slammed the phone down.

Just wait till I see that postie he thought. Its all his fault, bringing me shoes that don't fit.

PLAYFORD WI

We welcomed 2 visitors to our lively March meeting when Kieron Brown entertained us with his experiences as a beauty therapist and educated us in the science of skincare. He demonstrated his recommended facial routine, but sadly not the bamboo massage, maybe next time! We also received a hot-off-the-press report from our delegate to Suffolk East's AGM.

On April 5th we are having a refresher on 'Everyday First Aid' from St John's Ambulance Community Advocate Jan Mitchell. We'll also discuss contributions to Playford's Platinum Jubilee Party - several of our members responded to the Village Hall Committee's call for volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE for our open meeting on 3rd May when we are inviting everyone to a special talk entitled: "The walls of Playford Church: a cabinet of curiosities" by Playford resident Martin Yates. Martin is a member of a local geology group which has contributed to a survey of stones in Suffolk and Essex church walls - with some unexpected results. Find out about the interesting stones and rocks used in Playford Church's walls, how they came to be used and the journeys they've been on! We'll be at Playford Church at 7pm - All welcome. playfordwi@gmail.com

Playford WI invites you to our May meeting:

The Walls of Playford Church: A Cabinet of Curiosities



Playford, 16

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A guided tour and talk by Martin Yates

Playford resident Martin is a member of a local geology group which has contributed to a survey of stones in Suffolk and Essex church walls - with some unexpected results.... Find out about the interesting stones and rocks used in Playford Church's walls, how they came to be used and the journeys they've been on!

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CULPHO AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CULPHO CRAFT FAIR AND PLANT SALE

This event will take place at St. Botolph's Church, Culpho IP6 9DH on Saturday 16th April 2022 from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission is free so why not come along and enjoy tea and cake, a lovely selection of craft items and plants for sale. You will find items for the home, jewellery, toys, artwork, and a range of other crafts. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

MUSICAL RECITAL – SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2022 – 7.30 P.M.

St Botolph Church Culpho - Hazel Brooks (violins) and Robin Walker (harpsichord and organ)

Music Ancient and Modern - solo and duo music from the Renaissance & Baroque contrast with newly written works. As the days lengthen, this programme will inspire, delight, and even challenge you in what promises to be a magical evening of music.

Tickets are £15.00. Reserve tickets from Christine Pearce email: cmp0601@hotmail.com or 07925 251802

Christine Pearce

NEW ORGANIST

We are delighted to welcome Jane Burn who has recently joined us as our Organist. The organ at St. Botolph's has recently been serviced and tuned and we would be pleased to see anyone who enjoys a conventional sung Evensong, on the fourth Sunday of the month.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

As the grass and hedgerows show signs of recovery, this will give rise to maintenance being resumed in the churchyard. Volunteers will be most welcome, and details will be available in forthcoming editions.

Richard Garnham

SERVICES DURING APRIL

Sunday 24 th April	3.00 p.m.	Evensong
Wednesday 27 th April	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

All are most welcome to join us.

Margaret Gornall

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

Great Bealings: For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

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

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME - Services for those with Mobility Problems

This local Scheme is now up and running. If you need help with things like:

- lifts especially to doctors' surgeries and hospital appointments
 - getting prescriptions
 - minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs
 - short term help with pets
- phone 01473 345400 and leave a message – someone will call you back.

For those who need regular transport, the Coastal Accessible Transport Service is a charity which provides lifts. Tel 01728 830516 for details.

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

To be added to the growing number of residents who receive regular emails about local news, events and services send your email address to:

bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com

BUSES

Timetables for the 70 and 70A services serving the local area are available at:

<https://www.suffolkonboard.com>

LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

The Police Direct scheme sends phone emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/police-connect-sign>

Report Anti-Social Behaviour call 111 (Police) or 03330162000 (ESC)

NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

Road repairs and Maintenance – potholes, overhanging vegetation, signs, flooding, verge cutting etc – problems should be reported on line at:

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> or by email to:

customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk. or phoning 0345 606 6171 In an emergency contact the police.

Public Rights of Way Footpath **problems** can be reported to Suffolk County Council

www.suffolk.gov.uk

Fly Tipping and Litter: Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall AS: All Saints ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

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

BEALINGS BELLES...LADIES GROUP

ACH 3RD Wed of month 2.00 p.m. *Info 01473 626845*

CARPET BOWLS VH Wed 7.00 p.m. (Apr - Sep)

Wed 2.00 p.m. (Oct- Mar) *Kathy Price 621419*

DANCE CLASS VH Wed 9.30 a.m. *Debbie Watkins-Jones 0773811169*

FYNN VALLEY WALKS AS Wed 10.30 a.m. Walks leave from the church

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LIBRARY Thu (every 4th Thur) 2.15—2.45 at Angela Cobbold Hall, Little
Bealings *07809594685*

PILATES VH Tue 9.30 a.m. *Caroline Boggon 07850683196*

PILATES with DIDI AS Mon 7.30 p.m. *Helen 07889 907615*

READING ROOM ACH Sat 10.30-12.30 *Info 01473 620213*

Books for all ages, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs etc to borrow.

Drop off for FIND donations.

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

SOCIAL EVENING ACH Fri 7.00 p.m. *Info 01473 735153*

STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS VH Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. *Teresa Jay 07929310480*

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*

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YOGA VH Sat 9.30 a.m. *Caroline Boggon 07850683196*

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PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB PH Thu 10.00 a.m. *Mary Spillett 01394 385295*

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

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